

Petition to Dismiss Assessment Commissioner Fails to Gain Council Favor

A 196-name petition, asking for a complete re-organization of the Pickering Township Assessment Department and the dismissal of the Assessment Commissioner, Mr. Delbert Goslin, failed to gain the favour of Council at a special meeting in Brougham on Monday night. Although some members expressed certain criticisms concerning assessment practices within the municipality, no motions were presented that would concur with the petition's request. The entire issue was discussed at considerable length.

The following motion was presented and passed on a split vote: "that while the Council does not agree in every respect with the new assessment, it is not satisfied that the circumstances warrant the re-organization of the Assessment Department under a new Assessment Commissioner." Deputy-Reeve Mrs. Jean McPherson and Councillors Harvey Spang and Wm. Greening voted against the motion.

Not the Answer
Councillor, Milton Mowbray said that he was not in complete agreement with all aspects of the present assessment program but contended that the dismissal of the Assessment Commissioner would not solve the problem. He considered that the Council would be unwise to become involved in assessment procedures. He pointed out that, according to the Act, there are two different levels of assessment for the "dirt" farmer and the "gentleman" farmer. "It is

not a case of sticking the rich," he said. He claimed that any revision in the Act was a matter for the Provincial Legislature and not the municipal council. He noted that a mixture of agricultural and residential development had created the assessment problem. "I don't think that a change in personnel will accomplish anything," he said.

Only Common Sense
Councillor Harvey Spang termed the valuations placed on some farm properties as "ridiculous." Councillor Spang said that he was not so concerned with the small parcels but with average farms of 100 acres. "It could mean the loss of these properties," he said. "I feel that I am in a pretty good position to know the actual values of farm lands and the income that can be obtained from them," he continued. "Common sense will tell you that it just can't be done."

Mr. Spang said he was not seeking the dismissal of the Assessment Commissioner but suggested that, as a type of public relations, he should explain his reasons for arriving at his finalized figures. "Anyone with any common sense knows that some land is not worth what it is valued," he said. Mr. Spang advocated a Court of Revision separated from Council selection. "I'm concerned with this, Mr. Reeve," continued councillor Spang, "and the Council should expect that I should be." He refused to support the motion.

Terrible Turmoil
"We seem to be the only town-

Leaves For London



Eighteen year old Roy Lewis of Altona Feed and Supplies is pictured here as he prepares to board a jet aircraft at Malton for London, England. He will attend a full 5-week training course at the Mechanized Farming Centre of the Ford Motor Co. Ltd. Roy is believed to be the youngest student ever to attend and is the only representative from more than 400 Canadian dealers.

—Cadieux Studio

Roy Lewis Takes 5-Week Course in London

Last Saturday evening, 18 year old Roy Lewis, of Altona Feed & Supplies Ltd., departed from Malton via jet aircraft for London, England, where he will attend a full 5 weeks training course at Boreham House, the Mechanized Farming Centre of Ford Motor Co. Ltd.

This 2½ century old mansion is a familiar landmark to travellers around London. It was purchased by Ford in 1953 for the purpose of providing courses on product knowledge and service to Fordson dealerships.

Since then approximately 1500 students annually have attended from nearly all countries of the world for at least a one week course.

Roy is the first and, to date, the only one out of over four hundred Canadian dealers to take this training. Also believed to be the youngest student ever to attend.

He will also visit the Dagenham Plant where about 2,000 men are employed under one roof of forty acres in size. A new Fordson Tractor rolls off the line at the rate of 75,000 units per year.

Resulting from a most successful year of Ford Tractor sales by Altona Feed & Supplies Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis recently enjoyed a Ford sponsored trip to various countries overseas and while in England, plans were made for this intensive training of 5 weeks for Roy rather than the normal one week which has been customary for dealers in the past.

With today's market requirements for a wide and varied range of tractor models the local dealer has American Ford Tractors as well as English Fordson Tractors to offer nearly 100 different models.

Last year among all the various models, 22 English Fordson Tractors were sold locally and this alone demands more knowledge of the product in order that these present customers as well as new prospective customers may obtain good service in years to come.

A considerable sum of money as well as nearly 6 weeks of Roy's time is being invested in this new venture. Its purpose being to provide more knowledge to the consumer, which is a most valued asset to all concerned.

Hospital Fund Drive Passes \$300,000 Mark

Donations and pledges for the Ajax and Pickering General Hospital building fund have passed the \$300,000 mark, campaign headquarters announced this week.

While \$301,610 has been received, the total increases daily with donations and pledges from industry, clubs and individuals across the hospital service area. The canvass objective is \$495,000.

