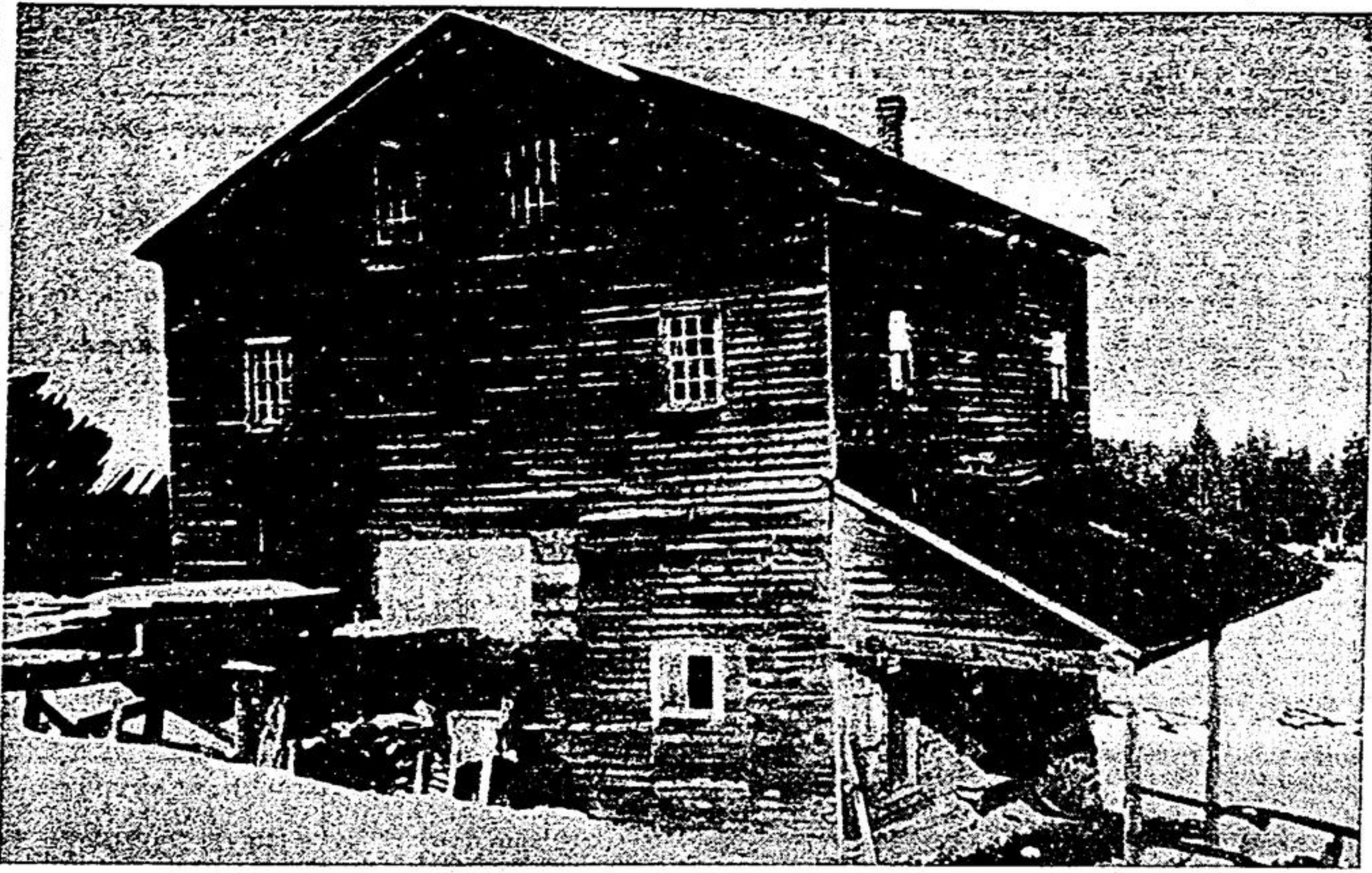


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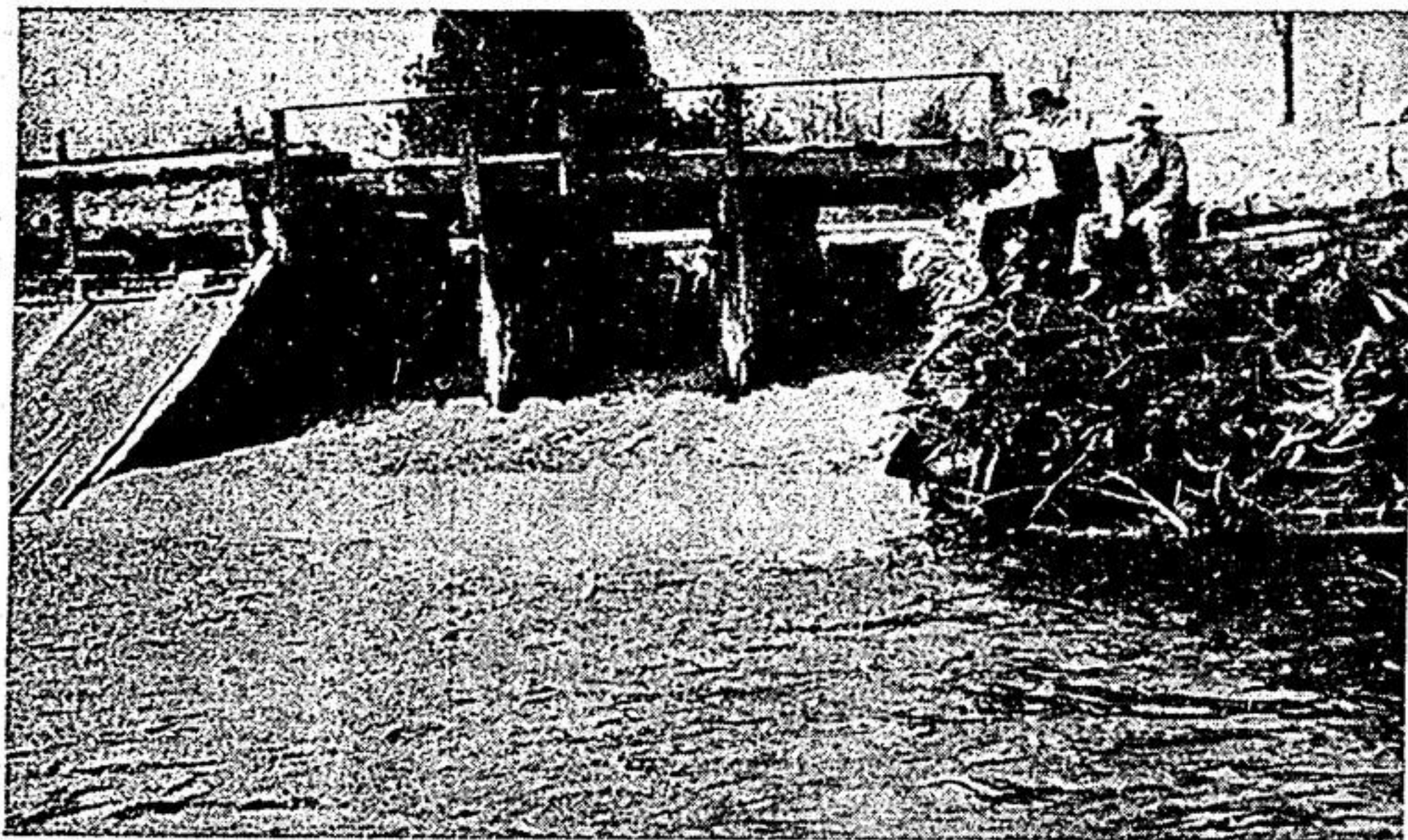
The century-old grist mill, a landmark structure on the former John Bayles' farm, conc. 7, Pickering, has been dismantled and removed from its original site by the Metro Conservation Authority. Residents in the area had circulated a petition asking that the mill be retained. It will be re-erected at Pioneer Village, Steeles Ave.

