

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

Editorial . . .

Interest in municipal politics in the Township of Uxbridge has dropped to an all-time low. At the annual Nominations conducted in Goodwood on Friday afternoon, only thirteen persons were in attendance. This mere handful included two Township employees and one non-ratepayer. Needless to say, the entire Council was returned by acclamation.

The small turnout of Township taxpayers would prove one of two things: (1) That the ratepayers are completely satisfied with their local municipal government; or (2) They have melted into a lethargic group of property owners with no apparent interest in how or where their tax dollars are being spent. Personally, I believe it is a combination of both.

As members of Council admitted, there were no big issues at stake during the past term. Although much of the work was routine business, it is quite surprising that such a skeleton audience would be present. Twelve ratepayers out of more than 1,500 is a pretty small percentage.

It is possible that afternoon nomination meetings are a thing of the past. Other municipalities have discovered that the evening is more conducive to larger gatherings. Such a change might be worthwhile in Uxbridge. Certainly, the attendance is not likely to lessen. Farmers, laborers and businessmen find it difficult to break away from their work during the mid-afternoon. The majority, however, are free in the evenings, and might welcome an opportunity to attend such a meeting.

Are more than 1,500 taxpayers one hundred percent in agreement with Council's handling of the Township's business? Friday's attendance would leave such an impression. If this is so, then the names of Messrs. Dowsell, Nesbitt, Hogg, Forsythe and Redshaw should be engraved on a bronze plaque and preserved for posterity.

Claremont Happenings

Twenty-six relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pugh on Saturday evening for a surprise party to honour Mr. Fred Pugh who was celebrating his 80th birthday.

The Women's Institute met in the basement of the United Church on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 20th, with the president Mrs. Grant Taylor in the chair.

Mrs. Melvin Johnson was co-winner for the meeting and supplied the program, consisting of Current Events by Mrs. Ellis Britton, a piano selection by Miss Grace Lehman, reports of the convention read by Mrs. James Peddie and Mrs. Frank Carson, after which Mrs. Keith Drake demonstrated Avon products. She had a large selection and everyone was given the chance to sample these and also four lucky draws were held and Avon Products given as prizes.

After the meeting a dainty lunch was served by the Committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knight of Leamington visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pugh for a few days this week and also attended the Royal Winter Fair.

The congregation of the Baptist Church have called Mr. J. Carnegie of Hull, Quebec, as their new pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie will be moving shortly and Mr. Carnegie will commence his duties on Sunday, Dec. 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Middleton entertained number of friends on Saturday evening. Guests of honour were Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Tansley, it being the occasion of their fifty-third wedding anniversary. They were presented with a bouquet of white and gold mums.

The Golden Age Club is now the new name for the Senior Citizen group. Mrs. Loss Hill won the prize for having the name she presented. Chosen at their last meeting which was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McConnell on Tuesday, Nov. 18th. All had a jolly time. The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, at the Community Hall at 2:30 p.m. The W.A. of the United Church will provide the entertainment. Keep this date open and plan to attend and bring a friend and a smile. Anyone wishing transportation please contact Mrs. Keith Drake before 10 a.m. of that day.

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Uxbridge Twp. Council All in By Acclamation; Little Interest In Nomination Meeting

Reeve Earl Dowsell, Dep. Reeve Robt. Nesbitt and Councilors Norman Hogg, Charles Forsythe and Alvin Redshaw received acclamations in Uxbridge Township at a quiet Nomination Meeting held at Goodwood on Friday afternoon. Only thirteen persons were present. Mr. Geo. also received a nomination but declined to stand for election.

No Issues Reeve Earl Dowsell informed the ratepayers that Council had enjoyed a comparatively easy year with no main issues at stake. He noted however, that much general business had been completed.

He explained that the 10.2 percent of the County's road system was located in Uxbridge. He noted further that the Township shared only 8.6 percent of the total County road budget. "It's not a true picture," said the Reeve. He pointed out that the southern municipalities boasted a much higher assessment than Uxbridge. He predicted that the County would embark on a large scale paving programme in '59 since much road construction had been completed in 1958. He praised the work of the County Engineer. Reeve Dowsell suggested that a new road was in the planning stages from No. 47 Highway to Manchester.

"If okayed, it would be good for our Township," he noted. The Reeve explained that he had voiced opposition to the present location of the new County jail. He noted that the cost of the structure was \$185,000. "It's too bad we must spend such a large sum of money to take care of a few delinquents," he said. He explained that an addition was already being considered.

