

# Rail resumption draws high praise

**CLAREMONT** — The federal government's resumption of the Toronto-Peterborough-Havelock commuter service has been praised by politicians in communities served by the old line.

Pickering Mayor Jack Anderson said the train's return will have a major impact on the northern portion of his municipality.

"The area around Claremont, one of the stops on the line, will, I think, be especially affected," the mayor commented shortly after Transport Minister Don Mazankowski announced restoration of VIA Rail service in various parts of the country.

Between 40 and 60 Claremont residents used the train daily before the former Liberal government cut it in 1981.

The Toronto-Havelock line will resume operation June 1 for a two-year "use it or lose it" trial period, Mr Mazankowski has announced.

In an attempt to aid the restoration, the federal government will provide a \$1.3-million subsidy in each of the two trial years.

The federal minister said he's confident a target of 54,000 passengers will be reached in the first year.

Mayor Bill Ballinger of Uxbridge feels news of the line's return is great, even though the dayliner doesn't enter his township.

"We do have many residents that used the service," he noted.

Durham Regional Chairman Gary Herrema also views re-instatement of the 100-mile line as a positive move.



Members of the Uxbridge Secondary School's basketball Tigers competing in Edmonton are, front row (left to right): Rob Atkinson, Doug Morgan, Andrew McIlvride, Dan Whitmarsh, Terry Reesor and Scott Yake. Back Row (l to r): Jim Schwan, coach, Kirk Elliot, Dave Anderson, Gord Weatherup, Steve Stotz, Carl Orr and Harold Kim. Absent is Colin Mackie and team managers Helen Hockley and Audra Goeree. —Chris Shanahan

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# Uxbridge travels west for basketball classic

**UXBRIDGE** — The senior Tigers from Uxbridge Secondary School are facing some of Canada's best high school basketball teams this week.

They're part of the select field at the fifth annual Victoria Redmen Invitation Basketball

Tournament in Edmonton, Alta. It runs Feb. 6 to 9 on the campus of Victoria Composite High School.

The Tigers, who arrived in the prairie city yesterday (Feb. 5), were scheduled to play Regina's Leboldus Golden Suns in their

tournament opener today.

A win there could put them up against the highly-ranked Queen Elizabeth Lions of Halifax. Uxbridge is expected to play four times during the four-day event.

Coach Jim

Schwan told The Tribune that he's confident the Tigers will definitely be competitive in Edmonton.

The team has a good mixture of experienced veterans and some talented young players, the coach said before the squad's depart-

ture early Tuesday morning.

The tournament has 16 senior boys' squads competing for team and individual awards, plus another eight in a girls' division.

Team members have been involved in a wide variety of projects to raise funds for the trip.

# Furs to be featured

By Elsie Boland

**GOODWOOD** — Fashionable furs will highlight a morning coffee gathering hosted by the Goodwood Christian Women's Club. It'll be held Friday, Feb. 8 at the Goodwood Community Centre. Starting time is 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$2.50 for a program that includes a display by Elizabeth Furs of Markham, love songs by Susan Cogar, and a session with home-maker Evie Michell of Claremont. Coffee and nursery reservations and cancellations are essential. Contact Janet Paxton at 640-5737 or Dorothy Simpson at 852-7312.

Goodwood Beavers require more members. Any parents with interested boys, up to eight years of age, can contact Rev. John McManiman at 640-1781 for further information.

It's bingo time tonight (Feb. 6) at the Community Centre. The fun starts at 7:30 p.m.

Euchre was played at the Community Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 30. Winners were George Archer, Gord Wilson, Everett Hammond, Elsie Taylor, Grace Thompson and Celeste Smalley. Door prizes went to Elsie Taylor, Grace Hockley, Carl Hockley, Carl Hockley, Mrs. Kydd, Zella Harwood, Art Parratt and Mrs. Archer.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, the senior citizens group enjoyed a potluck dinner in Goodwood.

The U.C.W. will gather today (Feb. 6) at Mary Mitchell's residence. It begins at 7 p.m.

The Women's Institute held a Valentine's gathering at the Community Centre on Monday, Feb. 4. A potluck dinner was served and a speaker and entertainer were on hand.

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# Women gather

**QUAKER HILL** — The Quaker Hill Women's Institute held its January meeting at Daheim Nursing Home. The motto was "It's always too soon to quit" and roll call was "Name a need and concern in our community." The evening's topic of "Citizenship" was convened by Murie Leask. She gave an informative talk on the early history of Uxbridge, naming the Quaker families that lived here and calling attention to the buildings and industries that thrived back then. A social evening followed.

On Dec. 7, 1984, Institute members and guests visited Cullen Barns at Milliken. They enjoyed a ham dinner plus music provided by a wandering guitar player. Many in the group attended early so they could browse around the display areas. It's a wonderful place to visit, though the ladies didn't have enough time to see everything.

The November meeting was also held at the Daheim Nursing Home. Our motto "He who helps others helps himself." The topic was "Family Affairs." It was convened by Carolyn Parish.

As the Institute has been twinned with New Brunswick, Mrs. Parish has written to a pen pal in that area and has received letters and brochures. Some of these were read and shown to the group to explain how the Maritime Institute carries on its work. It was also decided that Grace Thompson and May Forsythe would take the braiding instruction offered at Goodwood by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. They'll teach a class. More details will be available later.