

Claim Home Buildup Cause Of Pickering Tax Increase

Ask Bylaw Be Enforced

BROUGHAM — A former councillor of the Township of Pickering has charged that residential buildup throughout the whole of the municipality is to blame for continuing increase in taxes. Milton Mowbray of Kinsale, vice president of the Rural Ratepayers' Association, addressed a standing-room audience in the Brougham Hall, April 19.



that only homes of the highest standard would pay for the services that automatically follow. Mr. Mowbray suggested that, in spite of municipal by-laws, there was a tendency at times for authorities to bend a little. "This is done at our expense," he said, "another dollar out of our pockets. We must put a stop to this sort of thing right now." He said that farmers were becoming less and less able to pay more money. In spite of his plea, the motion, effective across the entire township, was lost.

A second motion, to resist residential buildup in only the rural areas of the municipality, on a piecemeal basis, was approved. Reeve Clifford Laycox said that he and each member of his council was concerned with the rising tax rate. Speaking personally, he said that taxes on his own home in West Rouge had gone up by \$106 to \$820. "I can't afford it either."



4-H Homemaking Members Present 'A Toast To Confederation'

On Saturday, the Ontario South 4-H Homemaking Achievement Day was held in the Brougham Hall, Pickering Township. In addition to the modelling of centennial fashions, six girls presented a skit entitled 'A Toast To Confederation'. The cast included (left to right) Betty Jones, Jean Pugh (leader), Bonnie Norton, Faye Norton, Margaret May, Lois Norton and Louise Johnston. —Staff Photo.

James Edwin Wilton

Dies At Claremont In Ninety-second Year

By ANNE LONEY
A long time resident of the village, Mr. James Edwin Wilton died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Olive Vine, on Wednesday, April 19. He was in his 92nd year. Mr. Wilton was born in Cornwall, England, and came to Canada in 1906. He moved to Pickering Township in 1914 and farmed, at different times, in both Claremont and Brougham. Mr. Wilton retired in 1948 and, after the death of his wife a year later, he continued to live with his daughter. Services were held on Saturday, April 22, at the McEachnie Funeral Parlors, Pickering, conducted by Rev. A. E. Cresswell. Interment was in Stouffville Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Wilmot Hill, Russell Hodgson, Earl Anderson, William Evans, Elwood Johnston and Mait Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Parker left by motor on Friday for a two-week holiday in New Orleans and Florida. Wendy Parker is home, after completing two years at the Ontario College in Guelph, and will be spending the summer with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hilde spent the weekend at their cottage on Lake Frances, near Owen Sound.

Accompanied by their director, Mrs. L. D. Almack, the cast of "Rise and Shine" attended a performance of the winning entry in the northern area of the Central Ontario Regional Dominion Drama Festival held at Hart House last Thursday evening. The title of the play was Out Flew the Web and Floated Wide, a line taken from The Lady of Shalott, and was directed by Mr. Ron Hartmann of Toronto. Mr. Hartmann was the adjudicator when the Brooklyn Junior Farmers won the Provincial Drama Festival in Guelph.

At the presentation of the pulpit Bible in the Baptist Church on Sunday, April 16, to commemorate Rev. Dr. H. S. Hillyer's 50 years of preaching in the ministry, it was his son, Mr. Sidney D. Hillyer of Toronto, who made the presentation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Peddie were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Trew of Barrie on Sunday. Fred Peddie was in the cast of the Skating Carnival held in Unionville last week. Record crowds attended each of the four performances.

About 125 guests attended the Goodfellowship Class Lucky Luncheon in the basement of the United Church, April 18. This was a luncheon with a difference in that all of the food was of the instant or pre-cooked variety, available from the stores and ready to serve. At a moment's notice, Mrs. McLean, a food demonstrator from Toronto, showed how on occasions, when the housewife's time was limited, she could prepare and serve an appetizing and delicious meal. The menu started with apple juice, potato chips and chip-dip, followed by a macaroni salad, chicken legs, mashed potatoes and gravy and corn, with chocolate mello roll, whipped cream and instant tea.

Receiving the guests were Mrs. Roy Morgan and Mrs. Wesley Lehman. Rev.

Mr. Wilton was an Elder in the United Church and served as choir leader for many years. Besides his daughter, Mrs. Vine, he is survived by a son, Lesley Wilton of Claremont, a brother, Fred of Uxbridge, and a sister, Beatrice, in Cornwall, England.

