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# King City District News

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Benson of King on the birth of their son, on Friday, May 20th, at Private Patients Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Mother and son have returned to their home near King.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McQuarrie of Maple are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Friday, May 27th, at a Toronto hospital.

Mrs. R. L. James and daughter, Mrs. Morley Van Sickle and son, Jim, of Brantford spent a recent week-end with Mrs. James' niece, Mrs. Hugh Ross, Laskay Dance.

On Friday, June 10th, in Laskay W. I. Hall a dance will be held with Leo Paxton's Orchestra; lucky spot dances. Proceeds for hall building fund set up to improve and renovate the present building.

Mrs. O. Dart of Calgary paid a visit to her nephew, Mr. Wesley Kee, Mrs. Dart is on an extended visit in Ontario spending some time at New Lowell where Mr. and Mrs. Kee and family spent a recent week-end with Mr. Kee's relatives. The Kees also visited at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMurchy and children of Hillsburg spent Sunday with Mrs. McMurchy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Follott.

**Film For Entertainment**  
For the entertainment portion of Laskay Women's Institute Strawberry Festival to be held on Friday, June 24th, a colored film picturing scenes of Nassau and Jamaica taken by Dr. R. A. Bigford and Mrs. Bigford of Maple who paid an extended visit to these countries, will be shown in Laskay W. I. hall. Mrs. Bigford will narrate the explanations connected with this highly interesting trip.

Musical numbers will be arranged. June marks the 41st anniversary of Laskay W. I. and while last year was the celebration of the 40th birthday year, the festival on June 24 will serve the public and proceed will be used for the W.I. hall building fund.

Mr. John Lawson is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. I. L. Scott, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. L. Vining of Port Huron present for the funeral of Mr. Lawson's wife who was laid to rest on Friday, May 27, remained at King till Sunday and then on to Toronto en route home. They were at the Scott home for a day. Mrs. Vining will be remembered by some here as the former, Gertrude Sampson. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson had visited the Vining's many times together over the past years.

A large number of visitors, many from a distance were present for the Laskay United church anniversary and re-opening last Sunday. Many former associates came back for the auspicious occasion and for the evening service to hear Rev. Douglas Davis, Stouffville, their former pastor, and to meet Mr. and Mrs. Davis and their son, Donald, a member of the Stouffville United church choir singing in the evening.

King United Church W.M.S. were guests at Maple Society last week. North York W. I. District Annual.

It is of utmost importance that large representations from W. I. branches in the district of North York be present at the 42nd district annual to be held on Monday, June 6th at Queensville United church commencing at 9:30 a.m. Twenty-three senior branches and one junior (Schomberg) will be organized on a new basis, the complete district to be divided into two units or two separate districts. Announcement of the line of division and designation of branches to each district will be made. Election of officers for each district will take place. Branches have been told by those in authority the family of branches for North York has outgrown itself, in other words it is too large for proper functioning as a district. This is the result of progress and growth while older members may find it hard to part with the old system because of long association they are quick to recognize the need for re-vamping, which is also being carried out in other districts for the same reason. At 11:25 a.m. Miss Anna P. Lewis, director for W. I. Branch and Home Economics Service will be present. She will conduct selection of the co-operative program for the coming year, and in her inimitable way give leadership and brilliancy to the entire program of the day, a red letter day for branches. In the afternoon, Mrs. Fred Proctor will make a report from the Federation of Agencies. The federated director will speak. Resolutions will be dealt with and the conduct of the meeting will be doubtless streamlined for intense activity accentuated by careful planning, greatest efficiency and wide open discussion. Born and raised in North York and a product of W. I. background, Miss Lewis will assume her place in the program with personal interest.

A display and sale of pottery will be given by Mr. Ernie Neilson of Roches' Point. This is recommended as a special feature. Mrs. R. H. Corner, Aurora, is district president and will be chairman.

In King W. I. Branch members will take note the regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, at 8:15 p.m. It will be known as "Open House" and is open for all who care to attend. Members are asked to bring a friend who is interested in women's activities, who is a part or is anxious to become a part of the community of W. I. branches. At this meeting a panel discussion will be conducted by Mrs. Austin Rumble, in which questions will be asked and answered for the benefit of the gathering, namely the objectives of the W. I. relationships to form the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, the F.W.I.O. as a constituent society in the F.W.I. of Canada; the affiliation as Associated Country Women of the World. The Women's Institute organization is "democracy at work". The wheels will turn at the D. A., June 6th. The local W. I., June 14, will be a good place to hear reports of the district annual given by delegates and to hear the panel discussion as it strives to make clear and inspire the width and breadth of W. I. organization and objectives.