Too Much Snow Turning to Township business, the Reeve explained that last winter's snow removal posed one of their biggest headaches. This expenditure plus a deficit in 1957 forced a cut-down on summer road work. He said they planned to do some paving next year. He spoke highly of the Township's employees.

Try to Close Station Reeve Dowsell charged that the C.N.R. was attempting to close the Goodwood station. He noted that an application had been filed by the Company with the Dept. of Transport in an effort to shut down the depot. "Council is attempting to hold it," he said, "but it may be a lost cause." He explained that in 1868, the Township of Uxbridge had donated a large sum of money to the Toronto-Nipissing Railroad.

"The railway has some obligation to the Township," he said. Organize Clinics Dep. Reeve Robt. Nesbitt informed the ratepayers that a very successful anti-rabies clinic had been organized this fall, mainly through the co-operation of the Dominion, Provincial and County governments. He noted that the general public had responded to the free animal vaccinations in even greater numbers than officials had expected. The fox bounty now paid by the County is \$400. Half of this amount is paid by the Province. A fox's tail must be produced as evidence. Dep. Reeve Nesbitt said that he favoured more stringent controls on hunters in the Township. He noted that, at the present time, signed property was a resident's only protection. Hunters are not required to obtain a Township license.

More Park Land The Dep. Reeve praised the work of the Conservation Organization in establishing a number of fine parks throughout the Township. He said that it was planned to establish a

Request Time Limit On Home Completion

Mr. Duncombe, a resident near Rosebank, appeared before Council on Monday evening to enquire into the possibility of setting a time limit on the completion of homes. Mr. Duncombe noted that the home he was receiving all the benefits of other residents and should therefore pay taxes on a fully-completed house. He said that there were numerous non-completed homes in the Township.

"They don't get their \$300 deposit back until it is completed," said Reeve Lawson. "That's a mere pittance when it comes to home construction," suggested the ratepayer. "You wouldn't think so if you heard the complaints that are brought before us," replied the Reeve. Reeve Lawson agreed however that perhaps some time limit should be considered. The Clerk informed Council that the Building Inspector demanded that suitable progress should be made on the home construction.

To Heat Garage The Claremont Co-operative's tender of \$1,607.25 was selected by Council for the completion of a heating system in the Township's garage. Brougham. Four tenders were received. The highest was for \$1,829.00. A good crowd turned out for the Hockey Club Euchre. There were 17 tables. Mrs. Hart won 1st prize for ladies and Jack Redshaw 1st for the men. All prizes were donated. Dona Geer won the rifle donated by Gord Taylor, and Charles Teno of Port Perry won the turkey. Other prizes were donated by Jack Norton, Bob Hockley, Frank Hayward, Bill Evans and Frank Hollingshead.

For a wide selection of Christmas gift items, it will pay you to shop at Chas. Cooper's Store in Claremont. A host of items are listed in a display adv. appearing in this week's issue.

GREENWOOD

The official Board for the circuit met in the Mt. Zion church last Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Crapp of Selwyn attended church last Sunday morning and afterwards were entertained by the Rev. Mr. Fleetham.

Mrs. Mabel Ormerod of Toronto was a visitor over the weekend at the Ormerod home. Mr. and Mrs. John Purdy of Milton were guests of Percy and Mrs. Clarke last Sunday.

Mr. Richard Wilson of Brooklin was a visitor at the Stanley Byers home last Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pegg of Oshawa visited at the Milton Pegg home last Sunday.

Messrs. C. McTaggart, Milton Pegg and Jack Hooker returned home last Sunday from a week's hunting at Manitowish Island.

Miss Audrey Holkinson and Sandra Lambert were at Mr. and Mrs. M. Pegg's last Sunday. Promotion service was held in the Sunday School last Sunday when sixteen pupils moved on to higher classes.

Claim Motorcycle Unfit

Reeve W. G. Lawson reported to Pickering Twp. Council on Monday night that the Police Dept. did not favour the addition of a motorcycle as part of their mobile equipment. The Reeve noted that where much patrol was in rural districts, the motorcycle was not adequate. He said it was particularly unfit for wet or icy roads. He said that it was used primarily for traffic control.

In comparing the cost of the motorcycle with the cruiser, the Reeve explained that there was surprisingly little difference in the price. He noted that only \$700 separated the two units. In addition, he explained that a specially-trained officer was required for the job.

