



Two brothers, Wolfgang (left) and Peter Stoerchle plan their 2,850 mile trip that will take them on horseback from The Maples in Uxbridge

Township to Los Angeles, California. Miss Irene Biallas, (centre) Peter's fiancée, will join him six months later. She will travel by plane. Seeking adventure, the German-born pair will leave on Monday with 120 pounds of supplies, sufficient food for two weeks and \$50. They expect

that the cross-country journey will take almost four months to complete.

—Staff Photo

Uxbridge Brothers Plan 3000 Mi. Trip On Horseback to Cal.

On Monday, January 29th, two brothers, Peter and Wolfgang Stoerchle will set out on horseback from The Maples Park, Uxbridge Township, their destination, Los Angeles, California.

To this German-born pair, long-distance hikes are not uncommon. Prior to coming to Canada, they would often embark on cross-country bicycle trips although nothing to compare with this most recent sojourn that will take them an estimated 2,850 miles. On reaching their destination, they plan to settle down to their respective professions, Peter, 21, a hairdresser and Wolfgang, 18, a draftsman.

With twenty-five dollars in their pockets, three horses and sufficient provisions for only two weeks, the two brothers propose "to live off the land" when their supplies become exhausted. Their route will take them mainly through farming areas where they hope to obtain work as part-payment for room and board. They expect that the journey will take at least four months to complete. They will meet two other brothers in Los Angeles and later, Peter will be joined by his fiancée, Miss Irene Biallas, 21.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," she said. She will make the trip by plane.

The three mounts have been used as trail horses at The Maples amusement park all summer and their owner, Mr. Stuart Watts feels they are quite capable of completing the cross-country hike. The pack horse will carry 120 pounds of equipment, including food, a tent, sleeping bags, a rifle, an axe, blankets, a lantern and a shovel. When they reach a warmer climate, the men will sleep outdoors.

"If the horses can stand it, we can," said 21 year old Peter Stoerchle. "They are accustomed to the rugged going," assured Mr. Watts. The details of the trip have been worked out for the past six months.

"We are looking for adventure," agreed 18 year old Wolfgang. "I feel that we will be well received by the people along the way." He suggested that the most difficult times would be experienced during the first two months until they reach a warmer climate. They expressed a hope that they would not encounter any difficulty with United States highway authorities.

The horses had to receive special vaccinations before passage would be permitted across the border. They have been in constant pre-trip training for the past two weeks, completing extensive jaunts over all types of terrain.

COUNTY COMM. NAMED BY NEW WARDEN

Further committee appointments were made by members of the Ontario County Council at the third day of their current session in Whitby. The following were appointed on Thursday.

Entertainment and special events committee: Reeve Edward Oyer, Reach Township, chairman; Reeve Neil Smith, East Whitby Township; Reeve Chas. Healy, Mara Township; Reeve Cecil Fralick, Scugog Twp.; Reeve Orvan Chambers, Brock Township; Reeve J. J. Gibson, Port Perry, and Reeve Patrick Sheehan, Ajax.

Hospital grants committee: Reeve Cyril Morley, Pickering village, chairman; Reeve John McCrorie, Beaverton; Reeve Sherman Scott, Pickering Township; Reeve John Ball, Uxbridge, and Reeve William Beard, Cannington, and Deputy Reeve Duncan Wallace, Thorah Township.

Appointed to the Children's Aid Society of Oshawa and Ontario County were Reeve Everett Quattrill of Whitby, Dep. Reeve John Dancy, of Brock Township, and Reeve Francis Hockley, of Scott Township.

To Hospital Boards — The following appointments were made to the five hospitals which serve the county:

To Oshawa General Hospital board, Reeve Neil Smith, of East Whitby Township.

To the Community Hospital, Port Perry, Reeve J. J. Gibson, of Port Perry.

To the Ajax-Pickering General Hospital, Deputy Reeve Harry Smith of Ajax.

To the cottage Hospital, Uxbridge, Deputy Reeve Norman Hogg, of the Township of Uxbridge.

To the Soldier's Memorial Hospital, Orillia, Reeve Charles Healy, of Mara Township.

DEATH

On Wednesday, January 17th, Miss Eileen Cooper, a former Claremont resident passed away in the Women's College Hospital, Toronto. She had been in ill health for some time.