Bonnie White was 11 years old on Thursday, April 20. On Saturday for a bit of a celebration Bonnie took two of her friends, Denise Gorden and Marianne Allen, to the movies in Uxbridge. Later they came back to her home for supper with her father, Peter White, whose birthday was also on April 20. Father and daughter shared a big chocolate birthday cake with brown and yellow icing and decorated with pink roses. On Sunday Mr. White's nephews, Carl White and his wife of Scarborough, and George Wright of Brougham visited at the White home.

Mrs. Alan Prouse and Mrs. John Inglis of Georgetown visited their mother, Mrs. Arthur Prouse of Fairview Lodge, Sunday, and later had supper with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hammond.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Albert Samarillo were among the guests at a large birthday party given for some friends at the home of Mrs. Marion Hunter in Toronto. Valerie Samarillo's dinner guests on Sunday were Miss Pamela Wills of Scarborough and Mr. Frank Sager of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Timms and family were in Malton, Sunday visiting Mrs.

Mrs. Hazel Leitch of Toronto is spending a few days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hockley. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Hockley attended the sale at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Veitch in Bethesda.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reynolds and family of Agincourt and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Reynolds and family of Bowmanville, visited on Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Reynolds with their parents, nolds.

Pickering Dep-Reeve Claims 'Discrimination'

BROUGHAM — Pickering Township Deputy-Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson, took a swing at the organizers of a ratepayers' meeting in the West Rouge and suggested that a form of 'discrimination' had been exercised. Addressing close to 200 people at the annual meeting of the Rural Ratepayers' Association, April 19, in Brougham she said she had not been invited to speak at the West Rouge gathering on the "previous night." "I don't know why I was discriminated against," she said, "but anyway, I guess it was a 'nice' form of discrimination."



Mrs. McPherson thanked the Rural Ratepayer's executive for the invitation. "I still enjoy coming to Brougham, it's been my second home for eleven years."

Mrs. McPherson contended that more senior levels of government would have to deal with the tax problems currently facing the people of Pickering. She deplored, however, any thought of a "march" on Queen's Park. "We have a difficult job and I hope the ratepayers would never expect us to take part in anything like that."

Hugh Miller

Re-elected President Of Rural Ratepayers

BROUGHAM — Hugh Miller, well-known Claremont district farmer has been re-elected President of the Pickering Township Rural Ratepayers' Association. The annual meeting, that attracted a standing-room audience of close to 200, was held in the Brougham Hall, April 19.

Members of the executive include: Milton Mowbray, Vice President; Mrs. Eleanor McKean, Secretary and Directors, Prof. Eugene LaBrie, William Collins, Ralph Jones, Robert Betson and Donald Milne.

LEGAL ADVICE

In his report to the membership, Mr. Miller said that the firm of McCallum and Brewin had been retained by the Association as legal advisors. He said that both Mr. Brewin and Mr. Mowbray had appeared before Council on the matter of ward distribution and at the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing. Mr. Brewin was the counsel on the members' behalf. He said that the by-law, as approved by the Rural Ratepayers and Council was sanctioned by the O.M.B.

ing solicitor Brewin, had appeared before the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss the splitting of the township-one area rural and another urban. The organization was told that the responsibility for such a move rests with the Ontario Municipal Board and that close to unanimous approval was needed from the ratepayers. In addition, Mr. Miller said proof of the feasibility of such a division was required. He said that excellent co-operation had been received from representatives of associations in Bay Ridges, West Shore and West Rouge.

WATER RATE

The President said that rural ratepayers had expressed opposition to a .67 mill rate charge for water services installed in the urban area. A delegation appeared before the Department of Municipal Affairs to protest Council's action in this regard. The executive was told that a solution was being considered and that 50 other municipalities were similarly affected. Mr. Miller said that a solution was now under study and any changes approved would be applicable to Pickering Township.

