

# CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

## Teen-Age Dance Feb. 27

The Recreation Committee are holding a Teen-Age Dance this Friday night, Feb. 27th in the Community Hall at 7.30. All children ten to fifteen are welcome.

The Annual Red Cross Campaign will start this week in Pickering Township. Mrs. G. Allman is Captain for the village of Claremont, and has the canvassers arranged. Welcome these canvassers when they come to your door.

The February meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Wednesday afternoon in the Community Hall with Vice-President Mrs. Melvyn Johnson in the chair. Mrs. Frank Carson was convener of the program and read several items pertaining to Agriculture and Canadian Industry. Mrs. Wilmot Hill gave the Current Events. Mrs. Ellis Britton gave a reading. David O'Brien accompanied by Mrs. Carl Devitt on the piano, sang a solo. The speaker for the afternoon was Mr. Frank Barkey of Altona whose talk was enjoyed by all. After the meeting a hobby basket was auctioned off by Mrs. McConnell. There will be another hobby basket for the April meeting. The members later enjoyed a lunch served by the committee in charge.

On Thursday evening last, a shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMullen for their daughter Charlene who is to be married this week.

Susan Hayward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayward, has been confined for the last week in the hospital in Toronto.

The dance held Saturday night in the Community Hall was a success. There was a large attendance at this dance. Jim Fisher and his orchestra played for the evening. There will be another one this Saturday night Feb. 28th, with the same music.

Several Claremont people motored to Alliston on Tuesday evening last week, to the hockey game between Stouffville and Alliston Bantams. During the game Donald Drake, a defence player on the Stouffville team, injured his wrist and will be unable to play for a few games.

Mrs. Stephenson of Oshawa and Mrs. Alex Morgan of Sarnia are visiting for the week with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mason and Grace of Scarborough spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norton.

Mrs. Margaret Wilker and Dale Devitt spent Sunday in Toronto.

The Baptist Young People entertained Aurora Young People at a Valentine Party on Saturday evening last, in the church.

The program committee of the Women's Institute are planning an Old Time fashion show for their fiftieth anniversary meeting on March 18th. If any members or interested persons have old-fashioned dresses or wedding dresses, would you please let the convener of the program know. Phone 32815 for further particulars.

The Golden Age Club will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. at the home of Mr. Evans Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Desjardins entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, of Willowdale at their home on Sunday. Also present was Mrs. Desjardins' sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Henderson and family of Humber Summit.

A number of Sarco employees and their wives enjoyed a bowling party at the Stouffville alleys on Friday evening last week, about thirty couples toured the Johns-Manville plant in Scarborough.

Mrs. Chidlow of Orangeville, a sister of Mr. Jim Briscoe, passed away last week.

The Keith Steckley home in Stouffville was the scene of a friendly party on Saturday evening on the occasion of the couple's tenth wedding anniversary. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gliddon, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, all of Claremont and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pascoe of Brougham.

Mr. Harold Barclay's nearly new car was involved in a rather weird accident on the Pickering-Markham townline, Saturday evening. Damage to the rear of the auto was estimated at \$200. It was driven by nineteen year old John Barclay. Two other vehicles were also involved. The Barclay car was struck from behind by another auto driven by Wm. Vanstone of Bethesda.

## Weird Three - Car Collision Causes \$1,950 Damage

Three local cars were involved in a weird collision on the Markham - Pickering townline, miles south of Stouffville, on Saturday night. Total damage to the vehicles has been estimated at \$1,950.00.

The pileup occurred when a car driven by Wm. E. Vanstone, 23, of Bethesda, collided with a northbound auto, driven by John Barclay, 19 of Claremont. The Barclay car was stopped at the approach to the County Highway.

To add to the traffic tie-up, another car, driven by John C. Williams, 22, of R.R. 3, Stouffville, crashed into the stalled Vanstone auto, tossing it on top of a deep roadside snow drift.

None of the drivers were seriously injured.

The Vanstone car, a '57 Meteor, suffered \$1,000 damage. The Williams car, a '58 Ford, was damaged to the extent of \$800.00. The Barclay auto, a '59 Ford suffered \$150.00 damage.

