

CLAREMONT, PICKERING TP. NEWS

Mr. Wm. Palmer, well-known Claremont resident, was admitted to the Oshawa General Hospital on Sunday. He had expected to go earlier in the week but no rooms were available until the weekend.

Dances—The regular Friday night dances have resumed in the Community Hall. Music for both square and round dancing is being provided by the Moonlight Valley Boys of Toronto. Admission has been set at \$1.00 each or \$1.75 per couple.

We regret to report that Mr. Harold Dean was stricken with a heart attack last week and was admitted to the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

Mrs. Don Hedges has been on the sick list for the past few days with the flu. Mr. Howard Pugh is reported to be not feeling well and has been confined to bed.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Church congregation was held last week. The Pastor, Mr. John Carnegie was the acting Chairman. Renovations to the Sunday School will be one of the main projects for the current year. According to the Treasurer's report, the church enjoyed a good financial year during 1959.

Ring Found
Geo. Desjardins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Desjardins, found a sterling silver wedding ring on the Brock Road, north of conc. 8, last week. The owner may recover same by phoning Claremont 55W and proving property.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mansell enjoyed a skiing expedition at Kirby during the weekend.

The Township Horticultural Society will hold a meeting at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Tomlinson on Monday evening to arrange for the canvas to be held shortly throughout the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Briscoe of Toronto were Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Briscoe.

A number of local boys will be participating in the Young Canada Minor Hockey Night in the Stouffville Arena on Monday evening, Feb. 1st. Pickering peewees, Newmarket bantams and Whitby midgets will be the visitors.

Your attendance would be appreciated by the Association.

Miss Gloria Hawthorne suffered a broken ankle recently when she fell on the ice at the public school rink.

The W.A. of the United Church will meet in the Sunday School Room on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. Roll Call—"Pay dues for 1960." Program Committee.—Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mrs. R. Morgan and Mrs. F. Cooper. Each member is kindly asked to

bring a friend and introduce her to the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elliot of Scarborough were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Samarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gliddon spent the weekend in Buffalo.

Everyone is invited to attend the Euchre and White Elephant Bingo, Schneider film and buffet lunch under the sponsorship of the Guide and Brownie Mothers L.A., in the Community Hall on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. We were sorry to hear of the accident which occurred to Mrs. Overland recently during a visit to Fairview Lodge, at Whitby: Mrs. A. Samarillo entertained some ladies of the village at a luncheon and card party at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

The L.A. of the Guides and Brownie Mothers held their regular monthly meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Ina Norton. In the absence of Mrs. June Mitchell, Mrs. Kay Hayward, the District Commissioner, chaired the meeting. After the business was completed, the members held a stork shower for Mrs. Irene Levick. She was the recipient of many lovely gifts. A lovely lunch was then served by the hostess and lunch committee.

The Golden Age Group will hold their next gathering at the home of Mr. Evans Ward on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m.

The Good Fellowship Class of the United Church are having a Bowling Night at the old Bowling Alleys in Markham on Friday, Jan. 29. For transportation, everyone is asked to meet at the four corners at 8:15. Ladies are to provide lunch to be served at the church later.

The Women's Institute held their regular meeting in the Community Hall on Wed., Jan. 20. Mrs. Carson demonstrated many cheese dishes. Mrs. W. Hill took current events. The ladies discussed many ways of improving the Community Hall. It was decided to organize a "cleaning bee," along with the help of other groups who use the hall. Anyone interested is asked to be at the hall any time after 9 o'clock in the morning, on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Please bring cleaning equipment and a pot luck lunch.

Euchre Winners—The Euchre Prize Winners at the Legion Hall Monday night, January 25, were — Men's 1st, Tom Hammond; 2nd, L. Thompson; Ladies—1st, Aldine Evans; 2nd, Ella Hammond; Door prize, Dianne Redshaw.

What ever happened to old Pro-Bono Publico who used to write letters to the editor for publication?

Approve C.N.R. Bypass Through Dunbarton

A year of hawling and haggling ended last week as Metro Planning Board approved the CNR bypass freight route through Pickering Township.

The route was the original one proposed by the CNR. In approving it, the board rejected the advice of its planning director, Murray Jones. But it pleased most ratepayer and township groups. The route runs west from Dunbarton (Highway 401 at Dixie rd.) parallel to Concession 2, parallel to Concession 2.

