

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

Glenda Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor, celebrated a birthday on Thursday of last week.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Jack Mansell's mother passed away suddenly in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Redman and sons enjoyed a Christmas party in Toronto on Saturday, sponsored by Weston's Bakery.

Mr. Ross Evans visited with Toronto relatives on Saturday. A number of residents in the village have expressed their feelings concerning the need for a new fire alarm system.

The old siren which was removed from the top of Ward's Garage has never been re-located. Under the present system, calls to members of the brigade are made only by telephone.

Mr. Roy McLeod has obtained the dealership for Philco television and appliances. A handsome TV set would make a wonderful Christmas gift.

A number of homes in the village have been gaily decorated for the Christmas holiday season.

The weekly church services usually held every Monday evening have been cancelled until after the New Year.

The W.I. will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 21st, in the Community Hall. Motto—"If religion has done nothing for your temper, it has done nothing for your soul." Roll-Call—Your Choice in the local Santa Claus Parade. Guest speaker, Mrs. Lackey. Christmas treat for shut-ins. Lunch Comm.—Mrs. Wilkes, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Gregg, Mrs. Clarence Baker will provide instrumental music. Everyone welcome.

The Baptist Church Annual Christmas Concert will take place on Friday evening, Dec. 16th, at 8 o'clock. All the congregation are invited.

Mrs. Howard Hockley visited with relatives in Uxbridge on Sunday.

Mrs. Wallace enjoyed a visit and dinner with Mrs. Connor on Sunday.

Miss Sylvia Johnston has been confined in the Oshawa Hospital during the past week with an appendix operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mason of Toronto visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Norton on Sunday.

Mrs. Ross Redshaw's father had the misfortune of falling out of the opened door of the sand truck he was driving last week at Gormley, crushing the bones in his knee, legs and ankles and is in a serious condition in the hospital.

Mrs. Cook of Lansing was a Sunday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cooke and family.

The Christmas Sunday School Concert will take place on Friday evening of this week, in the United Church, commencing at 8.15. All the congregation and friends are invited.

The mid-week prayer and Bible Study Meeting will be discontinued until after the New Year in the United S.S. room.

The W.M.S. members held their meeting last Thursday afternoon in the S.S. room, with a fair attendance, and President and Secretary in their chairs. Christmas hymns were sung. Mrs. Loyt, president for the past 2 years, resigned, owing to pressure of family duties in the coming year. Mrs. Carson, first vice-president, presided during the programme, during which time Mrs. T. Gregg played a Christmas piano number which was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Jackson reported for the Mission Band, whose members sold boxes of Christmas cards and contributed around \$50 towards the allocation. There are 25 missionary monthlies and 15 World Friends subscribed for—and there are 22 paid-up members of the W.M.S.

The nominating committee reported offices filled for the New Year, with the exception of President—Mrs. Johnson was appointed, after Mrs. Carson, who had been first vice president for a number of years declined to accept. Rev. H. Lackey was in charge of the election. New allocation is \$350.00.

Claremont shoppers—make a bee-line to Houston's for your free Weather chart calendar for 1956. Mr. John Houston also has a free Rust-Craft calendar of memory, to help you remember the important personal dates in the coming year.

Statistics show that some 55 of every 100 Canadian households have a car.

Four Youths Charged With Armed Holdup Of Brougham Snack Bar

Four youths, Gary Douglas, Smith of Greenwood, William R. Conham, Thomas J. Fenton, and David Ross Fenton all of Toronto were rounded up by Toronto and Provincial Police on Saturday and charged with the holdup of the Brougham Country Grill, operated by Mr. William Thomson. The armed robbery, which netted the thieves approximately \$500 worth of cigarettes, chocolate bars and jewellery, took place during the early hours of Friday morning. It was the second holdup within a month at the Country Grill on No. 7 Highway. Police closed their ring around the youths after Toronto Constable John Gallagher picked up a green car loaded with

cigarettes. The roundup was completed with the arrest of Gary Smith at his home east of Brougham.

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Ontario Co-ops Net a Half Million Dollars

"This is the first time in its history that United Co-operatives of Ontario netted half a million dollars," J. E. Nephew of Woodstock, Ont., and president of U.C.O. told delegates of the 60,000 farmer-member organization at its annual meeting held December 12 and 13 at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Some 500 delegates from over 150 co-operatives located throughout Ontario attended the two-day meeting.

Net earnings for the year ended Sept. 30, 1955, totalled \$504,875. This represented an increase of \$200,817 over the 1954 earnings of \$304,058.

Patronage returns for the year totalled \$397,481, of which

co-operatives will receive \$349,634 in common shares, while non-members will receive \$47,848 in cash. Patronage returns for 1954 totalled \$207,199.

Distribution of petroleum during the past 12 months amounted in excess of 10 million gallons, compared with 8 million in 1954. The development of propane as a domestic heating and tractor fuel is currently occupying the attention of U.C.O.

The volume handled in the livestock division represented approximately one-third of the total stock arriving at the Ontario stock yards. Gross value of stock handled was \$21,953,596, with net earnings at \$63,703.

and Mrs. J. MacKenzie of Hamilton.

