

# CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

## More Than 20 Floats in Santa's Parade

## Big Crowd Gives a Royal Welcome

Mr. Herb Arbuckle, Manager of the local Co-operative, attended the annual Ontario Co-operative Convention at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto on Monday.

The winners of the Lucky Dollar numbers sponsored by Galloway's Store on Saturday were Mrs. Sooley, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Madill, Mrs. Jim Jones, Mrs. A. Maye, Mrs. Frank Colins, Mrs. Lorne Jones, Mrs. Cecil Ham, Florence Hoover, Cornelia Bucking and W. Ellicott. There were 10 prizes unclaimed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loyst of Whitby visited with Mrs. Loyst Sr. here on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mansell entertained his sister from Toronto over the weekend.

Mr. Bill Ortiz of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. Eddie Ortiz.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boniface of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boniface on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward of Oshawa visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ward on Saturday.

Rev. Geo. Davison, a former pastor here at the Baptist Church, renewed old acquaintances here on Saturday. He acted as Master of Ceremonies at the Santa Claus Parade.

A number of parents from here attended the Young Canada Hockey Night in the Stouffville Arena on Monday evening.

It is reported that Miss Donna Redshaw was shaken up when the car in which she was riding turned over near the village. Although the vehicle was quite badly damaged, Miss Redshaw was not seriously injured.

Taylor's Restaurant was one of the busiest places on Saturday afternoon as hundreds of parade viewers crowded into the eating spot for a cup of coffee or hot chocolate. Extra waitresses were necessary to handle the crowd.

The Shetland pony, located in Cooper's Garage, has been the centre of interest for dozens of boys and girls in the village during the past few days.

The pony, imported from Scotland by Mr. Bill McEachnie, Pickering-Village funeral director, was presented to the Business Men's Association to be entered in Saturday's lucky draw.

The Baptist Church Mission Circle will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at the home of G. M. Forsyth. Mrs. Mansell, guest speaker will tell about "Christians in Other Lands". Please note change of date. All ladies welcome.

The Annual United Church Sunday School Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th, commencing at 8 o'clock in the Church. Everyone welcome. Silver Collection.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean entertained the Young People to a social evening in their home last Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Stephenson, who has been spending the past few weeks among old friends in the community, returned to her home in Oshawa early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pengelly of Brooklin were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coates.

Mrs. Ormerod Sr. of Toronto was a visitor last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson and family.

The funeral of the late Mrs. George Lee of Stouffville was held last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Baptist Church of which she was a lifelong member. Rev. Lowden assisted by former pastor Rev. G. Davison, conducted the service. The choir sang "Forever with the Lord" as a special number. Mrs. Lee was in her 84th year. Her husband predeceased her about ten years ago. She was a member of the Choir for many years. She passed away quite suddenly in her home, having felt ill for only a couple of days with a pain in her back. She was a very friendly type of Christian, and always engaged in active service for her church. She will be missed in all the activities.

The Mission Band will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the United S.S. room. Everyone please attend, and bring mite boxes, as this is the last meeting of the year.

Mr. Fred Fugh is occupying his home in the village at the present time.

The Baptist Sunday School Christmas program will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th. The teacher and pupils of Cedar Creek School invite you useful gifts were received.

The Village of Claremont, which in past years has gained a reputation for producing one of the most colourful Santa Claus Parades in the district, surpassed all expectations on Saturday afternoon. Twenty-two floats in addition to clowns, decorated bicycles and other novelty entries paraded down the Main Street led by the smart-stepping Markham District High School girls trumpet band. The brilliant spectacle stretched for more than one-quarter mile and was viewed by hundreds of children and grown-ups.

The nine judges had a difficult time selecting the winners as each entry was deserving of an award. Two of the finest floats were entries from two of the local Public Schools. Misses Rosemary Hedges and Eleanor Welsh represented the Queen of Hearts in the entry from the Claremont Public School. A huge red heart formed the background, with one girl standing on each side. The float was constructed by the students who worked on their project for an entire week prior to the parade.

In the class for schools of 40 and over, Claremont was awarded the \$15.00 prize. In the thirty pupils and under class, Altona Public School was an easy winner with a beautiful "Snow Queen" entry. Although the float had a professional touch, the entry was created entirely by the students and their parents.

