

Put Artificial Ice Arena To Vote Urges Pickering Deputy-Reeve

Pickering Twp. deputy-reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson has suggested that no action should be taken on the erection of a multi-thousand dollar artificial ice arena in the municipality without first putting the proposal before a vote of the people. Mrs. McPherson made her thoughts on the project known at a meeting of the township recreation committee last week. She agreed that there was a need for such an enterprise but felt the matter should be put in the form of a question on a plebiscite.

Mr. W. J. Greening argued that if such a scheme was to be promoted, it would be better if the rink was enclosed rather than open. This plan was supported by Mr. Donald Beer with the suggestion that an artificial ice plant could be added at a later time.

Discussed Before Mrs. McPherson noted that the arena proposal was not entirely new since it had been discussed on some previous occasions. She said she understood the project would be delved into more thoroughly at a special meeting at some future date. "The children are not developing in the township as well as they should," said Mr. Hopkins "because there is not opportunity for them all."

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Facts and Figures. Councillor Ross Deakin argued that the people could not advance much intelligent thinking on the subject until they were provided with the facts and figures that could be gained only through a thorough study. "Surely the Council does not have to wait for a clamour from the ratepayers before they take some action," he said.

recreational activities such as track and field, swimming, handicrafts, etc. were neglected. He also blamed parents for their lack of interest in their children's activities. He contended that Canadian children should be able to compete on a par with athletes in other countries.

"I think the number of kids playing hockey in Canada out-matches any," said Mr. Hopkins. "They can play up Sweden and Russia but they cannot match the training the children are getting, around here."

Suggests Picnic For Township Employees

A municipal picnic for Pickering Twp. employees and their families, the first of its kind, has been proposed by deputy-reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson. She introduced the plan at the conclusion of a council meeting on Monday night.

The date, although not finalized, will likely be on a Saturday afternoon in late June. The site of the gathering, a number in the hundreds, will likely be in one of the township's conservation parks. Mrs. McPherson contended that it would afford the employees, their families and the council members an opportunity to meet in an informal and friendly get-together.

"I think it's an excellent idea," said Reeve, Sherman Scott.

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Hospital Supt. Annie Forgie Recalls 1918-19 Flu

Miss Annie Forgie, presently convalescing in Fairview Lodge, Whitby, marked her 87th birthday on Dec. 25th. Well on the road to recovery following an accident in her Claremont home, June 7th of last year, she finds plenty of time to think back over a long and rewarding career that has taken her to many points in both Canada and the United States. Miss Forgie suffered a double fracture of her right leg in a fall last summer.



Miss Forgie is both a qualified nurse and a public school teacher. She received her early schooling in Claremont and later attended high school at Whitby and Ingerside, Toronto. On completion of a year at Toronto Normal School she took a 4-room school at Creemore. There was some sickness at her parent's home and this resulted in Miss Forgie leaving the teaching profession to enter training to be a nurse. She graduated from the Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, New York in 1903. Her efficiency was known to the medical profession and she was made an Instructor of Nurses in Eastern New York and in 1910 she organized a nurses training school in Lethbridge, Alberta. As a graduate R.N., a day's

pay was \$2.50 and out of this amount, she was required to pay for her room and laundry. "We didn't get wealthy," she said.

Hundreds Died Miss Forgie was the Superintendent at the Guelph General Hospital when the flu epidemic of 1918 struck a wide area. She recalled how 75% of the nurses in the Guelph hospital were stricken and two died. The few nurses that were left worked from 18 to 24 hours per day. Outside volunteers, many of them school teachers, were brought in to bolster the skeleton staff. "Some cities were hit worse than others," she recalled, "but Guelph was one of the worst." She remembered how one family of six was stricken down with the epidemic and the father and mother both died. Where possible, patients were treated in their homes as the accommodation of the Guelph hospital was taxed to the limit.

