Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

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

Sorry to report Mrs. Gordon Riddle is in Toronto East General Hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis on Friday.

The Woman's World Day of Prayer will be held in the Baptist Church on Friday, Feb. 24, commencing at 2.30 o'clock. This is an invitation to all women of the community and district to join with women throughout the world, in a similar programme of fellowship, praise and prayer for peace and goodwill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Taylor enjoyed the visitation of family relatives on Sunday afternoon and evening.

A number of cars have required to be shovelled or pulled out of the snow drifts early this week.

Mrs. R. Hockley and babe have been spending the past week in Toronto visiting with her sister, Mrs. Woodburn.

Mrs. Porter is ill with the flu, and Mrs. Laushway has been unable to get through snow drifts from Stouffville so far to day (Monday) consequently the pupils are enjoying a holiday from school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morley of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Morley from Cobourg, and Mr. and Mrs. Stallon of Toronto, were Sunday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Morley. Mrs. McLean another daughter and children of Nova Scotia have been living with Mr. and Mrs. Morley for the past few months. Mrs. McLean returned home recently.

Three new members have been added to the Board of the Claremont Baptist Cemetery, being Messrs. Edgar Ward, Paul Wellman and Norman Linton. Two former members, Joseph Evans and Duncan Morgan have been removed by death, and Fred has retired.

The W. I. held their February meeting last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. Reynolds with a good attendance. Mrs. F. Carson gave a very interesting talk on "Home Economics and Health", and Mrs. H. Johnson read World Current Events. A hobby basket was auctioned by Mrs. McConnell, and lunch was served by four ladies. The President informed members that the sum of $88 had been raised by the hobby basket method, and it was decided that a basket into which all members would contribute one article, would be sold at a social evening on Mar. 15th in the Masonic Hall, where cards, crokinole and checker games with prizes would be the main feature. Full particulars to be given later.

Levi Pugh Dies in West

Word has been received here of the death of Levi Pugh at Vegreville, Alta. Deceased is a brother of Mr. Fred Pugh of this village, and was in his 74th year.

The late Levi Pugh was born in Pickering Twp., but left this locality in 1916, and has farmed in the West since that time. He had only made a return trip east once in the last twenty years.

The late Mr. Pugh was educated at the familiar Cedar Creek school just east of Claremont.

His wife, the former Elizabeth White, predeceased him in 1929. He is survived by two brothers, Fred and Edwin, both of Claremont, one son David on the home farm, and four daughters, Dorothy (Mrs. M. McCallum) Mondare, Alta., Beatrice at home, Mildred (Mrs. Jos. Cleays) Fawcett, Alta., and Phyllis (Mrs. Eric Merkel), Vegreville.

The funeral on Friday proceeded from the late home to the family burying ground, Riverside Cemetery, Vegreville, Alta.

Advanced weather predictions have been made successfully, according to Brown Instruments engineers, by electrically measuring the effects of atmospheric changes on large trees and recording the results on electronic devices.

A public meeting was scheduled in Claremont for Wednesday night of this week to discuss the fire protection situation, the advisability of repairing the present truck or purchase of a new one. Representatives have been to the township council regarding the matter, but matters are not moving fast enough for some of the local men interested. Council had informed Claremont Fire Brigade representatives that there was the possibility of a new fire area setup with council handling all equipment.

Film Library Being Set Up in Claremont

Through the courtesy of the National Film Board, a film library is being established in Claremont. This film library will serve all organizations within about a six mile radius of that village.

The project was originally sponsored by the Claremont Business Association, which appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities of establishing a film library here, composed of Messrs. Howard Langille, Charles Cooper, Dr. Tomlinson and Clare Keevil, with the latter acting as chairman of the group.

Back in December a public showing was arranged in the community hall, and Mr. Vaughan Deacon, Ontario Supervisor of the National Film Board was invited to attend and outline the activities of the Film Board. He also outlined how such a group could take advantage of the services offered by the National Film Board.

At that time a committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities further, composed of representatives from any organizations in the district.