The deceased had been a long-time employee of the Tip Top Tailor firm in Toronto, for a period that extended over thirty-five years. She was presented with an award after completing 25 years of service with the company.

Besides her mother, Mrs. Frank Cooper, she is survived by two sisters, Rowena (Mrs. Frank Barclay); Isobel (Mrs. William Benson), and two brothers, Richard and Charles, all of Claremont.

Meeting at Brougham Feb. 1st on Assessment

A special meeting, to discuss farm assessments, particularly in the Township of Pickering, will be held at Brougham on Thursday, Feb. 1st at 8 p.m. This plan was approved at a directors' meeting of the Ontario County Federation, conducted in Myrtle last week. The resolution had been previously passed at a public gathering in Manchester on Jan. 9th.

On behalf of farmers in Pickering Township, Allan Lishman read section 35, sub-section 3 of the Assessment Act and related the effect that the application of this portion of the Act was having on several farmers in Pickering. A resolution was passed to amend this part of the Act. It will be sent to the proper authority for approval. All Pickering Township farmers, interested in assessment and its related problems are urged to attend the Brougham meeting next week.

Wallace MacLean Sr. of Udney was elected as President of the Ontario County Federation of Agriculture.

Elected as first and second vice presidents were Lloyd Wilson, Ashburn RR 1, and Gordon Ward, Uxbridge R.R. 3. These men along with the immediate past president, Morrison Colville, Sunderland R.R. 2 will constitute the executive for 1962.

Appointed for another year as secretary-treasurer and press reporter was Mrs. Leslie Meyers, Goodwood. Leslie Meyers, Goodwood, will continue as fieldman for the organization.

The following committees were set up: Finance—Anson Gerrow, Scugog; Laurence Doble, Uxbridge RR 3; Lorne Tindall, Goodwood;

Morrison Colville, Sunderland RR 2.

Insurance — Mrs. John Hamer, Myrtle; Anson Gerrow; Wallace MacLean, Udney RR 1; Gordon Ward, Uxbridge RR 3; Earl Windatt, Beaverton RR 3; Lorne Tindall, Goodwood; Morrison Colville, Sunderland RR 2.

Land Acquisition and Assessment — Ray Ingleton, Brooklin RR 1; Allan Crosier, Blackwater RR 2; Clarence Werry, Oshawa RR 2; Grant Windatt, Gamebridge; Edgar Ward, Claremont; Tom Harrison, Beaverton RR 3; Ralph Jones, Claremont RR 2; Gordon Hepditch, Whitby.

Women's Committee — Mrs. Ronald Stiver, Uxbridge RR 2; Mrs. Edgar Evans, Claremont RR 2.

Education — Morrison Colville, Sunderland RR 2; Mrs. Ramer, Myrtle; Mrs. Shier, Sunderland RR 1.

Beef — Gordon Hunter, Brooklin RR 1; Clarence Hewitt, Beaverton RR 3; Earl Windatt, Beaverton RR 3; Edgar Ward, Claremont; Tom Harrison, Beaverton RR 2.

Poultry — Laurence Doble, Uxbridge RR 3; Douglas Ashton, Ashburn; Melbourne Smith, Sandford; Wallace MacLean Jr., Udney; Keith Rynard, Sunderland RR 1.

The new egg marketing plan was outlined by the secretary and the directors voted in favour of circulating a petition requesting a vote on this plan. It is necessary that fifteen percent of the egg producers in the province sign the petition requesting a vote or a plan before such a vote will be called.

Claremont Library Had Over 5000 Circulation in 1961

(Blanche Keevil)

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, 1962, the Annual meeting of the Claremont Public Library was held. The year as a whole showed a great deal of progress. The reports showed the following highlights.

Presentation of books from the Richardson Century Fund; Claremont Women's Institute donated their book of Institute History; two books were placed in the Library "in memory of the late Reuben Huxtable."

Book Purchasing report showed — 100 volumes of non-fiction; 17 volumes of Reference books; 131 volumes of fiction; 220 volumes for the juveniles — totalling 468 books purchased in '61.

Membership figures show the progress the Library has made in the past three years. In 1958, adult members were 41 — Juvenile members 57. This has been greatly changed today. There are 151 adults and 149 juveniles taking books out to read.

