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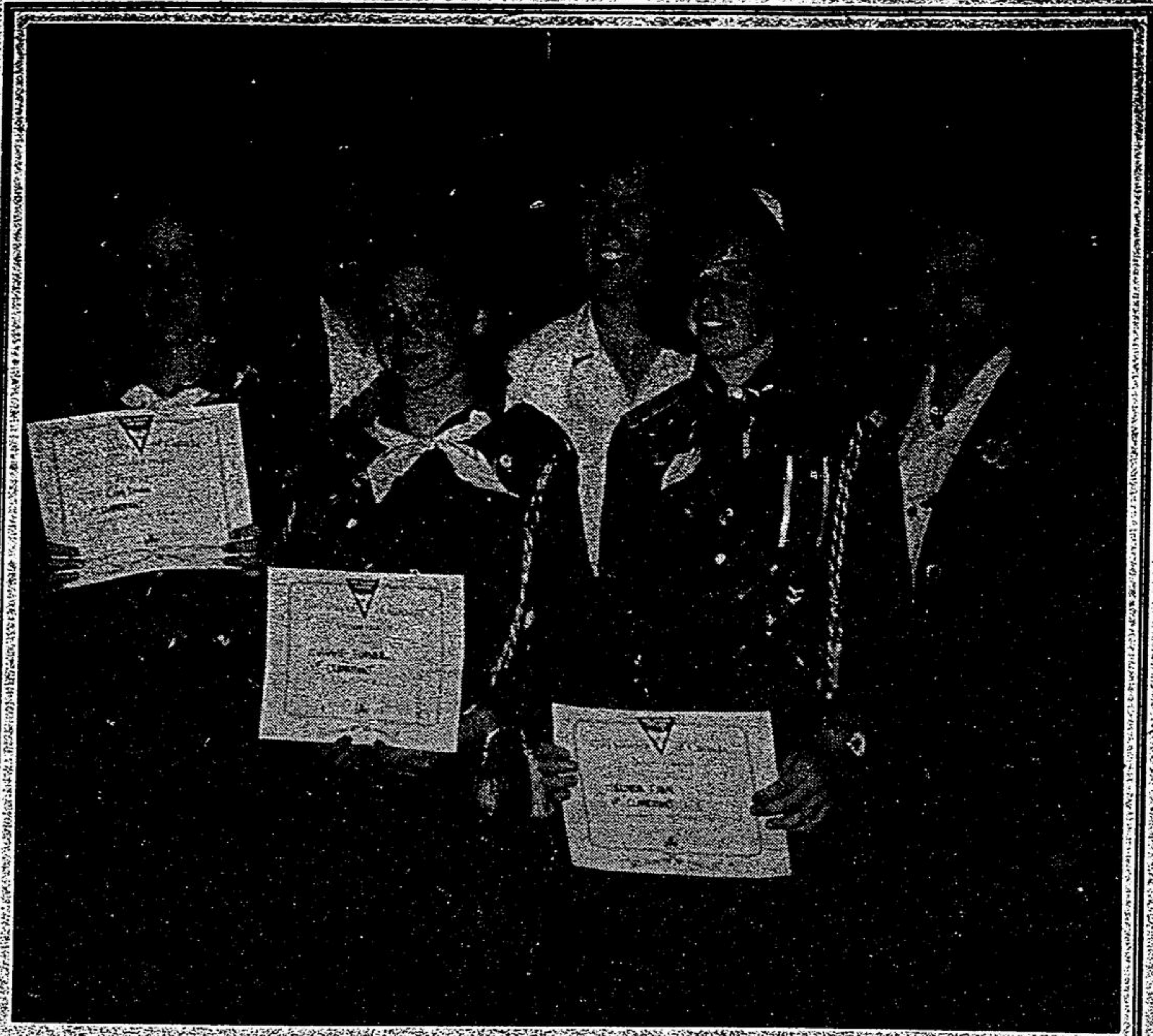
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All-round Guides

These members of 1st Claremont Guides were officially presented prestigious All-Round Cords for their work with the Guiding movement. All-round Cords are the highest achievement possible for a girl guide. Receiving the awards are (front row, from left) Guides Lisa Drake, Maggie

Turner, and Melinda Finn. Claremont Girl Guide officials (back row, from left) Pat Davies, Linda Stevens and Brenda Wardrop turned out to congratulate the girls. The All-Round Cords were bestowed upon the girls earlier this year, but official presentations took place last Thursday.

