

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.

With Health Unit

Trustees To Check On Ditch Pollution

King City Village Trustees, meeting May 11 in the Fire Hall, decided it was about time to prepare a by-law to eliminate laundry water emptying into village ditches. While no specific complaint from residents was mentioned, the three trustees agreed the ditch pollution was common in new and older areas of the village. After some discussion they decided to ask the guidance of York County Health Unit. This would be with "a view to a by-law", said Trustee Ronald Bolton. After previously stating they would oppose another increase in Bell Telephone rates, trustees sent a letter to Regional Manager C. E. Blodale of Newmarket: "We see you have announced increased phone rates for effect later this year. "We presume that you intend to make application to the Board of Transport Commissioners to this effect. Would you please ensure that we are given early notice of this application," said trustees' letter.

Mr. James Crooks had requested village water to irrigate his land for an undisclosed project. Trustees approved a letter assuring Mr. Crooks of water under certain conditions. Mr. Crooks was told, "You will be a supplemental customer on the same basis as our present tank truck customer, which means that in the event of an insufficient supply of water for customers in general, the supply to such supplemental customers would be suspended at such times. "Your rate is 50¢ per 1,000 gallons. Will you install a meter at your expense, using our plumber and a meter of his selection? "Any expense incurred by you for equipment and for plants or stock is strictly at your own risk of suspension of water supply."

Notification was received of a \$200 special grant made to King Memorial Library by the Department of Education and Trustees received minutes of the library board.

Mr. Bolton reported considerable erosion down the creek hill at the east end of Melrose Ave. and Trustees decided to have a load of rock dumped.

Trustees approved a plan of Subdivider Joseph Gelleny for four adjoining lots on North Keele St. on the former Barris farm. The lots are within village limits and already serviced by water and roadway. Mr. Gelleny said he wanted to have the lots registered.

Mr. Bruce Hall, newly-elected chairman of Heritage Park Ratepayers' Association, asked if the 75-foot limit on lots applied only to new subdivisions. Mr. Findlay said, "No", and suggested the limitation did not apply to isolated lots such as two in Heritage Park.

Mr. Hall asked how often calcium would be applied to roads and was informed, "probably once in the subdivision and twice on Keele St." Trustee Findlay and Bolton said this had proved satisfactory the past two years, but more liquid calcium could be applied if needed.

In the inspection of roads by Trustees Scott and Findlay and Township Roads Supervisor Chalmers Black, Mr. Hall wondered if "boils" in the road would be remedied. Mrs. Mary Scott said the grader would fill in the holes.

Repair Road Base The subdivision's representative said he "protested strongly" unless something were done about the base of the road the same problem would recur yearly. He mentioned one spongy spot, 15 by 30 feet, and declared, "the whole hill is full of springs".

Mr. Hall suggested the road should be "dug out to some depth and filled in with crushed rock". He pointed out, "This has been the worst year".

Trustees' Chairman Findlay commented, "In the country reliance is placed on roads eventually forming a mat."

Heritage Park's retiring chairman Warren McKendry, wanted the road dug out and filled with "pit run" to allow the water to get away and prevent heaving.

Trustees agreed to look at the road in two weeks, after it had dried and hardened a little, and said they would consult the Township Supervisor, Mr. Black.

Mr. Hall asked if anything had been done about the numbering of Humber Drive. Mr. Findlay said trustees had heard from Township Solicitor J. D. Lucas concerning street names, but nothing further about house numbering.

Secretary George Cruickshank was asked to write Township Clerk Rose, requesting that trustees borrow some of the form pages and originals of agreements between township and subdivisions of Clearview Gardens and Valentine Acres. Trustees wish to provide copies for the ratepayers' associations of both subdivisions.

Trustees pointed out it is the responsibility of residents to keep culverts clean, and suggested a by-law might be in order.

In connection with village street names, Mr. Findlay reported Mr. Lucas suggested two separate by-laws, one providing for changing street names and another for naming streets heretofore unnamed. Mr. Lucas had asked trustees to supply appropriate schedules and Mr. Findlay said he would but he didn't know when he could.

Alias For Commissioner Mrs. Scott reported on the meeting of two trustees with Roads Supervisor Mr. Black, when most of the village roads were inspected. "I hope when any more work is to be done, Mr. Valentine will at least let 'Gravel Gertie' know about it," commented Mrs. Scott. She told of grading being done by township equipment and said a new culvert would go in at the corner of Dew St. and King Blvd. An extra sand layer is to be compacted on Patton St. in the process of building up the entrance to Valentine Acres.