Police Chief Frank Edwards of Stouffville was summoned to the scene and was later joined by P.C. Allan Chadwick of Markham Township Police. icy roads have been blamed for the accident. The collision was one of seven accidents investigated by the Markham Twp. Department in eleven hours on Saturday.

## Hitting "Boy and His Dog" With \$5 Pound Fee, Says Reeve Scott

An increase in pound fees from \$1.00 to \$5.00 as recommended by a committee of Council, was turned down at a special meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday night.

Reeve Sherman Scott stated that such a charge was hitting hard at "the boy and his dog". The Reeve stated that some boy's dog might run away for the first time, but his parents might object to the fee and refuse to have it released.

"Why are we so anxious to increase the pound fee?" questioned the Reeve.

"The idea is to keep the dogs off the roads," explained councillor Edgar James.

"Isn't that the job of the dog catcher?" queried Reeve Scott.

"Why blame the dog catcher?" said Councillor James. "Every time I raise this question, that's the argument."

"It's not the dog catcher's fault if the dogs run at large; it's the responsibility of the animals' owners," continued councillor James.

"It will be imposing a great hardship on children," suggested Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson.

"It will cut down on the dog population," stated the Reeve. "Residents may have a house full of dogs if they wish," stated councillor Ross Hawthorne, "but we want to keep them under control."

Councillor James contended that he felt if a dog was impounded for a third time, it should be destroyed.

It was agreed that the pound fee should be \$1.00 for the first offense; \$3.00 for the second offense and \$5.00 for the third and all additional pick-ups.

On a recorded vote, it was agreed that the license fee for unspayed female dogs should be raised from \$4.00 to \$5.00. The license fee for male dogs will remain at \$3.00. The deadline for the purchase of licenses has been set for May 1st.

It was agreed that all dogs shall be confined to a leash with the exception of farm and hunting dogs when working. It was requested that Mr. Gerrigs, the dog catcher, should submit a monthly report to Council.

Councillor Harvey Spang informed the members that the dog catcher advised against the impounding of cats or the employment of a cat-catcher.

## 120 Girls Participate in Ont. 4-H Home Making Day

Two Achievement Days have completed the Fall project, "Meat in the Menu", for one hundred and twenty 4-H Home-making Club girls in Ontario County.

Six clubs from North Ontario met in Beaverton Town Hall, and seven clubs from South Ontario met at Port Perry High School to exhibit their Record Books and Recipe Files. The girls participated in several activities. They located cuts of beef and pork on a carcass diagram. They planned dinner menus to fit in with the breakfast and supper meals for four days. The main activity was to identify ten actual cuts of meat, and give the recommended cooking method for each.

The program for both days was under the supervision of the Ontario County Home Economist, Miss Wilda Gordon, assisted by Mrs. Clarence Mann, of Peterborough.

Presentations at the Beaverton Day were an exhibit, "Uses of Ground Meat," by Scotch Mills 4-H Homemaking Club; and "Savoury Dishes from Leftover Meat," by Udney Busy Bees South. A three-minute comment was given on each exhibit by a club member, Charlotte Smith and Jean Robertson, respectively. Skits were presented by four clubs. "Vary the Meat in your Menu," by the Sunderland Salty Stitches Club, included all their members. "Making the Most of Our Meat Money" was presented by Mary Ann McCarthy, Carolyn Duffy, Catherine Wright and Marion Gray of Udney Busy Bees north. This same skit was presented by Rathburn County Cooks and also Beaverton Busy Bees.

Twenty-five Certificates of Achievement were presented to girls having completed 2 more units successfully. County Honour Certificates and pins were received by Margaret Veale of Beaverton; Margaret Gray of Rathburn; Catharina Cornelius and Beth McGinnis of Sunderland; Velma Duffy, Udney N.; Beverly Newman, Udney South. These girls have completed six Homemaking Club units.

Jean Robertson, Udney, was the recipient of her Provincial Honour. She has completed 12 Homemaking Club units.

The afternoon programme in the Port Perry High School included five exhibits. Bethesda Bluebellies presented "Savoury Dishes from Left-over Meat," commented on by Gloria Ash-

hurst. "Uses of Ground Meat" was the choice of Brougham Merry Mixers and Mount Zion Merry Homemakers. Commentators for these exhibits were Dorothy Willson and Anna Willson respectively. Scugog Junior Homemakers presented "How to Choose Meat Wisely," commented on by Gloria Robertson; and Heather McTavish spoke for the Quaker Hill exhibit, "Various Ways of Using Liver."

