

CLAREMONT, PICKERING TP. NEWS

Township-Wide Police Force Would Create Tax Burden

Reeve Sherman Scott has frowned on a suggestion by the Attorney-General's Dept. that the Pickering Township police force should replace the Ontario Provincial Police across the entire municipality. At the present time, the O.P.P. patrol an area north of conc. 3.

"Such a policing system would constitute a real tax burden on farm property owners in our rural areas," pointed out Reeve Scott. He noted that there was no direct township charge for services provided by the Ontario Provincial Police. The Reeve informed the members that the police rate in an area south of conc. 3 was 7.8 mills.

"The mill rate cost in the north end of the township would be substantial," commented Reeve Scott.

Councillor Harvey Spang charged that a township-operated police department over the entire municipality could cost some rural property owners as high as \$80 per year. "I can see no necessity for it," he stated.

The Reeve stated that it was regrettable that any laxity of

law enforcement in North Pickering had been given so much publicity. He contended that any rowdiness had stemmed from only one or two isolated areas. The letter from the Attorney-General's Dept. was signed by Mr. Frank L. Wilson and sent personally to the Reeve.

It stated that the population and assessment of Pickering Township had reached such a density that it might be the appropriate time to consider a municipally-owned police department to cope with law enforcement problems over the entire township.

Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson contended that law enforcement by the O.P.P. over the whole township would be the ideal situation.

Councillor Harry Ashton stated that according to the Police Act, the Ontario Provincial Police were not obligated to cover any area with a population exceeding 5,000 people. He noted also, that they are not obligated to enforce any township bylaws.

Youths Fined On Liquor Charge

A Brooklin district man and two Pickering youths whom he admitted supplying with beer were each fined \$10 and costs in Whitby police court last week. Charged with supplying minors was Patrick Morrison, 25, while Donald A. West, 18, of RR 1, Pickering, and Harold Titterton, 19, of Greenwood, were both charged with purchasing or otherwise obtaining liquor while under 21.

PC Ernest Stoneman, of the Whitby Police Department, told Magistrate Frank Ebbs that he had checked a car at the rear of a hotel about 12:50 a.m. on Sept. 12, and saw two men run out on the street. He said that he apprehended the two youths who admitted being with Morrison, who later admitted giving them two bottles of beer.

Morrison told the court that he was unfamiliar with Canadian law, having lived here only two years.

Pickering Man Hurt In Crash

Manfred Meier, 21, of Pickering was treated at the Ajax and Pickering General Hospital last week for lacerations to head and face suffered in a car-truck collision on No. 2 Highway at the Westway road intersection.

Corporal Peter Hollywood of Pickering township police force said that Meier had begun to make a left hand turn north on the Westway road as a stake truck driven by James F. Beley, 21, of Holloway, near Belleville, was passing.

Damage to Meier's vehicle was \$300. The truck lost a little paint. Charges are pending, he added.

Claremont Man Fined On Careless Driving Charge

Magistrate A. S. Mitchell said an asphalt spreader is a big vehicle "and not easily hidden," as he fined Grant Hardy, RR 1, Claremont, \$25 and costs on a careless driving charge in Oshawa traffic court last week.

Mr. Hardy was involved in a collision with a spreader on Highway 7, a half mile east of Kinsale, July 1, at about 6:30 a.m. He was seriously injured.

He testified he saw no warning signs or flagman before he got to the asphalt spreader. He said the sun was shining in his eyes at the time of the accident. He was travelling east on the highway.

Ontario Provincial Police Constable J. MacDonald testified the spreader could be seen from three-tenths of a mile to the west. He said there was a warning sign on the south shoulder of the road, one-tenth of a mile west.

Noel Labrosse, Kirkfield, told the court he was getting ready to start work on the machine when someone yelled and he turned to see the approaching car, about 30 feet away.

Alex Currie, RR 2, Brechin, said he was about 100 feet west of the machine, slowing traffic and waving it past. He said he had no flag but was using his hand.

