

# Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

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

The final meeting of Pickering Township Council is scheduled for next Thursday, Dec. 29th.

The open-air rink at the local school which is being provided this winter by the local businessmen's association, was completed this week, and only awaits a smile from the weatherman for a good sheet of ice.

Claremont is expected to put a bush-league hockey team into the field this winter, and not a juvenile team as was planned earlier.

We have been asked by the secretary of the local school board to announce the annual ratepayers meeting for the section next Wednesday, Dec. 28th, at 10 a.m. in the forenoon. Ratepayers should be interested in the business of their school, and are asked to attend next Wednesday morning, at the school.

Miss Daisy Ryall who up until a short time ago operated a gift store in the village, has accepted a position at St. John's Convalescent Home near Newtonbrook.

The Baptist Woman's Circle will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 27th, at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Binstead. Miss Viola Forsythe's group is in charge of the program.

The Christmas tree and party in connection with the Baptist Sunday School will be held this Friday evening in the Baptist Church. Everyone come and enjoy the annual church event.

We are glad to hear that the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson which was taken to the General Hospital for treatment when the mother returned from the Brierbush Hospital recently is safely at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pugh and family have moved from their former home at the north end of our village during the past month to another district. The house is up for either sale or to rent.

The United Church Sunday School Christmas tree and entertainment will be held on Friday evening of this week commencing at 8 o'clock, in the church. The community is invited.

The early morning fog and icy roads were responsible for Mr. Mate Anderson's milk truck skidding into the ditch east of the village on Sunday morning. Mr. Anderson, who was seated beside the driver, Mr. Timbers of Locust Hill, received an arm injury, but fortunately no bones were broken.

Twenty-three boxes of candy and a bag of oranges were contributed by members of the Institute for the shut-ins Christmas cheer at last Thursday's meeting. Mrs. Melvin Johnson completed her report of the annual Central Area Institute Convention held in Toronto, and Rev. H. Lackey gave a very fine Christmas message. The group sang a number of Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. G. Gregg, who also contributed a beautiful piano solo. A social half-hour at which sandwiches, cookies, candy and tea were served was enjoyed by all. There were about forty present, including children.

The community enjoyed hearing three new beautiful music records played over the chimes memorial system last Sunday, the contribution of Miss Bessie Graham of our village, to the church, and for which we are very grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tran and son Laurie visited in Kingston with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Overland recently. Mrs. Overland, David and Craig returned with her parents and will spend a few days here visiting in the community.

Mr. Morris Binstead recently contributed a number of records to the Goodfellowship Class, which are being used on the memorial chimes system and for which he and the family have received the gratitude of the church through the above class.

The United Church Board has been making an extensive visitation to the adherents and members during the past few weeks. It may be possible that some new comers have been overlooked, in which case kindly let some member know, or plan and attend some of the church's services, and get acquainted. Everyone cordially welcomed by pastor and others present.

## ATHA

Mr. Alex Robertson attended the funeral of a brother-in-law in Barrie on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell and family attended the supper and Christmas entertainment of the Anglican Church, Stouffville, held in the High School on Friday evening.

A capacity crowd enjoyed the Christmas concert held in Atha school on Friday evening. The play put on by the young people here was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. A. Draper, Fred Draper and Mr. and Mrs. Gren Draper called at St. Michael's Hospital on Sunday to see Mr. A. Draper who is expected home this week.

Several from here attended the Claremont Santa Claus Parade on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Draper and daughters visited her sister, Mrs. Murray Dunkeld on Sunday.

Miss Janet Scott is now able to have her arm out of a cast since sustaining a break several weeks ago in a fall downstairs.

Mike Williamson, well-known local citizen tells us that he and Mrs. Williamson are expecting the entire family home for Christmas, including Gilbert who has been playing hockey near Kingston since his recent return from the Scottish league.

## Stores Open Three Nights

Claremont merchants have announced that their places of business will be open for your convenience for the last three evenings this week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Holidays will be observed next Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 26th and 27th.

## Santa Did Himself Proud In Claremont Saturday

With nearly a dozen lovely floats, an orchestra, clowns and comic men, Santa Claus really turned on all his charm for the crowd estimated at more than a thousand, who swarmed the Claremont business section on Saturday afternoon. The parade put on by the Claremont Businessmen's Association was the first ever tried in the local village, but its success will certainly warrant a return visit from St. Nick next Christmas.

