

CLAREMONT, PICKERING TP. NEWS

This Was Santa's Day

Contest For Deputy - Reeveship Holds Spotlight In Pickering Twp.

Reeve Scott Acclaimed

The contest for the Deputy-Reeveship will hold the election spotlight in Pickering Township when ratepayers go to the polls on Saturday, Dec. 5th. The present incumbent, Mrs. Jean McPherson is being opposed by Ward 4 councillor, Mr. Ross Hawthorne. Councillor Hawthorne declared his intentions to seek the new position at the annual Nominations conducted at Brougham on Friday night. Mrs. McPherson was elected to Council in 1956. She was defeated in '57 but came back to win a seat in '58. She was acclaimed to the Deputy-Reeve's post in '59. Councillor Hawthorne entered municipal politics in 1958 and was returned in ward 4 last year. He is a resident of Frenchman's Bay.

Quiet Meeting
The meeting on Friday evening was one of the quietest in recent years. The standing-room crowd that had usually greeted the candidates on previous occasions, was noticeably slim. With no controversial issues on the agenda, the meeting was concluded in less than 2 hours. Reeve Sherman Scott was returned by acclamation. Ward 1 councillor, Harvey Spang and Ward 2 councillor, Edgar James were also acclaimed. Mr. Harry Boyes will oppose incumbent, Harry Ashton in Ward 3. Mrs. E. C. Phelan was nominated but declined to accept. Wm. Fairgrieve and Ross Deakin will battle for the Ward 4 seat left vacant by councillor Hawthorne. Ward 5 councillor, Miss Violet Swan will be opposed by West Rouge resident, Clifford Laycock.

Verbal Exchange
The only faint resemblance between this year's Nomination and meetings of former years was the brief and rather confusing verbal exchange between Ward 3 councillor, Harry Ashton and Riverside Drive ratepayer, Jack Hambleton. The matter was received in a jocular vein by persons present. It concerned the transportation of some 35 students to a nearby school in a recently-acquired bus. Mr. Hambleton, according to councillor Ashton, had been the lone opposition to a petition favouring the scheme.

Need Services
Reeve Scott informed the meeting that there was little chance of Pickering Township acquiring industrial assessment unless water and sewerage services were made available. He pointed out that through a signed agreement with the Crusader Development Co. and later Consolidated Building Corp. such services would be provided at no cost to the township. The proposed residential development will be located at Frenchman's Bay on a site covering 670 acres of land.
In touching on the proposed C.N.R. bypass line, the Reeve charged that Council did not favour the project. He noted that all plans had not been completely finalized and it was still possible that an alternate route might be considered. He con-

tended, however, that if the railroad was to pass through the municipality, Council felt that the shortest line would be the best for the township. In commenting on the acquiring of an Office Manager and Treasurer, he stated firmly that such action was not meant to cast any reflection on any of the present members of the clerical staff. "It does not mean that any of our present employees should suffer," he said. He praised the work of the Planning Board and urged the completion of a zoning bylaw for at least a portion of the township. "I think it is very necessary and I feel that the majority of citizens feel the same way," he noted. He urged that each and every ratepayer should get out and vote. "Every year in Pickering Township is a crucial year," he concluded.

Keenly Interested
Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson in seeking re-election to the post, informed the audience that she had been a resident in the township since 1945. "I have always been keenly interested in the welfare of Pickering Township," she said. As Chairman of Roads and Bridges,

Entire Council Returned To Office In Uxbridge Twp.