He said the car was being driven at a steady speed. "I was standing on the paved portion of the road. I don't think the driver of the car saw me," he said.

The magistrate said Hardy was duty-bound to see a vehicle like that on his side of the road. "If the sun was too bright to see, he shouldn't have been doing the 40 or 50 mph he was doing."

Altona Home Burned To Ground While Family Is Absent

When Mr. and Mrs. James Lyons returned from a cottage at Victoria Harbour on Sunday, they discovered that their insul-brick home on conc. 8, near Altona had been burned to the ground. In spite of efforts by the Claremont fire brigade and neighbours, very little was saved from the structure. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons and two children, Madeline, 13 and Charles, 10 have been residents of Altona for the past five years. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Lyons told the Tribune that the assistance he has received from neighbours has been beyond one's imagination. "I have often considered taking my family back to Toronto but after the way they have treated us, I never want to leave," he said. He noted that they had only recently modernized the house. They have no idea how the fire might have started.

The Ontario Provincial Police of the Whitby Detachment were informed of the fire on Saturday night, and they immediately attempted to locate the owners. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons returned home before they were notified of the loss. "It was quite a shock," he said.

The Altona couple appeared before a special meeting of Pickering Twp. Council on Monday night to request permission to live in a temporary dwelling until a permanent home could be erected. The request was granted on a motion by councillor Harvey Spang and Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson. "I intend to keep my family together," said Mr. Lyons.

The residence was formerly the old Pallister home on the Uxbridge-Pickering townline. If the foundation is adequate, the owner plans to erect another house on the same site.

Plan To Open \$10,000 Drive For Museum

Mr. Wm. G. Lawson, President of the Pickering Twp. Historical Society, has summoned an important meeting for Thursday, October 1st, in the Municipal Building, Brougham. At this gathering, plans will be discussed for the opening of a \$10,000 fund-raising campaign to establish a Museum in the Municipality.

Representatives from all township organizations are requested to attend. The meeting has been called for 8 p.m.

Districts will be mapped out for canvassers. Members of township organizations will be asked to take part in the municipality-wide project.

The site of the old Brougham Public School had been previously selected as the location of the proposed Museum. It had also been considered possible to purchase and move the old Green River School to Brougham.

Consider Hunting Ban In Built-Up Areas

It is unlikely that Pickering Council will institute a Township-wide ban on hunting. The matter was discussed at some length at a special meeting on Monday night. The members agreed that it might not be necessary to prohibit hunting over the entire municipality but they felt that it should be restricted in the more built-up areas. A similar recommendation was presented to Council by the Township Game Commission.

Councillor Edgar James contended that Council should be guided by the advice from the Game Committee. He favoured the appointment of more Game Wardens to enforce the hunting laws.

Reeve Sherman Scott suggested that this might well be the final year for hunting in the more urban areas of the township.

"I feel no reason to extend the ban over the whole municipality," he said. Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson agreed that the rural districts were not too adversely affected by hunters. Councillor Harvey Spang also agreed.

"I feel that certain areas should be restricted," said the Dep. Reeve.

"It's unfortunate that the pheasant shoot has been extended to ten days," noted Reeve Scott.

"What are we going to do about the Frenchman's Bay district?" questioned councillor Ross Hawthorne.

Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson charged that it was one of the more dangerous areas in the township. She said that one woman reported a shot coming through the living room wall.

"What, buckshot?" queried councillor Hawthorne.

"It doesn't matter if it's buckshot or doe shot, it all can cause injury," answered the Deputy Reeve.

"I live there and I know what shooting goes on," countered councillor Hawthorne.

"This incident occurred before your time," concluded the Dep. Reeve.