Circulation has taken the same jump. Three years ago adults read 1400 books and the children read 1170 books. Now the adults are reading 1768 books and the children 3351. This year 220 new books have been given to the children and they show by the circulation figures that their books are being enjoyed.

The total circulation used to be about 2800 books a year. The 1961 figure is an all-time high as 5119 books have circulated. Much credit must be given to the Librarian, Mrs. Harry Porter for his great progress, as she is always ready and willing to obtain any books required

and one that they like to read.

As a public Library, this is your library and the books are free to you as long as you are living in the library area. To those outside the area there is a nominal fee. Come visit your library and see the wonderful selection of new books ready for you, Library Hours —

Tuesday 3-5 p.m.; 7-9 p.m. Saturday — 3 to 5 p.m.

LITTLE TIME NEEDED TO ELECT NEW SCHOOL BD.

It took the ratepayers of S.S. No. 12, Pickering Township (Mt. Pleasant) less than thirty minutes to elect two new trustees at a special meeting in the school building on Wednesday evening. Mr. Jack Mitchell drew a majority vote and will replace Mr. Roy Wilson for a two year term. Mr. Hugh Miller was acclaimed for a one year period, replacing Mr. Lloyd Pugh. Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Pugh submitted their resignations at the section's annual meeting on Dec. 27th. Mr. Russell Gostick is the third member of the Board.

The acting Chairman, Mr. Gostick, conducted the election. Mrs. Margaret Pugh was the recording secretary. The meeting was well attended.

The ratepayers restricted their comments to the election issue only as decisions made at the previous gathering were not re-introduced. At that time, it was decided to cancel the agreement with the Claremont

UXBRIDGE, PICKERING TP. NEWS

Fourth Line Uxbridge Residents Reject School Amalgamation Plan

Favour Addition To Present Building

Any program of amalgamation, that would include at least three and possibly five rural school sections in the Township of Uxbridge was dealt a near knock-out blow on Thursday night when ratepayers of S.S. No. 4 (Fourth Line) voted in favour of erecting an addition to their present 36 year old building. The break-down of the ballot was — For - 16, Against - 7.

It had previously been suggested that the section of Glasgow, Fourth Line, Mt. Pleasant and possibly Pine Grove and Glen Major might amalgamate and build one large school to serve the entire area. The majority of Fourth Line ratepayers did not appear satisfied with any plan that would send their children out of the community every morning by bus.

"The bus may be alright for the older students," noted Mr. George Baldwin, "but it's not good for the young pupils". A number of parents appeared to agree with this statement.

School Overcrowded

Mr. Norman Dickinson, a member of the Fourth Line Board informed the gathering that the school, although overcrowded, could continue to operate under present conditions until the end of the June term. He said that the Trustees only wished direction from the ratepayers in order that some solution to the problem could be provided by September. The present enrollment is 50 children. A second teacher would be added to the staff. He said that the Board was inclined to favour an additional room and suggested that an adjoining site to the south of the present structure would be a satisfactory location. With regard to any thought concerning amalgamation, Mr. Dickinson said that the Trustees had not been approached in any formal manner on the plan. He said he knew that such a program was under consideration in one or two other sections.

Waste of Money

A letter from Mr. G. L. Duffin, Asst. Supt. of Elementary Education was read to the meeting by the Secretary, Mr. Ivan Norton. He argued in favour of amalgamation and contended that the construction of new rooms on old schools in rural areas of the township was only a waste of money. He noted further, that it was difficult to obtain qualified teachers under such conditions. Mr. Victor Symes, a trustee at Mt. Pleasant but a ratepayer in S.S.4, expressed agreement with this stand. "I feel we would be farther ahead to build one school for three sections," he said. "I feel that it is coming to that eventually and we are just going to have a number of old schools sitting around vacant". On a motion by Mrs. A. A. Ferguson and supported by Mr. Symes, the amalgamation proposal was placed before the meeting. The Chairman, Mr. Alvin Redshaw ruled that the vote on the addition should be taken first and if defeated, the second motion should be placed on a ballot. The first vote carried.

