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King City District News

Veterans Buy King City Motors

Veterans Dave Glass and Jack Armstrong have purchased King City Motors from B. J. Langdon, who established here 18 years ago. Dave (Pete) is a King boy and his pal, a native of Ireland, came to Toronto several years before war was declared.

Their first acquaintance began on shipboard while sailing for England with Canadian Engineers corp in December 1939. They were posted for campaigns in Sicily and Italy, remaining together throughout until 1945 when Mr. Armstrong was returned to England and Canada only that year, while Mr. Glass was detailed to Belgium and Germany for occupation.

The latter married a young woman of Norbury, England, during the summer of 1945, returning to Canada in October 1946. His bride arrived six weeks ago and they have taken up residence in King with Mr. Armstrong, comrade in business, making his home with them.

The new owners of the business had long experience as garage mechanics before enlistment, and with six years' war service experience in that field are competently able to take over the widely known concern of King City Motors.

Mrs. Charles E. Case, Roseneath Gardens, Toronto, entertained at a tea in honour of her niece, Miss Bernice Case, Owen Sound, whose marriage to William Mordant Peters Benson, Toronto, will take place in Knox Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound on Saturday, June 22. Receiving with Mrs. Case was Mrs. Mordant Benson, mother of the groom-elect, and assisting were aunts of the bride-elect, Mrs. Hugh G. Mitchell, Oak Ridges, and Mrs. Roy Follitt of King. Of the many guests present were Mrs. William Case, Aurora, grandmother of Miss Case and her aunt, Mrs. L. Case, Aurora, also Mrs. Frank Wilkins, Oak Ridges. The marriage has special interest here as parents of Miss Bernice Case are well known here. The Benson family were former residents of King when the late Mr. Benson was manager of the Bank of Montreal here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Badger and a visiting friend, Mrs. Arthur Gillham, Toronto, attended the Keffer reunion held at Maple on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. Verdun Gordon spent a recent week-end at Brantford and other points.

Mr. Harry McBride and family have moved to their recently purchased home, corner of King side-road and third concession, formerly owned by Miss Alice Ferguson. Mr. John Knapp, Toronto is the owner of the McBride house and has moved up from Toronto. Pupils of Aurora High School journeyed by Langdon Coach service to Mossington Park, Lake Simcoe, last Friday. Two busses were required to transport the 60 odd merrymakers, who completed the evening with a gala dance.

Rev. Harry Wilson and Mrs. Wilson attended three day sessions of the Ontario and Quebec Baptist conference held in Peterboro last week. They travelled by motor and report an excellent trip and inspiring sessions.

In connection with the King City Cold Storage plant, Mr. Clarke Archibald has opened up a butcher shop.

Rev. E. G. Worrall and district Anglican clergy attended the annual West York Deanery meeting at Sutton during last week.

Fit. Lieut. Orchard, an officer of Rehabilitation Education for Military air district No. 3 of Montreal has been engaged as principal of Oak Ridges public school on resignation of Sidney Brown who will take a teaching position in Toronto.

Mr. Charles Cudmore, assistant to Mr. Brown, has accepted a post on Hamilton staff, and Miss M. Rignan, Toronto, is engaged to replace Mr. Cudmore.

Gillham Wedding Anniversary

The Gillham homestead near King was the scene of an At Home on Sunday afternoon and evening when Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gillham celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Gillham was becomingly attired in black sheer, accented with white, pearl accessories, and coral flower arrangements in her hair. She also wore a shoulder pendant watch, a gift from her late aunt, Mrs. Phillips, when Mrs. Gillham reached her 20th birthday. Assisting was her sister, Mrs. George McDaniel, Toronto, wearing rose crepe. Attendants were Misses Shirley Rawlings and Beverley of King, dressed in attractive summer colors.

The spacious home was decorated with seasonal flowers and the lawns emphasized the setting of the ancient home in a profusion of variety flower beds.

A large number of guests were present from the district and outside points. Mrs. Gillham, mother of Mr. Henry Gillham was there to meet all the friends.

