

Corner Store

An Interesting Historical Building

By ANNE LONEY
 CLAREMONT — This year, Canadians are at last becoming conscious of the fact that we have a country and a history. Familiar things, heretofore overlooked, are now objects of local and historic interest. In the Corner Store, Claremont has what has been described by a student of architecture, as one of the finest examples of 19th century architecture. It has many outstanding features, one of which is the granite trim on its windows and doors which is most unusual.

Mrs. Cliff Reynolds, in her recent talk before the Women's Institute, outlined a bit of the history of this unique building. It was built on a lot purchased July 14, 1851 for \$12, 10s by John Michell who gave the village its name. Twenty-four years later, on July 5, 1875, it was purchased by two brothers, John and Duncan Macnab, who had arrived from Scotland in the 1850's. For many years it was known as the Macnab store. In those days all wares were brought from Toronto by team and sleigh. Butter, eggs, lard, tallow, lumber, shingles, maple sugar, axe handles and candles were transported by farmers to the city market and brought back to the store. Eggs were packed in oat hulls and straw to prevent breakage and as much as 7 tons of butter would be handled during a season from Spring to Fall.

In 1899 when the Macnab brothers retired, the business was transferred to William's son, Peter Sr., and John's two sons, Peter Jr., and Charles. Peter Sr. finally bought out his cousins and for some time conducted the business himself.

The store has changed hands many times since the days of the Macnabs. Among its owners have been Reuben Besse and David Scott who operated it jointly and David Scott who carried on alone. Other names connected with the store were Wilkinson, Mitchell, Lewis, Burtrum and Galloway. Ernie Baker, Fred Mowder and Robert Madill also ran the business at different times. Present owner is Jim Curtis whose grocery and meat business caters to the needs of the village and the surrounding area.

The Evening Group of UCW is holding a meat casserole supper in the basement of the United Church Wednesday, March 22, from 5.30 p.m. until all are served.

Mr. John French of the University of Toronto in

his demonstration of glass blowing in aid of Claremont's Centennial Fund, which will be held in the Community Hall March 29 at 8.00 p.m., will also show about 50 coloured slides depicting the history of the art. Various pieces of blown glass will be auctioned. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Refreshments will be available.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Norton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob MacDonald of Orillia over the weekend.

The death of Mr. Ross Middleton last Thursday has left a gap in the life of the village. He was a well-known and familiar figure for many years.

Mrs. Frank Lloyst is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patt of Willowdale.

Mr. Edgar Prouse has returned to his place of employment with Mr. Joe Forsyth of Balsam after convalescing at the home of his sister, Mrs. Tom Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tompkins have moved to Barrie where Mr. Tompkins is presently employed.

Mr. and Mrs. James French of Scarborough were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Almack. Four year old Ross McLaurin of Uxbridge is staying at the Almack home while his mother, Mrs. Colin McLaurin, is in hospital.

