

Whitevale Folk Honour Their School's 100th Birthday



School centennials only come once in a hundred years and on Saturday, the residents of Whitevale turned out by the hundreds to mark this very special occasion. A portion of the crowd is pictured here. The school choir under the direction of staff teacher, Miss Jean Allen, is accompanied by the Salvation Army band. —Staff Photo.

Four Bands In Half-Mile Long Parade Celebrate Whitevale School Centenary

It only happens once in a hundred years and on Saturday afternoon the hamlet of Whitevale made the most of the anniversary occasion. It was the one hundredth birthday of the Whitevale Public School, a brick building erected in 1865 at a cost of \$1,900. The contractor of that day was Mr. T. P. White and the site was located on the James White homestead. The purchase price of the 1 acre lot was \$150. The entire program was well organized, from the parade that covered over a half-mile on the 5th conc. to the street dance at night. Few parades in Pickering Twp. have equalled Saturday's procession. It was headed by no less than four bands; including the Pickering Blue Notes; the Earlscourt Legion Band; the Oshawa Sea Cadets and the Markham Collettes. A group of West Rouge majorettes added an additional touch of colour. The floats were most original.

Ask For Re-instatement Of Pub. School Principal

On a 3-2 vote, the trustees of the Public School Area Board No. 2 agreed last week to ask the Principal of Glendale School to reconsider his resignation in spite of the fact that a replacement to the post has already been named. The decision was reached after a delegation of about twenty persons, including members of the Glendale Home and School Association, attended the meeting to inquire into circumstances surrounding the resignation of Mr. William Fairbourne. Mr. Thomas Lister, spokesman for the group, attributed the Principal's action to "pressure brought to bear by another school board employee." Several of the board members said that they were not aware of any "pressure tactics" in connection with Mr. Fairbourne's decision. A 60-name petition was submitted, asking that the Principal be re-instated.

Claremont News

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Samarillo was the scene of a gathering on Sunday for Mrs. T. Samarillo of Toronto on the occasion of her 85th birthday. The family were all present, including six sons, Sam, Dominic, Tony, Albert, Orlando, James and four daughters, Ida (Mrs. McLean), Yolanda (Mrs. T. Burns), Rosina and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Prouse and family of Georgetown enjoyed supper on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond after attending the Decoration Day service at Groveside Cemetery, Brooklin. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hamilton visited with friends in Georgetown on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ward spent the weekend with her sister in Windsor. Allan Appleby of Ashburn, a member of the Claremont Scout Troop, was injured when he fell off his bicycle. He is presently confined to hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Burnell

PINE ORCHARD

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Herron of Toronto were Sunday guests at the Rae McClure home. Misses Eileen and Florence Fair visited the Johnston family Sunday. Miss Doris Gibney spent the weekend with her cousin Miss Helen Reid here. Our sympathy is extended to the Bosworth family in the death of Mrs. J. Bosworth Sr. Plan to attend the Church of Christ special meetings each night this week at 8 p.m. Also on Sunday, June 20th services are being conducted by U.S.A. ministers. The June W. I. meeting will

BALSAM & MT. ZION

The U.C.W. met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Wm. Harbron. Following the worship Mrs. Leslie Harbron gave a reading "If you ask me" and Mrs. Murray Jones one on "Mock apple pie". The topic taken by Mrs. Percy Jones was "God and our pleasures." Following the business the meeting closed with a questionnaire which proved very interesting. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday night by holding open house. Some 150 friends and relatives called and many beautiful cards and gifts were received. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Jamieson enjoyed a motor trip on the weekend to North Bay, Deep River and Pembroke. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Empringham attended the Chisholm Empringham wedding Saturday at Thornhill. Mrs. Burnett Jamieson, Mrs. Lewis Jones and Mrs. Orr Graham attended a presentation Friday night for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parrott Jr. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Judd of Chalk Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Parrott were married last July in Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson of Lakefield spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilson.

to be held at the home of Mrs. Cody on Wednesday, June 23 at 8 p.m. Mrs. Rumble the new District President will be guest speaker. Come wearing an article to represent a song title.