Following the reception in the afternoon, Mr. Percy Ball, a neighbor, offered congratulations to the couple on behalf of the assembly, as he had also done on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. He likened their years together as a ship's voyage on the sea of matrimony, a voyage manned by a good captain and mate, weathering storm seas and calm waters. He congratulated the ship's captain and his mate on safe port without farm help, endeavouring to fight the homefront by steady farm production. "This world does not seem to have learned its lesson yet," said Mr. Ball. "There is more unrest than one would like to see, but with much experience behind them, Captain Gillham and his mate are well prepared to sail their ship in any sort of weather that lies ahead." Mr. Ball extended a welcome to Captain, the Rev. E. G. Worrall and Leonard Blanton, the latter having been in Mr. Gillham's employ before enlistment in the Canadian Army. With their safe return, it was remembered that such men had done their bit towards defeating a ruthless enemy. Both were associated in All Saints Anglican Church.

A musical program was provided by Mrs. Louise Murch, Toronto who entertained with piano numbers.

Miss Lillian Penford and Master Ross Stuckless, vocal pupils of Mrs. Murch, rendered delightful solos accompanied by their teacher.

The early school days of Mr. Gillham were recalled by Miss Alice Ferguson, his first teacher at Kinghorn school.

The tea table was adorned in coral, silver and white and other appointments used when Emma Simpson of Kleinburg became the bride of Henry Gillham at their wedding held at her parents home. Mrs. Alfred Gillham Jr. and Mrs. Arthur Gillham Sr., Toronto poured tea. Serving were Misses Reta and Mary Regan and Catharine Moran.

Mr. Henry Clarke and family who were resident in the F. Selke home, fifth concession, for some time are removing to the cottage on the Roy Hollinshead farm at Kinghorn. Mr. Selke is now living on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rawlings, Toronto, are staying temporarily with Mr. Roy Hollinshead. Visiting is Mrs. MacArthur of Nova Scotia, Mrs. Rawlings' mother.

The Archibald reunion picnic was postponed on June 15th to a date in July owing to the death of Mrs. Charles Archibald of King. Mrs. Robert Robb was interred in King cemetery on Sunday, June 16, having passed away in Toronto General hospital on Thursday, June 13 following shock from a fractured hip, sustained earlier at her home at Richvale. She was born in 1861 at Kleinburg and lived in King and Vaughan townships. Early in June she had visited her son at King, enjoying good health. Mrs. Robb was to have taken part in the unveiling of the Keffer Memorial stone in Sherwood cemetery, when the Keffer families reunited on Saturday, June 15th. Deceased is survived by four children, 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Her husband predeceased her in 1915.

Mrs. Charles Archibald of King Laid to Rest

A prolonged and painful illness over many months claimed the life of Mrs. Mary Ann Archibald, wife of the late Charles Archibald, in her 86th year, on Wednesday, June 12th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Violet Gates, Weston. She was the daughter of Cornelius Dyke of Wexford, Whitechurch township, coming to Laskay at the time of her marriage 64 years ago. In the United churches of Laskay and King she served unselfishly and faithfully. Her 70 continuous years as a Sunday School teacher testified to her strong christian faith. In the W.M.S. she was an ardent member.

The funeral service was held in King United Church, the Rev. M. R. Jenkinson officiating, whose tribute was based on the following lines: We live in deeds, not years; In thoughts not breaths, in feelings. Not in figures on the dial; we should

Count time by heart throbs. He Most lives who thinks most, feels The noblest, acts the best.

In her life we have something, not only to honor but to imitate, Mr. Jenkinson remarked. She was not a stranger to labor, in that she made a house a home and left a heritage to her children. Through her 70 years proclaiming Christ's truths, she leaves a son and grandson who are telling the old, old story in India. There are those living in Laskay and King who are experiencing the benefits of her gospel teaching.

Favourite hymns of the deceased were chosen: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross and O Love That Will Not Let Me Go.

Present at the service among a large gathering of relatives and friends, were Rev. Harry Bartlett of Concession and Rev. Captain Oswald Dyke of Bruce Mines.

The pallbearers were four grandsons, a nephew and a grand nephew, Douglas Wellesley, Herbert Wellesley, Ft. Lieut. Charles Gates, Hartley Evans, Alfred Dyke and Wilfred Henry. There were numerous beautiful floral tributes. Interment was made in King Cemetery.

Surviving are three sisters, her seven children, Mrs. Annie Evans of Cookstown; Mrs. Hazel Wellesley, King; Mrs. Bertha Ferris, Parry Sound; Mrs. Lydia Bartlett, Concession; Mrs. Lena Cadden, King; Mrs. S. V. Gates, Weston and one son, Rev. Herbert Archibald of Ansheim, Calif. Twenty-three grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Laskay Institute heard Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Temperanceville in a demonstration on salads and arrangement of salad plates, at the June meeting held at the home of Mrs. John Riddell, King. Mrs. Percy Forrester, the new president, was chairman.

