

# CLAREMONT and PICKERING TWP. DISTRICT

There'll be donkey baseball in Claremont next Tuesday night, June 19th.

Mr. Ken Wood, former manager of the local Farmers' Co-op here, has taken a position in Oshawa.

Mrs. Nelson Sanderson and Mrs. D. Woodburn of Toronto enjoyed a couple of days on an excursion to Buffalo last week.

The Woman's Association will be held on Thursday afternoon, June 28th, in the Sunday School room. Mrs. Padgett's group is in charge of the program.

The Baptist Male Quartette contributed the special music at the Brougham decoration service on Sunday afternoon.

Sunday, July 1st, will be the occasion for the annual decoration service in Claremont Union Cemetery.

Work is proceeding on a new addition to the Bank of Commerce Branch in Claremont. The additional space which will house a vault and wash-room facilities, is being erected on the south west corner of the present building.

The Baptist Circle will be held on Tuesday afternoon, June 26th, at the home of Mrs. Davison. Reports from the Women's Baptist General Convention held recently for three days at Orillia will be given by the delegates from Mrs. Burnell's group, who is in charge of the program.

The dance and euche party staged last week by the local business men's association drew a considerable crowd on Friday evening, and added a tidy sum to the association treasury. Mr. Hugh Gregg was the lucky winner of the new tailored suit of clothes, Dorothy, Hockley won second and Mrs. Len Lye third.

The members of the Goodfellowship Class entertained Brougham and Mount Zion groups in the Sunday School room of the United Church last Tuesday evening. Brougham group conducted the worship service with Mr. Ellicott, S.S. teacher of the class, in charge. Mt. Zion entertained with music. Mr. Harold Barclay sang a sacred solo.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnston celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary quietly at home on Friday, June 15th. They were married in 1911 at the home of the bride's parents at Richmond Hill. The late Dr. Smith and Rev. W. French officiated. The bridesmaid was a sister, Mrs. F. Hickson, and the best man was Mr. Geo. Topper of Elgin Mills. Their honeymoon was spent at Joseph's Island and Parry Sound. In 1915 they moved from Toronto and commenced farming in Claremont, retiring in 1944. There are four children, all married, and nine grandchildren. One little daughter passed away in 1932.

Sixty-seven members of South Ontario Women's Institutes enjoyed a trip to Stoney Creek, Queenston and Niagara Falls last Thursday via two Port Perry buses. The local members, with a couple from Altona; left shortly after 7.30 a.m. and were joined by Brougham members upon arrival there. The second bus carried members from Brooklin, Pickering and Oshawa. The weather was perfect. Those who enjoyed the scenic splendor of the Falls for the first time, or the elevator trip of 350 feet through solid rock, the tunnel, and walked the board roadway down to the rolling, tossing waters at the bottom, or drank from the flaming well, or the trip in the cage across the whirl pool rapids, to seeing the red flowered chestnut trees, will have something to remember with pleasure and awe for the remainder of their lives.

### Widow of Former Blacksmith Dies

Word was received in Claremont on Monday morning of the passing of Mrs. Ella Risebrough at Wembley in the Peace River district. The late Mrs. Risebrough was the widow of William Risebrough who operated a blacksmith shop in Claremont some forty years ago.

Youngest of a family of nine children born to James and Mary Dolphin, 8th con. of Pickering, the deceased went west with her husband some thirty-five years ago. Her husband predeceased her thirty years ago.

Sole survivor is a brother, Duncan of Claremont, and last remaining member of the family. While no definite word had been received

## Council Decision on Truck Tender Ends in Stalemate

While a total of four tenders were received for a new truck for the Pickering Twp. Road Dept., after two meetings of heated discussion Council could not arrive at a decision as to who should receive the contract. Prices for the four-ton truck ranged from a low of \$5,145 to a high of \$6,551.

At a special meeting on Thursday night council arrived at a deadlock over the question of which of two makes they should purchase. Deputy-Reeve N. E. McEwen, at a meeting of the Pickering Township Council on Thursday night. The discussion centred around the purchase of three more carloads of calcium in addition to the six carloads that have already been bought. It was agreed by the council that the job of spreading the chloride over the roads was very satisfactory but some of them felt that there should be more of it not only in front of the various residences but all along the road.

As the subject of roads continued other details became involved and soon the entire council were in a heated discussion. Deputy-Reeve McEwen declared that a big amount of the gravel that was being put on the roads in Pickering Twp. was good enough for country roads but the roads in Pickering should not be regarded as country roads considering the travel they have to stand up to.

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that it was worth the difference. "The deadlock left it strictly up to Reeve Westney for the deciding vote, but he declined to take any action.

