

# Packed hall for candidates meeting

CLAREMONT — The Pickering Airport lands were one of the interesting topics for discussion among Ontario Riding candidates at a meeting here Monday evening.

The federal election forum, hosted by Claremont United Church, attracted a capacity crowd of nearly 200.

The three candidates - Progressive Conservative

incumbent Scott Fennell, Liberal Gary Herrema and New Democrat Geoff Rison - dealt with major issues like the economy, acid rain and job creation, but it was the local concerns that sparked the most spirited debate.

Mr. Fennell spoke enthusiastically in his opening address of Claremont's bright future. He said there was "something good happen-

ing in Claremont," a spirit of renewal after past negative experiences with government property expropriation.

He wants to keep the Pickering lands green because he feels another airport isn't required.

We have to turn it back into productive land for young farmers, Mr. Fennell told the crowd.

The Liberal hopeful, backed by many suppor-

ters from his home town of Uxbridge, criticized the Tory MP for not doing anything in the riding, particularly with the airport lands.

Mr. Herrema said a public hearing should be held to decide future development in this area.

The Tory incumbent promised that a PC government would revive the Claremont-to-Peterborough VIA Train,

which he jokingly said was originally canned by the Liberals "because it ran through three Tory ridings."

Mr. Rison touched on Claremont concerns such as water and roads, and said it's those local issues where the present riding MP has let constituents down.

When questioning turned to capital punishment in light of two recent

police killings, Mr. Fennell said he would like a free vote on the subject in the House of Commons. He added that he personally supports "the deterrent of capital punishment" in cases of first degree murder.

Mr. Herrema spoke strongly in favor of capital punishment, while Mr. Rison said he is against it.

When asked what they'd do about the "flying chain-

saws" better known to many local residents as "noisy" ultralight aircraft, both Mr. Herrema and Mr. Fennell stressed a balance is required to allow the flyers to continue while not disturbing residents.

Rev. Cameron Watts of Claremont Baptist Church served as moderator during the session, held just over a week before the Sept. 4 election.

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## Uxbridge Secondary School

# Will introduce code of conduct

UXBRIDGE — Students will be faced with a written code of discipline when they return to Uxbridge Secondary School (U.S.S.) next week.

The Durham Board of Education has directed all schools under its jurisdiction to produce a written code of behavior.

The province requires all high schools to have these codes in keeping with its new high school guidelines.

The Uxbridge guide entitled "Code of Discipline" outlines all areas of student behavior such as general deportment, attendance, punctuality and respect for others.

The U.S.S. document outlines the rights and responsibilities of students, teachers and parents to provide the proper learning environment.

U.S.S. principal David

Brown noted that the rules and regulations contained in the school's new "Codes of Discipline" aren't new at all.

"These are things that have been in place for many, many years," principal Dave Brown told the Tribune. "It's just that now they're formally written down."

Each student will receive a copy of the code in a student handbook.

Several schools in Durham Region - including Pickering, Brock and Ajax High Schools - ban any unnecessary physical contact among students.

Uxbridge's manual isn't quite as specific, but Pickering's goes right to the point - no kissing or hand holding.

Sleeping is just one of the activities prohibited in the study hall at Oshawa's

Eastdale Collegiate.

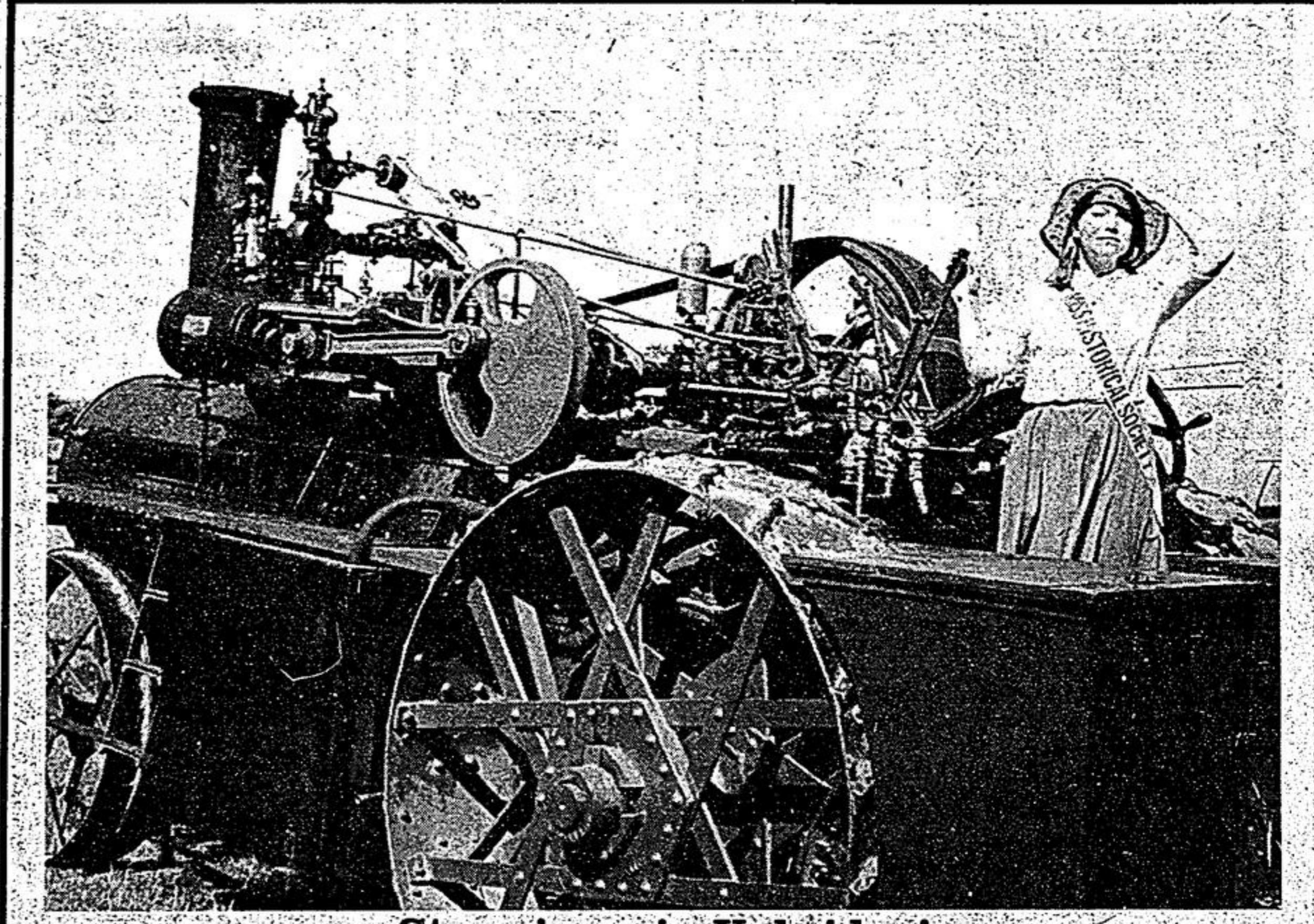
"Games of amusement, sleeping and doing nothing will not be allowed," the school's code book states.