Mr. Fred Patterson, chairman of Valentine Acres' Ratepayers Association, praised the work being done and asked about clearing the ditch in front of the Bell Telephone exchange.

King City Notes

Irish Visitors
For another few days, Mrs. William B. Cook of Patricia Dr., Clearview Gardens, has as visitors her sister, Mrs. Bertha Simpson, with her daughter, Roanne, from Ballymena, Northern Ireland.

The two sisters had not seen each other for 12 years, before Mrs. Simpson and her daughter came to Canada late in April. They will be returning to Ireland about May 27.

Trend Tea
For the annual Trend Tea, held by King City Unit, Canadian Cancer Society, today at the Kingsfield Farms home of Mrs. C. F. W. Burns, a transportation service from All Saints' Church in King City was provided by Mrs. Archie Macnaughton and her committee.

Marking Whitsunday, Rev. Dr. W. Bruce Jennings conducted two services of Holy Communion at All Saints' Anglican Church on Sunday morning.

Raise Funds
Mrs. Robert Berwick, president of King City Firemen's Women's Association, was hostess for the May meeting, at which it was reported \$61 was cleared on the series of three eucres in the fire hall. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harold Kirby, King St.

King City W.I.
King City Women's Institute members took waist aprons to their May meeting at the McBride home, Clearview Gardens, as gifts to be sent to the Associate Women of the World conference in Scotland.

The aprons, bearing names and addresses of donors, will be a link with Scottish members. Mrs. Verdun Gordon spoke on the motto, "Life without neighbours is like a garden without flowers."

Attending the district annual meeting at Temperanceville May 27 will be Mrs. Howard Neill, Mrs. Vic Doner, Miss Lily Anderson, Mrs. William Willoughby and Mrs. Campbell.

Miss Blair Burrows offered her home for the June meeting, when Temperanceville members will be guests to hear an address by a UNESCO speaker, who will show an illustrating film.

Christening Parties
Mr. and Mrs. John Kell of the fourth concession line entertained at a family party following the christening of their five-month-old son, Peter, in King City United Church.

Two great-grandmothers attended, Mrs. Charles Lewis and Mrs. Alice Amos, both of Toronto. Present were both sets of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kell of Richmond Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis of Queensville, with Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Richvale and Mrs. Kell's brother, Donald Lewis of Queensville.

Donald has completed two years of a four-year course at Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph and is home for the summer while he is employed by the government at Holland Marsh.

Family Dinner
Following the christening by Rev. Martin Jenkinson of their youngest of seven children, Kathleen Carol, Mr. and Mrs. William Heaslip entertained the family at dinner in their Kingsview home.

The gathering included both grandmothers and grandfathers — Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heaslip of Cooksville and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Myatt of Hamilton — Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Richard of Newmarket and Mr. James Moody of Toronto.

Clearview Parties
After the baptism of their baby, William John, in King City United Church, Mr. and Mrs. John Langdon of Patricia Drive, Clearview Gardens, had a christening party.

Their guests included grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Len Holman of Aurora, and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Langdon of King City; Mrs. Peter Van Nostrand of Toronto, Rev. and Mrs. Martin Jenkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Roots, Mr. and Mrs. Allan O'Brien, and James Langdon.

Neighbours of the Langdons, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lithgow of Clearview Heights, entertained following the christening of their seven-month-old son, Scott Lithgow.

Toronto guests attending the buffet supper were grandparents,

Mrs. Cora Brown and Mr. and Mrs. William Lithgow; great-grandmother Mrs. Mary Lithgow, Miss Arlene Brown, Mr. and Mrs. William Lithgow Jr., Sally and Billy Lithgow.

Garden Sale
Mrs. Eric White, convener of the Garden Group, is in charge of arrangements for the sale of plants being held this Saturday morning and afternoon in Kingsfield Garden. Many unusual perennials will be among the wide variety offered to the public.

Daughter Arrives
A ten pound, one ounce daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Billings of Aurora at York County Hospital, Newmarket, last Thursday morning, welcomed by brother Jimmy and sisters Barbara, Marilyn and Gail.

