

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

Results of the Euchre held in the Legion Hall Monday evening were as follows: Ladies, 1st, Arvilla Lehman; 2nd, Vera Riddle; Men's 1st, Sandy Goden; 2nd, Delma Nokes; Travelling prizes—Dorothy Jerome, and Verna Draper; Door prize, Myrtle Loyst.

"Don't Write to Wife," Man Asks

Mr. Phillip Holland, Old Rosebank Road, requested that in the future, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer should refrain from conversing or corresponding with his wife. He said that a letter from township employee, Mr. Cane, should have been addressed to him. He said his dog tag was paid.

"If I had been home, I would probably have thrown him out of my house," he said. He said he wasn't acquainted with Mr. Cane and had only met him on one occasion.

"I don't know what's the matter with Pickering residents," he said, "they're funny people." Mr. Holland stated that he was considering moving out of the municipality.

The monthly meeting of the W.A. will be held in the Sunday School Room of the United Church on Thursday, March 26, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. T. Hammond, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. Gordon Gauslin, Mrs. Fred Evans and Mrs. R. Tansley are in charge of the program.

The monthly meeting of the W.M.S. was held in the Sunday School Room of the United Church, on Thursday, March 13, at 2:30 p.m. with a good attendance, in spite of the stormy weather. The president, Mrs. Robt. Jackson conducted the worship service based on the book of Jonah. Mrs. R. Tansley read the Scripture lesson from Jonah 3: 1-5, and chapter 4: 1-11.

Mrs. George McConnell gave a report of the annual meeting of the W.M.S. of Oshawa Presbyterian held in St. Andrews United Church in Oshawa on Feb. 17th. Mrs. Hugh Gregg rendered a piano solo entitled "The Holy City." The 4th chapter of the study book entitled "Canada—health and welfare is our business," was reviewed by Mrs. F. Loyst and Mrs. Hugh Gregg. Mrs. Loyst gave a paper on the part the W.M.S. contributes to the health of the nation.

Mrs. Grace Rumney of Toronto visited over the weekend with Mrs. G. Clark. The Recreation Committee held a successful teen-age dance in the Hall on Friday evening last. There were over 50 children present.

"Too Big To Make Mud Pies," Dep.-Reeve Replies

No Place For Party Politics—Reeve

Dep. Reeve Mrs. Jean McPherson had her innings on Monday night. In a verbal defence of inferred charges levelled by ward three councillor, Harry Ashton last week, Dep. Reeve McPherson denied that "personalities" ever had, or would prejudice her decisions when dealing with municipal business. She defended her stand at a special meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday evening.

"I'm too big to make mud pies," she stated. "I never have and never will permit personalities to sway my decisions," she said. Last week, councillor Ashton charged that two members of Council were dealing in "personalities." He said that one, and perhaps more names had been purposely omitted from the invitation list for the township's annual Civic Dinner. He said that Mr. Sid Pugh, an ex-councillor and member of the Civil Defence Committee, had been singled out. He declined to mention any names of specific members. Dep. Reeve Mrs. McPherson and Councillor Miss Violet Swan contended that the remarks were directed at them.

"Certain persons are desirous of making newspaper headlines and would go to any limit to reach this end," charged the Dep. Reeve.

Councillor Ashton attempted to interrupt the Deputy Reeve but Reeve Scott thwarted any across-the-table exchanges.

"Mrs. McPherson has the floor," he said.

Referring to inferred charges that "personalities" had entered into township business when dealing with "at least three" municipal employees, Dep. Reeve McPherson flatly denied that she had been guilty of such an offense.

"No individual names were mentioned," replied Reeve Scott. Referring to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Mr. Cane, the Dep. Reeve said that she had opposed his requested salary increase because he had not completed his probationary period.

"When he applied for the job, he told us that wages were secondary in importance and he only wanted to prove he could do the job," she said. She noted that he had underbid other applicants for the position. She said that a committee meeting was held at the Reeve's home and at Brougham to set up the wage scale for employees.

"He came to my home and I told him that a \$300 increase was enough," she said. She noted that Mr. Cane had asked for a \$1,300 increase. "I wouldn't uphold it and voted against it," she said. As far as "personalities" are concerned, if it had been my own brother or husband, I would have opposed the request," she contended.

"I didn't go behind his back to tell him," she noted. Referring to the Civic Dinner at Brougham on Friday evening, Dep. Reeve Mrs. McPherson said that she had not prepared the guest list. She suggested, however, that she favoured the attendance of M.P. Mike Starr and M.P.P. Tommy Thomas. "I only included these men because they are the sitting members," she said.

