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## King City District News

A shower was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Monkman, Strange, recently for her sister, Irene Gillies of Toronto, whose marriage took place at Weston on Saturday, January 31st. More than 50 attended.

A miscellaneous shower was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Hilda Patton for Miss Jean McClure of Toronto.

King Women's Institute Branch will hold the February meeting on Monday, February 9th. The date has been altered to suit the speaker, Mrs. (Dr.) Devins of Aurora. The Patriotic Rally, Tuesday, February 10, sponsored by Aurora Victory Chorus will be the highlight on that date.

Mrs. Earl J. Bowes returned to her home on January 21st following a surgical operation at St. Michael's hospital.

Nobleton W.I. will sponsor a St. Valentine dance on Friday, February 13th in the Hall. No ill luck in this date for this W.I. The success of former St. Valentine dances ushers in the forthcoming event with good favour.

Mrs. Mannels and Mrs. A. Kelley sponsored a euchre and bingo last week at Mrs. Mannels' home, Humber trails. Twenty dollars or more was realized for soldiers' boxes, taken care of by King W.I.

Several ladies from the district attended the W.M.S. Toronto Centre Convention of the United Church. Mrs. (Rev.) J. McEwan was again appointed officer in this area.

Miss Alice Ferguson and Mrs. A. McClure attended the annual meeting of Toronto Presbyterial W.M.S. held in Toronto last week. Mrs. (Rev.) J. A. Koffend of Newmarket has been appointed vice-president of Section 4 of the Presbyterial replacing Mrs. Bond of Aurora who, though her term of office was brief, discharged her duties in a most pleasing and commendable manner. An experienced missionary in China, Mrs. Koffend is welcomed by the district.

Correction: In speaking of an address by Rev. Mr. Hirtle of Richmond Hill, and one by Mrs. Rock of King, the occasion was the monthly meeting of Eversley Women's Missionary Society, held at Mrs. McClure's.

Mr. Leslie Robson of Aurora spent a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Catharine Robson.

The annual skating carnival of Toronto Centre North Presbytery Y.P.U. will be held at Newmarket on February 26th followed by social hour at Trinity United Church.

Schomberg United Y.P.U. has incorporated the Anglican and Presbyterian Societies as a community Young People's group. All groups have been depleted by the war and the new formation is planned as a means of strength by union. Officers are: Pres., Gibson Smith; vice-pres., Harold Forth; secretary, Jack Wauchup; treasurer, Mildred Brown; Fellowship, Missions, Culture, Citizenship committees named four conveners for each. Meetings will be held every second Monday evening.

Eversley Presbyterian Church held its congregational and annual meeting on January 29th. Financial statements in each department showed an increased balance. Improvements in the grounds were accomplished and plans were discussed to make further improvements. Walter Gellatly was re-elected chairman of the Managing Board; Misses Jessie Gellatly and Ethel Ferguson as church organists and Edith Bovair as S.S. superintendent.

Departmental reports heard at the annual meeting of Nobleton United Church showed substantial balances in each with missions and war charities receiving donations. A new organ was reported paid in full. The Sunday School had an average attendance of 44. It was decided to hold the anniversary services on the second Sunday in June in place of October, as heretofore.

The last of the "Kelleys" passed away on Sunday, February 1st, in the person of Archibald Kelley, 92 years of age. They were a noble family; sturdy Scotch settlers whose greatest wealth was their integrity. They were as upright as the tall hardwood trees they felled 110 years

ago to build their pioneer home. They lived contentedly, majestically, the simple truths of life, and enjoyed the fruits of such to a very great old age.

Archibald Kelley was last of six children of Archibald and Mary Kelley, natives of Kintyre Island, Scotland, who migrated to Canada in 1832. They came by foot from Muddy York to the highlands of King Township where virgin forest sloped down to a beautiful little lake. New Scotland they named their home and "Kelley's lake" it is, forever. There were seven children; three lived more than 90 years, two more than 80 and two were past 70. The parents were both past 80. For many years the housekeeper, nurse, advisor and friend was Mary Mitchell, his niece. Upon her fell the burden of years of patient toil and service which she gave gladly and well. She survives, but only on a bed of great illness in St. Michael's Hospital. Archie Mathieson of Toronto is the one surviving nephew.

The funeral service was held from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at Strange, Rev. F. V. Abbott of Schomberg officiating. Interment was made in King Cemetery on Tuesday, February 3rd.

All Saints' Church, King announces Sunday School 2 p.m. D.S.T. and service 3 p.m. D.S.T. on February 8th.

"Below" temperatures registered, King, 24; Nobleton, 20; Kettleby, 16; Schomberg, 12. Let's spend our winters at Schomberg.

Laskay Radio Farm Forum met at Frank Marshall's on Monday evening. Twenty-five members discussed "Buying Together". Answers to questions scheduled were: The U.F.O. in this district has been a successful co-operative enterprise in the controlling of some commodities, binding twine and salt.

Farmers could do all their buying co-operatively if they were so minded. But under the present government system of price control there is possibly, not the need of such at present.

