

# Welding Partly-Filled Fuel Tank Most Dangerous, Inquest Jury is Told

A coronor's jury at Whitby has ruled that the death of Pickering Township Road Superintendent Jack Chapman, burned while welding a fuel tank on a grader, was accidental, but included six recommendations in its verdict. Chapman died in a Toronto hospital on Aug. 8, from burns received when the tank blew up as he welded it in the Pickering Township garage at Brougham on July 27.

The inquest was conducted last week by Dr. W. W. Tomlinson of Pickering.

The jury's recommendations were as follows: The jury found that the explosion occurred as a result of failure to observe the recommended safety practices of which the deceased and other employees were ignorant. After the accident occurred, said the verdict, every effort was made by all present to extinguish the flames of the clothing of the deceased and prevent further damage to the building and people in the building.

**FUEL STORAGE**  
The jury recommended that a proper fuel storage room should be provided at the municipal garage at Brougham, a room separate from the storage and repair area and that proper containers should be provided for handling fuel and other flammable liquids.

It was further recommended that bulletin boards be provided at the garage and posters or notices be posted thereon referring to safety procedures to be followed for the usual operations carried on in the building. The further recommendation was made that regulations should be brought into effect controlling the manufacture of fuel tanks and they should be made of heavy enough metal to stand up to the wear and tear to which they are subjected.

The jury further added that we feel that the lightness of the tank which was being repaired and possible flaws in construction of the tank were contrib-

uting factors to this accident. A final recommendation of the jury stated "As the accident seems to have resulted from a lack of information on safety precaution, we recommend that all organizations dealing with industrial safety get this information into the hands of those people who can benefit by it as easily and quickly as possible."

In the absence of Pathologist, Dr. Roderick Ross, Dr. Tomlinson told the jury that Chapman had died at noon on Aug. 8 with a post mortem revealing three possible causes of death. He said that Chapman had suffered deep thermal burns to 45 percent of his body, from the waist up; he had suffered an obstruction of the lungs; and a failure of the left kidney all attributed to his death.

One of the two witnesses to the blast, Fred Hicks, Pickering roads foreman, said that he and Ivan Booth, grader operator, had been with Chapman in the township garage at Brougham on the afternoon of July 27. He said that Booth's grader had developed a leak in a fuel tank and Chapman undertook to weld the small hole in the end of the 50-gallon tank, with an acetylene torch.

**FUEL IN TANK**  
He said that there was enough fuel in the tank at that time that some was running through the leak. He and Booth, he said, raised one side of the grader, by means of the hydraulic-powered blade and let the diesel fuel run over to the opposite end of the tank. He said that it was necessary to siphon about eight gallons out of the tank to stop the flow through the hole. He estimated that as much as 15 gallons would still be in the tank when Chapman applied the torch to start welding.

Hicks said that there was an explosion and he saw Chapman jump off the chair where he had been standing to do the welding. His shirt caught fire and he, he said, extinguished the fire with

wiping rags which were in the garage.

**WAS NOT AFRAID**  
In reply to questions by Arleigh Hillman, acting Crown Attorney, and the two coroners, Hicks said that he did not know whether or not it was dangerous to weld a tank containing diesel fuel. He said that he was aware that gasoline would have ignited much more quickly. He said that he was not afraid of any explosion when he saw Chapman welding although he knew that Chapman was road superintendent and not a welder.

The tank, he said, had been welded on two previous occasions. On at least one of those occasions, he said, the tank was steamed out first.

In reply to further questions, he said the grader was only three years old and added that other graders, one 11 years old, had had no fuel trouble.

Ivan Booth, the operator of the grader, said that Chapman had welded metals before, especially when he operated his own construction business. He, too, said that he did not at that time think it dangerous to weld a fuel tank containing diesel fuel.

Booth told of hearing a loud bang and turning to see Chapman's shirt on fire. The torch dropped, he said, and after putting out the fire on Chapman, he turned the torch off.