Original Trustees

The meeting was extremely orderly and attended by 35 persons. Out of this number, only 23 had a vote. Mr. Harold Dickinson and Mr. Dan Norton, two of the original trustees on the Board when the present structure was erected, were in attendance. "It was thought at that time that we wouldn't have enough pupils to fill it and now we're overcrowded," said Mr. Dickinson. Mr. Norton questioned whether some of the students on the southerly border of the section could not be sent to Claremont since pupils of Mt. Pleasant (Pickering Twp.) were to be withdrawn. It was pointed out, however, that bus transportation would be required.

Not Fair Deal

Mr. Wm. Coates argued that the small land-owner should be required to pay an equal amount toward school costs as the farmer. "It's not a fair deal at all," he said. "We should take a stand and start the ball rolling". "I know we would receive the support of other sections". "There are people in this section who are making dollar bills while the farmer is making coppers," said Mr. Coates. "They are the ones who are creating this problem". "Unless someone takes a stand it will always be this way," he concluded.

Referring to suggested amalgamation, Mrs. Geo. Baldwin contended that such a plan would present a number of problems. "Where would the school site be?" she asked. She pointed out that there was no real indication that the Glasgow section was even interested. She criticized any program that would mean transporting the children considerable distances by bus.

Mrs. Nora Geer suggested that if the present building was condemned, it would be best to erect a separate structure on an adjacent lot.

Mr. Bernard Burnell contended that a number of schools in the district were over 100 years old and were still in use. He felt that the present building would meet requirements but that additional accommodation was needed.

County E.M.O. Budget Could Reach \$50,000

The 1962 budget for the Ontario County Emergency Measures Organization could go as high as \$50,000. A few years ago, under the nameplate of Civil Defence, it was felt by many, that the department was no longer a necessity. Last week members were informed by the County Assessor, Gordon Hepditch and County Engineer, R. E. Sims, that more assistance would be required to accomplish their proposed objectives. Mr. Hepditch is the Chairman of the County E.M.O. organization.

Mr. Hepditch claimed that a \$50,000 budget would only scratch the surface of what is needed. He asked for an assistant in his own office as well as one for Mr. Sims. He also requested a welfare officer to complete the program. Mr. Sims said that he planned to conduct a study of all public buildings in the county to ascertain which ones would be useful as fallout shelters.

Reeve, Sherman Scott questioned whether the County could afford to lose the services of two men like Mr. Hepditch or Mr. Sims to E.M.O. work. Mr. Scott said the Pickering Township Police Chief had been approached concerning a position of co-ordinator of all police forces in the County but had declined the post.

Reeve Russell Francis of Thorah Township, Chairman of the County Road Board, suggested that Mr. Sims' EMO duties could keep him busy for six months of the year. "If we take it on," he said, "we are involved in big sums of money. The time has come when we must decide whether to go ahead or drop it."

All it takes is conscience to make it hard to hold down a soft job.

Board and Rural Bus Lines at the conclusion of the June term and re-open the section's own schoolhouse in September. Since September, 1961, fifteen students have been transported daily from S.S. No. 12 to Claremont.

Betz Construction to Build New Dial Phone Exchange Bldg.

A contract for construction of a dial exchange building in Claremont, has been awarded to K. W. Betz Company Limited, Stouffville, J. W. Lowry, Bell Telephone manager for the district, announced this week.

The one-storey structure will be located on the northwest corner of Joseph and Wikson Sts.

Bell Telephone plans to convert the Claremont exchange to dial late this year. While the dial building is being constructed, dial equipment will be engineered to meet the specific needs of the community so that installation may begin as soon as the building is completed.

The brick-walled building will have reinforced concrete foundation and precast concrete floor slabs. The framing will also be of precast concrete and roofing will be felt and gravel. Heated electrically, the building will measure 34'6" by 42'6".

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Expect 75 4-H Members Achieve't Day

Saturday, January 27 is the 4-H Homemaking Clubs Achievement Day for the south part of Ontario County. The program is to be held in the Masonic Hall Lodge in Brooklin. Approximately seventy-five 4-H Homemaking club members will be completing their fall project "Featuring Fruit", at this Achievement Day.

The morning program will begin with registration at 9 a.m. Members and leaders are reminded that lunch will not be provided.