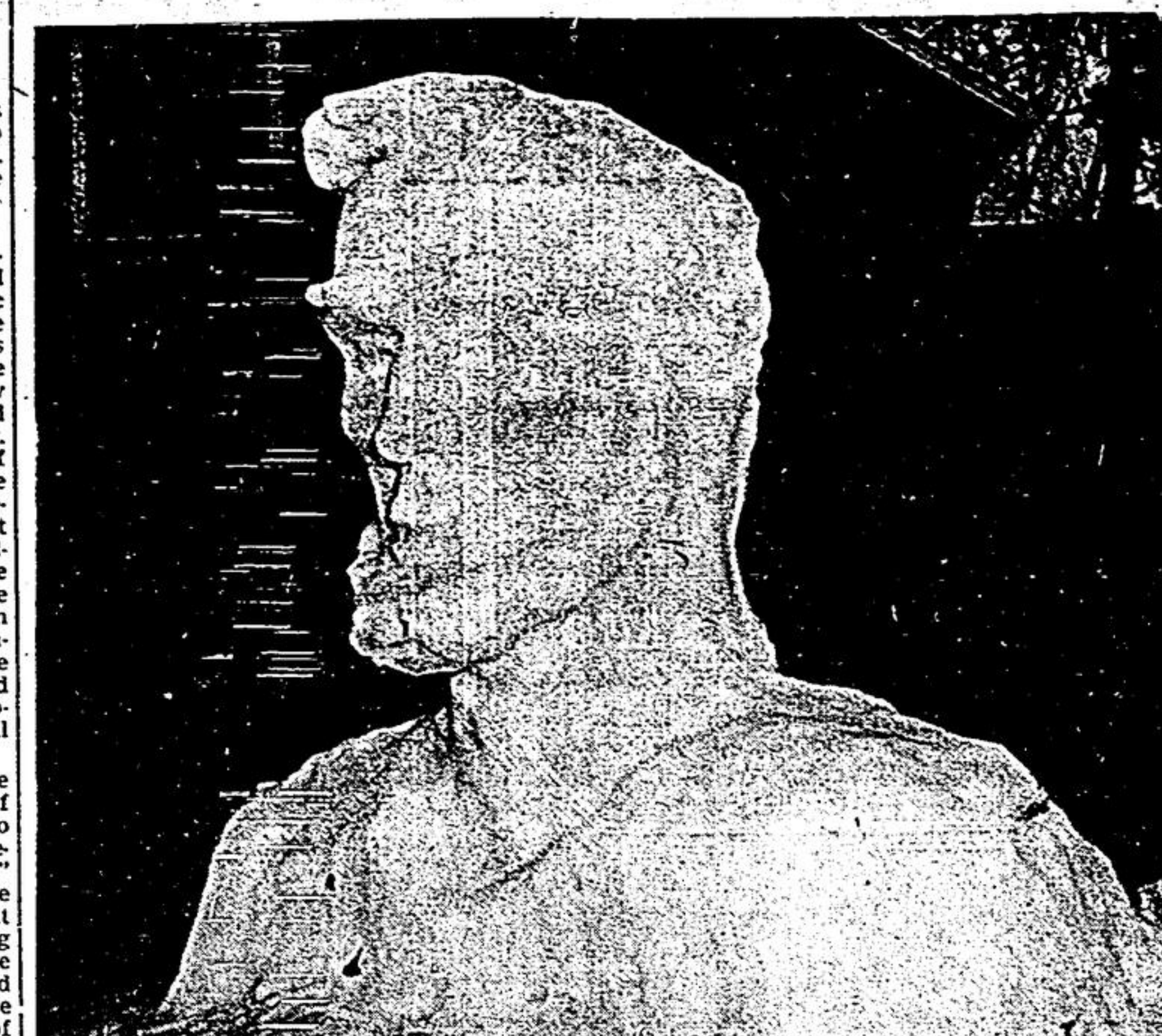
Miss Forgie was one of the many who, after long hours of continuous work, was also stricken by the disease. "I recall the end of World War I," she said, "I could hear all the noise but I didn't know what it was all about." The following year, a second epidemic broke out, known as intestinal flu and for a second time, Miss Forgie was stricken down. Many of the cases contracted pneumonia that only added to the seriousness of her condition. "Treatment was not so modern in those days," she noted.

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Miss Forgie's sunny nature is like a ray of sunshine in her room at Fairview Lodge. Although completely satisfied with the care and comforts of the Lodge, she is looking forward to the day when she may once again return to her Claremont home.

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Sculpture In Snow



The startling likeness of former U.S. President, Abraham Lincoln, sculptured out of snow, has attracted the attention of residents in the Pickering Township community of Greenwood. The image was created by two

young township artists, Wm. Lishman, 23, Westney Road, and Brian MacKenzie, 22, Brock Road. The snow-moulded model is located on the premises once occupied by Mr. Walter Wilson, well-known village blacksmith.

The men have rented the old Wilson shop where they fashion their sculptured works from wood and clay. They hope to restore the smithy shop to its original condition of several years ago. —Staff Photo.

