

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

Twp. Assessor Must Re-group Roll by Dec. 15

Pickering Township's Assessor, Mr. Delbert Gauslin was the subject of a lengthy discussion at a meeting of Council on Monday evening. He was criticized by the members for not complying with a township bylaw in his preparation of the 1957 assessment roll. It was agreed that the Clerk be directed to accept the roll and that Mr. Gauslin be reprimanded for not complying with Bylaw No. 2220. He was instructed to have the roll re-grouped and returned by Dec. 15, 1957. It will be broken down into polling subdivisions.

Mr. Gauslin explained to Council that he had planned to rearrange the 1957 assessment roll into polling subdivisions but by the time the bylaw was passed, it was too late. "I had to use additional help and just barely got under the wire," he stated. The assessment roll was returned to the Clerk on Sept. 30th, the last day permissible under law.

Mr. Gauslin pointed out that when the Township Bylaw No. 2220 was passed, he didn't know he would be unable to comply with it. He noted that he later discovered it wouldn't be possible and notified Council of the situation. He said it would be necessary to employ someone from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs to assist with the change-over.

"Why was this not brought to our attention before?" questioned councillor Robt. Stewart. "It would have saved all this time."

"I didn't know that the bylaw wasn't being complied with," answered Clerk Lloyd Johnson.

Reeve Lawson pointed out that the Assessor claimed he appeared before Council and explained the situation.

"I don't remember," stated Dep. Reeve Scott. "There's not much use of our passing bylaws if they are not going to be upheld," he said.

"I can't understand the Assessor deliberately ignoring our bylaw," said councillor Pugh.

"If Assessor didn't intend to comply, we should have been informed immediately," charged Dep. Reeve Scott.

Clerk Lloyd Johnson explained that if the Assessment roll was completed according to the new bylaw, it would speed up the efficiency of the office staff.

It was agreed that additional help be obtained from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs in order to assist Mr. Gauslin with the re-grouping of the assessment roll.

KINSALE

A number attended the Anniversary Services at Mount Zion Church on Sunday. Next Sunday being World Communion Day, a joint service will again be held at Mount Zion at 11 a.m.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Legg were, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sherman and Mr. and Mrs. G. Matthews of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lee, and Mrs. Knight of Brantford.

Miss Elaine Rose, R.N., spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wagg. Elaine is now attending Western University in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Bunker of Mongolia were Thursday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Bunker.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Waltham and Leonard visited during the week at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Pegg and Mr. and Mrs. M. Bates at Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hooker and family were Saturday visitors with Orangeville relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Parkin and Milton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell, Utica.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gray and daughters were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Baker at Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stell and family spent the weekend in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Taylor of Little Britain were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hobden.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hooker returned home on Friday following a three week trip to Saskatchewan where they visited relatives in Creelman and Rouleau.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hobden spent a few days last week in Owen Sound and Durham.

Mrs. F. Lowry and Illena of Oshawa spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Ormiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rose, Keith and Helen, who have just returned from a two weeks holiday in Texas spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. Wagg. Other recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Nesbitt of Uxbridge, Mrs. F. Palmer and Mrs. Don Clarke, also of Uxbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mowbray accompanied by Miss L. Mowbray of Brooklin spent a few days last week at their cottage, Crowe Lake.

Mrs. Lawrence Agg and her granddaughter Debra of Whitby, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Curl.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hobden and daughters spent Sunday with Peterborough relatives.

Many thanks to Mrs. Lawrence Gray who wrote this column during my absence.

Pickering Land Annexation

Councillors from Pickering village, Pickering Township and the town of Ajax met at Brougham on Thursday night with officials from Metropolitan Toronto to discuss the annexation of 1500 Pickering Twp. acres to Pickering Village.

Reeve Cyril Morley said Pickering village has a draft bylaw covering the annexation proposal meeting for the October council meeting. He said the proposal would create a satellite city on the northeastern fringe of Metropolitan Toronto.