Petition Fails To Retain Grist Mill, Landmark at Concession 7, Pickering "Not Sacred" — Higgs

A petition circulated among rural residents in the 7th concession area of Pickering Twp. asking that a century-old grist mill on the former Bayles' property should be retained on the site, has failed to impress the officials of the Metro Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority. About three weeks ago, the entire structure was completely dismantled and removed from the premises. It will be re-erected at Pioneer Village, Steeles Avenue. "Some people regard such landmarks as sacred but we don't," said Mr. Kenneth G. Higgs, Director of Operations of M.T.R.C.A. He told The Trib-

une that the building was in a poor state of repair and needed to be built from the ground up. He said that he was quite aware of the feelings of some persons in the district and knew about the petition. Purchased in 1962 The Conservation Authority purchased the John Bayles' farm in January, 1962, and the 100 acre adjoins the present Claremont Conservation Park. The deed to the land dates back to 1788 and the original owner was a Mr. Benjamin Hallowell. Within more recent years, the farm has been occupied by Samuel Boyer, his son, Abraham, Thomas Bayles and now his son, John. Mr. and Mrs. Bayles presently reside on the south side of conc. 7 in a neat, compact, white clapboard bungalow they purchased from Mr. Ray Scott. The old mill, now removed from the property, could relate a tale of floods and tragedy during its long period of active service. Abraham Boyer was killed while working in the mill and Thomas Bayles was fatally injured in an accident on the same farm. Mr. John Bayles had resided on the property since 1905 and vividly recalls the big flood of 1929 that permanently wrecked the dam and flooded the 7th concession road to a depth of several feet. The mill was never operated by water power after that time. The dam had been damaged on two prior occasions due to floods but each time it was repaired. Duffin's Creek flows through the farm. Hugo Logs Logs measuring over two feet in depth and eighteen feet long were heaved out of a fine 20 acre maple bush on the former Bayles property. The saw mill is still standing. Other logs were often brought to the mill by horse teams and sleighs. The saw mill and grist mill were at one time adjoining but the saw mill was later moved to a higher ground to the north. The Bayles' farm residence has also been retained. Gone, however, is the grist mill and the former owner cannot help but express some regret at its passing. "I would like to have it kept there," he said.

Dam Destroyed In '29



This dam, that provided the water power to operate the mill, was destroyed in the flood of 1929. It had been badly damaged on two other occasions but each time it was repaired. At the height of the '29 flood, the Duffin's Creek overflowed its banks and flooded the 7th concession to a height of several feet.

Century-old Bell Removed From Greenwood School

The century-old bell that has beckoned many a tardy pupil to the Greenwood Public School over the past one hundred years was removed from its lofty rooftop throne on Friday afternoon. Trustee chairman, Donald Goodwin and Wm. Clark, a former member of the board took charge of the project while a dozen children looked on during their recess period. Once the bell was detached from its belfry moorings, it took only a matter of minutes to lower it to the ground below. Its weight was estimated at 175 pounds. Many of the children cheered its descent not knowing that in a few short weeks, the bell will occupy an even more prominent position in a solid brick tower on the new five-room Greenwood school only a few feet from the old structure. Mr. Clark plans to polish it up and complete some minor repairs to the chime. It is expected that the new school will be ready for occupancy early in April. The bell was originally cast in England and was shipped to Toronto to be installed in St. James' Cathedral. When it did not meet the necessary requirements, a new one was ordered. The late Wm. Clark of Greenwood, then a trustee, purchased the bell and had it brought by schooner to Frenchman's Bay and hauled by ox team to its present site. The date inscribed on the bell (1860) is the same year that the present Greenwood school was erected. A picture story of the bell's removal from the roof of S.S. No. 9 will appear in next week's issue of The Tribune. You may be able to keep too much night life a secret but eventually time will tell. Many a driver gets in such a hurry to reach the next town that he lands in the next world.

