

CLAREMONT

By Staff Correspondent

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

Mr. Gordon Graham of Myrtle was in town on Sunday visiting friends. Miss Mary Pugh is about again after being laid up by ill health.

A number of local young people motored to Oshawa on Saturday night to enjoy an evening's skate in the big arena there.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Gibson of Toronto, also Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Newton attended the funeral here of the late Mrs. Owen.

The many friends of Mrs. Richard Wilson of Mt. Zion will be sorry to learn that she has been in very poor health this past while.

Mrs. M. Walford is visiting with her sister Mrs. Sam Stephenson at Oshawa.

Mrs. Ed. Gibson who has been in poor health is reported much improved.

Mrs. Ira Powell who has now been in bed for over seven months remains in the same precarious state of health.

A number of young people from here walked over to Cedar Creek school to take in the Christmas Entertainment there last week.

Mrs. Wm. Hill has returned to her home here after visiting for a time with her son Mr. Morgan Hill in the townline.

School closed here last Friday night and the pupils this year will get the longest holiday possible. Most of the local teachers spent Christmas at their respective homes.

The death was recorded last week of Miss Margaret Overland, of Erin and an aunt of C. A. Overland, local merchant. Deceased was in her 34th year.

All report a fine afternoon of sport at the Walt Ward shooting match on Saturday. Some of the boys were fortunate enough to carry off a few fowl.

Messrs. James Reynolds and Earl Linton have taken jobs in connection with the surveying on some of the bridge work of the 4-lane-highway near Pickering Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mairs, Brougham, Mr. and Mrs. Boyington, Blackwater and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dawson, north townline.

Miss S. E. Evans who has been in ill health is practically herself again and was able to be in her accustomed place at church on Sunday.

Mr. Stan Linton who has been an employee of Charles Cooper's for seven years has taken a new position with Donland Motors of Whitby. He will leave Claremont to take up his new post next week.

Reports circulated in the village this week are to effect that Mr. Milton Benson may take over the milk route recently given up by Mr. Walter Ward who has served many of the householders in Claremont for a number of years.

Miss Marion Kilpatrick, nurse in the Toronto East General Hospital is home at present attending her mother who has been in ill health some time to time of late.

Mr. Elmer Powell, Pickering Township councillor and J. E. Wilson of Claremont each contributed several head of pure-bred Holstein-Friesian cattle to make up a lot of 34 being shipped to Leonard Knauft, Green-

castle, Pa. recently. Sincere thanks is expressed by those in charge of the recent White Gift Service in the United Church when a great display of good things was donated by the Claremont people to go to the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto.

We reported soon after the big snow storm last month that many farmers in this vicinity had still not completed their threshing operations and a further report this week on the situation revealed that William Ehardt, who does much of the threshing in this area still has 22 farms on his list yet to be visited. Much of this threshing is clover.

Special Christmas church services were held here on Sunday and good congregations enjoyed the caroling and special choir numbers. Messages were in keeping with Yuletide. The Baptist pastor took for his subject, "God's Unspeakable Gift" and in the evening a carol service was arranged by Miss Mary Forsyth.

Word was received here during the past week of the sudden death of Mrs. Owen of Toronto, daughter of Mrs. P. Lee of Claremont. The death was most untimely in that Mrs. Lee is ill herself and much sympathy is felt for the family in their bereavement. Funeral was held on Friday at the United Church with interment in the Union Cemetery. Deceased is survived by two brothers, Albert of Claremont and Fred of Uxbridge.

Township Equipment Big Asset
In reviewing the financial position of Pickering township at the last regular session it was revealed that the municipality now has some \$20,000 worth of equipment which includes, over five miles of snow fence and 29000 posts. Snow-fencing is made by the township at a cost of 3 1/2 cents per foot. Road Supt. Ward also reports that approximately 12,000 yards of gravel have been removed from the township pit during the past twelve months.