The meeting decided to create a joint committee to consider hiring consulting engineers to look over the proposal.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Public Library has acquired a new sign. The Board are very appreciative of the generous gesture by Mr. Robt. Barton who donated the material and made the sign. It was erected by the Town Trustees. The new sign improves the appearance of the Library and assists newcomers in the village to locate the building easily.

The Claremont Library Board are purchasing the new books for this year and would like any new members or interested persons to submit the titles of books they would like to have purchased. They should be left with the Librarian before Oct. 15th, 1957. The Book Committee strives to purchase books suitable for juvenile and adult readers. Any new members are welcome.

ALTONA

The children of our community are missing their new-found friend these days, Miss Edna Lohr.

Last week Miss Lohr of Spring Arbor, Michigan, was at the local church each afternoon at 4:15 to speak to the children. Children were in attendance from three schools as well as local pre-school children.

Miss Lohr's brief time with them was very interesting, bright and joyful. Although there was an average attendance of 85, there was the most rapt attention throughout. Miss Lohr did not confine her messages alone to the children, but each evening ministered to the adults as well.

A special feature of each service was the beautiful picture in scene-a-felt arranged by Miss Lohr. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker brought special musical numbers on several evenings.

W.I. Meeting—The date of the next regular W.I. Meeting has been changed from Wednesday, Oct. 9th to Wed., Oct. 16th. On the regular meeting day, the W.I. have been asked to serve lunches to the plowmen at the South Ontario Plowing Match at Brougham. The next W.I. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Couperthwaite on Wednesday, Oct. 16th at 2 p.m. Mrs. F. Goude, convener of Agriculture, is in charge of the programme.

Motto—Soil, like man, deteriorates when it's abused. Roll Call—A rural sound that appeals to me. Everyone welcome.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fretz on the birth of their daughter last week.

It won't be long now until the Ted Jones family will be back in our midst. They have purchased part of the Alexander property. It will be just like old times having them in our community again.

GLEN MAJOR

Miss Mary Hopkins, Ashburn, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Prescott and daughter of Bethany visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pickett.

Mr. Alec Hingston and boys visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hingston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Simmonds returned on Wednesday from their cottage on Cape Breton Island to "Braeside".

Mrs. George Pickett, Mrs. Edgar Johnson and Mrs. Jim Jones visited Monday afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Hopkins Sr. and family.

Miss Betty Risebrough of Toronto spent the weekend at her home.

Miss Hazel Jones spent Sunday afternoon at her home.

There will be a church service in Glen Major Church Sunday, Oct. 6 at 3:30 o'clock. The Young People from the 'Overcomer's' Church, Toronto, will be in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones and Marvin, Newmarket, visited on Sunday with Mrs. Wm. Fiss and Edgars.

Mrs. Morgan Evans has returned home after visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Profit of Aurora.



Smoldering ruins are all that remains of a large frame barn on the property of Mr. John Dowling, 8th concession of Pickering near Claremont. The fire broke out on Thursday morning of last week and in a matter of minutes, the structure was levelled. The loss has been estimated at \$15,000. —Jim Thomas

Hay, Grain, Livestock Destroyed in Barn Fire

Fanned by a strong wind, the 50' x 80' frame barn on the property of Mr. John Dowling, 8th concession of Pickering, two miles south of Claremont, was burned to the ground on Thursday morning of last week. Destroyed in the fire were four calves, a bull, an imported registered Shetland stallion, a number of chickens and a large quantity of hay, grain and straw. The loss has been estimated at \$15,000.

The blaze was noticed by Mrs. Vern Dowling. The barking of the family dog "Laddie", attracted her attention. Although the Claremont Fire Brigade were summoned to the scene, the fire was out of control when they arrived.