Pretty Shirley Lewis added to the appearance of the float as she waved to the hundreds of onlookers from her lofty throne. Her attendants were Misses Nancy and Sharon Wideman, Cedar Creek, Webb and Mount Pleasant Public Schools were also awarded cash prizes in the under 30 student class.

The Sarco silver cup was presented to Mr. Bert Galloway for his Lucky Dollar float. The story of Little Red Riding Hood was vividly portrayed by Misses Ann Keevil, Darla Galloway and Jack Milne. Allan Badgerow, a

former Claremont resident, was the winner of a \$5.00 cash prize for the best clown in attendance.

In the Variety float class, the entries were placed as follows: Hill Billy Hermit, Women's Institute, Greenwood Club and Binstead's Christmas Card auto. The Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies finished in that order. The Cubs represented Robin Hood, complete with such characters as Maid Marion, Friar Tuck, Little John, the Sheriff and his men. The Scouts float, a portable hot dog stand, was very practical and was well received by the crowd. Leslie Lye received a \$3.00 prize for the best decorated bicycle.

In the children's class, the covered wagon placed first, the camel-horse, second and Stella-May Pearson, third. The hybrid horse was dressed up in natural camel colours and the dual humps on its back completed the change-over. The one-half mile jaunt down to the Four Corners had a telling effect on the animal's back, however, as the "humps" were sagging slightly at the end of the trail.

Nine judges were awarded the difficult task of selecting the winners and runners-up in each class. The judges were Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. Hugh Gregg, Mrs. Payne, Miss Forsyth, Mrs. Chas. Nolan, William Lawson, Rev. H. Lackey, Gerald Allman and F. L. Sherry.

Santa Claus took up his position in front of Porter's Barber Shop and, assisted by Messrs. Chas. Cooper, Victor Symes and Dick Cooper, distributed close to 1,000 bags of candy to a never-ending lineup of kiddies. Rev. Geo. Davison, former pastor at the Baptist Church, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The winners of the lucky draws were as follows: Pony, saddle and bridle—Mr. Michael Shivetti, Toronto; Luggage—J. Jazkosi, Courtoice, Ont.; and a silver set—C. B. Hopkins, Midland, Ont.

## REVAMP THE HOG MARKETING LAWS

A thorough house-cleaning and revamping of marketing practices in Ontario's hog industry is the prime objective of the Ont. Hog Producers' Association, Charles McInnis, President told the annual meeting of the Grey County Hog Producers' Association here tonight.

"As a result of considerable housecleaning and revamping accomplished by us to date in the hog industry," Mr. McInnis said, "thousands of extra dollars are going into producer pockets." He said that price, and only price, is becoming the single factor that determines what packer shall get Ontario hogs.

Mr. McInnis said that before hog producers became interested in marketing practices, only about 5 percent of Ontario hogs were being sold on open markets under competitive bidding. The other 95 percent were delivered direct to packers' plants, with transporters being paid incentive bonuses by packers to do so. Open-market deliveries have now been increased to 20 percent, he said, and this figure will be further increased.

"Our new marketing practices," Mr. McInnis said, "have played a major role in strengthening hog prices, and in adding substantially to the income of hog producers. These higher prices were achieved," he said,

to their Christmas Concert on Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock.

Results of Euchre held Monday night in the Legion Hall—Winners were: Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Norris Hardy; 2nd, Mrs. H. Pugh; lone hand, Mrs. Hammond Sr. Men: 1st, Norrine Hill; 2nd, Walter Hardy; lone hand, N. Hill; Door Prize, Carson Watson. First Euchre held in the New Year will be Monday January 7.

A shower for the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ward, of Claremont was held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th. The teacher and pupils of Cedar Creek School invite you useful gifts were received.

"despite the fact that hog marketing for Ontario and for Canada will be higher in 1956 compared with 1955.

Mr. McInnis said that a vigorous campaign to complete the revamping of hog marketing practices in Ontario will be in full swing in the first months of 1957. Already some five counties are now involved in this campaign to move hogs onto the open-market.

The hog president predicted that despite under-the-table payments amounting in some instances to as much as \$2.50 per hog; despite a non-co-operative attitude on the part of some large packers and shippers; and despite increasing evidence of undesirable pressures on government, the hog association intends to make a thorough and complete house-cleaning of hog marketing practices in Ontario.

## GREEN RIVER

Mrs. Russel Hamilton was a guest at the Harrison-Reid wedding in Markham recently.

