

# Council Criticism Unjustified — Welfare Officer

## Claims Members Lack Knowledge Of Regulations

Uxbridge Township Welfare Officer, Isaac Catherwood sharply criticized some members of council for voicing individual opinions on welfare matters when they lacked sufficient knowledge on the procedure of his department. He referred to some statements made by Deputy Reeve Robt. Nesbitt and Councillor Alvin Redshaw at a regular meeting last month. He addressed council on Monday night. Both Deputy-Reeve Nesbitt and Councillor Redshaw agreed that they had obtained additional information on the handling of welfare cases.

Thought Well Satisfied  
Mr. Catherwood contended that he had thought his past services had been satisfactory to council. "There have been some loud statements made due to an increase in relief bills and apparently the blame has been placed on the Welfare Officer," he said. He suggested that if the members were not satisfied with his work, the entire matter should have been discussed at a special meeting. "You really don't know what you are talking about," he continued, "you don't understand the regulations." Mr. Catherwood stated that his work had met with the approval of senior officials with the exception that he had allowed too much for rents. "Nobody wants these large families and they are forced to move out of towns and villages," he continued. He said that they were required to pay large rental fees. "I try to satisfy the demands of the landlord," he noted.

Payments Too High  
Councillor Redshaw charged that some monthly payments were too high. "I can't understand why they should be more than the wages of some working men," he questioned. Referring to one specific family, councillor Redshaw noted that including the baby bonus, the parents would receive \$280 per month. "The baby bonus has nothing to do with it," answered Mr. Catherwood. "I have dug into this thing and any matter I do not understand, I investigate to obtain the answer."

Councillor Redshaw stated further that relief payments should not be made by cheque. He contended that payments should be made in the form of vouchers. "I know one family that spent half the money in whiskey," said Councillor Hogg. "I have nothing to do with how the money is spent," replied Mr. Catherwood. "If you give a voucher, you know how it's spent," argued Councillor Redshaw. "There are ways of getting around that too," said the Welfare Officer.

Criticizes Report  
Reeve Earl Dowsell criticized the report that appeared in the March 17th issue of The Tribune. He said that comments made by certain councillors on welfare matters had been "over-done". "It has happened before too," he said. He noted further that the newspaper's editorial which appeared in the issue of April 7th was "most untimely". He agreed with the Welfare Officer that such matters would be better discussed at special meetings. He concurred with Councillor Redshaw, however, that the maximum payment of \$180 per month per family was perhaps too high. "Perhaps we should strike a happy medium," he said. "There are many people in the township who are living on \$180 per month and even less and are not complaining," he suggested.

Something Wrong  
Deputy-Reeve Robt. Nesbitt charged that an employee making \$1.00 per hour would receive approximately \$160 per month, minus certain deductions. He noted further, that this same person would be required to pay either rent or taxes. "I still think that relief is the best deal," he charged. "There's something wrong somewhere," he concluded.

Mr. Catherwood informed the members that he was trying to satisfy both the unfortunate and the council. He said that to a certain extent his hands were tied. "There's nothing I can do about it, I have to give it to them," he replied.

## Tax Collector Resigns

After 42 years of faithful service to the Township of Uxbridge, Mr. Distin McDonald has submitted his resignation from the office of Tax Collector. Council were informed of Mr. McDonald's decision by Reeve Earl Dowsell at a regular meeting on Monday night. The resignation was accepted by Council.



"admirable job"  
"We accept the resignation with regret," stated the Reeve. "He has done an admirable job." Reeve Dowsell informed the members that since Mr. McDonald's work had been completed up to date, there was no real urgency for a replacement to be named immediately. The Reeve suggested that the Clerk, Mr. Elwood Foskett might consider the position in addition to his regular duties. "As the municipality grows, we may once again find it necessary to separate the two departments," he pointed out.

## Pave Private Pickering Rd.

Pickering Township Council were informed on Monday evening by the Road Superintendent, that a private road at Frenchman's Bay had been paved. Road Supt. Jack Chapman attended a special meeting on Monday night. He told the members that only three of six roads, in the area were township-owned. He said he had made the discovery after checking through some old bylaws. Reeve Sherman Scott suggested that Mr. Chapman should make further checks into the matter.

