Fire victims say thank you

Dear Editor:

Elsie and I, our sons John, Jim, and daughter-in-law Charlotte want to say a sincere thank you to the people of the Brougham, Claremont, Greenwood and Mount Zion areas and beyond. Their generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness in response to the burning of our home recently has overwhelmed us. Their names would fill many columns.

The investigation by the Fire Marshall's office reported that the fire was an accident with no human error involved. They had nothing but praise for the Pickering Fire Department.

The history of Thistle Ha', our family farm and home, is almost 150 years long and we look on this fire as an unpleasant interlude along life's pathways that will lead, in the future, to many more days of productive labor, happy occasions and joyous friendships.

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Faces charge

PICKERING — Regional Councillor Laurie Cahill faces a charge of common assault following an alleged New Year's Eve incident with a 15-year-old girl.

The 57-year-old veteran councillor was arrested in Oshawa, Jan. 23, according to a Durham Regional Police report. The charge stems from an incident some-time on Dec. 31.

Mr Cahill has announced his intention to run for mayor of the Town of Pickering in November's municipal elections.

Bowling challenge!

Townships ready to roll for Big Brothers

Municipal Councils from Uxbridge and Scugog Townships are set for their annual 'Bowling for Big Brothers' showdown. Here Scugog Mayor Gerry Taylor (left) and Mayor Bill Ballinger (right) of Uxbridge eye the 'High Rollers' trophy that'll be up for grabs Saturday, Feb. 9.

But the real winner of the charity match will be the Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization, represented here by vice-president Judy Latta (front centre) and north Durham Region president, Paul Harris.

—Chris Shanahan

1985 Claremont Winter Carnival

Shows small profit

By Sandra Redshaw

CLAREMONT — The Winter Carnival Committee met last week and determined that, with all expenses paid, the 1985 event realized a small profit. This money will be used to support next year's carnival. A big thank you to the Legion Ladies Auxiliary for opening the legion for hot chocolate, coffee and sandwiches following the Jan. 26 parade. Appreciation is also extended to Royal Canadian Legion, branch 483, as well as the Lions and Lioness Clubs for their help during the carnival, which ran here Jan. 24 to 27.

The Claremont Lions Club has reserved Saturday, June 8, for its annual Hawaii Draw. Tickets will soon be available. And the Lioness Club is holding a draw on Sunday, June 23, at 1 p.m. Tickets for a handmade quilt will be available from any Lioness member. Please support both groups.

The parents of children who attend Claremont Co-operative Nursery School are holding a '60s dance on Saturday, March 2. It will begin at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall. There will be a disc jockey, door prizes, raffle and a buffet. The cost is $15 a couple. For tickets contact Nancy Smith at 649-2319; Heather Barnes at 649-3242; or the nursery school, between 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon, at 649-5223.

The next meeting of the Claremont Parents School Advisory group will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. Constable Peter Wraight of the Durham Regional Police Force, Community Services branch, will be in attendance. A movie will be shown on 'street proofing' your child.

The U.C.W. will meet at the home of Marean Ward on Monday, Feb. 11. The topic is the 'The Issue of Water' with Rhoda Almack and Douglas Varey.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, A Baden Powell service will be held at Claremont United Church. There will be a presentation of 'Religion in Life' emblems to Cubs and Brownies.

Transportation to Whitby is required twice weekly by a local disabled person who must attend a therapy workshop there. The driver should arrive at Whitby at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Mileage will be paid. If you are able to help, please contact Douglas Varey at 649-2400.

Get well wishes go out to Alice Peddie who has been a patient at Oshawa General Hospital.

Candidate

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Veteran politician Don Jackson has decided he'll contest a seat on Durham Region Council in November's municipal election.

Mr. Jackson, a Goodwood area resident who now represents Ward 1 on Uxbridge Twp. Council, first entered municipal politics in 1962.

Since then, he has held a variety of volunteer and elected posts, including deputy reeve in the former Twp. of Uxbridge before the formation of regional government in 1974.

"It gets in your blood," he told The Tribune last week when confirming his candidacy.

Regional Councillor Gerri Lynn O'Connor has announced she intends to run for Mayor of Uxbridge Twp.

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