

UXBRIDGE PICKERING TP. NEWS

CLAREMONT

Mr. Al Fryer has been released from the Oshawa General Hospital following an operation on his eye. It will be two weeks before he can return to work.

Two local hockey brothers are members of O.H.A. entries that have advanced to the Provincial finals. Wayne Redshaw is with the Uxbridge Intermediate "Black Hawks" and Jack Redshaw is a member of the Uxbridge Junior "Chicks".

Work has been completed on the new cut stone exterior for Taylor's restaurant.

Mr. Tony Vanderlight has been placed under observation in the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital for a few days.

Miss Evelyn Mansell of Toronto visited on Sunday at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mansell.

Mrs. Reuben Huxtable has returned to her Chalk Lake residence after visiting with relatives for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tomlinson and family of Scarborough were visitors on Sunday with Dr. N. F. Tomlinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Keevil visited with his sister, Mrs. N. G. Fraser in Toronto on Sunday. Also present were Mr. Keevil's two brothers, Dr. Geo. Keevil and Mr. Earl Keevil, both of Detroit.

The father and son banquet of the Cubs and Scouts was held on Monday evening in the Community Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGuire attended a dinner and dance at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, promoted by American Motors, on Thursday evening.

Two social evenings are on the schedule of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary for this month. On April 25th, they have been invited to Whitby and on April 30th they will be guests of Stouffville. The last Euchre of the season will be held on May 8th. Next Bingo is scheduled for April 30th.

The Guides and Brownies, accompanied by their leaders attended the morning service in the United Church on Sunday.

The formal spring dance in the Pickering Dist. High School, one of the social highlights of the term, was held on Friday evening. A number of Claremont couples attended.

Robt. Carleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Carleton has completed his year at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Following one week at the home of his parents, accompanied by a college companion from the British West Indies, the students left on Friday for Montreal.

The village of Stouffville has purchased a tractor and power loader from the Chas. Cooper Ltd.

The Cy Wannop home, Brougham, was the scene of a shower and party on April 7th for Mr. Art Cryderman, an employee with the Frank Barclay firm. A number of Claremont residents attended.

Tax Rate For 1962 Is Down

Although exact figures are still to be finalized, it is expected that the residential mill rate in the Township of Pickering will take a sizeable drop for 1962. In 1961, it was 27.56 mills. In 1962, it will level off at approximately 20.4 mills for an estimated reduction of 7.66 mills. The 1962 commercial rate has been established at 23 mills.

The rates vary according to the individual school sections and services provided.

Any reduction in the land assessments currently before the County Court will affect the amount of money to be raised.

THE EASTER BOOK

(Mrs. Cora Johnston, Librarian)

With the approach of the Easter season, a book noticed in the Brougham Library seems of particular interest — The Easter Book, by F. X. Weiser.

Here is the story of Easter in all its aspects, as it is celebrated in many countries. Here are explained the origin, history and significance of both the liturgical and popular customs and celebrations that have grown in the course of many centuries around the observance of this great feast of Christianity.

Here, too, are hymns and carols, some with the music, that are sung at Easter time by many peoples.

Also, we have menus and special treats of many countries, including several recipes.

We would recommend the reading of this book to deepen the understanding of our Easter season.

And a word to younger borrowers — Easter makes us think of bunnies, and Brougham Library has some delightful picture books about bunnies!

Trophy Awards Slated For Bowling Banquet

Six ladies and six men will be presented with individual awards for their efforts during the season in the Claremont Community Bowling League. The presentations will be made on Saturday, May 26th at a banquet to be held at Spruce Villa.

The awards will go to the following persons — Ladies High Average — Marge Samarillo 186; Ladies High Triple (flat) — Shirley Pilkey 777; Ladies High Triple (handicap) — Jessie McGuire 780; Ladies High Single (flat) — Doreen Alexander 308; Ladies High Single (handicap) — Phyllis Desjardins 325; Ladies Low Score, Rose Killey, Men's High Average — Kenneth Field 209; Men's High Triple (flat) — Mel Norrish 790; Men's High Triple (handicap) — Pat Lord 802; Men's High Single (flat), Frank Hollingshead 321. Men's High Single (handicap), Bob Hockley 338. Men's Low Score, Aubrey Crockett.