Co-operation is not the cure-all to the farmers' problems. It is a vast help especially in the pooling of labour and in co-operation in the use of farm machinery and implements.

## WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Feb. 3rd, 1927  
At the County Council session this week Stanley Tyndall was appointed high school trustee for Richmond Hill by Reeve Lunau.

Mr. Bert Nicholls, Victoria Square, won the prize of \$5 offered last Saturday for the person bringing the largest load of skaters to the local arena. Mr. Nicholls had thirty people in his sleighload.

The Richmond Hill Follies under the direction of Gordon Sloan, Lou Teetzel, A. T. Minnis and Wesley Middleton is to be staged here sometime in March.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Feb. 2nd, 1912  
Four curlers from the Richmond Hill Curling Club had the honor of playing a friendly game at the Queen City rink, with the Scotch curlers who are now touring Canada.

At the King and Vaughan Plowmen's banquet in Armstrong's Hall, King, on Friday, the society presented George Lawson, treasurer for 21 years, with a gold headed cane. J. T. Saigeon, secretary, read the address and James A. Cameron, reeve of Vaughan, made the presentation.

Calamity howlers have been commenting on the large number of farm sales. They were born forty years too late. In this issue 39 farm auction sales are registered from February 1 to Mar. 22 inclusive.

The Post Office has been removed to Mr. Savage's store and the lock boxes and other conveniences are quite up-to-date.

### FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Feb. 5th, 1902  
The North Bay train stops here at Maple every morning about 6. This will give anyone who wishes a chance to spend a long day in the city.

## The Walker Family Among Original Markham Settlers

NEWS NOTES FROM THE BUTTONVILLE DISTRICT

Mr. Leslie Hood received the following card from Mrs. Frank Rae which was read to Brown's Corners United Church congregation on Sunday: "May I thank through you the friends in Brown's Corners who sent such beautiful flowers in tribute to Mr. Rae. I do appreciate this token of remembrance and feel comforted that his work and influence still live on. The years in the fellowship of the church over there were happy ones and I give thanks for them, now, more than ever. Yours sincerely, Bessie A. Rae."

The following were the prize winners at the Institute Euchre held last Monday: Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Cox; 2nd, Mrs. Adam Brown; 3rd, Mrs. Douglas Brown; gents, 1st, Gordon Atkinson; 2nd, Jeff Scott; 3rd, Donnie McQuay. Lucky prize for table 12 was won by Della Allen and George Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown won the first freeze-out prize with Mr. K. Stotts and Mr. J. McPherson the second.

The Red Cross are holding an all day work meeting in the hall next Tuesday. The committee want everyone to come.

### THE WALKER FAMILY

The Walker family of Buttonville are among the original settlers of this district and have in their possession a memorandum book giving the family history back to 1751. John Walker, the great grandfather of the present Walker family, was born in Coleraine, Ireland in 1788. He married Rachel Keith and with his wife and family migrated to Canada in 1834. His son James was 14 years of age at this time.

John Walker was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and precursor in the congregation Post Stewart. When he came to Canada and settled in this community in 1834, he became precursor and was one of the founders of Brown's Corners Presbyterian Church, which is now Brown's Corners United Church. The following certificate was brought from his church in Ireland:

"We certify that Mr. John Walker is descended from parents among the most respectable and upright in the

parish of Ballyachron—that in 1831 he was unanimously elected a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Congregation of Post Stewart—that he is and always was in full communion with us—that he is entitled to all the privileges of the Christian Church—we recommend him and his family to the care and attention of whatever Minister and Worshipping Society he may please to attach himself.

Burnside Cottage)  
9 June 1834 )  
John Stewart P.M.  
Read in the session and signed  
by order,  
Thomas McWilliam

John Walker and his family settled on 50 acres which is the North East quarter of lot 16, concession 4 Markham Township. This land is at present owned by James Russel. They cleared the land and built themselves a log house which was situated on the west side of the 5th concession. A few years later they bought part of the east one-half of lot 16, concession 3 and this land is still the Walker home. John Walker's son, James Walker, married Rachel White. They had quite a large family including 4 sons, Isaac, Samuel, John and James; and 5 daughters, Mary (Mrs. Calvert), Sarah (Mrs. Elson), Rachel (Mrs. McRill), Ann (Mrs. Elliott) and Louise (Mrs. John Padget). Mrs. John Padget who is 82 is the only surviving member. All the others with the exception of Mrs. Elson lived to be over 80, John and James dying in January of this year.

James Walker, recently deceased, was born on the farm (lot 16, con. 3e) where he resided until his death, in the original log house which had been moved there from the first farm. The present house was erected the same year, 1858. John Walker worked the land directly across the road until he moved to Saskatchewan in 1908.

James Walker married Rachel Stonehouse and they would have celebrated their golden wedding if he had survived until March of this year. The surviving members of his family are his widow, 3 daughters, Eva (Mrs. L. A. Hood) Irene (Mrs. F. Tennyson), Rachel (Mrs. H. Patterson), Viola (Mrs. A. Harrington) and Ruth (Mrs. H. Boadway), and 2 sons, Earl of Wheatley and Roy on active service in England.

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