"I never gave a thought to fire or explosion," he told the jury. He told the jury that he felt the tank was too light for a road grader which endures much vibrations and many bumps. Capt. H. O. Taylor, of the Oshawa Fire Department, a welder for 13 years before he joined the department 18 years ago, said that the torch would generate 3,000 degrees to fuse the metal. He said that the tank should first have been cleaned with a strong cleaner; or with low pressure steam; or some inerting gas which would not support combustion. In no event, he said, should it be welded with inflammable fuel inside it.

In fact, he said, no welding should be done in a building which contained ignitable fuel. To do so, he said, would be very dangerous.

He told the jury that no license is required to operate welding equipment carrying less than 750 pounds of acetylene. He said that he would like to see licensing extended to all welding operators. No welding, he said, should be permitted in a building not equipped for welding.

Particularly, he said, he would like to see an educational program instigated concerning the danger of all inflammable liquids.

Capt. W. R. Murray, of the same brigade, a fire inspector, said that there is a movement to have welders included in new licensing, on a municipal basis, the same as garage operators.

Albert Cotgrave, an inspector of the Department of Labour, said that he saw no welding when he inspected the shop at Brougham earlier in the year. He also said that it appeared that the tank which exploded had an unusual baffle plate, closed at the top with only a "V" opening at the bottom.

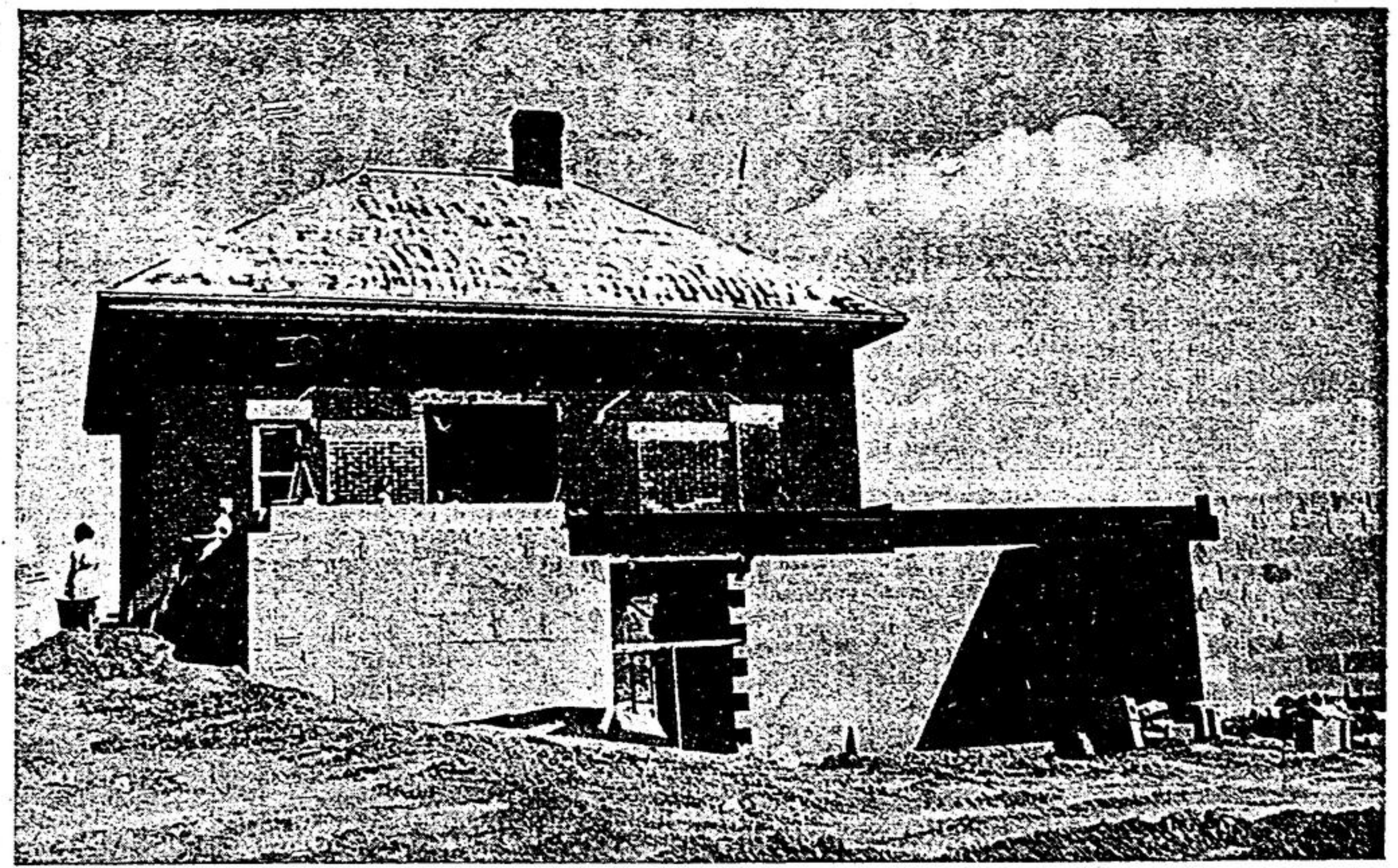
He said that under the Factories Act he would be able to close down any operation he deemed unsafe although he admitted there was no legislation spelling out what was considered unsafe.