"I've voted on lots of things but I won't vote on this," declared the Reeve.

"It's a shame that the Reeve has to be put over a barrel as much as he has," commented Councillor Balesden.

"He has as much right to exercise his franchise as any other man on this council," argued the Deputy-Reeve. "I've seen lots of tenders voted on but this is the worse mess that I've seen yet, I think we should throw the whole thing out," continued the Deputy-Reeve.

Seeing no chance to break the deadlock the subject was dropped for the present time.

## Gravel Going into Fields and Ditches says Deputy Reeve

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own part of the machinery so why don't we give them some use of it," declared Councillor Balesden.

Reeve Westney brought forth the thought that some of the residents had already gone ahead and bought calcium out of their own pockets and if the council went ahead and purchased the chloride for the other residents there would be trouble. The council then agreed that they should forget about the private roads under those circumstances. The move to purchase the extra three carloads of calcium was defeated. Road Supt. Ward said that there was still quite a bit of calcium left and that there was no use buying more if it was just going to lay around.

## Writ Filed for Claremont Couple

Several claims for damages arising from the alleged bad condition of Ontario County roads have been received by the County Council at its June session which began in Whitby last week.

The most extensive follows an accident on the Brock Road, one-half mile south of Brougham on the early morning of May 20, 1951. The claim is that because of a bad hole in the road, a car driven by Keith Cowan of Ajax, went out of control and was in collision with a vehicle containing Mr. and Mrs. George Camick of Claremont.

A writ in the Supreme Court has been issued on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Camick and Garnet and Keith Cowan for personal injury and property damage, naming the County of Ontario as defendant. Another party to the same action will be Thomas A. Cross and his son William of Ajax.

Another claim for property damage was filed by Mrs. Gray of New Toronto, who complained that while driving recently on the Monk Road, County Road No. 9, new gravel and large rocks on the road caused the loss of oil in her car. There was no garage for many miles, so she was held up for many hours. Her claim is for \$40.

## AUDLEY

James Hedge and family of Nestleton were recent visitors here. The school examinations are starting at the local school after which the pupils will be starting on their long summer holiday.

Gerald Brown Jr. who has been editing a paper in Oakville, has resigned from that work and has moved in to assist his father here in his work in the advertising business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bryant are staying with their daughter and her husband in Toronto. Mrs. Bryant is still confined to her bed.

The big staff picnic of the Loblaw's wholesalers in Toronto held their annual picnic at Cedar Glen Park last Saturday.

Frank Wonnacot, is out again after his attack of the mumps. Several older people here have been afflicted and it is no laughing matter with them.

Congratulations to Miss Joyce Brown upon her recent honors on the exams at the Ontario Ladies' College.

George West, former resident here, attended the funeral of the late E. L. Chapman.

The Bell Telephone line men have been around removing many limbs from the roadside shade trees. There ought to be some other way for the telephone and hydro wires.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Birch and Mr. and Mrs. James Yeo of Innerkip spent a day or so here last week renewing old associates.

## BROUGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Crocker, Mrs. R. W. Witter and Miss Gladys Witter of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harbron and Bernice and Ina-Jean of Myrtle had Sunday dinner with Mrs. L. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Harlock and Mr. and Mrs. G. Duncan and little daughter spent the weekend on a motor trip to Barries Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Devitt of Toronto visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Devitt during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Browes visited his mother who is ill in Orillia Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hess visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burton of Detroit visited with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester of Claremont have bought the property belonging to the estate of the late A. B. Matthews.

A number of friends and relatives called on Mrs. E. Woodward on Sunday.

Miss Barbara Mairs spent the weekend with friends at Oshawa.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Bress on the arrival of a little son at Oshawa Hospital on June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Madden and Mrs. Storeman of Toronto also Mrs. Harris of California visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sheppard one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephenson of Toronto and Miss Mae Stephenson of Pickering called on their cousin, Mrs. L. Matthews on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Gannon of Minden spent the weekend with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Willson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mairs were at Keswick on Friday last attending the funeral of the late Mr. Geo. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd and Gary of Toronto called on Mrs. Geo. Phillip on Sunday.

Twelve ladies from here attended the Women's Institute picnic at Niagara Falls on Thursday last.

On Tuesday evening, June 12th the Friendly Bible Class met with the Goodfellowship Class and Mount Zion Class at Claremont and spent a very enjoyable evening together. The worship service was taken by members of the Friendly Bible Class while Mount Zion took the recreational part. The evening closed with a very lovely lunch by the Goodfellowship Class and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones, Mrs. Lillie Tremblay and Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cross and Mrs. Len Rader, all of Whitby, Miss Carol Radcliffe of Detroit, Mrs. J. Moon and Heather of Highland Creek spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Manson, Ellicott and family.