Reeve Earl Dowswell, deputy-reeve Robt. Nesbitt and councillors Alvin Redshaw, Norman Hogg and Charles Forsyth were all returned to office by acclamation in Uxbridge Township on Monday afternoon. Less than two dozen ratepayers turned up at the annual nomination meeting, very few more than last year.
Reeve Earl Dowswell in speaking to the handful of residents, said that council had put up a strong fight to preserve the Goodwood C.N.R. Station which was ultimately closed by a decision of the Board of Transport. He said that the township had had one of their largest road budgets this year, due to the purchase of a new truck and erection of a garage. Three supplementary requests to the Dept. of Highways for funds had been necessary which, the reeve thought, created a record in financing. The garage, he said, was just completed.
He noted that the township now had its own airfield which would doubtless be enlarged.
In referring to Ontario County matters Reeve Dowswell stated that the road from Goodwood to Manchester was about ready for contract and it was expected that the portion as far east as the 7th concession, would be built in 1960 with the connection to Highway 47. The total cost is expected to be three quarters of a million dollars.

she said that she had worked in close co-operation with members of the Road Department. "I am always as close to you as your telephone and no call will go unheeded," she said.
In commenting on past accomplishments on roads, she said that a planned paving project was being carried on in each ward each year. She admitted that winter maintenance costs had been very heavy and had consumed a large portion of the road budget.
In looking back over three years of Council work, she informed the audience that she had missed only one regular meeting and had attended all committee meetings. "I never let pleasure interfere with Council work," she said.

Benefit From Experience
Councillor Harvey Spang, returned in Ward I by acclamation, stated that he had learned much during his initial year in office. He said he hoped he had benefited from the experience. Touching on the completed road work in his ward, councillor Spang said that considerable funds had been expended on conc. 4; on the Whitevale hill;

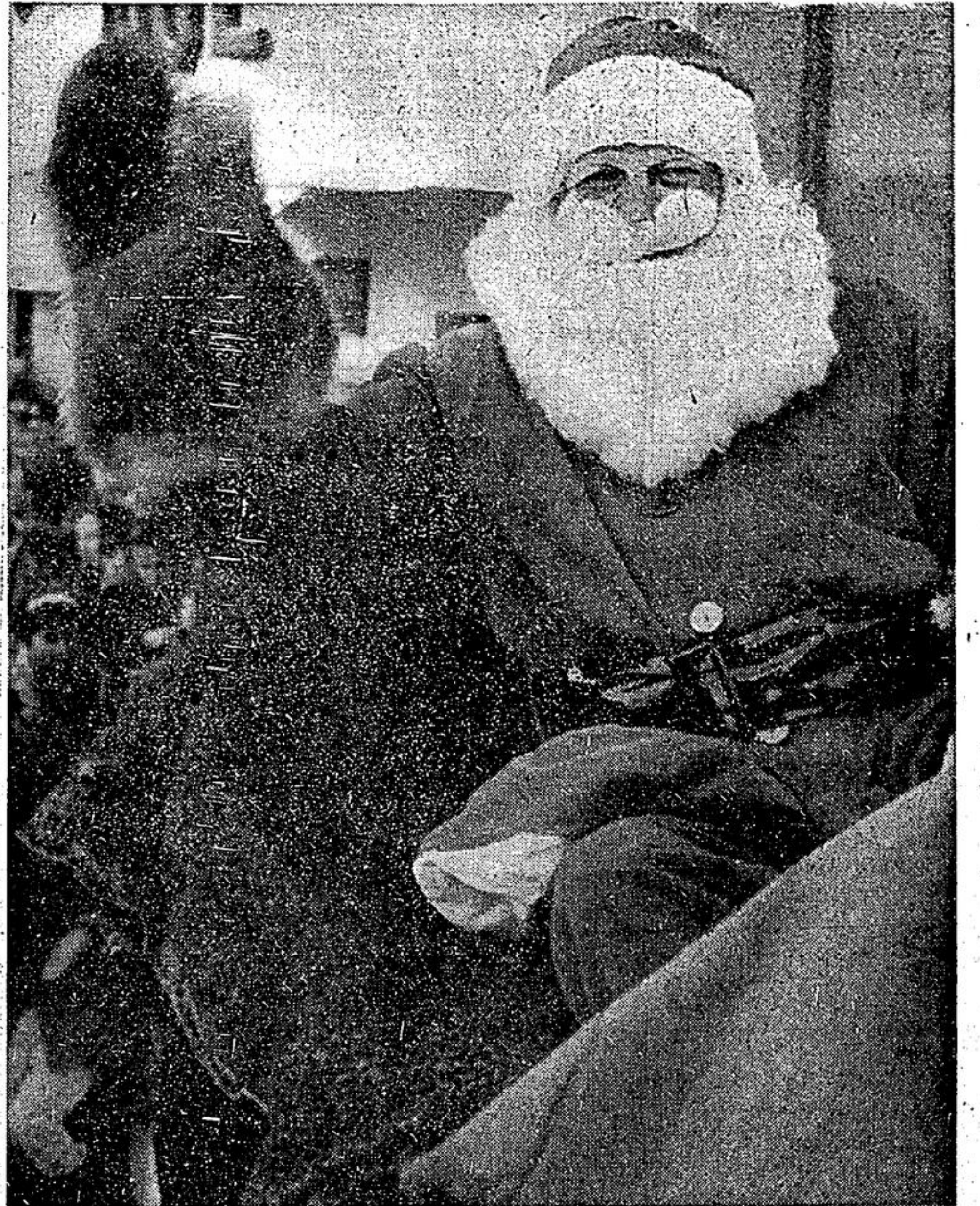
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The always-colorful Markham District High School girls' bugle band, led the twenty-float parade through Claremont on Saturday afternoon. Fine weather attracted a good crowd, in spite of the Grey Cup football classic. The troupe is pictured here as they lined up at the Four Corners on completion of their Main Street march.