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AUDLEY

(Mrs. Fred Puckrin) Ten ladies attended the first meeting of the Audley U.C.W. in the church. Mrs. G. Astley conducted the business. Mrs. Bob Pardon was named as supply secretary to replace Mrs. J. Cowling. The roll call was "Benignity." Mrs. Bob Pardon led the worship service, assisted by Mrs. E. Murray and Mrs. Bert Guthrie. Mrs. Fred Puckrin gave a story "New Year Resolution" from the book "In the Shadow of the Nine Dragons." The annual reports were given. The president led a discussion on U.C.W. activities during the past year and the possibilities for this year. Refreshments were served.

An Explorers group has been organized, the first meeting being held last Tuesday afternoon at the home of the lady, Mrs. Fred Puckrin. All girls in the community from 9 to 12 are invited to attend. Mr. Kenneth Thompson; Vancouver, called on his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Pratt on Sunday. Mr. Lorne Saunders is ill in Ajax Hospital. Mrs. S. Wonnacott and Mrs. Wm. H. Guthrie are still in Oshawa Hospital. A number of children are still confined to their homes with mumps while many adults and children have been indisposed, with sore throats and colds.

Question Need For Rail Road Crossing Signals At Audley

The need for automatic signals for the level crossing at Audley in Pickering Township was questioned by some members of council at a regular meeting on Monday night. The installation of a warning device was recommended by a coroner's jury following the death of a motorist last year. It was estimated that the signal could cost \$10,000 or more. "There are lots worse crossings in the township," noted Reeve, Sherman Scott. "It is one of the best," agreed councillor Milton Mowbray. Reeve Scott observed that the danger at Audley could not compare with the hazard presently in existence on the Greenwood Road.

Deputy-reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson agreed that there was good visibility from both the north and the south. Councillor Mowbray pointed out that there was some question whether signals would have made any difference at the time of the fatal crash. "I feel that there are other crossings in the township where signals are more urgently needed," he said.

SCOUT CUB NEWS

The First Brock-Pickering Cub-Scout group committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gibson on Sunday evening. Fourteen persons were present. The officers for 1963 are as follows—Chairman, Mr. V. Perkins; Vice Chairman, Mr. V. Gibson; Treasurer, Mr. G. Wilson; Secretary, Mrs. B. Donaldson; Corr. Secretary, Mrs. J. Gibson. At the conclusion of the business, a lovely lunch was served by the hostess. The next group meeting will be held on Feb. 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradshaw.

The 1st Pickering-Brock Cubs and Scouts will hold a paper drive on Saturday, Feb. 9th, weather permitting.

Freda Draper 1963 President Brooklin Jr. Inst.

Miss Freda Draper of Alia is the new President of the Brooklin Junior Institute for 1963. The first meeting was held in the Brooklin Hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 10th. Fourteen girls were present.



Other members of the '63 executive include—Past President, Evelyn Jones, Vice President, Shirley Dunkeld; Secretary, Marilyn Downey; Directors, Marie Draper, Betty Jean Tran, Carolyn Ham, Lois Downey and Helen Roberts. Crown Pie Queen The project for the meeting required each girl to bring a two-crust pie for judging. The judge was Elsie Werry, Oshawa R.R. 1. Carol Morris and Linda Hoskins were selected to demonstrate the making of pie dough.

First prize went to Marie Draper. She was crowned "Queen of the Pies". Runners-up in the contest were—Joanne Draper and Shirley Dunkeld. The completed pie projects were served for lunch.

Miss Linda Johnson has the Chicken Pot. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner spent Friday in Bobcaygeon visiting relatives. Mrs. Earl Anderson and Murray, Claremont, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Balsam, spent Wednesday at the Jones'. Other callers were Mr. Joe Johnson, Brooklin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones called on Mr. and Mrs. George Rickett, Sunday evening. The smart girl tells her flatterer that his line is out of order. An educator says that children today don't learn geography. It's pretty hard to study something that won't hold still.

Mrs. Carruthers Heads Farm Safety Council

The annual meeting of the Ontario County Farm Safety Council was held in the Department of Agriculture Office, Uxbridge, on Thursday, Jan. 10th. The projects carried out during 1962 were reviewed. These projects included educational meetings on Farm and Home Safety, a Farm and Home Safety Poster Competition with rural school pupils. A total of 340 safety posters were submitted. A 4-H Automotive and Farm Safety Club. Distribution of Farm Tractor and Equipment Flags. Distribution of Booklet "Farm Implements on Ontario's Highways." Distribution of Farm Safety Posters.