The top six teams have qualified for the playoffs to begin April 27th. The champions will also receive individual awards. The finalists include entries headed by — Al Roszell, 74 pts; Mel Norrish—61 pts; Bob Hockley—56 pts; Alvin Redshaw — 45 pts; Harold Hopkins—44 pts. and Shirley Pilkey—41 points. Other teams finished up as follows — Joe Burrows—40 pts. and Marge Samarillo—31 pts.

Last week's "over 200" scorers include the following bowlers — Doreen Alexander—308; Jessie McGuire—271; Henry Desjardins—271; Alvin Redshaw—261; Charlie Killey—259; Frank Hollingshead—255; Mel Norrish—249; Ken Field—246; Carl Lind—239; Joyce Austin—238; Rene Rennie—236; Harold Hopkins—234; Marge Samarillo 230; Shirley Pilkey—225; Pat Lord—222; Phyllis Desjardins—219; Al Roszell—219; Gary Alexander—219; Irene Hollingshead—215; Geo. Craig—210; Joe Burrows—209; Marion Lord—209; Doris Hopkins—208; Jessie Burrows—200. The weekly prize was won by Henry Desjardins. The team winning the most weekly prizes was captained by Marge Samarillo.

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Keep Rural Residents' Assoc. Rural, Urges Member of Executive

The infiltration of urban residents into the membership of the Pickering Twp. Rural Ratepayers' Association was criticized by Dr. F. Eugene LaBrie, on Thursday night at a public meeting conducted in the Township Hall at Brougham. More than forty persons were present.

Dr. LaBrie pointed out that the majority of problems that had caused the rural farmer some concern should also be the concern of the Association. He contended that in the majority of instances, these matters had little in common with the complaints of the subdivision resident.

"They need the paved roads, the water, the sewers, the police protection and the sidewalks, but the rural farmer expects and gets none of these things," he said.

"The urban areas keep pushing their way into the rural districts," continued Dr. LaBrie. "When this trend affects me, then I will be willing to move on." He charged that he had purchased his acreage on conc. 4 to escape from urbanization. "I have to go into Toronto every day, unfortunately," he said.

Should Co-operate

Association member, Mr. Ross Heron suggested that the Council would welcome the advice and co-operation of the ratepayers. "They (the Council) look to a group like this for guidance and direction," he said. He told the meeting that the attendance of interested persons at the Nomination meeting was a sample of the dis-interest among the people. "A couple of years ago, they even had to coax a man to run in Ward 2," he stated. "We are the ones to get in there and help them," continued Mr. Heron. "We may not always like the job they're doing but to help is better than to hinder. If we get our backs up, they (the Council) will do the same and we won't get anywhere," he concluded.

The next meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday, May 10th at eight o'clock. The subject for discussion will be "Taxes".

FURNACE WAS NOT "FAULTY"

In the Claremont Co-operative vs. John Paton civil suit aired before Judge Hall in County Court at Whitby, the term "faulty" installation was used during the course of evidence presented.

The Co-op management would like it known that the word "incomplete" rather than "faulty" would better describe their firm's stand on the matter.

The Tribune would regret the inference that might have been applied.

The man of the hour or two is the man who waits for his wife to dress for a party.

Brougham Students Do Well in Public Speaking

Brougham Public School pupils took three of the four first prize awards and five out of a total of eight in a public speaking competition conducted in the Township Hall at Brougham on Friday evening, April 13th. The oratorical program was sponsored by the Women's Institute.

Brougham students captured three 1sts and two 2nds. Green River students captured one 1st and two 2nds.

A complete list of the winners is as follows:

Grade 5 — 1st, Brenda Wannop, Brougham; 2nd, Carol Breeds, Brougham.

Grade 6 — 1st, Karen Dubé, Brougham; 2nd, Marilyn White, Brougham.

Grade 7 — 1st, Douglas Blackman, Brougham. 2nd, Dianne Brass, Green River.

Grade 8 — 1st, Douglas Donaldson, Green River; 2nd, Christine Gooderham, Green River.

Gail White Is Chosen H. S. Queen

Gail White of Brougham was chosen Queen of the Pickering Dist. High School at the annual Spring Prom semi-formal dance on Friday night. The social event, one of the highlights of the school term, was well attended.

