

Form Centennial Choir In Pickering Township

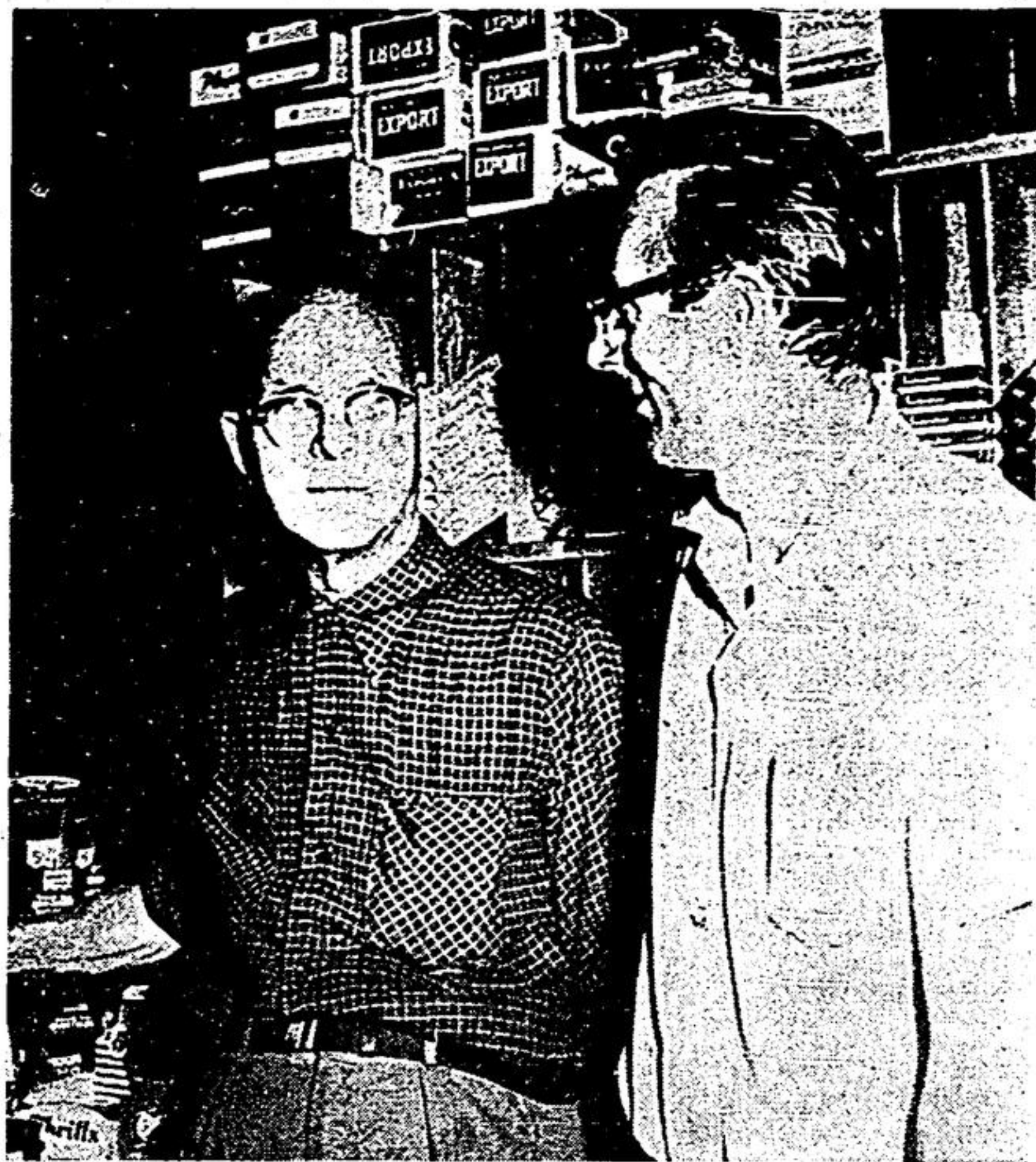
CLAREMONT — A Centennial choir has been formed in the Township of Pickering with the membership to date numbering 200 students. The Director is Mr. William Bush.

Schools represented in the group are — Brock Road, Brougham, Cherrywood, Greenwood, Green River, Whitevale, Lincoln Avenue, Holy Redeemer, St. Francis de Sales and Claremont.

The choir will be available to perform at public functions throughout the Centennial year of 1967.

A Centennial Women's Committee has been set up to look after business arrangements and a grant from the Centennial Fund has been received.