He said that it appeared that the welding safety code had not been followed by Mr. Chapman. He said that he would consider it very dangerous to weld in that building and most certainly to weld a tank containing diesel fuel.

## ATHA

Mr and Mrs Arthur Foster, from Richmond Hill visited with his brother, Mr and Mrs Albert Foster, one day last week. Mr Allan Lehman returned to school on Monday at Variety Village, where he is attending the Technical School.

# Rural School Construction



Many rural public schools throughout the area are in the midst of construction contracts. One of these is the

Fourth Line school, S. S. No. 4, Uxbridge Twp. In spite of some problems, regular classes were opened last week on

a shift system, although an emergency classroom may be pressed into service in the basement. It is expected that

the new one-room addition will be completed by the end of October. —Staff Photo.

# Dept. Of Education Withholds Grants On School Shift System

Government education grants are not payable to public schools that operate on a shift system of classes, according to Miss Lotta McNeill, Inspector for the northern district of Ontario County. This would apply to two schools in Uxbridge Township, S.S. No. 6 (Glasgow) and S.S. No. 4, (4th Line). For the first week of the September term, both Glasgow and Fourth Line schools have been operating on a shift program although Miss McNeill pointed out that the Boards were attempting to acquire other accommodation. "The Department has no regulation that provides for two-session days," she said. She noted that separate morning and afternoon classes would be a temporary measure only. Miss McNeill said she had already met with the trustees of No. 4 school and further discussion was planned with Glasgow Board members. "They are both very good boards," she said.

Construction started The construction of an addition on the Fourth Line school is well underway and it is hoped that it may be completed by the end of October. Although this work tends to interrupt the general routine of instruction, the staff and students are making the best of it. "It's difficult for both the children and

the contractor," said the Principal, Mr John Paxton. He said that arrangements were being made to make-over the basement into a temporary classroom until the new room is finished. There are 53 pupils on the roll. The Inspector told The Tribune that the Department of Education frowned on a shift system partly because some children were required to attend classes too early in the morning and others were forced to remain too late in the afternoon. She pointed out, however, that where adequate accommodation was not available, the trustees have little alternative. "You can't hang them from the chandeliers," she said. Miss Elizabeth Gates is the other member of the two-teacher staff at S.S. No. 4.

To Meet Thursday The Glasgow Board is faced with the most serious problem. Their new two-room structure has not yet been started and a shift system has been put into practice. The enrollment is about 48 students. The trustees have called a meeting of the ratepayers for Thursday evening (to-night) at 8 p.m. in the school. The cost of the new building will be outlined at this time. It will be somewhat higher than the original estimate.

# ROSICRUCIANS TO MEET AT WHITBY, SEPT. 18

On Sept. 23rd, when the sun or its celestial journey crosses the equatorial equator for the autumnal equinox, members of the Rosicrucian Order throughout the world will commemorate the building of the Great Pyramid. The Master of the local order is Mrs Rodd Appleby of Ashburn. The ceremony will be enacted locally at Whitby in the Pronos quarters at 103 Brock Street N., on Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 8 p.m.