Councilor Robt. Stewart contended that such equipment would be more efficient in checking out-of-the-way areas such as beaches, parks, etc. The West Rouge Community Association had requested that consideration be given to the purchase of a rider for the police. Reeve Lawson announced that two additional men had been acquired for the Department, permitting increased patrol.

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CLAREMONT

Dr. N. F. Tomlinson underwent an operation in the Oshawa General Hospital last week. He will be confined to bed for a number of days. Large glass display windows are being installed in Mr. Ken Ward's new show room at the four corners, this week.

Mrs. Ethel Browning has left the employ of Chas. Cooper Ltd. after eight years as the firm's bookkeeper. On Friday afternoon, the staff presented her with a lovely electric coffee percolator. Mrs. Phyllis Desjardins has taken over Mrs. Browning's position.

Want to win a giant hamper of groceries? Enquire at Burton's Store for further information. A special offer is now in effect until Dec. 15th. All purchases from the store's gift shop will be gift wrapped at no extra charge. See the display adv. on this page.

According to reports, Mr. Frank Hayward has agreed to throw his hat in the election ring if nominated for Ward 1 in Pickering Township on Friday night. The Ward is presently represented by Councilor Sid Pugh.

ATHA

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bielby attended the funeral of her two cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Reesor, at Cedar Grove on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Willis from Cornwall, Prince Edward Island, were guests with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tran on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lehman and family were Sunday dinner guests with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Norman of Toronto. They also attended the Peoples Church service in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bielby were supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dyck, in Glasgow, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDowell and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dunkeld and daughter Susan, all were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robb and George from Markham were Monday evening visitors with the Caruthers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tran were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George McGavin at Walton.

Mrs. Hodgson and friend from Toronto called Saturday morning on Mrs. Albert Draper.

Mrs. Frank Bielby spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. Donald Dunkeld.

Mrs. Charlie Hodgson and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld attended the Winter Fair on Friday and Saturday in connection with the 4-H Club girls' week.

Miss Freda Draper has taken a position with Mr. Fred Lewis, Altona.

The Caruthers family attended the Winter Fair in Toronto on Thursday.

The earliest known copper-nickel alloy coins are those minted about 170 B.C. in Bactria, a kingdom of northwestern India, which was conquered by Alexander the Great in 326 B.C.

NEWS FROM ALTONA

Mr. Mel Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn., of the Youth For Christ will be the guest speaker at the Altona United Missionary Church this Sunday evening at 7:30.

The Christmas meeting of the W.M.S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Norman Neal on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, at 8 p.m. All ladies are cordially invited.

Misses Sharon Sturm and Lorna Weir of Toronto Teachers College are teaching here this week under the supervision of Miss Vera McLaren.

Mr. Fletcher Goudie and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Goudie and family of Elliott Lake were home for the weekend and enjoyed a family get-together on Sunday along with Mrs. Goudie, Mr. and Mrs. Merv. Bunker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis.

Watch for the school float in the Stouffville Santa Claus Parade this Saturday.

By this time we certainly hope your neighbor has had his lawnmower sharpened.

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Uxbridge Hospital Donations

Mr. Frank Ferguson \$10.00
Anonymous \$10.00
Mr. Thos. Richard \$2.00
Mr. Wm. Shaw \$2.00
Mr. Henry Lake \$10.00
Mr. C. J. Pollock \$1.00
Mr. Ivan Cox \$25.00
Mr. Murray Thompson \$10.00
Mr. Isaac Ball \$20.00
Mr. J. E. Mustard \$100.00
Mr. Floyd Clark \$10.00
Mr. Norman Gibson \$5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kerr \$2.00
Mrs. Murray Mustard \$50.00
Mrs. Annie Stead \$10.00
Anonymous \$5.00
Mr. & Mrs. M. Kennedy \$25.00
Anonymous \$5.00
Anonymous \$25.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Doucette \$12.00

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Time — 1:30

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39 & Under Pupils — 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10.
Non-Winners \$5 each

VARIETY FLOATS — 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$5.

VARIETY FLOATS (Business Men) — Sarco Silver Cup

DECORATED BICYCLE (12 and under) — 1st, \$8; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

OTHER ENTRIES (children's) — 1st, \$3; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

SCOUTS, GUIDES, BROWNIES, CUBS — 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5; 4th, \$5.

BEST CLOWN — 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$3.

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