



No matter where you drive during the Christmas holiday period, homes are 'all aglow' with decorative lights. One scenic spot is in the village of Greenwood, the bungalow residence of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Morden and family. —Staff Photo.

Country Homes 'Light Up' For Christmas



The red brick home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown and family near Green River is a pretty sight this holiday season. Christmas lighting is no longer confined to homes in urban areas. —Staff Photo.

In Uxbridge Township

Lack Of Adequate Planning Rapped By O.M.B.

People Not Protected

GOODWOOD — Members of Uxbridge Township Council and Planning Board were 'rapped' by officials of the Ontario Municipal Board in a report handed down following a Hearing held at Goodwood, December 5.

Although an application by Clark T. Muirhead, conc. 6, to prohibit the establishment and operation of gravel pits in a defined area of 2,800 acres was refused, the report drew attention to the seriousness of a situation that had been created through a lack of proper zoning bylaws. "If a municipality, rural or not, intends to allow development of urban growth within its boundaries, it should be prepared to meet the obligations imposed by such land use," a portion of the reply read. It called Uxbridge "a classic example" of what can happen when the elected council fails to provide its ratepayers with adequate protection through the application of modern planning techniques.

FINANCIAL BENEFITS — In rejecting the appeal, Messrs. McCrae and Ludgate said that to rule against two gravel firms (Twp. of Pickering) (B.K. M. Developments Limited) and ignore other areas where pits also existed, would take the form of discrimination. "As can be seen, the entire township is pock marked with pits in various stages of operation," the report went on.

O.M.B. officials agreed that township deputy-revee Robert Nesbitt had made the Council's stand on the issue quite clear in that it was a matter of economics to permit the

gravel industry to continue in Uxbridge. "The witness leaves no doubt that his main concern is the financial benefits to the municipality flowing from the operation of the pits."

CONTROL NECESSARY — Messrs. McCrae and Ludgate observed that two members of the Uxbridge Planning Board had agreed that certain controls should be imposed but not outright prohibition. It was noted that on April 18, 1966, a resolution had been sent to the Council calling for the services of a Planning Consultant. The witness stated that Council was unable to follow up the recommendation due

to a lack of funds. The Municipal Board termed the present bylaw as 'rudimentary in its framework'. Officials stated that it was not the function of the O.M.B. to initiate the land use for the municipality.

CLOSER CHECK

Home-owners in the affected area also came under criticism from the Board. It was noted that they obviously had not investigated thoroughly the 'inadequacies of the land use controls' before purchasing their properties. It was stated that any amendment sought would not correct the condition that already existed nor would it prevent other obnoxious use of lands in the defined zone. They termed it "an exercise in futility".

In concluding the report, the decision read — "nothing must be taken to imply that there is not a responsibility upon the elected Council to provide its ratepayers with the ordinary protections through intelligent application of modern planning techniques resulting in a land use bylaw designed to meet the needs of present-day requirements."

News From Atha

MRS. MURRAY DUNKELD — ATHA — We are pleased to report that Mrs. Elwood Johnston was released from hospital in time to be home for Christmas. Mrs. Johnston was quite seriously injured in an auto accident, Oct. 5 on the 9th conc. of Pickering, west of Clarendon. She is now able to get around on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bielby entertained at a birthday celebration Dec. 17. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meyers and family; Mr. Brad Gilbert and family also Brad's mother, Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Don Dunkeld and family. Birthday greetings to Paulette Meyers, Jimmie Gilbert, Douglas Dunkeld and Mrs. Frank Bielby.

Mrs. Gilbert of Nova Scotia is visiting with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Gilbert.

Happy birthday to Nelda Draper, Dec. 14, 4 yrs. old; to her sister Marie (Mrs. Doug Ecklund) and to Bob Tran.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld were guests of honor at an anniversary luncheon held at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Loree, Toronto. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jones, Brooklin; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jones and family, Mt. Zion; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dunkeld and family; Mr. and Mrs. Don Dunkeld and family and Mrs. T. Dunkeld also Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Melton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Meyers.

Mrs. Foster Waggoner with her family and grandchildren held a pre-Christmas dinner at the Masonic Hall, Stouffville, Dec. 18. Mr. Allan Lehman, Whitby visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld and Mrs. T. Dunkeld attended the christening of Linda Evelyn Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jones at Mount Zion church.

Present Awards At United Church Concert

BY ANNE LONEY CLAREMONT — At the Christmas Concert in the United Church Wednesday evening, December 21, awards for attendance at Sunday School during the year were presented to Lorne Britton, Patti Madill, Colleen Madill, Larry Pilkey, Terri Pilkey, Gail Norton and Gordon Lehman.

