

# Pickering Engages Assessment Expert at \$100 per Day

## Appeal Against County Could Cost Over \$3,000

Pickering Township Council has engaged the services of an expert on Municipal Assessment to assist them in their legal battle with the County of Ontario over the 1960 Equalization Bylaw. Mr. Paul Mantha of Ottawa has been acquired on the advice of the township solicitors. No member of council voiced any objection to the plan to proceed with the appeal. The matter was discussed at a regular meeting on Wednesday night.

Reeve Sherman Scott warned the members that the issue could cost the township considerable money. Mr. Mantha will receive \$100.00 per day. Reeve Scott suggested that the case might involve a total of 30 days, including the court hearing. If this period of time is required, the township will expend \$3,000 for the outside service. Both the towns of Whitby and Ajax have also registered appeals. Reeve Scott noted that the County and some northern municipalities had acquired the services of solicitors to protect themselves against the appeals.

"I think we must realize that we are getting into a costly legal gamble," said the reeve.

"Even if it costs us \$5,000 it would not be too much if we must pay a \$17,000 increase per year," stated councillor Ross Deakin.

"This is a new basis of assessment and as far as I'm concerned, it's wrong," suggested Deputy Reeve Ross Hawthorne.

Reeve Scott charged that no satisfactory explanation had yet been given to him with regard to the increase. He pointed out that the county had checked the assessment on 100 lots within the township and had compared them with 100 lots in another municipality and arrived at the conclusion that their sales value was considerably higher. The reeve noted that the three individual appeals would all be heard as one.

"I feel we should proceed," agreed Councillor Clifford Laycox.

Reeve Scott informed the members that the Appeal Court would meet in October.

## Ashburn Man Heads Rosicrucians

On September 23, when the sun on its celestial journey crosses the celestial equator for the autumnal equinox, Rosicrucians throughout the world will commemorate the building of the Great Pyramid.

Rodd R. Appleby, Master of the local AMORC Rosicrucian Pronaos, states that Rosicrucians throughout the jurisdiction of the philosophic Order will gather for a ceremony on September 20, at which time they will symbolically re-enact the building of the Great Pyramid of Cheops.

Since the Rosicrucians, it is said, trace their traditional origin back to the year 1350 BC, when Amenhotep LV was Pharaoh of Egypt and historically known as the first great personality in history, they commemorate their ancient origin by the ritualistic construction of a miniature pyramid. The laying of each stone represents to them the cultural accomplishments of the Order during each year of its existence. The apex will be placed upon a miniature pyramid at a future time when the ideals of the Rosicrucian movement have been realized.

The fete and ceremony will be enacted locally at the Whitby Pronaos AMORC meeting place, 103 Brook Street North, Whitby, at 8:15 p.m. on September 20. The public is cordially invited to witness the ritual and participate in the fete.

## Eighty-two Pupils In Goodwood Public School

The attendance figure at the Goodwood Public School has levelled off at 82 students. The senior room, including grades 6, 7 and 8 has an enrollment of 37. These pupils are located in the new school. Two other rooms are being maintained in the old building.

The staff personnel remains unchanged. They are—Mrs. Eureka Skinner, Mrs. Josephine Wagg and Mrs. Effie Foskett. Mrs. Wagg has grade 1 and 2. Mrs. Foskett has grades 3, 4 and 5.

## Enrollment of 94 at Green River School

The student enrollment at the Green River Public School has climbed to 94. Sixty-nine were registered in September of 1959. The Principal, Mr. Jack Shepherd informed the Tribune that the influx of 19 pupils from schools in Brougham and Whitevale would account for much of the increase. Ten are from the grade eight class at Brougham and nine are from Whitevale. They are transported to Green River by bus.

All three rooms in the Green River School are now in use.

## Overflow Attendance Of Close to 700 at Pickering High School

An enrollment of close to 700 students was registered last week at the Pickering Dist. High School. The building, constructed to accommodate 580, had 570 on the roll last year. In an effort to cope with the attendance problem, 110 students have been shifted to the former Williamson Street Public School. There are now 31 teachers on the staff.

There is a noticeable increase in all grades, although the

greatest influx has been in grade 9. Nine classrooms have been organized to accommodate the freshman body. They will contain 290 young men and women. Grade 11 has 2 classes, the first time that this has been necessary.

The High School Board are anticipating the completion of the new building at Dunbarton which will relieve the attendance problem in Pickering.

