

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

Miss Daisy Duerdon of Toronto visited with friends in the village over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Mayes of Oshawa and Mr. and Mrs. Petty of Victoria Square visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hockley during the weekend.

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

Mrs. Wm. Evans was admitted to hospital on Monday for an operation.

Miss Mary Bleyby has been under the doctor's care for the past week.

Bob Greer and Derek Arbuckle journeyed to Blackstock over the weekend to map out the area for the forthcoming cub camp which will be held on June 21.

Peterboro defeated the Legionnaires 3-1 on Saturday night. Ivan Beverley scored Claremont's lone tally.

The annual Drumhead Service was held at the rear of the Legion Hall on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Margery Irlam, a sister of Mrs. Geo. Blake, arrived at their home on Sunday from England. She plans to stay in Claremont for a number of weeks.

Mr. Dave Galloway, father of local storekeeper Bert Galloway, visited at his son's home over the weekend.

Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Tomlinson left on Saturday for a trip into Western Canada. They will attend the Medical Convention in Edmonton and later travel by boat to Alaska, returning home on July 9th.

Softball players and fans are asked to note a change in the schedule this week for the local Community League. There will be no games on Friday evening, June 21st. The doubleheader will be played instead, on Wednesday evening, June 26th.

Friday's games have been cancelled due to the rummage sale being held in the Brougham Park on that night.

Wedding Anniversary—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on Saturday at the farm home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson and family, west of Claremont, on the 8th concession. Three married daughters accompanied by their husbands were present. There were 11 grandchildren in attendance and a sister, Mrs. F. Dolan of Richmond Hill. A large two-layer cake, iced and appropriately inscribed with the wedding date, graced the table. The Claremont couple were presented with an electric kettle.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married at Richmond Hill at the home of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith. The resident pastor, the late Dr. Sidney Smith performed the ceremony. A sister, Hazel and Mr. Geo. Topper of Elgin Mills were the attendants. A trip on the new C.N.R. line into Northern Ontario constituted their honeymoon. Mr. Johnson was a street

car motorman on Yonge Street. In 1915 they moved to the Claremont district where they operated a farm until retiring in 1944 to take up residence in the village at their present home.

On Sunday evening the Young People will be in charge of the service in the Baptist Church. A film "Reaching to Heaven," starring Colleen Townsend will open at 8 p.m. and everyone in the community is invited to attend.

A bake sale and tea will be held on Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock in the former Clare Keevil apartment. The sale is being sponsored by the Young People of the Baptist Church. All proceeds will assist in the purchase of gowns for the Junior Choir members.

The strawberry season is on again. Orders will be taken at Mrs. Henry Johnson's by phoning 2331.

The Baptist Church and Sunday School picnic will be at Lynbrook Park, on Saturday, July 6th. A bus will be leaving the church at 1.30.

The Claremont W.M.S. are sending a bale to the Fred Victor Mission. Anyone wishing to make a donation, please leave it at the United Church before June 27th.

The local Legion will hold a Strawberry Festival on Thursday, June 27th at the Legion Hall. Admission will be—Adults \$1.00, Public School children 40c.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond and the twins returned home on Monday from Brantford where they had been visiting with relatives.

Craig Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peters, a grade 12 student at the Pickering Dist. High School, will attend the annual United Nations Seminar at Queen's University from June 25th to 28th. Miss Jean McGregor of Ajax will also attend. The honour is bestowed upon the boy and girl with the highest standing in history.

The annual Routley reunion will be held on Sunday at the Maples Park. Approximately 75 members of the clan are expected to attend.

Birthday congratulations to Miss June Morgan who celebrated on June 13; and also to Mrs. Roy Morgan who celebrated on June 9.

Miss Clara Neal of Toronto visited Mrs. Roy Morgan and friends on her birthday.

Miss June Morgan is spending her 3 weeks holidays at home. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Feasby of Toronto visited last weekend with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan attended Anniversary services at Old St. Andrews, Scarborough, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mason visited Jack and Mrs. Norton on Sunday.

The W.A. of the United Church will meet in the church basement on Wednesday evening, June 26. Mrs. Lackey and Mrs. Wallace, program conveners. All ladies welcome.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Doug Arksey was admitted to Oshawa Hospital for an operation on his leg, and he will remain there for a number of weeks.

Mrs. Johnny Devitt is recovering very nicely in Oshawa Hospital.

County's Assessment, Population Show Gain

Ontario County's equalized assessment this year reached an all-time high at \$61,464,571. This is an increase of \$5,414,214 from last year's total and almost a 10 million dollar increase in two years.

