

CLAREMONT, PICKERING TP. NEWS

Plans Not Presented

Deputy - Reeve Asks Legal Opinion On Gas Agreement

The controversial Consumer's Gas pipeline on conc. 2 continues to hold the forefront of debate in Pickering Township Council. Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson has brought the matter to the attention of the Dep. Minister of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs. Their office has advised that a solicitor's opinion should be obtained on the legality of the original agreement drawn up with the Gas Company.

The pipe line has been laid within the road allowance on conc. 2. Dep. Reeve, Mrs. McPherson viewed the project and ordered the work stopped. It was later continued after both the Engineer and the Road Supt. agreed that the line was suitably located.

"This gas line question is not finished by any means," said Dep. Reeve, Mrs. McPherson at a regular meeting of Council on Wednesday evening of last week. She requested that the solicitor's opinion on the agreement should be put in writing. A copy will be presented to the Dept. of Municipal Affairs.

"Why must we obtain legal advice at taxpayers' expense," questioned councillor Ross Hawthorne.

"We spend taxpayers' money on obtaining advice on other legal matters," replied the Dep. Reeve.

Councillor Harry Ashton contended that if there was some question as to the legality of a Township bylaw, it might be proper to obtain a solicitor's opinion on it.

"Did you consult with the Dept. of Municipal Affairs personally," asked councillor Hawthorne.

"I most certainly did," replied the Dep. Reeve. "They certainly didn't come to me," she continued. "I took a witness with me too," she concluded. Mrs. McPherson contended that all drawings should have been presented to Council before the construction work was started. She charged that no plans had been presented or approved by Council.

"I feel that all pipe lines in the Township have been laid illegally," she charged.

"We have had an opinion from our engineer and our Road Supt., why should we present further," enquired councillor Hawthorne.

"I feel that our solicitor can give us a legal opinion," replied the Dep. Reeve. The suggestion was approved by Council.

Sixty-nine Pupils in New Brougham School

Sixty-nine pupils have enrolled in the new Brougham Public School, an increase of nine students over the attendance figure at the end of the June term.

Principal Edwin Challice, formerly of Bethany, has 41 pupils in the senior room, including grades 4-8. Miss Isobel Gregg is in charge of the junior room and grades 1 to 3. She has 28 students. There are eight boys and girls in grade one and five in grade eight.

All the desks in both rooms are in use. The senior room is comfortably filled, but there is plenty of space for additional pupils in the lower grades. The Board plans to install more seats in the near future.

During last week's hot spell, the temperature in the junior class rose to close to 100 degrees. It has been necessary to cover the south windows with filtering tissue until the new drapes are installed. Both rooms are well lighted. The caretaker is Mr. Warren Willson.

Wants Bus to Atha School

A Pickering Twp. ratepayer has requested bus transportation for his children to the Atha Public School, S.S. No. 16. Mr. Alex Bell, conc. 9, appeared before Pickering Twp. Council on Monday night. The Atha School is located on conc. 8.

Reeve Sherman Scott stated that the request should be made to the Atha School Board. He said that such matters came under their jurisdiction.

HOME MAKING CLUB

The 4-H Home Making Club for girls is being organized in Claremont. Girls 12 years and over wishing to join the club please contact Mrs. Ellis Britton or Mrs. Jack Ward before Sept. 21.

Park Bd. Asks Financial Aid For Community Hall

Mr. Kal Vizely, a representative of the Claremont Park Board, has charged that local organizations have threatened to withdraw their groups from the Community Hall unless adequate funds are made available to acquire the services of a caretaker. Mr. Vizely attended a special meeting of Pickering Twp. Council on Monday night.

The Claremont delegation included Mrs. Wm. Welsh, Mrs. Ken Ward, Mrs. Robt. Torrence, Mrs. Lloyd Pugh, Mrs. Geo. McConnell and Mr. Eddie Ortiz.