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Claremont blacksmith does work the old-fashioned way

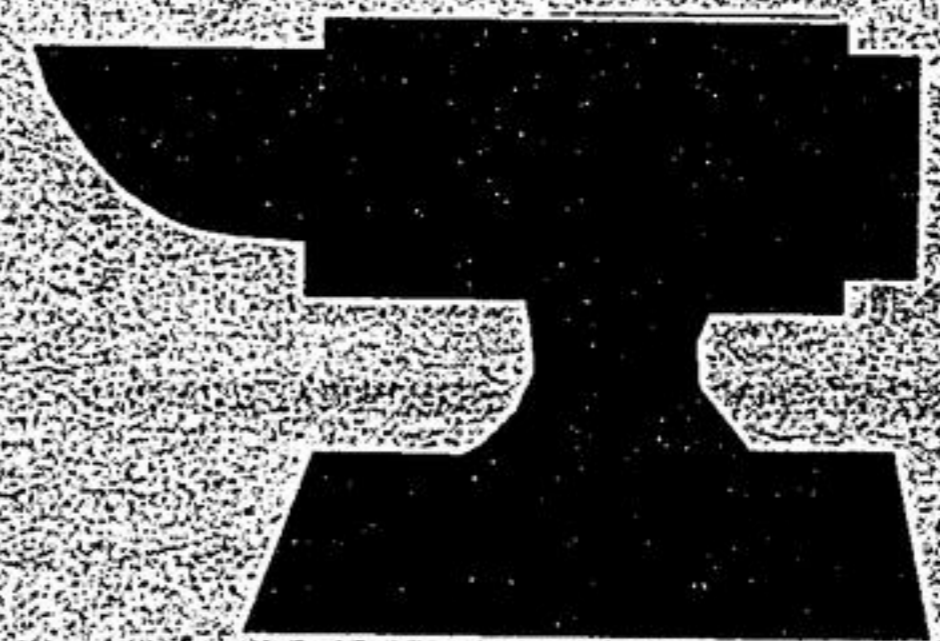
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Correspondent

Claremont blacksmith Mike Klatt believes in using centuries-old European techniques in his work.

"I try to work with old-fashioned methods whenever I can because there still are balcony grills and other bits and pieces in Europe that are 500 years old," says Mr. Klatt, a decorative ironwork specialist who custom designs everything from lamps to garden gates.

"We know how the old blacksmiths did it but it's a time-consuming process."

A native of Germany, Mr. Klatt was a blacksmith in his homeland before turning his talents to the engineering field.



He didn't forget his roots, however, when he returned to blacksmithing several years ago.

His decorative approach to the craft remains a far cry from Canada's utilitarian blacksmithing tradition.

"In the beginning there was no extra money for farmers to say 'make it like this or make it like that,' whereas in Europe, this has been the tradition," says Mr. Klatt.

"Any book that traces the history of blacksmithing in Europe starts with the same piece of work - a grill in England - in the 13th Century. They did decorative work then and they're still doing it today.

Mr. Klatt, 58, spends an average of about 55 hours forging a lamp and bracket or other similar item.

The end product costs more than mass-produced factory designs but he insists the superior quality of his workmanship is well worth the expense.

"I try to ensure the finished product doesn't appear to have been cranked out in assembly-line fashion. It shouldn't look that way because it's hand-made. I work with old methods," says Mr. Klatt, who has exhibited his skills at Uxbridge's annual Steam Threshing Days.

Mr. Klatt operates a coal-fired forge out of an historic Claremont building that once housed a carriage-making factory.

Today, the mid-1800s structure remains a direct link to the area's historic past.

He'd like to see the building, which features an authentic forge and chimney, designated as an historic site.

Mr. Klatt is researching the site and plans to contact local architectural conservation officials in the near future.

For more information about the Claremont Forge, contact Mr. Klatt at 649-3874.

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