The floats, some of them on quite a large scale, were supplied by the Sarco Co., Chas. Cooper, Bob Madill, Bob McLeod, Frank Barclay, Enid Benson and the local Fire Brigade. The large Sarco Co. float even sported a full orchestra to add Christmas music to the festivities, while Enid Benson and her pony also got a big hand.

Approximately four hundred kiddies made their way up to Santa's throne in the village square to receive their gift.

The affair was handled under the chairmanship of Bill Browning, local meat market proprietor. Stores were crowded all during the afternoon, and the venture proved itself a prosperous one in every respect.

## Pickering Assessor Is Wentworth Supervisor

The second Ontario county assessor to become a county assessor elsewhere in the province this month is James M. Blackwell, Pickering Township, who has been engaged to supervise the new Wentworth county assessment system.

Ralph Wilson of Whitby recently went to Welland County.

Recognized as a man of outstanding ability and experience in his field, Mr. Blackwell is 37 years of age. In his new position he will take on the formidable task of establishing and consolidating an equalized assessment system for Wentworth county minor municipalities. For the past three years, a private evaluator has been employed to lay the groundwork for the task Mr. Blackwell has now to carry out. Last week, when his official resignation was received, both county and township officials paid warm tribute to the fine type of job Mr. Blackwell has been doing.

Born in Muskoka, he came to live in Toronto for some ten years and there gained experience in this line of work. For five years he was employed with Imperial Oil Limited, then, during the war, was a safety inspector with Defence Industries Limited, at Ajax. Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell have been living west of Pickering Village. They have one child, William. It is not yet certain where they will be living in Wentworth.

## BALSAM AND MOUNT ZION

Mrs. G. Southwell visited last week with her parents in Toronto.

Quite a number attended the Santa Claus parade in Claremont on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones attended the wedding reception in Toronto of her cousin, Miss Maud Mingay when she became the bride of Mr. Peter Connon.

Mrs. Winton White spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grey of Agincourt and attended the christening service of her granddaughter, Barclay Jane Grey.

Remember the special holiday dance being held in the Community Hall here on Monday night, Dec. 26th, under the sponsorship of the Claremont Bowling Club.

## BROUGHAM

Brougham Lodge I.O.O.F. 155 held their regular meeting on Dec. 15 with a good attendance. One very outstanding feature of this lodge is that its membership consists of three generations of one family, namely, Mr. Wm. Ellicott who recently received his twenty-five jewel, his son, Mr. Manson Ellicott and his grandson, Mr. Ray Ellicott. The lodge is planning for a special meeting on Dec. 29th when the unitary degree will be put on.

The W.M.S. of St. John's United Church held their monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15, with a good attendance at the home of Mrs. Robt. Malcolm. The president, Mrs. M. Ellicott, was in charge of the worship service. Mrs. T. Norton read the Christmas story. Mrs. Wm. Gray, program convener, and her group, Mrs. Randel Ellicott, Mrs. H. Barclay and Mrs. W. C. Willson, gave the Christmas program. During the business period Mrs. Norton was appointed as Presbyterial representative. A letter of appreciation was read from Mr. Wm. Westney expressing his thanks to the ladies who helped with the Warden's Banquet. One of its oldest members, Mrs. Malcolm Sr. who is 93 years old was present at this meeting and able to enjoy it. The hostesses served a very dainty lunch.

The many friends of Mrs. W. A. Knox are glad to know that she is feeling somewhat better after being confined to her bed for several days last week.

Mrs. Gordon Duncan and little Carol returned to their home in Markham last week after staying a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Harlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Anderson of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pascoe on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Philp of Toronto called on Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton on Sunday.

Mrs. E. Woodward entertained friends from Oshawa on Sunday.

Mrs. McTaggart and Mr. Kenney of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Al Harvey and Mrs. Harvey Sr. on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mairs called on Mr. and Mrs. F. Ham of Claremont on Sunday evening.

Keep in mind the Sunday School concert to be held on Friday evening, Dec. 23.

Brougham Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 155 were at Markham on Dec. 12, when they put on the initiatory degree.