One of the guest platform speakers on the program was Michael Starr, M.P. He is pictured here (right) talking to the oldest former pupils, Mrs. Violet Postill (left) 84 of Green River and Mr. Howard Turner, 79, now of Ajax. —Staff Photo.



The centennial parade on Saturday afternoon was stretched out over a half-mile distance. It included several bands and many colourful floats. A scene of contrast is pictured here in this 1932 Rugby fire engine from Markham Village with John Lunan at the wheel accompanied by Reeve Alma Walker, a former Whitevale school pupil. The other big machine is a new '65 model GMC, acquired recently by the No. 3 fire department of Pickering Township. —Staff Photo.

Early Post Offices Of Pickering, Topic of Historical Soc. Meeting

A paper on the delivery of mail in Ontario and Pickering Twp. in particular by Max Royale, Banora (in existence 1861 to 1871), Alha, Port Union, Green River, Cherrywood, Claremont, North Claremont, Balsam, Greenwood, Rouge Hill, Dunbarton, Altona, Brown's Corners (later Audley), Kinsale, Whitevale, Bangor (in existence 1861 to 1871), Alha, Port Union, Green River, Cherrywood, Claremont, North Claremont, Balsam. While Niagara was the first settlement in Upper Canada in 1780, the United Empire Loyalists were rapidly settling in Eastern Canada, and in 1787 they petitioned for post offices in new districts. Soon there were a few, but Kingston was far west as the regular mail couriers ran. Mr. Rosenthal told how at time there was one "express" each winter for military dispatches and the convenience of merchants. This meant an expedition which left Montreal in January, proceeded about 18 miles a day on a journey of at least three months. York Post Office (Toronto) was established in 1797. It was after this, since the wilderness in the Pickering area was becoming sparsely settled, that gradually post offices came into being, and often the settlement which sprung up at the mail delivery station was named after the post office.

First In County
Mr. Rosenthal disclosed that the first post office in Ontario County was at Hamer's Corners (Whitby). When it was proposed that a post office be established at Duffin's Creek, the merchants who operated the Whitby PC, John and William Warren, protested saying that they could do all the postal business for the surrounding townships and have plenty of time to spare. However, in 1829, a post office was established at Duffin's Creek (now Pickering) and Francis Leys was its postmaster. The post office was called Pickering after the township, right from the beginning. Local histories state that Nicholas Howell was the first Postmaster at Brougham, but Mr. Rosenthal disparaged this by relating that Rev. George Barclay became postmaster in 1836 when Brougham Post Office was established. Since his oldest son took an active part in the 1837 Rebellion, Mr. Barclay was soon replaced by Mr. Howell.

Historic Date
The history of the post offices which followed was continued by the speaker, who offered historical data of the early settlements along with their establishment, describing in detail

Whitevale School Centennial Day A Sweeping Success

(by Louise Blackman Boyd)
No two persons would agree on just what part of the celebration was the most fun but every one of the 750 who attended would claim the Day was one big success from beginning to end. The parade of antique cars, marchers, floats, bands, started the festivities off in colourful style. The "official" ceremonies of flag-raising, singing of our National Anthem, prayer speeches and songs by the present-day school choir all began around the 2:30 mark when the visitors eventually found parking spots for their cars. The road was lined a mile in each direction from the school with parked cars. The south room of the partitioned schoolhouse was devoted to refreshments for the crowd. Individually wrapped sandwiches of egg, meat and fish were piled on the banquet table. Home-made tarts, buns, cakes and cookies together with coffee or tea added up to a 'homey' and welcoming touch for us all, a delectable testimony to the loving work of the ladies of Whitevale Home and School Ass'n. The north classroom was set up as a museum displaying a most interesting and varied collection of local, early Canadiana. There were paintings, and photos, several old class pictures from as long ago as 1893, early presses, cooking utensils, implements and a rare "skating" lamp. Tacked on the walls as a particularly lovely background were several beautiful hand-made quilts. There were two "signature" quilts (these were made up to raise money by embroidering parishioner's signatures from the Whitevale Baptist Church) one from back in 1895. There was a ring box, a collar box, a Mother-of-pearl purse, old photo albums, and wooden carpentry tools. One item of note was a "little Dance Card from 1878 when a Ball was held to raise money for the Brass Band. The names of some of those 24 dances listed would put today's "frug" and "watusi" to shame. Many of the former residents were so enjoying running into old friends that they never did get inside the schoolhouse. The day's festivities were ended with an evening Street Dance on Whitevale's gaily decorated main street. Beautiful weather was the finishing touch for this delightful historic occasion. By now, things have quietened down and S.S. No. 8 of Pickering Township will be continuing classes into its 101st year, a commendable record indeed.