Gail was presented with a cream and sugar set on a silver tray and a bouquet of red roses. Her attendants were — Sharon Brown, Ann Draper and Carol Findlay.

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COUNCILLOR SPANG WANTS FOURTH TAX INSTALLMENT

Councillor Harvey Spang has suggested that a fourth installment should be made available in the paying of taxes in the Township of Pickering. Councillor Spang raised the question at a special meeting of Council on Monday night.

"If there is anything we should do to help the taxpayer, I think we should do it," he said. Taxes presently fall due during the months of June, August and October. Mr. Spang suggested that a fourth date could be arranged for the month of December.

Reeve Sherman Scott agreed that the plan had merit since it would lessen the township's need for a large early-term borrowing program.

The Council contended that it would be too late to arrange such a change-over for 1962. Councillor Spang agreed to present a motion at the next Council session.

U. C. W. NEWS

On Thursday, April 26 at 2 p.m. the Afternoon Unit of Claremont U.C.W. will meet at the home of Mrs. Cliff Reynolds.

Mrs. Wm. Wallace and Mrs. Roy Morgan will be in charge of the programme, and Mrs. Frank Carson and Mrs. Ross Middleton will provide the lunch.

The Evening Unit met on April 9 at the home of Mrs. Aldine Evans. Most of the twenty-four ladies present wore original Easter bonnets, and if they were any indication of this year's styles, we can look for flowery spring hats! Mrs. Olive Sanderson won the prize for the best bonnet. Mrs. Esther Curtis and Mrs. Mil Taylor had a fine programme and Mrs. Earl Cook and Mrs. Olive Sanderson provided a dainty lunch.

In March, Mrs. Cliff Reynolds and Mrs. Roy Morgan attended Paris Oaks Training School at Paris, as representatives of the U.C.W. Last week Mrs. Cliff Reynolds, Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Mrs. Ross Middleton and Mrs. Raymond Stickwood attended a U.C.W. training school in Oshawa.

Mrs. Lloyd Pugh, Mrs. Dick Ward and Mrs. Earl Wilson attended the afternoon sessions.

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Free Use of Dump for Twp. Residents

Pickering Twp. residents will no longer be required to pay on a per load basis for refuse deposited in the garbage dump. The cost involved will be taken from the general account.

Councillor Harvey Spang spoke in favour of withdrawing the fee, at a special meeting of Council on Monday night.

The cost of operating the dump during 1961 was estimated at \$8,000. A portion of this is retrieved from Markham and Pickering Village.

"Second only to assessment, this issue drew the most comments from people in the north end of the township," commented councillor Milton Mowbray. He said that it was a matter of inconvenience that had disturbed the public, rather than the amount of the fee.

Retain Connection With Toronto Industrial Comm.

Pickering Township will pay the \$500 annual fee to keep the municipality in good standing with the Metro Toronto Industrial Commission. The matter was discussed briefly at a special meeting of Council on Monday night.

Councillor Hubert Wank urged the township's continuation with the Commission. "We had nothing to offer previously," he said. "We shouldn't let it drop this year."

Councillor Milton Mowbray remarked that it was often difficult to realize a dollar-and-cents value from such a program.

Three Tenders

Pickering Twp. Council will purchase a new Ford tractor and mounted mower. Tenders have been received from three individual firms although only one, Altona Feed and Supplies, is located within the municipality. The prices submitted were all very close, with only a few dollars separating the bids. In addition to the Fred Lewis tender, others were received from Geo. Essam, Agincourt and Manchester Garage, Manchester.

Radio Hook-up

With the installation of a dial telephone system in Claremont this fall, all fire stations within the Township of Pickering will be placed on a radio hook-up with the police station at Dunbarton. This equipment will be acquired by both the Brougham and Claremont units.

Adjourn Pickering Township Assessment Hearings Until Tuesday, May 1st.

Pickering Township's Assessment Hearings, already extended over a two-month period before Judge A. R. Wilmott in Brougham, have been adjourned until Tuesday, May 1st. Seventy-seven cases have been aired before the court and three more are scheduled when the sittings reconvene next month. One of these is the appeal filed by Mr. Robt. G. Roy of Claremont.