Registration and first rehearsal was held on Saturday in Lincoln Avenue Public School, Pickering Village. No practices will be held during July or August but rehearsals will resume in September.



Sells Store After 43 Years

Mr. Charles Watson (left), owner of Watson's Store for 43 years, discusses the business with the new owner, Mr. Eli Cooper. Mr. Cooper and his wife purchased the building recently bringing to an end the half-century career of Mr. Watson. The new owners will take over the Goodwood store completely when an official postmaster has been appointed.

—Staff Photo.

Memorial Day Service Success

GREEN RIVER — The Memorial Day Service, conducted by Rev. Fliescher, was a success. Many persons from the district were in attendance. Songs were sung by Mrs. B. Draper and Mrs. T. Hassall. Following the service, a number of friends and relatives held a picnic supper at the Duncan home.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Brass on the arrival of an infant daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seebeck have returned from a one-month vacation to the west coast.

Mrs. J. Nighswander entertained a few friends on Thursday evening in honour of Miss Bray who will be leaving for her home in England shortly.

The regular church service during the month of

July will be held here in connection with a joint service with Trinity Baptist, Whitevale at 11 a.m.

The Daily Vacation Bible School will be held in the Whitevale Public School from July 18 to 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 each morning. Anyone wishing more particulars, please contact Mrs. J. Irwin, Whitevale.

In baseball, the senior boys softball team won the Area #1 School championship by defeating Hilltop in the playoffs 8-2. The Midgets downed Brock Road 15-3 in North Pickering Recreation Softball but lost to Brougham 18-6. In Peewee play, the Rebels with Ken Graham as pitcher lost a close one to Greenwood 10-8. The squirts won their first game by defeating Claremont 7-5. Steve White was the winning pitcher.

Glen Major News

GLEN MAJOR — The community was deeply shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. A. C. Simmonds on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Middleton, Claremont spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Hingston and family spent the weekend with Mr. J. A. Hingston.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Floss and Sharon, Mrs. Charles Floss, Mr. Edgar Floss, Miss Hazel Jones attended the

35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jones at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones, Pickering.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and family, Brooklin, visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biggs and family, Mr. Cecil Walls, Oshawa spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner, motored to Port Elgin on Monday.

New Hexagonal School For West Rouge Area

WEST ROUGE — A cluster of hexagonal classroom units surrounding a central core of auditorium and administration area is the basic design of the first public school of its kind in the province of Ontario.

Designed by architect William Saccoccio for the Pickering Township Public School Area No. 2 Board of Trustees, the school will be constructed this summer for completion by December, 1966. It is located on East Avenue in the West Rouge area of Pickering Township.

Apart from its design, the new school will be the first in the province to bear the name of Ontario's Education Minister, William G. Davis.

"The Trustees felt that a school designed to meet the most modern techniques in teaching and to have such built-in flexibility as this one has to meet new teaching demands of the future, should bear the name of the man most responsible for the tremendous advance in educational programs and facilities in the province — the minister, Mr. Davis," said Kenneth D. Munroe, the School Board's Superintendent.

Another interesting facet of the new school is that its first Principal is to be the only woman Principal in the Board Area. Mrs. Elizabeth

Phin has been a Principal with the Area Board for many years. "I am extremely pleased that the Board has honoured me with the principalship of such an exciting new venture in education," she said at the unveiling of plans for the building.

Chairman of the Board, Mr. T. R. VanHouten, said Mrs. Phin had the respect and confidence of the Board and officials. "We all know her capacity for teaching and her skill in adapting to new ideas in education. In addition, we believe she will be able to communicate the new techniques to parents and staff."

The new techniques are based largely on large and small group instruction supplemented by electronic teaching aids. The school's initial eight classrooms are partitioned and can be made into any number of shapes and sizes from one to eight rooms. The design permits extra classroom clusters to be built when need arises. Mechanical and electrical services are installed in preparation for an expected addition of eight rooms within the next two years.

'Time To Retire' Says Charles Watson

GOODWOOD — After a man spends 43 years operating a store that sells everything, and taking care of a post office that serves a village, he is entitled to a rest. So, Charles Watson, owner of Watson's Store for nearly half a century, is going to do just that.

It was December 1, 1923, when Charles Watson decided to go into the store-keeping business, because "I thought I might like it." The store he had purchased was actually two businesses in one. In the front, the essential goods were sold, while behind a partition in the rear, was a youngster's delight — an ice cream parlour.

