

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

Local dealers—Mowder's Store and Overland's Store.

Miss Vivian Sadler of Toronto, was a weekend visitor at her home here.

Mr. Herbert Aylsworth of Napanee spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loyst.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bushley of Pickering were visitors in the village on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterritt of Pickering visited on Sunday at home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Booth of Stouffville spent Sunday with Mrs. Booth's mother.

Mrs. Duncan and baby of Newmarket visited over the weekend at the home of her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. N. Sanderson.

Miss Margaret Briscoe and lady friend of Toronto visited over the weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coates of Toronto visited over the weekend at the home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graham of Oshawa visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Miss Jean Gregg of Richmond Hill and sister Miss Isabelle of the CWAC's were home on Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Ham of Toronto, visited on Sunday at the home of her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Besse of Stayner and formerly of Claremont were in the village on Sunday attending the funeral of the late Albert Mantle. Mr. Besse operated a livery business here in his early years.

Word was received last week by Mrs. Evans Benson that her brother, Ordinary Seaman Kenneth Norton, has arrived in England. Ken is the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norton, well known around these parts.

Mrs. H. Vance has returned from a visit with relatives in Uxbridge.

The B.Y.P.U. of the Baptist Church held a valentine social in the Sunday School Room of the Baptist Church on Monday.

The prayer meeting of the Baptist Church will be held on Friday evening of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lewis.

Mrs. Robt. Forsyth and daughter Mrs. Bittion of Stouffville visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Forsyth. Mrs. Bittion expects to join her husband Dr. John Bittion of the R.C.A.F. in Edmonton shortly, while Mrs. Forsyth is going to Windsor to visit her daughter, Mrs. Clark.

Chewing gum and cigarettes have been mailed to the following boys and girls from the Forget-Me-Not Club: Harold Hardy, Fred Hicks, Lloyd Hicks, Jack Flewell, Marjorie Ward, Charles Aldridge, Harvey Derusha, Harold Loyst, Gordon Benson and Everett Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gallagher of Adolphustown, Mrs. Gerald Gallagher and two children of Bath and Mrs. Norman Connor and two children of Box Grove were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loyst on Monday.

It was a happy crowd of the Good Fellowship Class of the United Church Sunday School that met at the drug store on Tuesday night, Feb. 13th, to enjoy a sleigh riding party. Donald and Lester McCullough brought their sleighs and teams and all piled in. The night wasn't what one would call ideal, but that did not mar the joy of those present. With singing and sleigh bells the air was filled with music and it seemed all too short a ride when they arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gregg where the meeting was held. The worship service was in charge of Mr. Ed. Boniface assisted by Mrs. Wm. Evans and Mrs. I. E. Kennedy. After the business period readings were given by Mr. Lester McCullough and Mr. Ed. Boniface. Community singing was heartily entered into and games were enjoyed. A bountiful lunch was served and all joined hands in singing Auld Lang Syne. The trip back to town by sleigh was much enjoyed and all thought this outing of the Class one of the happiest yet. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Douglas with Mrs. D. McCullough and Mrs. L. McCullough on the program committee.

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Park Board Annual

The annual meeting of the Claremont Park Board will be held in the Bowling House on Monday evening, Feb. 26th. Any citizens interested in the work of this active village Board should attend this meeting.

Institute Make Cash Donations

The regular monthly meeting of the Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Scott on Feb. 4th with the president Mrs. McIntyre in the chair. The roll call was responded to by, "a health habit." The treasurer reported \$232 on hand. Letters acknowledging receiving cigarettes were read from two members of the armed forces, Cpl. F. Manion and Pte. Harold Loyst. A donation of \$50 each was made to the "Prisoners of War Fund" and "Blood Donors Service," and \$15 to the Public Library. It was also voted to send another shipment of smokes to the boys overseas. We were then favored with a piano solo by Mrs. Thos. Gregg. Mrs. J. Coates presented the topic, "Law Affecting Public Health." She stresses that sickness and disease affect the moral as well as the physical well-being of the nation. A healthy nation is a happy nation capable of great achievements. Mrs. Esther Palmer at the piano led in community singing. A donation of something new from something old or pay a dime, realized the sum of \$1.70 for the treasury. Miss S. E. Evans conducted a Health Quiz contest. Mrs. Hugh Gregg winning the prize with score of 15 correct answers out of seventeen questions.

Couple to Give Up Farm After 42 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Evans will give up farming this spring; and on March 6th will hold an auction sale of farm stock and implements at their place about three miles north of Claremont on the Brock Rd. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have resided here for forty-two years, coming there when the only building was a rough log cabin. Mr. Evans was born seventy years ago, about half a mile from the present homestead. The couple have purchased a home in Uxbridge, and their son Elmer will occupy the farm. There are two girls and four boys in the family; eleven grand children.