## Co-Op Meeting Sept. 28

The annual meeting of the Claremont Co-operative will be held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th in Claremont United Church. The Banquet at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a business meeting at eight o'clock.

Since there will be accommodation for only 130 dinner guests, persons planning to attend are urged to purchase their tickets early. They may be obtained at the Co-op Store or from any Director. Members, unable to attend the banquet, are requested to be present at the business session.

The retiring directors are Messrs. Ralph Faulkner, Aylmer Hood and Lewis Jones. The latter is not eligible for re-election. The President is Mr. Allan Elliott. The Secretary is Mr. R. Faulkner.

## Claremont School Attendance Levels Off At 158 Pupils

It would appear possible that the 1960-61 enrollment at the Claremont Public School has levelled off somewhat, according to the latest figures as presented to the Tribune by the Principal, Miss D. Johnson. On Sept. 8th, 158 boys and girls had been registered. This is an increase of three students over the same period in 1959 but a slight decrease since June. All rooms in the school are comfortably filled.

The largest enrollment is in grade 2 with 27. There are 19 in grade 1. Other class attendance figures are as follows: Grade 3-22; grade 4-10; grade 5-21; grade 6-20; grade 7-18 and grade 8-21.

Two new teachers have been added to the staff. They are, Mrs. B. Norton who will be in charge of portions of grade 2 and 3; and Mr. A. Dickson who will have grades 5 and 6.

## Ten Sr. Students Shifted From Brougham School

In an effort to ease the enrollment problem in the senior classes at the Brougham Public School, ten grade 8 students have been shifted to Green River. A similar experiment is being practised at Whitevale where nine of their pupils are also enrolled in the Green River School. Transportation is provided by school buses from Brougham.

In spite of the shift, the attendance at Brougham is 66, only three less than the total figure that was registered in September, 1959. The Principal, Mr. Edwin Challice is in charge of 35 students in the senior room, including grades 4 to 7. Miss Isobel Gregg has 31 pupils in the junior room, grades 1 to 3. There are 14 beginners in grade 1. The next heaviest class is grade 5 with eleven.

## Announce Winners at CNE Judging

A number of Junior Farmer and 4-H Club members from Ontario County attended the Junior Day at the Canadian National Exhibition on Wednesday, Sept. 7th, and took part in the various sections of the judging competition.

This was a very splendid day for the Juniors with some 350 boys and girls from all over the Province of Ontario competing. There were classes of beef and dairy cattle, sheep, swine, grain, roots, fruit and vegetables to judge, also a tractor driving competition.

The boys and girls participating were entertained after the competition at a complimentary dinner and were also given complimentary tickets to the grandstand for the night performance.

Winners from Ontario County and their placings in the various sections were as follows: Beef Cattle Senior Section, 20th—Cecil Noble, Uxbridge RR 2.

Beef Cattle 4-H Section, 20th—Donald Lindo, Locust Hill RR 1.

Swine 4-H Section, 7th—Jack Coates, Brooklin RR 1.

Dairy Cattle Senior Section, 3rd—Lloyd Wilson, Uxbridge RR 2; 4th—John Leask, Seagrave RR 2; 9th—Neil Raines, Blackwater RR 2.

Dairy Cattle 4-H Section, 16th,

## Council Split - Establish \$500 License Fee On Go-Kart Tracks

Persons wishing to operate Go-Kart tracks in the Township of Pickering will be required to pay a \$500.00 license fee. This decision was reached at a regular meeting of Council on Wednesday night. The third reading to the Go-Kart bylaw was approved on a split recorded vote. Reeve Sherman Scott and Councillors Edgar James and Harvey Spang voted in the negative.

In discussing the permit fee, Councillor Edgar James voiced objection to lowering the license from \$500 to \$250. "Leave it as it is," he suggested.

Councillor Clifford Laycox pointed out that the higher rate would be conducive to obtaining more efficient operators. "We don't want every Tom, Dick and Harry opening up a track in his back field," he said.

Reeve Scott pointed out that a Council should not attempt to prohibit through licensing. He agreed, however, that the

increased fee would possibly restrict all but the most serious promoters. Councillor Laycox informed the members that he had only recently inspected a number of tracks in the United States. He said he was very disappointed in their appearance. "The majority were a mess," he noted.

Council agreed that no track should be located within one-half mile of any dwelling or hotel without the written consent of the owner and tenant. The restrictions will cover the entire township.