The county council last week approved the equalized assessment of the county as set out by County Assessor G. D. Hepditch. In every case, the equalized assessment for each municipality within the county coincided with the local assessment set out by that municipality.

There is also a population increase again this year. Total population of the county is set at 55,471, an increase of 1823 from last year.

Largest contributor to the county coffers will be Pickering Twp., which has the largest assessment. Pickering will share slightly more than 20 percent of the county costs. The town of Whitby will pay 17.4% of the county costs and Ajax 11.7%.

Following are the assessments of the local municipalities within the county:

Ajax \$7,244,217; Uxbridge \$1,774,073; Whitby \$10,900,885; Beaverton \$1,036,386; Cannington \$804,725; Pickering \$1,007,607; Port Perry \$1,563,418; Brock \$3,717,622; Mara \$3,544,263; Pickering Township \$12,369,091; Rama, \$1,199,024; Reach \$3,054,730; Scott \$1,986,195; Scugog \$616,375; Thorah, \$2,045,675; Uxbridge Township \$2,086,939; Whitby Township \$4,041,821; Whitby East, \$2,471,525.

Following are the population totals in the county.

Ajax 5,777; Uxbridge 2,083; Whitby 8,289; Beaverton 1,041; Cannington 915; Pickering 1,191; Port Perry 2,180; Brock 2,853; Mara, 2,248; Pickering Township 13,589; Rama 843; Reach 2,884; Scott 1,713; Scugog 326; Thorah 980; Uxbridge Township 2,328; Whitby Township 4,164; Whitby East 2,067; Total 55,471.

Receives Award

Lloyd Peters, of Claremont, has been awarded a Red Cross Badge of Merit, Glenn Julian, president of the Pickering Twp. and Village branch announced today.

Mr. Peters' name was recommended by a meeting of the executive recently for services rendered to the cause of the Red Cross in the area. This recommendation was accepted by the Ontario Division.

President for two years, Mr. Peters is now a vice-president of the Red Cross here. He is at present in charge of the swimming program with Ted Schuessler of Dunbarton Kiwanis for the joint water safety project.

GREEN RIVER

Mrs. Shoobridge is visiting with her daughter and family in Montreal.

Sorry to hear some of the younger children are suffering from the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Kryaink and family were recent visitors at the Hamilton home.

The Young Peoples will meet on Friday evening in the park. All young people welcome.

The Memorial Day service of Brunswick Hill Cemetery will be held next Sunday, June 23rd at 2.30 p.m. in the church. Rev. M. Johnston of Toronto will be the guest speaker. Owing to the above service, there will be no evening service in the church here next week.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Hassall on Wednesday last. Mrs. Allan Michell as guest speaker gave a very inspiring talk. Mrs. W. Chafen led in the devotional period.

ALTONA

On Monday morning, June 17, an impressive ceremony was held on the school lawn. A number of ladies of the community and three gentlemen from the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority were present. Each of the men spoke a few words of congratulation to Mrs. Woodcock and her pupils on winning first prize in the Conservation Scrapbook contest.

Mr. Purcell, one of the directors of the authority, who presented the \$25.00 cheque for first prize, said that he was pleased that it was a school from a farming community that came first. A town school came second and a city school third. He remarked that "Farmers are leaders, not followers." Mr. Purcell remembered that he had shown pictures on Conservation at the Stouffville Horticultural Society a couple of years ago when the Altona Rhythm Band were also on the programme.

Mr. Purvis spoke a few words to the pupils and presented "Life's" special edition of a book, "The World We Live In." Mr. Latonnell, the field officer, presented the book, "A Field Guide to the Birds," by Roger Tory Peterson. The scrapbook will be returned to the school in the fall, after it has gone on tour to show what children know and have learned about conservation.

Don't forget the school bus trip next Tuesday to Midhurst Park. Buses leave Eckardt's Corners at 9.30 a.m. Bring your picnic basket. There are still a few seats available, if anyone in the section would like to go. Contact Mrs. Woodcock or Mrs. Merv. Bunker for further information.

Sunday visitors at the Jakeman home were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neill and Bob of London, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McGarvey and Brian of Wasaga Beach, Laurence McGarvey and Mr. J. H. Jakeman of Toronto.

A few ladies from here went on the Horticultural bus trip to Niagara Falls on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nighwander and family visited with her father in Salem, Ohio, on the weekend.

There was a family get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ev. Hammond on Sunday.

