

# Pickering Tp. Recreation Committee Budget Of \$25,000 For This Year

At the first 1964 meeting of the Pickering Township Parks and Recreation Committee, held on January 29, members were introduced to the Council representatives who were appointed for this year to sit on the committee. Councillors John Campbell and Don Waring. The committee is comprised of Don Beer, Don Hopkins, Terry Ryan, Gordon Shaver and the two Councillors. It remains for Council to appoint one further member from Ward 1 to replace Mr. Kalman Vizey, who left the Township last year.

Members agreed that they could not commit future Councils and committees financially, but felt that consideration should be given to the policy of such planning. They will give the motion further study at budget time and seek the endorsement of Council and of the several Parks and Recreation Committees throughout the Township.

This programme would not necessarily affect other recreation programmes in the Township which the committee has assisted, such as swimming, boating, physical fitness, and others.

Seek Larger Budget  
The Committee by resolution will apply for a budget of \$25,000.00 for this year from Council, to be divided between parks and recreation. This same amount was requested last year, but cut by Council to about \$14,000.00, a quarter mill levy on the taxpayers.

In 1963 the requests from local parks and recreation boards amounted to approximately \$72,000.00, so the committee had to cut drastically in all directions, to distribute equally little more than one-fifth of this amount.

The meetings of the Pickering Township Parks and Recreation Committee are public, and are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Municipal Building in Brougham.

Donald Hopkins recommended a policy, and put it in for a resolution which was unanimously passed, that the committee consider allotting sufficient money from the 1964 budget to finance the lighting of East Woodlands and Bay Ridges Parks for the purpose of softball and hockey as an immediate project, since two ball parks in the north-end had lighting, and there was a need for lights in the south part. Following this, funds be set aside for the grading of the Brougham and Claremont Parks, and still further

# School Chums Act As Pallbearers At Saturday Funeral For Ten-Year Old Claremont District Boy Drowned In Abandoned Well

The tragic drowning death of a 10-year-old Claremont boy in an unused well not far from his home last week has shocked and saddened this village community. Douglas Goden, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Goden is believed to have fallen through the rotted, earth-covered platform into about ten feet of water on Thursday at noon. His body was recovered from the excavation following an extensive four-hour search of the area by an estimated 300 persons.

The Claremont Baptist church could not accommodate the many friends of the deceased and his family although facilities in both the auditorium and Sunday School were used. Dozens more remained outside. The entire staff and the majority of

students of the Claremont Public School attended. Douglas was a grade 3 pupil. His teacher was Miss Glendynne Gordon of Stouffville. The pall bearers, all close companions of the deceased, included — Alvin Lehman, Johnny Vanderliet, Robt. Ross, and Jimmy McGuire. Dr. H. S. Hillier conducted the service with interment in the Claremont Union Cemetery.

When the victim did not arrive at school following the lunch-hour period and did not return home later in the afternoon, officers of the Provincial Police were notified and a massive search was started. Officials of the Dept. of Lands and Forests working in the area, joined with police and residents in combing fields and

Long-time residents in the village told The Tribune that they can recall that a windmill was once located over the well. The excavation was later filled in and covered but in the interval the fill has been absorbed, leaving a hidden hole in the ground. It is located at the rear of the Earl Beare lot.

Rally To Aid  
Claremont folk, known for their generosity in times of tragedy in the past, have rallied to the aid of the Goden family. Beautiful flowers banked the interior of the church and financial assistance has come in from both organizations and individuals. The parents were at a loss for words to express their appreciation. Three children survive. Dwight, 10, Denise, 8 and Daryl, 3.



Ten Year Old Douglas Goden of Claremont

## P.C.s To Honour Parliamentary Representatives

Ontario County Conservatives are planning a major dinner for the end of February. It was announced this week. The various A.C. associations of the area are getting together to pay tribute to our parliamentary representatives.

At the present time, Ontario County is unique in Ontario in having complete Conservative representation in each of the Canadian Senate, the House of Commons and the provincial Legislature.

Hon. Allison Grosart, Senator from Pickering; Hon. Michael Starr, M.P. for Ontario Riding; Hon. Matt Dymond, M.P.P. for Ontario Riding; and Ab. Walker, M.P. for Oshawa Riding will be the four guests of honour. Other well-known political figures will also be on hand.

The testimonial dinner will be held in the Ajax Community Centre on Saturday evening, February 29.