Mr. Harold Wright, Department of Agricultural Engineering, O.A.C., and Farm Safety Specialist for the Province, addressed the meeting. He outlined some of the safety projects that have been carried out successfully in the Province this year. He stated that the Provincial Farm Safety Council would emphasize "Rural Highway Safety" this year, since more farm people were killed last year in highway accidents, than in accidents on the farm. The Ontario County Farm Safety Council was supported financially in 1962 by grants from the Province of Ontario, the Ontario County Federation of Agriculture, the Ontario County Co-op Medical Services, and a number of Townships in the County.

GREENWOOD

The Farm Forum meeting was held Monday night at the home of John and Mrs. Kingstone. The topic for discussion was "A World of Opportunity." The Sunday School meeting will be held at the parsonage on Monday night the 21st of Jan. all those interested in Sunday School work are invited. Unit II of the U.C.W. met last Wednesday evening in the basement of the church. Several members of Unit I were our guests. Mrs. H. Middleton is in charge of the worship service. Rev. Fleetham showed a film entitled "Reason for Being." Lunch was served by Unit II. Next meeting will be at Mrs. Morden's home. A number in the community have been victims of the flu this past week.

Sorry to report that Mr. Gerald Henning hasn't been feeling his best this past while back.

UXBRIDGE PICKERING TP. NEWS

Claremont

Mr. and Mrs. William Gliddon attended the funeral of Mrs. Gliddon's aunt, Mrs. F. Kerr in Toronto last Tuesday. Mr. David Dawson of Toronto visited on Thursday with his sister, Mrs. Joe Empringham. Mr. Jack Norton is at present in Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. There was a good attendance when the Golden Age Group met at the home of Mrs. Harold Dean on Tuesday afternoon. The members enjoyed an afternoon of games and cards. Miss Leona Hanthorn has been on the sick list the past week due to a throat infection. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor left on Saturday morning for a motor trip to Florida. They expect to be away for two weeks. Mrs. H. G. McIntyre is confined to bed at the home of her sister, Miss May Brown in Toronto. Mrs. Ethel Vint has taken up residence in the Ward apartment bldg. on the corner. The combined groups of the United Church Women are serving a supper in the Sunday School Room of the United Church on January 22nd at 6 p.m. followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting. The afternoon unit of the U.C.W. will meet at the home of Mrs. Robert Barton on Thursday, Jan. 24th at 2 p.m. The combined units of the U.C.W. are holding a Tupperware demonstration at the home of Mrs. R. Barton on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kerr and

GREEN RIVER

Sorry to hear that Mr. Walter Milne is not well and is confined to bed. Donny and Judy Barrett of Brougham spent Saturday night at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter. Sorry to hear that Mrs. P. Cator is confined to the Scarborough Hospital; also Mrs. V. Postill is not well. Pleasured to hear that Mrs. J. Davies is able to be home after her stay in the Brierbush hospital. Glad to know that Mr. L. Pegg is progressing as well as can be expected following his recent accident.

ALTONA

Gordon and Donald Jeffrey of Stouffville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Aylward. The Altona Sunday School is having its annual skating party (tonight) Thursday, Jan. 17th at Atkinson's Deer Park outdoor rink. Hope to see you there! Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lehman of Giles and Misses Louie and Mabel Hoover of Stouffville were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lehman. Congratulations to the Lehmans who recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary with dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Norman Neal of Stouffville at which all their family were present. Miss Shirley Lewis of Oshawa was a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis and family over the weekend. This is your invitation to attend a community shower for Mr. and Mrs. Ron Roberts (nee Jean Noble) in Glasgow School this Saturday evening, Jan. 19th.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Barbara Carson who completed her sixth 4-H Homemaking Club Unit, Saturday Jan. 5, at the Port Perry Public School. Besides receiving the regular Sterling Silver teaspoon for completing one unit and the certificate for every two units, she was presented with a County Honours Certificate and Pin with the 4-H Homemaking Club Crest. Barbara is a grade eleven student at the Pickering District High School.

GLEN MAJOR

Mrs. Wm. Hopkins Sr., Walter and Hilda of Ashburn, visited on Sunday with the Jones'. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, Newmarket, visited on Sunday with Mrs. Wm. Floss and Edgar. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. J. A. Hingston. The Glen Major Church Auxiliary will hold their meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the home of Mrs. Delma Nokes. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones called on Mrs. Walter Biggs, Oshawa, one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner visited Mrs. Glen Taylor, Oshawa, one day last week. The meetings will be held in the Sunday School room of the church here at 7:45 p.m.

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