The Billings family lived in King City before moving to Aurora two years ago. Mrs. Billings is the former Betty Walker, daughter of Mrs. Ross Walker.

Legion Projects
King City members of the Canadian Legion had a painting bee over the weekend, freshening their Dew St. clubhouse with a coat of white paint.

Members have high posts in place at the west end of the Legion field, in preparation for a baseball diamond for the junior boys.

Deanery Meeting
A meeting for Women's Auxiliaries of York Deanery, held last week in Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill, was attended by President Mrs. Gordon Wells, Mrs. Fred Monson, Mrs. Raymond Burt, Mrs. Eleanor Scott and Mrs. Ross Walker of the Afternoon Branch, W.A. and by President Mrs. Robert Walker, Mrs. George Bennett, Mrs. Alex Currie, Mrs. William Derrick and Mrs. William Cook of the Evening Branch, W.A., of All Saints Church, King City.

School Registration
A full class for the beginner's room is expected for September, with King City School's registration of 34 who will be ready to start then.

Last year Miss Doris Patton started the fall term with 38 pupils on opening day.

The village's second school in Valentine Acres and Clearview Gardens Subdivisions is scheduled to be completed August 1.

Chairs had to be placed in aisles for the large turnout of parents hearing Mr. J. B. Bastedo address King City Home and School Association meeting on "Vocational Guidance."

It was news to many parents vocational guidance is a definite subject for first form students at Aurora and District High School. Mr. Bastedo explained the program was "a service rendered to the students to help them to understand and use their ability and the training available."

The speaker said the study helped new students in the adjustment of entering a big school and aided them in choosing vocations by knowing their aptitudes and abilities.

Mr. Bastedo spoke of the need of good health habits and said the study of the individual child stressed good work habits "to help in school and in future employment." Participation in extra-curricular activities, such as sports is encouraged for students' social adjustment, he said.

Boys and girls should decide early about their future education, advised Mr. Bastedo, so they can plan courses accordingly. It is more difficult now for a student to drop a subject. He must bring a note from home, then discuss the matter with his teachers, explained the speaker.

Questionnaires were distributed among King City Grade 8 pupils, who were asked to indicate how long they planned to attend high school.

Special guest was Mr. Miller, vice-principal of Aurora High School.

Principal Carson Bice declined to accept the attendance banner for his class, which had been invited to attend, and passed it to Miss Helen Nigh's room, which came next in points.

Vice-president Bruce Hall acted as chair-man at this final meeting for the season. The Association plans to resume activities in October.

Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

Auxiliary
The Oak Ridges Scout and Guide Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 21st, at the home of Mrs. G. Rowe, Elm Grove Ave. Highlight of the evening will be a visit from the Brownies who will demonstrate some of their activities. Plans will be made for a June tea and bake sale.

Trade Fair
Members of the Oak Ridges Board of Trade are busy finalizing plans for their Trade Fair to be held the last week of May at the Legion Hall, King Side Road. The fair will open on May 27th at 10 a.m. The official opening will take place at 8 p.m. and will be conducted by Don Gibbons who is the treasurer of the Imperial Oil Company of Canada.

Assisting him will be Doug Fisher, a director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Warden of York County, William Hodgson, Reeve of Whitchurch, George Richardson and officials of the Board of Trade.

An entertainment program has been lined up by Mr. Jack Blyth with the Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox Public School Choirs taking part along with many other fine acts. A highlight of the fair will be the world famous driving test school. This is free to the public and will be at the fair for four days. Refreshments will be looked after by various organizations in the community.

All of the fair put on by the Board of Trade is free of charge. There will be no admission charge to see the displays. The Trade Fair is being held in Oak Ridges for the first time and by the wonderful interest shown by the community it is expected to be a success.

Legion
A meeting of the Oak Ridges Legion Branch was held last Thursday evening with president George Windsor presiding. Four new members were initiated. Anyone who wishes information on the proposed farmers' market to be held at the hall may contact Mr. Windsor at PR. 3-5533 or Mrs. McFadden at PR. 3-5567.

Mr. and Mrs. L. McFadden, Elm Grove Ave., celebrated his 12th birthday on Friday. Guests who enjoyed supper and games were Brian Cook, Sony and Bobby Burns, Dennis Marr and Ronald Broad.