Conservation Official Outlines Large-Scale Program In Pickering

Last year, 900,000 persons visited parks, playgrounds and picnic centres operated by the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. By 1950, it is expected that this number will increase to nearly four million. In an effort to keep pace with this trend and also retain the natural resources of soil, forest, water and wildlife, the Authority has continued its program of rapid expansion, a portion of which is located in the Twp. of Pickering. On Thursday evening, Mr. Kenneth G. Higgs, Director of Operations with M.T.R.C.A. outlined the organization's completed projects and touched on future plans as related to Pickering at a regular meeting of the Rural Ratepayer's Association at Brougham. He was introduced to a gathering of about twenty-five members by Prof. Eugene LaBrie, vice-president of the Assoc. Discourage Camps Miss Violet Swan, member of the Ratepayer's executive, questioned Mr. Higgs concerning the operation of over-night camps on the grounds owned by the Conservation Authority. She said that such facilities, so common in the United States and Overseas were lacking in Ontario. Mr. Higgs pointed out that Conservation Parks had not been equipped to handle this type of business and he feared that such a program might present many problems. He said that boy scout and cub camps had been accepted and even then, it had resulted in some difficulties. He said he believed such facilities were available in Oshawa and Sibbald's Park near Sutton. The guest speaker said that the Authority was attempting to promote tree-planting programs in areas that were not too suitable for highly competitive agriculture. On farms, hand-planted trees cost \$5.00 per thousand. Machine-planted trees cost \$10 per thousand. A replacement for trees stricken by the Dutch Elm disease, six to ten foot saplings may be acquired at 50 cents each.

Editor's Mail

DONILEAN FARM RR 1, Ashburn, Ontario. March 4th, 1963.

To the Editor, Stouffville - Tribune, Stouffville, Ontario.

Dear Sir: I have always been of the opinion, that the purpose of a hospital, is to provide care, and comfort, and emergency treatments, to the sick and injured. But to this particular end, I am rather disappointed, in particular with the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, due to the fact, that last Monday night, at a Scout Meeting, one of our boys, had a rather deep gash in his wrist, and was bleeding considerably, and at approximately 9:00 p.m., I took this boy to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, only to be turned away, because there was no medical aid available, and as a consequence, 45 miles had to be travelled, in order that this boy could be given emergency treatment, at Oshawa General Hospital, which required eleven stitches, and the boy did not get home until 12:00 o'clock Monday night.

Besides causing considerable mental anguish to the boy's parents, and myself, and not knowing the degree of seriousness of his injury, I most certainly would hesitate in the future, to recommend this hospital, to anyone. The most disheartening fact, is that the people in Claremont, and district, were asked to give financial support to this hospital, a few years ago, and the boys in our Scout Troop, on their own, went out and earned, and sent in, a considerable amount to this hospital, and this irks me particularly since they could not even provide emergency treatment. This hospital, in my opinion, is surely a Cottage, not a Hospital. It is my hope, that if anyone should get in the predicament I was in, they will not waste their time, or the life of those injured, by taking them, or sending them, to this hospital. Cordially yours, D. W. Sanderson, Scoutmaster, 1st Claremont Troop.