# COUNCIL OK'S DEBENTURES OF \$113,000

Pickering Twp. Council has given two readings to a bylaw that would permit the borrowing of \$113,600 on debenture to construct a new 5-room public school at S.S. No. 9 (Greenwood). It replaces an original debenture-bylaw that called for \$100,000. At a recent meeting of the ratepayers in the section, the trustees received approval to acquire an added \$13,600 above the first estimate.

# CO-OP ANNUAL MEETING, OCT. 18

The annual meeting of the Claremont Co-operative will be held in the Mt. Zion United Church on Thursday evening, Oct. 18th. The business session will be followed by a lunch. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Mr Joe McCann, Division Manager with office headquarters at Severn Bridge. This has been an important year in the life of the local Co-operative with the completion of the new store in the spring.

Miss Carolyn Bunker and girl friend from Leaside spent Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs Clarence Bunker. Mr John Clegg expects to leave for Germany soon, for three years. Miss Irene Salmon of Scarborough spent the weekend with Mr and Mrs Les. Meyrs and Ted. Rally Day will be observed at Goodwood United Church, Sunday School on September 16 at the regular hour of 11:30 a.m. Miss Jean Linton a returned missionary from Africa will show slides and tell about her work in Southern Nigeria. Everyone Welcome. A rosebud mouth is nice on a girl unless it pops open too often.

# UXBRIDGE PICKERING TP. NEWS

## CLAREMONT

The 1962-63 season for the Girl Guides and Brownies will begin on Thursday, Sept. 13th. On Monday evening, Sept. 10th, a shower was held at the home of Mrs Grant Taylor for Miss Jo-An Porter of Dunbar-ton whose marriage to Mr Wilfred Gliddon will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15th in the Claremont United Church. The bride-to-be received many useful and pretty gifts.

A number of persons from both Claremont and Brougham travelled by bus to Inkerip on Friday evening to see the O.R.S.A. Midget playoff contest. Brougham were the winners by a score of 11-7 to take the series in two straight games.

On Thursday evening, Mr and Mrs Grant Taylor will leave on a holiday trip to Florida. They will travel to New York by train and then to Miami. Mr Taylor is a delegate to the International Convention of the Steelworkers of America. They will return on Sept. 23rd by plane.

Mr and Mrs Roger Brown of Mimico spent the weekend with Mr and Mrs Jack Norton. Mr Keith Norton has taken up residence in Oshawa. He is a member of the teaching staff of the Whitby High School.

Mr and Mrs Tom Davis spent the weekend at their new cottage on Kenisis Lake. Mr and Mrs A. Samarillo held their annual corn roast at Val-Mar Farm on Saturday evening. More than fifty friends and relatives were present for the occasion. Among those in attendance were—Mr and Mrs C. Chapman of the Barbados; Mr and Mrs T. McLaughlin, formerly of Oshawa and recently of the Barbados; Mr and Mrs C. J. Williams of Scarborough and others from Toronto, Scarborough and Claremont.

Master Kim Steckley of Stouffville visited over the weekend with Mr and Mrs Al Robertson. The L. A. of the Guides and Brownies will hold their first meeting of the fall season on Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs Jack Rennie. One of the features of the program will be a "hat auction." Each member is asked to bring a hat of any description in a paper bag.

There was a good attendance at the Claremont United Church for the Sunday morning worship. Mr Robt. Miller of Brougham accompanied by Mrs Howard Plaxton, was the guest soloist. He sang "How Great Thou Art."

Mr and Mrs Frank Hollingshead left on Saturday for a week's vacation. Mr and Mrs Gordon Taylor spent the weekend at their cot-

tage on Hawk Lake. The Legion Bowling League will begin on Friday, Sept. 28th at 9 p.m. at the Markham Centre. A meeting on the committee and captains was held recently at "the home" of Mr Alvin Redshaw. This is a mixed adult league and eight teams are expected. Anyone interested in filling a few vacancies should contact Mrs Rene Rennie at Claremont 175.

Mrs Bruce Harton and Heather of Willowdale visited on the weekend with Mr and Mrs Earl Cook and family.