Twp. Council Members Voice Confidence In Planning Board

Any suggestion that Pickering Township Council members lacked confidence in their Planning Board was at least partially squelched by Reeve Sherman Scott and Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson at a joint meeting in the municipal chambers on Friday night. The session was summoned to discuss a proposed zoning bylaw that has been prepared and presented to Council by the Planning Board.

Board member and former reeve, Mr. Bill Newman raised the lack of confidence question. He said he had drawn his conclusions from recent press reports.

"Speaking for myself, I would like to state that I have a great deal of confidence in the Planning Board," replied Reeve Scott. "Without its help, Pickering Twp. would find itself in a much worse situation," he continued. He commended the members for their willingness to serve in their present capacity.

Dep. Reeve, Mrs. McPherson echoed the Reeve's remarks. She noted, however, that there were certain aspects of the proposed zoning bylaw that didn't meet with her approval.

Mr. Newman agreed that there were possibly many details in the bylaw that should be altered.

Reeve, stated that the passing of the zoning bylaw by Council was long overdue. He charged that much time had been spent on it by the Planning Board and although minor changes might be necessary, he felt that, on the whole, it was basically correct.

"If the Council lacks confidence in the Board, then I would resign," he stated. He noted, however, by taking such a stand it might only undo many of the things that had already been accomplished in the past eighteen months.

Board member, Hardy Craig suggested that a zoning bylaw was most urgently needed and he recommended that two readings should be given as soon as possible. "Minute investigations can be made later," he said.

Council Harry Ashton warned against any hasty acceptance of the bylaw without careful consideration. He noted that it was sometimes difficult to make changes in it after two readings had been administered.

"Bylaws are continually being changed from week to week," argued Board member, Bill Newman.

Approved in May Board member, Hardy Craig stated that they had spent 18

months in preparing the zoning bylaw. He charged that no word had been received from Council since its presentation.

"If we sit down at this stage of the game and discuss the bylaw point by point, we'll be here for another eighteen months," he said.

Board member, W. Ritchie agreed that the bylaw was approved and presented in May.

Councillor Harry Ashton noted that he had not seen a copy of it until much later. "I don't know where it was in the meantime," he said. "I have been requesting a special meeting on the matter for some time," he concluded.

Dep. Reeve, Mrs. McPherson said she had received her copy in July.

Board member, David Lennox contended that it would be impossible for the entire bylaw to be discussed clause by clause over a period of time without jeopardizing the Township. He recommended that the bylaw should be given two readings and then hold discussions either jointly or separately.

"There are several things in the bylaw that I would not want to give either a first or second reading," contended councillor Ashton. "I would not vote blindly on this matter," he said.

Sunderland Fair Centennial Recalls Main Street Races

The 100th anniversary Brock Fair at Sunderland last week recalls the first races held at fair time. They were staged on Main Street with the horses being driven out west about a mile and raced back to town.

"The first fair," H. W. Spelan recalls, was held about 1851, in a four-acre field on the farm of the late R. E. Parrot, presently owned by Messrs. Bruce and Ray Doble. The late Mr. Samuel Pangman, grandfather of Mr. Robert Charter, was the first president.

Entrance to the fair was by a gate across the street from Mr. Cecil Real's home. There were no buildings, the stock was tied to the fence and the old frame hall where the present Township Hall now stands, was used for other exhibits. A few exhibits were held on the farm of Mr. M. J. Doble just west of the buildings.

"Blackstock", a horse owned by a Toronto man, was sold at the close of one fair for \$400.

No Comment On Election Rumor

Former Pickering Township Reeve, Mr. Geo. Todd has refused to make any official comment on the possibility that he might return as a nominee for a 1960 Council seat. Mr. Todd was questioned by the Tribune at a joint meeting of Council and Planning Board at Brougham on Friday night. It has been rumoured for the past months that he has been giving the matter some serious thought. Mr. Todd is a member of the Pickering Twp. Planning Board and Vice Chairman of the Pickering Dist. High School Board.

