

# CLAREMONT and PICKERING TWP. DISTRICT

His many friends will be glad to know that Mr. Tom Gregg is improving since his illness during the past couple of weeks.

The annual meeting of the Library Board will be held in the library on Monday evening, Jan. 15th, commencing at 7.30. All members please plan to be present. The public is cordially invited to this open meeting.

The Women's Institute will be held on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 8th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans. Roll-Call—your first photo or snapshot. Demonstration of sandwiches by Miss Forsyth. Note the change of place of meeting.

You are invited to a miscellaneous shower on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Redman in honor of the forthcoming wedding of their daughter.

At the mid-week prayer and Bible study meeting on Thursday evening, Mrs. F. Ward and Mrs. F. Redshaw were appointed to arrange the program for the month, and all members were made responsible for increasing the attendance. An invitation is herewith extended to all men and women of church or community to attend Thursday evening at 7.30.

All people interested in Sunday school work are cordially invited to attend the annual Pickering Township Sunday school convention in the United Church on Friday of this week. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Guest speaker will be a representative of the Religious Educational Council. Everyone please contribute towards the pot luck dinner and supper to be held in the Sunday school room.

The first meeting of the year for the C.G.I.T. was held Saturday afternoon at the Manse. The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Marion Norton; vice-president, Marion Middleton; secretary, Carol Johnson; assistant secretary, Erla Symes; treasurer, Beverley Barclay; press reporter, Lois Skinner; pianists, Carol, Marion and Beverley; recreation committee, Frances McCullough, Dorothy Benson, Sylvia Johnston.

The United Sunday School executive held their annual meeting last Wednesday evening, with the Supt., Mr. Lewis, in charge. The treasurer's report showed total revenue of \$322.67, including two evening concerts by the National Film Board. Expenditures were \$298.60 leaving a balance of \$24.05 in treasury. It was decided at a previous meeting to join the district film board and the Supt. stated he had paid in the stipulated amount of money \$8.50 to the chairman, the balance to be paid by the W.A. and Good-fellowship class. It was planned to have a monthly concert by the film board for the following six months period. Rev. Lackey conducted the election of officers for the new year, as follows: supt., Mr. E. Lewis; assistant, Mrs. H. Johnson, treasurer, Mrs. Cooke; sec'y., Miss Marian Norton; assistant, Miss Marian Middleton; pianists, Mrs. Carruthers, Mrs. Stickwood. The teachers for the various classes are: Goodfellowship, Mrs. H. Johnson; young men, Mr. G. McConnell; senior girls, Mrs. Middleton; intermediate boys, Mrs. Ward or Mr. Wallace; junior boys, Mrs. M. Anderson; intermediate girls, Mrs. R. Beelby; junior girls, Mrs. Lehman; primary, Mrs. T. Hammond; missionary supt., Mrs. Lackey; temperance, Mr. Lewis.

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Brougham I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 155 met at Whitevale on Jan. 4th with N. G. Burton Dunn in the chair. The usual business was attended to and a motion passed that the lodge accept the invitation from Stouffville to attend a social Monday, Jan. 8th. Many improvements have been made to the hall and "work nights" are being held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Members are urged to attend and help with further improvements to the hall. Regular lodge meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month. All members and visiting members welcome.

## FALSE ALARM CUTS CHURCH SERVICE

Agincourt, Jan. 8—A false fire alarm shortened a church service yesterday and left townspeople indignant.

Making hydro, changeovers in the area, Comstock Company employees set off the alarm. So many volunteer fire brigade members at Knox United Church answered the call, and with the rest of the congregation anxious, Rev. G. A. Beattie cut off the service and announced the last hymn. "Many of the congregation had oil stoves left on," explained the minister.

## GREENWOOD

The congregational meeting will be held in the basement of the church on Wednesday night, Jan. 17th.

The Y.P.S. will meet at the home of Sheila and David Pegg this Thursday night.

The installation of officers of the Y.P.S. took place last Sunday morning during the church service, also a letter of appreciation was read from Mrs. Togerson whose husband was seriously hurt in the city before Christmas. A sum of money was collected and a basket sent to the unfortunate family.