Escapes Serious Smash by Climbing Tree
Mr. Floyd Coates of Claremont who recently held an extensive auction sale narrowly averted a serious collision one day last week-end near the west corner of the 5th concession when he suddenly came upon two trucks, parked on a narrow bridge. Taking in the icy condition of the road and the close quarters on the road which prevented passing, Mr. Coates swung his own car into the ditch where it ended up against a tree. He suffered no injury although the car was removed for repairs.

Need Still Stressed
Claremont ladies who have been doing such an outstanding work at the bowling club house may reconsider their decision to shut down their work after the completion of present orders. We understand that Mrs. Will Birkett on a recent trip to Red Cross headquarters in the city was told that many more articles of clothing are needed, especially dresses for girls under the age of 14. Claremont war-working group have made a name for themselves throughout the country by their continued effort with the result that perhaps no other place of its size can boast the same amount of work turned out as can the local organization.

Options are Accepted
Residents of the School Section Number One, Pickering, whose farms are being expropriated by the Government, and who have signed options on their properties, received word from Ottawa that the options had been accepted and that settlement would be made before the end of December. It is expected that when the settlement is made final notice of the expiration of the period of residence will also be given, and

those affected believe that they will be given thirty days to complete arrangements for vacating. It will be remembered that the farmers in the area were advised some time ago that their properties would be needed and they were advised to look around for new farms or otherwise be prepared to vacate their premises on short notice. The area was recently surveyed and will be used for a large industrial plant, building of which will commence early in the new year.

Trio Held for Car Theft
Arrested after a brief search by Uxbridge and Oshawa police last Thursday three young men are held in Oshawa on a charge of a car theft. Chief Constable William A. Vesey, of Uxbridge, was called by Lloyd McMurray, service station operator, who became suspicious when the three tried to trade a camera of good making, for a quantity of gasoline at his station. Chief Vesey found the car and its occupants parked on a side street in Uxbridge. When asked which one owned the car, one of the men jumped out and called to the other pair to follow.

A search was begun and one man was caught in a stable, and a second aiding behind a store.

Changes Likely in Pickering Council
Although no one has come forward in the township and stated their intentions of competing for the vacancies which now stand on the council there is a considerable agitation to have another member from the north of the municipality. We understand that Heber Downs who has held down the deputy reeveship for the past year but has forfeited his right to run in Pickering because of the fact he has ceased to be a taxpayer there, is being pressed to bring himself back into the Township and continue as deputy-reeve. Mr. Downs has created a most favorable impression among the ratepayers since entering on his municipal career and many have voiced their regret to The Tribune to see him giving up his place on the council.

However should things remain as at present and the Deputy reeveship remain vacant, Councillors Robt. Ruddy and Blake Annis would more than likely contest this seat, both having been in the council for the same period.

Mr. Reesor has stated his intention to stand for re-election as reeve and there have been no reports of anyone intending to contest this seat with Mr. Reesor.

Brougham

Mr. and Mrs. Hillick and daughter Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Wright of Georgetown, spent Sunday with the latter's sister Mrs. D. Stephenson.

Mrs. Lemon has returned home after spending some time with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Matthews spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. Matthews' sister.

Mr. Bruce Easton had the misfortune to slip on the ice injuring his knee, which injury caused him to limp for a few days.

Don't forget the Firemen's New Years Eve Dance, on Tuesday evening next.

All those who had the pleasure of hearing the Stouffville School Choirs over CFRB on Saturday afternoon enjoyed a real treat.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Crocker of Toronto visited L. and Mrs. Matthews on Sunday.

Miss Josephine Stephenson of Georgetown is spending a few days at her home here.

Mr. Lloyd Hicks of Lindsay visited his mother on Sunday.