It has also been rumoured that former Township Deputy Reeve, Mr. Clare Balsdon was considering a come-back to municipal politics. This suggestion, however, is apparently without foundation.

"There's plenty of time yet and I do not wish to declare myself at present," said Mr. Todd. He noted, however, that he was still vitally interested in township progress and Council work.

Pickering Nomination November 27th

The annual Nomination for the Township of Pickering has been set for Friday evening, Nov. 27th. The Election Day has been set for Saturday, Dec. 5th.

Council members, in discussing the bylaw at a special meeting on Monday night, agreed that the one-week interval between Nomination night and Election day was adequate time for the candidates to conduct their campaigns.

"I feel that the taxpayers draw their conclusions from the candidates themselves and not from campaign speeches," stated councillor Edgar James.

Reeve Scott noted that there were often more candidates than ratepayers in attendance at pre-election meetings. The polls will remain open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Plenty of people borrow money to go off for a good rest, but we'll bet their minds don't rest while they're away.



Hale and Hearty

On Friday, Sept. 18th, Mrs. Celia Baker, Ontario County's oldest resident, marked her 106th birthday at the residence of her daughter on No. 47 highway in Uxbridge Township. In spite of her years, she is still quite active. Sewing and ironing are still part of her daily chores. She

can thread a needle without glasses.

Mrs. Baker was born at Newmarket, the former Celia Ann Dennie. At an early age she worked out in homes around the district to assist in the raising of her eleven brothers and sisters. Her salary was \$1.00 per month. Although she can neither read nor write, she enjoys looking at the pictures in newspapers and magazines. She still retains her permanent teeth. Her diet consists mainly of meat and vegetables. On her special birthday occasion, she enjoyed a piece of cake.

Council Divided On Type Of Zoning Best For Pickering Township

The majority of Pickering Township council members are in favour of some type of zoning in the municipality but they are divided on whether it should be (1) zoned only from conc. 3, south to Lake Ontario, (2) spot zoning throughout the township or (3) blanket zoning over the municipality. These views were aired at a joint meeting of Council and Planning Board on Friday evening.

Reeve Sherman Scott contended that very little consideration had been given to a plan for a blanket zoning bylaw over the entire township. He contended that the area south of conc. 3 was the section that was in immediate need of control.

"Such regulations may interfere with the right of the individual but it must be done for the good of the community as a whole," he said. "I feel that some sort of zoning is absolutely necessary in an expanding area," he concluded.

Ward 2 councillor, Edgar James contended that he was a firm believer in the over-all zoning of the township but in an effort to expedite the passage of the bylaw he would be agreeable to including the area from conc. 3 south to the Lake.

"If we waste much time another year will pass by before we give the bylaw its third reading," he stated. He disagreed with any plan to spot zone the township.

Dep. Reeve Mrs. Jean McPherson favoured the spot zoning plan. She contended also that the whole township should be taken into consideration rather than a single section south of conc. 3.

"I'm not in favour of tying up land south of the third concension," she pointed out.

Ward 1 councillor, Mr. Harvey Spang declined to pass comment on the scheme. Councillor Ross Hawthorne was not present.

Councillor, Miss Violet Swan suggested that the entire township should be included in a general zoning picture. She contended that such a plan constituted a protection to future land-buyers. She stated that the over-all plans could be inspected or obtained from the township office.

"A lot of people are in a complete daze in the Rosebank area," she noted. She said that some land-owners had their back yards in a greenbelt area and their front yards in a residential zone. She agreed that home construction was being done over the whole township and such controls would be an advantage to everyone.

"You can't plan for one-half the township and disregard the rest," contended councillor Ashton. He realized that the Planning Board were under more pressure from the third concension south to the Lake.

"You can't have residences being built recklessly throughout the township, whether it be Claremont or Lake Ontario, if their erection will constitute a school problem," he pointed out. He suggested that an effort should be made to get residential and industrial assessment on a more even keel.

