

New members installed by Lions Club

By Anne Looey
CLAREMONT — The Claremont District Lions Club is a growing organization contributing much to the welfare of the community. The president is Donald Hiles. On March 5, nine new members were installed. They are: Paul Carruthers, Tom Batten, Bob Lege, Lou LeFevre, Jack Anderson, Tony Illingworth, Bill Tran, Bob Tran, and Bruce Malcolm.

A family gathering in honor of Mr. John Neal, was a complete surprise. The occasion was his birthday, held at the home of his eldest daughter, and son-in-law, Elma and Eric Ward in Burkton. Six members of the family attended including: Annie (Mr and Mrs Ken McCrimmon) of Ottawa; Elsie (Mr and Mrs Bud Powell), Bay Ridge; Linda Neal, Oshawa; Mr and Mrs David Neal, Claremont; and Sharon (Mr and Mrs David Boll), Kitchener. Two foster sons, Tony McQueen of Ajax and Albert McQueen of Toronto, who lived with the Neals for several years, came with their families to join in the reunion.

The Mission Circle will meet at the home of Mrs Jan Carlsson, March 25 at 7:45 p.m.



Honored with Life Membership at veterans' Past President's banquet

Stuart Milroy, R. R. 1, Markham, was made an honorary life member of the Markham Dist. Veterans Association, at the organization's Past President's banquet, Friday night. The presentation was made by Jack Peplow (left), the immediate past president. Jim Thomas.

Top officials' salaries approved by York Region

YORK REGION — The 1974 salaries for York Region department heads were confirmed last week.

Some regional council members objected to the raises and a recorded vote was called for by Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora. She and three other councillors voted against the raises.

All of the department heads will receive raises retroactive to Jan. 1 and on April 1 will receive a one-cent increase in mileage payments bringing it to 16 cents a mile.

Some department heads received a straight 9 per cent increase, and others received this plus an additional amount.

The commissioner of engineering received 9 per cent plus additional \$840 bringing his salary to \$28,000 per year.

Chief Administrative officer Jack Rettie now makes \$40,500 as compared to \$38,000 in 1973. Mr. Rettie is the highest paid department head.

The Regional Clerk is the lowest paid with a raise from \$21,500 to \$24,500.

Formerly, the region paid 75 per cent of the Ontario Health Insurance and Group Insurance but according to the new terms these will be completely paid for.

One Year ago Sunday's wind gusts of up to 60 miles an hour may have created problems but conditions were nothing like one year ago when the area was hit by the worst storm of the season.

Attends banquet Mr. Art Heaton, Church Street North, a veteran of World War I, attended the Past President's Banquet of the Markham Dist. Veterans Association, in Markham, Friday night.

Dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Morley Cook and Mrs. Mary Preston of Armitage; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graham of Richmond Hill, enjoyed dinner Sunday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Fockler.

Need place to meet

CLAREMONT — Conversion of the Claremont Lawn Bowling Club clubhouse into a year-round senior citizens meeting place could bring a revival in that sport, Recreation Director David Bass told Pickering Executive Committee.

Bus service costs taxpayers \$86,409

PICKERING — Pickering's dial-a-bus system will cost the taxpayers of that town \$86,409 for its first year of operation, council learned at a recent meeting.

Pickering Council passed a motion requesting the provincial government pay its share of \$38,089. The province pays 50 per cent of the operating deficit of public transit, to a ceiling that for Pickering is \$41,577, and also contributes 75 per cent of the cost of capital equipment.

The town pays an operating deficit of \$67,566 and its share of capital costs totalling \$18,843. Executive Committee members contemplated higher costs for 1974 due to increased service and is petitioning the province for increased subsidies.

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