Nursing Graduates

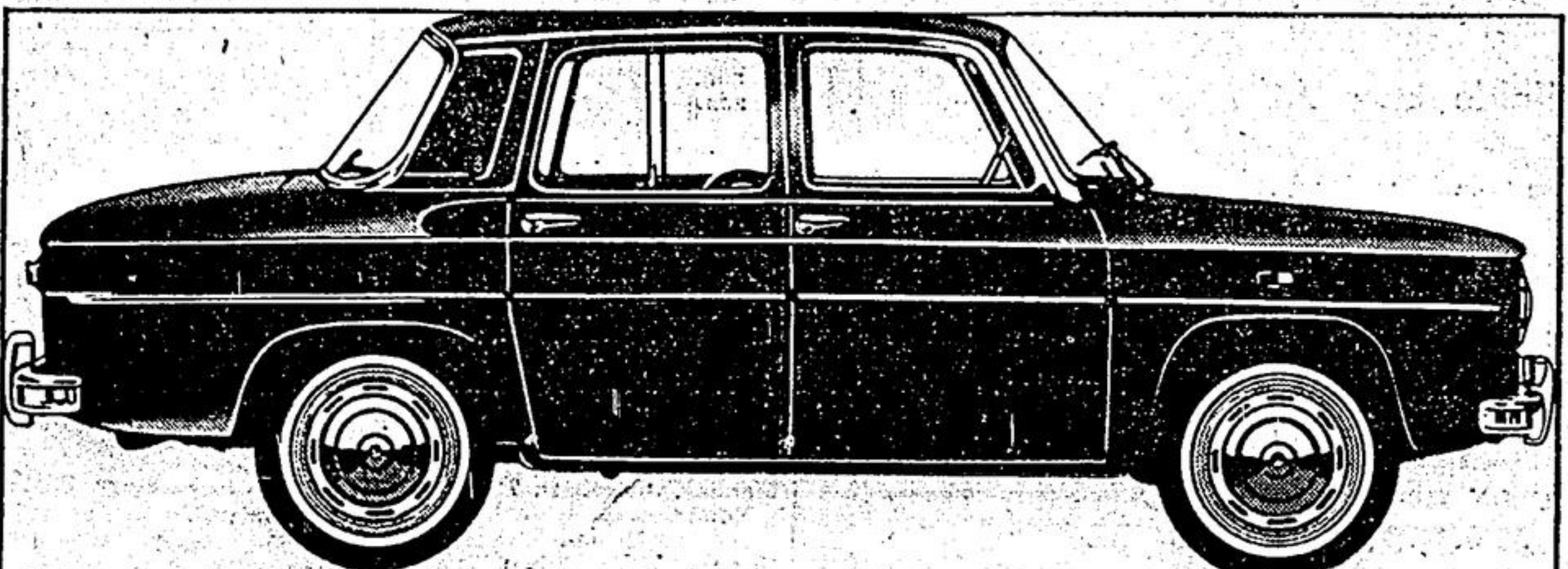


Audrey Evans and Phyllis Weir graduated Wednesday June 16th from Peterborough Civic Hospital School of Nursing. Graduation ceremonies were held at Crestwood Secondary School, Peterborough. Audrey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Evans, RR 1, Claremont. Phyllis is the daughter of Mrs. Weir and the late Mr. Wm. Weir, RR 2, Uxbridge. Both are former students of Uxbridge High School.

DECORATION DAY

The annual Decoration Day Service of the Brougham Union Cemetery will be held on Sunday, June 20th on the grounds at 2 p.m. and in the church at 2:30 p.m. The guest soloist will be Mrs. Dagnald Rogers.

About 50 relatives attended a gathering Sunday at the homes of Messrs. Percy and Ralph Jones honouring Mr. Bob Jones and Miss R. Jones before they returned to their home in Vancouver.



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