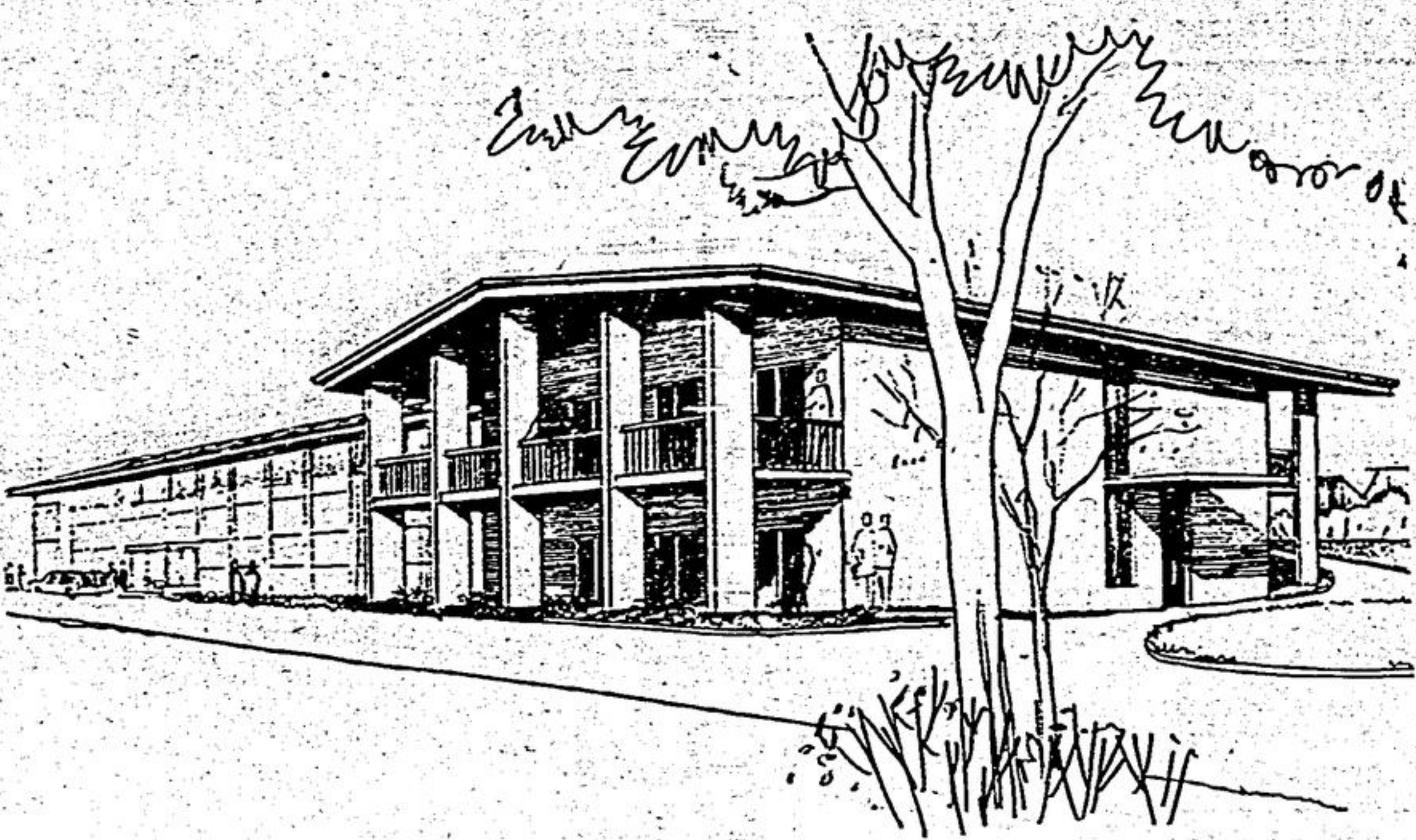
Mrs. A. R. Bate left last week for a holiday in Washington and San Diego, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bryant and Donna of Claremont and Carolyn Bryant and Charles Fortner of Toronto, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. Bryant's aunt, Mrs. Mabel Ross of Uxbridge on Sunday.

Mr. and Leslie Rowe of Stouffville joined their nephew, Mr. Ellis Britton and his family for dinner Saturday evening to celebrate Mrs. Rowe's 80th birthday. On Sunday, the Brittons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Smith and family of Agincourt.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Boyington were: the Misses Marguerite and Frances Bowles of Uxbridge.

There was a lot of fun at the croquinoile and box social party given by the Board of Stewards of the United Church on Wednesday evening. Auctioneer Bill Walker of Unionville kept things going, putting the attractive boxes up for sale. The high box, owned by Mrs. Russell Hamilton, went to Bob Madill. Winners at croquinoile were: ladies 1st, Mrs. William



Announce Fund Drive For Uxbridge Hospital Addition

Beginning March 17, a fund drive will be launched to cover the cost of the recently completed addition to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. The total objective is \$125,000.

4-H Clubs Organize

UXBRIDGE — The 1967 4-H Agricultural Club program will soon be underway in Ontario County. An invitation is extended to Ontario County farm young people to join a 4-H Agricultural Club. Club members must be at least 12 years of age as of January 1, 1967, and under 21 years of age as of December 31, 1967.