Excerpts from Letter of Irish Padre

A letter has been received from D. P. Rowland, Capt. and Chaplain of the Irish Regiment by Mr. and Mrs. Lehman regarding their son Lance Corporal Alvin Lehman killed overseas. It is expected that a memorial service will be held in the near future for this fallen son. Capt. Rowland's letter read in part: "Your son was killed instantly by enemy shell fire on Jan. 2nd, while advancing with his company against the enemy. It is the sincere wish of the Commanding Officer, Officers and men of the Irish Regiment, that I convey to you and your sorrowing household their deepest sympathy.

Your son was a grand soldier. In all our action he proved to be more than courageous. His loyalty and devotion to his comrades was of the finest type. While you have lost a dear son, we have lost a gallant soldier and noble friend. His place in the Regiment will be hard to fill. He is buried in a Canadian Military Cemetery in the small Italian town of Villanova which is about seven miles northeast of Ravenna. There he rests with his comrades, who with him, paid with their lives, the supreme sacrifice, for the cause of our Freedom and Peace."

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Claremont Cannery to Boost Output to 20,000 Cases

The Claremont Canning Co. plan to have working conditions much superior to anything heretofore when the plant opens again for the coming season, according to Mr. Williamson, manager. Speaking of output Mr. Williamson said the Co. hoped to increase production to 20,000 cases of tomatoes, and in order to do this the company plan that sometime in May a new one-story building will be erected size about 60x75 on the northside of cement block construction. Half the building will be used for warehouse and the remainder for factory use. Mr. Williamson said the company plans some new equipment and with new lines expected there will be year-round employment. "Of course," said Mr. Williamson, "this is contingent on us being able to produce the new equipment."

We hope to contract for 25 or 30 acres of tomatoes in the Claremont and Stouffville districts, and any who wish to grow tomatoes are asked to get in touch with the firm," said the manager. "The company are grateful for the help rendered them by employees in Claremont and locality during the past two seasons," he said in conclusion.

BROUGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mairs also Jack and Barbara had tea with Mr. and Mrs. D. Dawson of Claremont on Friday.

Mr. Ross Madill of Oshawa visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Madill on Sunday.

Mrs. C. Hubbard of Brock Road spent a day last week with her mother Mrs. M. Hamilton.

Congratulations to our newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. B. Dunn who were married on Saturday afternoon. They will be taking up residence in the new home recently erected by the groom.

Mr. Harry Knox of Toronto spent the weekend at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Balsdon of Pickering on Sunday.

The Y.P. held their meeting in the church on Sunday evening under the leadership of Billie Devitt.

The Day of Prayer was held in the church on Friday afternoon with a good attendance. Mrs. Johnston, Sr., assisted by Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Wm. Gray, Mrs. Holby, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Phillip, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. A. J. Gray and Mrs. Norton conducted the service.

The W.I. are planning another Euchre and Dance to be held on Feb. 28th. Good music and lunch served.

The W.M.S. will hold their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thos. Norton.

The Women's Institute held a very enjoyable Valentine Party in the hall on Wednesday evening. During the first part of the evening fifteen tables of Euchre were played, followed by dancing. A special feature of the evening was the draw on a lamb, quilt and linen centre-piece which netted the sum of seventy dollars for the Red Cross. L. Whitney of Toronto was fortunate enough to win the lamb, while Francis Willson got the quilt, and the linen centre-piece went to Miss Fern Malcolm. In the Euchre contest Mrs. Frank Carter won the ladies 1st prize and Mrs. L. Hollinger the ladies 2nd prize. Mr. R. Fuller got the gent's 1st and Mr. E. Osborne the gent's second prize. Coffee, Hot Dogs and Sandwiches were served free by the ladies.

Albert Mantle was Resident Nearly Fifty Years

Albert Mantle, resident of Claremont for forty-seven years, died in Oshawa General Hospital on Friday morning, following an illness which has extended over a period of some six months. He was in his 76th year.

The late Albert Mantle was born in Uxbridge Township, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Mantle and one of a family of eleven of whom only one now survives. He was a stone mason by trade, and many of the homes in Claremont and surrounding district, stand as testimony of his good workmanship. He was identified with the United Church, and served for several years as Trustee of Claremont village.

Left to mourn his loss are his widow, the former Adelia Pilkey, one sister, Mrs. Broughton of London, Ont., and three daughters, Hazel, (Mrs. N. Sanderson), Claremont; Ina (Mrs. Woodburn) Stouffville, and Olive (Mrs. H. A. Jarvis) Caledonia.

The funeral service on Sunday afternoon was conducted at the late home by Rev. I. E. Kennedy and Rev. Wenham, and interment was in Claremont Union Cemetery. The pallbearers were all nephews, Messrs. Cecil, Elmer and Elijah Mantle, Lloyd Pugh, C. G. Pilkey and Russel Pilkey.

