

# King City, Oak Ridges Lake Wilcox

The Liberal is always pleased to publish items of interest regarding people and events in the Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox and King City districts. Our news correspondent in King City is Mrs. William J. Houston, telephone King 205M; and in Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox, Mrs. Ruth McFadden, Elm Grove Avenue, phone PR. 3-5567.

## Laskay Socials

Two dozen mothers and preschool children living in Laskay community were guests of Laskay Women's Institute at a Christmas party in the hall.

The Sunshine Committee was in charge of the program of games and Christmas refreshments. Mrs. Norman Etheridge and Mrs. Earl Lowe leading the children in games. Before the youngsters left, they were given apples and bags of candy.

**W.M.S. Meets**  
White gifts destined for the Fred Victor Mission were brought by Laskay United Church W.M.S. to their December meeting at the church. Miss Marjorie McMurchy's citizenship committee was in charge of the program, with Mrs. Louis Marwood presiding and conducting the Christmas worship service.

Stressing racial brotherhood and peace, Mrs. Pearson Smelzer showed pictures and spoke of the work of Unesco. Miss McMurchy gave a paper from Dr. Lotta Hirschmanova telling of children helped through the Foster Parents' Service, Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.

Members voted Christmas donations to Thornhaven Retarded Children and Scott Mission. C.G.I.T. Service

C.G.I.T. members from King City United Church, including four Laskay members, took complete charge of a Sunday evening congregational service in the Laskay United church.

Following the national CGIT Christmas Vesper Service, president Miss Stephanie Currie of King City led the program. Miss Margaret Cairns read the story, "The Shepherd who Didn't Go". Miss Linda Cairns, Miss Nora J. Hately and Miss Lila Anne Forester read prayers as they lit the candles.

The girls presented white corsages to Mrs. Glenn Sawyer, who conducted the singing of hymns and carols, and Miss Helen Hunter, who presided at the organ. The collection taken by Miss Sheila Bell and Miss Elaine Armistage will be used toward CGIT work. Rev. Martin Jenkinson pronounced the benediction.

**KESWICK** — The ice fishing season has opened and many huts are now out on the ice. Ice is about 6 inches thick.

## King City Notes

**Carol, Sweetly Carol**  
Young people of Bethel Baptist Church revived a lovely old custom Monday evening by going outdoors and carolling. Afterward they gathered near the church at the parsonage, home of the minister, Mr. George Cusdin, for refreshments.

**Christmas Pageant**  
The wintry blasts outside were not noticeable in All Saints Anglican Church Friday evening when Sunday School children had their Christmas pageant and visit from Santa Claus.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Jennings welcomed the large gathering of parents and Mr. Gordon Tetley read the commentary for the age-old manger scenes. The congregation joined in singing carols at intervals to the organ music provided by choir leader, Mrs. Dan Rawlings.

Costumes made by the mothers lent much to the production sponsored by the Evening Branch, Women's Association. Mr. and Mrs. John Whalley, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Marriott, Mrs. W. F. R. Hood, Miss Stephanie Currie and Miss Angela Powell had helped with the directing and preparations.

Diane Glass was calm and beautiful as Mary, effectively dressed in nun-like blue and white. Ned Fogg took the role of Joseph. White-draped angels with silvery tinsel halos and necklets were Nadine Derrick, Virginia Hood, Julia Marriott and Nina Fog.

John Tetley was imperious as King Herod, draped in old gold and crowned. He was attended by Richard Dawson. Pert little pages reading a scrolled proclamation were Catherine Whalley and Adrian Hood.

Mrs. Rawlings played "We Three Kings of Orient Are", during the appearance of John Whalley, Douglas Armstrong, and Robbie Tetley, bearing their gifts to the manger of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the Temple scene, Barbara Rawlings was Simeon. Gradually the tableau drew to a close to the music of "Angels from the Realms of Glory".

Downstairs in the Parish Room the Sunday School received from Santa gifts of religious books and giant candy canes.