Ian Davenport of Newmarket is spending a few days as the guest of David Dean.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Britton were Mr. and Mrs. Boden Britton and Miss Ethel Britton of Agincourt. On Boxing Day their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rob Smith and Kim from Agincourt. Tuesday they entertained Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Miles of Clinton and Mr. and Mrs. Elson Miles and family and Mrs. Charles Miles of Milliken.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Symons were in Toronto at a family dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neal had their family for Christmas dinner. They were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott and Christopher, Eddie, Pam and Joanne of Niagara Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neal and Mark of Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Neal with Billy, Stevie and Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ward, Terry and Robin of Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blundell Jr., and Sheryl and Billy were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Blundell, Uxbridge.

Mrs. Raymond Hoyt of Toronto spent Christmas weekend with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Boles.

Dr. N. F. Tomlinson and Mrs. William Tomlinson and daughters, Terri and Janet, had Christmas dinner at Kleinburg Golf Club, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tomlinson. On Boxing Day they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Alan Tomlinson and David from Hamilton and had dinner at the home of Dr. Tomlinson and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Vanstone and Greta spent Christmas in Lindsay with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Moore.

Lynda, Ida and Anne Lehman of Stouffville were holiday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Coppins.

Mr. and Mrs. Mait Anderson and Ray Anderson and Miss Ann Wilson of Peterboro and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Benson of Agincourt were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hopkins and family and Mr. Stan Linton were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hopkins on Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Redshaw had as their guests Mrs. Robert Redshaw, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Redshaw and Greg, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Hill and Barbara and Frank, Mrs. E. Carruthers and Mr. Fred Stephenson.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Almack were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. French and family of Scarborough, Mrs. A. French Sr., Toronto, Mrs. A. Y. Robertson of Beamsville, Rev. W. C. Almack of Don Mills and Mr. Fred Tremmer of Clarendon. On Boxing Day Mr. and Mrs. Almack with Margaret, Robert, Clare and Corrie were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Almack of Don Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barclay's dinner guests on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. William Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hicks of Windsor.

Donald and Bruce Drake are home from University to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Drake. Boxing Day guests at the Drake home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ward and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bryant and Donna spent Christmas with Mrs. Bryant's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William McGeechie of Downsview. Last week another sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Robb and son, Gordon of Toronto, were guests at the Bryant home along with her niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Italo Rama-

dorie of Hamilton.

It was strictly a family dinner Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ward. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Hutton and Mrs. Alice Mackey of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Getz and Molly of Whitby and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward and Linda, Billy and Connie of Clarendon.

Richard Curtis of Waterloo University is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Samarillo and Valerie and Leo had noon dinner on Christmas Day with Mr. Samarillo's mother, Mrs. Teresa Samarillo and family of Toronto and in the evening joined Mrs. Samarillo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Willis and family at a buffet supper. House guests of the Samarillos are Michael Kelly of Norwood and Jim Ross of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor were with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Norton, for Christmas dinner.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wellman were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Binsted, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stickwood and family of Clarendon and Mr. Harry Wellman of Glasgow.

Lorne, Edgar and Milton Prouse had dinner with their sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thom-

as Hammond, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward left on Tuesday morning to spend the winter in California.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hant-horn had their family home for Christmas. They were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burke and family from Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hant-horn and family of Bowmanville, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Voss and family of Hampton and a friend, Mr. Bruce Browning of Orillia. Mr. and Mrs. Hant-horn and Glen spent Boxing Day with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Bowmanville and Leona Hant-horn and Bruce Browning visited with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burke of Scarborough.

Miss Susan Crawford of Victoria University is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Crawford for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Trimble spent Christmas with the Lorne Slutis near Utica on

Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Brown and Wm. Jr., Miss May Brown and Miss Linda Eastwood were with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and family of Brooklin on Sunday evening and with Mr. and Mrs. Rodd Appleby of Townline on Monday evening.

There will be a Watch-Night Service at 11:30 p.m. in the church on Saturday, Dec. 31.

Mrs. Kate Wilson of Whitby spent Christmas with her nieces, Misses Mildred and Gertrude Corbett.

Carol Service Held Christmas Morning

MAY E. BROWN GREENWOOD — The Sunday School and Church held a combined Christmas Carol Service Sunday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Perkin and sons, Scott and Stuart of Flemington, New Jersey are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvine B. Perkin.

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Kennel Approved

ATHA — The Pickering Township Planning Board has given its approval to the operation of a dog kennel on the property of Mr. Jack Jensen, concession 8.

In the application, Mr. Jensen explained that his kennels had previously been attached to the barn but a fire had destroyed the buildings. He is a member of the Canadian Kennel Club.

Mrs. David McDowell, an adjacent owner, expressed no opposition to the issuance of the permit.

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