On Thursday, June 17, a W. I. bridge and euchre will be held at the

home of the president, Mrs. E. Kyle to raise funds for W. I. project work. Members are advised to inquire about a bus leaving the corner for Mrs. Kyle's. A full representation is asked for and a committee in charge of arrangements will make the party interesting and full of life. Mrs. Kyle's home will accommodate a large number of tables for the occasion, and there will be room for your special friend. A small covered charge will be made. It is well to remember 1949 is the tenth anniversary of King W. I. and so the local branch must therefore "grind corn fit for the gods."

**Mrs. Lawson Passes**  
To Mrs. Hannah Jane Lawson, wife of John S. Lawson of King, death came peacefully on Tuesday morning, May 24th, at her home in King village, after several months grave illness. Mrs. Lawson became far from her usual activity and vitality last year. A serious surgical operation six months ago prolonged her life, relieving certain elements of suffering. Despite skillful medical attention and professional nursing care, the malady could not be assuaged. She bore her suffering with great patience and enduring faith.

Mrs. Lawson was born in Tyrone, Ireland, and came to Canada as a child about 65 years ago, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forsythe, and sister, the late Mrs. Annie McCallum. She lived in Vaughan township until her marriage to her husband in 1904. As a bride she came to King township settling on her husband's farm near King, which they occupied until 1943 when it was sold. They moved a short time afterward to Richmond Hill returning to King early in 1945. In October of 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Lawson occupied their newly built house en-couraged to the enjoyment of their many friends.

Deceased was a member of Richmond Hill Presbyterian church and a member of the Women's Missionary Society of Strange Presbyterian church. She was highly respected by a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Of sterling character, Mrs. Lawson possessed an unusually bright and cheerful disposition which made her many friends. She was deeply interested in church life and her steadfastness therein was counsel and inspiration to others. Admired for her gracious hospitality Mrs. Lawson will be missed by all who knew her.

The funeral service was held from King United Church on May 27th, conducted by Rev. S. W. Hirtle of Richmond Hill, assisted by Rev. M. R. Jenkinson of King, and Rev. D. C. Soules, minister of Strange and Eversley Presbyterian churches. The beautiful display of floral offerings represented the sympathy and esteem felt by many. The pall bearers were Fergus Lawson, Pearson Smetzer, Norman Bryson, Leonard Robb, Howard Neil and David Maxwell of Toronto. Interment was made in the family plot in King cemetery.

The church was more than filled for the funeral service, and from outlying points were those from Barrie, Port Perry, Trenton, Port Huron, Port Elgin, Lucknow, Whitby, Toronto, Newmarket, Aurora. Surviving are the sorrowing husband Mr. John S. Lawson and the daughter, Mary, Mrs. Irving Scott of Toronto, the son in law and the grandson, Douglas Scott of Toronto.

**John Flanagan Dies At 34**  
Suffering a heart attack at the home of his father in law at Schomberg, Wednesday night, May 25th, John Leon Flanagan, 34 years, son of William Flanagan, seventh generation in the family plot in King cemetery. The church was more than filled for the funeral service, and from outlying points were those from Barrie, Port Perry, Trenton, Port Huron, Port Elgin, Lucknow, Whitby, Toronto, Newmarket, Aurora. Surviving are the sorrowing husband Mr. John S. Lawson and the daughter, Mary, Mrs. Irving Scott of Toronto, the son in law and the grandson, Douglas Scott of Toronto.

His brother, Jim Flanagan had seen him as he passed through Schomberg. By eleven o'clock he had passed away. The funeral service was held on Saturday morning from St. Patrick's church, Schomberg, requiem mass at 9 o'clock. Interment was in Lloyd-town cemetery. Because of illness his wife was not able to attend the church service, but it is hoped with a few days' rest she will be about soon.