Mr. Jones said this route was better in the long run from the planning point of view. About 75 Pickering residents heard Reeve Sherman Scott declare: "We want the route that will do the least damage."

He said Pickering council wouldn't back any of the proposed routes—not even that of the township's hired consultant.

George Todd, Pickering planning board chairman, said the greater length of the northern (rejected) route would mean greater disruption.

He agreed with W. H. J. Thompson, leader of a rate payers' delegation, who said the new line should follow existing railway-highway routes.

Want Alternate
Mr. Jones and the South-west Pickering Ratepayers' Association plumped for an alternate route—farther north—running

Modern Version of "Ol' Swimmin' Hole" Planned For Whitevale

A modern "ol' swimmin' hole" for Whitevale children and adults is to be built late this spring on Duffin's Creek in this 500-population Pickering Township hamlet. This will be the main 1960 project of the Whitevale Recreation Association, a community-effort group.

The new swimming pool will replace last year's effort, built by backbreaking, sandbag-filling efforts of the men of the association, and washed out a few days after its completion, by a flash flood which carried the dam away.

This time, technical assistance and equipment will be sought from the Pickering Twp. engineer and works department, as well as financial support from the community and from the Pickering Township Recreation Commission, through Council. Second main project will be

improvements to Palk Park—baseball diamond, football field, horseshoe pitch, picnic area, etc.

Plans are being made for a community social evening to raise funds, to be held in February—round and square dancing to live music—date to be announced soon. Other fund-raising activities will be organized. Provincial grants will also be applied for.

Chairman H. Tipton, Whitevale school trustee, announced that \$40 is still in the treasury from the Palk Park opening parade and fair, at which Reeve Sherman Scott officiated.

Members of the committee include: Mrs. Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McNally, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rixon, Mr. and Mrs. Wells Ritchie; and others.

Councillor Spang Opposes Salary Schedule By-law

Ward 1 councillor, Harvey Spang expressed the lone opposition to Pickering Township's salary, schedule by-law that was approved at a special meeting of Council on Monday night. Councillor Spang requested a recorded vote on the by-law. The entire salary issue had previously been discussed in a closed committee meeting. No reason was given for Mr. Spang's stand on the matter.

The 1960 salaries for Heads of Departments were established as follows: Clerk — \$5,800; Road Supt. — \$5,500; Engineer — \$7,400; Assessment Commissioner — \$4,400; Welfare Officer — \$3,600; Bylaw Officer—\$3,600; Special Clerk—\$4,400.

The Welfare Department and Bylaw Enforcement will be split into two separate offices. A new Bylaw Enforcement Officer will be acquired immediately. The Engineer, Mr. T. O. Jefferson, will be granted an assistant for his department. His office will be re-located at Dunbarton. Allerton House has been acquired for a term of one year on a rental basis of \$75 per month.

Suggest Claremont Site For York University

Ward three councillor, Mr. Harry Ashton has suggested that the police village of Claremont might well be considered as the possible proposed site for the new York University. The matter was discussed briefly at a special meeting of Pickering Township Council on

Accidents Costly To Cemetery

Mr. Ben Lotton, a member of the Erskine Cemetery Board, has asked Council to support the erection of a checkerboard at the intersection of Fairport Road. He appeared before a special meeting of Council on Monday night. He stated that motorists were continually driving their vehicles off the road and crashing into the cemetery fence. The damage to date has risen to more than \$100.00.

"The driver is always someone who can't pay for the damage," said Mr. Lotton.

Mr. Lotton also requested that Council consider the donation of a grant towards the upkeep of the cenotaph on the Altona Road.

Reeve Sherman Scott agreed that Council would give both matters their consideration. He noted that they would view the location of the Cemetery when the members conducted their regular road inspection. "Perhaps a checkerboard is at least a partial solution to the problem," said the Reeve.

Monday night.

Mr. Wm. G. Newman had suggested previously to Council that the members should give serious thought to the benefits of acquiring the University in the municipality. He intimated that a more southerly site would be appropriate since it would be adjacent to water and sewerage services. Reeve Scott contended that providing these services would constitute one of the more serious problems.