NORTH PICKERING RED CROSS NEWS

Mrs. Birkett has shipped to headquarters in Jan. 1st, the following articles: 14 women's nightgowns, 40 dresses size 38, 109 boys' under-vests, 48 boys' suits, 14 girls' jumpers, 50 girls' combinations, 21 quilts 5 cot covers, 10 turtle-necks, 38 pjs. socks, 26 pjs. gloves.

A small matter, urgent to those concerned, has arisen. There are thousands of empty comfort bags at headquarters which should be filled and sent to all services, hospital ships, and to those who in stress of war lose all their personal articles of comfort. Will you get up a shower or give a few things to your work convenor soon? Mrs. Birkett is sending a parcel in the next shipment, and any of the following would be welcome: razor with 12 blades, shaving stick, shaving brush, comb, tooth brush and powder, writing compacts of 50 sheets, packages of 25 envelopes, pencil, mirror, cigarettes (20 per box), handkerchiefs, chewing gum. For Britain's fighting girls you might send these: Face cloth, towels, toothbrush and powder, cold cream, bobby pins, hairpins, nail polish, powder puffs, kleenex, nail polish, rouge, sewing articles, lip stick, aspirin tablets are not wanted.

Due to changed plans, the 10c-a-week Club did not take up their regular collection for prisoners of war this month, \$2.20 in contributions has been handed in and it is hoped that all those who care and remember the men whose need for this food is so real and actual will see that the club's donation is up to the usual level. January's collection finally reached \$7, and was forwarded to Claremont.

The St. Valentine party at Brougham town hall to draw for the lamb, quilt, and centrepiece resulted in \$70 being raised for Red Cross by the sale of tickets. Brougham unit is grateful to the donors, D. White, the W.I. and Mrs. R. Miller, whose generosity made the project possible. A Torontoian, A. Whitley, 46 Malvern Ave. won the lamb; Francis Willson the quilt, and Fern Malcolm the centrepiece. Mr. F. Disney drew the lucky tickets.

Huge blocks of concrete constructed on the coast of Southern England in 1940 as anti-invasion defences are being built into a sea wall to protect the coastline against heavy seas.

The blocks, which weigh from eight to nine tons each, are being split up with gelignite and crushed by compressor machines to construct a wall three metres high capable of withstanding the fiercest gales and heaviest seas.



UXBRIDGE FLYER AND PAL

Pt. Sgt. S. C. A. Painter, of Uxbridge, whose father is a C.N.R. employee on the section north of Stouffville, and this coolie are very good friends. Here they are enjoying a bit of a chat on an airfield in India. Painter recently helped destroy a Jap flying boat in a raid on a seaplane base in Burma. He opened fire from his front turret as his Liberator dived to attack and started a fire in the cockpit of the flying-boat. Ground machine-gun defenses shot away control cables for both of the Liberator's starboard motors but the bomber managed to limp 1200 miles to its home base with only two engines functioning.

UXBRIDGE AND PICKERING AUCTION SALE CATTLE TOP SHORTHORN

Cattle from both Pickering and Uxbridge townships demanded the top sales at the public auction held in Weston last week the first annual sale by the Canadian Short-horn Breeders' Association, when 20 heifers and 12 bulls, all two year old and under, sold for a total of \$46,775.

John Miller of Ashburn received the top price of the sale for a heifer which bought \$1675. Second high heifer in the consignment belonged to A.C. McDermott, 4th concession of Uxbridge about a mile south of Roseville, which sold at \$1600. The heifer was nine months old. The McDermott farm placed three animals in the sale from which \$4,200 was realized.

Sandon Farms of A. C. McDermott, a comparatively new-comer to Uxbridge, was purchased from Fred and Ira Stiner and has a wonderful spring creek that is invaluable to a cattle man.

Both the Miller and McDermott animals found new homes in the U.S.A. The high priced bull, \$1600, stayed in Ontario. It was bought by C. M. Blyth of Guelph from the herd of S. G. Bennett, Georgetown.

40,000 ROUND TRIPS BY UXBRIDGE EXPRESS CARTAGE

The town of Uxbridge has something unique in the way of a long-serviceman running the C.N.R. express cartage. His name is Tom Harsell and if you ever lived in Uxbridge any time during the last 50 years you will know about Harsell's express. This Uxbridge expressman has been on the job steadily now for 40 years and his father before him—still Tom Harsell—operated the express for at least 10 or 12 years. Thus has the Harsell express served the people of that town for well over a half a century. Since the line of railway there is itself only little more than 70 years old, the Harsells have probably been identified with it longer than any other employee between Toronto and Lindsay, and Tom is not quitting now either.

On an average of four trips a day to and from the station Tom can fairly estimate that he makes the round trip much more than 1000 times in a year, or in other words this faithful servant of the people has journeyed the round trip more than 40,000 times since he took over from his father who retired because of old age and inability to work.

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