Mrs. J. Davies spent a week at the home of Mrs. Shank.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Michell and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Attaleer and family of Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid of Markham called on Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hamilton on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Pearse entertained Mr. and Mrs. Sapel and sons, Peter and Anthony of Reading, England, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutchings of Claremont called at the A. Hutching Home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Pearse and family had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Munns of Toronto.

The many friends from here wish Mr. and Mrs. M. Patterson of Brougham the very best as they move to their new home in Markham.

On Sunday, Dec. 16th at the Sunday School a White Gift Service will be observed. All are reminded to bring their gifts.

The Sunday School Concert will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 21st at 8 p.m. in the church.

Correction of the date of the Public School Concert—it will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18th instead of the date given last week.

## BROUGHAM

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Association was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Geo. Duncan with a good attendance despite the very foggy night. The President, Mrs. Hugh Miller was in charge. Mrs. Ken Pascoe gave the Devotional reading from Psalm 139. The program was taken by Mrs. Lloyd Johnston who gave a very interesting reading on the authors of several Christmas Carols, accompanied by all singing the first verse of each carol. Meeting closed in the usual way followed by a lovely lunch served by the hostesses, Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Wannop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knox and daughters Betty Jean and Faye visited on Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McGuckin of Stouffville.

Mrs. Sherlock and Miss Atkinson of Toronto were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Harvey.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Dean Mairs is under the doctor's care. All hope for a speedy recovery.

Remember the Sunday School Concert on Friday, December 21. Come and meet Santa Claus.

The regular weekly Euchre was held as usual on Tuesday evening when the following were lucky winners: Mrs. M. Ellicott, Mrs. W. Hamilton and Mrs. A. Carlton, Mr. W. Hardy, Mr. Ross Carlton and Mr. W. Knox.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Holby on the arrival of a little son.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Knox and family of Enniskillen visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pascoe and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Witter and daughter of Toronto visited with Mrs. Matthews on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton visited with his mother, Mrs. W. Hamilton and Mr. O. Carter on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Robertson of Toronto called on Mrs. Lemmon on Sunday. Mrs. Lemmon returned with them for the winter.

## GLEN MAJOR

Mr. Alec Hingston and boys visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hingston.

Mrs. Charles Johnson and Della visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones, Frank and John called on Mrs. Wm. Hopkins and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doleman spent the weekend at their cottage here.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Winter and John, Newmarket, visited Sunday afternoon with Miss Shirley Jones.

Congratulations and best wishes to Messrs. Edgar Fiss and Jim Jones who had a birthday on Sunday, Dec. 9.

Miss Mabel Baker, Waterdown, spent the weekend with Mrs. Wm. Fiss and Edgar.

Mrs. Ralph Faulkner and Mrs. Jim Jones spent Friday in Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Simmonds and Herbert were out and closed their cottage for the winter on Saturday.

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## GOODWOOD

Mrs. Les Meyers congratulated Mr. James Wagg, who is eighty years old December 13. He is celebrating this happy occasion on Wednesday evening when all the members of his family will gather at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Leadbetter at Queensville.

You are reminded that the United Church Sunday School concert will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 21. There is no charge for this concert, just a silver collection.

A C.G.I.T. was re-organized last Tuesday evening and is being led by Mrs. Morgason, Mrs. McPhee and Mrs. Spenceley. All girls between the ages of 12 and 16 are welcome. Meetings will be held every Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the United Church.

The Merry Mixers are happy to present their Christmas program Friday, Dec. 14. If you enjoy playing croquinoie, come and join in the fun.

The W.A. had their annual business meeting at Mrs. Ashenhurst's last Thursday. Mrs. McPhee conducted the election of officers and installation service. The following is the slate of officers for 1957.

President—Mrs. Bruce Taylor; Vice Pres.—Mrs. Clarence Bunker; Secretary—Mrs. Leslie Meyers; Treasurer—Mrs. Russell Storey; Missionary Conveners—Mrs. Wm. Hewlett, Mrs. Sam Bacon; Quilt Committee—Mrs. Art Hall, Mrs. E. Morgason, Mrs. Albert Taylor, Mrs. Hewlett, Mrs. E. Hood, Mrs. Earl Tindall; Sick Committee—Mrs. Herb Wagg, Mrs. Clarence Bunker, Mrs. Jefferson, Mrs. Russell Feasby; Parsonage—Mrs. Herb Wagg, Mrs. Art Hall, Mrs. Lorne Tindall; Pianists—Mrs. McPhee, Mrs. Claude Watson.

