

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TWP. DISTRICT

Mrs. Geo. Coates who has not enjoyed good health for some time is confined to bed, we regret to report.

Mr. Chas. Hardy, retired farmer and resident of the community for the past twenty years, suffered a heart attack last Sunday. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. E. Baker has accepted a temporary position in the bank at Ajax.

We regret to report that Miss Doris Dauphin has been confined to bed for the past week suffering from a cold.

The date of the Christmas party held by the members of the Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary has been changed from Dec. 19th to Dec. 23rd. All members and their families are requested to attend. The party is to be held in the Legion Hall at 8 o'clock.

White Gift Sunday was observed in the United Church on Sunday morning. The gifts will be sent to the treasurer of the United Church, Toronto, for distribution among the needy in Korea and India. The Sunday School Christmas concert will be held next Monday evening, Dec. 22nd, at 8 o'clock in the church. Everyone invited.

The Goodfellowship Class meeting was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Evans. Mrs. M. Anderson was in charge of the Christmas program. Dean Evans sang a solo. Mrs. Boniface was the winner of the prize for the best cut-out Christmas tree made in a darkened room. A dainty lunch including Christmas cake was served by the committee.

The W.M.S. was held in the United Church Sunday School room last Thursday. Mrs. H. Johnson, president, was in charge of the business period. With the exception of appointing a new president the officers stand as of last year. The Mission Band Supts. wish to resign but it is hoped they will reconsider. Mrs. Carson was in charge of the Christmas program, assisted by her group. Mrs. Loyst gave a belated report of the School for Leaders. Mrs. Carson spoke of the recent W.M.S. Presbyterial and benefits obtained through attendance. Mrs. T. Gregg favored the meeting with a piano solo.

The local W.I. held a unique meeting last Wednesday afternoon when members with cars conveyed shut-in visitors from the surrounding community to the hall where they enjoyed the Christmas program with singing of carols conducted by Mrs. R. Jackson. A splendid address by Mrs. (Rev.) Fisher of Brooklin on the early Christmas customs in other lands was enjoyed. A gaily decorated tree held thirty boxes of various delectable kinds of good things which were distributed to the visitors by Mrs. K. Ward and Mrs. W. Hill. A dainty lunch served by members of the executive. Miss J. Pilkey expressed appreciation for the lovely afternoon enjoyed by the shut-ins. At the close Miss Grace Roddick, a pupil of Markham High School, and friend of Mrs. McConnell, gave two very lovely elocation selections:

Golden Wedding for Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward

On Wednesday afternoon and evening Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ward of Claremont opened the doors of their home to their many friends and relatives on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Before coming to Claremont, Mr. Ward farmed at Balsam for twelve years after which he purchased a farm in the village now owned by Mr. L. P. Lippert. Six years ago the Claremont couple built their new home on the corner of the Lippert property and it is their wish to always remain in the village where they now reside.

Mrs. Ward, an enthusiastic church worker, still plays the organ in the Claremont Union Church, a position she has held for over 35 years. One of Mr. Ward's favorite pastimes is travelling north in the fall for the annual deer hunt. He also takes the odd stroll through the fields in search of any rabbits or groundhogs which might cross his path. Mr. Ward's favorite hunting ground is on the Manitoulin Island. He is presently employed at Charlie Cooper's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward have one daughter Aldine (Mrs. Will Evans) of Claremont and one son, Joe Ward, a hydro employee at Oshawa. The family were all present for the celebrations.

The Tribunes takes this opportunity of extending its congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ward and wishes them many more years of health and happiness.

Popular Claremont Pastor Bereaved

While the master of ceremonies Rev. G. Davison was making extensive preparations for the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, gloom was suddenly cast over the minister's home with the passing of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Harrison of Burlington. Rev. Davison is a very popular worker with the local business association and residents deeply sympathized with his sudden bereavement. The deceased had expected to leave hospital last weekend when she expired suddenly. The funeral was conducted on Monday afternoon at the Burlington cemetery.

Pickering Building Nearly Quarter Million in November

Pickering Township building continues to boom and the latest report as issued by Inspector Frank Prouse reveals that for November the estimated value of new building was \$240,600.00. The total to date for the year is \$1,641,350.

CROWDS LINE CLAREMONT "TIME SQUARE" FOR BIG PARADE



Here comes the first of more than two dozen floats in the

Santa Claus Parade. Mother Goose was a creation of Clare-

mont Public School and won first prize for best school

float in the show. There were eleven schools represented.

BROUGHAM

Mrs. Geo. Redshaw of Claremont spent a few days recently with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Todd.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hess (nee Norma Ramsay) on the birth of a daughter on Dec. 7th.