**Farwell Tea**  
Mrs. Harry Cunningham was hostess at a tea and presentation when King St. neighbours gathered to honor Mrs. Matt Bell, who is moving with her family to LeRoy, Lake Simcoe.

Mrs. Bruce Rawlings and Mrs. George Chapman assisted Mrs. Cunningham. Guests included Mrs. Luke Auckland, Miss Audrey Patton, Miss Hilma Patton, Mrs. W. Kenton Hardy, Mrs. W. F. R. Hood, Mrs. Walter Breckell, Miss Etta Stewart, Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Mervin Wilson, Mrs. A. Z. Kelley and Mrs. Art Rigg.

**At Home**  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Findlay of Fisher St. held their annual at home for friends on Saturday.

**Aid Retarded**  
Although collections are not yet complete, King City Lions have received donations amounting to more than \$700 toward the new Thornhaven School for Retarded Children at Richmond Hill.

**Public Relations** chairman, Mr. Ted Wallas, advises the drive is still open if anyone wishes to leave a contribution with President Jock Thompson or Lions "Nip" Armstrong or Kenn Sutton.

**School Meeting**  
The annual meeting of S. S. 2 School Board open to the public is scheduled for Monday evening, December 29, at King City School at 8 p.m. Usually one of the three Trustees is re-elected or retires. This year, Chairman John Whalley completes his second term, six years. Other board members are Mr. Aubrey J. (Doc) Gordon and Mr. Gordon Tetley.

Ratepayers will be able to study the annual financial statement and ask the board members questions. Main task of the 1959 school board likely will be administration work in connection with the new school to be built bordering Valentine Acres and Clearview Gardens Subdivisions.

**Leaves Hospital**  
Mr. H. Richardson, who was acting bank manager, recovered sufficiently from his heart attack that he was able to leave York County Hospital before Christmas.

**Clergy Honored**  
Clergymen of the district — Rev. Dr. W. Bruce Jennings, Rev. Ivan Kennedy, Mr. George Cusdin and Rev. Martin Jenkinson — were honored at a Christmas turkey dinner tendered by King City Lions Club in King City United Church Hall.

Mr. Kennedy, the main speaker, told of "Christmas in Canada" from the time of Jack Cartier. President Jock Thompson was chairman. Mr. "Wib" Jennings introduced the speaker, another Temperanceville resident, and Mr. Adam Davidson expressed the club's appreciation for Mr. Kennedy's timely message.

**White Gifts**  
King City United Church Choir, directed by Mrs. H. Gilbert and Mrs. Adam Davidson, provided music for the White Gift service, an annual congregational event.

**Christmas Plays**  
A good attendance marked the presentation of Christmas plays by the Sunday School in St. Alban's Church, Nobleton. "The Legends of Christmas", "The Sleeping Beauty", and "The Happy Prince" were directed by Mr. J. Arnott and Mrs. F. Jackson.

**Elect Scout Group**  
Former secretary Archie Macnaughton was named chairman of the First King Scouts Troop Group Committee at the annual elections. He succeeds Mr. Jas. N. Flucker.

Mr. George McDonald will continue as publicity chairman and is vice-president. Mr. H. C. Funke is secretary; William T. Heaslip, treasurer, and Mr. Douglas Renison, badge inspector. When the group executive meets early in January, an entertainment chairman will be elected.

**School parties**  
A succession of classroom parties with exchange of gifts, happily concluded the first term for children of King City School. Miss Doris Patton's elementary class had a party lunch of hot dogs, celery, radishes, carrots, cookies in the shape of decorated Christmas trees, and cake.

Mr. George Gould took his class tobogganing nearby to H. M. Davies' property. Next day the youngsters brought sandwiches, fruit, cookies, cake, soft drinks and some bought chocolate milk for their combined lunch.

**Kindergarten Party**  
King Kindergarten wound up December morning classes in All Saints' parish room with a Christmas party for the 24 boys and girls. Mr. George DeWitt was a popular visitor with his films. Sandwiches, ice cream and cookies were a Christmas treat, with coffee added for the mothers attending. Kindergarten will resume January 5.