Six individual appellants, one west of the Brock Road and five east of Claremont, were combined under the representation of solicitor, J. C. McTague of Toronto. The presentation opened at 10 a.m. on Thursday morning and concluded at 6:20 in the afternoon. The appeals were on properties owned by Mr. Albert Samarillo, Donald Sanderson, High Hills Ltd., H. C. Mills, H. Thielacker and G. E. Renison.

Mr. Donald Sanderson, landowner in the extreme north-east corner of the township, told the court that he purchased 120 acres of property in 1954 for \$8,000 and an additional 30 acre parcel in 1958 for \$4,500. He estimated his capital investment at \$60,000. He said that it was not unusual to have 65 head of cattle on the property. He said that a part of the farm was in bush and a section included hilly ranch land. "It would make a better golf course," he said. He noted that he had offered his farm for sale at a suggested price of \$200 per acre at a Federation of Agriculture meeting but there were "no takers". This he said, was one-half the estimated value placed on the property by the Assessor, Mr. Goslin.

"That's hardly the proper place to put a farm up for sale," suggested Judge Wilmott.

Mr. Sanderson said that he had interests in Toronto but would spend four to five days per week on his farm. "I just go into Toronto to see how the kettle is boiling," he said. Mr. Sanderson is the President and principal shareholder in the firm of Reliable Exterminators Ltd. He admitted that his farm was currently not listed for sale. With the exception of the Thielacker premises, all properties had been given a slight reduction by the local Court of Revision.

Paid \$356 Per Acre

Mrs. Albert Samarillo told the court that they had purchased the former Dransfield property for \$356 per acre or a total price of \$35,600. She said that they raised 45 head of cattle and produced about 60 acres of hay. The family live year-round on the farm but Mr. Samarillo is employed in Toronto and commutes back and forth daily. The basic rate on the property has been established at \$96.00 per acre. Mrs. Samarillo admitted that her husband's position provided their main source of income.

Not Fit For Pigs

Mr. H. C. Mills, conc. 9, east of Claremont, stated that he had purchased two parcels of land, one including 47 acres for \$8,000 and another 27 acre parcel for \$25,000. Mr. Mills said that his home was in Oshawa but he would spend considerable time at his township residence during the summer and winter months. "We cleaned up the place that previously wasn't fit for pigs," he said. Mr. Goslin said that the local revision court had reduced the assessment to an even \$100 per acre. Mr. Mills said he was acquiring no profit from the property. "I'm spending money on it all the time," he concluded.

Up For Sale

Mr. H. Thielacker, also a property-owner in the Balsam area of Pickering Twp., said that he had placed his property up for sale but to date had not received a single offer of purchase. He is a consulting engineer under contract with Simpson-Sears. He keeps 20 beef cattle and cultivates about 15 acres of oats. "I was building a barn but I stopped then and there when my assessment notice came around," he said. "I could not possibly pay the taxes as indicated by the Assessment figures."

"Don't you think that there's a ray of light in that your taxes might decrease under the new assessment program?" asked Judge Wilmott.

"The building assessment will come next and I couldn't possibly pay any more and still keep up improvements," he explained. Judge Wilmott observed that under a mass one-year re-assessment program, there was often a lack of individual inspections of properties. "An assessor can't sit in his office and perform his duties, I can tell you that," he said. Mr. Thielacker said his assessment had increased from \$4,700 to \$11,385. He said he had listed his premises for \$45,000.

A Tree-Farm

C. R. Osler, representing High Hills Ltd. at Glen Major, bordering on the Pickering-Uxbridge townline, informed the court that the company had been formed in the early 1930's. He said that their company had made an attempt to restore the

Farmer Charges "No-Takers" At One-Half Land's Valuation

trees in the area and had been quite successful. He described the land as "extremely hilly" and good for farming only in the horse and plow age. He said that the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority was very much interested in the property and would acquire the premises immediately if plans were made to put the land to any other use. "We get no police protection and are provided with little or no services," he said. He said that it had been intimated—"we'll fix you this year on land and next year on buildings." He said that the firm's rental gain from the property would amount to approximately \$450 per year.

