

# CLAREMONT and PICKERING TWP. DISTRICT

G.M. Forsyth reports three robins hopping about on his lawn on Monday—could be spring.

Mrs. S. Cooke of Lansing, was a recent visitor for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Earle Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor and babe of Brooklin, visited on Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Redshaw.

The annual meeting of the W.I. will be held on Thursday afternoon, March 15th, at the home of Mrs. W. Evans. Election of officers, renewal of membership, an address by Mrs. Birrell, Dist. Pres. and reports of years work will be given. Lunch com.—Mesdames Anderson, Carson, Ward, Torrance, Morgan. All ladies welcome.

The Goodfellowship Class will be held on Tuesday evening, March 13th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson. After a short devotional period, the evening will be spent in playing crokinole. All members are expected to be present.

Miss Edna Bennis, R.N. who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Morgan in Belleville, since January, has accepted a position in Belleville Hospital for a few months.

The death of Alan Pretty of Whitby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pretty formerly of Claremont, was announced from the church pulpit last Sunday morning. Deceased had been a sufferer from diabetes since childhood, and had been married for about five years.

Deceased who was in his 27th year, is survived by his wife, the former Jean Sutherland. Funeral was conducted on Tuesday afternoon with interment in Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto.

Thos. Hammond, local village trustee should be notified by any householder desiring to obtain calcium dust layer for this summer. The order for the year's supply is being sent in shortly. Dust layer will be supplied to residents at half price as in former years.

Mr. Arnold and Howard Burton of Claremont, Elmer Carter and Russell Gray of Brougham, have returned home from an enjoyable two-weeks motor trip to Florida.

Mrs. N. Sanderson, Reginald, and Mrs. Mantle visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bryant of Pickering.

The United Sunday School under the direction of Mrs. G. McConnell will present an Easter Pageant on Wednesday evening, March 28th, commencing at 8.15 o'clock in the United Church, for which tickets will be sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ward and son, Mr. S. Taylor, Miss V. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter, Mrs. M. Anderson, Mrs. Sanderson, Reginald and many others of the community have been ill with the flu during the past week. Mrs. Symes has been teaching in the Junior room during Mrs. Porter's absence from school.

County roadmen were busy on Monday removing that big elm tree that stands very close to the 9th concession thoroughfare just east of the Reesor sideroad. The towering fellow was rotted away in the interior, and presented a constant danger during stormy weather if it chanced to topple across the thoroughfare.

The recreation committee of Claremont Business and Community Association will present a bingo and dance in the Community Hall on Friday, March 16, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Prizes and games, over-all admission, adults 50c. and children 25c.

There will be a meeting of the Pickering Township Film Council on March 9, in Brougham Council Chambers. All representatives are requested to be present. There is a training class each Tuesday night at 7.30 in Brougham for projectionists with Milton Campbell instructing. A new member from Brougham has joined the library.

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## BROUGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Sharp of Greenbank, also Mrs. Stanley Reil of Blackstock, were recent guests of Mrs. T. C. Brown.

Mrs. C. Devitt visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Gray on Friday, Feb. 23rd, when her father Mr. Fred Wright (who lives with his daughter Mrs. Gray) celebrated his 84th birthday. Despite arthritis he keeps his jovial temperament and is quite active.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Burgess and little son of Queensville, also Mrs. H. Wideman, called on Mrs. L. Matthews on Friday last.

Mrs. E. Woodward visited with her sister, Mrs. Boden in Toronto during the weekend.

Brougham and Cambray hockey teams met Friday evening at Cambray, resulting in a score of 8 to 3 in favor of Brougham.

Mr. M. Harlock has been confined to his bed during the past week, due to an attack of Flu. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. of St. John's Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Dean Mairs on March 15th at 2.30 p.m. Program convenor, Mrs. Geo. Duncan with group 'B'. Roll call—A verse from the book of Thessalonians. Hostess, Mrs. Mairs, Mrs. Cassie, Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. H. Plaxton.