The June meeting of the Brougham Women's Institute was held June 12th. Mrs. Lloyd Johnston, president, was in the chair. Mr. Lewis Briggs, principal of the new High School at Pickering, was the guest speaker. He told of some of the things planned for the students. Some of the Brougham pupils of the Public School were there to hear Mr. Briggs, but unfortunately had to leave before his talk was over. In the new High School there will be some 450 to 500 students, 19 teachers, 3 janitors, 3 buses and Grey Coach buses to take the students to and from school. Mr. Briggs showed pictures of the school at Tilbury which were enjoyed. They showed what the different classes had accomplished in building a barn, a poultry house, and a hot house during the last term. Mrs. N. Burton, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Barclay gave a report of the Community Club activities. Mrs. Glenn who spoke on Current Events gave some recent highlights of the war in Korea. The roll call was a verse from an old school reader. Everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch served by the hostesses. The July meeting will be a picnic held in Greenwood Park.

The ladies are the former Grace and Gladys Holtby who left here 33 years ago after living for some time on the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Puckrin.

The Club met at the home of Chas. and Mrs. Clemence on Wednesday evening recently with the president, Bert Guthrie, in charge. After the usual business was conducted, Editor William Murkar of the News gave an interesting account of his locomotive trip to Montreal. This was most interesting to all present. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered him, following by a discussion on the work of the ball team. Practise will be once a week in the Arch Bell field near here.

## GREENWOOD

There will be no church service or Sunday School this Sunday, June 24th, on account of the memorial service at Salem Cemetery.

Remember the W.M.S. picnic this Saturday, June 23rd, at the home of Mrs. M. Pegg. An invitation is extended to everyone. Bring along your lunch basket.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morden, Joanne and Doug and Mrs. Morden visited with Hamilton relatives last Sunday. Mrs. Morden's mother had the misfortune to break her hip one day last week.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Roy Hill was taken to the Oshawa Hospital last week. We hope she will soon be home again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Carroll of Mitchell were visitors with Mrs. P. Wilson last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Pegg and family took a trip north last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Byers, Les Wilson and his mother were with relatives at Grand Valley last Sunday.

## No Agreement Reached Pickering Village Water Supply

The Ontario Municipal Board deferred decision in the war of words between Pickering Village and their farmer neighbours in Pickering Township over the village water supply.

Ajax has offered to supply water to the village if the township council will restrict to residential building 2,100 acres of land to the north and east of the improvement area owned by Central Mortgage and Housing Corp., a Dominion Government agency. Practically all this area is farm land and Ajax hopes to build up its own industrial area without having to compete with industry locating on fringe land in the township.

In deferring decision the two board members, R. C. Rowland and R. L. Kennedy, placed a freeze order on the land involved to prevent it from being sold pending either approval or rejection of the restrictive bylaw.

Mr. Melville Newman, township counsel, explained the situation to the board adding that the High School as well as the Village of Pickering itself was desperately in need of water. Other members concerned who were called on by the Board were Mr. C. Morley, representing the Planning Board of Pickering and Whitby Townships, Mr. A. R. Irwin of the Pickering District High School Board, Mr. Neil Fraser of Pickering Village, and the two counsels who represented the property owners opposed to the bylaw, Mr. J. W. Carrick and Mr. H. A. Newman.

Mr. C. Morley, representing the Planning Board for Pickering and Whitby Townships, claimed that water for Pickering Village was a necessity for three outstanding reasons - health, fire protection, and the maintenance of land values. Other supporters to the bylaw claimed that the well water in their respective districts was bad and many went dry during the summer months. Mr. E. L. Ruddy, Toronto advertising man and village resident; mentioned Toronto as an example of lack of planning where factories and residents were all mixed in together and there was nothing anyone could do about it.

Mr. A. B. Irwin, representing the Pickering District High School Board, said that when the site for their new \$500,000 High School had been chosen in June, 1949, they were given to understand that the area would be residential. He went on to describe the different reasons

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why such a particular spot was selected and now that the new school is almost finished and approximately 450 students are expecting to return in September it is essential that they have the water by that time.

"With the taxes we pay we should justly have the water we need," continued Mr. Irwin.

As the meeting progressed it was easily seen that no agreement could be reached. The Board decided that the two parties involved both for and against the proposed bylaw should get together and come to some agreement. Pending either the approval or rejection of the bylaw a freeze order was placed on the land involved to prevent it from being sold.

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