Miss Barbara Mairs celebrated her birthday recently by entertaining 8 little girls.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for December 20.
JESUS REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS
Golden Text—"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.—Luke 12:48.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE
It is most fitting, as we come to the close of one of the saddest years for millions of people this earth has ever known, that we should consider the call of our Lord to watchfulness and faithfulness as we wait for his return to put down iniquity and reign in righteousness over the world. Self-styled optimists have seen their dreams of world success, by the nightmare of world war. Those who thought that by social service and a diluted Gospel they were "bringing in the kingdom" have learned to their dismay that their

plans are all thwarted and Satan's power is being displayed as never before. But all the terrible events that have succeeded one another with such startling rapidity only confirm the faith of the Bible-believer in the revelation given of God in his inspired Book. The words of the Lord Jesus Christ are being fulfilled: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars . . . nations shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" (Matt. 24:6,7). All these are but the beginning of sorrows and point unerringly to the darker days yet to come, which in turn will be succeeded by the personal return of him who loved to call himself "the Son of man" (Matt. 24:27,30). In view of all these things, what holiness should characterize us; what devotion to Christ and what loyalty to his truth!

Verse by Verse
Luke 12:35—"Loins . . . girded about." It is the loins of the mind of which he speaks (1 Pet. 1:13) and the girdle is the truth of God (Eph. 6:14). In other words, as the flowing garments of the Oriental are held in place by the girdle, so every thought is to be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5). "And your lights burning." The light of testimony is to be kept shining during the time of our Lord's personal absence.

Verse 36—"Like unto that wait for their Lord." Just as the friends of the Eastern bridegroom waited eagerly for him to bring his bride back to his home, where they could rejoice together, so we are to maintain an attitude of expectancy while we wait for the return of our Saviour.

Verse 37—"He shall gird himself, and . . . serve them." We are called to serve in faithfulness now. When Christ returns it will be his delight to minister to those who have endured and suffered for his name's sake during his present session at the Father's right hand (Rev. 3:21).

Verse 38—"If he shall come and find them so." The time of our Lord's second advent is a secret known only to God (Matt. 24:36); therefore the importance of being ever on the alert, watching and waiting while serving in faithfulness, that his coming may not take us unawares. Fullness of blessing will then be ours.

Verse 39—"If the goodman . . . had known what hour the thief would come." To unwatchful ones the Lord's return will be unexpected and even unwelcome, as that of a thief in the night (Rev. 3:3), but it will be far otherwise to those who are instructed out of the Word and are waiting for God's Son from Heaven (1 Thess. 5:4).

Verse 40—"The Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." It is all-important to keep this in mind and not attempt to set dates or pretend to know the exact time when the second advent will take place. Jesus has told us, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Acts 1:7).

Verse 41—"Speakest thou this parable even to all?" Peter inquired as to whether the illustration used was for themselves alone or for all Christ's disciples. The answer shows it was intended for all professed believers to the end of the dispensation.

Verse 42—"That faithful and wise steward." The true servant of Christ recognizes that whatever truth he has received is a stewardship committed to him to be administered for the good of others, and for which he must some day give account (1 Cor. 4:1,2). In that day faithfulness will be abundantly rewarded.

Verse 43—"Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord . . . shall find so doing." There is always the temptation to slothfulness and carelessness when the master is not present, but every employer values that type of service which is as conscientiously performed in his absence as when he is personally supervising it.

Verse 44—"He will make him ruler over all that he hath." Such a servant will be promoted to a stewardship because of his integrity in a lesser position.

Verse 45—"My lord delayeth his coming." The servant who forgets that his master may return most unexpectedly and who behaves tyrannically and unfaithfully, because he imagines his faults will never be discovered, is due for a rude awakening.

Verse 46—"The lord . . . will come in a day when he is not aware." Remark that it is not exactly the Lord Jesus himself that is here in view. Christ is speaking in a parable. It is the lord of the wicked and slothful servant who upon returning visits his disobedient punishment upon the one who had neglected his position



TORONTO Goodwood FLASHES
Walter Davey
8 Stanton Ave
Toronto.

Thomas McChesnay and family spent a few days with his parents in Welland.

Miss Smalley was a guest in Newmarket the other day.

Grace Morgason won the birthday list gift last week. Congratulations.

We congratulate the Stouffville public school on their singing Saturday over CFRB. So many in the hospitals have spoken their appreciation and we pass the word along to them and the teachers.

Miss Anne Davey and Mr. P. H. Davey were in Stouffville last Saturday.

Mr. Hedley Hill of Newmarket visited his mother on Stanton Ave., the other day.

