

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

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

Mr. Catherwood, our public school principal, is conducting a class in English for the Hollanders who have settled in and around our community.

Mr. L. Hill has been accepted as mail carrier for R.R.3 route and to deliver and pick up mail bags at the station.

Mr. and Mrs. Hockley and baby, also Mrs. Sanderson are spending a couple of days in Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stanbury who have been splendid citizens of our community for the past thirty-five years, first as farmers and a live stock trucker, later retiring at the north end of the village, have recently moved to Cobourg to a cottage built by members of the family who wished to have the aging couple near by in case of illness. While we deeply regret their departure we realize the move was justified, and wish them continued health and happiness for many years in the midst of their family.

Mrs. Russell of Markham, mother of Mrs. Burton, and dear grandmother of Mrs. E. Cooke, and brothers of our community, had the misfortune to fall in the kitchen, sustaining severe bruises and a broken arm. As the lady is in her 88th year it is not expected she will obtain full use of her arm again, owing to the failure of bones to knit at the age.

Congratulations have been passing out to Mrs. T. Bennis of Claremont, who recently celebrated her 83rd birthday. The following members of the family were present to mark the special occasion, Mrs. T. Robertson and sons, Bruce, Barrie, Bobby of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Morgan of Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Reed of Oshawa.

Mr. Delbert Catherwood, principal of the local public school announced that if there are any Dutch immigrants in the district who would like to receive instruction in English, classes may be arranged several evenings a week. Chas. Cooper and Earl Beare were recently nominated directors of the Ontario County Garage Operators' Association. Thirty-four members of the association attended the annual meeting, and Herb Robinson, local mechanic, won the lucky draw prize, a motor rug. Mr. Cooper was the first president of the Association when it was organized several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pilkey, John and Judy of Claremont are now living at Ashburn. Mr. Pilkey has secured a farm job there. Recent visitors with them were Mrs. Mina McMaster and John Phillips of Greenbank and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foote and boys of Stouffville.

The congregation of the United Church is showing its appreciation of the Sunday evening services in gradually increasing numbers, both in pew and choir loft. There is still room for those who have not yet made the small effort to be present. Why not start next Sunday?

Mr. and Mrs. D. Coates and son of Brooklin spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Redshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Ellicott and children of Brougham visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Redshaw on Sunday.

Owing to the illness of the manager of J. B. Holmes Manufacturing Company in Stouffville, Miss Lillian and Miss Joyce Redshaw are out of employment at present.

The annual reports of the officers of the various departments of the Woman's Missionary Society were presented at the regular monthly meeting last Thursday in the Sunday School room of the United Church. A vote of appreciation was extended to the retiring president, Mrs. G. McIntyre, for efficient, faithful services, also to Mrs. Tomlinson who has served as treasurer for the past five years. A motion was carried limiting all officers with the exception of treasurer to a two-year term in future. Rev. H. Lackey presided during the election of officers which are as follows: president, Mrs. H. Johnson; 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. Lehman; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Lackey; secretary, Mrs. R. Pilkey; treasurer, Mrs. N. Sanderson; Christian Stewardship & Finance, Mrs. W. Lehman; Missionary Monthly Secretary, Mrs. W. Palmer; pianist, Mrs. Lackey; Temperance and Christian Citizenship, Mrs. F. Carson; Community Friendship, Mrs. J. Badgerow; Mission Band Supt., Mrs. W. Evans and Mrs. W. Hill; Baby Band Supt., Mrs. D. Hedges. Mrs. W. Evans contributed a solo, and Rev. H. Lackey gave the Christmas message, entitled "To All People" in which he said the divisions among men and women are small, the great things unite people. The Christmas message is intended to be the glad possession of people all over the world. That is the purpose of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. R. Howard reported that 48 books have been read. Mrs. McIntyre was appointed press secretary. Mrs. Lackey was appointed leader of C.G.I.T.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Tansley attended a birthday party for her brother in Toronto last Friday.

Friends are reminded of the euchre and dance under auspices of the Claremont Bowling Club to be held on the evening of Monday, Dec. 26. This will be a delightful evening, and town and country folk are heartily invited.

There's a euchre and lucky draw on Friday evening, Dec. 16, in the Claremont Community Hall. All invited.

There's no shortage of coal at the local Co-op, and you're advised to get your bins filled now, before winter gets too severe. The co-op unloaded two cars last week, one of blue coal nut, and one of stove.

Your attention is drawn to the display of the Claremont Businessmen on page two of this issue. It will pay you to shop at home. A careful survey reveals that many of the prices being advertised by local merchants are below those of the large chain store houses in the city.

