



Square dancers perform for parents

Grade three and four students gave a demonstration of square dancing at Claremont Public School's Variety Night, Tuesday. Two of the enthusiastic dancers were Tiffany Houston (left) and Robbie Gammage. The pupils were

coached by teacher Doug Wherry and his assistant, Mary McMullen. The evening included two choirs a drama presentation, and a reach for the top contest.

Burnett and Donald Jamieson

Fire destroys dairy operation

BALSAM — Seventy head of Holstein cattle and other livestock perished in a three-alarm blaze at a father and son dairy operation, Monday night. No one was injured in the fire that destroyed Burnett and Donald Jamieson's cattle barn, located on Sideline 4 between the eighth and ninth concessions of Pickering.

The families and neighbors were able to save 25 heifers along with milk records, most heavy machinery and the milk house but intense heat made further rescue operations impossible, Mrs. Jamieson Sr. said. Claremont Fire Chief Jack Ward said the alarm came in at 7:25 p.m. Two other Pickering brigades responded in addition to local units.

A truck remained on the scene, Tuesday, as debris continued to burn. The fire chief's report estimates damage at \$250,000. The cause remains a mystery. Mrs. Jamieson told how a grandson Ray Jamieson, was the first to spot the fire. It began, she said, near the top of the building.

Her son Donald had just returned from milking only fifteen minutes before, she said. She told The Tribune they are very appreciative of assistance offered by everyone in the community. At one point neighbors formed a human chain to corral the stray animals and later penned them up on Stan Davis' property.

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Act will rehabilitate abandoned pits

GOODWOOD — Abandoned gravel pits and stone quarries will be rehabilitated under proposed legislation, expected to replace Ontario's eight-year-old Pits and Quarries Control Act, Natural Resources Minister James Auld said April 19.

Once passed, the new act will authorize a special fund the exclusive rehabilitation of abandoned sites.

The development of a rehabilitation program, if it is supported by a reasonable sum of money, offers to end Ontario's abandoned pits and quarries problem, he added.

Uxbridge Ward 1 Councillor John Paxton, who has personally been pressing for a change in the Control Act for

almost three years, says, "I'll be heartened if they do go ahead with the legislation and look after abandoned pits."

He says there are several abandoned sites within the hamlet of Goodwood itself, and many more in the rural area of his ward.

Councillor Paxton cautioned the act hasn't been passed by the provincial government yet.

Adding he's not convinced the new law will completely solve the town's problems, he said councillors may have to continue their struggle for better protection of Uxbridge residents and land resources.

He told The Tribune the legislation can only be effective if more funding is granted to areas like Uxbridge with

"enormous aggregate problems".

Explaining there is a problem with the legal definition of abandoned pits, he pointed out some operators could surface after fifteen years' absence and prevent the rehabilitation of a pit, if there is still gravel to be worked out.

He said time restrictions

should be implemented to make sure rehabilitation isn't prevented.

"I'm pleased that they're taking care of the abandoned pits. I just hope they're now going to take care of some of the ongoing gravel problems," he said, suggesting a greater road subsidy might alleviate some of the burden experienced by municipalities.

Many issues trouble minds of electorate

CLAREMONT — A random sampling of residents in the village by Tribune reporter Ed Schroeter reveals there are many burning issues in the minds of local voters.

No single dominant issue emerged, though, with the May 22 election less than a month away, over one-third of those polled hadn't thought much about it.

While not pretending our poll is completely accurate, The Tribune thought it would be interesting to ask voters, "What do you see as major election issues?"

A teacher at Claremont Public School, Mary McMullen answered, "Country-wide, I feel we need a change in leadership. The government's out of touch with the needs of the people." She identified the Pickering airport as a local area of concern.

The most pressing problems are the cost of living and unemployment, especially "for young people, the most visibly affected," according to Durham School Board trustee Linda Carder. "In Pickering opportunity is very limited."