Mr and Mrs Ken Jones and Tom Benson motored to Niagara for the weekend. Friends will be pleased to learn that Mr Fred Lynn has returned home after a confinement in the Ajax Hospital for two months. His health is now much improved.

Members of the Legion Auxiliary Ladies are reminded of their first meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13th (to-night) at 8:30 p.m. in the Legion. Debbie Ann Lewis spent the past week with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Clara Keevil. Or Sunday, Sept. 16th, their new grandchild, Catherine Gail will be christened in St. Clement's Anglican Church, Toronto.

The Claremont Public Library will hold its meeting in the library on Monday evening, Sept. 17th at 8 p.m. The Ontario and York Film Council now have their new films available. Persons wishing to acquire them should contact Mrs Clara Keevil.

The September meeting of the Claremont Women's Institute will take the form of a bus trip to Collingwood and a tour through the Georgian china factory. Anyone in the community interested in this excursion should contact either Mrs Robt. Torrance or Mrs Melvin Johnson. The bus will leave the four corners on Wednesday, Sept. 19th at 9:15 a.m. Lunch will be eaten in the park but supper will be obtained at a restaurant. Miss Grace Middleton of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr and Mrs Mac. Middleton.

Mr Keith Carson of Woodbridge visited with his parents, Mr and Mrs Frank Carson on the weekend. Keith is a teacher on the staff of the King City High School and head of the Science Dept.

Valerie and Leo Samarillo entertained a group of their friends at a corn roast on Sunday afternoon. It's bingo night at the Legion every Monday evening at 8:15 p.m. There are share-the-wealth, jackpot and cash prizes. Mr Hugh Pugh has loaned an old tin plate photograph of Claremont's Corner Store to

Mr Jim Curtis, the present proprietor. It was a possession of the late Wm. Palmer. Mr Curtis is having it copied at the Stouffville Studio of Mr. Ted Cadieux. U. C. W. News

On Thursday, Sept. 27th at 2 p.m. the Afternoon Unit of the Claremont United Church Women will meet at the home of Mrs Mait. Anderson. The roll call will be answered by naming a disciple. The program will be in charge of Mrs Elwood Carruthers and Mrs Frank Carson. Lunch will be served by Mrs Jim Peddie and Mrs Olive Vine.

The 141st anniversary of the Baptist Church will be marked on Sunday morning and evening at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. with special services. The guest pastor will be—Rev. M. F. Mor-din, Director of Evangelism of the Baptist Convention, Ontario and Quebec. The guest soloist will be, Mr Cyril Redford. On Monday, the Baptist Women's Mission Circle will celebrate their 75th anniversary. This open meeting will begin at 8 p.m. The guest speaker for this occasion will be Mrs C. W. Dengate of Toronto, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society, Ontario and Quebec. Special music will be provided by the Joseph Family of Gormley and a Baptist Male Quartet.

Rev. and Mrs Carnegie returned home on Friday from an extended holiday trip to the British Isles. An Agincourt trio, skipped by Lou Ross was the winner of a mixed trebles bowling tournament on Saturday. Ben Gay-man's Markham entry was second and Stouffville, led by Elmer Farthing placed third. Every member in the tournament was presented with a chicken.

Miss Glennys Cresswell has returned home following the completion of summer employment at a lodge near Bancroft. One of the top grade 13 graduates of Pickering Dist. High School, she will enroll at the University of Toronto this month.

Mr Chas. Redshaw was the winner of the 50-50 lucky draw on Saturday night, sponsored by the Greenwood Sr. softball club. The current Community League softball playoffs have attracted some of the largest crowds to the Claremont Park in the ten year history of the group. The championship finals will begin shortly, possibly on Thursday (to-night).

Messrs. Fred Ward, Don Hedges and Bill Evans played in a lawn bowling tournament at Stouffville on Wednesday of last week. This Saturday, a local entry will participate in a Stouffville tourney for the Birk-

ett Trophy. Mr and Mrs John Paton returned home recently from a two-week trip to the Maritimes. While in New Brunswick, Mr Paton was a judge at the Maritime Circus, an annual dog show and competition in St John and Fredericton. The Paton entries also carried off a number of prizes.