The Missionary Conveners would like to thank all who donated clothing for the bale. Altogether there were 360 pieces of clothing packed.

Mr. and Mrs. Cec. Wilkinson and family moved from our village on Saturday to take up residence in the new subdivision east of Richmond Hill. Mr. and Mrs. George Roe moved into the Wilkinson-house Monday. We welcome them to our community.

Mrs. Reuben May Mrs. Howard Coult was called to her home to take her mother to Barrie hospital and assist in nursing her there.

The Mission circle meeting held at the home of Mrs. Percy Fugh was well attended. Mrs. F. Baldwin provided the program and Mrs. H. Woodland took the devotions. The Mission Band are selling beautiful scripture calendars. If you would like one, please get in touch with one of the Mission band members or Mrs. G. Jones.

Please remember the Gifts for Scott Mission, need to be in by Sunday, Dec. 16, also the shut-in boxes are to be packed this coming week. Mrs. C. Jones will accept donations toward these boxes, both food or money.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. May, Miss Olive, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert May attended the funeral of Mrs. May's niece, Miss Ruth Sebeck. Service was held at Whitby funeral home, with interment at Whitevale Cemetery.

Many parents took their pre-arranged Friday to receive their first polio needle. Next needle on Jan. 8. If you missed getting your child done, consult Dr. St. John about starting with the January 8th series.

You are all invited to the Baptist Sunday School entertainment to be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert May and Mrs. Wm. May had tea with Mrs. Walter Carter and brother Oscar Carter on Friday.

Those who took in the Santa Claus parade at Uxbridge and Claremont this past week enjoyed very pleasant afternoons.

Prayer meeting this Thursday evening at Mr. C. Jones', may we see you there.

Mrs. Bandy Gwen was visiting her daughters in Port Perry and Newtonville over the weekend.



A portion of the huge crowd which attended the Santa Claus parade in Claremont on Saturday afternoon is pictured above. Close to 1,000 bags of

candy were distributed to children. One of the finest floats in the parade was entered by the Altona Public School. The

Snow Queen, Miss Shirley Lewis, is pictured above with her two attendants, Misses Nancy and Sharon Wideman.

## ALTONA

White gifts for the Scott Mission, Toronto, will be received at the Altona Sunday School this Sunday, Dec. 16th.

This is your invitation to the Altona School Christmas Concert next Wednesday evening, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. There will be plays, songs, drills and Santa Silver Collection. Congratulations to Altona School for winning first prize on their float at Claremont parade on Saturday.

The Altona W.I. would like to thank all those who came out on such a miserable night to make their turkey supper a success. Over 300 people were served.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis and boys entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Lewis of Toronto on the occasion of Mrs. Stanley Lewis' birthday. Many happy returns of the day!

Congratulations also to Harry Tindall and Fred McNair who celebrated birthdays on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bunker called on his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Madill of Claremont on Sunday.

## GREENWOOD

The afternoon W.A. will hold their regular and the Annual meeting at Mrs. I. McLean's on Thursday, Dec. 13th, at 2 p.m. Roll Call is Gifts or Blessing. Group 2 has charge of worship service.

The Wm. Clark children have been in with the chickenpox. Mrs. Tait of Sonya has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ross Jackman this past week.

Mrs. Colwell and son Jack,

spent the weekend with Wm. and Mrs. Pegg and family. Miss Hopkins spent the weekend at her home at Picton. Mr. and Mrs. Clark, at the last Monday night.

**TOWNSHIP OF PICKERING**  
December 15th, 1956  
**Vote Thompson For Reeve**  
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PICKERING 586,  
PICKERING 299.

**Pickering Tp. Red Cross**  
Due to the desperate need of clothing for Hungarian Refugees the Red Cross headquarters has sent an urgent appeal to have the stock replenished quickly. As the articles will be shipped to an overseas warehouse they must be new. Would leaders in women's groups or individuals able to help this cause by knitting, sewing or crocheting please write or phone  
MRS. T. J. WHEELER,  
Convener, Women's Work,  
Pickering Red Cross,  
and our materials will be sent.



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