



After only eight practices the Claremont Public School Ukelele Band was a big hit at the Christmas Concert and the group leader Alban Ward predicts a future engagement that might include a stint on the Uncle Bobby Show. Shown here is part of the group as they practice. In

the front row are (left to right) John Butler, Wayne Butler, Shane Philip, Glen Milton and Dave Pearce. Shown in the back row are Linda Mashinter, Bill Black, John Will, Brian Redshaw and Bill Neal.

Don Bernard

Band shows promise

CLAREMONT—One of the biggest hits at the Claremont Christmas Concert was the public school Ukelele band led by principal Alban Ward.

Club willing to give up the green

PICKERING — The Claremont Lawn Bowling Club is willing to turn the green over to the Town of Pickering in order to have it preserved.

Problems of maintenance have forced the club to agree to deed the land to the town if it

Uxbridge

wants local control

UXBRIDGE — The question of Sunday hours for stores should be a local responsibility, according to a motion passed by Uxbridge Council Thursday.

The motion seeks local control for Sunday hours and which stores would be open.

Maustyn McKnight felt there should be controls otherwise, it will be wide open.

Mayor Carl Puterbaugh maintained that the province had taken power away from the local councils over the years, and this is one thing we should try and get back.

The group had only practiced eight times before that concert but won the hearts of the audience. It was formed Oct. 15 as one of a number of musical programs offered in the school's activity period.

Mr. Ward himself is an excellent ukelele player and is adept on the banjo as well.

The group practices once a week and can play six songs, after learning three basic chords. A total of 15 youngsters take part in the program from Grade 2 to Grade 8.

"I played the ukelele and banjo and decided to try it," Mr. Ward said. "They had to buy their own instruments, that is one drawback."

He added that the ukeleles strumming together give a nice sound.

By spring he hopes the band will be proficient enough to provide something special for the school's Spring Concert.

But the long-range goal is to catch the attention of CFTO's Uncle Bobby and appear on that television show.

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Claremont News

Elect president

By Anne Loney

CLAREMONT — Mrs. Edith Stickwood has been elected President of the combined Afternoon and Evening Groups of the Claremont U. C. W. The meeting was held, Monday night. Other officers include 1st vice-president-Rhoda Almack; 2nd vice-president - Rosemary Timms; secretary-Dorothy Middleton; treasurer-Dorothy Cook; pianist-Maureen Ward. Evening Unit officers are-president, Helen Anderson; vice-president, Dorothy Britton; treasurer, Dorothy Cook; pianist, Maureen Ward. Afternoon Unit officers are-president, Laura Reynolds; 1st vice-

president, Clara Carson; 2nd vice-president, Dorothy Middleton; secretary, Mrs. Linstead; treasurer, Maud Anderson; pianist, Clara Carson.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, held its yearly cribbage tournament at Port Perry, Jan. 19. There were 16 tables. Players from Claremont included-Bev Coppins; Olga Ingram, May Walsh, Norma Benson, Lenora McKenzie, Lili McGregor, Ilene Whitney, Peg Jenkinson and sports officer, Aggie Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Towner are hosting a miscellaneous shower at their home, Thursday evening (to-night), in honor of Heather McLean

and Jim Avery, to be married in Bethesda Lutheran Church, Unionville, Sat., Feb. 2.

Diane Halman of Toronto, was a weekend visitor at the home of Mr. Gordon Duncan and daughters, Kristy, Vicky and Emily.

Mrs. Hazel Sanderson is visiting with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Sanderson in Kingston.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lake were — Mrs. Lake's sisters, Mrs. George Helson and Mrs. Jack Chinnery of Willowdale, also her niece, Mrs. Bill McKay, also of Willowdale.

The Mission Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Alan Fryer, Monday evening, Jan. 28.

The annual congregational meeting of the Baptist Church is Thursday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.

Used greeting cards and Christmas cards to be sent on to foreign missions, may be left at the Baptist Church or with Mrs. Ken Ward. Used stamps for the Bible Society will also be appreciated.

An open welcome is extended to the annual breakfast of the Baptist Sunday School in the lower auditorium of the church, Jan. 27 at 9:45 a.m.

