

Assessment Increases By \$4 Million In Ontario County

At the last Ontario County Council meeting held in the county building, the County Assessor submitted his fifth report to the Warden and members of the Council.

The report said that all rolls had been returned and every municipality had held their Court of Revision excepting the Township of Thorah.

Subject to the revision of the courts, the report stated that the grand total of all assessments in the County of Ontario as returned by the clerks showed an increase over the last year by some \$4,642,276.31.

The following is a tabulation of the municipalities of the County for 1958 and 1959.

Municipality	1958	1959
Towns:		
Ajax	\$ 8,538,773	\$ 9,782,825
Uxbridge	2,125,095	2,203,280
Whitby	15,396,285	16,418,595
Villages:		
Beaverton	1,166,215	1,201,793
Cannington	819,203	839,796
Pickering	1,625,183	2,003,926
Port Perry	1,823,566	1,871,030
Townships:		
Brook	3,901,815	3,921,775
E. Whitby	3,027,200	3,202,390
Mara	3,303,325	3,893,838
Pickering	15,537,668	16,354,803
Rama	1,354,342	1,390,616
Reach	3,155,514	3,239,787
Scott	2,116,847	2,140,575
Scugog	737,210	856,604
Thorah	2,168,200	2,258,577
Uxbridge	2,284,226	2,332,426
Whitby	5,568,103	6,078,110
TOTAL	\$75,348,770	\$79,991,046

Admit 635 Persons To Ont. County Jail

The fourth report of the standing committee on county property was submitted and approved by the members of the Ontario County Council at its last meeting.

The report stated that during 1959 the changes in staff of the County Jail were less than had been contemplated, for that period, at the time of recruiting staff.

Forty applications had been received during the current year for the position of guard, the report said. The Committee had reviewed these and four of the applicants had qualified for appointment to jail staff. In addition, the report pointed out that it had been necessary for the Committee to authorize the appointment of an other casual matron in order to have available sufficient matrons to guard the female prisoners.

The following information regarding the jail operation from January 1 to Dec. 10, 1959 was released to the county council.

Admissions 635. Re-enter admissions 106. Total 741.

Number of lock-up persons 362. Chest X-rays 337. Prisoners' long distance phone calls 553. Fingerprinting 342.

Average daily population: September 40, October 36, November 45.

During one week in November the average daily population was 50 and on one particular day in November there were 57 prisoners in the jail.

During this year, final payments were made for construction and equipment of the jail. The total cost of the jail was \$891,117.50. Of this amount, the province contributed \$300,000; the county of Ontario paid \$295,558.90 and the city of Oshawa paid \$295,558.90.

May Or June Vote On Hog Plan Likely

The Ontario Farm Products Marketing Board announced last week a plebiscite of hog producers will be held in May or June to determine whether the present system of marketing should be continued.

The board wants to "obtain a clear expression of the thinking of the producers" and clear the confusion "among members of commodity groups and agriculture in general," board chairman George McCague said.

Differences of opinion have been reported within two major Ontario farm organizations and there is a variance of thought "between commodity groups on existing plans and on new plans under consideration as to the responsibility and authority vested in producer boards."

Agriculture Minister Goodfellow said recently he was not certain the present marketing plan was in the best interest of orderly marketing. The best method of sale was one open to the public.

The Hog Producers Marketing Board and its agency, the Hog Producers Co-operative, issued orders effective Dec. 14 this year bringing the whole of Ontario, except for territorial districts, under a compulsory directional program in which all hogs must be assembled at specified yards.

CLAREMONT, PICKERING TP. NEWS

Warden Beath Honoured By County Council

Following time honored custom, Warden Walter Beath was presented with a fine wrist watch at the close of the last session of county council for 1959.

A former warden, dean of the county council, Reeve Rae Ferguson of Uxbridge town made the presentation on behalf of his fellow county councillors.

Reeve Ferguson said, "We are proud of the way you have conducted the affairs of the council and the honor and dignity you have given your high office, both here and at the affairs you have attended outside, representing this council."

In his closing address to council, Warden Beath said, "This has been a year of progress. I can't point to anything spectacular as has been done in other

years, but several things have been done which will have a large effect in the coming year.

"The council's approval of a revised assessor's manual will ensure a more equitable assessment, for the rural man, the urban man and with fairness to north and south of the county."

"I want to express my appreciation to all who have made my work much easier by their co-operation. I would like to pay tribute to the work of the Clerk, Mr. Manning. This year the last of the old folks home property was sold. Mr. Manning has handled all the sales of lots through his office and has put a lot of dollars in the county treasury. "I wish you all the best for the coming year in keeping with the country motto, Peace, Plenty, and Progress."