Since he first bought the building, many alterations have been made. In 1933, the post office became part of the surroundings, and since its opening, time off was pretty hard to enjoy.

Mr. Watson recalled Goodwood as a hive of activity in the earlier years, when farmers brought their goods to the railroad depot.

"Train travel was the only practical transportation,"

he said, "and wagons were lined up from the station to the road."

Food prices, he remembered, were much lower than they are today. Bread sold for about nine or ten cents a loaf, and other goods were similarly priced.

"Today, food prices are higher than they have ever been," Mr. Watson stated.

IT'S SIMPLE TODAY
A storekeeper's job, years ago, was more difficult than it is today. Everything is packaged now, and to get a total you just turn to the adding machine. There is not as much credit today as there was in the thirties.

As the times changed, stores throughout the country were keeping up with them. Super-markets and chain stores flourished, while the one-man operation died out. The Watson establishment felt the change. People went to the shopping centres purchasing odds and ends, for most of their needs, and used the smaller stores for there were some people, however, who did remain faithful to the little shop.

One such customer, Mrs. T. Maye has entered the Watson store practically every week for the last forty years.

Attached to the store, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Watson. It was included in the sale when the transaction was completed, although the Watsons are still living there. The couple will stay and help the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Cooper. Since a postmaster must be appointed by authorities in Ottawa, Mr. Watson cannot leave until this move is made. At present, the Coopers can only act as helpers in the postal department until official word is received.

The Watsons are hoping to find residence somewhere in the Stouffville-Uxbridge area.

There was a time, about fifteen or twenty years ago, when Mr. Watson knew just about everyone between Goodwood and Stouffville. Now, he knows about half of them. "Times have really changed," he said.

Leaving the store will be about the biggest change time has made in the life of Charles Watson.

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Margaret Coughlin Is 'All-Round Girl' In Lemmonville Ogit

LEMONTVILLE — The Lemmonville C.G.I.T. presented their Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet in Lemmonville United Church. Head table guests were: Rev. and Miss E. McCrea, Rev. and Mrs. R. Inglis, Dr. and Mrs. S. Crouch, Mr. H. MacPherson, C.G.I.T. President Sharon Flewell and Mrs. R. Flewell. Other special guests were Mrs. W. Barber, Mrs. T. Carley, Mrs. W. Atkinson, and Miss Leslie Wilson, who is a United Church Deaconess at the Fred Victor Mission.

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Wednesday visitors with Mrs. M. Turner were Mrs. K. Hutchison and Mrs. D. Gibson.

Miss Gerda Douma spent the weekend with the Schaper family in Ajax.

Mrs. M. Turner travelled to Cooksville Tuesday to visit with her new baby nephew, Brit Robinson John Peer and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Peer, and Mrs. Hilda Sandstrom of Lewisville, N.Y.

Children taking part in the Recital Thursday at the Church were George and Susie Hirsch, Christine Wells, Margaret Nauta, Martin and Paul Nauta, and Debbie Chamberlain. All are pupils of Mrs. S. McCleary.

Many thanks to the community for the response to White Gift Sunday and the call for clothing. The clothing has been sorted and together with the food has been delivered to the Fred Victor Mission.

Meet all your neighbours at the Lemmonville United Church for Strawberry Festival on Wednesday, July 6, 5:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nauta. Tickets are available from church members for \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents 6-12 yrs. and preschoolers free. (Continued on Page 9)

United Church Sunday School Holds Picnic In Stouffville Park

MRS. E. D. LONEY
CLAREMONT — The teachers and pupils of the United Church Sunday School enjoyed beautiful weather when they gathered in Stouffville Park on Sunday afternoon, June 19, for their annual picnic. Contests and games of skill enlivened the outing for both adults and children. All preschool children were presented with a balloon on a string. Winners of the races, according to age groups were: Girls, 4-6 yrs., Lorle Watson, Terri Pilkey; boys, Lorne Britton, Ronnie Ward, Girls, 7-8, Collen Maddill, Janice Watson; boys, Howie Jones, David McDonald, Girls, 9-10, Brenda Wilson, Diane Ward; boys, Wayne Norton, George Wallace, Girls 11-12, Patil Maddill, Dorel Britton; boys, Donnie Norton, Ernie Anderson. Other events were: Girls under 14 hitting box with ball, Kathy McGregor; boys, Wayne Norton tied with Howie Jones. Girls over 14 hitting box with ball, Carol Anderson. Married women, golfing Maureen Ward, Shirley Pilkey; married men golfing, Dave McDonald, Earle Pilkey, Women kicking their shoe, Esther McDonald, Shirley Pilkey; men kicking their shoe, Rev. A. E. Cresswell, Earle Pilkey. Girls kicking their shoe, Brenda Wilson, Dorel Britton; boys kicking their shoe, Donnie Norton, David McDonald. Guessing number of

jelly beans in a jar, Wayne Norton. Guessing humbugs in a jar, Dave McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Robin McKenzie and family spent the weekend at the Davis cottage on Kenisses Lake in Haliburton.