Dust Nuisance  
Mr. Jack Liscombe, a Brock Road resident, complained that his property was plagued with dust from a nearby gravel pit. Reeve Scott stated that according to a township bylaw, all pit owners were required to keep such entrances dust-free. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer will bring the matter to the pit-owner's attention.

Municipal Site  
A real estate agent has offered a five acre site east of the Liverpool Road and south of No. 2 Highway for the proposed new township municipal office at a reasonable price. Councillor Edgar James will head a committee to look into the offer.

## "Brought-In Cattle" Warble Fly Problem

Cattle brought into the Township of Uxbridge appear to be most seriously affected by warbles, according to the local Inspector, Mr. Findlay Thompson. The spraying program will begin shortly. The tractor operator is Mr. Leslie Meyers. Mr. Thompson stated that some places in the township were more serious than others. He said that the majority of infected stock had been recently brought into the municipality. "This brought-in stock is a curse," stated councillor Hogg. Mr. Thompson told the members that one herd of cows was covered with warbles "as big as your head". He refused to touch them. "Apparently the warble fly problem has not yet been stamped out," said the Reeve.

## TWO TAX PAYMENTS IN UXBRIDGE TWP.

Tax payments in the Township of Uxbridge will be divided into two separate installments for 1960. The bylaw was given final approval at a regular meeting on Monday night.

The initial installment will fall due on June 15th. The final payment will be due on Dec. 15th. A discount will be allowed for pre-mature payments. A penalty will be collected on delinquent accounts. In previous years, residents made only one payment annually at the end of December. Reeve Earl Dowsell told the Tribune that the municipality could no longer afford to operate for an entire year without a mid-term return, due to ever-increasing operational costs.

## GOODWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL



## In 300-Voice Choir

Sixteen senior pupils from the Goodwood Public School will form part of a 300-voice choir in the Ontario Educational Association Centennial Showcase to be held in the Queen Elizabeth Building, Toronto, on April 20th. The students are under the able direction of Mrs. D. Colby. The group is pictured here—Back Row (left to right) — Dean Hall, Darlene Straughan, Joan Slack, Evelyn Yake, Janet Slack, Iris Maye, Wayne Bell,

Edwin Cook. Front Row, (left to right) — Mrs. D. Colby, Donna Machesney, Dianne Taylor, Cheryl Blackley, Martin Deboer, Doris Slack, Den-

nisl Taylor, Beth Forsyth, Harold Bunker and Eureka Skinner. —Staff Photo

## To Open Museum

Donald Gibson, appointed vice chairman of a Pickering Township Historical Society Museum Committee which met recently at the Council Chambers in Brougham, said that the purpose of such a committee was to endeavor to open the doors of Pickering Township Museum early this summer. Names for committee members were selected.

Robert Miller, chairman of the committee, related that Albert Colucci, director of the Pioneer Village at Edgely, visited the Brougham site of the proposed Museum last week, and declared it well situated. He described 100 year old Brougham School as a splendid building in which to house historical relics, but said that the log house required intensive work to restore it to its original state, which he dated about 1830. Mr. Colucci gave members of the historical society with whom he viewed the site, valuable advice regarding the arrangements now in progress.

The meeting agreed that displays would depict life in Pickering Township and Ontario County as it was from the time of the early-settlers to a fairly recent date. It was felt that there were many Pioneer Museums, but that the Township Museum should show the evolution of the history of the area.

"We do not want to be too severe in our limits," said Mr. Gibson, "Nor do we want a number of unrelated articles."

The Grounds committee, headed by E. C. Pettitjean, and including William Rankin, architect, George Ellis, nursery operator and J. F. Schloen, Ellesmere Nurseries, will collaborate with the Building Committee, comprising Len Weatherstone, chairman; Frank Prouse, township building inspector; W. D. Smith, Charles McTaggart, Ken Pascoe and Burton Dunn.