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hobday from Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rennie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy from Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. McGuire and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Samarillo and family spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. Samarillo's mother and family in Toronto, and the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Hill where a family gathering was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gliddon and family spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Udell, parents of Mrs. Gliddon, in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blake and family spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rennie.

Mrs. R. Carruthers returned home in time for Christmas with her family, after being in Ajax Hospital after the birth of her baby son.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hollingshead entertained her mother and father and family from Uxbridge on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Curtis entertained his parents from Oakville over the Christmas weekend.

The Girl Guides went caroling on Wednesday evening to

the Claremont Rest Home and to Williamson's Rest Home. The patients certainly enjoyed hearing the singing and the owners appreciated the gesture.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bird of Niagara Falls were Christmas Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGrath and family. On Saturday, Miss Hilda Sinclair of Toronto was a visitor at the McGrath home. She returned on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Browning and Bruce visited in Willowdale on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schurman. In the evening, the party attended the N.H.L. game at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pascoe and Jackie enjoyed Christmas Day dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norton. They later visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. Pascoe and family of Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mason and daughter, of Scarborough, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norton Christmas night.

Christmas Day visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bielby were Mr. and Mrs. John Bielby, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bielby and Gail, Miss Mary Bielby, all of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Haslam of Stouffville and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Line and Karen of Maple.

AUDLEY

The annual Sunday School supper was held in the church on Wednesday evening. After the supper, the Rev. M. Buttars showed coloured slides on "The Baby Jesus" and "The Church in Angola". Susan Richards, Peggy Squire and Arthur Puckrin played piano selections. Cheryl Betson sang "Under the Stars". Grace Powell played the piano-accordion. The teachers and pupils exchanged gifts.

Club will meet one week later than usual, on January 9, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown. The Rev. T. Fleetham, of Greenwood, will be the guest speaker.

Miss Susie Puckrin fell recently, fracturing an ankle bone. She has the gift in a cast.

Mrs. G. Griffin, Fenelon Falls, is spending the Christmas holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Geoff, and Mrs. Astley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson entertained a number of friends on Christmas eve, it being their wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Puckrin, Bob, Bill, Judy, Garry Gibson and Bob Betson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Betson, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. George Squire, Peggy and Glenn were with Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Bath and family, Orangeville.

Fred Squire spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. T. Kivell, Brooklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Coxworth, Markham, were with Mr. and Mrs. E. Betson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Powell, Grace and Alan were with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Petty, Cherrywood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Guthrie and family and Mrs. W. H. Guthrie were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barty, Brooklin.

Miss Margaret Puckrin, of Oshawa and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clemence were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hedge, Marilyn and Billy were with Mr. and Mrs. M. Hedge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Guthrie and family were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rose, Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Puckrin and family were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gale, Alderwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Saunders were with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Saunders, Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Puckrin were with Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin, Leskar.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McHugh, Newtonville, were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Izatt.

Miss Georgina Nimageers of Whitby, Mrs. R. Kennedy, Oshawa, and Mr. Neil Witherspoon, Toronto, were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Hurlbert and family were with his parents in Whitby.

Mr. and Mrs. John Puckrin and Arthur were with Mr. Arthur Holliday and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Atkinson and family.

Miss Laura Thompson, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Disney, Pickering, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Kennedy were with Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Pratt. Their daughter Barbara and her husband, Lee Darwin, who moved to California in the fall, were unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Puckrin and their four boys were home from Sprague for a few days at Christmas, visiting relatives.

Mrs. James Cowie, Marilyn, Charles and David and Miss Joy Ford were with Mr. and Mrs. David Rumbie, Richmond Hill, on Saturday.

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GOODWOOD

Happy New Year to all. May it be prosperous in the memory of many happy days for all.

One of the highlights of Christmas is the decorating done in the homes. Now with electric lighting both outdoors and in, it is really a trip worthwhile to take an evening drive.

Many Goodwood homes are worthy of mention, but the star atop Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bunker's home must surely have made many think of the Star of the East. Set upon the hill east of the village, it can be seen by many residents from their own windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wagg had their daughter Grace and Ron James and girls, also son Lloyd and Mrs. Wagg of Brampton with them on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jones and girls and Mr. G. Jones spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones and girls of Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin spent Christmas day with their daughter Kathleen, Reuben, May and family.

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BROUGHAM NEWS

The Sunday School Concert passed off well on Tuesday evening. There was a good crowd in attendance. The children did their parts well and too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. John White and her helpers for all their work. Santa was on hand to give presents and candy bags to all the children and some of the older ones.

