

## Claremont congregations hold Easter celebrations

By Doris Burton

**CLAREMONT** — Remember the combined service Thursday, April 4, of the Claremont United and Baptist church congregations? It begins at the United church at 7 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 7, there will be a Sunrise Service at the Baptist Church beginning at 7 a.m. This will be followed by breakfast and an Easter video. The morning service is at 10:30 a.m. with the junior choir singing. The United Church is having a 6 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Almack farm south of town. This will be followed by breakfast at St. John's Church, Brougham, at 7 a.m. Easter celebrations will then be held at 9:45 a.m. at St. John's and at 11:15 a.m. in Claremont.

Sorry to report that Lillian Empingham is again a patient at Ajax Pickering Hospital. Her many friends wish for a full recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nelson returned last week to Wentworth, N.S., after a month's visit with their daughter Eunice, her husband Ross, and family.

News from Indonesia is that Janet and Blair Clark welcomed a baby boy, Bradley (7 pounds, eight ounces), into their home March 13. Lindsay and Robin will be delighted. The Clarks formerly ministered here at the Baptist church.

Congratulations to Cathie and Brian Brooks on the birth of a son on March 26.

The Miller Fire Fund, formed Jan. 14 following a tragic fire at the historic

Thistle Hall farm, has now reached over \$13,000. This account, which is still open at the Bank of Commerce branch in Claremont, has drawn attention from concerned people far and near. It is available to fire victims Hugh and Elsie Miller as their needs arise.

Despite the worst ice storm of the winter, a good number were out Sunday evening to enjoy a delicious beef dinner at the United Church.

'Annie' tickets

Tickets are going fast for Claremont Public School's production of 'Annie'. Performances are scheduled for April 9, 10 and 11 in the school auditorium. Starting time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at the school or from Karen Marks at 649-3030.

## Fire reels are busy

By Marjorie Woodland

**FOURTH LINE** — Fire reels were busy on the Fourth Line Saturday. They were called to extinguish what may have been the first grass fire of the season. The flames roared over about three thousand newly-planted evergreens on the May brothers' property.

Verna and Harvey Bunker of Minden visited their family at Goodwood. Don and Diane Bunker and Merlin and Lorraine Harmon. They report lots of snow and ice yet at Kushog Lake. As usual, Harvey enjoyed a fair season of ice fishing and we can verify how delicious the results tasted.

Linda and Marlene Hamilton are the Bible Club teachers each Wednesday at Goodwood Public School. They are nearing the close of their teaching exercises for the year. Additional clubs will be held for several weeks. The invitation reads: Calling all girls and boys ages 4 to 10! Come to Bible Club Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. after school at Goodwood Baptist Church for songs, games and bible stories. Bring your friends.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Ron May is in hospital at Oshawa, undergoing treatment

for a ruptured disc. A sincere get well wish from all of us.

Percy Pugh spent last week in Toronto Western Hospital. He was released on Saturday after having additional surgery to assist in his recovery from a serious wood-cutting accident that occurred over a year ago. We are pleased to hear that he is making a good comeback.

The hydro crews were kept busy in this area, as well as the Toronto region, when high winds coupled with ice coated trees, resulting in extensive damage. Ted and Nancy Kidd had a grandstand view of a tree as it toppled across the wires between their home and the H. Clausen home. The storm inspired the following poem:

What a rainstorm we had on the Fourth  
And the south, east, west and the north  
Till it started to freeze  
The wind, it had blown down a tree  
Right across the wires we see  
There were fire balls and a bang  
With explosions that rang  
As sparks danced around on a spree

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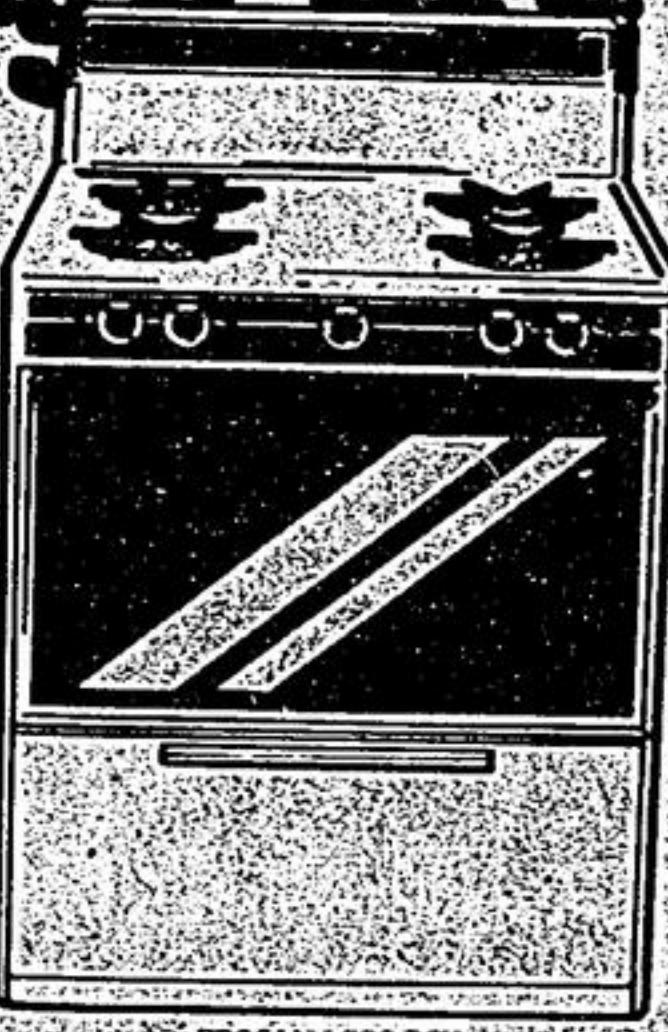
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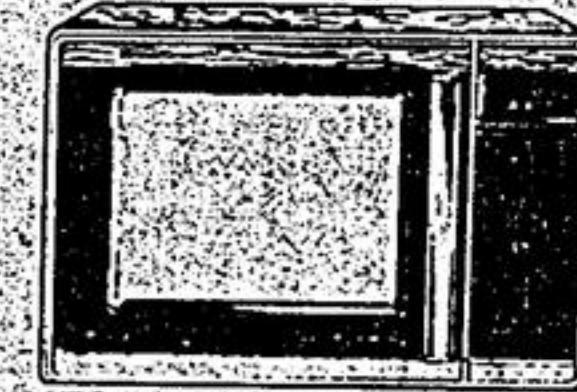
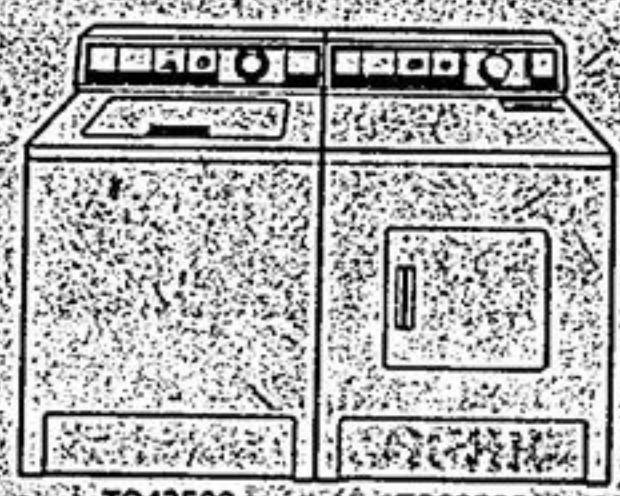
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