Congratulations to Mr. David Norton who recently passed his grade 2 musical examination in "Theory" at the Toronto Conservatory, also Master John Harvey who passed his grade 4 piano examination with honors. Both these boys being pupils of Betty Clark.

Just a reminder to come to the Brougham Township Hall on Friday evening, March 9th. The school children are holding an amateur concert, sponsored by the Woman's Institute of Brougham. Come and bring your friends and relations.

The many friends of Miss Ruth Gillman are sorry to hear that she is again back in Oshawa hospital, where she underwent another serious operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Toronto visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton on Sunday last.

Miss Evans of Claremont called on Mrs. Middleton one day last week.

## Mrs. A. B. Matthews Succumbs to Heart Ailment

Succumbing to a heart ailment which had placed her in a state of delicate health for some time, Mrs. Albert B. Matthews passed away at the home of her daughter in Whitby, on Thursday, March 1st. Deceased was the former Katherine Madill, born on the 7th con. of Pickering, on July 28th, 1881. In 1905 she married Albert B. Matthews, and the couple farmed continually in the Brougham district until retiring to the village about ten years ago.

The late Mrs. Matthews was of a retiring nature, her chief interests being her home and her church, St. John's United Church at Brougham. Her husband predeceased her three years ago.

Surviving are two daughters Mrs. Gerald Harbron (Elsie), Myrtle, and Mrs. Harold Crawford (Dora), Whitby. There are three brothers, Fred and Colin Madill of Claremont, and Henry Madill, Port Credit. One sister is Mrs. Fred Dingman, Whitby, and three grandchildren. Only remaining member of the Matthews family still bearing the family name, is Mrs. Mary Matthews, Brougham.

The funeral service on Saturday was conducted from St. John's United Church, Brougham, by Rev. H. Lackey. Pallbearers were: Lloyd Johnston, Levi Hopkins, Warren Willson, Wm. Elliott, Lloyd White and John Beelby. Interment was made in the family plot at Brougham cemetery.

## Pickering and Uxbridge Twps. Paid \$1,305 In Fox Bounties

A statement of the fox bounties paid by the County of Ontario during 1950 was presented to members of council last week. It totals \$6,085 as compared with \$8,098 in the previous year. The bounty during this time stood at \$5 per head. This amount has now been reduced to \$2, so that it anticipated that bounty payments for 1951 may be approximately \$3,000. Whether or not the higher bounty rate has paid off in the saving of poultry flocks, is a matter of opinion. No doubt it has been a material assistance to many farmers.

The following break-down prepared by the County treasurer's office is:

Municipality	Bounties	Amount
Brook	236	\$1,180
East Whitby	89	445
Mara	76	380
Pickering	113	565
Rama	137	685
Reach	136	680
Scott	125	625
Scugog	33	165
Thorah	83	415
Uxbridge	148	740
Whitby	36	180
Whitby Town	5	25
	1,217	\$6,085

## Academic and Athletic Awards Presented at Annual Commencement

Intermediate certificates, secondary school diplomas and sports awards were presented at the annual Claremont Continuation School Commencement Exercises held in the Community Hall on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. L. C. R. Briggs, principal of the new Pickering District High School which is to be in operation next September made the academic presentation to the following students, secondary diplomas, Mearan Jamieson, Erla Jones, Ivy Schneider; intermediate certificates Anne Barclay, Edward Curl, Dennis Dowling, Edith Gostick, Alice Keeler, Marion Norton, Mary McAvoy, Joseph Pegg, Sheila Pegg, Mildred Ward, Mary Story (died Oct. 1950).

In the field of athletics, signet rings with school crest donated by the Students' Council, were presented by Mr. Padgett, member of the Public School Board and active member of the local Business Men's Association. They went to the following: Sr. girl, Jean Schneider; Sr. boy, Gerald Allan; inter. girl, June Davis; inter. boy, Reg. Sanderson. In the joint field meet, Don Rowe tied with Bill McKay of Pickering for the inter. boys' championship. A cup was donated by the High School Board.