This idea was strongly opposed by councillor Ashton and Reeve Scott. "It wouldn't be right, especially before an election," said Mr. Ashton.

"We don't want party politics to enter into Township affairs," contended the Reeve.

"Politics was involved in council affairs last year," answered the Dep. Reeve. "I don't think it has this year."

"This year and last year," replied the Reeve. Reeve Scott said if members of Parliament were invited, then the Reeves of Pickering Village, Ajax and the County Warden would also have to be included.

Councillor Mrs. Violet Swan said that she had also felt Mr. Ashton's inference as much as Dep. Reeve, Mrs. McPherson.

"Mr. Ashton didn't intend to attend the dinner anyway," she said. "He's not the mighty defender of the underprivileged," she contended.

Councillor Ashton charged that the ex-Reeves were not to be invited and Mr. Cane, the Welfare Officer, was also not being considered.

"Mr. Pugh's name was deliberately omitted," he charged. Councillor Ross Hawthorne suggested that council members should endeavor to conduct township business in a harmonious manner.

"Whether personalities have entered into council affairs is a mute point," he said. "It's all water under the bridge," he contended.

"The taxpayers are the ones to be satisfied, looked after and considered," said councillor Miss Swan. "That's all I'm concerned about."

"The dinner was a wonderful success and I'm sure every one enjoyed himself," concluded Dep. Reeve, Mrs. McPherson. "You, Mr. Ashton, weren't present and you weren't missed."

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

Permit Cabin near Claremont On Recorded Vote

Mr. Chubb of Toronto, appeared before Pickering Twp. Council on Monday evening to request permission to erect a small cottage or cabin two miles east of Claremont on the north side of conc. 9. He informed the members that he wished to use it only during the summer months. Permission was granted. On a recorded vote, Reeve Scott and councillor Ashton voted against the motion.

The cabin will measure 18' by 20'. The owner said he would issue a guarantee that the structure would never be rented or sold. It is located on a township road but the thoroughfare is not maintained by the municipality.

"The only thing on the property is bush and swamp," said Mr. Chubb. Reeve Sherman Scott contended that council should not encourage the development of summer cottage dwellings. He felt that there was little distinction between a cottage and a cabin. It was agreed that the structure should be removed when no longer needed by the owner. Council will not be required to maintain the road. It cannot be used for more than six months of the year.

Route of C.N. Railway Line Concerns Residents

More Paving Planned For Townline at Altona

Mr. Forrest of Dunbarton appeared before Pickering Township Council on Monday evening to seek further information on the route of the proposed C.N.R. bypass line that cuts through a portion of the municipality. The ratepayer said that residents in the area were afraid the line might cut through their homes. He said it might possibly hold up any development in the section for at least three years.

Reeve Sherman Scott said that information on the proposed route was very vague. He said that it was almost certain to go into Dunbarton. He said he had attended two meetings in Toronto.

"The railway company is a government firm with the power of expropriation," explained the Reeve. "They can do almost anything they wish." He said there were no maps available with any plan of the proposed line.

Reeve Scott said that a Public Meeting would be held in the Dunbarton School on March 25. He said that officials of the CNR would be in attendance. The expected route will be 500 feet north of conc. 1, through Dunbarton, east of the Police station, to join the CNR track at Dixie Road.

Might Turn Over Reforestation Area To The County

Mr. Monohan of the Department of Lands & Forests appeared before Uxbridge Township council on Monday regarding the reforestation area of some ten acres owned by the municipality. He reported that the lot required thinning and it would be advisable to place some white pine. He stated that it had served its purpose as a windbreak and had stopped considerable drifting.

Mr. Monohan suggested that if council did not wish to bear the expense of clearing up the area, it could be turned over to the County and the Forestry Corp. to take on the work. The land was purchased in the beginning for about \$10 an acre.

Mr. Les Morganson interviewed council to ask for an extension of three years to cut off some cedar on lot 10, con. 2, near the O'Boyle property. He offered council \$15 for the extension to 1962 and it was accepted.

BROUGHAM

Mrs. Honey of Port Perry visited with her daughter, Mrs. M. Annis last week. We are sorry to hear Mrs. W. Hamilton has been ill during the past week. All join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

The very severe wind on Sunday night did much damage by blowing down limbs and putting telephones out of order. The Women's Institute met in the Hall on Tuesday afternoon with a fairly large attendance. Mrs. Honey, the "District President" was present and gave a very interesting reading. Mrs. Wannop, convener of Home Economics, spoke on "Rugs". Mrs. Burton also gave a reading. The meeting was then turned over to the program due to the absence of Mrs. Robt. Malcolm. This program consisted of a very interesting reading and a contest. It was decided to start the meetings at 2 p.m. and not 2:30 p.m. in future. Meeting closed by all singing The Queen, followed by lunch served by Mrs. H. Barclay, Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. R. Harden.