Presently unemployed, Rick Hammond says surprisingly, "The first thing that comes into my mind is Canadian Unity." But he cites unemployment, inflation, and community services as other problem areas.

"I haven't thought much about it. But I don't know if I'll vote. What's the use? There's not much choice," said Carolynne Hewlett, sales secretary for Booth Dispensers.

Two other residents, Betty Devitt and Gloria Jones both responded, "I haven't thought about it."

For air traffic controller

Gary Turner, the government's proposed Bill C22 is the most pressing matter. It would take away the public service's right to strike, and therefore his. He also feels leadership is an issue.

At first Jean Rason said, "I haven't thought about it much," then decided the burning problem is leadership.

Hugh Coghill works for the Humane Society. He says, "It's a toss up between the economy and Canadian Unity. I don't know which is more important. I don't feel the economy is as bad as some people think, but Canadian Unity is a problem."

Ken (Zappy) Zampaloni, mechanic at Claremont Garage responded, "There are so many issues. Wasted government spending is responsible for a lot of them." Of more local concern is the Pickering airport.

In the mind of Don Birnie, a railroad employee, government spending, welfare, and corporal punishment are crucial matters. He added, "This French garage and the metric system are too much all at once."

One gentleman, who preferred to remain anonymous, said, "All the problems will solve themselves if we find an honest leader. They'll remain unsolved as far as I'm concerned. The only solution lies in God's kingdom."

Four hurt in accident

BROUGHAM — Four people were injured Saturday morning when one wheel of their vehicle hit the shoulder of the road and the car skidded out of control.

According to Durham Regional Police, the accident occurred as the vehicle rounded a curve on the Brock Road near the fifth concession, south of Brougham.

One passenger, Rick Lake of Claremont, is still in intensive care at the Ajax-Pickering Hospital, suffering from a fractured vertebra. The driver, Jeanette Beelby, also remains in hospital.

Two of the passengers, Jeanette's husband John Beelby of the fifth concession near Whitevale, and Brian Towner of Claremont, were released after treatment.

Mr. Beelby suffered cuts and bruises while Mr. Towner injured his shoulder.

Local women open fashion boutique

CLAREMONT — If you're in the market for a spring wardrobe, it may be the right time to visit "The Hourglass."

The Hourglass is a new high fashion clothing store for women located on 68 Brock Street West in Uxbridge. It will open April 30 by two Claremont ladies, Holly Bruce and Lynn Winterstein.

The Claremont residents say their shop will offer a more formal line of apparel, catering to ladies in their early twenties to those in their forties and up.

Though Holly has been involved in the fashion field, the project is a first business venture for both.

"It's been quite a challenge," Lynn said. They originated the plan only a month ago, and have been working hard with the support of friends and relatives.

She believes many people prefer to shop locally to avoid the chaos of downtown stores and receive the benefit of a personal service.

Junior Farmers clubs present Variety Night

DURHAM REGION — Ontario County Junior Farmers are presenting a Variety Night two evenings this weekend.

The first will be held at Meadowcrest Public School in Brooklin on Friday, April 27 at 8 p.m., and the second in the Sunderland Town Hall at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

The presentation will include a series of skits performed by the Uxbridge, Brooklin, Port

Perry and Beaverton Clubs; a demonstration by the Ontario County Junior Farmers' square dance team; and Peter Stone's rendition of three violin pieces.

In addition, vocalist Rita Stickwood will sing and Melanie Winters will perform a dance routine.

Proceeds will be donated to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 children.

Janitors and Board reach settlement

CLAREMONT — The Durham Board of Education has reached a settlement with its 400 unionized CUPE workers, thus averting a strike, trustee Linda Carder said.

A member of trustee bargaining team, Mrs. Carder said the union, composed largely of janitors, settled for a 7.5 per cent wage increase across the board.

Cashiers, part-time cleaners and matrons also get a five percent an hour increase, while night shift workers receive a two percent an hour raise.

"I would like to have settled at a lower rate, but we had to compromise," Mrs. Carder stated.

