

A modern home from the past

It may not look like a sign of the times now, but when the Kay estate was first built, it made a modern statement for architecture in Cobourg.

The house and grounds of the estate stood on the site of CDCI East on King Street East. It was built in 1910 for Alfred Kay, one of the American summer colony stalwarts who was in the Pittsburgh steel industry. The architects of the home were Rutan and Russell of Pittsburgh, who were responsible for the design of a few other grand houses in the Cobourg area, including Cottesmore Hall. But where the others were built in a more traditional style, the Kay home was decidedly modern.

The house was an updated version of the popular

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FRAMEWORK

American east-coast colonial style. It signalled the beginning of a more modern approach to homes, with less ornamentation and cleaner lines. The third floor dormer windows are also interesting because of their backwards sloping design. The grounds of the estate, like others in the neighborhood, stretched from King Street to Lake Ontario. With its gardens running next to Donegan Park and the famous Cobourg Horse Show

which was a highlight of the summer season, the Kays offered their land when a polo match was added to the festivities.

The house passed to Alfred Kay's daughter, Lucy Kay Schoonmaker, who married James Schoonmaker, also of the Pittsburgh steel industry. The couple owned the property until the 1950s. Part of the

Kay estate was bought by the Northumberland and Clarington Board of Education which built CDCI East on the property in 1963 to accommodate a rapidly expanding Cobourg.

The information for this article was provided by Cobourg historian Robert Mikel, owner of the Cobourg Print Gallery.



Kay House on King Street East

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Dickson Flooring wins award

A local floor-covering business has won a retailer of the year award from the Floor Covering Institute of Ontario.

Russell Dickson of **Dickson Flooring** accepted the award, which is based on customer service, product knowledge and professional installation. The business is 30 years old.

LOOKING BACK



This field day at Port Hope High School was in 1937. In the back row are Mary Kearns, Beryl Austin and Evelyn Jamieson. Front row are Loretta Smith, Francis Jex and Wanda Ogden. Photo and information courtesy of Mrs. Beryl Cressey, Port Hope.



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FEB. 22, 1995 High stepping

Loren Macklin belts out a song during a performance of *Anything Goes* at Trinity College School. The Cole Porter musical

featuring the talents of students from TCS and CDCI West will continue this weekend. Tickets are available by calling 885-4565.