

# CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

Mrs. Lackey's group will be in charge of the Missionary programme on Thursday afternoon in the S.S. room. Brief reports of the recent Annual Meeting held in Oshawa will be presented by Mrs. Carson. The Study book on Canadian Indians will be given by Mrs. Lackey's Group. All ladies are invited to be present.

The Goodfellowship Class will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday evening. Excavation for foundation of a new cottage to be built on land south on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porters acreage began last week. We understand that Mr. Roy Ward and Mr. Earle Cook have purchased lots there.

There were 106 pupils and teachers at United S.S. last Sunday, a slight increase over the previous record.

We regret to report that Mrs. Shaver, daughter of the late Mrs. Rawson, has been removed to Lindsay Hospital suffering from a paralytic stroke. The G. F. Class are busy quilting again this Monday morning at the home of Mrs. J. Peddie.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard of Toronto were Sunday visitors with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Tansley.

Miss Sylvia Johnston is working in the bank at Markham at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Burnell and family of Toronto were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Burnell and family.

Mrs. Hockley, mother of Mr. Howard Hockley, Claremont, celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday with her family of 46 members, including her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, with a turkey dinner at Uxbridge. A number of fine pictures were taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Reynolds attended the Masonic banquet in Uxbridge on Saturday night.

Mr. Eddie Ortiz is taking several local residents on a tour of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company plant this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hedges visited with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bates of Woodbridge on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Briscoe of Toronto spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Petty of Victoria Square visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hockley on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eerie Wallace of Weston were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beare.

Messrs Tom Davis and Cliff Reynolds have retired from the local Park Board. The new members are Messrs Jack Brignall, Jack Lehman and Bert Galloway. The other members are Messrs Randy Carruthers, Bill Vess and Geo. Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper are expected home from the Sunny South this week.

The Claremont Soccer Club are holding an old-time dance and lucky draw in the Community Hall on Friday, March 23rd. The admission price is 75c per person.

Mission Band Mission Band will meet next Sunday morning, March 11th, following Sunday School. All children welcome.

Almost two-thirds of the accidents in Ontario occur in rural areas.

## ALTONA

Mrs. Merr Bunker

Altona W.I. The regular monthly meeting of the Altona Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. J. McCraith on Wednesday, March 14th at 2 p.m. This is Grandmother's Day - Mrs. F. Byer (Con.) Motto - Keep your enthusiasm and forget your birthdays. Roll Call - Something my mother taught me. Paper - Child psychology in grandmother's day. Display of articles over 100 years old. Demonstration - Dishes prepared from dried foods. Everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bunker and family of Goodwood were Sunday supper guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bunker.

Mrs. Vivian Carson and Ondine of Forest Hill spent Wednesday of last week at her parents' home.

Congratulations to Judy and Julie Assinck who celebrate their 1st birthday this week; also to their brother Michael who celebrates his 4th birthday. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baks and daughters back to our community. They moved into the Goudie apartment last week.

Spring must be just around the corner now. At Merv. Bunker's, a few snowdrops are in bloom.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis and boys were: Mr. and Mrs. Art Wideman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wideman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Logan, and Mr. and Mrs. Morley Smalley and baby, of Mt. Forest.

Miss Olive Finney was a weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carter. She will be leaving next month for a five year term as missionary in Malaya. On Sunday morning she spoke and showed pictures of her work in Malaya at the Altona Union Sunday School.

Miss Dorothy Wilson of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNair and family.

4-H Club The 4-H Club Girls met at Uxbridge High School on Saturday, March 3rd, for their Achievement Day of Ontario County. Thirteen girls completed the project, "What Shall I Wear?" and the program was supervised by Miss Shaver, Home Economist for Ontario County, assisted by two home Economists of the Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

After registration at 9:30 the girls were kept busy judging in various classes of Club activities. In the afternoon, exhibits were set up by each club and one from each group acted as commentator. Skits were put on from each group which were very interesting. Then the visiting Economists gave comments on the girls' work, and each girl was presented with a teaspoon by Miss Shaver.

