

# CLAREMONT

By Staff Correspondent

Tribune's for sale at Baker's grocery, and at L. Matthews', Brougham.

Reports are that Mrs. William Dickinson is not improving in health. United Church Christmas Tree and Concert next Monday, Dec. 23rd. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Barber were in Uxbridge visiting one day last week.

Mrs. John Gauslin visited with her sister-in-law, Mrs. P. Lee during the past week.

Mrs. Ed. Lewis and daughter Irene spent a day in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown have both been in poor health the past few days.

Mrs. Pattenden and children were in Toronto visiting relatives recently.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Henry Wideman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Symes of the 5th concession have moved into the William Palmer house here, in Claremont.

A further group of young men in Claremont and district received their notice to report for military service last week.

Mrs. Aitkin and daughter of Toronto visited with friends here recently.

The annual Christmas Tree, Supper and Entertainment of the Baptist Church Sunday School will be held this Friday, Dec. 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones and family of Brooklin visited with Mrs. J. Bushby on Sunday.

Miss Laura Powell, daughter of Mrs. Ira Powell has gone to Toronto to spend the winter with her sister Mrs. F. Midgely.

Mr. Aitkin, formerly of the Bank of Commerce staff here has received a commission with a branch of the Canadian Army and is now stationed at Camp Borden.

A special White Gift service of the United Church Sunday School will be held in the United Church on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 10 a.m. These gifts so urgently needed will go to the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto.

Special Christmas services will be held in the United Church next Sunday, Dec. 22nd. Appropriate Christmas music will be featured by the choir while the pastor will bring a Christmas message.

Mr. Frank Barclay has a new truck in operation on a section of road in the Port Perry district which he is understood to be snow-plowing for the County.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Daniel were in Toronto for a few days last week and while there Mrs. Daniels gave an address to the women of Mount Dennis Baptist Church at a luncheon meeting.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Ed. Gleeson last weekend, were, Mr. Wilbur Gleeson of Toronto, a son, and Mrs. M. J. Wilker wife of a former Claremont school principal and who is a daughter of Mrs. Gleeson's.

Work is going ahead on the new storage building being erected at the Farr Elevators and just west of the present buildings. Morley Symes of Godwood is doing the work. Mr. Farr purchased an old elevator building in Uxbridge last year and lumber from this will go into the construction on his Claremont premises.

Breaks Collar-Bone

Mr. Fred Lee, son of Mrs. P. Lee of Claremont had the misfortune to break his collar-bone recently when he was accidentally knocked down by a cow. The injured man will stay with his mother here in the village until he has fully recuperated.

## Quiet Parsonage Wedding

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the United Church parsonage on Saturday, December 14th when Norma Beverly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Beverly of Claremont was united in marriage with Gordon Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Benson. Rev. I. E. Kennedy performed the ceremony.

## New Snow-plows Operating

The new snowplows recently purchased by Pickering Township are now in operation, and ready to keep concession lines cleared when the next big blow comes along. It is reported that one of the plows accidentally took to the ditch while on a trial run near Greenwood but minor trouble of this sort might well be expected until the outfit has plowed their first course and become accustomed to the road.

## Seriously Injured in Accident

Mr. Jos. Farr local elevator proprietor suffered a broken nose and his daughter required several stitches to facial cuts, injuries which they sustained one night last week when their car collided with another enroute from the city. Mr. Farr is understood to have been following another car which made a sudden skid on the icy road throwing it crossway and directly in the path of the Farr machine which collided head-on.

## Claremont Gets a Big Lemon

Mr. Harry Porter, local tonsorial artist is proudly displaying a lemon tree in his shop window which is now bearing fruit, three in number. The largest lemon which is just beginning to ripen is 12 inches around and is judged to weigh about a pound. Mr. Porter says that the tree is twenty years old although it has only been in his possession for 12 years has borne fruit ever since he got it. The tree blossoms about April, which is the real beauty-time in both color and fragrance of scent.

## Former Resident Buried Here

Former resident of Claremont some forty years ago the late Mrs. Jane Graham, wife of William Graham was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery here last week. Mrs. Graham who passed away in Toronto last Wednesday will be remembered by the older members of the community as an ardent Baptist Church worker and both Mr. and Mrs. Graham sang in the Baptist choir for many years. Mr. Graham who unfortunately is ill in the hospital at present was a blacksmith while in Claremont and operated the present shop run by Mr. Lye.

## Little Election Talk

Pickering Township Council met for their final meeting of the year in the Township Hall, Brougham on Monday when practically the entire business consisted of passing the final accounts for the year. Nominations for three councillors, deputy-reeve and reeve will be held in the Hall on December 30th.

Enquiries among Pickering farmers show that while there is very little election talk at present, an election was a possibility and especially since there will be two vacancies to fill with the removal from the council of Deputy-Reeve Heber Down and Councillor Elmer Powell who have both removed their place of residence from the municipality. There is much interest in the township today on the possibility of the establishment of a huge industry, land for which has already been negotiated for by the government. It is admitted that in this event a boom would strike the township.

## Former Pastor Writes from England

A letter just received from Rev. A. M. Stevens, former Claremont and Stouffville pastor reads as follows:

"I don't know whether you are still looking for us over or if you have heard we were detained at the last moment. We expected to be on a ship that recently went down and then found out we were booked for the one following. I was going as a chaplain and as you can guess we were terribly disappointed, so we started to unpack our trunks, but

we had given away all our pictures and other things, but we are living in times when those things don't matter much. You hear of the Englishman's home being his castle—well it was so at one time, but not now, for one never knows from one night to another if he shall have a home. It is really fearful and certainly keeps us on our knees. Those land mines will take down a street of houses, but so far we have only had one cracked window. At the bottom of our street there is a crater large enough to put a house in. Our church has had some slight damage. We now hold services in the school hall.

