Claremont News

More singers needed for candle light service

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This year help celebrate Christmas in Claremont by attending or participating in the United Church's Christmas Eve Candle Light service. Gabrielle and Gerd Unterman have graciously volunteered to help coordinate the evening performance, however, more adults and youths are needed to help us sing. Gerd will narrate the story of "Why the chimes rang out at Christmas" with assistance from local children. Choir practices for both children and adults will be at 4 p.m., every Thursday from now until Christmas. The service will be held Thursday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.

The Claremont Four Seasons will hold its first annual New Year's Eve party. Included will be champagne, a live band and midnight cold buffet. This event will be held in their main banquet room so there will be plenty of room for dancing and celebrating. Tickets are $55 a couple. The Four Seasons is located on the 8th Concession, the first road south of Claremont. For more information, call Karen Carson at 649-2436.

Just a reminder that P.A.C.T. will hold a media event on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m. in the Pickering High School. Keynote speakers include Frank Horgan, Commissioner of Works for Metro and Bill Newman, former Minister of the Environment.

The Tops Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m., the Lion's will hold their Christmas Concert dress rehearsal. Monday, Nov. 30 is Ward 3 election day.

Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. the Winter Carnival committee will gather at the Community Hall to paint signs and prepare flags for some of the events in January.

Results from the Nov. 17 Senior's Euchre tournament are as follows: (Ladie's) 1st, Norma Benson; 2nd, Dorothy Cook; 3rd, Annie Bowman; (Men's) 1st, Gord Benson; 2nd, Bill Butters; 3rd, Earl Cook; (Lucky Draw) 1st, Merle Johnson; 2nd, Nancy Cammack; 3rd, Mod Anderson.

Photographic artist featured

Latcham Gallery will feature photographic artist Stan Denniston and his current work 'Reminders,' during its next exhibition November 24 to January 4.

According to a pamphlet from the Art Gallery of Ontario, Mr. Denniston's photographs are a complex study of the ways in which visual memory works.

"They are not literally pictures from the past, nor are they images of memories; mental images of the things they once were," it reads. "Prosaic, literal and hardly picturesque, the photographs in this exhibition will be instead, documents of a conceptual procedure, one which records a visual correspondence between two or three locations as disparate and far apart as Toronto, Vancouver and Long Beach in California.

In the pamphlet, Mr. Denniston is said to have begun his Reminders exhibition when, during his extensive travels across North America, an unfamiliar scene would remind him of another from his past.

"He devised a way to expose such moments photographically and thereby to make them visually manifest," it explained. "After taking, but not printing, a picture of the scene that triggered his memory, he would travel to the remembered site in order to photograph it as well."

Afterwards, the two, sometimes three photographs were placed side by side for comparison, the one on the left being the cue and the other its response.

The public may view Mr. Denniston's 'Reminders' exhibition from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and 12 noon until 4 p.m., Sunday.

Language program a huge success

Trustees enthusiastically received a presentation on the Whole Language approach to literature which is now being implemented in Durham Board schools.

Resource teacher Jim Craigen, Uxbridge Public School teacher Joyce Fisher, West Lynde Public School teacher Penny Maring and primary/junior consultant Marilyn Adams took part in the presentation.

A video explained how the program works, after which several humorous role plays highlighting the issues facing school staffs were enacted. Instead of the workshops which were part of the original presentation to principals, the group led trustees through a brief spelling test and the steps to be followed in learning to spell.

Trustees asked several questions with regard to how the various components - grammar, spelling, reading, writing - are taught within the context of Whole Language.

The group was commended for its excellent presentation.

1988 RATES

Markham Hydro Electric Commission has announced an average 4% rate increase for 1988 which if approved by Ontario Hydro will take effect January 1st.

Ontario Hydro has increased the wholesale cost of power to Markham Hydro by 4.7% but careful budgeting and effective financial controls has permitted the Commission to absorb a portion of the overall increase. This is the sixth consecutive year the Commission has held the rate increase below the Ontario Hydro wholesale cost increase.

The increased rates are necessary to maintain the Utility's financial integrity and will be pro rated on all customer bills after January 1, 1988.

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First 250 KWH	8.65¢ per KWH
Balance	5.22¢ per KWH
Minimum Bill	$5.40

GENERAL SERVICE

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0 - 50 KW	No Charge
Over 50 KW	$4.40 per KW of Demand
Minimum Bill Under 50 KW	$5.40
Minimum Bill over 50 KW Based on Highest Billing Demand in Previous 11 Months	.50¢ per KW of Demand

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Next 1,790,000 KWH	3.98¢ per KWH
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