Mr. Vizely explained that the revenue gained from a number of community organizations was adequate to cover the cost of heating the building. He pointed out, however, that without a caretaker, the Hall was of little use, especially during the winter months. He charged that no financial help had been obtained from either the Township or the Claremont Village Trustees. He noted, that under ordinary circumstances, the Community Hall was in use for five nights of every week commencing in the Fall.

Mr. Vizely informed the members that the Park Board had attempted to acquire additional funds by sponsoring Saturday night dances, but these had not proved too successful.

"They were invaded by hoodlums and since we lack for police protection our returns were cut off," he said.

"Our finances are exhausted," he admitted, "we don't know what to do."

Council agreed that all grants from the Dept. of Education and the Dept. of Agriculture made for recreational purposes should be turned over to the areas where earned. The Claremont Board are entitled to this grant. The Council had further agreed at a previous meeting that a \$1,000 grant would be made to the Claremont Community Hall if a minimum of \$5,000 was expended. The Reeve suggested that further discussion on this proposal should be adjourned until councillor Edgar James could be present. Councillor James is the chairman of the Finance Committee.

Reeve Charges Dept. of Highway Plans Inadequate For Pickering Twp.

"As far as Pickering Township is concerned, future plans by the Dept. of Highways are inadequate in every way, shape or form," charged Reeve Sherman Scott at a special meeting of Council on Monday night. Reeve Scott suggested that proposals by the D.O.H. in preparing connecting links at Highway 401 would not be adequate to cope with the 10,000 population development planned for Frenchman's Bay. Mr. Ian Campbell of the Dept. of Highways was in attendance at the meeting.

Reeve Scott "I personally think the entire scheme to date is most unsatisfactory," he stated.

Mr. Campbell informed the members that certain access roads to Highway 401 would be closed. He admitted that he had no knowledge of the advanced planning by the Dept. of Highways for the south Pickering area.

"I would like to know what long-range plan the Dept. of Highways has with regard to our 10,000 people development?" questioned councillor Ross Hawthorne. "We're crowding 10,000 persons into 640 acres of land

Late Chas. Empringham Born Here

On Tuesday, Sept. 1st, Mr. Chas. Empringham of Claremont passed away in the Oshawa General Hospital. He would have marked his 70th birthday on September 12th.

The late Mr. Empringham was born in Claremont, the son of the late Geo. Empringham and Jane Anne White. For 27 years he was employed as a blacksmith in Scarborough Junction. His warm, friendly personality had won for him a host of friends.

The deceased was a resident of Mt. Zion for a number of years but later returned to Scarborough Jct. Only recently he purchased a new home in Claremont. He is survived by his widow, the former Ida Walton, two sons, Joseph of R.R. 2, Claremont and Lloyd (Buss) of R.R. 1, Brooklin. There are two grandchildren, Charles Jr. and Barbara June. A twin brother, Geo. Empringham resides in Claremont and another brother, Thomas, lives in Thornhill.

Rev. T. H. Fleetham of Mount Zion United Church conducted the funeral service from the McEachnie Funeral Home, Pickering, on Friday afternoon September 4th, with interment in Pine Hill Cemetery. The many friends in attendance showed the high esteem in which Mr. Empringham was held.

The pallbearers were—Messrs E. Boutton, Lloyd Wilson, Ralph Jones, Percy Jones, Kenneth Graham and Norman Stephenson.

Wins in Calf Scramble

Ross Bailey, Uxbridge RR. 4, and Bob Brown, Brechin, were two of ten boys to win a \$100.00 award for catching a calf at the Calf Scramble sponsored by the Ontario Aberdeen Angus Association at the C.N.E. on Wednesday, September 9, 1959.

The \$100.00 is to be used towards the purchase of a purebred Aberdeen Angus Heifer to encourage the boy winning the award to start his own herd. The calf is to be shown at the C.N.E. in a special class for calf scramble award winners.