Invitations are going forward this week throughout the area and those who wish to attend are encouraged to get their tickets early since attendance may be limited.

## Member Of Claremont Band Over 60 Years

On Thursday, Jan. 30th Mr. Edwin Walter Evans, a faithful member of the Claremont Citizens Band since 1893, passed away in the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. He was in his 90th year.

The late Mr. Evans was born in Uxbridge Twp., the son of the late James and Rachael Evans. In 1901 he married Anna Stewart who predeceased him in 1953. He had been a farmer all his life until his retirement 18 years ago. For the past six months he lived at the home of his daughter, (Gladys), Mrs. Stanley Slack of Goodwood. He was confined to hospital for only a few days.

Both he and the late James Coates of Claremont played baritone in the Claremont Band and Mr. Evans had attended several outings with the group last summer.

Surviving are four sons Talbert and Elmer of Uxbridge Twp., Grant and James in Toronto and two daughters, (Sadie) Mrs. Jack Johnson and Gladys (Mrs. Stanley Slack), also of the Twp. of Uxbridge. There are sixteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A brother, Ross Evans resides in Toronto and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Jones of Brooklin, (Ethel) Mrs. James Briscoe and (Mabel) Mrs. Jake Taylor, both of Claremont. Mr. Archie Stewart of Stouffville is a brother-in-law of the deceased.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. M. Dolan of the Uxbridge Baptist Church from the chapel of McGuire and Low

## Mrs. P. Wilson Sunday School Superintendent

Mrs. Perry Wilson is the new Superintendent of the Greenwood United Church Sunday School. The annual meeting was held recently and the officers and teachers for 1964 were appointed. Mr. David Pegg held the position in 1963. Other officers are held by the following: Secretary, Bonnie Gardner; Asst. Secretary, Bob Clarke; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Pascoe and Kenneth Gardner; Cradle Roll Mrs. A. Robertson; M. and M. Mrs. Pascoe and Beatrice McLean; Temperance, Mrs. F. Webb and Mrs. Robertson; Teachers-Nursery, Mrs. R. Disney; Mrs. L. Wilson; Primary, (girls) Mrs. C. McTaggart, Asst. Mrs. Pascoe; Primary (boys), Mrs. Trolley; Asst., Judy Moore Junior (girls), Shirley Gardner, Asst., Rosemary Scriver; Junior (boys), Mrs. D. Morden; Intermediate, Mrs. S. Pugh; Young Peoples, Mrs. S. Pugh; Asst. Mrs. M. Pegg; Adult, Mrs. M. Pegg; Asst. Mrs. G. Henning.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Clarke visited on Sunday with relatives at Colborne.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. I. McLean in the loss of her sister at Madoc.

The World Day of Prayer will be conducted in the church on Friday afternoon, Feb. 14th.

The Oshawa Presbyterian meeting will be held in St. Mark's United Church, Whitby on Thursday, Feb. 13th.

Unit No. 2 will hold their Feb. meeting at the home of Mrs. Doug Morden on Wednesday evening, Feb. 12th.

Mrs. Herb Middleton is in charge of the program.

The funeral of the late Mr. Blake was conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 29th at the Ward Parlours in Weston. Mr. Ward passed away on Monday, Jan. 27th. He is survived by five sisters and two brothers. His wife predeceased him several years ago.

Mrs. P. Wilson was honoured on Saturday evening at her home on the occasion of her 60th birthday. She was presented with a new English version of the Bible and twenty friends of the Bible and other gifts.

The enrollment of the 1st Greenwood Guides was held on Tuesday evening of last week. Guides present included Judy Moore, Norah Lloyd, Sylvia Scriver, Kathy Pegg, Linda Thomas, Betty Lee and Lieut. Marion Lee. The mothers attended this meeting, also Dist. Commissioner, Mrs. Kearney who presented pins to the Guides.

Glen: "Did you ever see a woman suffer in silence?"

Ben: "Certainly, whenever her telephone was out of order."

## To Select Queen Of Hearts At Pickering Prom

The auditorium of the Pickering Dist. High School will be the scene of a colourful Valentine's Dance on Friday evening, Feb. 14th. The social event is one of the highlights of the school year.

The prom has been appropriately named the "Sweetheart's Ball" and during the night some pretty girl will be selected to reign as Queen of Hearts.

The excellent dance band of Art Hallman and his Orchestra has been signed for the occasion.

Students of Ajax, Dunbar and Pickering along with their parents are invited to attend.