The funeral of Miss Margaret Neal of Stouffville was held to the Salem Cemetery last Saturday afternoon. To a number of us she was known as Aunt Maggie Neal. A number expect to attend the Sunday school convention at Claremont this Friday.

The mill has been sold again and the new proprietor has taken over. We wish him success in his

## BROUGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith of Port Perry were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willson.

Mr. W. C. Willson and Mr. Dean Mairs were at Queensville on Monday attending the funeral of his cousin, the late Mr. Wm. Purdy.

Mrs. Ross Middleton, Mr. Gerald Middleton and Miss Post of Markham visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Middleton at Port Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Rickard and little son of Uxbridge also Mr. G. Seebek and daughter of Markham spent New Years with Mrs. D. Seebek.

Mrs. Wm. Ellicott returned home after spending a few days at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ford of Highland Creek.

The many friends of Miss Ruth Gillman are sorry to hear that she again returned to Oshawa Hospital for another serious operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. W.C. Willson and Mrs. W.A. Knox who have been confined to their homes due to colds are now somewhat improved.

The annual congregational meeting of St. John's Church will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17th. The annual Sunday school meeting will be held the same evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. of St. John's Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Gray on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 18. Hostesses are Mrs. A. Gray, Mrs. Wm. Gray, Mrs. Robt. Miller and Mrs. W. Hamilton. Program convener is Mrs. H. Barclay with group C. Roll call—a verse from the book of Philippians.

The W.A. of St. John's Church is holding a concert in the hall on Friday evening, Jan. 12th, at 8 p.m. The program will consist of films shown by Mr. Fred Bunting from the Dounham Nursery, also musical numbers. Tea and pie will be served. Come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

The Friendly Bible Class met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manson Ellicott on Friday evening, January 5th. The meeting opened with the new president, Mr. Harold Barclay, in the chair. After the business period, Mrs. M. Annis and Mr. Geo. Willson took over the worship service and the program. Plans were made to hold a crokinole party in the hall, date to be announced later. The meeting closed with a dainty lunch, after which Mr. and Mrs. Ellicott were given a hearty vote of thanks for their home.

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Of 44,320 Canadian business firms subject to taxes, in 1948, more than a third operated at a loss.

The Evening W.A. met on Wednesday night at the home of Miss E. Green.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. A. J. Morden on Jan. 4th. The president gave an inspiring and timely talk. The worship service given in the Missionary Monthly followed. The president and Mrs. R. E. Mowbray each took a part. Rev. H. R. Monkman presided over the installation of officers for 1951 which are as follows: president, Mrs. M. N. Pegg; 1st vice, Mrs. R. Hoskins; 2nd vice, Mrs. R. E. Mowbray; 3rd vice, Mrs. W. Harbron; recording secretary, Mrs. Almo Disney; assistant, Miss May E. Brown; literature secretary, Mrs. Minaker; community and friendship secretary, Mrs. Monkman. It was decided that we ask the W.A. and the auxiliaries of both societies, the women of Mt. Zion, and all the women of the community to join us in the service of prayer to be held in Kin-sale Church on Feb. 9th, at 2.30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. W. Gibson on Feb. 1st.

## Pickering Building Inspector Claims Full-Time Job

The Building Inspector reported at the January meeting of Pickering Township Council during 1950 he had issued 209 permits at an estimated value of \$984,540. Comparing this with higher figures for 1949, which showed 274 permits at an estimated value of \$1,070,450, the Inspector advised he estimated roughly one third of those taking out 1949 permits had never built, they were beating the \$300 deposit being introduced.

"I'd like to see a man able to live in a foundation for one year and still hold the permit for one year, to protect the foundation. I know of 3 foundations that have cracked already this year," he added.

"If he hasn't the money to build at the end of the year, what are you going to do with him?" Councillor Burk inquired, which was the \$64 question.

The Inspector has been on a salary of \$1000 a year, he stated, in which he was required to work for 16 hours (two days) per week. He felt it should be a full-time job, and stated if it could not be made such, he would go back to building.

Police fines for the month of Dec., 1950, amounted to \$135. The requested scale of police salaries is: Higgins and Channing \$2400, Sgt. White \$2600, and Chief Trinnell \$3000.

Assessor Jones requested Court of Revision be set up to deal with transfer of five properties in Ajax

district, involving \$18,625.