Board member, Mr. Hardy Craig contended that the zoning control measures were more urgently needed in the southerly sections of the township. "If this bylaw had been passed by Council, we could have been concentrating our efforts on the North," he suggested.

Board member, Bill Newman agreed that Planning Board was vitally interested in North Pickering also. "We certainly don't want piggeries in residential areas," he stated. Mr. Newman said he was still quite undecided whether or not the small hamlets in the rural sections should be allowed to grow.

Mr. Wallace Little, Planning consultant, advised the members that it would be unwise for Council or Planning Board to look too far ahead when setting up their zoning bylaw.

South Ontario Plowing Match At Brooklin On October 1th

Farmers all over Ontario are readying their tractors and teams for county and township plowing matches.

The South Ontario match at Brooklin, Oct. 7, will be held on the farm of Frank Batty and son, and the next day on the farm of Wilcott Shea, Manilla.

Each of the county and township organizations are affiliated with the Ontario Plowmen's Association as branches. From these branches are selected the plowmen who will compete in the International Plowing Match to be held this year at Dundas, Wentworth county, Oct. 13 to 16. At this "International" as it is known, two champion plowmen will qualify to represent Canada in the 1960 world match to be held in Rome, Italy.

Plowing matches have been held in Ontario since 1830, but have never been so popular as they are today. Early records show that matches were organized by local agricultural societies in conjunction with their fairs, but by 1910 interest had waned to the point where less than a dozen matches were held.

Association Formed

To revive interest, the Ontario Plowmen's Association was organized in 1911, and matches in various townships and counties became affiliated with the provincial organization.

The first provincial match was held in 1913 on the property now occupied by Sunnybrook Hospital in North York Township. At that time there were 31 entries in horse plowing and one tractor as a curiosity.

By 1926 interest had increased to the extent that the name "International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration" was adopted. In recent years, entries have been as high as 1200, and visitors for the four days have numbered close to 100,000. The International is now rated as the largest outdoor agricultural event in Canada.

The growing popularity of the event can be judged by comparing the match of 1920, held on the Ontario Government hospital farm at Hamilton, with the estimated attendance at Dundas next month. In 1920 there were 40 entries in horse plowing and 19 in tractors. Floyd Lashley, secretary-manager of the O.P.A. is confident this year will see more than 50 contestants in horse plowing and around 450

using tractors. In 1920, \$1600 was offered in prizes as compared with \$15,000 as at present. Kept Objectives

"Despite this growth, the International has kept its principal objectives in mind," said Mr. Lashley. "These are to encourage farmers, and particularly juniors, to adjust and use plows to obtain the desired results; to arouse interest in and give demonstrations of the latest farm machinery; to foster rural skills and to add pride and prestige to farm practices."

To give all 70 branches throughout the province an opportunity to participate, the match is rotated from year to year at the invitation of various counties.

Under this system the county organization which plays host provides a site for a "tented city," land for plowing and parking, tractors and teams for competitors, the necessary public utilities and a prize award banquet for 1,000 guests.

Close to 300 acres are required for plowing competitions and demonstrations, plus another 40 acres for the tented city. Because only a portion of each farm can be used, the project involves anywhere from 12 to 15 farms spread over approximately 2,000 acres.

The tented city is the big attraction for the general public. Here on display is the very latest equipment for the farm and home. Arranged in the form of four streets with frontage on each side of the street, it provides one and a half miles of space for exhibitors and caterers.

In spite of the fact that the tented city is out in the field, local authorities co-operate in providing water and toilet facilities, telephone and telegraph services are available as well as many other conveniences for the comfort and enjoyment of the contestants and public alike.

"During recent years the prize list has been greatly revised and more attention has been given to classes for juniors," Mr. Lashley said. "The introduction of the Inter-secondary school class has proved popular. This gives teachers in agriculture an opportunity to work with students interested in the use of farm machinery, and the plowing match serves as an achievement day for those wishing to learn