Mr and Mrs Norman Willoughby and family of Toronto were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs L. D. Almack and family. Mr and Mrs Anonby and 13 year old daughter, Ingrid are presently enjoying an extended vacation in Norway.

# Mt. Pleasant School Re-opens, Twenty Pupils

The 104 year old Mt. Pleasant Public School, conc. 7, Pickering Township, opened its doors to 18 boys and girls on Tuesday morning of last week but this figure had increased to 20 students by Friday.

The teacher is Mrs J. Kanis. The Mt. Pleasant School, closed for one full year while sixteen pupils were transported by bus to Claremont, was cleaned up and span for the opening of the September term. The largest class is grade 5 with five students. There are two pupils in grade 8.

# Grant Carson Wins Trip To United Nations

Grant Carson a member of the Brooklin Junior Farmers will represent Ontario County on the Provincial Junior Farmer United Nations Tour to Washington and New York cities, September 23 to September 29. There will be thirty-nine delegates from various counties and two leaders on the trip.

Grant has been active in many of the local club and county Junior Farmer activities. He is presently President of the Brooklin Junior Farmers, and was awarded this trip because of his interest and support of Junior Farmer and community activities.

Delegates on the trip will visit Niagara Falls, Corning Glass Works, Gettysburg, City of Washington, University of Maryland, the United Nations headquarters, and other places of interest in the city of New York.

# Parents Can't Be Held For Children's Wrong Doing Says Judge Hall

"A parent is not legally responsible for the wrongdoings of their children, with certain exceptions," stated Judge Alex C. Hall on Monday at Second Division Court held in Brougham.

Judge Hall dismissed a claim of \$452 filed by Mr Frank Hayward against Mrs Bessie Hall, both of Claremont. The action was taken by Mr Hayward after a window was broken on property affecting the plaintiff. He said that two boys, residing at the Hall home later apologized and admitted causing the damage. Mr Hayward called O.P.P. officer, J. C. Tullock to the stand as a witness.

Mrs Hall testified that a group of boys were congregated in the area at the time of the incident. "Some said that the window was already cracked beforehand," she said. She criticized the plaintiff for charging an extra \$2.00 as a collection fee when he submitted his bill. This amount was crossed out by the Judge "You are not a collecting agency," she said.

Judge Hall pointed out that there was perhaps some moral obligation on the part of the defendant to pay the bill but she could not be held legally liable. He noted that if children commit an offense on the instructions of their parents, then the adults can be held responsible.

Officer Tullock said he had visited the Hall home on other occasions and had always found the defendant most cooperative. He said that no charges were laid in the case.

Mrs Hall said that if she had received a bill from a hardware store or from a carpenter she would have been inclined to cover the cost but she felt she

was not obligated to pay an account submitted to her by the plaintiff. "Any parent runs into such matters and usually pays for damages," concluded Judge Hall, "I myself have covered such costs." The witness fees amounted to \$13.70.

# GOODWOOD

Mrs Bunker The Goodwood U.C.W. held their meeting on Sept. 5 at the home of Mrs Hewlett. After a few words of welcome by the President; Mrs Herb. Waggs took charge of the devotion, basing her thoughts on praise. Roll call was answered by seventeen ladies with a verse of scripture containing the word praise.

Plans were made to have a hot fowl supper, the early part of November. Mrs Hall read several topics taken from "The Church and Its Mission" provided by the United Church of Canada. Questions were asked and discussed. A social half hour followed.

**HISTORY IN ACTION**  
PICKERING TOWNSHIP MUSEUM  
SEPT. 22

**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**  
in the  
**CLAREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
on  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 16th**  
at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Pastor — Rev. M. F. Morden  
Guest Soloist — Mr. Cyril Redford  
**MONDAY, SEPT. 17th at 8 P.M.**  
75th Anniversary,  
Baptist Women's Mission Circle  
Guest Speaker — Mrs. C. W. Dengate, Toronto.  
Special Music — The Joseph Family of Gormley; Baptist Male Quartet.  
— PLAN TO WORSHIP WITH US —