**Bridal Parties**  
Two miscellaneous showers were given by King City girls friends last week in honor of Miss Ellen Richardson, before her marriage Saturday evening to Mr. Bob Hicks of Aurora, in Aurora Baptist Church.

Miss Judy Gamble entertained at the Springhill Road home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Gamble. The bride opened gifts which had been placed in a laundry basket. Among those attending were Mrs. Emerson Wallace, Mrs. Don Hutchinson, Mrs. A. Rossiter, Mrs. Arthur Richardson, Miss Karen Farren, Miss Margaret Cairns, Miss Frances Forester, Miss Heather Crooks and Miss Margaret Richardson.

## TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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The W.A. and W.M.S. Christmas meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Umehara on December 18. The theme read by Mrs. Macklin was "Christmas Peace". The hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was sung by all. Mrs. Macklin then read a very beautiful and thought-provoking version of the Story of Christmas. This was followed by Mrs. Albert Foliott leading in prayer. Hark the Herald Angels Sing was the second carol sung at the Christmas meeting.

Rev. Ivan Kennedy was guest speaker and chose to speak on "Christmas in Canada through the years and today."

The first Christmas celebrated by white men in Canada was that of Jacques Cartier and his men who held a charming peace-making ceremony. The second Christmas was in 1605 held in Nova Scotia. By 1606 white men had come to stay and Christmas was celebrated as a religious festival as well as by games and sport for the young. In 1635 in Quebec the French colony flag was at half-mast as Samuel Champlain had died that Christmas morning. It was a sad day but the colony had learned to live in peace with the Indians.

By 1783 the Old English Christmas customs which had been introduced by the U.E. Loyalists were prevalent. The men cut and hauled the Yule Log to the homes by hand — no beast was used — and the Christmas story told, as the family sat around it. Venison was the main course with vegetables and salmon or white fish. Dessert was pies made from dried fruit. Maple syrup was also part of the feast. It was a happy occasion for the pioneers.

The first exchange of mail took place in 1792. This consisted of letters and some newspapers containing Yuletide messages.

In 1814 peace was signed just before Christmas.

We have now had the happy experience of 144 years of peace with the United States.

In 1866, sixteen Canadian men met and drew up the British North America Act. On that Christmas Eve they finished their task. It was from a verse read from the Bible by one of these men that evening that this new country of ours was given the word "Dominion" in its name. Bells of joy rang out that night. It was to celebrate the birth of Christ and the birth of a new country, "Canada". Today it does extend from sea to sea and has developed from four provinces to ten.

Christmas across Canada varies greatly. British Columbia has a green Christmas. The Prairie farms experience severe cold and snow. The great cities have beautifully lighted Christmas trees, toyland and Santa, great window displays and a festive air throughout.

On the farms in Ontario, we cut down our own tree and decorate it — large family reunions are held.

In Quebec the religious side is more important. There is midnight mass and a creche on display.

There is a great variety of customs among French times and Newfoundland fishermen. However, throughout our land of Canada it is truly a national celebration with the spirit of joy, love and goodwill witnessing the birth of Christ the world over. It is good to be reminded of the need of others and to learn that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The Christmas celebration strengthens family ties and stretches far beyond that home to the many lands of God's creation.

Mrs. F. Boys expressed the appreciation of the members to Mr. Kennedy for this inspiring address. Mrs. Wm. Turner favoured the group with a beautifully sung solo, "What Child is This?"

Mrs. Umehara and the ladies were very happy indeed to have Mrs. Carr of Toronto present for this meeting.

**Sunday School Concert**  
On the evening of Friday, December 19, the children of Temperanceville Sunday School entertained their parents and friends at their annual Christmas concert. It was most gratifying to those interested in the children of this community to see so many in attendance.

Rev. Kennedy acted as Chairman. The primary classes under the direction of Miss Joan Hare and with Miss Donna Jennings at the piano sang two numbers.

All members of the Intermediate Class and two of the Juniors took part in the play "The Substitute Shepherd" directed by Mrs. Milton Wells. Elaine Paxton favoured with a piano selection.