The custodians asked for an

eight per cent hike and that the Board pay 100 per cent OHIP coverage. Presently the board pays 75 per cent of OHIP and for a medicare and dental plan.

Linda Carder said if the board had given in to CUPE's demands, other employees would have asked for a similar settlement. She says that would cost too much.

"We're a tax supported system. That's the only way we have of raising money."

The employees receive a slightly better medicare plan, vacation package, and better hours for night workers. The Board will continue to use private companies to clean some schools, but no employees will lose their jobs because of this policy.

Battle federal government

Town fights for lost taxes

PICKERING — As far as the Town of Pickering is concerned, the federal government is just another delinquent taxpayer. Problem is, the acreage is sizeable and so is the debt.

Collector Jim Walls says Ottawa is just as liable as any home-owner and there's no way they should escape this responsibility.

The Council feels the same and has rejected a suggestion that just over \$6,000 be "written off the books" and charged as an unbudgeted '79 expenditure.

It all has to do with land purchased by the government for the once-proposed Pickering Airport. Ottawa says the

municipality should collect the taxes but the Town doesn't know who the tenants are.

"The federal government makes sure they receive their rent on a monthly basis. It makes no sense why they can't be collecting the taxes at the same time," said Walls.

The land is leased on the condition that tenants pay



MABEL FARLEY

Birthday was a day to remember

BROUGHAM — Turning 90 years old was a day to remember for Mabel Farley, thanks to her two daughters, Helen Holtby and Phyllis Madill, and all the people who attended her birthday celebration, April 18.

Mabel was the recipient of many flowers, cards, gifts, and

good wishes from old friends, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Born on a farm in Pickering Township, on April 18, 1889, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George White, she has lived in the area all her life.

Much of her childhood and married life was spent on farms between Brougham and Pickering on the Brock Road. However, she also resided near Claremont and attended the public school there.

In March 1919, she married Jim Farley, a fireman and drover. He passed away in 1961.

"I don't feel I've changed a bit," Mabel says. "I still feel like I'm seventy. If I could see and hear a little better, I'd feel like 21."

Still quite active, Mabel enjoys day trips throughout the summer, and spends time visiting the friends and family.

For many years she did a considerable amount of needlework, as a member of the Brougham Women's Institute and St. John's United Church. Mabel recalls taking part in many quilting bees.

Expert at baking, cooking, pickling and preserving, Mabel still enjoys the task tremendously, and regularly prepares meals. She says the work wasn't always as easy as it is today. At one time she churned her own butter and cooked on wood stoves. There were no stores in those days, either.

Her children, Helen and Phyllis, describe Mabel as cheerful, with a wonderful sense of humor. This is apparent while talking to her.

"You have to have a little fun sometime," she says.



Prized antique attracts car buffs at auction

This 1956 Monarch Lucerne V-8 four door sedan was up for auction at Lloyd Wilson's north of Uxbridge, Saturday. The owner, Melvin Mit-

chell of Pefferlaw didn't let it go at the sale, but found a buyer later. It sold for around \$2,000. Ed Schroeter