A committee of nine men was formed to discuss the pros and cons of the new venture. The following names were proposed: Messrs. Wm. G. Newman, Chas. Cooper, Harold Mitchell, Dr. Gordon Edmunds, Wm. Thompson, Prof. LaBrie, Edgar James, Sherman Scott and Allan Lishman. Mr. Kenneth Clarke, a member of the Planning Board, was also named as a tenth member. Reeve Scott suggested that anyone interested in the project would be welcome to attend the initial meeting of the committee.

"The committee will merely find out if we really want the University, or only think we do," said the Reeve. Councillor Ashton pointed out that the dayliner, operated by the C.P.R. would provide excel-

Claims "New Blood" Needed on Board



Wm. G. Newman, a former Reeve of Pickering Township and an ex-member of the Planning Board, has stated to the press that he did not withdraw his name from the Board due to recent criticisms levelled by certain members of the 1959 Council and private ratepayers. He told the Tribune that he only wished to see "new blood" in office.

Requests Exemptions From Added Rates

Pickering Twp. Council took no action on a request from Mr. Harry Newman, requesting that certain properties be exempted from special rates, including fire, garbage, etc. Mr. Newman's letter was filed with Council in 1959 but was held over for action until the 1960 members took office.

Dep. Reeve, Ross Hawthorne contended that Mr. Newman's letter failed to refer to any specific properties. "I would like to know what land is referred to," he said.

Councillor Harry Ashton suggested that the amount of money involved on Mr. Newman's two southerly farms would not be in excess of \$8.00 per year.

"Perhaps the courts would be the best place to decide the issue," stated Reeve Sherman Scott.

Councillor Edgar James contended that the two Newman properties in question could hardly be described as farms. "If we established such a policy, every farm in our water area could claim exemptions," said councillor Ashton.

Editor's Mail

Dunbarton, Ont., Jan. 25, 1960

The Tribune, Stouffville, Ont., Dear Sir,

The biggest task in the near future for Pickering Township Council, is the setting of the tax rate for this year. The tax collector then has the task of getting this tax money into the coffers of the Township.

For several years the arrears of taxes have presented a serious problem and any solution to the reduction of these arrears and making it easier for the taxpayer to meet his obligations should be seriously considered.

In comparing our pre-payment rate of 1% to other municipalities, 1% is a ridiculous low rate and definitely should be increased to a rate where it would be worth an extra effort on the taxpayer's part to get in prepayments. Scarborough shows already a 35% increase in pre-payments this year, and this is a result of an increased percentage this year from 3% to 4%.

The majority of taxpayers in this Township are in a wage bracket going from low to moderate and in a great many cases the gathering of sufficient funds to meet 3 tax payments is a grave matter.

I believe consideration should be given to the possibility of increasing payments from 3 to 4 installments would make the burden much easier to a vast number of people.

The increase of percentage for pre-payment, and the extra bookkeeping involved in a four payment system would be more than offset by taxes coming in more freely and by coming in to a greater extent at the proper time, by the avoidance of short-term bank loans for temporary financing.

For every \$100.00 prepaid at an increased percentage of 1%, the Township would lose \$1.00. For every \$100.00 borrowed from the bank, the cost will be \$6.00. For every dollar of arrears in taxes, the cost of borrowing will be 6% to meet funds needed for township operations, this in turn is passed on to the delinquent taxpayer, thus making it harder for the already over-pressed taxpayer.

Tax payments of any sort, in any field, is a sore matter with most people and it should be the concern of this council to ease the pain of the taxpayer.

—Wm. Fairgrave

Ontario County Council Names Committees for '60

Laying the groundwork for Ontario County Council's work for 1960, members on Wednesday set up the boards and committees within council, which will handle the various departments of government. Members of the roads and bridges committee and the Fairview Lodge Board of Management were named in open balloting. All other committees were named by a special nominating committee. Each committee chose its own chairman.

Although there was no election for the office of warden, there was close competition for all three seats vacant on the road board and four seats on the Fairview Lodge board.

To Road Board—Named to a five-year term on the road board was Reeve Russell Francis, of Thorah Twp., who beat out Deputy-reeve Heber Down, of Whitby Twp., and Reeve John McGillivray, of Scott Twp., on the first open ballot.

Named to a four-year term on the same board was Deputy-reeve Down, on the third ballot. Also in the running were Reeve McGillivray, Reeve Jas. J. Gibson, of Port Perry, Reeve Anson Gerrow, of Seugog Twp.

Elected for a two-year term was Reeve Duncan McDonald, of Rama Twp., on the second ballot. The above three runners-up were also in the running.