The Altona Public School year old Maria Reesor, a grade 4 pupil. Cold, but happy, she sports a broad smile at the float was the most beautiful entry in the entire parade. It was enhanced by pretty nine year old Maria Reesor, a grade 4 pupil. Cold, but happy, she sports a broad smile at the Tribune cameraman.



No Christmas parade would be complete without Santa Claus. The hundreds of children who lined the highway route were not disappointed. He distributed over 800 bags of candy from his well-packed sack. He took up his usual location in front of Ken Ward's garage.

Acquit Hunter Of Pointing Gun

A 30-year-old Toronto man, Gino Giusti, Carlaw avenue, charged with pointing a firearm at a Pickering Twp. resident, was acquitted when he appeared in Whitby police court last week. He told the court through an interpreter that he had not pointed the gun nor had the gun been loaded.
Ross Derrick, of Elizabeth St., Pickering Twp., said that he had observed the accused and two other men on his property, all three carrying guns.
He said that he walked over to them to tell them they were not allowed to hunt, and as he spoke to them, the accused raised the muzzle of his shotgun to point it at him. He had then called police.
He told the court that he had had considerable trouble from hunters and on one occasion a window had been shot out of his house.
"There are a lot of bullets flying around there," he said.
The accused's brother Frank and the accused, both told the court that at no time had accused pointed his gun at Derrick nor had accused warned him to not stand too close.
In dismissing the charge, Magistrate Frank Ebbs told Giusti he would recommend that he not go back to that district of Pickering at all.