BROUGHAM

Brougham Women's Institute held their regular meeting in the Township Hall on Tuesday afternoon, June 11, with a fairly good attendance. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. H. Barclay. During the business period several items of business were discussed, including Holiday Week at O.A.C. An invitation was received and accepted to hold the Annual Picnic on the lawn at the cottage of Mrs. Wm. Milne on Lake Simcoe on July 9, via bus. Roll Call was answered by "My First School."

A report was given of the recent District Annual. The meeting was then turned over to Program Convener, Mrs. Ray Elliott, who gave an interesting reading on "The People of Hungary." Meeting closed in the usual manner, followed by a cup of tea and a lunch served by the hostesses, Mrs. N. Burton, Mrs. J. Mitchell and Mrs. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burk of Stouffville called on Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton on Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Gray accompanied her son Russell to his cottage at Balsam Lake for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Knox of Enniskillen called on his parents Wm. and Mrs. Knox on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harbron and daughters Bernice and Ina-Jean of Myrtle visited with their aunt, Mrs. Matthews on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pascoe and daughters, Donna and Debbie visited with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. K. Wilson of Whitby on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hood called on his sister, Mrs. Lemmon one evening last week.

Mrs. Philip, formerly of Brougham but now of Claremont, visited with Mrs. Malrs one day last week.

Mrs. Shea of Whitby visited with Mrs. Matthews on Sunday last.

A few of those who attended a family get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Willson on the 5th concession were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Willson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Willson, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Willson and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Willson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Willson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Willson and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gannon, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gannon and five children, Mr. and Mrs. L. Beach and Mr. D. Remmer.

Kinsale

Sorry to report Mr. Arch Bunker has been confined to his home with an attack of shingles.

Miss Barbara Brent and Mr. Art Cryderman were Wednesday visitors with Ralph and Mrs. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Parkin and Jr. attended the Mitchell-Ward reunion at Greenwood Park on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hobden and granddaughter, Gail spent Sunday with Peterborough relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gray and girls were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Collocutt, Bowmanville.

MIKE STARR MAY GET CABINET POST

"Mike" Starr, the 46-year-old Progressive Conservative, standard bearer who retained his federal seat in the Ontario riding by gaining more than a 4,000 vote majority over his closest rival, may receive a cabinet post. Although to date, P.C. Leader John Diefenbaker has not made any definite statement with regard to the persons who will comprise his Cabinet, "Mike" Starr has been suggested as a likely prospect. His name has been connected with Immigration. The members of the new Conservative Cabinet will likely be named next week.

GREENWOOD

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herb Middleton on the arrival of a baby boy, born June 14th.

Mrs. Durwood is spending some time with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett.

A number of the afternoon and evening W.A.'s attended a bazaar and tea at Audley last Saturday afternoon.

Sorry to report that Mr. K. Beelby is not as well as his many friends would like to see him.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed this Sunday at 11.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown and Billy and Miss May Brown visited with relatives at Tara last Sunday.

A bus load of Farm Forum people enjoyed a trip to Guelph last Saturday.

The Afternoon W.A. held their meeting in the church basement last Thursday. The worship service was taken by Group 2. Minutes were read from last meeting and business was conducted by the President. The date for the bazaar was set for Sept. 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Clarke attended Memorial Sunday at Hampton last Sunday afternoon.

The paper drive is still open for anyone to leave papers, books or magazines in the church shed by the last of June.

Visitors at the Stanley Byers home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ern Lager and Amy; also Mrs. Wm. Grove, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law of Dickson Hill.

New County Jail to Cost Extra \$39,000

Members of Ontario County Council last week learned that construction of the new county jail would cost an additional \$39,000. Deputy-reeve Stan Martin, of Whitby, chairman of the county property committee, reported that poor soil conditions have made it necessary to make deeper excavations and install a reinforced concrete floor. The decision to go ahead with the building came only after a lengthy debate in council.

Deputy-reeve Martin reported that soil tests had been made prior to the letting of a tender. Later, when work began, he said, it was found that the soil was not suitable and three more test holes are being dug. If these should find a suitable base, he said, it would cost an estimated \$39,000 more to build the jail.

Mr. Rounthwaite, the architect, said that soil formations on the site had proved unsatisfactory and would not meet the required bearing of 3,000 pounds per square foot. If the present pits do not find a secure base, he said, other steps will have to be taken.

Reeve Russell Morrison, of Thorah Twp., wondered if another suitable jail site could not be located for less than this extra cost.

