

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TWP. DISTRICT

Be sure and attend the drama, "Here Comes Charlie" by Goodwood group on Friday evening commencing at 8:15 in the Community Hall sponsored by Claremont Good Fellowship Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beare accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Goodman of Oshawa left on Monday for a month's vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barclay and daughter are leaving this week for a few weeks holiday in the Southern States.

Mrs. H. Carruthers of Toronto was a Sunday visitor with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill and family.

Mr. D. Dawson has been critically ill with pneumonia for the past few weeks in a Toronto hospital. We are glad to report his gradual improvement. His mother, Mrs. Dawson of the townline, has visited with him on several occasions.

Mrs. Loyst has returned to N. Claremont after spending almost a week among relatives and old friends in Toronto.

The W.M.S. will be held in the United S.S. room on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11th at 2:30. Mrs. Lackey's group will have charge of the study book. All ladies of the Church community are cordially invited.

Mrs. B. Galloway has accepted the position of treasurer of the United Church upon the resignation of Miss Dorothy Hockley recently.

Members of the G.F. Class have been quilting early this week.

The snow plough and household shovels have been made use of during the past week in the community and winter sports have been enjoyed on the hills again by the young in body and mind. Who would want a snowless, iceless winter?

The Girl Guides of the 1st Claremont Company had an excellent course on bandaging under the tuition of Mrs. Alice Peddie who gave two consecutive meeting nights to teach the Guides this important lesson. They were also taught the art of making a bed in the true hospital manner. The Girl Guide leaders went to Sunderland on January 23rd, along with Guide leaders from Toronto and various other towns for a Guider Training session. There are still vacancies for Brownies from the ages of 8 to 11 and Guides from 11 to 16. The meeting place is Claremont Baptist Church each Thursday evening.

The Claremont Recreation Association held a sleigh ride at Sky-Loft on Wednesday evening.

The parents of Mr. Peter Meyers arrived recently in Claremont from Sweden. Peter is employed at the local Sarcos plant while his father is a Sarcos representative in Sweden.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. G.M. Forsyth is ill.

Mr. Roland Spencer of Toronto visited with his parents during the weekend.

Mr. Bill Welsh is expected home from hospital this week after undergoing a serious operation.

Miss Dorothy Hockley of Oshawa spent the weekend with her parents.

The Brock Road midway between Claremont and Brougham was blocked with snow on Saturday following the lengthy storm last week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. King and son Floyd visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan and family, also Mr. and Mrs. E. Pilkey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan are entertaining the Good Fellowship Class next Tuesday evening, Feb. 9th. The meeting will take the form of a Crock-mole Party. Please bring boards.

The Young People's Society cancelled their meeting on Monday evening Jan. 25, in favour of the bus trip to hear Billy Graham, evangelist at Maple Leaf Gardens. About thirty people from here attended the Monday evening service.

At the time of the 1951 census it was disclosed that 208,539 Canadians of 10 years of age or over had never been to school.

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BROUGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Knox and little daughter of Enniskillen visited with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. K. Pascoe on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Burton of Stouffville, also Mr. and Mrs. C. Balsdon of Pickering visited with Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton on Sunday.

Our local firemen were called to Pickering on Wednesday night to assist at the great fire there which destroyed an old landmark and left nine families homeless. No sooner were they home when another call came in from Whitevale where the Donnelly Chick Hatchery was destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knox and daughters, Betty-Jean and Faye, also Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellicott and Janet visited with Mr. and Mrs. McGuckin of Stouffville on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harvey, also Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harvey and little daughter, all of Tall Pines, Haliburton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Al Harvey and Mrs. Harvey Sr., on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Todd on the arrival of another little son.

Following were lucky winners at the Institute Euchre held on Tuesday evening last: Ladies, Mrs. E. Williams, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Shear; Gents, Mr. R. Pilkey, Mr. N. Burton and Mr. Allan Ellicott; special prize, Mr. Bagshaw.

The W.I. will hold their next meeting on Tuesday afternoon Feb. 9 in the Twp. Hall. Hostesses: Mrs. R. Birrell, Mrs. W. White, Mrs. Shirk and Mrs. R. Pilkey. Program convener, Mrs. J. Mitchell. Roll call, "Something we should have in a medicine chest." All ladies welcome.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox of Enniskillen on the arrival of a little son.

The many friends of Mrs. Jas. Farley are sorry to hear of her serious accident last week when she fell on some ice on her way to the school to attend the fire. She was immediately removed to Oshawa Hospital for treatment. Her many friends all join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Oulette and children are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are now settled in their new home recently built here in the village.