Congratulations to Brougham Hockey Team who played Altona on Friday night, beating by a score of 7-1. Next Friday night they expect to play Ringwood. Good luck, boys.

Mr. Dennis Smith of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Beer on Sunday. Mrs. Smith, who has spent the past week with her brother and family, returned home with him on Sunday.

Please remember the W.M.S. Thank-Offering meeting in the Church on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ems, a missionary on furlough from Africa, will be guest speaker.

Euchre was held as usual in the Hall on Tuesday evening with the following as prize winners: Mrs. A. Carlton, Mrs. Jno. Davis and Mrs. Geo. Hammond. Mr. Ross Carlton, Mr. Walter Carlton and Mr. D. Pugh.

Mrs. Kewen and Mr. Dobbie of Oshawa, also Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beer on Saturday evening.

We are sorry to hear Mrs. G. Mutch is in St. Michael's Hospital where she expects to undergo surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Remember the Congregational Pot-Luck Supper in the Hall on Friday evening, March 20. Everyone welcome. A very pleasant evening was held in the Hall on Saturday, when a number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. L.

Make Presentation to Twp. Welfare Officer

Mr. Arthur J. Thompson, former Pickering Township welfare officer, was presented with a lovely travelling bag at the annual Civic Dinner held at Brougham on Friday evening. The presentation was made by Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson.

"We owe a great deal to Mr. Thompson for the way he performed his duties," she said. The Township Dep. Reeve informed the gathering that Mr. Thompson had held four separate positions from 1951 to 1958. He started in the Assessment Dept. in 1951 and later took over the duties of the by-law and school attendance officer. He became the Welfare Officer in 1957.

Reeve J. Sherman Scott was Chairman of the meeting. He welcomed the guests. The guest speaker was Dr. A. M. Moon, Asst. Supt. of Secondary Education.

Claims Twp. Responsible For Stolen Television Set

Mr. Wm. Fairgrieve of Dunbarton appeared before Pickering Township Council on Monday night. He informed the members that a \$269.00 television set, seized by the bailiff for non-payment of taxes, had been stolen. The set was owned by a Mr. Siggon. Mr. Fairgrieve said that Township police had notified the owner of the theft.

"This Council knows nothing about it," replied Reeve Scott. The Reeve contended that he felt the Township was not responsible for the loss. "The owner may be able to take some action against the bailiff," he said.

"The set should have been insured against theft," declared Mr. Fairgrieve. Reeve Scott suggested that the owner should consult his solicitor on the matter.

"Surely the bailiff should notify the Council about the theft," said the ratepayer. "I know nothing about it," replied the Reeve. "I feel we can take no action until we receive a letter from Mr. Siggon. We have not sufficient information on the matter," he concluded.

Upon further questioning, Mr. Fairgrieve said he understood the taxes had still not been paid and that the owner had lost his home.

White and Mr. and Mrs. Stableford met to tender them a farewell party before they move from this district. The program was highlighted by vocal and instrumental numbers: presented by local talent. Barbara and Wallace Pugh entertained with piano duet and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dewitt played on the violin and piano. David O'Blenes of Claremont rendered two fine solo numbers. Mr. and Mrs. White were presented with a small table and two lamps, while Donald White was given an alarm clock. Mr. and Mrs. Stableford were presented with a table and two lamps, while Beverley Stableford was given a brush and comb set. The evening was spent by all enjoying a social game of cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wagg, Gayle and Wendy had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamilton.

Periodic visual examinations would eliminate many drivers who cause accidents, and the number of persons killed and injured because of poor vision would be greatly reduced.

GLEN MAJOR

March 12 Mr. Karl Buzek spent the weekend in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones and boys called on Mrs. W. Hopkins and family; Ashburn, on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson and Randy, Don Mills Rd., visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fizz and Fred. Mrs. Karl Buzek and Caroline spent one day last week in Toronto.