The population of Pickering Township stands at 9,318, an increase of 735. There are in the neighborhood of 5,000 assessments, Mr. Jones asserted. Something over 6,000 of this population are located in the south, Clerk Johnston stated.

The Assessor set out the need for a full-time man as assistant assessor, and the need for a detailed map of the township, showing location of the properties assessed.

George Davidson was present, and H. Nicholson of Liverpool, as they understood a by-law was to be passed to zone taxi areas in order to standardize charges. Mr. Davidson complained a \$5 township license for each taxi driver he employed, even if it were only for three weeks, was too high. Toronto's license, he said, and badge were only \$1.25, Oshawa's charge was \$1, and in Whitby you paid nothing if you had a chauffeur's license. Council agreed \$5 was high. Information was brought out that taxi meters cost \$250.

Total hospitalization and T.B. aftercare for December (as of the 29th) amounted to \$532.10. The total expenditure for roads and bridges for the same period was \$6,324.22.

A Mr. Jones was present to ask what council intended to do about complaints regarding a dog kennel; and was assured they would take care of the matter.

## BALSAM

AND MOUNT ZION

Miss Margaret Neal, a former resident of this community, passed away at the Brierbush Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 4. Funeral service was held on Saturday at Stouffville. Interment was made at Groveside Cemetery.

Friends will be sorry to hear that Mr. Ted Appleby has returned to the hospital for further treatment.

Little Brenda McAvoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McAvoy is sick with the measles.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Appleby on the birth of a son on Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Oshawa Hospital.

Miss Polina White is spending the winter with friends in Brooklin.

The Active Service Class will meet on Wednesday night, Jan. 17th, at the home of Mrs. Cecil

## GREEN RIVER

The Union S.S. Croquinole Party will be held on Friday, Jan. 19th in the S.S. room. Everyone welcome.

Jones. This will be the annual meeting.

The annual congregational meeting will be held Friday night, Jan. 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Hoskins of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Hoskins.

A number from here attended the Milk Producer's Meeting and banquet at the Royal York last Wednesday.

About two-thirds of Canada's occupied farm lands are in the prairie provinces.

Estimated growth in Canada's population in the year ending Sept. 1, 1950, was 285,000.

## Pickering Board Adopts Federation Salary Schedule

Believed to be the first School Board in the Province of Ontario to adopt the new salary schedule as laid down by the Ontario Secondary Teachers' Federation, Pickering District High School Board is now ready to advertise for a complete staff, Chairman Ross Irwin said today. The principal, Lewis C. R. Briggs, is now living in Pickering and a vice-principal and 13 or 14 teachers will be sought; Preference will be given to applications of teachers already on the staff. The new school now under construction at Pickering should be ready for occupancy next September 1.

Mr. Irwin, the first chairman of the Board at its formation last year, was accorded deserved recognition in his re-election to head the 10-man Board which now includes four representatives appointed by the Trustees of the Improvement District of Ajax. Mrs. Fred White of Liverpool continues as secretary-treasurer.

Personnel of the Board is as follows: Pickering Township appointees—W. P. Neale, B. Jamieson, S. S. Pugh; Ontario County appointees—Ross Irwin (chairman), H. Mitchell, F. McNair; Ajax appointees—R. Loken (vice-chairman), G. Smith, D. Claringbold, Frank Hicklin. The Board will meet the second Tuesday in each month at Brougham.

## BORN IN PICKERING TWP. EIGHTY-THREE YEARS AGO

In poor health since last September Susthenus Johnson Brown, beloved husband of the former Ella Orchard Crosier, passed away in the Oshawa General Hospital in his 83rd year.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, the deceased was born at Glen Major, Pickering Township, on March 15, 1868. A resident of Oshawa for two years, he had resided previously at Burlington, Uxbridge and Hamilton.

Besides his wife he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Maud Howe of Northern Ontario and a brother, Edwin Brown of Orillia.

Rev. H. A. Mellow, minister of Northminster United Church, conducted the funeral service at the Armstrong Funeral Home. Interment was in Uxbridge Cemetery.

## Delegation Asks Council For Child Protection

A delegation of ladies from the Dunbarton Home & School Association were present to enlighten the January meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday, Jan. 8th. Reeve Westney was in the chair, the only change in council being that the deputy-reeve's office is now filled by Dr. N. E. McEwen.