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## Ratepayer Wants Tax Collector to Use "Personal Touch"

Mr. John Skidmore, a South Pickering Township resident, appeared before Council at their regular meeting on Monday and requested that the Tax Collector, Mr. Ernie Baker, should revert to a "personal touch" in order to collect tax arrears, rather than turn over the delinquent accounts to the bailiff. Mr. Skidmore was very much opposed to paying the \$37.00 bailiff fee but did so under protest.

Mr. Baker, in answering Mr. Skidmore's remarks stated that he didn't have the time to contact each delinquent taxpayer personally. He said he had already sent out some 6,000 notices which alone took up considerable time.

"If I paid you a special call, then I would have to call on your neighbor and hundreds of other residents in the municipality - I just haven't the time," said Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker informed Mr. Skidmore that a number of years ago a personal request for payment of back-taxes might have been made, but now the township has grown to such an extent that it was impossible to even consider such an idea.

Council in discussing the matter, felt that the whole thing was entirely out of their

hands. The members said that they had no knowledge on who had or had not paid their taxes. Reeve W. G. Newman said that it wasn't council's business to interfere. "I don't like the bailiff but the municipality, like any other business, needs money in order to operate."

Both Councillors Mrs. Jean McPherson and Sherman Scott expressed opposition to having a bailiff called in to collect the taxes but felt it was the tax collector's business and out of their hands. Clerk Lloyd Johnson stated that arrears in taxes amounted to more than \$27,000.

Dep. Reeve W. G. Lawson stressed the need for residents to become "tax conscious". He said that the city of Oshawa and the town of Whitby had the same trouble a few years ago when their tax arrears were fantastic.

"Many people don't realize their obligation to pay taxes," stated the Dep. Reeve. "They can buy television sets and cars however," he said.

Mr. Baker noted that to date he had had no complaints concerning the turning over of delinquent tax arrears to the bailiff. He said that some 80 overdue accounts were in the hands of the Collector.

## Leaders of 4-H Clubs for County are Banqueted

The Ontario County 4-H Club leaders held their annual banquet and conference in Uxbridge. The banquet at Martin's Hotel is given in recognition of the valuable services rendered by the Club leaders in the development of the 4-H Club program in Ontario county.

Following the dinner, the group met in the department of agriculture office to discuss the 4-H Club programs for the coming year.

Mr. H. L. Fair introduced each of the club leaders briefly and mentioned their club activities.

Presentation of 5-year Leadership Awards was made to Les. Smith, Port Perry and to Murray Lord, Stouffville, by John Gill.

The highlights of the 1955 program and a brief summary of the proposed 1956 club work was given by John Gill. A period of group discussion on ways and means to strengthen

the 4-H Club program in the county concluded the evening's meeting.

4-H Club leaders for 1956 are: Duncan McTavish, Uxbridge; Jack Pearson, Uxbridge; Everson Norton, Locust Hill; Les. Smith, Port Perry; Ken Holliday, Brooklin; Cloyne Stearman, Uxbridge; Bill Miller, Brechin; Mansell Chapman, Orillia; Archie Newman, Udney; Maustyn McKnight, Uxbridge; Ross McMillan, Beaverton; J. Russ, Pickering District HS; Murray Lord, Stouffville; Bill Boyes, Box 75; Lorne Henderson, Beaverton; Earl Windatt, Beaverton; Storey Beare, Port Perry.

The assistant 4-H Club leaders for 1956 are: Alan Ball, Uxbridge; Ron Werry, Oshawa; Walter Kerry, Port Perry; Ron Neale, Whitby; Hugh Baird, Blackwater; Ross Evans, Uxbridge; Don Hadden, Blackwater; Ted Lamb, Cannington; Russel Morrison, Beaverton.

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## Active Red Cross Branch In Pickering Township

The Red Cross is now firmly established throughout Pickering township, and is ready to serve the community in work of mercy and disaster.

During an active year just ended, handicapped children have been helped with supervised swimming. Other children have been taught to swim.

Transportation for Salk vaccine shots was provided for many. Families in distress were assisted at Christmas and through the year with packages and guidance. Victims of a fire were assisted with clothing and food.