## Don Kennedy '64 Chairman Uxbridge Planning Board

At the inaugural meeting of Uxbridge Township Planning Board this week, Mr. Don Kennedy was elected to chair the Board for 1964. The secretary is Mr. Ralph Faulkner. Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month in the township office at 8 p.m. Major items of business at the first meeting was a recommendation to the township council that the fee for giving consent in the dividing of land be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Total Board budget last year amounted to \$171,000 and more than half of this was recovered in consent fees.

## Editor's Mail

Fairport P.O., Frenchman's Bay, February 1, 1964

Dear Sir: Mr. Lehman's condemnation of Pickering Township Council is most puzzling and entirely unwarranted. The question placed before Council was "To approve a recommendation of the Planning Board to rezone land from Agricultural to Commercial, to permit the building of a Motel." Apparently Mr. Lehman wishes to fight the "Battle of the Liquor Plebiscite" all over again. This battle was won fairly and as is the case in all levels of government, the majority rules and we must submit to the ruling of the majority, whether we like it or not.

I assume Mr. Lehman is a conscientious Christian gentleman; however, he is also a member of the Planning Board. A member of this Board is sometimes called upon to make decisions similar to a jury member and should at all times have an open mind and be completely fair and unbiased in his vote either in the affirmative or negative.

The Ratepayers of Pickering Township are in desperate need of Commercial Assessment. At a possible mill rate of about 98 in the South portion of the Township, Industry and Commercial Assessment is our only hope of lower taxation. Our Police and By-law Officers are capable of attending to their duties as guardians of any establishment.

Mr. Lehman's attitude is working at cross purposes with the efforts of the Industrial Committee who have put forth every possible load of the already overburdened taxpayer.

In summarizing Mr. Lehman's letter, it leaves the impression that he feels he cannot serve two masters and serve them both equally. Let his conscience be his guide, as to whether he can render dedicated service as a member of the Planning Board and give a fair decision free from prejudice:

Sincerely,  
Gladys Beckstead.

## Claremont News

Debbie Pilkey of Brougham spent the weekend at the home of her cousin, Lynn Sandersan. Local Mercury Dealer, Gord Taylor visited the Boat Show at the C.N.E. grounds on Monday.

Chas. Cooper Ltd. had a display of equipment at the Farm Show at the Coliseum in Toronto last week. It was the largest display of equipment in TORONTO.

Mr. Robt. Torrance has returned home from the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital following a recent operation.

Mrs. F. Loyst has returned home following a 3-week visit with her daughter, Mrs. Pyatt of Willowdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tomlinson and David of Hamilton visited over the weekend with Dr. Tomlinson and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cooper.

There were 19 tables at the euchre on Wednesday evening of last week, sponsored by the group committee of the Boy Scouts. The following were winners: Ladies: (1) Mrs. Ross Redshaw; (2) Mrs. W. Evans. Men: (1) Mrs. Jack Leiman; (2) Clinton Couperthwaite; Consolation, Mrs. Peter White and Mr. Geo. Postill. Another euchre is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 26th.

Cathy Loyst has been absent from school for the past week with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter White and family and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Redman visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill of Saintfield.

On Friday evening, thirty-six members of the Girl Guides and their three leaders enjoyed a social outing by bus to Maple Leaf Gardens to see the Ice Follies.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Goden in the tragic death of their son, Douglas.

To date, the teen dances in the Community Hall have not been well attended. If the young people wish this program to be continued every Friday evening, they should show more interest.

The regular monthly meeting of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12th.

## AUDLEY

Mrs. Fred Puckrin The United Church Women will hold the World Day of Prayer service during the regular service on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2:30.

The community club had an evening of bowling and dancing last Friday evening at the Red Wing Recreational Hall.

This Friday, Feb. 7, the club is sponsoring a conducted tour of Fridaire. Cars will leave the church at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schuyler and family, Paris, Ont., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Puckrin attended the funeral on Wednesday afternoon of Mrs. Puckrin's uncle, Mr. Wm. Tweddle, who passed away at his residence, Cherrywood, on Monday, Jan. 27.

## Thorah Reeve New County Warden



The Reeve of Thorah Township, Russell Francis, is the new Warden of Ontario County. He gained the post with a margin of three votes over Reeve Wilfred Gould of Uxbridge Town. Warden Francis (right) is sworn in by the County Clerk, Wm. Manning. He succeeds Sherman Scott, former Reeve of the Twp. of Pickering.

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