Church may close

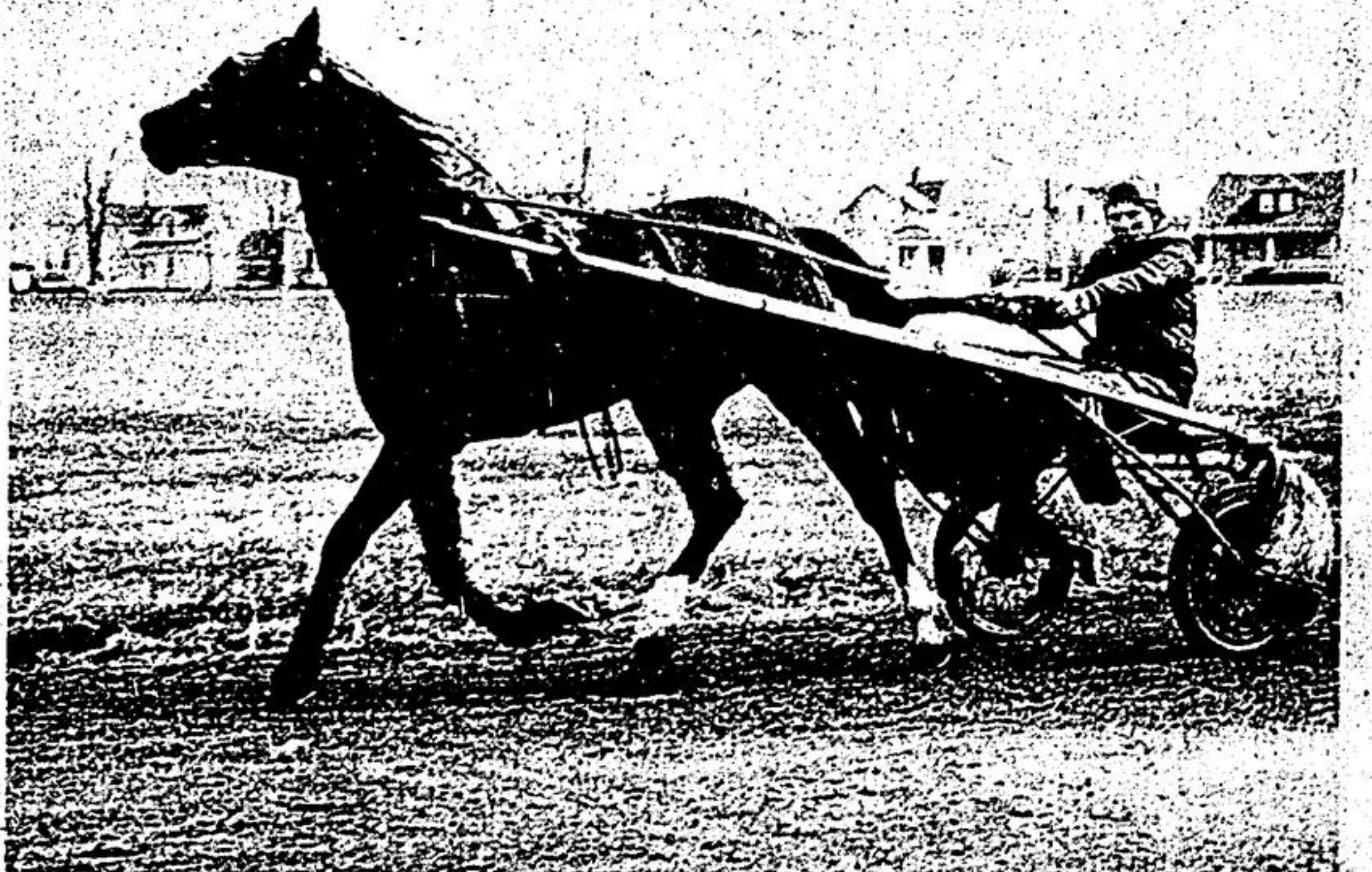
GOODWOOD — Continued low attendance at Goodwood United Church prompted members of the congregation to hold a meeting, Monday evening, to consider its future.

A member of the congregation said it has become increasingly difficult to meet current expenses.

Those attending will survey the membership to determine the level of potential support.

A decision on the fate of the church will be made after the May 13 service.

While some people say there is a distinct possibility the church will close if support remains low, others claim this is not necessarily the case.



Horse and sulky is a familiar sight in village

Claremont residents are accustomed to the sight of Ab Samarillo's horses being trained on his property along Main Street. Ab's been involved in harness racing now for about 15 years. He has 21 horses, three of which he races. His top money-

maker is Putney's Christi, a home-bred animal. She's made \$38,000 so far, and won her last three races in a row. Here, Ab's groom, Jim Steiner, exercises another favourite, "Key Jim", on the track.