## EUCHRE RESULTS

Results from the Euchre held on Monday evening in the Legion Hall are as follows: Ladies 1st, Ella Hammond; 2nd, Eva Towner; Men's 1st, Arvilla Lehman; 2nd, Wes Lehman; Door Prize, Jim Phillips. There will be two more Euchre Parties, the final one being on April 25th with special prizes and draw prize.

## Uxbridge Snow Removal Costs Over \$22,000

Snow removal costs in the Township of Uxbridge have soared to a record-breaking \$22,800. This figure was presented to Council by the Road Superintendent, Mr. Stan Slack at a regular meeting on Monday night. The total is \$10,000 more than in 1959 and \$12,000 more than in 1958. This year's figure is \$11,000 above a three year average.

## UXBRIDGE, PICKERING TP. NEWS

### CLAREMONT

The Recreation Committee held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ann Gliddon on Wednesday, April 6. Plans for the swimming programme, baseball and the dances were discussed. Mr. and Mrs. E. Hodgson, Elaine and Fred of Rexdale were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rennie.

April 18th and 25th will conclude the Euchre parties, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Last week's winners were—Ladies, 1st, Elizabeth Goden; 2nd, Sadie Hardy. Men, 1st, Sandy Godin; 2nd, Lenora Loyst; Door prize, Dianne Redshaw.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion will be held on Thursday, April 14. The Zone Commander, Com. Rose Bates will make her annual visit.

The Women's Institute will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, April 20, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Ken Ward will show pictures of England and Scotland. Annual Reports of committees will be given. Mrs. D. Ward, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. E. Cook will be in charge of the programme and lunch. Motto will be "Nothing breeds fatigue like inactivity."

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lawrie of Winnipeg spent a week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McConnell.

Miss Daisy Duerden fell down her cellar stairs on Friday evening and suffered a broken arm. She is presently confined to the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hockley visited with Mrs. C. Hockley on Sunday. She is in the Uxbridge Hospital, following surgery.

The Junior Dance sponsored by the Recreation Committee held on Friday night was a fine success. Seventy-five children were present. The final dance for this season will be held on Friday, April 22.

The Golden Age Group held their gathering at the home of Mrs. Henry Johnston. Movies taken at the Birthday celebration were shown and enjoyed by all.

## Reject Wrecking Yard On Concession 5

Uxbridge Township Council has turned down an application for a wrecking yard license on the 5th concession at lot 16. The request was made by three West Hill men at a regular meeting on Monday night.

"I feel it would not be a good thing for the area," stated councillor Chas. Forsyth.

"There are two wrecking yards there now and 3 would be no better," suggested Dep. Reeve, Robt. Nesbitt.

"Surely we can get a better type of assessment in the area than that," continued councillor Forsyth. Councillor Alvin Redshaw agreed that it was not a good location. "A few may be alright, but not too many," noted Reeve, Earl Dowsell, "we'll have to apply the brakes." Dep. Reeve Nesbitt suggested that in time a worked-out gravel pit in the area could be used for that purpose.

### THE SCOUT AND CUB MOTHERS

L.A. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Dean with Mrs. E. Browning presiding. Plans for the Father and Son banquet were made. Mrs. M. Mansell showed coloured slides of her recent trip to Germany.

The L.A. of the Guides and Brownies will hold their next regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Lorraine McLeod on Monday, April 18 at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Anony were hosts at a wedding reception held in their home on Saturday for Mr. Anony's nephew of Norway and his Norwegian bride.

Congratulations to Mrs. Morgan Evans of this village who will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Saturday, April 16. Mrs. Evans will be at home to her relatives and friends in the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. N. F. Tomlinson suffered a broken arm last week after leaving the Stouffville Arena following a Community League playoff game.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pascoe and Jackie were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thomas, Rupert Ave., Stouffville.

Mr. Fred Evans is recovering after suffering a stomach hemorrhage. He has been confined to bed for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Lloyd Pascoe has successfully completed her examinations and has graduated from the Oshawa School of Hairdressing. She plans to open a beauty parlour in her home in the near future.

Mrs. Gordon McGrath has been confined to bed for a few days this week with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hedges attended the Easter Seal program in Maple Leaf Gardens on Sunday afternoon.