Mrs. Dawson of Claremont visited with her daughter, Mrs. D. L. Mairs, and other friends one day last week.

Miss Louise Ritchie of Toronto spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ritchie.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pascoe (nee Barbara Knox) on the birth of a daughter, Donna Lee, on Dec. 11, at the Oshawa General Hospital.

Mr. Carl Devitt of Toronto called on Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knox visited with their son John and family of Hampton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burk of Stouffville had dinner with Mrs. Matthews on Monday.

Keep in mind the Sunday School Concert to be held in the township hall on Friday evening, Dec. 19.

The W.I. euchre was held as usual on Tuesday evening and the following were prize winners: ladies, Mrs. J. McCullough, Mrs. Wm. Gray and Mrs. Shea; gents, Mr. Geo. Duncan, Mr. Ed. Williams and Mr. J. W. Todd. The next euchre will be held on Jan. 6th.

The Citizens League held their annual meeting one evening recently when the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Ken Pascoe; Vice Pres., Grant Johnston; Secretary, George Duncan; President, Frank Carter; Fire Chief, Ross Knox; 1st Deputy, Robt. Miller; 2nd Deputy, Ed Jones; Directors, Thos. Philip, V. Slack, H. Plaxton, A. Hord, H. Barclay, Manson Elliott, Fred Cassie and Allan Elliott.

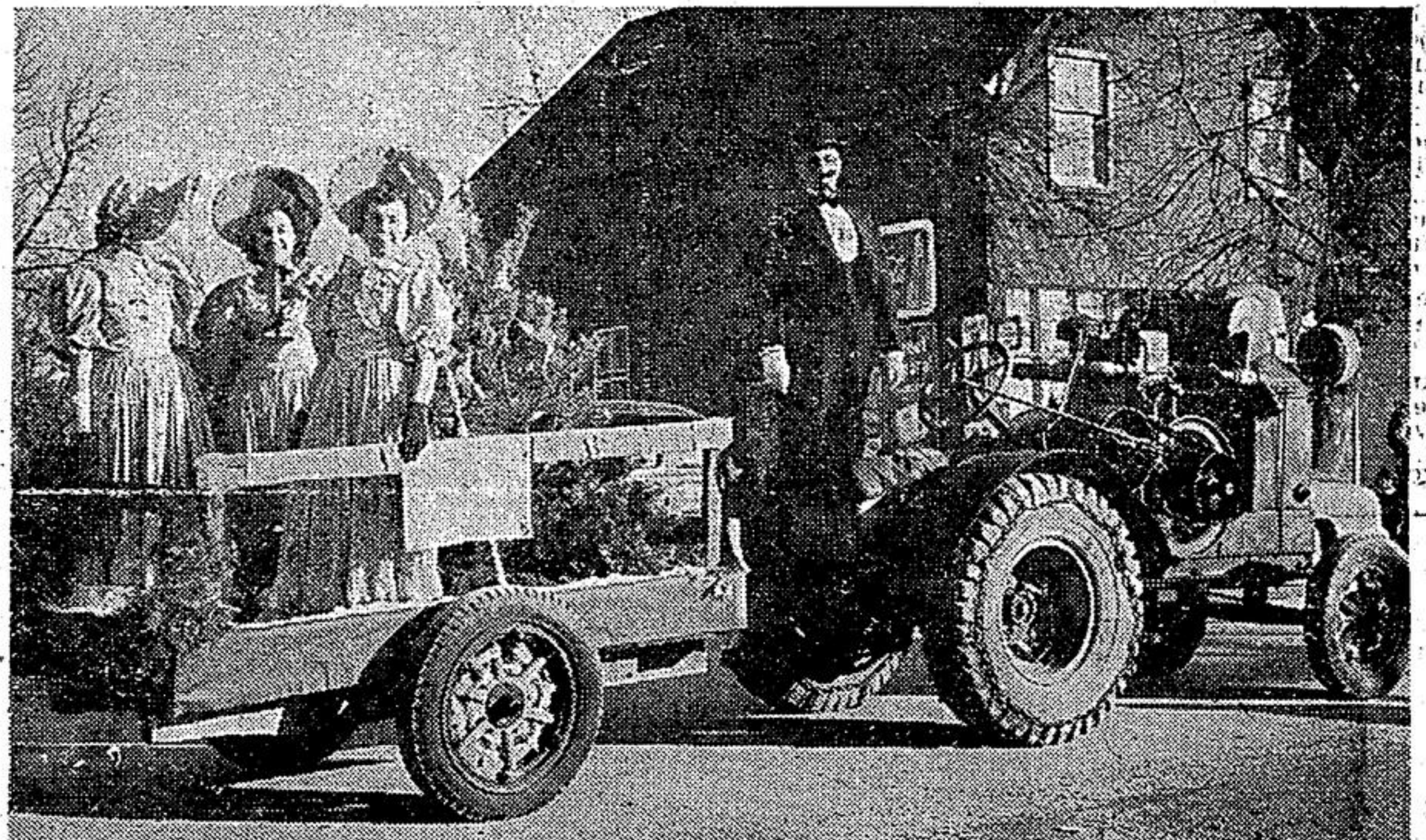
There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 9. The president, Mrs. M. Elliott, gave a splendid account of the area convention in November. The guest speaker was Miss Pringle from the Business and Professional Women's Club of Oshawa. Miss Pringle outlined the qualifications and duties of women jurors, their selection and the constitutions and functions of the courts on which they serve in Ontario. The usual tea hour closed a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Friendly Bible Class members and their families met in the township hall on Friday evening last in the form of a pot luck supper which was enjoyed by all, followed by the election of officers for the coming year. President, Harold Barclay was re-elected for another year; Vice President, Mr. J. Keeler; Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Duncan; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Keeler; Pianist, Mrs. J. Mitchell; Card and Visiting Committee, Mrs. H. Barclay and Mrs. F. Carter; Press Secretary, Mrs. M. Elliott; Teacher, Allan Elliott. Rev. Lackey acted as chairman. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manson Elliott on Monday evening, Jan. 5, at 8 o'clock, when the annual Sunday School meeting will be held the same evening. All interested in Sunday School and Friendly Bible Class are asked to attend this meeting. Come out and let us start the new year with a good attendance.