A demonstration, "The Way To Tender Meat," was given by Marjorie Cowan and Ann Barkey of Altona Meat Cooks. Brookline Happy Circle Club presented, "Making the Most of Our Meat Money," with members Carley Seymour, Lois and Marilyn Downey taking part.

Twenty-three girls were recipients of Certificates of Achievement. County Honour Certificates and pins were presented to Dorothy Willson, Brougham; Mary Kydd, Quaker Hill and Joanne Pugh, Port Perry.

Provincial Honours were received by Marjorie Cowan, Altona, and Donna Samells of Port Perry for completion of their 4-H Homemaking Club units. Silver 4-H Homemaking Club spoons were presented to all members completing the unit, leaders and assistant leaders.

## GREENWOOD

The Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. held their February meeting at Miss Beatrice McLean's on Wednesday night.

Miss Herbert of Toronto spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. M. Minaker.

Mrs. Spracklin of Toronto and her little granddaughter visited with Frank and Mrs. Webb over the weekend.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. A. Morden was taken to the Oshawa Hospital last Monday night. Hope she may soon be home and feeling fine again.

Mrs. John Brooks was in the city most of last week, with her mother, who is ill.

Remember the Annual Oyster Supper to be held in the basement of the church on Wednesday, 4th of March, commencing at 5.30, until all have been served. Ham will be served to those who do not care for oysters. Admission - Adults \$1.25; Public School Children 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Pegg and family were city visitors with the McPhalls last Saturday evening.

Farm Forum met at the Kingstone home last Monday night.

Mr. Joe Pegg left last Friday for Flint, Michigan, to resume his studies and work.

The Indonesian Republic is made up of 179 million persons speaking some 40 languages and clustered on 3,000 islands sprawling across the Equator. Superimposed on the United States, Indonesia would reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

## Hydro Buys Pickering Land

Two adjacent parcels of land, located on the shore of Lake Ontario between Frenchman's Bay and Pickering Beach, were purchased by Ontario Hydro.

The land will be reserved as the site of a future thermal generating station and its purchase is part of a long-range program of acquiring land close to a water supply for further thermal plants to be built as required.

The Commission purchased approximately 26.4 acres with a lake shore frontage of 2,336 feet, contained in Lots 21 and 22, in the Township of Pickering. The transaction also included purchase of 80 acres contained in Lots 19 and 20.

## County Jr. Farmers Choir to Present "Junior Farmer Revue"

The Ontario County Junior Farmer Choir was organized in January 1954. Each year since that time, the choir has staged many successful musical presentations. Last year they presented "Musicaliana" and the year before "Talent Showcase". This year the choir is planning to present "Junior Farmer Revue".

The dates for presentation are - Uxbridge, Wednesday, March 11; Cammington, Thurs. March 11; Brookline, Saturday, Mar. 21.

There are 40 boys and girls in the choir this year. With such a large group the musical show, the "Junior Farmer Revue" should be a very pleasing performance.

Musical instructor for the choir, as in former years, is Mrs. Elsie Dobson, accompanist is Miss Gloria Hastings, of Port Perry.

## Name Committee for Brougham School Centenary Celebration

There are more than 350 ratepayers in School Section 10 of Pickering Township. At a meeting at Brougham School on Wednesday, February 18th, less than 10% of those ratepayers were present, although each and every one had been invited through paid advertisement in the local papers. The contribution of ideas and offers of assistance of many can make a great celebration of the 100th birthday of a school which has meant so much to residents throughout the years. It is reasonable to calculate that in efforts of an overworked minority cannot, no matter how they try, stage as brilliant an occasion as can the whole-hearted effort of every ratepayer. The Centennial celebration is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21.

A letter was read from A. A. Archibald, Public School Inspector, who wished the Committee very success in their undertaking, and said that it was in order to use a small amount of the school funds to finance it.