Many residents who have not been canvassed have mailed pledges to campaign headquarters at the hospital's nurses' residence. The need for residential canvassing in the area, particularly in Bay Ridges, still exists. Residents are urged to phone campaign headquarters (Whitehall 20-065) if they would like a canvasser to call.

Meanwhile, a number of organizations in the area will be staging special events to raise hospital funds. The hospital's Women's Auxiliary has announced that the Hon. Michael Starr, Minister of Labour, will be a judge for the annual spring dance at the Community Centre in Ajax, March 2.

The Campaign Queen contest will feature entries from many area clubs. They will be judged on three scores — community work, homemaking ability, and poise and personality. Close to 500 people are expected to attend the semi-formal dance. The Ted Taylor Orchestra will be featured.

Ajax Rotary Club has announced it will stage "Spring Flaws" — an evening of satire and parody at Ajax High School on March 16. Receipts will be used for the club's hospital pledge. Rotarians Chuck Walker and George Lawrence are producing the show, which will be directed by Dave Wordley.

The Eastern Star, Ontario Chapter, is holding a spring fashion show at Pickering District High School on March 10. Tickets are available from hospital campaign headquarters and lodge members.

Other forthcoming events are a presentation of Handel's Messiah by a 100-member Ajax Choir-in April, and a dance for local Junior Farmers at Pickering District High School on March 24.

A number of other clubs and associations have held special luncheons devoted to raising hospital funds.

Thirteen members of the Claremont Boy Scout Troop and their leader, Mr. Donald Sanderson, held a week-end camp-out 3 miles north-east of the Sanderson farm. They were equipped only with sleeping bags and tarpaulins with no tents or stoves. The patrol leaders and second class scouts took part in the program in connection with Boy Scout Week.

Game Committee Suggests \$1.00 Licence Fee

The Pickering Twp. Game Committee has recommended to Council that the hunting license fee for residents should be increased from 50c to \$1.00. The bylaw was given two readings at a special meeting of Council on Monday night. Non-resident permits will be \$3.00 plus 30c per sale. This is unchanged over 1961. No more than 400 non-resident licenses may be sold. The report was presented by Councillor, Harvey Spang. Deputy-Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson was appointed to the committee along with councillor Spang for 1962.

A recommendation has been received from Pickering Township Planning Board suggesting to Council that some consideration be given to the hiring of a full-time Planning Director. The motion, presented by Wells Ritchie and seconded by Jack Mansell, pointed out that the services of Consultants was amounting to a sizeable financial figure and the anticipated increase in planning work would require the need of a full-time employee. "It deserves a great deal of consideration," agreed Reeve Sherman Scott.

Annual Increment
A bylaw to approve the annual salary increment for the Road Superintendent, Mr. Jack Chapman was given three readings on Monday night.

Mr. Chapman's stipend is now \$6,000 or an increase of \$250 over 1961.

Presents Report
Mr. Edgar James, Pickering Township's representative on the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, presented a verbal report on Monday evening. Mr. James has served on the executive of the organization since it was formulated in 1958. Since only a small portion of Pickering is affected by the Authority's program, their share of the 1962 budget will be \$25.00.

BOOKS AT CLAREMONT LIBRARY

- (NON-FICTION)
- Living Free — Adamson
 - Ordeal by Fire — Allen
 - Holocaust — Benzaquin
 - I Passed for White — Bradley
 - The Way Back — Brome
 - The Infernal World of Bramwell Bronte — du Maurier
 - Headlines All My Life — Christiansen
 - Greg's Choice — Clark
 - Love and Peanut Butter — Conger
 - My Antarctic Honeymoon — Darlington
 - A Christmas Carol — Dickens
 - The Edge of To-Morrow — Dooley
 - The Night They Burned the Mountain — Dooley
 - Book of the Eskimos — Freuchen
 - The Backward Society — Frost
 - Eskimo Doctor — Gilberg
 - Hockey Night in Canada — Hewitt
 - Women and Fatigue — Hilliard
 - The Rancher Takes a Wife — Hobson
 - At Home in the Zoo — Iles
 - Combat Camera Man — Joswick
 - Pleasure by the Busload — Kimbrough
 - Honeymoon Round the World — Lapierre
 - The Swinging Flesh — Layton
 - A Nation of Sheep — Lederer
 - Murder with a Difference — Lefebvre
 - Seven Rivers of Canada — MacLennan
 - Peacemaker or Powder Monkey — Minifie
 - Mary Emma and Company — Moody
 - The White Nile — Moorehead
 - Say, Uncle — Nicol
 - Rocket Richard — O'Brien
 - The Man Who Had to Hang — Osler
 - A Tearful Tour of Toronto's Riviera of Yesteryear — Richmond
 - Please, Doctor — Safford
 - India, Mirage and Reality — Schmid
 - Boy on the Rooftop — Szabo
 - In Search of Canadian Liberalism — Underhill
 - Ten for Wednesday Night — Weaver (ed.)
 - The Care of Your Cat — Soderberg
 - When Toronto Was for Kids — Allen
 - The New City — Berton
 - Anything Could Happen — Young
 - Collector's Luck — Spendlove
 - Between You, Me and the Gatepost — Boone
 - Pigeons — Allen
 - The Faces of Justice — Bedford
 - Little Me — Dennis
 - Mussolini — Fermi
 - Promise at Dawn — Gary
 - Great Canadian Disasters — Rasky
 - Eleanor Roosevelt — Roosevelt
 - The Birth of Western Canada — Stanley
 - Japanese Inn — Statler
 - Cancer—Disease of Civilization? — Stefanoson
 - A Doctor's Memoirs — Willinsky