The Jr. primary class under Patsy Macklin, gave a group recitation, followed by a reading by Linda Chalk. Melody and Kathy Kilcup sang a lovely duet, followed by a recitation by Anne Gibson. The Sr. Primary class, taught by Irene Mashinter, gave a group recitation. Roberta Wilson and Gloria Avarad sang a carol.

The Jr. Girls under the direction of Mrs. Jack Macklin put on a play, "Away in a Manger" sung for the junior and senior classes. Danny Davis recited. Three guitar selections by Bob Macklin were enjoyed, followed

## Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

**Guest Speaker**  
Jimmy Willis, the original "Kingsfish" of the Amos and Andy Radio show was the guest speaker at a recent three day Rally held at the People's Church, Lake Wilcox. He was sponsored by the Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox Crusaders of Christ.

Mr. Willis travels over the continent in association with the Billy Graham team. He has an excellent singing voice and during the meetings sang several selections. The Junior Ladies' Quartet from the Aurora Gospel Church, the young people from Parkside Tabernacle and Stan Williams with his daughter Linda gave special messages and songs during the meetings.

Mr. Willis will be in Toronto for two months early next year and plans are being made by the Lake Wilcox Crusaders to try and have him back for a visit during this period.

**St. Paul's W.A.**  
At a recent meeting of St. Paul's W.A., the officers and executive for the new year were installed. Mrs. Jack Blyth is the president, Mrs. Jack Blyth is the president, other officers are: Mrs. Philip Hall, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Eric Smith, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Vern Plant, recording secretary; Mrs. David Ground, social convener; Mrs. Walter Geary, missionary convener; Mrs. Ronald Laing, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alec Gallacher, membership convener; Mrs. Richard Duffield, treasurer. Mrs. Gordon Winch, devotional convener; Mrs. William McDermott, flowers; Mrs. Francis Smith, program and Mrs. R. Evans, nursery.

A meeting of the Scout and Guide Ladies Auxiliary was held on Thursday at the home of Mrs. G. Rowe, Elm Grove Ave. Tinned food was collected from the members to be sent to the Lions Club for their Christmas baskets. March 19 was the date set for a tea to be held instead of the regular meeting for that month. At the January meeting, the members will see signal flags for the use of the Scout and Guide packs.

Carol McFadden, Elm Grove Ave., entertained eight guests last week to celebrate her 13th birthday. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by the girls. Those present were Valerie Winch, Vivian Wride, Diane Switzer, Joan Vagus, Carol and Diane Rose and Linda Craig.

About 150 boys and girls, with their parents turned up to enjoy the Christmas party held for the Legion members' children on Saturday. Gifts were presented to the children by Santa and candies and ice cream were served to each one by Legion members.

Mr. and Mrs. William Parker and son Billy, Elm Grove Ave., will spend some of the holidays at the home of Mr. Parker's mother at North Bay.

Mrs. W. Orton, Orillia, is spending Christmas with her son and family, Mr. W. Orton, Aubrey Ave.

## News Notes of Strange

Community residents crowded into Strange School for the annual Christmas party, when all the students took part in entertaining the parents.

Most of them were in the play "Thirty Minutes With Santa" and joined in singing two choruses. "How the Corn Came to the Indians" was an absorbing shadow play. Girls of grades 1, 2 and 3 presented a Christmas wreath drill. A comic play, "Weasel to the Rescue", earned warm applause.

Mrs. Marvin Hunter, school secretary, chaired the social evening.

Miss Helen Hunter presided at the piano, and Mrs. L. J. Denton assisted with make-up in the dressing room. Santa distributed gifts from the tree and the children were given candy.

Mr. Earl Lowe spoke of the proposed new school and the architect's sketch was shown.

**School Meeting**  
Ratepayers are being invited to the annual meeting of Strange school board to be held December 31, in the morning at ten.

**NEWMARKET** — A Christmas card bearing the Jaycee creed was sent by local junior chamber of commerce to Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

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