Mr. Kerr, a Go-Kart track promoter, informed Council that he had inspected their bylaw and agreed that for the most part, it was good. He contended, however, that the \$500 license fee was high. "If the promoter is making a potful of money and is driving a Cadillac, the fee could be set accordingly," he said. The members declined to change the figure, in spite of the protest.

## Refuse to License Wrecking Yard

Mr. Harry Ashton, Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Township of Pickering, has advised against the issuing of a wrecking yard license at lot 16, conc. 2, east of Claremont. He presented Council with both a written and a verbal report at a regular meeting on Wednesday evening. One ratepayer was present to register a protest.

Mr. Ashton pointed out that since the site was close to the entrance to the village, it would create a nuisance to present and future residents in the area. He pointed out that the new homes being erected in the district are of a good type. He said that the County also registered an objection.

### Further Protests

The request for a wrecking yard license on the Station Rd. filed by Mr. Wilcox through his Solicitor, has raised considerable protest. Mrs. J. E. Lusted was present to register her complaint. She suggested that his business should be confined to conc. 5 "and not spread over the entire township". She contended that it would tend to lower the value of her land.

Reeve Sherman Scott suggested that a complete report would be obtained by Mr. Ashton, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer. He agreed that other objections had been raised.

## Crime Wave Ends With 48 Charges

Pickering Twp. Police believe they have cracked a man-sized crime wave with a total of 48 charges pending against four youths and three juveniles. The four youths, all of Fairport Beach, appeared before Magistrate F. S. Ebbs in Whitby police court last week and pleaded guilty to a variety of charges, not guilty to others.

Remanded for sentence on the charges to which they had pleaded guilty were Ronald Mollins, 16, John Franks, 19, Jas. Franks 18, and Richard Findlay, 18.

Mollins pleaded guilty to stealing gasoline from trucks in the C. C. Smith yard in July; breaking and entering Ivan Simpson's clothing store in the West Rouge Shopping Centre on Aug. 6; breaking and entering a plumbing and heating office, also in August; theft of gasoline from trucks parked at Colonial Homes on Aug. 10.

John Franks pleaded guilty to theft of gasoline, on two occasions in July, from a lumber yard in the township; theft of gasoline, on two occasions, from the C. C. Smith yard; theft of the tools from Consolidated Builders on Aug. 10.

The court was told that this accused had acted as lookout and that it was he who had brought about the arrests by volunteering the information.

Findlay pleaded guilty to two charges of stealing gasoline, from Smith's and from Colonial Homes.

James Franks pleaded guilty to theft of billiard balls, cues, a fireman's hat, and a pool rake from the South West Pickering Fire Hall; breaking and entering the hardware store in the West Rouge shopping centre; theft of the tools at Consolidated Building; and theft of gasoline.

Sgt. John Pugh, of Pickering Twp. Police Department, who gave evidence, said that the billiard equipment and the fireman's hat were recovered in

## Institute Members Are Prize Winners

Brougham Women's Institute made a very good showing at the Port Perry Fair and are to be congratulated on their fine work. Mrs. Burrows' took first on marmalade; Mrs. Annis—second on half-pound box of candy; Mrs. Robt. Malcolm—second on a blouse; Mrs. Milne—third on a hand embroidered nightgown; Mrs. Burrows—3rd on knitted gloves; second prize on bouquet of flowers and second on general display.

## Local Pianist Seeks A.R.C.M.

Fourteen year old Lauretta Anony of Claremont, an honour piano student, is hopeful that she might obtain her A.R.C.M. by enrolling in the Conservatory in Toronto. In an effort to defray the cost involved in the course, she is desirous of obtaining a number of young piano pupils and open her own class of instruction.

A grade 9 student at the Pickering Dist. High School, Lauretta has completed her grade 6 music with honours. Her teacher was Mrs. Barbara Little, West Rouge. She has since moved out of the district. Mrs. Little has recommended Lauretta as an instructress.

The local girl placed second in the Toronto East Festival last Spring. She also was a runner-up in the duet team. She has been studying piano for nearly five years. Parents wishing to obtain further information on rates and hours of instruction, should phone Claremont 18W1.

An increasing number of economists are diligently searching under prosperity to try to find what's keeping it up.



