

Art of breastfeeding

La Leche League finds home in Unionville

UNIONVILLE — A branch of La Leche League has been formed in Unionville. Purpose of the organization is to encourage "good mothering through breastfeeding".

The group will meet Thursday (to-night) at 8:15 p.m., in the home of Gail Blount, 5 Shadbolt Court, Unionville. Topic for discussion is "The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties". All

women, interested in nursing their babies, are invited. They may bring their babies along.

Unionville's La Leche branch has established the second Thursday of each month as its meeting date. The discussion leader is Jo-Anne Carlisle. In addition to Unionville, the area to be served includes Stouffville, Markham and Milliken.

For additional information, the number to call is 297-1897.

Clydesdale foals

Arrive by plane

CLAREMONT — Two frisky filly colts are frolicking about in the crisp mid-winter cold on the farm of Homer Jackson, RR 2, Claremont, far from their native land.

The Clydesdale foals, born last May, were shipped here by plane from Cupar, Scotland, a trip that took just seven hours. They were purchased from John Brewster and Son.

Transportation costs, including an attendant that travelled with them, were something like \$2,500. Mr. Jackson had been to Scotland earlier to see the pair before he closed the deal. He purchased two others, two years ago.

Without revealing the price, the Claremont area farmer said a registered female of good quality could run as high as \$10,000 in-

cluding shipping charges.

"They're scarce over there and here too," he said, "they don't like to part with the good ones".

Their prime use is for breeding purposes, although Mr. Jackson could put them on show at a later time.

The colts arrived in excellent shape, the owner said. He loaded the pair onto a truck at Montreal and brought them home.

Participation House

Telethon raises funds for Cerebral Palsied

MARKHAM — Through the generosity of participants in the Holiday Telethon for the Cerebral Palsied, more than one million dollars was pledged from all areas of Ontario.

The funds, a portion of which will go to Participation House in Markham, will make it possible to further the work on behalf of severely physically disabled young adults.

The program was carried over Global TV, Dec. 30 and 31.

"Everyone was most cooperative and we are grateful," said telephone co-ordinators, Jack and Shirley McRae. "Participation House in Markham was the real winner along with other Participation House projects across the Province. We thank The Tribune for its support," they concluded.

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Residents fear attack from dogs

BALLANTRAE — Four German Shepherd dogs, described by one area resident as "extremely vicious", are the concern of home-owners within the Felray Subdivision at Ballantrae.

One terrier, that mistakenly wandered into the animals' yard, was torn to pieces in minutes, The Tribune was told. Others have also been attacked but managed to escape, witnesses said.

Anxiety among neighbors has reached a point where the cause has been taken up by Ward 2 councillor Becky Wedley. She brought the matter before Town Council at a meeting, Jan. 2. However, a search of the statutes revealed no legislation to cover this particular problem.

The only recourse, Elwood Foskett told The Tribune, is to

await another attack and then lay charges. This has failed to satisfy councillor Wedley. She wants the matter investigated further.

The owner, whose pet was torn apart by the 'pack', said his dog gained entrance to the property through a hole in the fence. He claims the barrier is not adequate to confine animals of such ferocity and strength. He says the owner can't handle them either.

He fears a child may be next.

Councillor Wedley says she knows of at least seven people who will testify concerning the vicious nature of the dogs. "Folks there are living in fear," she said, "we must do something to relieve their concern". She's promised to re-introduce the subject at a committee meeting, Monday.

Good neighbor

STOUFFVILLE — The congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church lost a devoted member and neighbor in Stouffville lost a wonderful friend with the passing, Thursday, of Floyd Marlatt, Ninth Line North.

Mr. Marlatt had been ill little more than a day and it was thought he had contracted the flu. The doctor was called the next morning but he 'slept away' that afternoon.

Born at Erindale, an only child of Samuel and Maggie Marlatt, he resided for a time in Milton where he operated a J.I. Case farm machinery dealership. On taking up residence in Stouffville, he served as sales manager for

Margaret Ballard Real Estate.

Floyd received his greatest satisfaction out of helping others. His car was always available when needed and no request for assistance was ever refused.

He took a keen interest in the activities of his church, serving on the Board of Managers and other committees within the congregation.

Service, Saturday, was held from the chapel of O'Neill Funeral Home with Rev. Ted Green in charge.

Surviving, besides his wife, the former Louise Blake, is a son and daughter-in-law, Ian and Valerie Marlatt of Toronto.

Discover rare Great Gray Owl

PICKERING — A Great Gray Owl, the first ever seen in the Toronto-Oshawa area, was discovered, Dec. 26, during the annual Christmas bird count in Pickering.

The largest and rarest of owls, the Great Gray possesses a wing span of up to 60 inches. Ordinarily, they make their home in Alaska and the North-West Territories. This particular one was found near the mouth of Duffin Creek at Squire's Beach.

The owl paid little attention to birders and photographers who lined the road over a period of three days after news of the

'find' reached as far distant as Detroit. Rather, it seemed only interested in field mice that it pounced on from time to time from a convenient perch.

Find antique

CLAREMONT — A flashlight, believed to be 125 years old, has been found on the Hugh Miller farm, conc. 7, Pickering.

The unit, that accommodates a single candle about four inches long, is in perfect condition.