More recently a poor Pickering township girl requiring a rare heart operation was assured transportation with her mother to the U.S., assured a blood supply there by the Red Cross and a sum of \$1,000 towards the operation. This was accomplished through the Pickering Branch.

Says Glenn Julian, the Pickering Branch local campaign chairman: "We are happy to report that there were no disasters in the township in 1955. However, we are always alert to our responsibilities and at a moment's notice can marshal the forces necessary to assist in disaster welfare through train or air mishaps, floods, storms, hurricanes or other tragic acts of nature."

"Our Branch has opened its 1956 campaign for funds and we invite your support. However, it is hoped that a voluntary Red Cross worker may be able to see you personally in the next few days. If you desire to contribute a donation to help us help others, please send your cheque to:

Campaign Chairman  
Dunbarton P.O., Ont.  
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All donations are acknowledged and a receipt given for Income Tax purposes.

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## DOGS KILL FOWL ON PICKERING TWP. FARM

At the regular meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday, Mr. Robert Balsdon, a farmer at Frenchman's Bay, appeared to request something be done to protect chickens, ducks and other fowl from ravaging dogs. Mr. Balsdon stated that dogs had killed more than forty chickens and ducks on his property. The farmer felt that there should be a bylaw drawn up to cover loss of fowl to dogs as well as cattle, sheep and pigs.

Mr. Balsdon said that his fowl were scattered all over the chickenhouse and in the yard. He saw the dog and notified police. "They promised to destroy the animal but they have not done it yet," he said.

"We pay dog tax; if the destruction doesn't stop I will have to quit the poultry business," he said.

Council agreed to have a bylaw drawn up immediately to cover such a loss, but were of the opinion that they would not be able to make it retroactive to cover Mr. Balsdon's loss since the fowl were destroyed in October, 1955.

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The Lamplighters Club is growing rapidly. At the present time more than 12 boys are enrolled. They have completed several articles which are on sale. The Club meets every Monday evening in the Chapel.

The moving picture on Friday evening at the Chapel was well attended. Another interesting program is being planned for Friday evening of this week. Watch for the Billy Graham picture which will be shown in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Empringham and girls accompanied by Mr. Bill Frances attended the Dedication Service at a new United Church in Wexford on Sunday, Feb. 26th. There were around 700 people in attendance at the different services and more than 150 joined the church.

Rev. C. Woodbury accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin

## BROUGHAM

Several from here were at Toronto on Tuesday attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Harvey.

The regular weekly Euchre was held as usual on Tuesday evening when the following were winners: - Mrs. George Duncan, Mrs. H. Barclay and Mrs. Milne, Mr. S. Jewell, Mr. W. Carlton and Mr. T. Ogden. The Wedding anniversary prize went to Mrs. G. Hodgson and lone hands - H. Plaxton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mairs returned home after spending 3 weeks at Florida and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pascoe visited his parents at Whitby one evening recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Feesby and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cassie on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of Toronto visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Harvey on Sunday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Institute will be held in the Township Hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 13. The Program will be in charge of Mrs. Geo. Gray, convener of "Historical Research". Roll Call, "A Historical Event in Ontario County". Hostesses: Mrs. M. Annis, Mrs. W. Bayles, Mrs. C. Burton and Mrs. H. Barclay. All ladies welcome.

The W. M. S. of St. John's United Church will hold their March meeting on Thursday afternoon, March 15th, at the home of Mrs. D. L. Mairs who will be assisted by Mrs. H. Plaxton and Mrs. E. Johnston and Mrs. L. Johnston. Program Convener: Mrs. H. Miller and Mrs. Burton. Roll Call, "Beauty".

Miss Margaret Duncan of Toronto visited at the home of her brother during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knox visited with their son, George and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown of Toronto called on his sister, Mrs. H. Malcolm one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gray and daughter of Kinsale visited with his uncle Albert and Mrs. Gray and family on Sunday.

Mr. Crouter who has been spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Thos. English, returned to his home in Bracebridge during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Pascoe and little daughters visited with her brother, George Knox, and family of Hampton, during the weekend.

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Johnson and Mrs. Jack Morgan attended the Billy Graham picture "Mr. Texas" in the Green River Baptist Church on Thursday evening of last week.

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