The Stouffville Arena attracted a large number of local residents on three separate occasions during the past week. On Thursday evening, the Midget hockey match was a strong drawing card. On Saturday night, the figure Skating Club Carnival attracted a good crowd and on Tuesday evening there was a goody turnout at the Claremont-Stouffville community league contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boniface attended a Masonic banquet at the Tam-o-Shanter Golf Club on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill and family of Collingwood were recent visitors with his mother, Mrs. Loss Hill. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hicks of Whitby, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmet Hill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Paisley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keith and baby of Concord, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ward and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Norton and family.

## SCRATCH PADS from Jumbo Size down to Note Size get them at The Stouffville Tribune

## Federation Board School

About forty executive members, representing twenty-five different rural organizations within Ontario County, attended the one-day board school, which was held on Wednesday, April 6th, at Haugen's Restaurant, Manchester.

This school was sponsored by the Ontario County Federation of Agriculture for the purpose of providing rural leaders with an opportunity to learn how to conduct their meetings more efficiently and effectively.

Lawrence Doble of Uxbridge, chairman of the education committee of the Ontario County Federation of Agriculture, introduced the course and the leaders taking part. These leaders were Eleanor Saracuse, John Ellbeck, and Frank Willcocks from the Community Programmes Branch of the Department of Education; Lynn Fair, Agricultural Representative; Ray Hergott and Dave Crane, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; and Fred Wicks, York County Federation of Agriculture.

The school covered such topics as, Purpose of Meetings, Notices of Meetings, Agendas, Effective and Ineffective Meetings, Elections, Duties of Officers, and Working with Committees. The participants showed keen interest throughout the day, readily taking part in the question and answer periods, which were part of each leader's programme.

The request for a similar school to be held next year, was one indication of the appreciation of the participants.

## GLEN MAJOR

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jones and Mr. Marvin, Newmarket; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiss visited with Mrs. Wm. Fiss and Edgar on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee, Islington, visited on Thursday last with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hingston.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones who were married 57 years on Friday, April 8.

Mr. Alec Hingston and boys visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hingston on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen, Uxbridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Mac Allbright and girls visited on Sunday with Mrs. T. Riseborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson visited relatives in Newmarket last week.

## Must Pay Dog Tax Fee

Mrs. Elsie Boland, a resident on conc. 3, north of Goodwood, will be required to pay the regular dog tax fee as stipulated by the Uxbridge Twp. Council. Council members agreed that no exceptions would be made. It was reported at a regular meeting in February that Mrs. Boland kept between 20 and 25 dogs on her property. Council refused to grant her a special license.

Reeve Earl Dowsell pointed out that the area was excellent sheep-grazing property and Council could easily run into serious trouble if any animals were attacked. Dep. Reeve Robt. Nesbitt charged that it was totally unnecessary for any resident to keep that many dogs on one property.

## Drivers Blameless in Fatal Brock Road Crash on Feb. 8

Two drivers involved in a fatal car-truck crash on the Brock Road, Feb. 8th were judged blameless last week when a coroner's jury returned its verdict following a hearing held in Pickering Village. Kenneth Rodman, 50, of Whitby and Glenn Carter, 19, of Brougham were fatally injured in the accident. The jury recommended that a curve on the top of a hill near concession 3, should be straightened.

crushed from behind by the shifting load and forced over the steering column up against the instrument panel. He was dead when released from his vehicle. The Carter boy was dead on arrival at the hospital.

There were no witnesses to the accident. The passenger, Robert H. Barton, 19, said he had fallen asleep before the accident and knew nothing until he came to in hospital the next morning. He was seriously injured.

Coroner Dr. W. W. Tomlinson told the jury, "It is feasible that this accident would not have occurred if the road had been straight at this point."

The accident occurred at 6 p.m. on February 8. The truck driver was southbound with a load of mushrooms for delivery in Toronto. The two youths were on their way home from work. They were northbound. The passenger car was reduced to shambles as it was forced back into the east bank of the roadway. The truck driver was

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