GREENWOOD NEWS

The W.M.S. for the circuit met at the home of Mrs. L. Waltham, Kinsale, on Thursday afternoon of this week.
Rev. T. Fleetham preached his usual good sermon last Sunday morning to a large congregation. The men's choir sang two numbers and was much appreciated.
The Afternoon W.A. will meet on Thursday, Dec. 10th at the home of Mrs. I. McLean. Group 2 has the worship service, and the Roll Call is "Christmas". Please bring a donation for the Christmas cheer boxes, also we are catering to the sale of John Middleton on Dec. 12th.
The Evening W.A. will hold their meeting at Mrs. A. Gardner's home on Wednesday night the 9th of December.
Pleased to report that Linda Eastwood is back at school, after being out with a cold, for a few weeks.
Mrs. A. Morden's sister and brother, of Hamilton, were with her last Tuesday. She was feeling some better on the weekend.
Wesley, Sadler returned home from the Oshawa Hospital one day last week and is feeling much improved in health.
Miss Elva Stearman is off duty at the school this week, due to an infection in her foot. Mrs. L. Wilson is supplying for her.
The C. McTaggart and Wm. Brown families attended a birthday party at Donovan Appleby's home in Toronto last Saturday in honor of his mother, Mrs. Rodd Appleby.
Mr. and Mrs. Grenfell Wilson visited at the Stanley Byers home last Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pegg of Markham visited at the Wm. Pegg home last Sunday afternoon.
The Farm Forum met at the home of Milton and Mrs. Pegg last Monday and the topic for discussion was "Farmers in the Market Place".
Mr. Milton Pegg is installing a milking parlour in his barn, the first one in this community.
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brooks of Scarborough were visitors at their parents' home last Sunday.
The only lot some persons are content with is a lot more.

Claremont District News

We regret to report that Mr. Levi Linton is presently confined to the Ajax Hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds and family of Toronto were visitors in the village on Saturday and viewed the parade in the afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lehman and family of Brooklin visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Lehman on Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Reynolds visited with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Reynolds in Bowmanville on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mason of Scarborough were Saturday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norton.
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Morley and family of Scarborough visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morley on Saturday.
Toronto friends were visitors at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boniface and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ortiz on Saturday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Beelby were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beelby.
Miss Pat Welsh of Toronto spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Welsh. She arrived home on Friday evening and attended the parade on Saturday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Burnett and family of Hespeler spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGrath.
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cooper are enjoying a two week vacation in the southern United States.
Mr. Ken Dean of Dorset was a weekend visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Harold Dean.
The Christmas program of the Goodfellowship Class will be held Dec. 8 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Cresswell. Mrs. Peddie and Mrs. W. Davis will be responsible for the music and program. The Roll Call is to be answered by a verse containing the word Joy.
The Women's Institute are holding their meeting a week earlier this month as is the custom in December. Mrs. McConnell will demonstrate wrapping parcels. Mr. Carnegie will bring the Christmas message. The Roll Call is to be answered with a Christmas thought. The date is Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m.
The program and lunch committee are — Mrs. R. Jackson, Mrs. W. Lehman and Mrs. J. Ward.
Mr. Samarillo suffered a fall off his horse that he was riding in the parade on Saturday. He injured his knee and suffered body bruises. Another accident occurred to Mrs. Samarillo's mother, Mrs. Willis. She suffered a fall outside the bank while waiting for the parade to start. She tore the ligaments in her arm.
On Saturday evening, Nov. 28, a number of Legion members went to Oshawa to attend the Zone Rally. They were — Messrs. F. Hollingshead, J. Lehman, J. Rennie, A. Hewlett, B. Norton and J. McGuire. Other Legions represented were from Ajax, Port Perry, Uxbridge, Bowmanville and Dunbarton.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Gliddon and Lynn and Calerie Rennie spent Sunday in Toronto at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Udel.

Toronto visitors at the Samarillo home following the parade on Saturday were Mrs. B. Willis, Mrs. N. Hill, Mrs. J. Cushman and Mrs. T. McKay. Weekend visitors were Ralph Hill and Kent Carleton.
The monthly meeting of the W.M.S. will be held in the Sunday School Room of the United Church on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. F. Carson and Mrs. F. Ward will be in charge of the program. Roll call is to be answered with a Christmas thought or verse. Associate members will be guests of the society at this meeting.
The Woman's Association met Wednesday, Nov. 25, with Mrs. Carson presiding. Mrs. Peddie read the Scripture. Mrs. McConnell read the topic, the theme being "Therefore Stand". Mrs. H. Johnson gave a lovely musical selection, "Home Sweet Home. Our immediate Past President, Mrs. Peddie presided for the election of officers for 1960, which are as follows:
Pres., Mrs. R. Ward; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Wallace; Secty., Mrs. R. Redshaw; Assistant Secty., Mrs. L. Pugh; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Reynolds; Organist, Mrs. C. Devitt; Assistant organist, Mrs. W. Evans; Visiting Committee headed by Mrs. H. McIntyre; Flower Comm., Mrs. T. Hammond and Mrs. W. Lehman; Group Conveners, Mrs. Carl Norton and Mrs. B. Hanthorn; Manse Comm., Mrs. H. McIntyre and Mrs. G. Gauslin; Buying Comm., Mrs. Tomlinson and Mrs. McConnell.
Mrs. McConnell spoke on a Red Cross Course on Friendly Visiting, and is hoping to make it a Community effort.