Senior school custodian passes

MARKHAM — This community was shocked and saddened when news was received of the passing of James Walter Thomson, Jan. 2, at Scarborough Centenary Hospital. He was 57.

Born on April 7, 1921, the son of George and Ella Thomson, Walter was raised on his

parents' 14th Avenue farm at Box Grove. Walter was a fifth generation related to David and Mary Thomson, the first white settlers in Scarborough Township.

Following his marriage to the former Mildred Reesor of Stouffville, they took up residence at Box Grove and

continued to farm the property. About eight years ago, the family moved to their present home at 31 Wales Avenue, Markham.

Mr. Thomson was known by many students and teachers through his position of head caretaker at Markham Dist. High School. He was a custodian 13 years.

Prior to taking that position, he worked as a farmer, licensed electrician, and a maintenance man for Betz Pools Ltd., in Stouffville.

Actively involved in the Markham Missionary Church, he served over the years as a Sunday School teacher, treasurer and superintendent; offering custodian, a leader in the Christian Service Brigade, and on the Board.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred; daughters Sharon (Mrs. Robert Bentley), Becky, and Susan Smith; sons David, Bob, Greg, Paul; a sister, Ruth (Mrs. Alvin Smith) of Stayner; a brother, Rev. Jack Shepherd of Hamilton, and two grandchildren.

Standard hydro rate?

STOUFFVILLE — With respect to the amalgamation of the Hydro Commission in Stouffville and Ontario Hydro in Whitchurch, Mayor Eldred King already sees the handwriting on the wall.

As of Jan. 1, rates in the former village increased an average of 9.3 per cent. In the rural area, however, the average rate increase is about 7 per cent.

"The province is already helping to resolve the situation," the mayor said. Hydro costs in Whitchurch are

still much higher than in Stouffville, he conceded.

Although the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission, as such, is no more, little is changed, Mayor King explained. Representation, he pointed out, is from the Town as a whole and the name is now the Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Electric Commission.

The mayor sees the day approaching when the municipality will have a standard hydro rate. To accomplish this, Stouffville customers will undoubtedly pay more and

Whitchurch patrons less, he said.

The Town has a three-year period in which to report on what action it intends to take. At the end of that time, the Province could order a takeover, the mayor stated. "They (Ontario Hydro) want to get out of it," he said.

The H.E.P.C. has about \$2 million in assets in rural Whitchurch that must be acquired, Mayor King explained. He's hopeful that, through negotiations, a practical solution can be worked out.



Goodwood resident Eleanor Todd has been working laboriously on a book detailing the history of the area from Goodwood's point of view. She hopes to have it finished by 1980.

Resident prepares history of district

BY ED SCHROETER
GOODWOOD — Judging from her dining room table, it would appear Eleanor Todd has been restricted to a diet of books. The table's hidden underneath binders and duotangs full of notes, and assorted research material.

The Goodwood resident, former councillor, and Port Perry elementary school teacher is writing a history of the community.

"I'd been collecting personal anecdotes for 10 years before I started to write the book," Mrs. Todd explained.

Two years ago, she finally decided to put the information gathered, into book form.

She began innocently enough to compile a history of Goodwood for her own satisfaction. Now she's determined to publish the material, regardless of the cost in time and money.

"It's a hobby that's developed into an obsession," she said, "I spend every spare moment on it. It's like playing amateur detective, and it's lots of fun!"

She added, "I've become a very dull person to talk to, unless it has something to do with history."

The little pamphlet has grown into the saga of the Uxbridge and Stouffville district from Goodwood's point of view.

According to Mrs. Todd, events are so inextricably linked it would be impossible to write a history of an isolated community.

An avid reader of historical texts and fiction as far back as she can remember, preparing the manuscript seemed a natural step. "I've always liked history," she confessed.

She became interested in writing about her community through her mother-in-law, Mrs. George Todd. "She's often entertained me with stories of the past."

The major obstacle she has encountered is getting personal historical accounts. So many of the original inhabitants have left the area she has to travel "far and wide" to obtain them.

Then all the stories must be checked for accuracy against old assessment and census records.

With a deadline of 1980 set for its completion, Mrs. Todd's well on her way. She's already completed three chapters, though she intends to make the writing style more colloquial so everyone can enjoy it. She hopes by doing this, she won't sacrifice any of the book's scholarly merit.

Meanwhile, Goodwood will have to wait another two years before catching a glimpse "of the way it was".

Pickering mayor to leave hospital

PICKERING — Mayor Jack Anderson is in good condition following surgery and should be out of hospital within the next two weeks, Town manager Noel Marshall told The Tribune.

Mayor Anderson underwent surgery, Dec. 29, at Toronto General Hospital to correct a leaking blood vessel in the brain, according to Mr. Marshall.

"The operation was a complete success," he added.

While the mayor is expected to resume his duties in the spring, an indefinite period of convalescence that could extend into March will follow the operation.

The mayor may go South for part of this period.

Councillor Ken Matheson will continue as acting mayor.



JACK ANDERSON



Wildlife photographer, Betty Pegg, R.R. 2, Claremont snapped this picture of a Great Gray Owl. The bird is the first of its kind spotted in the area.



Many friends of Walter Thomson best remember him in his capacity as head caretaker at Markham District High School. Mr. Thomson had been employed there for 13 years.