The Brougham Hockey team are still on top of the league with 19 points after Friday night's game with Greenbank. They have played 13 games and won 9, lost 3 and tied one. The boys really worked hard and won their game against Greenbank with only one sub a very unusual situation. On Friday night, Feb. 5th they play Port Perry in the first game of the double header at Uxbridge Arena. All they need now is spectators from the Brougham area as it has been very discouraging in this respect in the past few games.

Norman Neil who has played hockey for Brougham in every game this year and who has been a real help to the team is starting a dry cleaning service and will be calling in Brougham in the very near future.

Our Baseball dance was a decided success in the hall on Sat. night. The lucky ticket holder for the watch was a man in Omeme by the name of Bill Weir. The secretary of the O.A.S.A. was to have been there to present the trophy, but he took sick and could not come so it was presented on his behalf by Don Beer to the captain of the team Grant Johnston. Special mention should be made here of the work done by our pitcher Robert Miller who has been a pusher for the club all year and personally sold in the neighbourhood of 175 tickets for the watch.

There will be a dance in the hall on Sat., Feb. 13th in aid of the Hockey Club with Reg. Reid and orchestra or in other words the same orchestra as played for the ball dance. Even though we have been winning a good percentage of our games the attendance has been very poor so let's get behind the team from now on and help them win a championship. They naturally want to win this league if possible but whether they do or not they have a bye in the ORHA play downs in Intermediate A which will start early in March.

On Monday night of last week the Rural Bus Lines had 4 bus loads from the Township in to hear Billy Graham at the Maple Leaf Gardens and all were lucky in getting in the Gardens.

Nearly \$180 for Injured Players

A benefit hockey game and dance has netted close to \$180 for two hockey players who were injured recently while playing in the Uxbridge - Port Perry Community League. Last week an exhibition game was held in the Uxbridge arena from which over \$260 was raised. Of this amount \$130 went to Roy Painter who suffered a broken wrist while playing with Comco. The remaining half was turned over to Ross Murray who lost his home through fire two weeks ago. The Brougham hockey club held a benefit dance for Russ Forfar and collected \$17.50. Russ broke his leg early in the schedule.

GREEN RIVER

Best wishes to all celebrating their birthdays in February.

Miss K. Gostick was at home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Chafen attended the ice follies at Maple Leaf Gardens recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Layrick and family of Scarboro Junction spent Sunday with Mrs. V. Postill.

Pleased to report a number on the sick list are feeling much better.

On Wednesday last when the Sunday Schools of Pickering Township met for the annual convention at the Green River Baptist S.S. the weather may not have been too warm but the welcome given by visiting delegates and friends and also the splendid services held.

Snow and cold were soon forgotten. The morning session opened with the President, Mr. P. Wellman in charge. Rev. A.J. Heal was devotional leader. Words of welcome were extended to all present by Mrs. Allan Mitchell, Supt. of the S.S. Pickering United Church then lead a panel discussion on ways and means of improving the S.S. Mr. Benson Draper favoured us with a solo. Then the new lesson helps used by Pickering United S.S. were shown. They are proving very satisfactory. After the appointments of the various committees of the delegates gathered in the S.S. room where the well laden tables awaited their guests.

Afternoon session opened with Rev. R. King in charge. New pastors were introduced and the roll call was taken. There were quite a number answered this but one sad note was when it was said that there was no S.S. at Kinsale. When one thinks of the splendid S.S. and conventions held there one cannot but wonder in as prosperous a community as Kinsale just who has failed the children in their need of a S.S. Mrs. A. Wilson of Mount Zion favoured us with a lovely solo as did Mr. D. Norton of Brougham. Rev. D. Percy of Toronto Bible College then led in a most challenging address on missionary programs in S.S. life. At the close of this session we adjourned for the supper hour.

Evening session with Mr. P. Wellman, the President in charge. Special music by the Young People of Faith Baptist Church, Whitby, stirred, all present as we listened to 40 year old Carol sing from "The Cradle to the Grave." These five young people sang and played various instruments. Then Mr. Percy gave his first address on missionary work in S.S. relations to Foreign Fields. The film taken while the speaker was a missionary in Africa called "Speed the Light" was shown. During the showing of this film one could only thank God for the good fortune we have of living in a Christian land. And one also saw the great need for workers in foreign fields. After the benediction many were heard to remark that it was the best S.S. convention ever held.