Other members of the board are: Reeve Earl, Dowsell, of Uxbridge Twp., who is in office for three years, and Reeve John Mills of Ajax in office for one year. Both were elected by previous councils.

Reeve Mills was named chairman of the road board. It marks the second time in his five years of service on the board that he has been named chairman.

For the first time, members of the Board of Management of Fairview Lodge were all named from within the county council. Until this year Oshawa named two members to the board.

Elected for four years was Reeve Cyril Morley, of Pickering village. In the running were Deputy-reeve Robert Nesbitt, of Uxbridge Twp., and Reeve Wilfred Pascoe, of East Whitby Twp.

Named a member for three years, after five open ballots, was Reeve Pascoe, who beat out Deputy-reeve Nesbitt, Deputy-reeve Edward Oylor, of Reach Twp., and Reeve Erwin Cowie, of Mara Twp.

Reeve Cowie was named a two-year member on the fourth ballot, beating out Deputy-reeve Nesbitt and Deputy-reeve Oylor, and Deputy-reeve Orvan Chambers, of Brock Twp.

Named to the board for one year was Reeve Rae Ferguson,

of the town of Uxbridge, who was also named board chairman for 1960.

Other Committees—Other committees named were as follows: The first named is the chairman in each case, with the exception of the assessment committee which will name its chairman.

Agriculture and Reforestation—Deputy-reeve Robert Nesbitt, Uxbridge Twp.; Deputy-reeve Charles Healy, Mara Township; Reeve Howard McMillan, Reach Twp.; and Deputy-reeve Duncan Wallace, Thorah Twp.

Assessment: Dep-reeve Orvan Chambers, Brock Twp.; Reeve Anson Gerrow, Seugog Twp.; Deputy-reeve Thomas Harris, Port Perry, Reeve Everett Quantrell, Whitby, Deputy-reeve Mrs. Mary Reid, Ajax, and Deputy-reeve Nell Smith, East Whitby Twp.

County property: Reeve Wm. A. Heron, Whitby Twp.; Reeve Wm. J. Beard, Cannington; Deputy-reeve Warren Mowat, Whitby; Reeve Sherman Scott, Pickering Twp.; and Deputy-reeve Edward Oylor, Reach Twp.

Finance: Deputy-reeve John Ball, Uxbridge; Reeve James J. Gibson, Port Perry, Deputy-reeve Ross Hawthorne, Pickering Twp.; Reeve John McCrobie, Beaverton; and Reeve John McGillivray, Scott Twp.

News from Brougham

Following were winners at the W.I. Euchre held in the Hall on Tuesday evening: Ladies—Mrs. M. Elliott, Mrs. A. Carlton, Mrs. Honing, Mr. H. Plaxton, Mr. H. Malcolm and Mr. Ross Carlton. There will be another Euchre on January 26, also Feb. 2, but not on Feb. 9, due to the Institute Family Night and Pot Luck supper held in the Hall.

Rev. and Mrs. Kennedy of Aurora called on Mr. and Mrs. C. Willson one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Blair Evans and family of Claremont spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. Campbell.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Jos. Barjak Jr., in the loss of her father, Sgt. Murray Bruce, who passed away suddenly last week.

Euchre sponsored by Brougham I.O.O.F. and held in their hall at Whitevale on Friday evening proved a real success with the following as winners: Ladies—Mrs. Ross Knox, Mrs. W. Hollinger and Mrs. A. Troyer; Gents—Mr. Walter Booth, Mr. Frank Williams and Mr. A. Troyer.

Sorry to hear the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hughson was taken to the Sick Children's Hospital. All hope he will soon be able to come home again.

The Women's Institute is holding an open meeting in the form of a Family Night on February 9, in the Township Hall. There will be a pot-luck supper. After a short business meeting, Mr. Russell Gray will show slides of his trip out west. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Women's Association of St. John's Church will hold their next meeting on Wednesday evening, February 3, at the home of Mrs. Perry, assisted by Mrs. K. Pascoe and Mrs. Matthews. The Devotional will be taken by Mrs. T. Phillip while the program will be in charge of Mrs. H. Miller.

Congratulations to Master Lorne Annis who had a birth-

day last week when he entertained his friends to a skating party.