Travel on Skis

Mr. G. E. Renison, two miles north-east of Claremont, explained that during a portion of the year, the road leading to his property was inaccessible except by skis. He said that his assessment had increased from \$25 per acre in 1959 to \$135 per acre in 1961. He explained that he had a successful tree-planting program in progress from which he hoped to acquire some gain in the future. Mr. Renison has other employment in Toronto.

Little Speculation

Mr. R. A. Davis, a real estate appraiser, stated that although there was considerable speculative influence in the southern portion of the municipality, this did not hold true in the rural north. He traced the following valuations on the six properties up for appeal: Samarillo—\$270 per acre; Mills—\$250 per acre; High Hills—\$200 per acre; Sanderson—\$180 per acre and Thielacker—\$160 per acre. "I feel that these are reasonable," he said. He suggested that topographical aspects of properties might have been overlooked in an effort to speed up the completion of the re-assessment program. "With reference to comparative values, I would differ very much with the Pickering Department," he said. "Comparison, to me, is the key," he continued, "the remainder is mathematics."

Fairly Assessed

Mr. Wm. Gliddon, a member of the Assessment Department for Pickering Township, said he had made the assessment on five of the six properties in question, excluding the Samarillo farm. He felt that, with regard to comparable properties, the assessments were fair. He noted that the setting of rates was handled by the Assessment Commissioner.

Another member of the department, Mr. Maurice Binsted said he had visited the Samarillo farm and had talked with the owner.

Own Formula

Assessment Commissioner, Delbert Goslin was questioned by solicitor McTague for more than one hour. Mr. Goslin said he had been on the Pickering staff since 1954 and had been in the assessment field for over 20 years. He agreed with a former speaker that he had set the rates and had worked out his own formula. "I would say that they are proper assessments," he said. He admitted that he had not taken into account the varied topography on different properties.

Solicitor McTague presented a rather lengthy list of property owners which, he suggested, should also be classified in the part-time bracket. A number included many well-known names in the Claremont district.

Mr. Goslin agreed that some had been missed, including the Alex Robertson farm at R.R. 3, Claremont and owned by Markham merchant, Chas. Sargent. A number of others including the Burton and Fretz farms were discounted by the Assessor, who claimed they were correctly classed.

Referring to the Sargent farm, Mr. Goslin said that they had later learned of this error and had agreed to make the correction, the next time around. "No assessor is infallible," he said. The Hearing was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Council to Consider Staff Resignations

Members of Pickering Township Council will meet in special session in committee on Thursday night (to-night) to discuss the pending resignations of four employees from the clerical staff.

Reeve Sherman Scott intimated that there was some urgency for an immediate discussion on the matter when the issue was introduced briefly on Monday evening.

Over the objections of Deputy-Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson, the Council agreed that the problem should be discussed in committee and the finalized decision reported later in public.

It is understood that the suggested resignations concern four members of the female staff.

Change in Act Could Affect 1962 Appeals

Two readings have been given to an amendment in the Assessment Act in the Ontario Legislature that would alter section 35 pertaining to the standing of the part-time farmer. At the present time "principal occupation" is considered and the farmer with another source of income is placed in a higher rate classification. This is one of the major issues currently before the County Court of Appeal. To date, no decisions have been handed down by Judge Wilmott of Cobourg.

Reeve Sherman Scott suggested that an amendment to the Assessment Act could mean a reduction of some \$500,000 in Ward 1 and \$700,000 in Ward 2.

"The Act seems to have gone from one extreme to another," noted Reeve Scott. "It's surprising what a difference four words can make."

The subject was introduced in the County Court hearings at Brougham on Thursday when solicitor, Julian, representing appellant Mr. Robt. G. Roy, asked for an adjournment until after the sitting of the Legislature might be completed.

"If you think the amendment will lighten my labours, I am quite agreeable," replied Judge Wilmott. He stated, however, that in his opinion, any change in the Act would not likely affect the assessments for 1962. "It could hardly be made retroactive," he said.

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H. S. Board Silent On Rejected Budget

Pickering Twp. Clerk, Mr. L. T. Johnston was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Pickering Dist. High School Board in an effort to acquire a more complete break-down of the 1962 budget. The matter was discussed at a special meeting of Council on Monday night.

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