Claremont News

Five year old Jimmy Beelby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beelby, has returned home from Uxbridge Cottage Hospital following surgery. The Claremont Golden Age Club will celebrate its 5th birthday on Tuesday afternoon, March 19th. The Sunshine Club from Pickering will be their special guests. Both groups are sponsored by the Pickering Twp. and Village Red Cross. All senior citizens in the district are invited. Members still holding draw tickets are asked to turn them in as the draw will be made at this gathering. Valerie Samarillo was an over-night guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGrath on Friday. On Saturday evening Susan McGrath spent the night at the Samarillo home. Mr. Jim Curtis' mother has been released from hospital and is convalescing at her home in Oakville. Ron Hedges was confined for a few days in the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, but was permitted to return home later this week. Rev. A. C. Lester, Supt. of Home Missions and a resident of Kingston, occupied the pulpit in the United Church on Sunday morning. Young people from both Brougham and Claremont will attend the Detroit-Toronto hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens on Saturday night, March 23rd. The bus will leave the village at 6:30 p.m. A special block of tickets was obtained for the local folk by Rev. A. Cresswell. Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Morley and family of Stouffville were visitors on Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morley. Mr. Geo. McConnell suffered a nasty fall in his home last week and x-ray treatment was required to determine the extent of his injury. Mr. Norman Wagg of Goodwood is now back at work at the Sarcop plant. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gliddon left Sunday on a motor trip to New Orleans. They expect to be away for about three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Evans have taken up residence in the home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Melville Norrish. Mr. and Mrs. Norrish have moved to Uxbridge. The Claremont United Church young people are planning a trip to the channel 9 television studio on Friday evening, Mar. 15th. Mrs. Ken Petty and son Mark, of Victoria Square, visited on Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hockley. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boniface attended a Masonic banquet at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto on Friday evening. Mrs. Jim Coates has been confined to bed for the past week due to the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loyst and Janice of Whitby visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Taylor and Mrs. Loyst Sr. Mrs. Udell celebrated her birthday on Saturday, March 9th with a party. Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Gliddon of Toronto were visitors for the occasion. The March meeting of the Claremont Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 20th at 2 p.m. in the Community Hall. The program on "health" will be taken by Mrs. Lloyd Pugh. The roll call will be "a cure for the blues". The lunch will be in charge of Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Torrance and Mrs. G. Gauslin. Current events—Mrs. H. Green. Mrs. N. Sanderson of Toronto visited on the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanderson and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. Hockley. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rennie and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Wills of Scarborough on Sunday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. B. Holiday of East York and enjoyed dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Rennie, Scarborough. The Girl Guides and Brownies will hold a church parade to the morning service of the United Church on Sunday, Mar. 17th. No one topped the 300 high single mark in the Community Bowling League last week. Al Roszell was the leading marksman with a 294. Ken Field still holds the current record with a 349 (without handicap). For the ladies, Ruth Nesbitt has a 333. A surprise party was for Mr. and Mrs. Mel. Norrish on Saturday at their new home at Uxbridge. A number of Claremont friends were present for the occasion. A very important meeting has been planned for the Community Hall on Thursday evening, March 21st at 8:45 p.m. The main subject of discussion will centre around the formation of a Community Centre. A representative of the Pickering Twp. Recreation Committee will attend. Keep this date in mind. Mrs. Gerald Alliman and the executive of the Pickering Twp. and Village Branch of the Red Cross are to be commended for their instant response to the needs of two Stouffville district families following a tragic fire at Bloomington last week. The immediate requirements of the parents and ten children were looked after due to this action. The current Red Cross fund drive in Pickering closes on March 15th. Mrs. Rhoda Almack is the Campaign Chairman for the north district of the municipality. On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Rhoda Almack, attended the fashion show at Eaton's College Street Store in Toronto. In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Almack enjoyed dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Whitney of Don Mills. Visitors at the Almack home on the weekend included Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bundy and four children and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Willoughby and family, all of Toronto. Rev. J. A. Carnegie conducted his farewell service in the Baptist Church on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie will take up residence in North Dakota where he has accepted a charge. On Saturday evening, a presentation party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Heron. This Sunday, Mr. David Simmonds of Toronto will occupy the Baptist pulpit. Mr. Simmonds is a member of the well-known Glen Major Simmonds' family. Hon. Michael Starr will meet with his old friends in Claremont on Tuesday evening, Mar. 19th at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall.

Busy This Winter



The long ski tow at the Ski-Loft resort at Dagmar was re-opened for business again next year it is hoped that the tow may be replaced by a modern T-bar. For story, see page 10 of this issue. —Staff Photo.

Assessment Increase Aired Before MTRCA Official

The question of increased assessments which invariably arises at all meetings of the Pickering Twp. Rural Ratepayer's Association, was introduced again on Thursday night in the township hall at Brougham. The guest speaker was Mr. Kenneth G. Higgs, Director of Operations with the Metro Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority. Mr. Robt. G. Roy, chief organizer of the Association complained that he was in the process of developing a portion of his property as a future donation to the University of Toronto. He noted that for every step of this improvement plan, he was being charged additional assessment and his taxes had continually increased. "I may have to have your assistance," said Mr. Roy. Mr. Higgs termed the prob-

lem as a "ticklish matter" and agreed that he would be pleased to discuss the issue with Mr. Roy in private at any time. Speaking for the Authority, Mr. Higgs said that assessment appeals had been filed before the courts on at least two occasions and each time, reductions had resulted. Mr. Roy said he had planted 30,000 trees on his premises and his total expenditure to date had totalled close to 1/4 million dollars. "Does it pay?", he asked. Mr. Higgs pointed out that improvements for any reason inevitably resulted in assessment hikes at the municipal level. "There's only one way to get around it," he said, donate the land to the Conservation Authority."

PICKERING LAND BRINGS \$214,000

A 159 acre industrial site in Pickering Township was purchased last week by Mastino

Developments Limited of Toronto for nearly \$214,000. The property, located at the junction of the Base Line road and Station road, was formerly owned by Frank O'Sullivan of Pickering Township. McQuay Real Estate, of Whitby, reported the land sold for \$1,350 per acre.