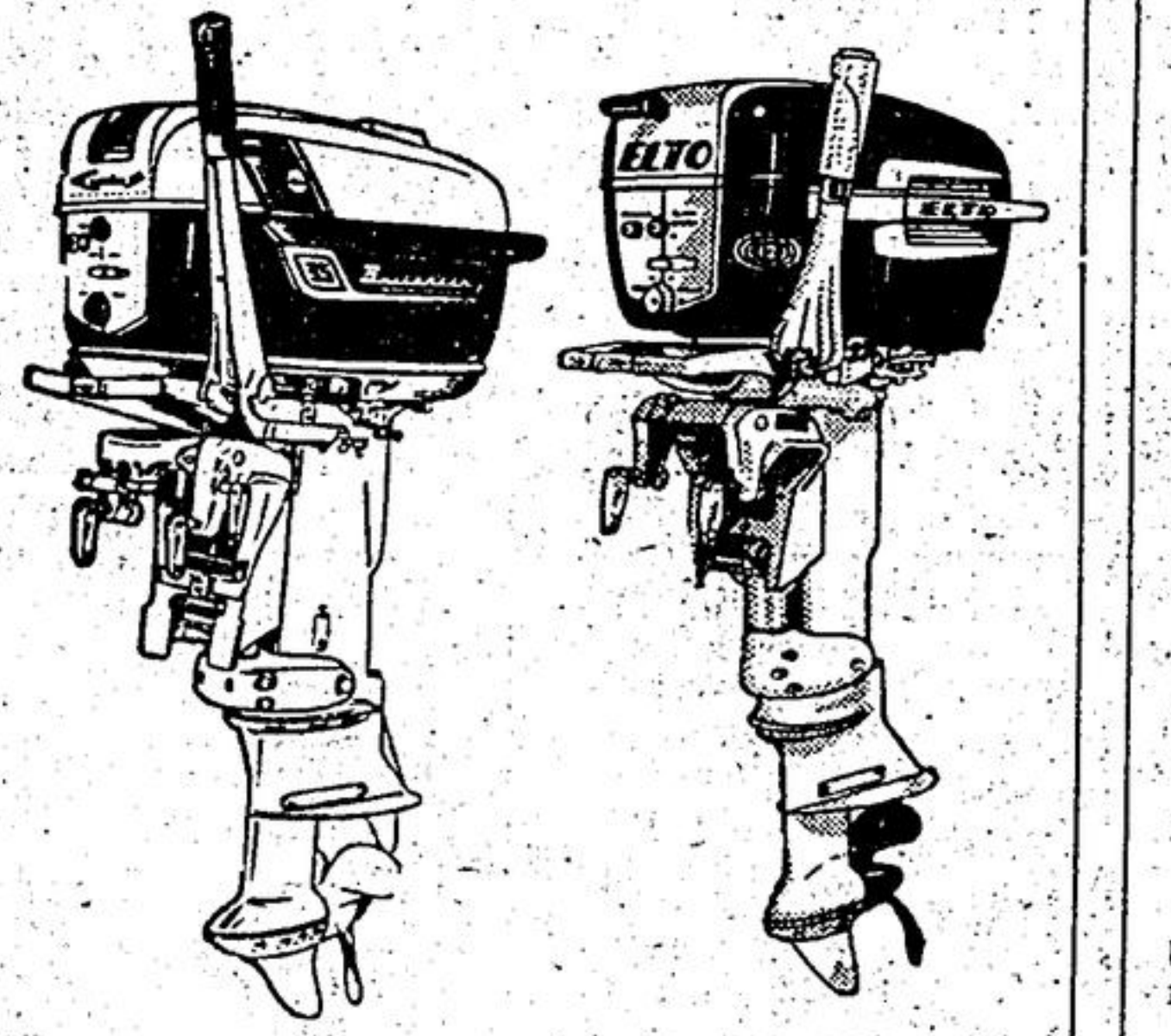
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Holman, Brooklin, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson.

Vicki and Kenny Thrd, Markham, spent a few days last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiss.

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GREEN RIVER

Sorry to hear that a number of the children are the victims of the flu bug. We trust that all will soon be feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ridge of Toronto visited at the Hutchings home on Saturday.

We extend congratulations to Mr. Kenneth Chafen on his achievement in winning the championship prize for large grains at the College-Royal held at the O.A.C., Guelph, recently.

Mrs. D. Shanl visited with Mr. and Mrs. F. Hutchings at Claremont one afternoon last week.

The Ladies Aid held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Hassal on Wednesday evening last. The devotional programme was in charge of Mrs. M. Draper who gave a paper. Mrs. Huber favored us with a vocal solo which was enjoyed by all. After a short work meeting, the hostess, Mrs. R. Huber, and Mrs. R. Hamilton served lunch and, needless to say, everyone enjoyed it.

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