Others entering the Calf Scramble from Ontario County were Donald Linda, Locust Hill RR 1; Doug Scott, Oshawa RR 2; and Donald Wilson, Ashburn RR 1. Each of these boys received a leather overnight handbag and an Aberdeen Angus T-shirt as consolation prizes.

May Close Cedar Glen Pool

The Cedar Glen pool, south of Greenwood in Pickering Township may be closed unless brought up to standards of the Dept. of Health. The action will be taken by the Ontario County M. O. H. In a letter to the Clerk, the Health Officer stated that he would not give his approval to the operation of the pool after 1959 unless it met the standards laid down by the Unit. The matter was discussed briefly by Council at a regular meeting last week.

Councillor, Miss Violet Swan stated that she believed two or three swimming pools were below standard. She said that some had been improved but she understood that there had been no improvement at Cedar Glen.

Asks No Mill Rate Guarantee in Water Area

Councillor Harry Ashton has asked for a guaranteed no mill rate charge in Pickering Township's water area. The issue was discussed at considerable length at a regular meeting of Council last week. Reeve Scott pointed out that he hoped such a charge would not be necessary, but contended that Council could hardly make such a guarantee. It was agreed that the water area should be extended to include all of the township's industrial land.

"We're not creating a water area for people to sit with their tongues hanging out and not get any of it," stated councillor Ashton.

chances of serving some residents in certain areas was quite remote. "With the acquiring of a water plant, it will at least be available in the foreseeable future," pointed out the Reeve. Reeve Scott informed the members that he expected the system would start to show a profit within five years. He noted that the calculations did not include commercial or industrial users.

Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson suggested that the water area should be expanded eastward to the Ajax boundaries.

"I don't care if the area extends to conc. 9, as long as there's no mill rate charge," concluded councillor Ashton.

New 3-room School Opened at Green River

A new three-room public school at Green River was completed in time for the opening of the September term last week. An enrollment of 69 pupils was registered, only a slight change from the attendance figure at the end of June. Only two of the three rooms are presently in use. They are equipped with new desks valued at \$1,500.00.

The new Principal is Mr. Jack Shepherd of Stouffville. He taught formerly at Eau Claire near Mattawa and at Locust Hill for two years. He is in charge of grades five to eight. There are 26 students in the four senior grades. Mr. Danny Tomlinson of Oshawa is in charge of the junior room. There are 43 pupils in grades one to four. The old frame school may be moved to Brougham to be used as a site for a proposed Pickering Twp. museum.

The two usable rooms are quite modern and well lighted. The desks are equipped with non-scratch arborite tops. New drapes will be installed on the windows to keep out the glare of the early-morning sunlight. The blackboards are situated at varied heights in each room, according to the age of the pupils.

Huge Crowd Attends Forsyth Auction Sale

An auction sale in Claremont on Saturday afternoon, the property of the late Mrs. Robert Forsyth, attracted a huge crowd and the excellent articles of furniture and appliances brought attractive prices. The sale, conducted by Auctioneer, A. S. Farmer, was started at 12:15 and completed at five o'clock.

One hand-painted picture brought \$50.00 and an antique cupboard sold for \$40.00. The piano went for \$150.00 and the electric clothes dryer brought \$140.00. The refrigerator was sold for \$75 and a fruit bowl went for \$10.

The main street residence has been purchased by Mr. William Binsted of Green River.

To Discuss Township Zoning Bylaw at a Special Meeting Friday

A combined meeting of Pickering Township Council and Planning Board will be held on Friday, Sept. 18th to discuss a proposed zoning bylaw for all or part of the municipality.

Planning Board had suggested that the meeting should be held on Sept. 11th. Two members of Council contended that the meeting date should not be set or chaired by the Planning Board.

"The meeting should be held by Council with Planning Board present," stated councillor Harry Ashton.

"It would be putting the cart before the horse," agreed Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson. "I don't think that Planning Board should dictate to Council."

"We're being technical," charged Reeve Sherman Scott, "suppose no members of Planning Board attend. We're splitting hairs," he stated.