## 107 On Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 18th, Mrs. Celia Baker, Ontario County's oldest resident, will mark her 107th birthday. She resides at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mearle Phillips, 2 miles southwest of Uxbridge. She has gained Province-wide recognition for

her extreme agility in spite of her years. She is pictured here threading a needle without glasses. Mrs. Baker was born at Newmarket, the former Celia Ann Dennie. She worked out in district homes to assist in support-

ing her eleven brothers and sisters. She earned \$1.00 a month. Her diet consists mainly of meat and vegetables. She never learned to read or write but has always enjoyed looking at pictures in newspapers and magazines. —Staff Photo

## Claremont News

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Neville and nine month old daughter Elizabeth left from Malton Airport Thursday morning to fly to London, Ont., to visit a brother, Ernie Austin, a former resident of Stouffville. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Austin are also spending a few days there.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMullen have recently returned from a very enjoyable three weeks vacation in Banff, Alta, British Columbia and many of the West-ern States in U.S.A.

A bus load of Claremont and Brougham residents, along with the Brougham Jr. hall team, went to Abingdon on Thursday evening to see the second game of an O.A.S.A. play-off. Abingdon won 9 to 4.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Samarillo entertained many relatives and friends from Toronto, Scarborough, West Rouge and Claremont at their home Saturday evening to a corn and wiener roast. On Sunday afternoon Leo and Valerie Samarillo entertained many children at another corn and wiener roast.

On Thursday, Sept. 8, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion held their regular meeting with Pres. E. Murray in the chair. General business was dealt with and committees picked for fall and winter activities. Comrades E. Murray, Pres., and J. McGuire, Secretary, will leave next week to attend the Legion Auxiliary Convention being held in Windsor.

Plan to attend the September Tea and Bake Sale sponsored by the Guide and Brownie Mothers L.A. at Mrs. Laura Anony's home, Sept. 23. A beautiful hand made quilt is to be the door prize.

The next regular meeting of the Guide and Brownie Mothers L.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. Ione Goodwin, Monday, Sept. 19. Cars will leave the four corners at ten minutes to 8. All mothers of Guides and Brownies or any interested persons are invited to attend.

The Women's Institute will open their fall season on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Program is on citizenship and education, to be convened by Miss Forsyth. Roll

### BINGO

A monster cash prize Bingo, sponsored by the Stouffville Lions Club will be held in the Stouffville Arena on Thursday evening, Sept. 22nd at 8.30. An admission price of \$1.00 will entitle each player to participate in twenty regular games. A prize of \$5.00 will be offered to the winner. In addition, there will be three share-the-wealth and one free game. The jackpot prize will be \$100.00. The entire proceeds will go toward Lions Welfare Work.

Call is to be answered by naming a famous Canadian citizen. Mrs. R. Jackson will speak on one famous citizen.

Claremont Women's Institute are invited to the Women's Institute at Myrtle on Wednesday evening, September 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Cable of Richmond Hill were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McGuire, also April Monahan of Sutton visited the McGuires. Mrs. Peters of Toronto is enjoying a visit at the home of her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Benson and visited with other relatives in the village.

A car driven by Mr. Jack Bernan of Whitby went out of control in the village on Thursday night of last week and crashed into a tree. The auto was completely wrecked. The driver suffered bruises and face cuts. It is believed that a blow-out was responsible for the accident. The collision occurred on a curve north of the Sarcos plant.

The Claremont firemen were summoned to a blaze on the farm of Mr. Ralph Norton, conc. 5, on Sunday afternoon. A straw stack in the field had ignited.

Miss Marie Lynn and Miss Joyce Norton have been spending their summer vacation in the Laurentians.

A mixed trebles bowling tournament will be held on the local greens on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The winners will receive turkeys. Each participant will receive a chicken.

Keith Carson, Science Teacher at Woodbridge High School, has returned home from a very interesting summer vacation trip.

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## AUDLEY

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## Museum at Brougham Open to Public

Pickering township's newly organized museum opened its doors to the general public last week. It is located west of Brougham on Highway 7 in the old Brougham public school which is itself more than 100 years old.

William G. Lawson, a former reeve of the township and a prime mover in the museum project, said the displays are not only interesting but educational and an effort will be made to make it possible for every township school child to visit the museum.

The historical society obtained much valuable assistance from members of the Royal Ontario Museum in setting up the displays.

On display are Indian relics from the Miller site which has aroused much public interest in the past two years. Most of the antiques have been donated by township residents, descendants of the many families that pioneered here.

On display are butter churns, old fashioned clothes, household utensils, antique farming tools and implements, children's toys and other articles much too numerous to mention.

Besides the old school, nearby is another old log building brought here from Scarborough which is reputed to be one of the first log cabins erected in that township. It will be restored and furnished with period pieces if they can be obtained.

Although the official opening will not take place until next year, the public is invited to view the museum now and review the work of this historical society.