

Polluted ice rink restored

By Sandra Redshaw
CLAREMONT — The final countdown is on as we come closer to the Claremont Winter Carnival. Thursday at 7:30 p.m. will be the pre-judging of the Snow Queen contest at the community hall. The Lioness skating party begins at 6 p.m. on Friday evening. Breakfast at the United Church is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning and the parade begins at 10 a.m. with a day full of activities at the park. The Trappers Ball is completely sold out. There will be no tickets sold at the door. If you didn't purchase your ticket, the committee is sorry that there are not any left, but they were sold on a first come basis.

There was a small scare last week when the Department of Health closed down nearly all the skating rinks in the Town of Pickering, and Claremont was one of them. Thank goodness the ice has been restored and skating has resumed. The Health Department learned that contaminated water from the sewage plant had been used for flooding the rinks so they were closed down. It's too bad the department wouldn't take a harder line in trying to get a new water supply for residents in the village.

This Sunday, Jan. 29 at 12:15 p.m., at the Claremont United Church, the congregations of St. Johns Brougham and Claremont will vote on the appointment of a pastoral relations committee to select a new minister. Please support your church by attending. The official board meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. in Claremont United Church.

The United Church Women's coffee party will be held on Feb. 8 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Claremont United Church.

The monthly Legion dance will be held Saturday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

Recently, Paul and Doris Lake, longtime residents of Claremont, sold the corner store. The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. Chang Yi who have resided east of Claremont for a number of years. We wish the Yi's good luck in their new endeavor and Paul and Doris much happiness on their retirement.

If you have any questions regarding the carnival please call Peter Gillespie at 649-3062. The final meeting will be Thursday at 8 p.m.

Japanese business profits province

By Ross Stevenson, M.P.P. Durham-York
 Ontario is a great exporter of manufactured and unfinished goods. In 1982 our province's exports jumped by just over eight per cent while imports declined by seven per cent.

To further stimulate growth of exports, this fall the province joined in the giant annual Japan Electronics Show held in Osaka. This is the first time Ontario has participated in the show, and our presentation was geared to promote new Japanese investment in manufacturing in Ontario.

Ontario workmanship and expertise has won a high reputation with Japanese businessmen. For some time now, Matsushita had run a television assembly plant in Mississauga. Other Japanese electronics firms have established sales and distribution offices in our province.

The number of Japanese companies operating in our province was increased last year when Mitsubishi Electric re-opened a closed picture tube factory in

Midland, providing new jobs and new hope for that community.

Ontario's trade with Japan in electronic components is growing at a steady rate. Halfway through 1983 we had sold as much as we had in 1982. Our competitive edge lies in the fact that we can manufacture limited runs of specialty parts at competitive prices.

Our ability to meet the exacting demands of the specialty electronics market proves that our industry can be world leaders. That is why the Ontario Government is becoming more aggressive in promoting our province's electronics expertise abroad.

Closer to home Ontario is boosting its presence in our number one trading partner, the United States. New trade offices are to be opened shortly in Boston, Philadelphia, and San Francisco.

Ontario Minister of Industry and Trade, the Hon. Frank Miller, has been touring our trade offices in the United States, meeting local businessmen and introducing them to the facts about growth in our province.

Quilt block contest honors bicentennial

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society is sponsoring a quilt block contest to help celebrate Ontario's

Discuss dump stench

By Norah Stoner, Ward 3, Regional Councillor, Town of Pickering.

The occasion was the kick-off banquet to raise money for the Ajax-Pickering Hospital fund-raising campaign. Elegantly gowned ladies and their handsome escorts attending a \$50.00 a plate dinner. You would expect opening conversations would be about the lovely banquet hall in the new Recreation Complex or perhaps the hospital's service to the community, but no, the initial comments of those arriving at the dinner were about the Metro dump.

"What's that dreadful smell?" "The dump is certainly acting up tonight." "The odour problems are getting worse" and "When are they going to stop dumping?" were among the statements my husband and I heard as we arrived for the dinner.

The operations of the Metropolitan Toronto landfill site on the 3rd Concession at Liverpool Road have become a source of embarrassment for the Town of Pickering. The dump is detrimentally affecting those who own property anywhere within 2 miles of the site. The noxious odours have become a planning issue when dealing with residential development in the Valley Farm Road area. Councillor Robertson has argued successfully against large lot development on the grounds that the odours would prevent the sales of such properties.