Councillor Ashton contended that the date should be set by Council but it should be a convenient time for the Planning Board members.

"I feel we're tarrying too long with this zoning bylaw," said Reeve Scott.

Conduct Of Ratepayer Angers Township Reeve

Two ringing reports from the gavel halted a bitter verbal exchange between a Dunbarton ratepayer and councillor Harry Ashton at a regular meeting of Pickering Township Council on Wednesday night of last week.

Mr. Wm. Fairgrieve, an almost-weekly attendant at Municipal meetings, was ordered by Reeve Sherman Scott to conduct himself in a more orderly fashion or vacate the chambers. He returned to his seat.

The brief but bitter attack occurred when the Spruce Hill Road ratepayer unleashed a volley of questions at the Reeve with regard to the much-discussed Consumer's Gas pipeline on conc. 2. He charged that the public should have been informed of the meeting at which time the issue was discussed at some length. He asked that the Reeve should provide a run-down on the results of the council session.

"You may read it all in the papers," replied Reeve Scott.

"I don't want to read it in the papers, I want a report from you," insisted the speaker.

"I'm not obligated to provide this information," answered the Reeve. The Reeve informed Mr.

Fairgrieve that the council meeting had been legally called.

"Who called the meeting?" queried the spokesman. The Reeve declined to answer but on a similar question from councillor Ashton he said he had summoned the council members together in an effort to differentiate between the official duties of the Road Supt. and the Twp. Engineer.

"Why is the pipe line being laid along conc. 2 and for what purpose," continued Mr. Fairgrieve.

Councillor Harry Ashton suggested that the purpose of the gas line was to carry gas.

On receipt of councillor Ashton's reply, Mr. Fairgrieve lashed out at the member in a vicious verbal attack. He also charged that the Reeve wasn't conducting the meeting in an orderly way.

"You address your remarks through the chair or please leave," shot back Reeve Scott.

Mr. Fairgrieve enquired from Council, who might be responsible if he were involved in an accident where the road was dug up on conc. 2.

"You have the accident first. Then we'll decide," answered the Reeve.

County Field Crops Valued At \$6,491,000

The Ontario Department of Agriculture in its agricultural statistics report for 1958 states the total value of all field crops in Ontario County amounted to \$6,491,200.

The total acreage in field crops last year in Ontario County was 168,000 acres which means that the value of crops per acre was \$38.64.

It is also interesting to note that the acreage of cleared pasture was greater last year than in the previous year. In Ontario County the figure was 86,300 last year compared with 85,700 in the previous year.

Improved farm land acreage showed a decline between 1931 and 1956. In Ontario County the figure in 1931 was 319,676 acres while in 1956 it had dropped to 275,429 acres. The values of the various crops were as follows:

Winter Wheat, \$842,400; spring wheat, \$8,000; oats, \$1,462,300; barley, \$97,100; fall rye, \$41,400; buckwheat, \$8,000; flax, \$600; mixed grains, \$967,200; dry peas \$11,500; corn for husking, \$124,500; corn for fodder, \$374,400; potatoes, \$434,900; field roots, \$120,400; soybeans; hay, \$1,998,100.

C'ty Cattle Valued at \$12,825.00

According to the annual agricultural statistics report, prepared by the Ont. Department of Agriculture, the value of livestock and fowl on Ontario County farms last year amounted to \$16,201,200.

The report states there were 77,450 cattle, valued at \$12,825,400 on Ontario County Farms. In addition there were 47,100 swine valued at \$1,795,200; 16,000 sheep valued at \$381,100 and 2600 horses valued at \$225,800. The value of the 927,700 hens and chickens was \$373,700.

Of interest is the fact that the horse population of the province dropped from 621,600 in 1925 to 115,000 last year.

Chattel Mortgages

The report also states that the number of chattel mortgages in Ontario County showed an increase last year from 1957.

As of Dec. 31, 1958, there were 3981 chattel mortgages, on record and undischarged, in Ont. County. They represented a total of \$5,128,204. In the previous year there were 3,810 such mortgages, representing a total of \$5,115,589 in force in the county.

