



A couple of kids

Four-year-old Christine Lewis of Altona feeds Millie, a week and a half year old goat kid. Millie is the littlest of quadruplets born to a nanny in

Terry Lewis' herd. Quadruplets are rare among goats. At last report Millie was growing stronger every day under Christine's loving care.

Ed Schroeter

Locust Hill driver

Charged with mischief

LOCUST HILL — False information, given to police by an 18-year-old Locust Hill area girl, following an accident March 24 on Hwy. No. 2, Pickering, resulted in a fine of \$150 when she pleaded guilty to a charge of public mischief and was convicted in Ajax Provincial Court.

Evidence revealed that Suzanne Elizabeth Williamson had told investigating officers she was making a left-hand turn while the green light was flashing when the collision

occurred. This led to a charge against the other motorist.

The young woman admitted she lied because she was frightened. She changed her story and said the "advance light" had completed before the crash.

Judge Norman Edmondson was severely critical of the actions of the accused. "Because of you, the other driver might have faced serious consequences. He might have lost his licence and his job, thus

posing a threat to his family," he said.

At the same time, Judge Edmondson commended the girl for admitting her information was false and later changing her story.

Car skids snaps pole

CLAREMONT — An 18-year-old Claremont area motorist escaped injury but damage to her car was estimated at \$1,500, when it skidded off the road near Locust Hill and hit a telephone pole.

Gillian Hankinson, RR 2, Claremont, was driving in a heavy snowstorm at the time.

Forgery

UXBRIDGE — A 21-year-old Uxbridge youth with an admitted drug problem, has been sentenced to four months in jail, following conviction on one count of forgery and seven of uttering false cheques.

Donald Paul Terry wrote eight cheques on his grandmother's account, the court was told, with the total money obtained amounting to \$420.

The cheques were written while the accused was on drugs. A pre-sentence report revealed several previous narcotics convictions.

Fire engulfs frame house

CLAREMONT — A one-storey frame house on the 5th concession of Uxbridge Twp., was destroyed by fire, Saturday, with the loss estimated at \$20,000.

Cause of the blaze has been attributed to an oil space heater. Glenn Yeomanson, a tenant, was away from the property with his two children, when the fire started.

Girl diver is honored

PICKERING — Bev. Boys, Pickering's darling diver, has been named to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

The blonde mermaid, selected the country's top female athlete in 1968 and 1969, has won 34 Canadian championships in springboard and platform diving. In addition, she captured three gold medals at the Commonwealth Games.

Ella May Hammond

Respected resident will be missed

CLAREMONT — The Claremont community paid its respects to a highly respected resident and local family remembered a devoted wife, mother and grandmother at the funeral, Sunday, for Mrs. Tom Hammond in the Claremont United Church.

Mrs. Hammond, the former Ella May Prouse, passed away, April 6 in the Ajax-Pickering Hospital following a lengthy illness of almost three years.

Born near Kinsale in Pickering Twp., the daughter of Arthur John and Sarah Ann Prouse, she married Tom Hammond 41 years ago in June. They celebrated their 40th anniversary at a family reunion last year.

Providing a good home for her children was Mrs. Hammond's first concern. There are four sons, Alfred, William, Robert and Glen, all of Claremont; one daughter, Gwen (Mrs. George Ingram) of

Coppins Corners and three grandchildren, Melissa and Tommy Hammond; and Kristi Dawn Ingram.

Surviving also are four brothers, Lorne, Edgar, Milton and Russell and four sisters, Doris (Mrs. Elmore Bell) of Uxbridge; Hilda (Mrs. Ross Gordon) of Walkerton; Gladys (Mrs. Jon Inglis) of Georgetown and Isobel (Mrs. Wm. Nicholson) of Marmora. One sister, Verna, passed away five weeks ago.

Ella Hammond was a member of the United Church and her pastor, Rev. Edward Cook, spoke of her close associations through the years. She had taught Sunday School there, looking after a class of six to eight-year olds.

Mrs. Hammond was a strong person who, despite the seriousness of her illness, bore the pain and suffering without complaint. She'll be missed.

Interment was in Claremont Cemetery.

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Education tax

Average home-owner to pay \$19 more a year

DURHAM REGION — The average Pickering home-owner will pay an additional \$19 a year on his tax bill for education, schoolboard trustee Linda Carder says.

However, she warned some areas, notably the former township of Scott and town of Uxbridge, could face considerably higher hikes due to the implementation of equalized assessment. For residents in the former township of Uxbridge the increase may not be so great.

The Durham Board of

Education approved its \$85,061,345 budget at a meeting Monday night.

Though it appears the budget presents an 8.13 per cent increase over last year's total of \$78,666,700, only a 5.9 per cent hike is passed on to the taxpayer.

Linda Carder explained the provincial government has allotted more funding to the Durham Board because it is facing growing enrollment, offsetting the raise.

Included in the new budget

is provision for more special education teachers for both remedial work and special enrichment programs for bright students; a larger increase for the purchase of texts and library operations, funds withdrawn by the Ministry of Education for busing and school additions for which the Ministry won't pay.