Ralph (who attended school here and in Stouffville), is stationed with the Royal Air Force and is now flying a four-engined bomber and Muriel who is in the hospital is busy mending broken bones. Trust you will have a real Happy Christmas.

Yours truly,  
A. M. Stephens.

## BROUGHAM VISITORS HIT BY TRAIN

Skidding on the icy road as he sought to stop his car at the C.P.R. crossing on Brock road, Herbert Scott, his wife and daughter, of 70 Millicent street, Toronto, escaped from the stalled vehicle as an east-bound freight train struck a few moments later, reducing the auto to wreckage.

The accident occurred just south of Brougham Saturday afternoon. The Scott family was on the way to Brougham. As the car approached the crossing, Mr. Scott saw the train and applied the brakes. The car skidded, turning around with the front of the vehicle directly in the path of the oncoming train.

The three occupants made a hurried exit while Mr. Scott sought to flag the train. Unable to stop in time the train struck, hurling the wreckage off to the side of the track.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

With Christmas goods on display and filling the shelves of our stores, and with the invitations to shop at home as extended in our advertising columns, the public has assurance again this year of

a choice and quality of goods and personal service on the part of the town merchants and sales staffs which will give pleasure and satisfaction to the shopper.

There is, little doubt that selfish extravagant purchases of the

luxurious things of life will be curbed under war conditions, yet there are children, the less fortunate and the shut-ins to whom a ray of Christmas joy means more than can be told

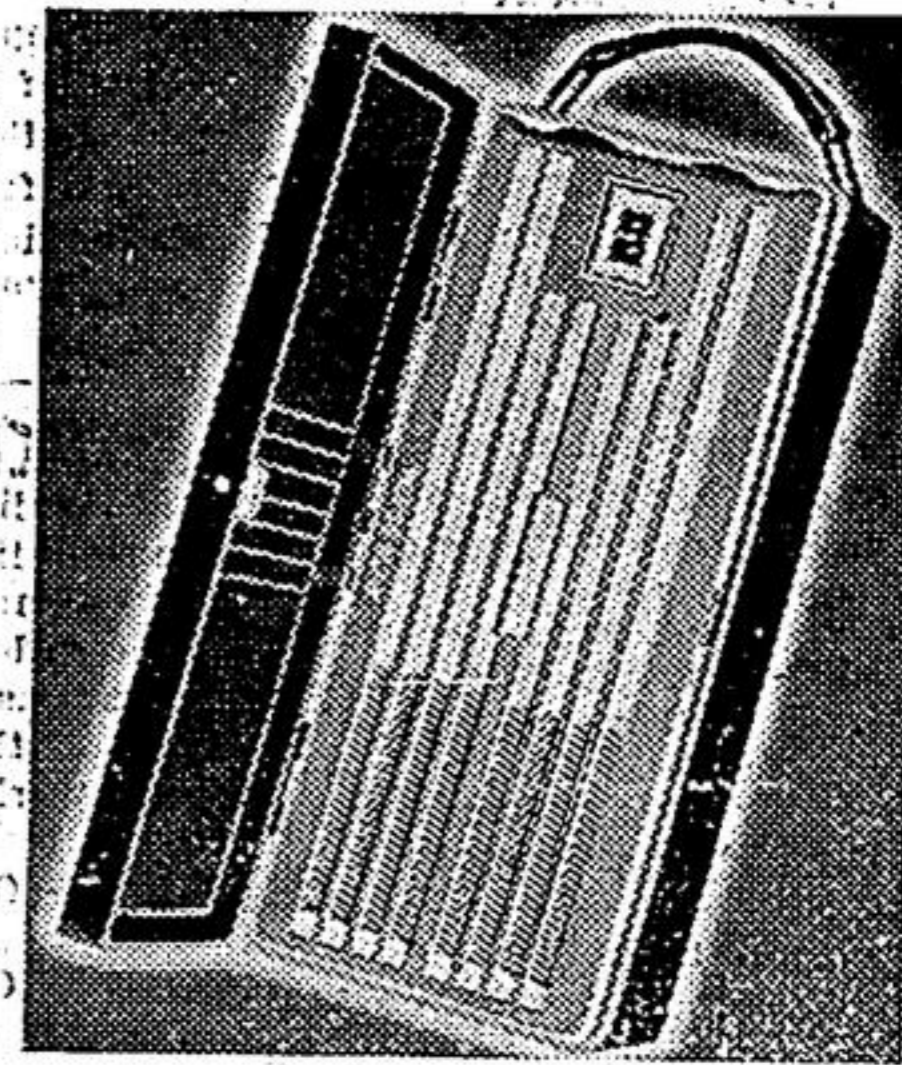


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## Lest We Forget

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At this season we are particularly reminded of the debt we owe to those whose service and sacrifice make it possible for us to enjoy our Christmas midst the carefree happiness of children and fond parents... those valiant men who patrol the skies, man the ships, stand by the guns, and place their all — even unto life itself, between us and the enemy.

How can we pay our debt to them?

The least we can do is to Save every dollar that we can and lend it to Canada, so that Canada can provide everything in munitions and equipment to fortify these men for the defence of our country and our civilization.

Our savings should be invested in War Savings Certificates, and we should continue to save and invest in War Savings Certificates until Victory is won.

The widow's mite counts as much as the more fortunate ones' plenty, as evidence of service, sacrifice and determination.

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