The Dunbarton ladies were certainly there to see if council would do two things for the benefit of their children: first, improve the approach to the back entrance of the school, where the township men had cut down the bank without, apparently, graduating the level of the ground, and secondly, to have guard-rails or cement sidings placed on a bridge over which the children had to walk. When the spokesman was asked what she wanted council to do, she replied:

"We require a sufficient safeguard on that culvert and done properly."

"I would like to see a good cement bridge over the creek," another lady reported.

Council felt they could do something to level it off from the edge of the bank to the road, and improve the condition.

"If it thaws again and if I phone any one of you, will you come out and walk through it?" the spokesman challenged. Dr. McEwen promised to go out, but not to "walk through it."

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that a child could easily be pushed into the water, in mild or spring weather.

"Are you going to wait until a child is drowned before you do something? What's the use of waiting to lock the barn until the horse is stolen?" the spokesman asked.

"I approve of that guard-rail. It's a dangerous bridge," the Deputy-Reeve agreed. The bridge was described as dangerously narrow. "We'll try to get that widened out. The Road Supt. has another six feet of culvert he can put on," the Reeve promised.

Apparently some 250 children must go in the school by the back entrance, the approach to which was not leviced from road to high bank. The Reeve stated he realized there was a little jump there.

"A LITTLE jump!" the spokesman ejaculated, "there's 2 1/2 feet to go up. That's the only way they can go. They're strapped or punished if they go any other way."

"There was a good six-inches of mud on that entrance because I went in that way myself recently. I didn't know it was so bad," another lady reported.

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## Police Commission Suggested For Pickering Township

Pickering Township Council had many problems confronting them at their initial meeting on Jan. 8th, but perhaps nothing was more involved than the policing problem. Councillor Fred Zinkie, who heads the Police Committee, moved a Police Commission be set up, consisting of the local judge, magistrate and Reeve Westney. Serious discussion followed, as some felt it was a hazardous step to take. Deputy-Reeve McEwen went on record as being in favour of a Commission.

"It's taking it right out of our hands, isn't it?" Councillor Balsam inquired.

Council was informed the Police Department want three extra men added to the staff of four men now

employed by the township to police the southern part; and if the policing of the northern part were taken over from the Provincial police, still three additional men would be needed.

"I don't see why we need a staff of ten men," one councillor objected; and the rest seemed to be of the same opinion.

The Deputy-Reeve stated you couldn't get anywhere until you had a base of operations.

"We agreed to take a building across the road from the Chief's house for a temporary set-up," Councillor Zinkie informed the meeting. This building is some fifteen by twenty feet, and will cost the township \$35 a month, plus heating. Radios for police cars were again discussed.

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Sun. & Ex. 9.45	Daily 5.45	Sun. & Ex. 2.00	Sun. & Ex. 10.00	Toronto		Sun. & Ex. 8.40	Sun. & Ex. 9.35	Sun. & Ex. 5.20	Sun. & Ex. 9.35
Hol. 10.10	Hol. 6.10	Only 2.25	Hol. 10.25	Bay and Edward	8.40	Hol. 9.10	Hol. 10.00	Only 4.55	Hol. 9.10
10.20	6.20	2.35	10.35	Danforth and Luttrell	8.00	9.00	4.45	4.55	9.00
10.35	6.35	2.50	10.50	Scarboro Jct.	7.45	8.45	4.30	4.45	8.45
10.38	6.38	2.53	10.53	Malvern	7.42	8.42	4.27	4.42	8.42
10.40	6.40	2.55	10.55	Brown's Cor.	7.40	8.40	4.25	4.40	8.40
10.50	6.50	3.05	11.05	Town Line	7.30	8.30	4.15	4.30	8.30
11.00	7.00	3.15	11.15	*Cedar Grove—Markham	7.20	8.20	4.05	4.20	8.20
11.05	7.05	3.20	11.20	Locust Hill	7.15	8.15	4.00	4.15	8.15
11.10	7.10	3.25	11.25	Green River	7.10	8.10	3.55	4.10	8.10
11.20	7.20	3.35	11.35	Brougham	7.00	8.00	3.45	4.00	8.00
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