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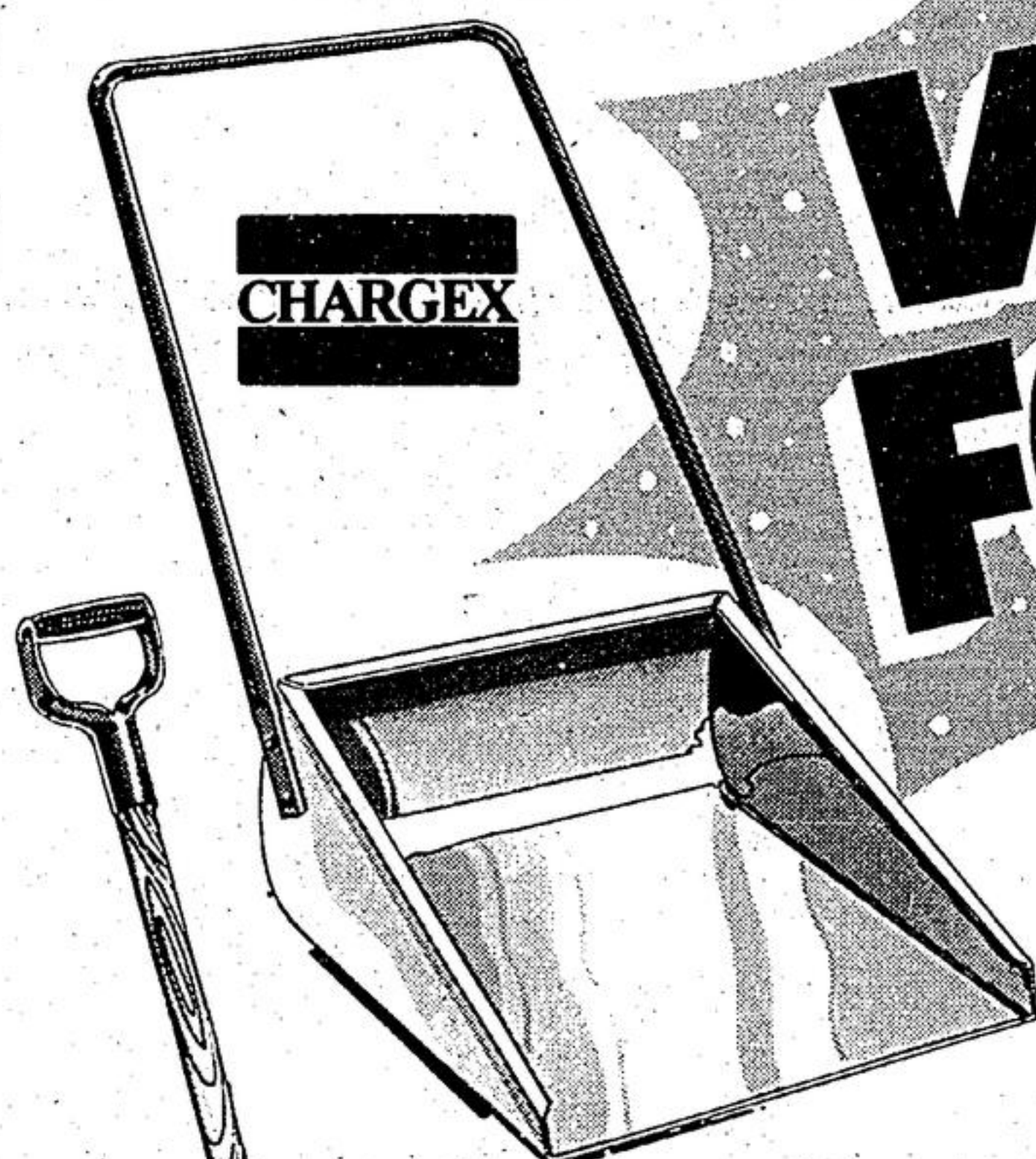