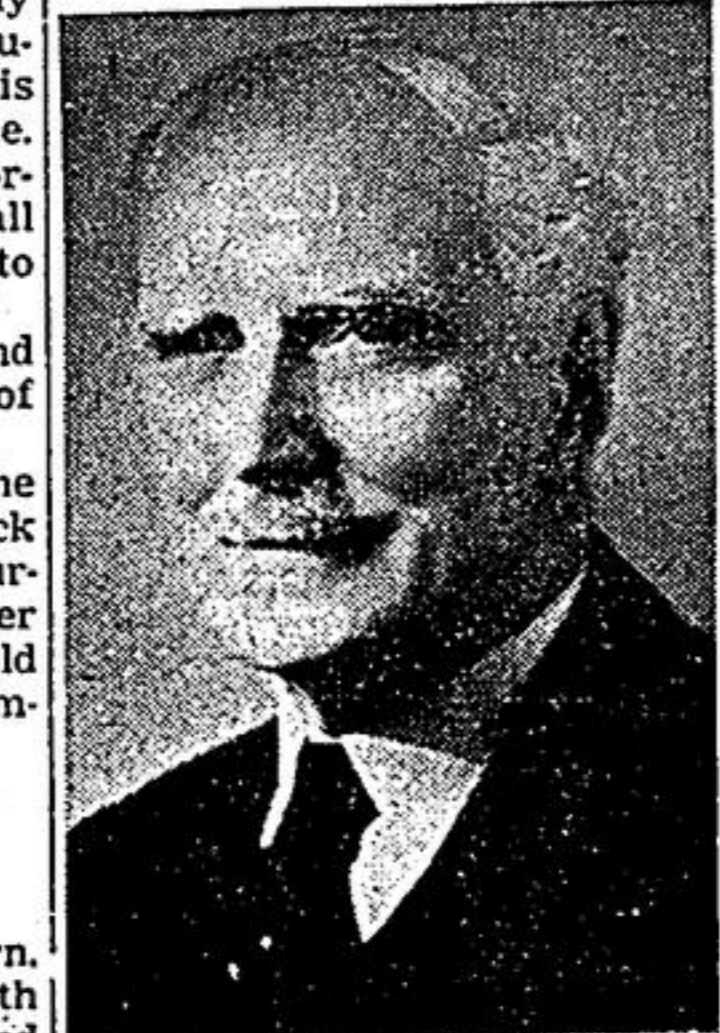
The 8th concession farm was the former John Bielby property. It was purchased by Mr. John Dowling ten years ago.

In addition to the main barn, a modern milking parlor and milk house was also destroyed. Thirty-five head of cattle were in a nearby pasture field.

Baptist Church To Mark 136th Anniversary Sunday

The Claremont Baptist Church will mark its 136th anniversary with special services on Sunday morning and evening. Dr. John Alexander Johnston D.D., a former Pastor at Westmount Baptist Church in Quebec will be the guest speaker at both services.

Dr. Johnston is recognized as one of the most prominent Baptist church ministers in Canada. A former President of the Baptist Church Conference in Quebec, Dr. Johnston's services were the first to be televised by the CBC. His radio ministry in the Montreal area gained him Province-wide recognition. Although



officially retired, he has turned to writing in addition to occasional pulpit supply work. He

PLAN TO REMOVE GRAVEL FROM GREENBELT AREA

It was learned at a meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday evening, that plans are underway to remove gravel from the restricted greenbelt area near Greenwood. In the face of strong opposition from residents in the area, Council rejected an application by Mr. W. H. Godfrey to have their by-law amended. Mr. Godfrey owns 150 acres of land in the restricted area.

Reeve Wm. Lawson instructed the Clerk to contact Mr. A. J. Thompson, Pickering Township Bylaw Enforcement Officer. He will be instructed to take an injunction against the operator if the Greenbelt bylaw is broken.

West Rouge Residents Resent \$22,000 Comm. Centre in Area

A five man delegation of ratepayers from the West Rouge district of Pickering Township appeared before Council on Monday evening to offer strong objections to the erection of a \$22,000 Community Centre in their area.

"I can't see any need for a Community Centre in our area," stated Mr. Alex Munro. Mr. Munro said that he resented any community project that would tend to keep the children away from their homes. "It could develop into a hang-out," he continued.