On Saturday evening, February 18th, Mr. Deacon again returned to Claremont to further discuss the proposed film library with the committee, and after an interesting discussion it was decided to set up a film composed of the following: Rev. G. Davidson, Claremont; Rev. Mr. Lackey, Brougham; Rev. Mr. Monkman, Greenwood; Mrs. Alma Wilson, Balsam; Mrs. McCaffrey, Glen Major; and Mr. Clare Keevil, as chairman, with power to add to their committee. In addition to the above, the following also attended this orgnization meeting: Mr. and Mrs. I. McLean, Greenwood; Mr. Chas. Cooper, Claremont; Mr. Howard Langille, R.R.4 Uxbridge; Mr. and Mrs. Pickett and Mrs. McCaffrey, Glen Major; Mrs. Hoskins, Mt. Zion; Mr. J. M. Mansell, Cedar Creek, and three Toronto guests.

As a result of this meeting, it was decided to begin training projectionists right away to operate the equipment on a voluntary basis. During the next few weeks it is hoped that there will be a dozen or so competently trained projectionists in the Claremont district.

Any group or organization in the district is invited to take advantage of this film library. Each group will be expected to assist in the financing of the projector, but details are being worked out by the film council very shortly as to how the projector will be purchased and paid for.

In the meantime, a projector is being loaned to the group, until they are in a position to purchase their own—and film will be supplied without cost by the National Film Board.

The Claremont District Film Council would like to have two or three other organizations, churches, schools or associations in the district of Atha, Altona and Goodwood join with their group in taking advantage of the services offered by the National Film Board. For further information, contact any of the above or write direct to Mr. Vaughan Deacon, Ontario Supervisor, National Film Board, 4 University Avenue, Toronto.

The Great Lakes have no tides but water levels vary with heavy rains or strong winds.

BROUGHAM

Miss Louise Ritchie of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ritchie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Knox and family of Hampton, called on their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Malcolm and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knox, one day last week.

Mr. H. Spang has purchased a lot on Brock Rd. north and expects to build a house in the near future.

Congratulations to Master John Harvey who wrote on his examination at the Toronto Conservatory of Music one day last week, getting first-class honors with eighty per cent.

Miss Evelyn Woodward was guest of Miss Betty Webster of Kettleby during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knox and Betty-Jean, also Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pascoe visited with Toronto friends on Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. McBride and daughter Ilene of Whitby, called at the Harvey home one day last week.

Miss Muriel Sheppard spent the weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith of Beaverton, visited Mrs. Geo. Philip one day last week.

The February meeting of the W.M.S. of St. John's church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Norton on February 16th with an attendance of 25. Mrs. Manson Ellicott, president, conducted the opening, devotional and business sessions. Mrs. Howard Plaxton, secretary, gave a very fine annual report of the year's activities, which was most encouraging.

Mrs. Hugh Miller and Mrs. H. Barclay were appointed to secure a speaker for the Easter Thankoffering service, and Mrs. M. Ellicott to look after the music. The members regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. Walter Bayles, who is now in the hospital and hope for a speedy and satisfactory recovery.

Five members were appointed to attend the Presbyterial meeting being held in Trinity Church at Bowmanville on the 23rd of the month. Arrangements were made for the World's Day of Prayer. In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Geo. Duncan, Convener for the afternoon, Mrs. Wm. Gray substituted with three helpers who gave a very interesting program from "The Study Book" on "Growing with the Years" after which Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Burk and Mrs. Willson served a very fine lunch.

Brougham Lodge 155 I.O.O.F. held their regular meeting on Thursday evening last with a good attendance. Several new members were presented with their Sovereign Certificate, Bro. Burton Dunn was presented with a meritous service button, and certificate by Bro. Roy Carter, D.D.G.M.

The March meeting of the newly-organized W.A. of St. John's United Church will be held at the home of Mrs. B. Ritchie on March 1st at 8.30 p.m. All ladies of the community are cordially invited to attend.

Brougham Lodge 155 I.O.O.F. are celebrating their seventy-fifth anniversary this year. They are holding a special night, Thursday March 2nd when the Initiatory degree will be put on at the Lodge Hall, Whitevale. It will be the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master of Dist. 39.

The Greenwood Dramatic Club will present the drama, "Here Comes the Prince" under the auspices of the Oddfellows and Rebekah Lodges, in the Township Hall on Friday evening, Feb. 24th.

The Amateur concert held Friday evening at Brougham, sponsored by the Women's Institute, was a huge success. The master of ceremonies, Mr. Al. Harvey in his usual good form, told some witty jokes, sang and led in community singing.

During the intermission, the draw was made by little Linda Barclay for the Cushion, donated by Mrs. H. Shea, the proceeds of which go to the Sick Children's Hospital, the winner being Mrs. Jack Mitchell.