That the making of creamery butter is becoming an important part of the agricultural picture in Ontario County is borne out by the fact that total production last year set a record for the past 10 years.

The department states that 996,161 pounds were made in Ontario County last year as against 977,180 pounds in the previous year. The previous high mark was in 1949 when 875,321 pounds were made.

FREE POLIO CLINICS OPEN ON MONDAY

The first free Polio Clinics will open in Pickering Township on Monday, Sept. 21st. The vaccinations are being sponsored by the Ontario County Health Unit. There is no charge for the service and it is available to all adult residents living within the boundaries of Pickering Twp.

The first clinic will be held at the Township Hall, Brougham, on Monday afternoon from 6 to 8 o'clock. On Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, the United Church Hall at Dunbarton will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. Residents of the West Rouge area may receive their vaccinations at St. Edward's Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 29th from 6 to 8 p.m.

CLAREMONT

Mr. Keith Norton returned to Queen's University this week where he will continue his studies in Medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lippert of Madoc enjoyed a visit and Monday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Browning and Eruec. The Lipperts also called on other Claremont friends and later in the evening they, with Mrs. Browning, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thomas, Stouffville.

Noted Hymn Writer at Baptist Church Sept. 25

Mr. Robert Harkness, a world-famous hymn-writer and composer of Gospel songs, will be a guest speaker at the Claremont Baptist Church on Friday evening, Sept. 25th at 8.30.

The noted writer and evangelist has composed music for over two thousand hymns and gospel songs besides other compositions, including anthems, instrumental numbers and songs. In addition, he has set to music hundreds of Scripture texts. His program has been presented in all parts of the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, New Zealand and

many other countries. He is the Composer and Director of two popular Hymn Playing Correspondence Courses.

To date, he has conducted three round-the-world tours with two other noted ministers, the late Dr. R. A. Torrey and Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman. He has personally conducted two worldwide trips on his own. Mr. Harkness is an acquaintance of Pastor Carnegie of the Baptist Church.

The special Friday evening service will open a weekend of gatherings that will conclude with the Anniversary Services on Sunday, Sept. 27th.

Explosion Causes Pickering Barn Fire

Welding equipment and a half-ton truck was destroyed when an old barn on the Brock Road went up in flames Friday shortly after 9 p.m.

The welding business was owned by Fred Rowell, who was in the barn grinding some metal at the time.

There was an explosion which apparently occurred in a corner where circuit boxes are located. The barn burst into flames almost at once. Rowell escaped without injury.

Pickering Village firemen responded to the alarm but the tinder dry building was a mass of flames and there was little the brigade could do.

The barn is back off the road behind George Hill's service station and firemen concentrated their efforts in protecting the gas station.

George Hill, working in the garage, said, "I heard the explosion, looked out and the building burst into flames. I went to see if Mr. Rowell was alright and found him outside. He was not hurt."

Man Killed In Uxbridge Car Crash

Archie Backhouse, 76, of 75 Indian Grove, Toronto, died Sunday night shortly after his automobile went out of control on Highway 47, about a mile east of Uxbridge.

Provincial police said the auto was travelling west toward Uxbridge and apparently failed to negotiate a turn, swung across the road, travelled a short distance along a ditch and hit a hydro pole.

Dr. T. Lennox, of Uxbridge, pronounced the man dead on arrival at Uxbridge Hospital.

A passenger in the auto, Mrs. Jane Meech, 48, 7 Roman Ave., Toronto, was not injured but was admitted to Uxbridge Hospital suffering from shock.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion held their first meeting of the season on Thursday, Sept. 10, in the Legion Hall with Com. Ethel Murray in the chair. Connie Blake, a new member, was initiated by the President. Plans for a wedding which the Legion ladies are catering to, were made by the convener, Mrs. W. Lehman and the committee. All business was dealt with and committees for fall and winter activities were formed. The Legion Auxiliary would like to enlarge their membership and will welcome any eligible lady at any time.