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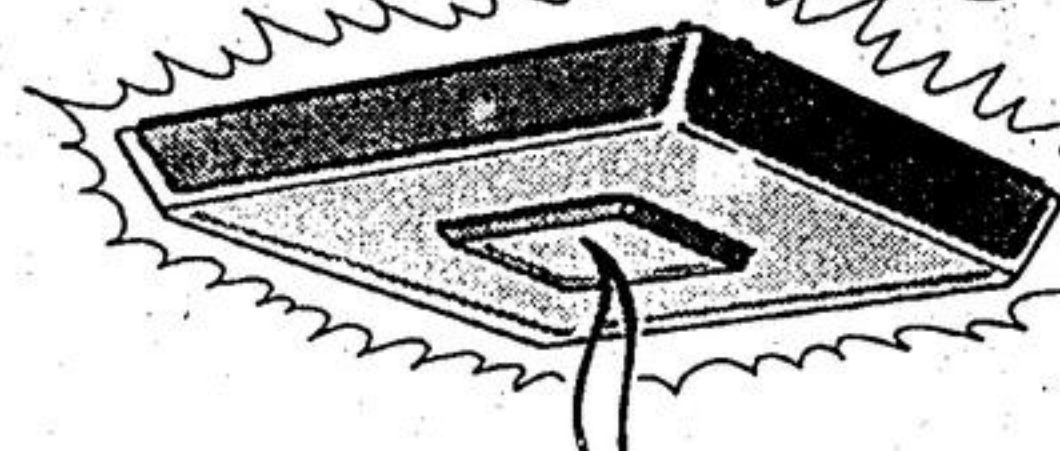
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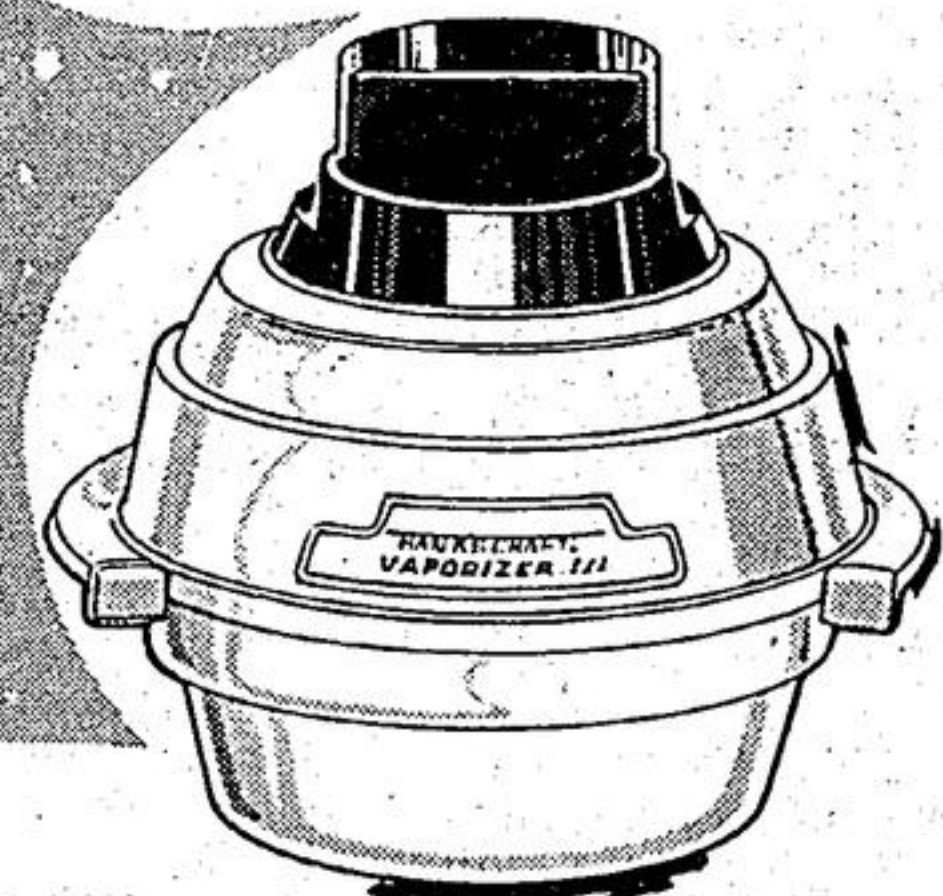
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