The monthly meeting of the W.M.S. of St. John's Church was held at the home of Mrs. G. Hodgson on Thursday afternoon January 21. The president opened the meeting, Mrs. Ray Elliott conducted the worship period assisted by Mrs. Randal Elliott. The reports of the past year were given and proved satisfactory.

Officers for the coming year were installed by past president Mrs. M. Elliott. Mrs. Lindo, the new President, then took the chair and conducted the new business. It was decided that in future the meetings will start at 2 p.m. A lovely lunch was then served by the hostesses, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. A. J. Gray and Mrs. Robt. Miller. All members please note change of starting time.

The Friendly Bible Class will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Malcolm on Monday, February 1, at 8:30 p.m. Mr. H. Malcolm, program convener.

Mr. and Mrs. T. English visited with Oshawa friends on Saturday.

Mr. Challice and his pupils have been busy lately making a place for the pupils to skate.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bent and family of Oshawa called on Mrs. W. Hamilton on Sunday.

AUDLEY

Mrs. Fred Puckrin
The president, Mrs. Cowie, opened the first W.A. meeting of the year with a poem. Mrs. G. Astley read a scripture, followed by prayer by Mrs. Cowie. Mrs. C. Clemence read a paper on stewardship of time. Mrs. J. Puckrin was nominated treasurer to complete the term of Mrs. F. Murray, who had duties to be relieved of her duties. Clothing for the Women's Welfare League is to be handed to Mrs. G. Astley or Mrs. G. Squire by Jan. 27. The annual family supper is to be on February 19.

The annual reports were given, showing a very active year. Mrs. John Puckrin led the worship service; Miss Joan Esdale read the Scripture; Mrs. G. Squire and Mrs. Fred Puckrin presented a puppetshow.

A number of Audley folk enjoyed skating at Brooklin arena on Saturday evening, gathering at the home of Charlie and Mrs. Clemence afterwards for a social hour. Next Saturday, they are invited to the home of Fred and Mrs. Puckrin after skating.

The funeral service was held last Thursday for the late Mr. Herbert Moorhouse. Mr. and Mrs. Moorhouse and their family lived for a few years in Audley in Ronald Cox's house, moving to Whitby in 1935. Sympathy of the community is extended to the family.

\$100,000 Value Placed On Pickering Antiques

Antique articles with a present-day market value of more than \$100,000 have already been promised or collected by the Pickering Township Historical Society for display in the museum to be erected here.

According to W. G. Lawson, president of the Society, three buildings planned to form the nucleus of the Museum will not hold all the objects proffered by contributors as far away as Sarnia. The Society will shortly begin a drive for \$10,000 for completion of and purchase of at least one other building in addition to the log cabin and the old Brougham school which is the Museum site.

Robert Kershaw, Sarnia sewing machine expert, has offered a hand-operated sewing machine used more than 100 years ago in Pickering Township. He had refused an offer of \$1,000 for the machine from a large manufacturing concern some time ago.

The company planned to exhibit the machine in its own museum but Mr. Kershaw declined the offer on the grounds that "children of Pickering Township should see the type of equipment their grandmothers used years ago."

The fund raising campaign is still in the planning stage but already Robert Miller of Brougham has held a series of meetings throughout the northern sections of the township while Mr. Lawson and a committee are "organizing" the southern end. Aid has been promised by every service club and organization in the entire township, he said, and already several of them have sent in their contributions, as have many individuals.

Basically, the Museum will consist of three buildings at the start: The old Brougham "little red schoolhouse," the more than 100 year old log cabin which has been moved from Scarborough and which was one of the oldest buildings in that township, and the board-and-batten schoolhouse, at Green River which, it is planned, will be moved here.

Aside entirely from the fact it will provide much needed space for exhibits, the building itself is an interesting example of early Ontario architecture. Wide vertical planking was used in its construction, with narrow "battens" covering the joints between the vertical

planks, hence the name. Similar construction was used widely throughout early Ontario and many examples of it may be seen along the highways and sideroads of Pickering township today.

It is believed the method was first used by ship's carpenters in the old days when Frenchman's Bay was a busy shipping port for pine and other lumber cut in the township and shipped across the lake to the United States. Several sawmills were in operation along Duffin's creek 100 years ago—and the Museum has been promised some of the old machinery from such mills.

Some of the farm-and-home implements offered, and now stored in a barn in the north end of the township, are so strange that some of the oldest residents of the township are being called upon to identify them.

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