4-H clubs will be organized in late March, and concluded in August and September. Club members are required to attend club meetings, carry out a project and compete at an achievement day.

Evans; consolation, Mrs. Bob Madill; men's 1st, Earl Anderson; consolation, Bill Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacDonald of Scarborough were Sunday visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schneider.

The country around the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Taylor is a mecca for skidoo enthusiasts. Among others enjoying the sport recently were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Taylor of Claremont and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hoskins and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lymer of Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chaplin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Warden and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Frydale had dinner on Friday evening at the Silver Dragon, Kingston Road, to celebrate Mrs. Warden's birthday.

The Afternoon Unit of the U.C.W. will entertain the residents at the Claremont Nursing Home, on Thursday, March 23, beginning at 2 p.m. Rev. A. E. Cresswell will be the speaker. The program will be under the leadership of Mrs. Russell Hamilton and Mrs. Frank Carson. Hostesses will be Mrs. Wesley Lehman and Mrs. Ross Middleton.

Family Night At Altona

By ELEANOR BUNKER
 ALTONA — Women's Institute members keep in mind the family night pot luck supper Saturday evening in the Altona Community Centre at 6.30 p.m. Please bring dishes and silver for your own family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis, Larry and Brian of Weston had supper Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Merv Bunker.

"Hats for you" the W.I. sponsored short course is beginning tonight (Thursday) for any of the ladies of the community at the home of Mrs. Colin Williams at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiltz have arrived home after spending 6 weeks in Florida.

This is your invitation to a shower for Stanley Crockford and his bride to be held on Monday evening March 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Shaw of Glasgow.

Homemakers Learn Of Foreign Recipes

By Mrs. ISABEL ANNIS
 BROUGHAM — The 4-H Homemakers met at the home of Elinor Wannop and answered the roll call with information on the Scandinavian countries. Mrs. Harden, leader, introduced new recipes, cabbage rolls and rhubarb soup. The next meeting will be at the home of Miss Janet Pearce. Members are asked to bring the recipe file up to date for the next meeting.

Mrs. L. Honey, Port Perry is spending a few days at the M. Annis home.

Noble Grand Sister Beer conducted the business at the regular meeting of the Joy Rebecah Lodge. Sisters Beer and Murray were named to represent the lodge on the village centennial committee.

Pledge cards for the eye bank may be obtained from Sister Bowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mairs and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Surphlis have returned from holidaying in Florida.

Additional Donations

CLAREMONT — The Claremont Community Centre would like to add the following names to the list of donors for the maintenance of the School Arena, this winter. The committee would also remind residents that donations are still being accepted. Most recent contributions have been received from Allan Redshaw, Isabel Gregg, Earle Pilkey, Ken Jones, Joe Tran, Mrs. A. Robertson and Ken Ward. Your support of this worthwhile project has been appreciated.

One possible cure for worrying about what others think of you. Remember how little time you devote to criticizing others.

Municipal Building Wins Award

PICKERING — Pickering Township municipal building was one of the 100 finalists in the Centennial Awards Competition for the Massey medals for architecture.

The 100 buildings will be recognized by publication in a special book.

Craig Ziedler and Strong architects, report this with pride and announce that their firm was the recipient of nine awards, one of which was for the Pickering Township Building, and another for the Ajax Municipal Building.

George Coppins

School Secretary Eighteen Years

GOODWOOD — Mr. George W. Coppins, concession 5, Uxbridge Township, passed away suddenly at his home on Thursday, March 2. He was 74.

Born at Churchill in Whitechurch Township, he was the son of the late William Coppins and Emma Nesbitt. He is survived by his wife, the former Levina Norton, three sons, Douglas, Murray and Gary and eight grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Wallace Vaughan resides in Stouffville and a brother, Herbert lives at Bethany. Two other brothers, Ray and Wil-

Jr. Farmers Hold Second Drama Festival

UXBRIDGE — The second Ontario County Junior Farmer Drama Festival was held on March 4, in the Uxbridge Secondary School.

Three of the four local clubs each presented a one act play.