Fed. of Agriculture To Hold Discussion

A very interesting meeting has been planned by the Pickering Twp. Federation of Agriculture in the township hall at Brougham on Tuesday evening, April 2nd at 8 p.m. A panel of professional men will take part in a discussion on the following topics: (1). Animals and their diseases. (2). Hunters, and how to control them. (3). Farm post problems. All farmers in the municipality are urged to attend.

Pickering Farm Assessment Appeals Aired Before Court Of Revision

Only Two Cases Heard On Monday

The Pickering Twp. Court of Revision opened hearings on Monday into an estimated 400 farm assessment appeals. Although a total of 27 submissions were listed for the afternoon agenda, only two were aired. The court will resume its sittings on Thursday (today). The influx of both appellants and interested spectators overflowed the confines of the Brougham municipal chambers and the hearings had to be transferred to the township hall. Two rural land-owners, Mrs. Marjorie Samarillo and Mr. Kalman Vizey, both of Claremont RR 3 were represented by solicitor, Jas. McCallum. Township Assessment Commissioner, Delbert Goslin, was supported by solicitor, Harold Elliott. Mr. McCallum informed the court that he planned to conduct a thorough inquiry into the Vizey case in order that it might be possible for the court to base other cases on the evidence produced. The court made no reply to this suggestion. Decision Reserved Mr. Samarillo spoke on behalf of his wife's appeal and claimed that 40 of the 98.01 acres was not workable. He contended that the land assessment of \$5,000 and the building assessment of \$4,825 was too high. It was pointed out that the County Court Judge had reduced the land values on the Samarillo farm to \$65 per acre last year. Mr. Goslin stated that his value had been dropped even below this figure. He said that he had taken into account the non-workable portion of the property and had placed a lower value on this parcel. The court reserved its decision on the case. At the morning session of appeals, two members in the Revision Court were not in attendance. Mr. Comery, a lawyer, appeared for the afternoon agenda. Mr. Ken Reesor is a member of the court and is also listed among the 400 appellants. "Unreasonable Increase" The Vizey appeal includes a total of 184 acres of farm land in four separate parcels, lot 23 and 24, conc. 9. The basis for the appeal was "unreasonable increase". The court gave no indication that the Vizey appeal

would be taken as a "test case". On the stand, Assessment Commissioner, Goslin said that he had not personally made the assessment on the Vizey property but replied that he had complete confidence in the ability of his staff. Solicitor McCallum assured the court that his client was a full-time farmer with no other occupation and with residence on the premises. The matter of increased assessment on the buildings was quickly settled when the Commissioner noted that a new addition had been constructed to the barn. Mr. Vizey agreed that this work had been done. Solicitor Elliott stated that no case had been made and asked that the court dismiss the appeal. The court declined to take such action. Tours the Twp. With the partial completion of the Vizey case, solicitor McCallum took Mr. Goslin on an assessment tour of the township and compared various values of parcels of land with that of the Vizey farm. Mr. McCallum's ire was aroused at one point and he took exception to a reply voiced by the Assessment Commissioner. "You need not act so smug after what you have done to the farmers," he said, Solicitor Elliott intervened and charged that Mr. McCallum was not only taking evidence but was also conducting a cross-examination. A continued volley of questions were directed to Mr. Goslin until the Commissioner voiced an objection to the solicitor being repetitious. "I have answered that question several times," said Mr. Goslin. "Be patient, I learn slowly," replied Mr. McCallum. Mr. Goslin said he had been guided by a \$65 per acre figure established by Judge Wilmoit in 1962. Mr. McCallum proceeded to pick out land locations over every concession in the township and questioned why one varied in value from another. The audience was thrown into an uproar of laughter when Mr. McCallum proceeded to compare the increase in assessment of a piece of swamp land with another swamp site. "How do you justify the increase in the assessment of this swamp over the other?" asked the solicitor. "A better swamp," replied Mr. Goslin. Mr. Goslin spent almost three hours on the stand and at 4:45 p.m. the court was adjourned. Solicitor Elliott is still to conduct his examination. The court convenes on Thursday (today) at 10 a.m.