Reeve Walter Beath, of East Whitby Twp., pointed out that a new site might be chosen and still contractors would encounter this same problem.

"I think for \$40,000 we could afford to look around," said Reeve John McFayden of Mara Twp. "Every time we hear about this jail it is up another \$10,000."

Deputy-reeve Howard McMillan, of Reach Twp., suggested that a site farther north in the county be chosen. Warden Morley Bain said that at first he favored choosing a new site but later estimated that it would cost the county at least \$50,000 to change its plans at this time.

"If we were spending our own money we would be sharper," said Reeve McFayden, "I think we've been just a little careless. I was not here when the contract was let."

Deputy-reeve Martin countered with "I'm sorry you weren't. I would have enjoyed your being in the same position as I am now."

Following the noon adjournment, Deputy-reeve Martin moved that the work continue on the site and if a solid base could be proved, the jail be constructed at an estimated extra cost of \$39,000.

Reeve Wilfred Hart, of Rama Twp., who inspected the site, said that he was surprised that the low spot on the five acres had been chosen for the site of the jail.

One opinion was, he said, that it would cost \$100,000 to change the site at this time. "I think we would be wise to spend this \$39,000 here."

AUCTION SALE AT BROUGHAM PK. FRI.

Next Friday, June 21st, commencing at 6.30 p.m., an Auction Sale will be held on Brougham Park Grounds, the proceeds of which are to be used for maintenance of the Park.

Mr. Atkinson, of Sellers & Atkinson, Auctioneers, has generously donated his services for this sale, and things will be pretty lively when he asks for bids on all the articles the Park Board has listed — furniture, motors, garden tools, antiques, puppies — everything!

There will be refreshments and drinks at the booth in the Park, and the Board members are looking for a big crowd and a good time. Come early, meet all your friends — and, who knows, just what you want and need may be held up in the auctioneer's hands, and you will want an opportunity to bid on it!

man, Dunbarton; Mrs. J. G. Sprague, R.R.1, Ashburn; Mrs. J. S. Scott, R. R. 1, Highland Creek, Ont.; Mrs. F. L. Sherry, R.R.2, Claremont; Mrs. C. Hiltz, Whitvale; Mrs. H. T. Cook, R.R.3, Pickering; Mrs. George A. Robinson, Ajax; Mrs. Jas. Davidson, R.R.1, Pickering; Mrs. V. Baisdon, Pickering; Mrs. Wm. G. Lawson, R.R.1, Pickering; Mrs. Wm. Sala, Whitby.

Swimming and Therapy Program Opens July 2nd

The annual swimming and therapy programme for the handicapped children of Pickering, Ajax and Whitby areas will be held at Sun Valley Pool, Valley Farm Road, Pickering, every Tuesday and Thursday, from July 2nd to August 20th. The project was started in 1955 with 17 children. Last year their numbers increased to 24 and this summer an attendance of 30 is expected.

The children, ranging in age from 3 to 15 years, are transported under adult supervision to the pool. About 60 volunteer workers will be required to supervise the pool and ground operations. Because of the increased size and responsibility of the project, it will be necessary to engage a professional assistant this year.

During the warm summer days the outing is a delightful adventure for the children who, although helpless on land, are mobile in the water.

The cost of the 1956 project was about \$400.00. A budget of \$360.00 didn't meet the expense involved but the over-expenditure was under-written through generous cash grants donated by many organizations and by private contributors. A surplus, held in trust, provided a gay Christmas party for the children. Remaining money was used to cushion the expense of getting the expanded project in 1957 under way.

An estimated 1957 budget includes the following expected costs: Bus and taxi transportation \$270.00; Insurance for children and workers \$30.00; Professional Assistant \$120. Life-guard \$60.00; Cookies, cocoa, etc. \$90.00; Notices, telephone, mailing, etc. \$35.00 and Emergency Contingencies \$15.00.

A committee comprises the following persons: Convener — Mrs. T. J. Wheeler, Brook Road; Sec. Treas. — Mrs. W. G. New-

County Lock-up Fee To Hike from \$1 to \$5

Ontario County is raising its lock-up fee from \$1 to \$5 per day. The fee, which is paid by municipalities to the county only when a prisoner is locked up before being charged, will not be upheld until the first of next year.

Reeve Cyril Morley, of Pickering, chairman of the finance committee, read the announcement that the committee recommended the hike. He said that the \$1 per day now charged municipalities barely covered the bookkeeping costs. He explained that the fee applied only to prisoners who were locked up until such time as they were formally charged. As soon as the charge is read to them, the prisoner's costs are assumed fully by the county.

