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An executive meeting of the Junior Women's Institute is to be held at the home of Miss Joan Hicks, on Monday, August 29, at 8 p.m. Members are asked to bring their own tickets.

**The Larsens Visit**  
 Over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Larsen and little Harry visited many of their old friends in Langstaff prior to leaving Monday for Washington. We hope that if and when they return to Canada they will again make their home here, for they were not only good neighbours but community-minded as well. Mrs. Larsen was a conscientious Home and School Club member and Mr. Larsen was very helpful with the Hobby Classes held in the school last winter.

**Entertains Choir Executive**  
 Mrs. Arthur Matthews recently entertained the executive of the Treble Ladies Choir at a luncheon at her home, "Stonehaven," on No. 7 Highway. Mrs. Matthews, who is treasurer of the choir has been a member for ten years. The director, Mr. R. M. Dryden, was assistant for twelve years to the late Dr. Fricker when he was conductor of the Mendelssohn Choir.

The Treble Ladies Choir is performing at the Canadian National Exhibition on Music Day, Thursday, September 1, in various parts of the grounds and on the Band Shell.

**Attractive Classrooms To Welcome Langstaff Children At Re-Opening**  
 (By Mrs. E. Worsdale)

"Dear Old Golden Rule Days" return to Langstaff Public School with some changes this year.

The staff will consist of Mr. David Smith, principal, teaching grades 7 and 8; Mrs. R. Poulson, grades 5 and 6; Mrs. J. Stephenson, formerly Miss Webb, grades 3 and 4; and Miss V. McIntosh, grades 1 and 2. (We noticed Miss McIntosh at the Ontario Department of Education Summer School at Danforth Technical School the last week of July.) Mr. A. Hislop continues as Building Superintendent and the School Nurse is Mrs. Arthur Gibson of Fairview Avenue.

When we requested some information from Mr. Nathan Hicks, chairman of the School Board, to pass on to you, he suggested a visit to have a look at the room which is being prepared in the south playroom in the basement for grades 1 and 2. With the co-operation of friend husband, we did this over the week end and were surprised and delighted with the results achieved so far. The walls and ceiling have been painted white and the trim a pale green. Lighting, similar to the new type in the other rooms, has been installed and to save the strain on young eyes previously caused by the old-fashioned blackboard, a modern pale green one casts no dark shadows, and actually adds to the pleasantness of the room. Mastic tile is to be laid on the floor, and we understand that the new desks and chairs have been received.

Although most parents would never dream of keeping their children in dismal surroundings at home, no tolerate any but the most up-to-date equipment they could afford, illogically until recently, it was quite in order for pupils and teachers to have to spend most of their waking hours in poorly lighted, dingy classrooms. At times, haven't we all wondered how we could have been, and in many ways still are, so unprogressive about education, that part of the preparation for living which we give our children.

Returning to the subject of our new classroom, parents of the beginners will be glad to know that their children will be in a clean, bright and happy atmosphere.

Ross E. Ratcliff, tax collector for Whitchurch township, has been relieved of his duties after holding that appointment for a quarter of a century. The change has come about because taxes are now collected by the township treasurer's office, where additional clerical staff has been provided.

**Plant To Serve 60 Cycle Power To This District Well Advanced**

Construction is reported to be well advanced at Hydro's new transformer station at Armitage, south of Newmarket. The station is scheduled to be completed in time to tie in with the frequency conversion program planned for next year in the areas directly north of Toronto between Thornhill and Sutton.

As conversion proceeds, according to Hydro Chairman Robert H. Saunders, the Armitage station will serve each changed-over area southward from Sutton and Island Grove through Keswick, Sharon, Newmarket, Pottageville, Aurora, Oak Ridges and Richmond Hill to Thornhill with 60-cycle power. When the final objective is reached, the entire district will be provided with greatly improved and augmented electrical services at the new frequency.

Up to the present, the districts between Thornhill and Sutton, contiguous to Yonge Street, have been supplied with 25-cycle power from the Fairbank transformer station in the Toronto area. As the 60-cycle power sweeps southward in the wake of conversion, the 25-cycle power will become available for use in districts in Southern Ontario still awaiting conversion.