Beaverton Junior Farmers presented "His First Shave", a comedy in one act by Ronald Elise. The Beaverton actors were Janet Tomlinson, Elaine Beggs, June Parliament, Carl Parliament and Bill Wood.

Port Perry Junior Farmers staged "Cleaned and Pressed", a one act comedy-drama by Thos. O. Hove. The characters were played by Donna Robertson, Elaine Medd, Marilyn Rodd, John Phoenix and Murray Empringham.

The winning play, "Rise and Shine", a one act comedy by Elda Cadogan was presented by the Brooklin Junior Farmers. The cast consisted of Diane Graham, Pat Stell, Dave Hawthorne and Carl Wilson.

The adjudicator for the evening, Mr. Charles Joliffe, complimented the three clubs on their efforts, and emphasized the importance of a critical attitude towards the theatre. Mr. Joliffe then discussed the three plays in turn, indicating the merits and faults of each of the actors.

Ontario County Junior Farmers are to be congratulated on a most successful festival.

Volunteers perform more than 90 per cent of the work done by the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Late Ross Middleton Born At Goodwood

CLAREMONT — On Thursday, March 9, Mr. Ross Middleton of Claremont, passed away in the Scarborough General Hospital in his 66th year. Born at Goodwood, the son of the late Joseph Middleton, he became well-known over the years as a mechanic employee at the Claremont Garage. He was forced to retire due to ill health. He had lived in Claremont since 1942 and was identified with the United Church.

Mr. Middleton is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Ferguson, one son, Gerald of Ashburn and grandchildren, Bonny, Peggy and Mary Anne. There are three sisters, Mrs. Sadie Bennett of Scarborough and Mrs. Stewart Thomson and Mrs. James Schneider, both of Toronto. One sister, Mrs. Ida Dolitho and three brothers, Frank, Fred and Rueben, are deceased.

Rev. A. E. Cresswell conducted the service, Sunday afternoon at the McEachnie Funeral Home, Pickering with interment, Stouffville Cemetery. The pall bearers were—George Constable, Kenneth Ward, James Peddie, Clarence Bielby, Ralph Norton, Charles Redshaw and Robert Torrance.

New Clause In Tax By-law

PICKERING — Installation dates for paying Pickering Township taxes in 1967 will be April 28, June 30, August 31 and October 31.

The tax bylaw had a new clause in it, which stipulated that if a taxpayer did not pay his taxes on or before the instalment due date, the subsequent instalment or instalments shall forthwith become due and payable.

Because of this clause Deputy Reeve Mrs. J. L. McPherson, Councillors Donald Beer and Harvey Spang opposed the bylaw. Reeve Laycock, Councillors John Williams, Norman Waller and Ronald Chatten upheld it.

UNFAIR METHOD
 Deputy Reeve Mrs. McPherson agreed that there was laxity in Pickering Township—and in many others. She also agreed that the borrowing interest in the bank was "terrible." But she didn't believe that penalizing someone who was sick or unable to pay and making them pay their whole tax bill because of it, was just.

Mr. Williams said the innocent have been paying on behalf of the guilty anyone. The \$28,000 bank interest, he said, was not only coming out of people who don't pay, but those who have already paid.

TAX ON TIME
 "We are attempting to get everybody to pay taxes on time," he said, "If someone is sick, he wouldn't be able to pay his taxes anyway."

"He is only penalized," said the deputy reeve, "For that one payment. But at this rate he is in default for the whole thing."

Councillor Harvey Spang didn't think there should be instalments, and that there was hundreds of dollars to pay out before you get the taxes in.

"When the Deputy Minister points his finger at you," said Councillor Williams, "I think that is the only direction for me."

Bowling Euchre
 The annual euchre of the Ladies' Lawn Bowling Club was held in the Stouffville Legion Hall, March 13. All euchre and door prizes were donated by members of both the ladies' and men's groups.



Not As Easy As It Looks

Drinking milk out of a Coke bottle is not a particularly difficult task. But put a nipple on the end and the chore becomes much more tedious. That's what Albert McQueen of Claremont discovered in a recent contest at the Altona Community Centre. He still won the prize, emptying the bottle in two minutes flat.

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