Five hundred in Kettleby district attended the banquet and presentation to district war veterans, when 54 Parken pen and pencil sets were presented by Dr. C. R. Boulding on behalf of the committee organized to carry through the tribute. More than half of the boys received the gifts in person. Two whose names were called had paid the supreme sacrifice, Roy Benjamin and William Henry Bowler. Five sets of gifts were awarded the Bowler family and three to the Weedon family. District clergy addressed the gathering.

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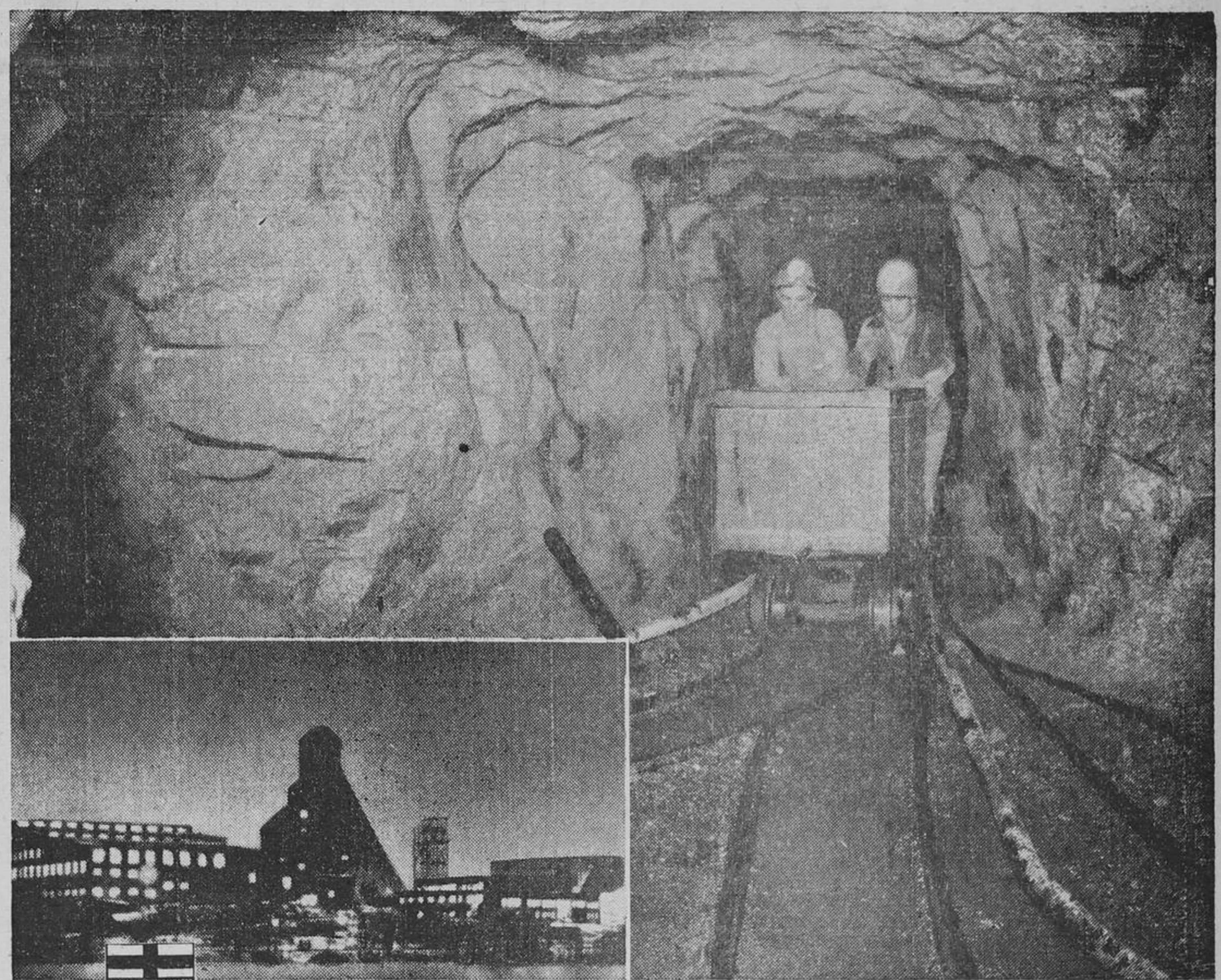
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