## Claremont Legion

# Why tax exempt?

CLAREMONT - The Claremont branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will be requested by Pickering Township Council to furnish them with a statement based on their last financial year.

Claremont Legion is the only one in the township which owns its own building, and they have requested tax exemption.

Deputy Reeve George Ashe does not see why they, or any private organization that makes a profit, should be exempt from taxation.

Reeve John Williams said that a Legion venture in Oshawa would be a money-making proposition, but he couldn't understand how an operation in Claremont could make money with a population of 600 people. He said that organizations receiving grants provide municipalities with a financial statement which would indicate the needs of assistance by the municipality.

Councillor Don Kitchen questioned the whole idea of exemption.

"I can see circumstances which would merit exemption from taxes much more deserving than this," he said, "I can see an old age couple who are far more needy than this particular branch of the Canadian Legion."

He said he didn't know why the Legion was mentioned specifically in the Municipal Act, for others that serve similar functions do not get grants. Many properties, he said, are not exempt from taxation, which includes church properties which are not even used for religious purposes.

"I think," he said, "Maybe the whole tax structure is really wrong."

Councillor Jean McPherson said that the reason the Legion was mentioned in the Act was that it was made up of returned soldiers, and Clerk Douglas Plitz ventured that it does a great deal of good, assisting families and organizations that are in need.

Council will consider tax exemption when the financial statement has been studied.

The executive of the Claremont Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, have applied to Pickering Twp. Council for 100 percent tax exemption on their building and property. Members' decision has been reserved pending the receipt of a financial statement. —Jas. Thomas.

## Sunday School anniversary

# 'Little children shall lead them'

By Rosemary Timms

CLAREMONT - Sunday, April 25 is the annual anniversary service of the Claremont United Church Sunday School. To mark the occasion, special music will be rendered by the Claremont Public School choir under the direction of Mrs. Allan Redshaw. The guest speaker is Mrs. L. Richardson of Whitby. Regular classes have been withdrawn. Instead, the children will attend at 11 a.m., to have their attendance marked. The worship begins at 11.15 a.m. Sunday School concludes for the summer period, May 16 and reconvenes, Sept. 12.

At the Claremont Baptist Church, a rededication service is planned for May 30, following alterations to the interior. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ivan Morgan, McMaster Divinity College. The occasion is the congregation's 150th anniversary.

The Boy Scouts and Cubs are holding an Apple Day, April 24. Give the boys a boost. Buy an apple.

Many new books have been added at the Claremont Library. Come in and check the selection. Membership is free to people living or working in Pickering Township. Those residing outside the municipality are charged a small fee. Library hours are - Tuesday, 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m.

The Mission Circle of the Baptist Church will meet April 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Binstead, Ashburn. Ladies of Mt. Zion will be guests for the evening and provide the program. The roll call is 'Name your favorite Bible verse'.

Kindergarten registration at Claremont Public School is April 27, beginning at 9.15 p.m. All parents with preschool children to reach the age of 5 years on or before Dec. 31, 1971 are invited to place them on the roll with classes to begin in September. Verification of the child's age must be submitted in the form of a birth or baptismal certificate and also the child's immunization record. Parents unable to attend, are asked to contact the school.

The Claremont Lionettes visited the residents at Claremont Villa, April 13 and presented each lady and gentleman with baked goods and a plant.

Congratulations to Shelley Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ward on the occasion of her 11th birthday, April 15.

Mrs. Jewell of Lindsay is enjoying a visit with her daughter, son-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norton.


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