Greenwood Girls Receive 4-H County Honors

GREENWOOD — Two Greenwood district girls were among the recipients of 4-H County Honors at Achievement Day held in the Brougham Hall, April 22. Kathy Pegg and Brenda Middleton have successfully completed six units of 4-H work.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Hugh Crawford, April 19. Mrs. M. Annis, the South Ontario District President, was the guest speaker, and conducted the election of officers for the coming year. Pres., Mrs. Charles McTaggart; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. J. Still; Sec. Treas., Mrs. Hugh Crawford; Convener, Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Milton Mowbray; Convener, Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Wm. Young; Convener, Citizenship and Education, Mrs. C. E. Pegg and Miss May Brown; Convener, Historical Research, Mrs. Wm. A. Brown; Convener, Resolutions, Mrs. Dennis Owen; Convener, Public Relations, Mrs. J. Stoll; District Director,

Mrs. Wm. Young; Curator, Mrs. C. McTaggart and Mrs. P. Harrison.

The General Meeting of the U.C.W. was held April 20. Mrs. Douglas Redpath of Oshawa gave a very interesting report of a Conference of U.C.W. held at Peterborough. During the business session plans were made for a tea and bake sale to be held at the church, May 6.

Patti Brown of Brooklin spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Pascoe and Dale visited with Mr. and Mrs. Rod Oxford at Pigeon Lake over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss Minkler of Laxlan visited in the village last week and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Disney.

Rev. T. H. Fleetham is coming along nicely in Oshawa General Hospital after an operation on his other eye.

The Scouts and Cubs are calling April 29 for papers.



REEVE C. W. LAYCOX
Mr. Laycox informed his listeners that Pickering had lost 14 potential industries within the last year due to a lack of serviced sites. He said that the township was facing a similar problem with respect to Rootes Motors who had already built their plant and now required water. The township's application

'SHOT IN ARM'

Mr. Laycox was critical of the assessment rate on the nuclear hydro plant. He said the \$2 per square foot charge was not sufficient. "It should be assessed on a comparable basis to what you and I are on. If this recommendation ever goes through, it would be a real shot in the arm for Pickering." "We are fortunate to have it here, but not from an assessment point of view."

'Satellite City' For Pickering?

BROUGHAM — A 'satellite city' within the Township of Pickering? It's a possibility, according to Reeve Clifford Laycox.

TO COVER THE COST

to cover the cost has been rejected by the Ontario Municipal Board. Reeve Laycox noted that some progress had been made in attracting industrial assessment but said the balance was still about 80 percent residential. "If we can get one large developer who will pay for all the services, then our problem will be solved," he said. He noted that the development, if approved, would contain a water and sewerage plant; schools; a firehall, police station and a 50 acre park. The property includes about 1,600 acres.

RECEIVING THE GUESTS

were Mrs. Roy Morgan and Mrs. Wesley Lehman. Rev.

School Cost Increase Defended By Chairman

BROUGHAM — A 7 mill hike in Pickering Township School Area No. 1 that includes a \$45,000 increase in teacher's salaries, was defended by the Board Chairman, Eleanor McKean at the annual meeting of the Rural Ratepayer's Association in Brougham Hall, April 19.

Professor Eugene LaBrie, a member of the Association executive, agreed with the Board Chairman that the people were to blame in part for rising school costs. "You bring pressure to bear on Boards to spend more money. Everyone is for more and better education but we should be opposed to extremities creeping into it." He termed kindergartens as a kind of organized baby-sitting service.

Mrs. McKean said that the Board had to meet a standard established in other areas in order to obtain qualified personnel. There are 46 teachers on the Area 1 staff. The range extends from \$4,500 in Level 1 to a maximum of \$9,000 in Level 4, depending on experience and qualifications.

Mrs. McKean said that the school rate in Area 1 was 19.5 mills. She noted that in Area 2 it was 40.1 mills. "If you are willing to pay another 21 mills, you can have everything you want," she said.



Mrs. McKean said that the public was continually asking for improved services which constituted increased costs. "Never has anyone come to a meeting and requested that we not approve of such things." In fact, she said, it was seldom that any ratepayers attended school meetings to find out what's going on.

'AN ULTIMATUM'
Prof. LaBrie, a member of the Pickering Dist. High School Board, said that the teachers in Ontario were well organized and the trustees had little alternative but to give them what they wanted. "It amounts to an ultimatum," he said, "if you don't meet their requirements, you don't get teachers." He charged that local Boards were in a weak bargaining position. He said that it was most unfair that teachers, good or bad, should receive the same salaries. He noted that some high school staff members were seeking up to \$20,000 per year. "Our Prime Minister only gets \$27,000," he said. He charged that the position of the Board in many respects was nothing more than a farce. A motion, proposed by Mr. LaBrie, to oppose unnecessary frills in education, was approved by the meeting.

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