Reubin Gray who is quite well known in Stouffville is improving in health after his recent severe illness.

We note Miss Newell is experiencing a busy season at Osborne's store on Gerrard street. She is no stranger

and betrayed his trust. But the lesson is too obvious to need emphasis or explanation.

Verse 47—"That servant . . . shall be beaten with many stripes." That which made his conduct so heinous was that he "knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself." The indignant master will mete out the punishment to suit the offence.

Verse 48—"He that knew not . . . with few stripes." When one is ignorant of what the master expects he will be dealt with more leniently although ignorance does not excuse slothfulness. But it is a principle of Scripture that responsibility and privilege go together. Men recognize this in their dealings with one another. So does God himself, who will deal with each case on its merits.

The Heart of the Lesson
When God commits any talent, ability, or knowledge of truth to his servants, it is that they may use all for his glory. During our Lord's present session at the Father's right hand, his disciples are called upon to represent and act for him here on earth. This involves our recognition of service as a sacred trust or stewardship committed to us by Christ Jesus, to be administered for his glory and the blessing of a needy world, and to be rewarded at his personal return. To fail to act in accordance with the revealed will of God will cause us to suffer loss when we are called to give an account of our steward at the judgment seat of Christ, where all our works will be tested by the fire of God's holiness (1 Cor. 3:13-15).

to Goodwood people. Mrs. S. Ottewell, her daughter Miss Olive, also her brother Cedric from Detroit and his daughter visited Mrs. Holman in Parry Sound district where Mrs. Ottewell is now staying.

Miss O. Ottewell has returned from Connecticut where she was on business.

Pleased to report our friend Robt. Armstrong, after his long illness is now enjoying good health.

Mr. Cavanaugh, nephew of our friend, Mrs. D. Seebeck of Brougham is in the army in Newfoundland, but now home on Christmas holidays, an employee of the T. Eaton Co. he joined up with the Queen's Own.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Todd. Old Santa came a little before his set date of Dec. 25, but such precious gift as the Todd's received are welcome any time.

Mrs. John Lee is out at Stouffville for a few days but will soon be back in the city, we understand.

The death of Mr. S. Feren at Niagara brings bereavement to the Goodwood family. Deceased who was 88 years of age was a brother of Mr. Feren.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Davey of Mount Albert is not well, but may Christmas be bright and happy for her just the same.

Sorry to learn that Mrs. Middleton back in Goodwood is not very well being shook up somewhat in a recent fall.

Here is our birthday list for those born Dec. 22 to 26: Mrs. H. Roach Elmer Cooper, Ruth Thompson, Ralph Cooper, Walter Beach, Mrs. Les Morgason, Miss Annie Symes, Nora Brown, Mrs. Viola Reid Crapper, Beatrice Tompkins, Helen Tindall, Margaret Tindall, all of Goodwood and Uxbridge township; Kathleen Hamilton and Joyce Hardy, Brougham; John and Shirley Anthony, Locust Hill; Mrs. Gilchrist, Hartman; Elsie Gilchrist, Toronto; Mrs. T. Hodgins, Stouffville, Christmas greetings to them all.

We extend congratulations to Mr. George E. Davies, the man who put Musselman's Lake in the forefront of inland waters in all Ontario. On Dec. 23 the proprietor of the big Cedar Beach Gardens observed another birthday, and we are glad to learn that his fractured leg is reported as now knitting. Mr. Davies was seriously injured by a motor car, the civil court action of which is not yet heard.

YORK POLICE FORCE SAID UNDERSTAFFED

The York County police force is understaffed compared to many other communities, a survey conducted by Chief Constable George Stuart has revealed.

Whereas in the U.S. and Great Britain there is one police officer for every 1,000 persons, in York county the ratio is .66 police. There are 165 county and municipal officers policing the 300,000 people in the county's 50 square miles of territory.

Season Greetings

Old as the hills, yet fresh as the balsam greens that decorated your Christmas home — our wish:

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

J. L. Smith, Jeweller

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May we join the many who are wishing you the Season's Greetings with our own very personal hope that the holiday be all you expect of it—and a little bit more.

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