

Councillors defend "freedom of speech"

PICKERING TWP. — For stating publicly that he would make a notice of motion to annex Pickering Village and Ajax, councillor Don Kitchen has been reprimanded by Reeve John Williams.

The remark was made following Minister of Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough's rejection of Pickering as a part of Metro.

The notice of motion was not made.

Said the Reeve: "I would like to have the opinion of this council as to whether each and every member of the council is acting in the best interest of the municipality by making policy and opinion statements outside the council."

Another statement which the reeve resented was one which he said implied that the City of Toronto is inward in its considerations — made by one of the councillors.

"It does not enhance our

position," he said, "If one of our members calls a municipality names or another makes rash statements of annexing this and that."

He believed that councillors have some serious responsibility to restrict the sphere of their activity in regard to freedom of expression.

"If it's the wish of this council that I be negotiator or go-between or message boy, then I let keep the peace until the time is ripe to lose our tempers and become angry," he said.

Mr. Williams suggested a meeting at which each could "speak his piece, including Wm. G. Newman, M.F.P., regarding his statement that Pickering should join Ottawa."

Councillor Don Kitchen countered that what did not go on the news was that he didn't think Pickering should take any uni-

lateral action. He said that no one has control of the press, nor should they have.

Councillor John Kruger observed that you would never be able to gag any member of a political body. He said the remark that was made with regard to annexation was made in the emotion of the moment.

Kruger said he often spoke to the press, and "unless I have that right I have no business sitting on council."

"I think this type of dialogue going on is how regional government will best be understood by the people," he said, "If anything is said or done to which a councillor feels he can respond, I think he has that right."

Mr. Kruger said that when you cut an individual to pieces, at that time you are wrong. If you cut his ideas to pieces — that is different."

Candlelight service

By MRS. W. SANDLE VICTORIA SQUARE — The annual C.G.L.T. Candlelight service was held in the church on Sunday evening.

The C.G.L.T. members formed the choir, and were accompanied at the organ by Mrs. S. DeFoe.

The Headford Sunday School pupils presented the Christmas story, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Stewart Rumble.

The candlelighting ceremony was performed by Muriel Morrison, Marci Tyndall, Gloria Lee, Pat Butterworth and Gail Sanderson, with their leaders, Miss Cora Brodie and Mrs. VanTol as narrators.

The offering was taken by Jean Rummy, Kim Corcoran, Margaret Empringham and Wendy Hart.

The Messengers are holding their Christmas meeting in the Sunday School room on Saturday, December 21, at 10.30 a.m. Boys

and girls from 6-8 years of age are invited.

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Neighbourhood Notes Birthday greetings to Mrs. Don Matthews, December 22; Mrs. Norman Tyndall, December 22; Laurie MacDonald, December 22; Mrs. Harvey Colard, December 25; Laurie Campbell, 10 years, December 25.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leek and family in the passing of Elmer's father, Mr. Albert Leek, who was in his 95th year.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boynton and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Collard attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boynton, on Saturday which was held

at the Summit View Gardens.

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steckley were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Croxford and Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steckley and Steven. Women's Institute

The Christmas meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. John McCague.

The Roll Call was answered by a Gift Exchange among the members. The remainder of the meeting was business and making Christmas decorations.

Euchre The last Euchre Party for this year was held in the Community Hall on Friday.

Prize winners were: Ladies: Mrs. Henry Allis; Mrs. Win Embury and Ms. Lawson Mumberson. Men: Elmer Hadwin; A. Wood and Wm. Muirhead.

The lucky draw for a box of groceries was won by Mrs. J. Dewsbury.

The first Euchre party for 1969 will be held in the Community Hall on Friday

evening, January 10, at 8 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party The annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Victoria Square District Lions Club was held in the Community Hall on Saturday afternoon, proved to be a very successful event, with about 90 children in attendance.

Baking demonstration

Mrs. Cliff Burkholder BETHESDA — Twenty ladies attended the "Baking with Yeast" class at the home of Mrs. Allan Wideman. The making of rolls and bread was demonstrated by Mrs. Wideman and Mrs. Paul Bolender and the local store reports it has been nearly sold out of bread flour and yeast.

The final meeting of the U.C.W. with a Christmas program, was held at the home of Mrs. Bert Taun, Stouffville. Mrs. Fred Byer and Mrs. Arthur Marsh provided the program.

Wood stove causes fire

By Ruth Hutchings GREEN RIVER — A fire caused by a wood stove occurred at the home of Mr. J. Brass on Sunday morning. Fortunately it was quickly brought under control before much damage was caused.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearce and family had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marquist and family of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Draper visited with Mr. and Mrs. P. Draper of Stouffville on Saturday evening.

Pleased to hear that Linda Ireson is able to be home again following a short stay in the Hospital. Terry White is also re-

covering and hopes to be able to be back to school shortly.

May we remind you that the Christmas entertaining for the children and adults will be held this coming Friday evening at 8 p.m. in the Church.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Lehman is ill with the mumps.

On Sunday evening next, there will be a special Christmas Service at the Church at 7.30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. G. Hagerman of Locust Hill will provide special musical numbers, also there will be special numbers by the members of the Sunday School.

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