I have recently written to Metro outlining once again the difficulties we are having and suggesting certain actions:

- (1). Decrease the overall volume of waste going to the site by diverting waste to the Maple Site.
- (2). Ensure that all waste is fully covered by the end of the working day.
- (3). Halt all night operations.
- (4). Halt all sewage sludge dumping.
- (5). Install a methane gas collection system.

The dump is going to be part of our community for some years in the future. We must ensure that we can live with it. The one method of documenting the problem is to phone Metro Toronto on their 24 hour Works Department number 947-8211 and also phone me at 683-3589 when the odours are bad. Don't hesitate every time you smell it again. Metro will only deal with this problem if we can prove to them beyond a shadow of a doubt that many people are experiencing the problem on a regular basis.

By the way, the fund-raising dinner was a great success in spite of the odours and about \$20,000 has been put towards the 1 million dollar goal for our community hospital.

Bicentennial year.

A prize of \$50 will be awarded for the first place winner, \$30 for second place, \$20 for third place, and ten honorable mentions at \$5 each.

The object of the contest is the quilt block, piece, or applique, exactly 12.5 square inches (including a quarter seam allowance) out of polyester and cotton blend material. Each square must relate to some aspect of Ontario's 200-year history.

Each block submitted becomes the property of the Historical Society and they are judged by three different people. The judges will be looking for: a suitable theme; composition (use of color, space, and general appeal); and workmanship.

The winning blocks will be displayed at the Uxbridge-Scott Museum during the end of May from 1 to 5 p.m. They will then be quilted together and the finished product will be displayed at the museum during Uxbridge's Spring Water Days (July 1 weekend) and Steam Threshing Days (August 25 and 26).

Everyone is welcome to participate in the event and there will be a special category for senior public school and secondary school students. The prize for the first place student block is \$20 and second place is \$10.

All blocks must be submitted with the creator's name, phone number, address, and a description of the specific design. The blocks can be mailed or delivered to Mrs. Donald St. John, R.R.3, Uxbridge, Ontario L0C 1K0. For further information contact Mrs. St. John at 852-6855.

Businesses support program

UXBRIDGE — The Discounts for Seniors Program in Durham Region as well as Stouffville, is enjoying excellent support from area business people Frank Jenkinson of Claremont told The Tribune this week.

To qualify, a senior citizen, (60 years and over), must hold an identification card with a personal photo attached. These are available every Wednesday at the Pickering Village Drop-In Centre, (rear of the Court-house), or by arranging a group of 50 people for a photo-taking session in Uxbridge.

Participating Uxbridge merchants include—Uxbridge Golf Course; Yellow Brick Road; Superior Auto Body; Williamson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile; Williamson Buick-Pontiac; Dean Watson Auto Sales; B & M Automotive Services; Peck Bros. (Uxbridge Shell); Service Rental; Industrial Tannery; Accents; Uxbridge Bowling Centre; Getaway Travel; Uxbridge Travel Centre; Star Office Products and Uxbridge Shoe Repair.

In Claremont, Leo's B.P. Station is also a participant.

In some instances, discounts are on particular items and on specific days. In all cases, an identification card must be produced.



HOWDY DOODY! Tipping her hat to the audience, 11-year-old Emma Talbot, a Grade 6 student at Valley View Public School, Greenwood, was excellent in the role of the narrator during last week's two-night per-

formance of The Runaway Snowman. The show was supported by a 56-voice choir under the direction of staff music director Carolyn McGregor.

—Jim Thomas

The Runaway Snowman wintertime smash hit

BY JIM THOMAS
GREENWOOD — When the hills of Greenwood ring to the sweet sounds of music, chances are it originates from Valley View Public School.

Valley View has gained a reputation for its vocal and instrumental talent, a reputation that's known throughout the Region.

Carolyn McGregor and company retained this distinction, last week, with an enjoyable two-night performance of "The Runaway Snowman". It played to a "full house" Wednesday and a near sell-out Thursday. The parents (plus grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts and uncles) loved it, giving both the choir and cast repeated ovations.

"We try one every year," co-drama director Nancy Howie said. She described it as "a staff effort" with outside assistance from several in the community.

Mrs. McGregor was the co-ordinator; Eila Myers, a co-drama director; Kathy Moore and Mrs. Petty, the choreographers and Gudrun Helmenstein, the stage set director.

The casting was excellent and included Emma Talbot as the narrator; Amanda Tait as Robin Hill; Kelly Foxton as Mrs. Hill; Eleanor Wright as Happy the Snowman and Morgan Drmaj as Freddy Fasttalk.