Mrs. Wm. Gray visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gray on the holiday.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Association of Saint John's Church will be held on Wednesday evening, January 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Johnston, assisted by Mrs. E. Johnston. The devotional to be taken by Mrs. N. Burton, while the program will be in charge of Mrs. H. Miller. All ladies welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray and sons Russell and Gordon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Gray on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perry were "at home" to all their family including a one 1-week-old granddaughter, on Christmas day.

Mr. M. Hamilton had Christmas dinner with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Balsdon, and in the afternoon visited Mrs. Hamilton at Port Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Salmon of Cannington, also Miss Ann Salmon and Mr. Douglas Mallory of Toronto and Mr. Neal, Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Storey on Christmas day.

We are glad to know that Mr. Wm. Ellicott was able to leave the hospital and be home for Christmas.

Mrs. W. Hamilton and Mr. Oscar Carter spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. E. Carswell at Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Pascoe and daughters, Donna, Debbie and Denise, also Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Knox and daughters Betty-Jean and Fay, also Mr. Wm. Knox had Christmas dinner with the latter's son, John and Mrs. Knox and family at Hampton.

Mrs. Matthews visited with

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harbron of Myrtle on Christmas eve and had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Surplis and Mrs. Wm. Knox who was unable to join the rest of the family at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of Toronto also Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey of London spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. 'Al' Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. English spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Miller and family at Whitby.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mairs and son Jack visited with Mr. and Mrs. Boyington of Uxbridge on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beer visited with Oshawa friends on the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Weir journeyed to Kitchener to be with their daughter and family for Christmas.

Mrs. Lemmon visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middleton at Ashburn for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Willson entertained their son Francis and Mrs. Willson, also Mr. and Mrs. John Remmer for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ems, returned missionaries, and their family, Elwin, Marilee and Donald Bruce who have been staying with friends in Sask., visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Reaman during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ems expect to return to Africa in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Ravey and Douglas, also Mrs. Wm. Ellicott, had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Manson Ellicott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellicott and family had Christmas dinner with her mother, Mrs. B. McGuickin of Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Holtby and Dean spent Christmas with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ford.

We are glad to know Mrs. W. Knox is slowly improving, but she is still confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beer visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sheppard on Saturday.

Pickering Twp. Population Second Highest in County

The total population of Ontario County, including the city of Oshawa is now 119,778, according to figures released by all the assessment departments of the various municipalities in the county.

Largest municipality within the county, of course, is the city of Oshawa, where nearly half the total, 54,896 persons, live. The next largest municipality, strangely enough, is not one of the towns, but the Township of Pickering, with 15,727 persons.

Following are the population totals of the county, by municipalities:

Cities:		
Oshawa		54,896
Towns:		
Ajax	7,982	
Uxbridge	2,236	
Whitby	16,543	
Villages:		
Beaverton	1,111	
Cannington	1,012	
Pickering	1,606	
Port Perry	2,212	
Townships:		
Brook	2,873	
East Whitby	2,416	
Mara	2,236	
Pickering	15,727	
Rama	883	
Reach	2,880	
Scott	1,775	
Scugog	377	
Thorah	1,030	
Uxbridge	2,528	
Whitby	5,335	
TOTAL	119,778	

GREEN RIVER

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Robinson of Uxbridge and friends from Toronto were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. R. Hamilton on Christmas day. Other callers at their home were Mr. and Mrs. A. Percy of Markham, Miss M. Percy and Mrs. W. Appleton of Markham.

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Postill who were married on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Postill was the former Joan-Ann Whippert and the marriage took place in the United Church Parsonage, in Whitevale. Later a reception was held at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. O. Beelby of Unionville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter and Mr. M. Carter were guests with Mr. and Mrs. L. Barrett and family, of Brooklin, on the holiday.

Mrs. A. McKay of Windsor is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Pegg entertained Mrs. Pegg's family on Christmas. There were guests present from London, Goderich, Knob Hill and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Chafen spent last Friday with Mrs. Chafen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Smith of Ajax.

On Christmas Eve a number of the Young People went carolling and delivered boxes to shut-in folks and older people. At the conclusion of the evening they gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Draper for refreshments.

Mrs. D. Shank spent the holiday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Allan Michell and family. Pleased to hear that both Mrs. Shank and Allan are feeling much better.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 31, at 10.30, a watch night service will be held in the Whitevale Baptist Church (Trinity Baptist). Mr. Murray will be in charge and a most cordial invitation is extended to all to come and join us in this service.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bowles and family spent Christmas with Mr. Bowles' brother and family at Washago.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Draper entertained Mr. Draper's parents, also his sister and family, Mrs. L. Lehman, to dinner on Friday last.

Prayer will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Postill on Tuesday, Jan. 5th at 8 p.m. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to come and enjoy an hour of fellowship together.

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