The judges, Mrs. H. Porter, Mrs. Pugh and Miss Green, found it very difficult to make decisions: First prize went to Cow-boys, girls and boys, Mt. Pleasant school. Second prize to Ted Cook, piano. Third prize, Sword dance, Joyce Kimura and Susanne Bays. Fourth prize to Eunice Bruce, vocal solo. Fifth prize, Barbara Maters, recitation, other contestants received a small reward. Teachers, pupils and all participating in arrangements deserve to be congratulated. The concert was the president, Mrs. Cassie's idea and trust it will be an annual affair and will bring to the fore Canadian talent.

Milking Parlor Seen Great Boon To Dairy Farmers

What appears to be the greatest advance in dairy farm practice introduced since the advent of the milking machine, may be seen at Alan Lishman's "Woodlawn Farm" near Pickering. Called a "Milking Parlor", it is everything the name implies, with French boudoir doors thrown in for good measure.

Gone are the days, on this farm at least, when the milker crouches down on his little wooden stool and with bent back really gets down to work — low down, that is. Gone are the days when bossy can kick the pail over if something displeases her, or swish her tail in the farmer's face, if he happens to look up at the wrong time.

Here's how it is done 1950-style. The parlor is a spotlessly-clean room built in connection with the barn. It has three stalls built about three feet from the ground on a cement base. By an ingenious arrangement of ropes, doors are opened so the cow can enter and leave the cage-like arrangement where the milking is done.

When the milking machine motor starts, the cows get anxious to take their place. Each one walks up a ramp into its stall (three at a time) and later returns to the barn down another ramp. While one is being milked the others can be washed and prepared for milking. The operator can work at a convenient height without having to bend down to his work.

Mr. Lishman says that there are only two or three such installations in Ontario — though they are the coming thing. Many neighbors have seen it and declared their intention of building similar equipment. Mr. Lishman built the apparatus himself in the fall. It has been in operation a short time. There is no cleaning to do. A convenient hose allows the platforms to be washed down twice each day. The arrangement of milking apparatus allows utmost convenience to the operator.

An interesting sidelight of this method is that the farmer is thus enabled to let his herd be loose in the main part of the barn. They eat as they like around the barn. The manure thus accumulated is said to be two or three times as valuable to the soil as when if it were cleaned from the barn daily and piled outside. Not only is more nitrogen preserved, but by the action of the hooves, the straw is ground up so that when it is cleaned out to the fields once each year, a rich mixture is obtainable — rather than the dried straw and dung which comes from the ordinary pile which has been exposed to the weather.

In the 'milking parlor' it is unnecessary to privide stanchions since the cow is enclosed by a gate-like arrangement of metal bars. Cleanliness is easily obtainable in any dairy barn through the use of this new equipment.

Six Deer Seen in Farm Yard at Brooklin

There are a lot of deer in the vicinity of the village of Brooklin, according to 20-year-old Mabel Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Spencer, R.R.1, Brooklin. She spotted six deer, two bucks and four does, prancing about her father's barn yard last week.

Miss Spencer said she was in the stable when she heard scuffling outside in the barn yard. At first she thought the cattle were loose. Running from the stable she spotted the six animals. On spotting her the deer walked slowly down to the pasture and out of sight.

Albert Wheeler reports sighting a large deer on a country road near Brooklin. He nearly crashed into the animal with his car.

Brooklin Couple Mark 61st Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Elliott of Brooklin celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Monday, Feb. 13. Because of Mr. Elliott's health, no invitations were sent out and no large celebration planned.

A beautiful wedding cake was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott by their granddaughter, Mrs. Alfred Wilson who also lives in the pleasing village in Pickering Township. Mr. Charles Elliott, their son, sent a large hamper of fruit from St. Petersburg, Florida, where he is spending the winter.

Mr. Elliott, now 84 and Mrs. Elliot, now 83, were married 61 years ago in the newly erected Columbus Methodist Church. "Our wedding trip was from Columbus to Oshawa and the road was just full of pitchholes," recalled Mrs. Elliott. "The roads were full of snow that year."

They came to Brooklin immediately after their marriage and although they have moved twice, they have lived for the entire 61 years on the main street. Mr. Elliott started in business as a harness maker, then was owner of the general store, now owned by McDuff's for 31 years. He has been retired from business for thirty years.

"We have attended the same church here in Brooklin for the whole 61 years and I was a Sunday School teacher for 25 years. I think that is an enviable record," stated Mrs. Elliott.

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