Reeve Ken Lee, of Whitby, objected to the hike. Whitby has no lock-up and uses the county jail for this purpose. He said that the town now paid 18 percent of the cost of the upkeep of the jail and the county should in return extend some compensation to the town.

Deputy-reeve Pat Duffy, of Mara Twp. said that the hike would not affect his township anyway, since "we have no trouble to begin with."

Deputy-reeve Stan Martin, of Whitby, said that this seemed like a "terrific" increase.

"I realize costs have gone up," he said, "but not to this degree." Council authorized the raise.

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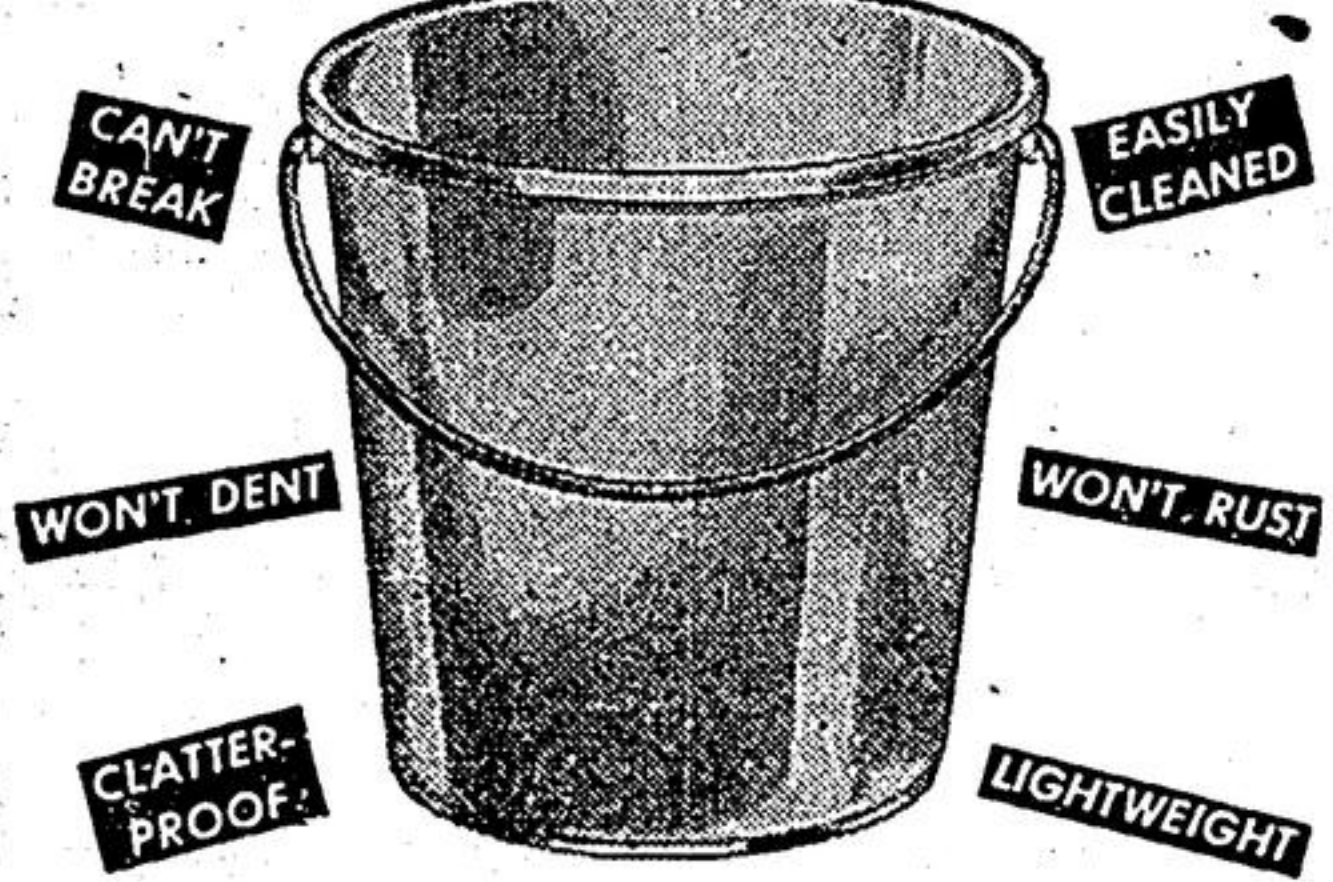
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