The Armitage station is "spotted" on the route of the 110,000-volt transmission line which carries power at 60 cycles from the Scarborough frequency changer station to Barrie for distribution in the Georgian Bay Division. It will tap this line, passing on power, stepped down to approximately 26,000 volts, over short feeder lines to existing circuits, as they are cleared of 25-cycle current.

To facilitate the conversion program, a temporary feeder line will be built directly across country to Newmarket — no great distance — where a new, permanent 2,000 kva substation will be erected. The construction of this station will more than double transformer resources in the Newmarket area, since the present 25-cycle substation located there will continue to operate, at 60 cycles after conversion.

**Provides For Future**  
 Two banks of transformers will be placed in service at Armitage. Equipment will be three-phase with an original total capacity of 22,400 kva for 60-cycle power. One of the transformer units is of dual frequency type so that its 8,000 kva capacity for 25-cycle power will be increased to 14,400 kva when handling power at 60 cycles. The other is 8,000 kva, 60-cycle equipment, which, it is understood, may be replaced by a 15,000 kva unit as frequency conversion proceeds throughout Southern Ontario. If the change is carried out, the total capacity of the Armitage station would be brought up to 29,400 kva, regarded as ample transformer provision to meet any increase in power load demand in the area for some time to come.

Construction of the Armitage station was begun last May. During the early part of the summer the site was graded and the railway siding was put in. Since then the concrete footings for the transformer equipment have been placed and the construction of the storehouse and the two houses for the operating staff nearly completed. Work on the footings for the high and low tension equipment is reported to be now under way. The erection of the steel structures and the installation of the transformers, together with associated tasks, are expected to be carried out during the fall and early winter months. The cost of the new station has been estimated at approximately \$454,000.

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**Langstaff Personals**  
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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooke and Jacklyn of Church Street spent the past two weeks at Valleydown Beach on Lake Simcoe, which Mr. Cooke says is a wonderful spot for fishing. The first week Jacklyn had as her guest a neighbour, Miss Gwen Carter, and the second week the Misses Ronnie and Denny Stringer of Armour Heights.

Mrs. Roy Stewartson, No. 7 Highway, has had her sister, Miss Ann Sutterley, with her for two weeks, while their mother, Mrs. Sutterley of Steele's Avenue is visiting in England. Last Saturday Miss Sutterley went to Orillia for two weeks and Mr. and Mrs. Stewartson spent the week-end there with her. Miss Sutterley is on sick leave from Sunnybrook Hospital.

Mrs. A. Matthews and granddaughter, Carol, of "Stonehaven," No. 7 Highway, spent an enjoyable week at Kilcoo Guest Lodge on Gull Lake in the Haliburton Highlands. One evening they visited the Kilcoo Boys Camp and witnessed their colourful Indian Pow Wow Ceremony. Another evening, the operetta "H. M.S. Pinafore" was presented by the boys and men of the camp, under Mr. Joliffe, well known Toronto musical director. Mrs. Matthews thought it a very good performance for a purely male cast.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thirgood of Fairview Avenue have just returned from a week's vacation. They drove to Kingston, then took the scenic boat trip up the St. Lawrence through the Thousand Islands to Clayton, N.Y. Two of the thrills of the trip for young Raymond were the visit to Old Fort Henry outside Kingston, and having his picture taken with the "Mountie" in the steps of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. Mr. Thirgood took moving pictures, which should make very pleasant looking for the neighbours during the long winter evenings.

We are glad to welcome from Sudan Avenue, North Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bell and their ten and twelve year old daughters, Heather and Linda, also Mrs. Bell's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams. They recently bought Bob Carter's home on Ruggles Avenue and are working like beavers to get grounds and buildings to their taste and with pleasing results. The Bells came from London, England, two years ago, the parents following a year later. They like the district and we hope they will like the people, when they have had time to get to know us.

**Lights Now Guard Deadly Crossing**

It took seven deaths from traffic accidents in three years to force installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Nos. 7 and 27 highways.  
 Scene of many other non-fatal accidents in that time, the junction is now protected by standard stop-and-go signals instead of the flickering orange light formerly in existence. They were installed last week and, at the same time, forty men and a bulldozer from the Department of Highways cleared trees from around the intersection to give motorists better vision on approaching the corners.

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