Durham Board of Education trustee Linda Carder feels introduction of these codes is a good move.

"I think if everybody knows the rules, we all play the game better," Mrs. Carder said in an interview.

The local trustee noted that the Durham board decided to push mandatory codes of behavior before the Ministry of Education made its move.

Parents and teachers played a role in forming these regulations, Mrs. Carder said. The written codes were based on the individual needs in each school. Similar written rules are present at the elementary level, she added.



Steam's up in Uxbridge!

Lisa Northeast, representing the Uxbridge Scott Historical Society, was kept busy Saturday and Sunday during Steam Threshing Days. Lisa took time out from her busy schedule to visit the 1923 George White threshing engine in the display area. The vintage machine was originally owned by her grandfather, the late W.J. Wood. Hundreds of people took in the annual event at the museum grounds, Quaker Hill.

—Chris Shanahan



Bacteria levels high at Elgin Pond

A warning sign was posted at the swimming area in Elgin Park last week. High bacterial counts were detected in the regular water tests conducted by the Durham Region department of health services. Most bathers seem to have taken the sign's message to heart.

—Chris Shanahan

## Swim warning posted

UXBRIDGE — High bacteria levels in the pond at Elgin Park have necessitated the posting of warning signs at the popular swimming area.

Durham Region's department of health services visited the site early last week after a test showed an un-

safe level of faecal coliform.

The river feeding into the pond runs through agricultural areas and picks up the animal bacteria, explained Brian Devitt, director of environmental health services for the region.

Heavy rain also causes increased runoff, sending

more faecal coliform into the water.

Swimming in the pond could cause health problems with the eyes, ears, nose and throat.

Mr. Devitt admitted a proliferation of water fowl such as ducks and Canada Geese could be a contributing factor.

Department officials will continue testing the Uxbridge pond on a weekly basis.

Attendance figures are down slightly in some local public schools as students prepare to return to the classroom Sept. 4.

Enrollment has dropped by about 15 students at Goodwood Public School this year, according to principal Richard Hannah. He attributed this decrease to the fact that more Grade 6 students are leaving than the number of Kindergarten pupils entering the school.

Mr. Hannah estimated the school's population at around 200.

Enrollment is down slightly at Greenwood's Valley View Public School. New principal W.D. Brown said there will be approximately 240 students when school opens.

Figures are tentatively the same as last term at Claremont Public School, according to principal Jim Crozier. The number stands at approximately 255 pupils.

There are two new faces on the staff at Claremont P.S. Dianne Greenwood, formerly of Central Park Senior Public School in Oshawa, is replacing retired Grade 1 teacher Ruby Wilson.

Olga Taylor has moved from the Toronto Board of Education to Durham as Claremont's new Academic Improvement Development (AID) teacher. Former AID instructor Ron King has moved to Rosebank Public School.

## Organize annual Fox Marathon

UXBRIDGE — The annual Fox Marathon of Hope will be held in Uxbridge Sunday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will run or walk the 10-kilometre trek, beginning with six laps of the Elgin Park track followed by a course up Main Street to Reach Road and along Reach to Franklin Street Park.

Participants can cool down afterwards in a free swim at Uxbridge's municipal swimming pool. Nancy Hamlin, 19, of Uxbridge, commented on the importance of the event.

However, there will be no

recording for any serious runners who wish to take part.

No bicycles will be allowed on the Uxbridge course.

Repeat runners have

been invited to participate.

Registration fees are available at the Uxbridge Fair (Sept. 15-17).

Participants are asked to collect money to help

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