

Claremont family reunions

LIBRARY LOOKOUT

Long before the dawn of disco dancing, human sacrifice was the "in thing" at New Year celebrations. It was supposed to ensure a year of good fortune for everyone - except, of course, the poor soul being sacrificed.

New Year rituals may have changed over the ages, but their intent hasn't. Some superstitious folk still believe that good luck, like a shy lover, has to be enticed over the threshold at the beginning of January and seduced into staying. With this in mind, here at the library, we've tossed the delinquent file over our left shoulder and bent our treasurer into the shape of a horseshoe. We hope the ritual was effective. We're keeping our fingers crossed anyway - BU!, darn!!, t'ying is aw'kwaaRd at tiMeS&.

The premier pleasure of this first LOOKOUT for the year is to introduce our new Chief, Andre (van Vugt) who joined our staff this week. Andre and his wife, Pam, reside in Baldwin but hope to become a part of the Whitchurch-Stouffville community whenever they can find a suitable small-house-with-large-lot in the area.

One library programme that always draws an enthusiastic response is our preschool morning series. Barb, who runs the one-hour reading and craft sessions, will be taking registrations (not by phone,

please) from Jan. 9, at 9 a.m., till the classes are filled.

The Book Club meets Jan. 4 (to-night) at 8 p.m. Robert Elegant's DYNASTY and THE BEAR, by Marian Engel, will be discussed.

Last year there was an increase in requests for adult books in Dutch and Italian. We have a small collection in these languages, as well as in Spanish and French, but a greater choice is available through our interloan service. Foreign language books listed in the interloan catalogue at the library also include works in German, Maltese, Portuguese, Chinese, Hungarian, Swedish, Polish and Ukrainian.

Emphasis on bilingualism in school has created a demand for junior books in French and our collection, in this category, is steadily growing.

In the sphere of language instruction, a standard cassette recorder is all that's needed to take advantage of a wide range of courses-on-tape designed for English-speaking persons who wish to study another language, and for people who do not speak English but would like to learn. If you are interested, please ask us about this service next time you are in the library.

Till then - au revoir! Aufwiedersehen! Arrivederci! Hasta la vista! ...Whatever!

CLAREMONT - A beautiful candelabra has been placed in the sanctuary of the Claremont United Church as a memorial to the late Wm. Evans, a member of the congregation and clerk of session. The dedication of this gift will take place in the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doyle and family are pleased to have his parents visiting with them from Bramhall, Cheshire, England.

Cheryl Tissington of Halifax, Nova Scotia, spent the Christmas holidays with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Graham, Courtney, Christian and Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec McNish and family hosted a dinner party, Dec. 26. Guests included - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doyle and Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Doyle of England; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Timms, Mr. and Mrs. Curly Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Redshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ephrem Albert; Ingrid Elliott and her mother, Mrs. Northwood of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. David Wollin; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harper; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Johnston; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brook, R. R. 1, Claremont; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ford, R. R. 1, Goodwood and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Zolkavich, also of R. R. 1, Goodwood. With Al McNish on banjo and Gord Brook on the accordion, the group enjoyed the singing of favorite Christmas carols.

Florida; their daughter, Kathy, and her fiancé, Gary Leeman of Box Grove. Three grandchildren were there as well.

Ivan and Helen Beverly hosted Helen's mother, Louella Lynde, and their daughters and sons - for Christmas dinner. They are Jack and Betty Vernon and family of Oshawa; Larry and Freda Vernon and sons of Blackstock; Linda Vernon, Kathie Beverly, and Debbie Beverly at home.

Clarence and Shirley Beely celebrated Christmas this year at the residence of Ken and Joyce Beely, Uxbridge. Ken is Clarence's brother.

There was quite a houseful for Christmas dinner at the home of Gordon and Norma Benson. They entertained their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Esther

Benson and family of Beaverton; their daughters and sons-in-law, Grace and Jim Hopkins of Cannington and Blanche and Bill Postill of Newmarket.

Mrs. Robert Beely was busy Christmas day visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Harvey of Weston; her son's family, Don and Nan Beely of Toronto; and her granddaughter and husband, Gail and Stan Pawlak of Toronto.

Mrs. Ernie Baker of Claremont spent Christmas Day with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hopkins of Claremont. Terry Hopkins, his wife, Betty, and their two sons, from Agincourt, were there, along with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Reynolds of Claremont.

The home of Mrs. Mary Borland was a hive of activity as she and her father, James Wilson and

son Joe were joined for Christmas dinner by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wilson, Minden; her nephew, Don Wilson of Uxbridge; her daughter Joanne Haley and son Shane of Don Mills, and a friend of the family, Ron Smith, of Don Mills.

David and Linda Carder were re-united with their parents this Christmas as they are every year - by telephone. They contacted David's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Carder in Plymouth, England, and Linda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neal of Wasaga Beach by phone because of the distance separating them.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wideman and family hosted the Redshaw family's annual Christmas Eve dinner. Twenty-six people sat down for the candlelight

dinner, including Donna Wideman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Redshaw; Ross's mother, Mrs. Minnie Redshaw; Wayne and Gail Redshaw, and family; Jack and Sandra Redshaw and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Redshaw and son of Little Britain; Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Hill, Sandra's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Van Bell of Goodwood; Gail's parents; and Mrs. Anne Loney, a friend of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Nesbitt and family visited Mr. Nesbitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Nesbitt, Claremont, R. R. 1, Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, they called on Harold and Marie Snooks of Port Perry, Mrs. Nesbitt's parents, and Joyce and Allen Lakes in Uxbridge.

Christmas Day guests at the home of Blair and Jean Evans and

daughter Sherry were Jean's parents, Colin and Ivy Madill of Stouffville; her sister and brother-in-law, Isobel and Roy Larmer of Apsley; and another sister and brother-in-law, Ken and Betty Ramsey of Brougham.

Glen and Isobel Evans spent Christmas Day at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wells, Mrs. Evans' father, W. D. Atkinson of Stouffville was present, along with the Evans' girls, Kim, Kelly, Patti, and Pam; and the Wells' sons, Kevin and Ken Wells; and their daughter and son-in-law, Rick and Christine Ramm.

Christmas dinner was shared by Douglas and Jean Norton with their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Fraser, and her

children, Mark, Dawn, and Christine.

Don and Denise Norton and daughter Michelle were among those who celebrated Christmas with Earl and Cathy Rowe of Goodwood. The Rowe's are Denise's parents. Other members of the family in attendance were Doug and Carol Rowe of Scarborough; Peggy and John Vanderligt and their children Darrell and Duane; and Stan and Ronnie at home.

Mrs. Edna Norton was pleased to have her son and daughter-in-law, Grant and Debbie Norton of Port Perry on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ren Lloyst enjoyed the company, Christmas Day of their daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Grant Norton of Port Perry.

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Sherry Carruthers and Annette Reid sang solos at the Christmas service in the Claremont United Church, Dec. 24.

Gerald Allman's three sons, their wives and children enjoyed Christmas at his home. The visitors were - Gerald and Regan Allman of Oakville; Douglas and Mary Allman of Bowmanville; and Gordon and Kathie of Don Mills. Eight grandchildren were present.

Maitland and Maud Anderson, Joseph Street, joined their eldest son, Earl, his wife Helen and their children at Earl's home for Christmas day. Other people present were Maud's sister, Mabel Benson of Agincourt; and Helen's brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Ila Wilson of Lakefield.

Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Avery were their daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Peter Hoogwerf of Colburn; their son A. J. Avery of

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