Editor's Mail

Claremont, Ont.
Tribune Editor,
Stouffville, Ont.
Dear Sir:
I would appreciate receiving some space in your paper to air a complaint that I have held for the past number of years. It would appear that every Christmas, the Pickering Township Council become very liberal with their funds and present each and every employee with a turkey. The trouble with such a policy, as I see it, is that Council is playing Santa Claus with the taxpayers' money — yours and mine.
I could name dozens of deserving families right around Claremont who will not be fortunate enough to have a Christmas turkey on their table. It is these same people who will be helping to pay for the Christmas dinners of Pickering Twp. employees who are well able to pay for their own.
It may be the custom of private firms to present their staff members with pre-Christmas bonuses but unfortunately, the operations of a municipal government cannot be classed in the same line of business. I do not know what the practice is in other municipalities, nor do I really care. I do know, however, that the cost of this practice is over \$400.
I feel that Council is being overly generous with OUR money. No doubt, the Welfare Officer could find many an empty oven in homes throughout the township where such a gift would be gratefully received. I doubt if any of the municipal employees are so hard-pressed for funds that they cannot provide their own Christmas dinners.
— A TAXPAYER
The drug manufacturers are doing their full share to help dispose of Uncle Sam's cotton surplus. They're filling the bottles half with pills and half with cotton.

Claremont Boy Wins TV Set: To Sell Pony By Auction On Friday

Sixteen year old John Torrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Torrence, Claremont, was the winner of a portable television set at the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday afternoon. He held the first prize ticket. He selected the T.V. rather than a Shetland pony. The winner was given a choice of either prize. The choice didn't meet the approval of a younger member in the Torrence household. Eight year old Allan told the Tribune that he would have preferred the pony.
"I don't know why he picked the television," he said, "I wanted the pony." He said that he had had his eye on the pony prior to the parade. "I was with it most of the time before my brother's ticket was drawn," he said. He told the Tribune that his father had two farm work horses but no ponies.
The pony will be sold by public auction on Friday night at eight o'clock. The sale will be held at Cooper's showroom store on the east side of the Main Street.
The second prize ticket was held by Freddie Peddie of Claremont. He was presented with a \$30 order of groceries. A third prize rod and reel went to Mrs. Myrtle Lee of Peterboro. The fourth prize, an electric soldering iron, was won by Mrs. Phyllis Desjardins of Claremont. Three of the four prizes were won by Claremont residents.
Although the Grey Cup football classic retained a certain section of the adult audience, the colourful parade attracted a fine crowd. More than twenty individual floats comprised the lengthy procession. It was led by the Markham District High School bugle band. The Claremont brass band was also in

attendance and was well received. Perhaps the most beautiful float in the entire parade was entered by the Altona Public School. It was awarded first prize in class of 40 pupils and over. The Altona school has gained a reputation for excellent float entries in past years. In the under 40 pupil class, Cedar Creek came first and Mt. Pleasant placed second. School entries were down in numbers this year.
Bob Hockley's circus float was awarded the Sarco silver cup. The Guides, the Scouts and the Brownies were awarded prizes in that order. Mr. Sherry's highly polished cutters brought much favourable comment from the crowd.
The last Saturday in November has been set aside for the annual Claremont parade in order not to conflict with Stouffville's date.