In addition to the awards each evening's entertainment featured two playlets, entitled, "High School Daze" and "Cracked Ice." Dances and vocal number helped to round out the pleasing program.

## AUDLEY

This freezing and thawing is not too good for the fall wheat and new seeds.

Gerald Brown and wife of Port Credit visited with his parents here over the weekend. Gerrie is editor of the Port Credit Weekly.

Clive Cox has purchased a 100-acre farm near Newtonville and is taking possession in the early spring. The Cox family are moving down there about July while Ron stays here to look after the lot here.

John Nevel was at Manchester on Saturday helping the new Dutch minister to get settled in his new home there.

Much sympathy is felt for the farmers in their fight for the right to ship milk wherever they can sell it, and to be hauled by any transport they wish. This action by the milk board will undoubtedly hasten the formation of co-operative hauling of their own products by the producers.

Police Chief Trinell was in the vicinity recently, trying out with the reeve and others, the new radio call system.

Prospective farm buyers have been looking at some farms here recently. This part of the country is one of the most desirable in Ontario.

## BINGO LEGION HALL CLAREMONT

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## Pay Boost for Board of Health, Mileage Eliminated

"I don't believe mileage should be allowed on any job," declared Deputy-Reeve Neil E. McEwen at the regular meeting of Pickering Township Council on Thursday. This comment arose during the passage of a bylaw to authorize new pay increases for certain members of the Township Board of Health.

Dr. N. F. Tomlinson's salary was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year, without mileage. Dr. P. Loos, Sanitary Inspector will receive \$1,000, an increase of \$600, without mileage. Miss Walker, public health nurse will receive \$2600, an increase of \$200, also mileage of 8c. per mile.

These increases were placed before council as a recommendation from the Board.

The Township's 1951 order for calcium chloride came in for considerable discussion. Deputy-Reeve McEwen strongly opposed the purchase of chloride for such dealers as Chas. Cooper, Claremont, John White, Brougham, and others. "If they want the stuff, let them buy a carload themselves," declared the Deputy-Reeve.

Figures showed that the total amount disposed of to all these dealers in the municipality, was far short of a carload lot. The township was shown to lose nothing in the deal, since the dealers paid the municipality their full cost.

"I don't see any harm in them getting in," stated Councillor Balsdon.

"It's not a competitive product," added Reeve Westney.

"It's still a bad practice, and against the statutes," said Dr. McEwen.

A motion by the Deputy-Reeve to ban such sales, failed to produce a second.

An increase of \$50 was granted Monteith & Monteith, auditors, for their work on the local school books.

Mr. Earl Taylor appeared before council to ask that certain farmers in the south, be changed from the East Woodlands to the Pickering Fire Area.

"That outfit is run by a bunch of men who have no thought of expense," declared Mr. Taylor. "They're going to spend \$10,000 on a fire hall with a dance hall above, it's too elaborate and not necessary."

The matter was shelved for further investigation by the clerk.

Representation was made from the householders on the Stroud sideroad, a private road with about ten dwellings. The road conditions were said to be very bad, and the spokesman asked for information on steps to be taken to have the road taken over by the municipality and improved.

The roadway would have to be 66 ft. wide to start with, Reeve Westney told the men. It was agreed that a move would be made to ascertain if certain parties would be willing to give enough land to affect the widening of the roadway.

Police accounts passed for payment amounted to \$1489.14, and road accounts for the month, \$2399.44.

Bylaws were given their necessary readings, increasing the reeve's salary to \$300 per year, the deputy-reeve to \$100 and councillors to \$300. All carried an \$3 per day absentee clause.

The salary of the municipal building caretaker, W. H. Elliott, was also increased from \$850 to \$1100.