Wife of Local Business Man is Bereaved

Friends in Claremont learned with regret of the passing of Mrs. James Carson of Dundalk, mother of Mrs. Chas. Cooper of Claremont. The late Mrs. Carson was the former Martha J. Wilson, and is survived by one son Earl and five daughters, Edith, Mrs. Hugh McAulay of Dundalk; May, Mrs. Roly Thompson, Toronto; Anna, Mrs. Robt. Weir, Toronto; Alice, Mrs. Norman Reddick, Proton; Mildred, Mrs. Chas. Cooper, Claremont. Interment was made in Dundalk Cemetery.

BROUGHAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellicott will be at home to their friends and neighbors on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mr. S. Madill returned to his home in Toronto after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Madill.

Miss Margaret Duncan spent the weekend with her brother George and family.

The many friends of Mr. Wm. Dunn are sorry to hear that he is seriously ill at the home of his son Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton and Gerald called on Mr. and Mrs. R. Middleton of Goodwood on Sunday.

Mr. Bert Beer returned home last week after spending a couple of weeks with his sister, Mrs. Wright of Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Annis and Lorne visited his father, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Annis of Kendall on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Harvey and John also Mrs. Harvey Sr. visited with friends in Toronto on Saturday last.

The regular meeting of the euchre club which meets in the hall every Wednesday evening took the form of a pot luck supper last week when over sixty were present. The remainder of the evening was spent with moving pictures and singing Christmas carols after which Santa Claus arrived and in his usual jolly way presented presents to all the children and also to a number of grown-ups.

The teacher and pupils of our school are busy practising for their Christmas concert which will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 16, at 8:15 p.m.

The regular meeting of the W.M.S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Robt. Malcolm on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p.m. Convener of the program is Mrs. Wm. Gray with group 'C'. Roll Call—a verse from the Bible containing the word "holy."

The 27th annual meeting of the Firemen was held on Dec. 6th with President D. Mairs in the chair. The treasurer's report was given and considered a very successful year. The auditors then moved the adoption of the treasurer's report. Fire Chief Jones gave his report and then election of officers was held and resulted as follows: president, Ross Knox; vice-president, Fred Cassie; secretary, Wm. Knox; treasurer, Frank Carter; fire chief, Ed. Jones; 1st deputy chief, Ross Knox; 2nd deputy chief, Robt. Miller; directors, G. Duncan, D. Mairs; Allan Ellicott, M. Ellicott, T. Phillip, W. Slack and H. Plaxton. After 20 years of service as secretary, president and director Donald Bear retires from the Board as he felt he was either secretary or treasurer of too many organizations and had to drop something or else give up his own business. He said he would still be ready to run on the ding of the bell.

A new hydro line is being put through just south of the line that runs along the old C.N. right of way.

Agriculture experts say the toad frog eats each year as many insects as it would cost a farmer \$3 to kill.

Horse racing, according to ancient drawing is at least 3,000 years old.

Santa Arrives This Saturday Big Parade

A real big Santa Claus Parade, sporting over a dozen floats, a brass band, and most of all, old St. Nick himself will take over in the Claremont business section this Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock.

The parade, headed by the band, will proceed from the C.P.R. Station, south to the four corners, Main St. where Santa will mount his throne and give out with presents for all the boys and girls.

This big event is being staged by the Claremont Business Men's Association, and will no doubt make Claremont the hub of Christmas activity in the district on Saturday.

Taylor Tops Poll In Trustee Election

The first vote in Claremont village in a dozen years, saw a heavy vote polled on Monday, with a newcomer to the municipal scene, Grant Taylor, scoring top place in the running with 108 votes.

Wes. Lehman and Thos. Hammond, two members of last year's Trustee Board, were second and third, with 99 and 81 votes respectively.

Clare Keevil, another local newcomer, was nosed out of the running with 75 votes and Jack Norton, member last year with 70.

Considering that there are less than two hundred and fifty eligible voters, the turnout was exceptionally good.

AUDLEY

Warden W. H. Westney has consented to act as chairman at the annual school closing exercises which will be held in the school house on Monday evening, Dec. 19th. All ratepayers are invited to attend.

We congratulate Bert Guthrie upon his election as president of the Community Club. His father and mother have been life long residents of this centre and have always had an interest in the neighborhood.

Mr. Oscar King and Mrs. King of Toronto were recent callers on friends here.

Most people here feel that the return of the Township Council for another year is a wise move. These men are all business men and know how to manage affairs in a really business like way, for the good of all residents.

Grasmere Jerseys shipped two calves for Jersey breeders in Tennessee last week. That stat is about the foremost in the U.S. in 4-H Club work.

Mrs. Kennedy who is teaching at Leaskdale, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Pratt over the weekend. We regret to hear that Mr. Kennedy is not in the best of health, but hope for an early improvement.

CLAREMONT

The sad news of the death of Milton J. Wilker, former school teacher, came as a shock to the whole community where he had lived for many years and was so well known.