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- ALLIS CHALMERS "B" TRACTOR and SNOW BLADE
- CASE TRACTOR
- CASE "LA" TRACTOR
- MASSEY-HARRIS 33 DIESEL
- MASSEY-HARRIS 30 TRACTOR

USED EQUIPMENT

- FORD FERGUSON PLOW, 2 Furrow
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- FORD PLOW 3 x 12"
- CASE 2 FURROW PLOW
- I.H.C. 3 FURROW PLOW
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Editor's Mail

Lucust Hill, Ont.
Editor, Stouffville Tribune,
Dear Sir,

In your account of the Home and School Association meeting on Nuclear Disarmament, where it was stated that the idea was firmly endorsed, no mention was made of the fact that no speaker was invited to oppose the arguments of Prof. Gauthier. There are extremists who would like to steam-roller this policy through any organization that can be exposed to this type of propaganda, and that they do it in this surreptitious manner is anything but democratic.

The U.S.A. for many critical years had the nuclear advantage but did not use its power to destroy the Communist menace, a clear indication that its policy was defensive. Now the Russians have caught up or, as they say, surpassed the U.S. Some of us have believed for a long time that we are in the age of the paralyzed giants, which makes it highly improbable that Russia will attempt to destroy us with nuclear war. So they turn to other means to win, by creating dissension among their enemies and their chief weapon is their so-called peace campaign.

There is not a single Communist in the world who is a pacifist. Their talk of "peace, peace" is a perfect example of their "new-speak" in which words and ideas are distorted. Home and School Associations and others which the Communists infiltrate and try to use for their diabolical purpose should be on the alert. There are books which describe how this is done.

One which has been donated by a generous champion of our free society to many libraries in Canada is — "We Can Trust the Communists" (to do exactly what they say) by Dr. Frederick Schwartz, should be read by everyone before deciding what to do about meeting the Red threat, at home as well as abroad.

—Andrew Glen

CLAREMONT

Mr. Gordon McGrath, President of the newly organized Claremont Community Association, has summoned a public meeting to be held in the Community Hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th at 8 o'clock. All citizens interested in furthering the year-round activities in the community are urged to attend.

Mr. Al Roszell spent a few days in Rome, New York, last week on a business trip.

The home of Karen Blake was the scene of a birthday party on Friday when she entertained a number of her school friends.

The bingos will continue in the Legion Hall every other Monday night. The next one is on March 5th, at 8:15 p.m. Cash prizes to the winners. The next euchre is on Feb. 26th at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Samarillo were Mr. and Mrs. B. Willis of Scarborough and Miss Lois Wickert and her father of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, parents of Mr. Al Roszell, are spending a few days here. Mr. and Mrs. King reside at Belle Ewart.

The ladies of the Mission Circle will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fryer on Monday evening, Feb. 26th at 7:45. The topic is "Bolivia".

The sympathy of the community is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Forrest Stiner who passed away in the Uxbridge Hospital last week.

The Afternoon Unit of the Claremont United Church Women will meet in the church on Thursday, Feb. 22nd (today) at three o'clock. Following the meeting, supper will be served, commencing at 5:30 p.m.

The Evening Unit of the United Ch. Women met last week at the home of Mrs. Dick Ward. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Wm. Evans and the topics were presented by Mrs. W. Hill and Mrs. E. Cook. There were 17 ladies present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wilnot Hill.

North Pickering Progressive Conservative Organization Meeting

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