A resolution was passed that \$300.00 be set aside to provide for expenses. At the moment these do not appear to be too heavy, for the lunch committee

## Burton's General Store Sold To Sault Ste. Marie Couple

The general store, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Burton for the past three years has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon I. McGrath of Sault Ste. Marie. The business will officially change hands on Monday, March 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. McGrath have two children. They are identified with the United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton purchased the store from the former owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Padgett in July, 1956. Mrs. C. L. Overland operated the business prior to that time. Mr. and Mrs. Burton will continue to reside in Claremont. They will take up residence in their recently-renovated home, adjacent to the store.

## Junior Farmers Seed Judging on March 21

The annual Junior Farmers' Seed Judging Competition will be held in the Uxbridge High School on Saturday, March 21st. The Ontario County Junior Farmers' Association sponsor the Seed Judging Competition and also the annual Livestock Judging Competition to be held in May, working in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Uxbridge.

Ronald Werry, President, urged that all executive members support these competitions and encourage participation.

A publicity committee including Jeanne Alsop, Shirley Appleton, Ruby Dusty and Lois Tregunna was elected for 1959.

## Twp. Red Cross Opens Fund-raising Campaign

The annual fund-raising campaign sponsored by the Pickering Twp. and Village Branch of the Red Cross has opened. It is hoped that the \$3,000 collected last year, may be surpassed this Spring. The drive will be completed at the end of March.

Mrs. D. Crichton, President of the local Society, has published a letter to residents of Pickering Township and Pickering Village explaining the worthwhile work of the two branches. Blood donor services, provision of food, clothing and shelter and the distribution of layettes and baby furniture is only a small part of the work done by the Red Cross.

Mr. J. Daniell-Jenkins was the campaign chairman last year. Due to increased services, more funds are needed. Canvassers will call at every home in Pickering Township. Early donations may be mailed to Mrs. D. Crichton, Pickering Post Office. An official receipt will be provided.

White gold is pure gold whitened and hardened by adding nickel.

## Ratepayers Want Provision For Twp. Senior Citizens

Mr. Wm. Fairgrievies of Dunbarton appeared before Pickering Twp. Council on Monday evening to request that some consideration be given to the housing requirements of the municipalities' senior citizens. He said that in the majority of cases, a 960 sq. foot home was too large for elderly persons with no dependents.

"It is unfair to condemn these people in their sunset years to institutional care, herded together in rooms and suffering from lack of privacy," he said.

The ratepayer suggested that areas should be formed for the erection of homes with the support of all levels of government. "We would not be extending charity but would be repaying a debt we owe to all our mothers and fathers," he continued. "We all are benefiting directly or indirectly by the contributions made by them to our general prosperity," he concluded.

Reeve Sherman Scott stated that it was difficult to control such a scheme. He said that the under-sized homes would probably not remain in the hands of the senior citizens and therefore would not be self-sustaining when occupied by others. The Reeve pointed out that as the municipality continued to grow, it might be possible to lower the township's size requirements.

"This problem exists over the entire country," noted the Reeve. "I don't feel that there is any easy answer to the problem from our level of government," he said.

Councillor Harry Ashton agreed that the suggestion had merit and should be forwarded to the township Planning Bd. On a suggestion by Mr. Fairgrievies that the Council provide the accommodation, Reeve Scott frowned on any plan by Council to embark on a housing building programme. He noted further that it would be difficult to assist in a financial way, the promotion of such a project.

"The present Council has too many financial problems to deal with at this time without subsidizing a housing programme," he advised.

## ALTONA

Don't forget the special ratepayers' meeting of S.S. No. 17, Pickering, at Altona, tonight, Thursday, Feb. 26th at 8 p.m. This is just a reminder as there was an error in the date in last week's news.

A number from here attended the farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Neal and George on Saturday evening. They will be moving to Stouffville soon.

The regular meeting of the Altona W.M.S. will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Johnson on Monday, March 2nd. Note the change of night as special meetings are being held in the church, starting Tuesday evening. See elsewhere in the paper for details.

## AUDLEY

(Mrs. Fred Puckrin)

A number of the men attended the banquet on Saturday evening at Pickering United Church. The choir sang during the program afterwards. Audley church service was cancelled on Sunday afternoon to enable the men to attend the conference at Pickering.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. James Mitchell and family in the passing of Mr. Mitchell, a mother-in-law, Mrs. Taylor, in her 83rd year. The family attended the funeral in Toronto on Tuesday last week.

Club meets on March 7 at the home of Bert and Mrs. Guthrie.