Besides the wife and young son, and father of deceased, there are five brothers and sisters in the Flanagan family who survive. Both families are well known in King township. Frances, the wife, lived on the fifth concession near Kinghorn when her father farmed there. She had attended Kinghorn school with others of her family.

**Five Persons Injured**  
A two-car collision on the north townline east of Schomberg, near the fifth concession, Sunday afternoon, caused cuts and bruises to five persons treated in York County hospital, Newmarket. A car driven by Miss Arla Waddling, 16, of Tottenham, proceeding west on the townline was in collision with an east-bound car driven by Gordon Evans, 17, Plagrave. His companion was Elmer Robinson of Plagrave. According to police the Evans vehicle was travelling on the wrong side of the road, and coming over a hill, the driver said he did not see the west-bound car in time to swerve to his own side of the road in order to avoid collision. The young men told police they had been looking at the Holland Marsh fields as they drove along. Miss Waddling received arm and leg bruises. Passengers in her car were her mother, uninjured; Mrs. A. D. Cousins and son, Alvin Cousins, 18, Alliston, both slightly injured. Evans and his companion were cut and bruised. Constable Arthur Moody, Schomberg, who investigated said charges would be laid.

**Stand-Pipe Goes Up**  
The 100,000 gallon steel water reservoir for King waterworks is under construction by the Horton Steel Company branch plant, Toronto. Seven men are employed in the erection and the sound of pounding and riveting of the 8-foot steel

sheets is pleasant to hear as it means when the job is finished 60-pound pressure will exist and any fire truck can attach hose to receive that amount of pressure. Five of the men are boarding at Aubrey Campbell's, a man and his wife are at Mr. George Rumble's and another at Oak Ridges.

**Re-opening Successful**  
Celebration of the 45th anniversary and the reopening and dedication of Laskay United Church held on Sunday, May 29th, drew capacity congregations for two services conducted by visiting ministers. The interior of the building freshly decorated throughout is modern and very pleasing in detail. The cost runs well over the \$1,000 mark. The great percentage of expenditure has been met by the women of the congregation, whose organization raised funds for that purpose.

The morning service was taken by Rev. Lavell Smith, Toronto, and the evening sermon by Rev. D. Davis of Stouffville, a former minister. The Stouffville United Church choir of more than 20 voices, directed by Mr. L. C. Murphy, rendered anthems with fine quality of tone, excellent shading and decisive interpretation. The opening anthem was symphonic in balanced precision. The men's chorus lent pleasing and fruitful variety to the musical program. The tempo of the hymn singing throughout was noted by this writer. With delight this excellent choir into a realm of expectancy and vitality not so often found in a rural church service. The accompaniments played on the piano by the church organist, Mrs. Charles Nolan, displayed classic interpretation. Her work stood out for sheer graciousness and delightful cadence. Both the choir and leader were behind her yet her co-ordination was perfectly timed and with great ease.

Appreciating the background of devotion and labour of Laskay congregation, Mr. Davis congratulated the beauty of the edifice as a token of reverence toward the cause of the Church in Christ. In his dynamic appeal he challenged his hearers to realization of the vital problems facing the church today. Too much smug complacency and apathy, lead but to the downfall of institutions, but beautiful and yet dumb in vital functioning. Conviction must be expressed in action. The church, he said, is the only answer to crime and juvenile delinquency. The amazing and alarming wealth spent on liquor beverages to-day far exceeds that being expended for the entire program of secular and religious education of Canadians. Mr. Davis called for young men and young women from within Laskay congregation to forward in service of the church.

**G. A. Achievement**  
The Girls' Auxiliary of All Saints Anglican church held their closing meeting last week entertaining their mothers and reviewing recent achievements won by them as a diocesan junior auxiliary. Twenty-four badges which included 14 honors were won by the group. Study and examination work dealt with missions, churchmanship, social service and doreas participation. Under the leadership of Mrs. Ross Walker, the G. A. has co-operated in every respect motivated by their individual interest in the higher life.

About 18 representatives from the parish of All Saints, St. John's and St. Stephens met at King last week to hear and discuss Sunday School work. As teachers and associates they were given teaching methods by Miss Francis Gray of Toronto, an authority on Sunday school work who will return in the fall to continue further along this line. She stressed preparation an essential toward good teaching. The object of the lesson in hand should be clearly defined and impressed.

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