Parents, friends and persons interested in the Homemaking club program are especially welcome at the afternoon program. This begins at 1:30 sharp. Club members will be presenting exhibits, skits and demonstrations on topics they have studied in this last project.

Plans are now being made for the spring project "Being Well Dressed and Well Groomed". The training school for Ontario south will be held on February 6 and 7 in the Board room at the Ontario Department of Agriculture office in Uxbridge. The training school will be two days in length. Ontario North training school will be February 8 and 9 in Beaverton.

C'ty Council OK's Pay Hike

Ontario County Councilors last week approved increases in their daily pay and the annual pay of the warden. Councilors will receive \$20 per day, a hike of \$5; and Warden Earl Dowsell will receive \$3,000 per year, an increase of \$500.

The recommendation that the pay increases be granted came from the council's finance committee at a meeting of the Ontario County Council in Whitby on Thursday. Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Gould, of the town of Uxbridge, chairman of the committee, told council members that the committee did not feel that the \$500 increase for the warden was out of order. He said that in recent years the warden had spent as many as 200 days on county business.

"I wonder if \$3,000 will compensate him for the last time," he said. Warden Dowsell, who is reeve of the Township of Uxbridge, is a farmer. Mr. Gould said that the \$20 per day for council members was in line with the salaries paid council members in other counties.

Although no council member voiced an opinion against the pay hikes, the motion to allow them passed with 24 supporting votes and 11 against.

Claremont News

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Young and family of Oshawa were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lehman.

Members of the Baptist Young People's Society will be guests of the Trent Valley Y.P.U. this coming weekend at a skiing party in the Haliburton area.

Mr. Alex Robinson of Stouffville has joined the staff of the Sarco Co.

The Junior Choir of the Baptist Church held a skating party on the school open-air rink on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Menell of Unionville and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Lewis of Lansing were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clare Keevil and family.

Mr. Keith Norton, accompanied by Miss Donna Norton and Mrs. Helen Pascoe motored to Napanee last week to visit with relatives there.

The sympathy of the community is extended to members of the Cooper family in the death, on Wednesday of Miss Eileen Cooper.

Mr. A. Samarillo spent a week on a business trip to the Barbados recently.

Mrs. Roszell's mother, Mrs. Jamieson of Toronto, passed away recently. The sympathy of the community is extended to the family.

A joint meeting of the Legion members and the Ladies Auxiliary will be held in the Legion Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 30th at 8:30 p.m. All members are asked to present as important business will be on the agenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton were bereaved recently in the passing of Mr. Carleton's father, Mr. McKee of Toronto.

January 29th is Euchre Night in the Legion Hall. On Monday, Feb. 5th, it will be Bingo with 20 regular games, specials and a jackpot.

Frank Hollingshead currently holds the high single score in the Community Bowling League with a 321. He also has the high triple with a 761. Ken Fields holds the high average with a 209. In the ladies' department, Phyllis Desjardins is the top single scorer with an amazing 303. Shirley Pilkey still has a stranglehold on the high triple with a 777. The ladies high average is held by Marge Samarillo with 191. Harold Hopkins' team holds the league lead with 12 points, followed by Mel Norrish' group with 10, tied with Alvin Redshaw's team. Other standings are as follows: Marge Samarillo—7; Al Roszell — 7; Shirley Pilkey—4; Bob Hockley 4; Joe Burrows—3. The over 200 bracket has been equalled by the following bowlers: Bob Hockley 202, Gord Pilkey 243, Olga Duncun 203, Ken Field 280, Al Roszell 214, George Craig 229, Lloyd McGregor 205, Shirley Pilkey 235, Don Hill 214, Harold Hopkins 256, Frank Hollingshead 210, Gary Alexander 256, Bea Craig 236, Marge Samarillo 243, Pearl Flanagan 233, Alvin Redshaw 201, Jessie McGuire 225, Carl Lind 216.

This week's weekly prize was awarded to Harold Hopkins with a high single (handicap) of 268.

NOTICE TO PICKERING TOWNSHIP TAX-PAYERS

Please fill in this blank form and send to ROBERT G. ROY, R.R.2, Claremont, Ontario.

Are you in favour of dividing the Township of Pickering into two townships, north and south of the Third Concession? YES NO

Name Address Tel. No.