Mr. Walter Bergman, a member of the delegation, said that the plans of the Recreational Committee had not been properly publicized. He said there were many other needs necessary for the community aside from entertainment facilities. "It'll just be a place for people to gossip and drink tea," he stated. "I'll fight it with everything I've got," he said.

Mr. Munro pointed out that there were plenty of recreational facilities for both young people and adults in their district. He said he feared that there wouldn't be enough voluntary assistance to carry out such a project. "The Township's Recreational Committee shouldn't operate a 'pitfall' for our teenage students," he said.

Mr. Howard Williams, President of the Ratepayers Association, said that following a meeting of their West Rouge ratepayers, it was decided that the Township's entire proposal be explained at a public gathering. "It's time that the ratepayers in the area understood the matter fully," he said.

Councillor Robt. Stewart, a member of the Township's Recreational Committee, expressed complete surprise at the ratepayers' lack of knowledge with regard to the proposed Community Centre. "There's been nothing secretive about it," he said. "I understood that all the ratepayers were behind it."

Reeve Wm. Lawson explained that the Township's Recreational Committee was negotiating with the West Rouge Kiwanis Club to operate the Community Centre. He said that as yet, no report had been forthcoming from the Service Club.

"It's still a thought and not an actuality," stated councillor Stewart.

"The Kiwanis Club does a fine job but sometimes organizations can become carried away with

GREENWOOD

A number from here attended the Anniversary Services at Mt. Zion last Sunday. Mrs. Ken Holliday sang two numbers at the morning service, and Rev. Mr. Newton Reid of Sunderland was the guest minister.

A new Hallman Electric Organ has been installed in the church for future use.

World-wide communion service, for the three appointments, will be observed in the Mt. Zion Church this Sunday, Oct. 6th. There will be no church service at Greenwood, but there will be Sunday School at 9:30.

The choir journeyed to Raglan Church Sunday evening to assist with their Anniversary service.

The Afternoon W.A. will hold their October meeting at the home of Mrs. P. Clarke on Thursday, Oct. 10th. Group 1 will have charge of the worship service and the Roll-call—Consecrate.

The W.M.S. for the charge will be held on Thursday of this week at the Rev. Mrs. Moore's, everyone welcome.

Miss Glenna Minaker, R.N., left last Monday for Calgary for further work at the nursing profession.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks entertained the group he works with, last Saturday night, to a corn-roast.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byers had last Sunday supper with Doug and Mrs. Morden and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown returned home from the West last Friday night.

A redwood tree—which may be taller than the Statue of Liberty, weighs more than 2,000,000 pounds, and "contains" enough wood to build several houses—grows from a seed little bigger than the head of a pin.

Blame Children for \$20,000 Barn Fire at Dunbarton

A large frame barn, owned by Mr. Harry Newman, Fairport Road, east of Dunbarton, was burned to the ground on Saturday evening. The loss has been estimated at \$20,000. An eleven-year-old girl and two small boys have been blamed for the blaze. The children were seen leaving the barn a few minutes before the structure was enveloped by flames. Pickering Township Police later learned that the juveniles had made a make-believe fort in a pile of straw when one of the boys lit a match. The match fell into the straw and the fire spread rapidly. Although the children attempted to put out

the blaze, it was soon out of control.

Firemen from Pickering Township's south-west brigade answered the call but could not halt the outbreak. The entire summer crop of hay, straw and grain was destroyed. The property is worked by Mr. W. G. Newman, former Reeve of Pickering Township.

The barn was located south of Highway 401. The blaze, visible for two miles, attracted hundreds of curious spectators and police had difficulty in keeping the heavy weekend traffic moving along the four-lane thoroughfare.

PLOWING MATCH

Sponsored by the SOUTH ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION will be held on the farm of HOWARD MALCOLM & SON Pickering Township HWY. 7, 2 MILES WEST OF BROUGHAM Wed., October 9th

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BANQUET IN TOWNSHIP HALL, BROUGHAM

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