A block of \$460,000 has been set aside for future years to help pay for accumulated sick leave, which employees collect on retirement.

"If we don't start putting

money away now," Mrs. Carder said, "we'll be facing a financial crisis in the late 1980's." She added she'd like to phase out this particular benefit.

The largest portion goes to pay the salaries of custodians, teachers, and staff. This year, according to the trustee, the wage settlements were reasonable, as they must continue to be.

"I think we've held the line. It's a very reasonable budget," Mrs. Carder told The Tribune. "The people who worked on it deserve much credit."

Durham Region

Audrey Atkinson

Potter's work in demand

By ED SCHROETER
CLAREMONT — Audrey Atkinson has a knack for turning ordinary clay into objects of infinite beauty, much like Prometheus, a Greek god who, legend says, fashioned men from clay.

Audrey is a potter, who turned a hobby into a rewarding profession. Her products are always in demand.

"I was a secretary for

years," Audrey says, "and hated it. I decided to go to art school."

As a little girl she had been interested in art, so she elected to give it a try. After discovering she wasn't a painter, she stumbled onto potting.

Friends and relatives found themselves up to their ears in pots and mugs and bowls on every gift-giving occasion as Audrey worked at her craft.

As usual, word about a good thing tends to spread rapidly, and soon strangers were knocking at her door with orders for her wares.

Three years ago she moved her business, The Potter's Wheel, from its Bayview Avenue location to her Claremont home, north of the Four Corners. After remodelling a rear shed into a studio, she opened for business — but only briefly!

A spinal fusion curtailed her work last year.

The potter works in a wending stoop over the wheel while shaping objects out of wet clay, it's called "throwing" a pot, literally back-breaking work.

"It's very heavy labor," she says. "I've got muscles like a lumberjack." However, she adds, working with mud is very therapeutic.

Audrey's recovered and is back at the wheel now several hours a day, replenishing her

stock. She hopes to be ready for a backyard sale this summer, and is interested in teaching the art to children again.

Becoming proficient in the art requires thousands and thousands of hours of practice. In addition to many techniques, there are very intricate movements.

To complete a single piece takes about two weeks, from the time Audrey shapes it, until she dries, fires, glazes and fires it again in the kiln.

The cost of each object depends not on size, but on quality. She judges the appearance of the article, its trim and glazing, and determines the cost of her materials and the fuel required to bake it.

In the eyes of Audrey potting really is an art. She's never sure exactly what her creations will look like until they're finished. She knows generally what its use will be, but lets her creative instincts guide her hands, as she shapes the compliant clay.

Local campaign offices to open

UXBRIDGE — The Ontario Riding, Progressive Conservative Association, will open campaign offices in Uxbridge. The location is on Brock Street next to Evelyn's Hotel.

This Saturday, Scott Fennell, the P.C. standard-bearer, will attend a ribbon-cutting

ceremony at 11 a.m. He will remain to meet the electorate until 12 noon and return again at two.

On Monday evening, April 16, Mr. Fennell will attend a gathering in the Goodwood Community Hall at 8:30 p.m.

Churches hold Easter services

DURHAM REGION — Local churches have planned a variety of events and special services for the Easter season. The Tribune has compiled a list for easy reference.

Residents of the community are invited to attend an Ecumenical Good Friday Communion Service on Friday, April 13, in the Claremont Baptist Church at 10 a.m.

The congregation of the Claremont Baptist Church will host a Sunrise Service, Easter Sunday, April 15 at 5:30 a.m.

On Easter Sunday, at 11:15 a.m. the Claremont United Church Congregation will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy

Baptism and the Dedication of Memorials.

Rev. Edward Cook will conduct Easter Services in the Brougham United Church on April 15 at 10 a.m.

A Good Friday Service will be held in Mt. Zion United Church on April 13 at 11 a.m.

The Mount Zion teen choir is sponsoring a pot-luck supper on the evening of April 13 at 7 p.m. Proceeds are in aid of their foster child.

Communion will be celebrated in the Greenwood United Church on Easter Sunday, April 15 at 9:45 a.m.

The Mt. Zion United Church will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy



Claremont potter, Audrey Atkinson takes a moment away from her work to smile for the camera. Making pottery is very strenuous, precise work, requiring a good deal of concentration, according to her. However, she finds the craft richly rewarding.

Ed Schroeter

Return missing family pet

CLAREMONT — Ko-Ko's come home, and the Albert family of Claremont, RR 1, is happy again.

The dog, missing for eleven days, didn't return on its own. He was found by Bruce Thornhill of Boyer Street, Stouffville, wandering along the 2nd concession of Uxbridge near the Go-Kart Track. Bruce brought him back to his residence, then began calling around in an effort to locate the owner.

A reunion followed, with Ko-Ko the centre of attention.

"He was very thin," Joan Albert told The Tribune. "I doubt if he could have lasted much longer." He's been a family pet for the last five years and the kids are very attached to him, she said.

The "lost" ad in The Tribune generated considerable response and concern among many people. Mrs. Albert revealed. Through the paper, she wished to express appreciation to Bruce Thornhill for taking the time to look them up and bring about Ko-Ko's safe return.