Carol Atkinson of Almonds spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. John Puckrin.

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Clemence visited Mrs. S. Puckrin and Miss Margaret Puckrin of Oshawa on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Puckrin and Margaret will be glad to have friends call on them at their new home at 707 Hortop Avenue, Oshawa.

The Community Club held a box social in the school on Wednesday evening. The president, Bob Betson, conducted the business. The annual reports were read and bags of candy were given to the children.

Charlie Clemence auctioned the boxes, realizing a total of twenty-five dollars for Club work. The election of officers for 1956 took place, resulting in the following list:—Past Pres., Fred Puckrin; Pres., Bob Betson; 1st Vice, Wm. Brown; 2nd Vice, Geo. Izatt; Sec-Treas., Mrs. Bert Guthrie; Press Secty., Mrs. Fred Puckrin; Entertainment Comm., Mrs. C. Clemence, Mrs. Wm. Guthrie Jr., Mrs. Geo. Izatt; Lorraine Matthews, Mrs. Arch Bell, Eleanor Bell and Marvin Barlow; Lunch Committee—Mrs. R. E. Hedge, Mrs. Geo. Izatt, Mrs. C. White, Mrs. F. Puckrin; Flower Committee—Mrs. Wm. Guthrie Jr., Mrs. Charlie Bell, Mrs. Arch Bell, Mrs. Dick Winter, Mrs. Ben Bryant; Directors—Wm. Guthrie Jr., Bert Guthrie, Geo. Puckrin, Chas. Clemence; Welcoming Committee—Dick Winter, Lorne Saunders.

Before the Second World War, Britain exported coal to Canada. Now, with British mines socialized, Canada exports coal to the United Kingdom.

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Nearly 3,000 Bushels Of Apples Destroyed In Weekend Fire

A fire on Saturday afternoon completely destroyed a two-story building containing nearly 3,000 bushels of apples, the property of Mr. L. W. Burt, south-east of Claremont, on the 6th concession of Pickering.

The loss is estimated at \$7,500. Fire brigades from Pickering Village and Brougham were summoned to the scene but the outbreak had gained too much headway by the time the trucks

arrived. The loss was only a portion of this year's apple crop. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

A couple without children always manages to find trouble of some other sort to fill the vacancy.

More people will be satisfied with their lot if they put in more fertilizer and grass seed this fall.

MY THANKS

I would like to extend my appreciation to the electors of Pickering Township and the many supporters who made possible my election for reeve for 1956.

I would also extend Best Wishes to the electorate for the coming year.

Wm. (Bill) Newman.
Reeve, Pickering Township.

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Rev. H. G. Adams, converted Priest from Stouffville, will be the guest speaker.

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CHERRYWOOD

Mrs. M. Hollinger
The December meeting of the Woman's Assn. of the United Church was held in the church hall on Wednesday. It was the annual business meeting and the election of officers for 1956.

Rev. G. H. Thomas of Markham conducted this election and installed this slate of officers, as presented by the nominating committee:

Pres., Mrs. R. Tindall; Vice-Pres., Mrs. G. Todd; Secretary, Mrs. N. Laughlin; Treasurer, Mrs. D. Milne; Corr. Secty., Mrs. W. Holmes. Other officers to be elected were left over till January, when Rev. Shapter takes over the work on this pastoral charge. Encouraging reports were read from the Treasurer, and the members felt we had had a very successful year.

Mrs. J. Thompson was our guest, and contributed two accordion solos to the program, which were very much enjoyed. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. D. Milne, the theme of which was "The Hope of the World," in which was stressed the need of the loving loyalty of all of us to the Newborn King in order that His Kingdom would come in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. Christmas carols were used at this meeting and the president used a Christmas Call to Worship. The group in charge had served a delicious hot luncheon prior to the meeting which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

White Gift was observed on Sunday with a number of gifts received for Fred Victor Mission.

The children and a number of mothers enjoyed a Christmas party in the hall on Saturday, given by the teachers and staff of the Cherrywood United Church Sunday School.

Miss Mary Anna Morrish visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morrish, over the weekend.

The Active Service Class met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Reg. Hoskins. Mrs. Walter Carson was in charge of the worship and each member donated a number for the Christmas programme. The president Mrs. Hoskins took the chair for the business, followed by a social hour and lunch.

Several from here attended the Oshawa Milk Producers banquet at the Northminster Church, Oshawa, last Wednesday night.

Sunday visitors at the Cecil Jones home were Mrs. Howard Harper, Mrs. Harry Harper, and daughter of Goodwood and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis and family of Altona.

Mr. L. Bart had the misfortune to have his fruit storage building burned on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones and Mr. and Mrs. B. Jamieson attended their uncle's funeral, the late Hugh Draper at Brooklin on Wednesday.

The Young People met Sunday night at the home of Miss Shirley Empringham.

Christmas Tree dates are as follows: — Balsam School Dec. 21st; Mt. Zion School Dec. 22nd; Mt. Zion S.S. Dec. 23rd.

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