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton, with a large number in attendance. A turkey supper was enjoyed by all. A presentation of a very nice lazy-boy chair was made to Stan by Ross Redshaw on behalf of all present.

A very successful meeting was held of the Claremont Library Board on Thursday evening. Librarian Mrs. H. Porter is to be congratulated for her success in obtaining her Class E Library Certificate. This is given to librarians qualifying in the monthly course given by the Department of Education.

The new book purchasing committee is set up and any suggestions as to any books you would like to see in your library, please send along your suggestions to the librarian Mrs. H. Porter or your secretary, Mrs. C. A. Keovil. A few books are now overdue and as other members would like to read them, it would be appreciated if these books were returned to the library. Library hours are—Tuesday afternoon, 5-5; Tuesday night, 7-9; Saturday afternoon, 3-5.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McGuire and family spent Sunday in Toronto visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Udell are visiting with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gliddon.

The committee for the Legion community mixed bowling league held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hollingshead on Tuesday, Sept. 8, to make plans for the 1959-60 bowling which is to be held at the new alleys in Markham starting around the first of October, with a possible eight team league.

The officers for the season are Chairman, Mr. F. Hollingshead, Secretary, Mrs. Doug Norton; Treas., Mrs. F. Hollingshead.

Mrs. Madill from the west is visiting with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Madill.

The Girl Guide Company and the Brownie Pack got off to another season of activity Thursday, Sept. 10. There are twenty-four Brownies and twenty-two Guides. The Brownie leaders are Mrs. Doreen Welsh—Brown Owl; Mrs. Lorraine McLeod—Tawny Owl and Gloria Hawthorne—Packie. The Guide Company were pleased to welcome Mrs. Connie Blake as their new Captain and Mrs. Jessie McGuire their new Lieutenant.

Mrs. Kay Hayward, the former Captain, will help out for a month until Mrs. Blake's health is improved. Mrs. Margaret Roszell has also offered her services, and will go in as second Lieutenant. The Company, also the Guide & Brownie Mothers L.A. are most grateful for their request for new leaders. Speaking as a mother, I feel certain all the mothers of all the Brownies and Guides are very grateful to all these leaders who give so much of their time every week so our girls can learn guiding and how to be good citizens. We wish them a very successful year. Also we are very happy that we have men who are leaders in the Scouts and Cubs. They also deserve a lot of credit and by the same token a very successful year is wished them.

A stag party was held for Stan Benson on Friday night at

Records compiled at Uxbridge during 1958 show that 15.99 inches of rain fell in 85 days while 60 inches of snow fell in 57 days. The heaviest fall of snow — 17.2 inches fell last December. There were 12.1 inches in November. That the falls of rain and snow were below normal is indicated by the fact that the normal rainfall is 23.20 inches while the normal snowfall is 67.4 inches.

Miss Shirley Thompson of Tweed visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. Taylor over the weekend. She is on the teaching staff in Toronto.

Mr. Wm. Binsted of Green River has purchased the residence of the late Mrs. Robt. Forsyth. The auction sale on Saturday attracted a good crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Robertson are enjoying a week's vacation in western Ontario.

Mrs. Sam Towner was forced to return home while en route to Edmonton. She took ill in Wisconsin, U.S.A.

In spite of rather cool weather, the regular evening service was conducted in the park on Sunday night.

Ron Hedges and Dean Evans enjoyed an extended motor trip recently to Detroit and points in Northern Ontario, including Sudbury and North Bay.

Miss Joyce O'Brien of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents here.

Mr. Tony Van der Light has purchased the Les Lye home. Mr. Lye plans to take up residence in Uxbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Reynolds spent Sunday with their son, Doug of Bowmanville.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hammond and Mr. Ernie Baker came within four points of capturing the J. O. Little trophy at a recent mixed trebles bowling tournament at Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Prouse of Georgetown were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Arthur Prouse.