The officers for the coming year are: Pres., Mr. P. Wellman; Vice Pres., Mr. H. Miller; 2nd Vice Pres., Mr. E. James; Sec. -Treas., Mrs. T. Hassall. Supts. of Depts., Girls, Mrs. J. Cook; Boys, Rev. G. Davidson; Young People, Mrs. B. McLean; Home Dept., Mrs. Allan Mitchell; Children, Miss E. Westgate; Missionary, Mrs. L. Gates, Adults, Mr. M. Pegg; Temperance, Mr. A. Ellicott; Mr. F. Champman; Teacher Training, Rev. A. Young, Rev. A.J. Heal; Decision, Mr. N. Lehman, Mrs. G. Attrell.

Another trouble with the world today is that it's so expensive to run.

HISTORIC BLOCK FALLS PREY TO FLAMES IN PICKERING VILLAGE



Firemen are seen here battling a \$100,000 fire in Pickering which wiped out the two-storey Blizzard Block, one of the community's oldest buildings. Nine families escaped from the fire which threatened an entire business block. No one was injured. Firemen from Pickering Village, East Woodlands and Ajax combined to fight the blaze.

More Money Asked to Service Pickering Fire Area

Three members of Stouffville Village Council, councillors Elmer Daniels, M. Burk and clerk Garfield Brown appeared before Pickering Twp. Council on Monday afternoon with a new fire agreement which would affect some 27 farms in the area now protected by the Stouffville brigade. The new agreement calls for \$69 for the first two hours, \$24 per hour after that and \$200 standby time. The hourly rate remains unchanged from the previous arrangement.

Councillor Daniels, who acted as spokesman for the delegation, stated that the Stouffville brigade were forced to increase their rates due to the purchase of a new pressure pump which cost in the neighbourhood of \$2,500. This pump is used mainly for fighting out of town fires.

Pickering Twp. council in discussing the new price scale briefly agreed that the stated amount seemed somewhat high.

Dep. Reeve Roberts was of the opinion that Claremont brigade could adequately serve this particular area.

Reeve Todd pointed out that the Stouffville to Claremont telephone exchange made it difficult for the affect-

ed farmers to summon the Claremont fire unit.

Councillor Bill Newman stated that the farmers in the fire area should be contacted since they would be forced to shoulder the expense of the increased protection rates.

Salary increases
A number of employees in the Pickering Township office staff received increases in salaries and others will be discussed at a special meeting this week. The increases approved were: Clerk Lloyd Johnston from \$3,925 to \$4,125; Ernest Baker from \$3,200 to \$3,400; Edward Jones from \$3,200 to \$3,400; Elizabeth Robertson from \$1,925 to \$2,100. The building inspector, Mr. Frank Prouse received an increase from \$2,200 (plus overtime) to \$2,600 (no overtime) and the dog catcher, Mr. Clifford Schwalm from \$300 to \$400.

A grant of \$25 was given to the Pickering Village library and \$35 to libraries in Claremont, Kinsale, Brougham and Whitevale.

Dr. Kenneth Roberts and Hugh Mitchell were appointed by council to represent the municipality at Markham Village on Feb. 9th on the matter of a Conservation Authority for the Pickering Twp area.

Lifelong Resident Of Pickering Twp.

A resident of Pickering Twp all her life, Mrs. George Mutch died last week at her home on Station Road South in Pickering. She was in her 83rd year.

Mrs. Mutch had been in ill health for the past four or five years.

The daughter of William and Sophia Clark, she was born in Greenwood in 1871 and was later married there to George Mutch. Her husband was killed in 1915.

Mrs. Mutch was a member of the Pickering Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Ladies Aid and the W.M.S. prior to her ill health.

She is survived by a son, George and a daughter Florence, both of Pickering. One surviving brother, Will Clark lives in Greenwood. A granddaughter, Mrs. George Vale (Christina) is living in Pickering.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from her home. Interment will be held in Salem Cemetery, Pickering.

Ontario boasts the most telephones per population of any Canadian province. The figure is something better than 30 telephones per 100 persons.

ATHA NEWS

Mrs. Johnston from Stouffville spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. MacDonald.

Mr. Barron called on Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald on Sat. last driving his horse and cutter on his way to Markham. All that was lacking were the bells.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turnbull and family of Toronto visited on Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Gertie Hoover and Vern. Mrs. A. Carruthers spent Saturday evening with Mrs. A. Draper.

Several of Miss Hamill's pupils have been out of school with the flu.

Mrs. Gertie Hoover and Vern were in Toronto on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bielby and family were Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bielby.

Master Allan Lehman was taken on Wed. to the Sick Children's Hospital and underwent an operation on Thurs. The latest report is that he is doing nicely.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Frank Powell in the passing of her father, Mr. Gillespie in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Evans from Maple were Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tran and family.

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