Batching it while the wife is away is what a married man looks forward to and is mighty glad when it's over.

Another explosive situation exists when there is a mother-in-law in the home where a mother is trying to raise her baby by the book.

LEGION PRESENTED GAY 90's GIRLS



These girls added color and charm to the Claremont

parade. They are Lois Skinner, and sisters Marion and Jean

Middleton. Businesses and organizations were represented.

ATHA NEWS

Be sure and attend the Atha Christmas concert on Friday night, Dec. 19. A play is also being put on by the Young People's.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lehman and family had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wideman and family.

Mrs. Ernie Carruthers and Ruth Ann spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wagg of Stouffville.

A number from here attended the Santa Claus parade in Claremont on Saturday afternoon.

Congratulations to Marie Draper who celebrated her sixth birthday on Monday, Dec. 15.

Mr. William Wallace is leaving for Scotland on Christmas night. We wish him a safe journey.

Congratulations to Bobby Tran who celebrated his birthday on Saturday, Dec. 13th, and to Scottie Powell who has a birthday this week.

Claremont Santa Claus Parade Surpasses Anything in Dist. More than Twenty-Five Floats

The annual Santa Claus parade held in Claremont on Saturday afternoon was a stupendous effort, particularly when the size of the community is considered. More than twenty-five floats were in the procession with comic artists, decorated children's vehicles and even a dog dressed in jeans and plaid shirt.

Headed by the Markham Girls' Band, the cavalcade moved off from the C.P.R. station shortly after 2 o'clock and travelled through the village taking a circular route around the first block south of the four corners. Santa made the front of Ward's Garage his headquarters where the Business and Community Association had erected a special ramp enclosure to handle the more than eight hundred kiddies who received a candy bag from St. Nick.

Chas. Cooper, president of the local association sponsoring the affair was a busy man looking after the details even to helping in policing the crowds on the sidelines as the parade approached.

Many of the floats were outstanding, with such efforts as the cobbler's shop and the brawny smithy at work. Padgett's Grocery provided one of the many laugh rigs with a model T operated by a clown. The vehicle gave one a real "glide ride."

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More Men Needed Pickering Chief Says

More strength must be added to Pickering Township Police force to give adequate protection to the public. Chief Constable L. W. Trinnell told the township council in his report for November.

"We have had complaints of a sex offender operating around our schools," said the Chief. "This has made it necessary for us to maintain constant patrols in the vicinity of the schools. Since we are short handed, it means that other work has to wait. There have also been reports of mail being stolen

from rural mail boxes and scattered on the roadways. The need for more men is imperative. The area is becoming unsafe for women to walk after dark and with our limited staff the office is often left unattended while the man on duty looks after a petty call or complaint."

Fines collected for the month of November amounted to \$372. Three autos were stolen and all recovered; 51 other complaints were made besides the execution of other work which is summarized in the report.

An eminent physician prescribes strenuous exercise for arthritis sufferers. Sound like prescribing a mustard plaster for sunburn.