Some from here attended the concert given by the Ajax High School band in the school at Ajax last week. Some of the local students are members of the band.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Puckrin during the weekend included Mrs. Puckrin's brother Cecil and Mrs. Hollinger and three girls of Cherrywood; also her nephew, Walter Gale and friend of Toronto.

## Renew Garbage Agreement With Markham Village

The village of Markham will be permitted to use the Pickering Township garbage dump for another year. The rate will be \$1,200, the same as in 1958. The garbage caretaker, Mr. Arthur Carleton informed the members that there was still plenty of room in the dump for refuse from Markham Village. He said that eight loads per week were brought in from the village. Pickering Township delivers fifteen loads.

Commencing March 1st, Mr. Ralph Spademan, a collector in both Markham and Pickering Townships, will be charged on a yearly basis of \$600.00. This amount will be payable at the rate of \$50.00 per month.

Recommended New Truck

The garbage committee of Council has recommended the purchase of a new \$12,000 packer-type garbage truck. Councillor Ross Hawthorne suggested that it should be considered as a long-term investment. He pointed out that it could be used in the built-up areas of the Township. The Township garbage area has an assessment of approximately nine million and a population of close to 10,000.

Reeve Sherman Scott suggested that the "Sanl-Van" should be brought in for a demonstration.

## Protest Failure To Blow Whistle

Mr. S. S. Pugh of Whitevale, a former Ward 1 councillor, appeared before a special meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday night. He informed the members that a letter of protest would be forwarded to the Canadian Pacific Railroad over failure of the engineer to blow the train's whistle at a level crossing on the Greenwood Road, north of the 4th concession. Mr. Pugh said that a police cruiser was almost hit when the whistle failed to sound. He said there have been numerous other similar incidents.

Ex-councillor Pugh recommended that the Township should request permission to cut down the approaches to the crossing. He said that the Twp. Road Dept. would do the work but the railroad would pay a portion of the cost.

## Brougham Hall Shows Deficit in 1958

The operation of the Community Hall at Brougham during 1958 showed a loss of \$223.30. This report was presented at a special meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday night. The operating expenses totalled \$549.80. Total receipts were \$326.50.

A prepared statement showed that the hall was used for 32 additional meetings where no charge was made. This included twelve meetings of the Little Theatre Group, ten clinics, two Dept. of Agriculture meetings, two ratepayers' meetings and two banquets.

Reeve Scott noted that he believed the Hall should not operate at a loss.

## Wish to Join Recreation Association

The Claremont Archery Club has requested permission to become a part of the Pickering Twp. Recreation Association. A letter was presented at a special meeting of Council on Monday night.

The Archery Club has a membership of 23 persons. The fee is \$2.00. The club is currently meeting in the Claremont Community Hall. The rental is \$75 yearly. By joining the Township Association, they wish to obtain the usual grant. The matter was turned over to councillor Ross Hawthorne, a member of the Recreation Committee.

## GREEN RIVER

Miss Dianne Postill entertained Mr. and Mrs. VanHassan on Saturday evening, the occasion being Dianne's birthday. Mr. Harold Cassie is enjoying a very pleasant motor trip to Florida and other southern points.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ridge were Saturday callers at the Hutehings home.

Extend the very best of Birthday wishes to Fred Wright who celebrated his birthday on Monday last. Mr. Wright is in his nineties at the present time residing at Fairview Lodge but in spite of his advanced years he still enjoys fairly good health and always looks forward to seeing any of the folks from here who would care to drop in and say Hello to him at any time.

Mrs. Cassie visited with her friends Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stouffville this past weekend.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. A. Pearce on Wednesday evening last. In spite of the adverse weather conditions the attendance was good. The devotional part of the meeting was in charge of Mrs. Orville Beely, after which there was a work session. At the conclusion a delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. V. Irwin and Mrs. W. Chafen.

We understand that Mrs. Alton Hagerman is one of the fortunate who left last week to spend a month's vacation with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Farant at New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Shank on Tuesday evening, March 2 at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Laycock and family of Scarborough Junction were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. Graham and family.

Scientists calculate that a tree has to soak up about 1,000 tons of water to build one ton of wood.

## HELP WANTED

Funds urgently needed by the Pickering Township Red Cross. Please welcome your volunteer canvasser.

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