Others, cast in the roles of 'friends' and policemen included Suzanne Druce, Glenn Foote, Karen Groff, Simon Head, Debra Nesbitt, Jocelyn Snowdon, Didi Brook, Michael Evans and Kevin Smith.

The musical, while relatively short, (about 40 minutes), was extremely fast-moving. The only 'interruption' was the delightful presence of narrator Emma Talbot. Her professional informality points to future involvement in theatre arts at the secondary school level.

All spoke out well, particularly Morgan Drmaj as Freddy Fasttalk. He had many lines to learn and obviously learned them well.

The cast added a personal touch to the evening's entertainment by personally handing out roses to those assisting with the show.

The 56-voice student choir was a

'program' in itself. Situated as it was, at one end of the auditorium, the children's faces weren't as visible as the proud parents would have liked, but they were beautiful to hear if not to see. Choir members included Michelle Acheson, Jennifer Allison, Miranda Avery, Kelly Bath, Lynn Benson, Rosaline Bitondo, Vitina Bitondo, Sarah Blakely, Owen Brett, Chrissy Brook, Charlie Brown, Danese Brown, Ann Byberg, Kathy Calvert, Darcy Christ, Barbie Clarke, Tammy Copping, Tracy Copping, Duane Crann, Michelle Crisp, Emily Dimson, Samantha Druce, Owen Duncuff, Susan Erick, Roshan Paul, Joey Foote, Stacey Foxton, Susan Gaudi, Katie Geraghty, Chad Graham, Andrea Groff, Lisa Harris, Elissa Holgate, Sean Holgate, Jodi Lyn Konick, Ian Leong, Shawn Lilley, Sherrie Loyst, Cherie Mahaney, Tammy McTaggart, Angie Middleton, Joanne Milne, Chris Pascoe, Kitti Putterbough, Vicki Putterbough, Lisa Puckrin, Kelly Raeburn, Robyn Raeburn, Elisa Rothnie, Sharon Saunders, Kevin Scanlan, Shirley Siu, Sarah Squire, Jessica Stoner, Tanya Van Heltingen and Stephanie Williams.



Grade 6 student, Morgan Drmaj, 11, (left) in the role of Freddy Fasttalk, points a condescending finger at Happy the Snowman (right) played by 13-year-old Eleanor Wright. In the middle of the debate is Grade 4 student Amanda Tait, nine, playing the part of Robin

Hill. The staff and students of Valley View School, Greenwood, presented the song and dance show "Runaway Snowman" for two evenings last week, with excellent crowds both nights.

Jim Thomas

4-H certificates awarded

DURHAM REGION: Ten 4-H Homemakers received honors' diplomas at the Durham South Achievement Program held recently in Centennial United Church, Oshawa. Recipients were:

COUNTY—Jody Batty, Brooklin; Kerri Death, Sandra Jamieson, Sharyn Jones and Dawn Marconi, Mount Zion; Geraldine Cole, Whitby.

PROVINCIAL—Faith Seeley, Quaker Hill; Sharon Fiss, Mount Zion.

ADVANCED—Sandy Booth and Janice Shaw, Brooklin.

Helen Hortop of Scugog Island was presented with a five-year Leader's Certificate.

Reports on the Provincial 4-H Members

Conference and the 4-H Program at the C.N.E. were presented by Linda Jones and Wendy Carson of Mount Zion respectively.

The program was in charge of Beverly Brook, Home Economist, Regions of Durham and York.

Leaders and assistant leaders in Durham South are: Corrine Croxall and Sherry Morris, (Bethesda-Reach); Marie Lawson and Sandy Booth, (Brooklin); Gail Kerry and Elva Kerry, (Epsom); Ruby Johnson and Marlene Gribble, (Goodwood); Marg Bell and Marg Couperthwaite, (Greenbank); Evelyn Jones and Joan Wilson, (Mount Zion); Barb Parrinder and Chris Parrinder, (Myrtle); Pat Killin and Bev Holmes, (Oshawa); Bernie

Seeley, (Quaker Hill); Helen Hortop and Ann Chandler, (Scugog Island); Mary Jean Cole and Martha Cole, (Whitby).

Centre opens

SUNDERLAND — The doors of the North Durham Family Service Centre will officially open tomorrow (Thursday, Jan. 26) during the opening ceremonies at 2 p.m. The centre, located on Regional Road 10, east of Albert Street, Sunderland, will be open from 1 to 6 p.m., but at 2 p.m. Brock Township Mayor Allan McPhail will cut the official ribbon.