The pupils of Margaret Connelly B.A.T.D., who have been attending her Dance Studio at Kinsale, held a "Happy Feet" recital in the Community Hall Saturday evening, June 25. A large number of pupils in the area took part in the colourful presentation which consisted of exhibitions of Ballet, Jazz, Highland, Irish, Tap and Modern dancing. Particularly fetching and appropriate were the costumes which were outstanding in eye appeal and attractiveness. Local girls who participated were Lennie Pilkey, Laurie Redshaw, Jinny Burt, Laurie Watson, Terri Pilkey, Shelley Ward, Sherry Evans, Fay McAvoy, Christine Evans, Holley Albright and Margaret, Ruth, Anne and Susan Hoskins.

Corrie Almack celebrated his 8th birthday Saturday, June 18, by inviting a number of his friends to a picnic party in the valley of the Almack farm. Fishing in the stream and a baseball game were enjoyed by guests Erling Anonby, Larry Pilkey, Benny Baldwin, Michael Ball, George and Timmy Wallace, Christopher, Robln

and David Stephens and Jimmy Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Flight and Mr. and Mrs. William Owens and family of Toronto called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hollingshead over the weekend to bring them Happy Returns and Best Wishes for many more years of married life. Mr. and Mrs. Hollingshead celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Friday, June 24.

A little bit of fluff from Claremont topped everything at the Kingston Kennel Show held in that city the weekend of June 19. The mighty mite with the big name, Champion Balkaren Tascha, a Maltese Toy Dog, bred and owned by Mrs. Laura Paton, won best dog in the show over 400 other dogs of all breeds. She was also the best Canadian bred dog of all breeds at the show.

After decoration services in Uxbridge Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, six brothers and sisters and their families, a total of 38 altogether, had a picnic supper with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bryant on the lawn of their home. They were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Symes and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Betz of Stouffville, Mr. and Mrs. William McGeechle of Downsview and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Symes, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Symes and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Symes of Claremont.

Mr. Peter C. Graves of London, England, left on Tuesday after a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Almack. Rev. W. C. Almack of Don Mills is with his son and daughter-in-law for a few days. Mrs. Almack spent the weekend in Beamsville with her mother, Mrs. A. Y. Robertson, and on Sunday Miss Margaret Almack went to Kingston where she will represent Pickering High School at the Provincial United Nations Clubs Conference at Queen's University.

Mrs. Roger Brown of New Toronto spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Robertson. Mrs. Brown, the former Marion Norton, will be leaving to join her husband in Washington. He has been there since February. Others present at the farewell gathering included — Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mason and girls of Scarborough; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norton and Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Redman; Mrs. Lloyd Pascoe; Mrs. Earl Wilson, Brenda and Brian and Mr. Keith Norton of Oshawa.

Friends of Mr. Gordon Allman will be interested to learn that he is now in London, England and employed with a brokerage firm there. On June 14, he was married to the former Katherine Givelas of Toronto and are spending two weeks at a villa in Majorca, Spain.

Cathy Pegg, Derek Jones Top Students

GREENWOOD — Cathy Pegg and Derek Jones were presented with athletic awards Tuesday night at the annual grade eight graduation exercises held in the Greenwood Church. Guest speaker, Mr. Chas. McTaggart addressed the students on education. In attendance were parents, teachers and school board members. Unit 2 and 3 of the U.C.W. acted as caterers for the event.

The Sunday School and Congregational Picnic will be held Thursday (today) June 30 at the Claremont Conservation Area beginning at 5 p.m. Bring your own dish and food.

The community welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Smith who have moved into the house on Hwy. #7, previously occupied by the Newsons. The Greenwood Peewee Baseball team won their game against Brock Road recently and will meet the same club again July 4.

Greenwood Church and Sunday School will be closed for the following Sundays: July 23, 31 and August 7, 14. The U.C.W. has purchased a set of reference books dealing with the Bible for the use in the Sunday School.

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