A very pleasant evening was held in the school on Friday last when the pupils gave their Christmas entertainment which was enjoyed by all. We understand they have agreed to repeat several of the numbers at the Sunday School concert to be given this

## Brougham Farm Sold by Markham Agent of Ernest Ridout Company

The sixty-acre farm of Mr. Walter Dandie of Brougham has been sold to Mr. W. A. Scott of the Photographic Survey Co., O'Connor Drive. The deal was completed last weekend by Mr. Thos. J. Wignall of the Ernest Ridout Real Estate Co. The price was not disclosed, though we understand it was "sold well."

Mr. Scott, who resides in Toronto, takes possession April 1st next year, and plans to take up residence there at that time. The farm is located just off No. 7 highway, right south of the Country Grill. The soil is of the best with nine acres of bushland and lots of water. The dwelling has modern conveniences to the very last degree.

coming Friday evening.

We are glad to hear that all our friends in the sick list including Mrs. M. Hamilton, Mr. Wm. Dunn and Mr. H. Liscombe are all much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ellicott and Billy had tea with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ritchie also Miss Louise Ritchie, all of Toronto, visited over the weekend with their mother, Mrs. B. Ritchie.

The Women's Institute held their last meeting of 1949 in the Township Hall on Dec. 13th. Mrs. F. Cassie, president, was in the chair. A goodly number of gifts were brought by the members to be sent to the Children's Shelter for Christmas. Mrs. B. Harvey, delegate to the Central Ontario Area Women's Institute 'Forty-Seventh Convention at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, gave a very interesting report of the proceedings including some amusing incidents. As president of the Red Cross, Mrs. Harvey also reminded members of the drive for funds coming in March 1950. Mrs. H. Barclay is now representative for the Institute to the Community Club, and Mrs. Lloyd Johnston is now the Blue Cross secretary. Mrs. Matthews received a Christmas card and letter from Mrs. Bone, a Devonshire W.I. correspondent, which contained greetings to members. Christmas carols were sung at the close of the meeting, and a tasty lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. H. Barclay, Mrs. Geo. Gray, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Gray and Mrs. Geo. Duncan.

The hockey team played their first league game of the season last Thursday night at Markham rink against Hogarth's Imperials from West Hill resulting in a score of 7 to 1 in favor of Hogarth. The West Hill team has had considerable more practise and is in better condition than Brougham. The league this year is playing under the Ontario Rural Hockey Association rules and the winners or at least the team getting the most points between Markham and Hogarth's will carry on in the Senior play-offs for the championship of the Province of Ontario and the team with the most points between Brougham, Cherrywood, Dunbarton and Pickering will carry on in the Intermediate championship play-offs. This is a much higher class of hockey this year and should be faster to watch so come out and cheer the boys to victory.

Our Community Club will hold their weekly dances as usual on the 24th and 31st of Dec., but each of these nights will have something special to offer. Saturday, Dec. 24th, Santa Claus will be there to surprise us with admission price the same as usual but on Saturday, Dec. 31st, it will be a special New Year Dance with special prices, etc., and the admission to this dance will be \$2.00 per couple and dress optional.

The Brougham bus will be going to all the hockey games in which Brougham is participating providing at least 20 passengers wish to go and Claremont will possibly give us at least half of this number as they did last week.

This has been a disappointing year for rinks that have no artificial ice. In Dundalk a sheet of ice has been made twice only to be all melted by the mild weather that followed the cold snaps. One wonders what would have happened to the hockey schedule in this district had it not been for artificial ice at Stouffville. The local Arena Limited naturally felt elated that they were able to operate this winter independent of the weather man.

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HELD UP BY ENGINE OFF TRACKS

Passenger trains from Ottawa and Montreal were held in the Oshawa yards of the Canadian Pacific Railway for about three hours Friday morning when the pony truck of a freight locomotive jumped the tracks near Cherrywood.

Passengers on the Toronto-bound passenger trains, who were bound for the Queen City, detrained there but those who were destined for points beyond Toronto remained on the trains. The passengers made the remainder of their trip in chartered buses.

The accident at Cherrywood which occurred about 4 a.m. caused little damage to the company's rolling stock. No one was injured.



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LLOYD T. JOHNSTON, Clerk,  
TOWNSHIP OF PICKERING,  
Brougham, Ontario.