The special tax rate for Pickering Police Village according to the requisition asked for by the village trustees, was set by bylaw at 2 mills. The levy will amount to \$928.21 on an assessment of \$463,150.01. A similar mill rate of 2.4 mills was passed for Claremont, amounting to a levy of \$638.50 on an assessment of \$265,272.31.

## Ontario County Mill Rate To Be Boosted

The Ontario County mill rate was struck late last week, substantially higher than last year. Many factors cause the increase, one being the lower equalized assessment due to the annexation of part of East Whitby. It is almost certain that when the road estimates are approved this week, the 1951 County rate will be much higher than the seven mills of last year. Already total increases of 1.9 have been authorized—1.4 mills in respect to the County Home account and .5 on General Account.

One of the large costs in Ontario County is the administration of justice. Jury expenses alone will be close to \$10,000 while the operations of the Sheriff's office and the Crown Attorney account for over \$10,000 more. Operations of the Juvenile and Family Court cost \$5,000 per year. For operation of the jail, salaries is the large item, estimated at \$16,500 for the current year. Legal and audit fees will cost the county general fund an estimated \$1,300 this year.

Fox and wolf bounties will be decreased to \$3,280. However, one of the large items will be indigent hospitalization for which some \$23,000 will be expended.

One of the large items in the budget will be paid to the Children's Aid Society of Ontario County and Oshawa in the amount of \$20,000 plus the 1950 deficit of \$9,664, and there are other substantial costs for Children's Aid for other societies.

In order to enjoy doing nothing, a person must be able to refrain from thinking of things he ought to be doing.

## Uxbridge High School Holds Public Speaking Competition

The annual public speaking competition was held last week in which a winner was selected out of the Junior and Senior classes. Miss Jackie Wilson was chosen by the four judges as the number one speaker in the Senior group with Donald Shier runner up. In the Junior class Miss Betty Beach coped the honours for the second year in a row while Marion Rodd placed second. Miss Wilson received the Dr. Mellow shield and will have her name inscribed on it, while Miss Beach has her name carved in the Dr. McClintock shield typical of the Junior championship. These trophies will be retained by the winners for the year when they will again be up for competition. A number of students were chosen out of the school in a semi-final round and they competed before the public during the schools open night. Subjects were selected and the students were allowed to choose from them a topic that would be of interest both to themselves and to their listeners.

## COUNTY FORUMS INCREASING

Ontario County has increased the number of Farm Forums to fourteen. Clare Burt, Provincial Secretary, was their speaker at a rally in Greenbank Hall, Wednesday, March 7th, renewing contact with the older groups and welcoming the newly-organized Forums.

The Farm Radio Forum programme in Ontario County brings about 250 farm people together in 14 groups each Monday evening. All listen to the same broadcast and discuss the same questions as other groups across the Dominion. The answers are as diversified as the thoughts of the rural people but show a solidarity of opinion on important points.

Half the Forums doubt if there is a crisis at the present time which warrants price controls. However, in the event of an all-out war the majority want price controls on all commodities because at the present time the costs of feed and farm machinery are higher than the produce the farmer sells.

During the season Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gibson of the Saintfield Forum, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rodd of the Bethesda, Reach Forum were active in organizing new groups. The new forums are at Vroomant, Scugog Head, Fifth Line Manchester and Greenbank.

On review nights, every four weeks, Greenwood Farm Forum meets with the Pickering Federation of Agriculture. Four weeks ago they discussed the need for a Health Unit in the County. An energetic committee, with support from the South Ontario Federation of Agriculture, has placed the facts before the people of the County and hope it will result in the formation of this much-needed service for Ontario County.

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10.20	6.20	2.35	10.35	8.00	9.00	4.45	9.00	
10.35	6.35	2.50	10.50	7.45	8.45	4.30	8.45	
10.38	6.38	2.53	10.53	7.42	8.42	4.27	8.42	
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