Mr. Wilker was born in Tavistock and received his early education there and in Stratford. He graduated from Ontario College of Education and received his B.A. from Toronto University. He came to Claremont Continuation School in 1914 where he was Principal for 16 years. While in Claremont he took an active part in all community life. He was superintendent of the United Church Sunday School for several years and was also a Past Master of Brougham Union Lodge A.F. & A.M.

He moved to Toronto in 1930 when he became Science Teacher in Long Branch High School, having taught there for the past 19 years. He was keenly interested in sport activities in connection with school, always being an ardent supporter of teams.

Mr. Wilker passed away suddenly at his home Sunday, Nov. 20, which came as a great shock to his school as well as to his friends and relatives. He had been present at the school Commencement the previous Friday evening where he had taken part in presenting diplomas to the graduating class. The students and fellow teachers of the school showed their loyalty and affection by their large attendance at the funeral service which was held in Claremont United Church. The service was taken by Rev. Mr. Kennedy assisted by Rev. Mr. Lackey of Claremont.

The high esteem in which Mr. Wilker was held was evidenced by the many beautiful floral tributes and the large number who attended the funeral. The burial took place in Claremont Union Cemetery with full Masonic honours. He is survived by his wife the former Margaret Gleeson and one brother Edgar in Stratford.

Pickering Tp. Men Make Name for Themselves As Poultry Experts

Two of the most expert chick sexers in Canada, George Sugimori and Ronald Kimura, are getting ready for another season's work in one of the most highly skilled of all trades. For the past two years these Canadian-Japanese have lived in Pickering Township on the Brock Road near the 5th Concession, a site they selected as central to the territory they work in. They guarantee 98% accuracy at 1,200 chicks an hour. In their spare time, they have built their own homes, done some market gardening on the side and at present Mr. Kimura is instructing in judo at Toronto Western Y.M.C.A.

People of Japanese extraction are particularly noted for the skill they have developed as chick sexers. Main reason for this is that the world's best school in this art is located at Nagoya, Japan, and from there, expert sexers go throughout the world. However, everything about the trade is not taught at school.

During an eight months course, students must attain an accuracy of 95 per cent and do 200 chicks in 30 minutes. Then they are apprenticed out to experienced sexers in other parts of the world during which time their speed and accuracy increases.

"They can teach a man 96 per cent of the work but the other four per cent is intuition, experience or sixth sense, whatever you want to call it," said George. It is a well known fact that Japanese attain a proficiency never equalled by whites.

George remarked that while in Japan he had to undergo an operation. Going to the hospital is in itself a major undertaking since the patient had to take along his own stove, his own food and someone to cook it for him.

George and Ronald (a brother-

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in-law, 35 years of age) work in partnership both on their 45-acre farm, and in other projects. Incidentally they bought the property from Dr. Neil McEwen. Their neat homes, not yet entirely completed, nestle on a hillside which had been beautifully reforested with Scotch pine.

As might be expected, remuneration in this trade is comparatively high. A standard fee is one cent per chick and if steady work can be obtained in a large hatchery, one can make a substantial living during the short season from January to the end of May. Actually, these two men work with a number of hatcheries from Ralls in Cobourg on the east, to a large Kettleby hatchery on the west. Before coming to Pickering, they worked in Southern and Western Ontario since 1943.

Of course, their trade is of great benefits to the purchasers who want to know with certainty whether they are buying pullets or cockerels. (Birds which die are counted as a "mistake" and included in the two per cent margin for error. Birds must be handled so carefully they are not injured).

Speed in the work is very important. For instance a sexer does better to handle 1,200 per hour with 97 per cent accuracy than only 1,000 with 98 per cent accuracy. March and April are the busiest months, although work begins right after the New Year and continues until the first of June.

Around Chatham, is located

ALMIRA
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Conner and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stickley of Victoria Square.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sheffer of Stayner visited over Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stickley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson and little Karen Stewart of Ballantrae had supper Monday with the Connors. It was Karen's birthday. Mrs. Allen Wideman and Mrs. Peter Stickley spent Tuesday with Mrs. Jacob Shank of Markham, the occasion being a quilting bee.

Ontario's best white sexers. In Winnipeg where the world's largest hatchery is located, the best Japanese sexers find plenty of work.

Two lay methods of sexing chicks are the wing method and color sexing, but these are scorned by the expert trained in the vent method. Since the war, the trade has been very brisk though some observers see a falling off in the coming season. Experts agree that the Rhode Island Red is the most difficult breed to sex.

So interesting is this type of work that the National Film Board has done a subject on it. These British Columbians like Ontario's lot and have decided to stay here. Pickering likes them too. They and their children are now an integral part of the community. Well educated in Canadian schools, all members of the two families are thoroughly Canadian.

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