Wedding

MARTIN — GEARY

St. Paul's Church was the scene of a lovely wedding on Saturday afternoon when Miss Edith Louise Geary became the bride of Robert James Martin. Edith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Geary, Yonge St., Oak Ridges, and has been a school teacher at the Oak Ridges Public School for three years. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Martin, Thornhill. The bride was given away by her father, Walter Geary. She wore a beautiful white floor length princess lined gown of French Ido material with long sleeves and a large bow at the back to give a bustle effect, the scalloped neckline was embroidered with pearls and iridescent sequins. She wore a small headband with attached veil and carried a cascade of red roses. Matron of honor was Marilyn Gordon. The bridesmaids were Marg E. Stone and Nora Martin. The matron of honor and bridesmaids were all dressed alike in street length dresses of floral pink nylon over taffeta with a cummerbund tying in a large bow at the back. They carried nosegays of pink and white carnations and pink roses. The flower girl, Karen Taylor, wore a blue flowered nylon dress and carried a nosegay of pink and white carnations and pink roses. The best man was Dave Martin, brother of the groom. Robert Muirhead and Danny Geary were the ushers. The church was decorated with pink gladioli and white mums, Betty Farquharson sang two selections, the Lord's Prayer and Walk Hand in Hand. Rev. G. Winch officiated.

A reception was held at the Ridge Inn with 90 guests present. The bride's mother wore a medium blue dress with pink accessories and a corsage of pink roses for the occasion. The groom's mother wore a navy blue dress with white accessories and a corsage of red roses. For her going away dress the bride chose a beige floral dress with matching duster and green and white accessories. The couple left for a trip through New York and the New England States. They will reside in Richmond Hill.

Out of town guests came from Brampton, Fort Francis, Toronto, Unionville, Markham, Nobleton and Aurora to attend the wedding of the popular couple.

Fire Destroys H. Borden Barn

Flames fanned by strong winds quickly destroyed an insured barn and shed containing implements, straw and hay, on Henry Borden's King Township farm, two miles west of King City, last Thursday.

King City fire brigade, summoned first by a service station attendant, Tom Hughes, and shortly afterward by the Tannery Hill Farms staff, could not determine cause of the \$8,500 blaze.

After the steel-roofed barn had collapsed on its stone foundation, firemen searched the ruins to see if a transient who might have started the fire had been trapped. "We were lucky the big dairy

barn about 80 rods away with over 50 head of cattle didn't catch fire", Farm Manager James Schwartz told "The Liberal". "I doubt if we'll ever know the cause. There was no electricity in the barn."

Firefighters were unable to get near the cistern beside the flaming building on Mr. Borden's north farm beside the King side-road and Highway 400 cloverleaf. Rolling smoke from the fire was visible for miles.

A neighbour, Archie Campbell, who participated in the barn-raising 32 years ago, was one of the crowd to witness its collapse.

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Obituary

LATE DUNCAN ROSS

At the first funeral service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City, Monday, relatives and life-long friends paid their last respects to Mr. Duncan Munro Ross, who died in his 84th year at York County Hospital following a heart attack.

Pall-bearers for the late Mr. Ross, who had been a Presbyterian elder for more than 35 years, were Mr. Fred Boys, Mr. Norman MacMurchy, Mr. Wilbert Burns, Mr. Art Bovair, Mr. George Rumble, and Mr. William Holles, who had been a district Masonic representative with Mr. Ross.

Newly-ordained Rev. Bruce Will conducted the service, assisted by Rev. M. E. Burch of Mimico Presbyterian Church, who formerly had the King charge.

Mr. Ross, a staunch Presbyterian, attended the church at Eversley and represented its congregation when he helped turn the first sod for the new King City church at ceremonies last August. A week before his death he was in his accustomed place as elder at the church entrance welcoming friends to his minister's ordination.

Born on the family farm at Strath, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, he worked as building contractor for over 60 years. In the early days there was considerable farm work and he constructed many of the barns on nearby estates. Later the building of houses kept him busy.

Mr. Ross was one of the early members of Lake Marie and King Athletic Association and he was a Board member of King City Cemetery Company, Robertson Lodge, A.F. and A.M., was one of his main interests.

Forty years ago he was initiated into the Lodge and became its Worshipful Master in 1922, '33, '34, and in 1944. He was elected District Secretary in July, 1945 and the following year was appointed Grand Steward.

Mr. Ross took 1 after reservations for the use of the Masonic Hall in Park St.

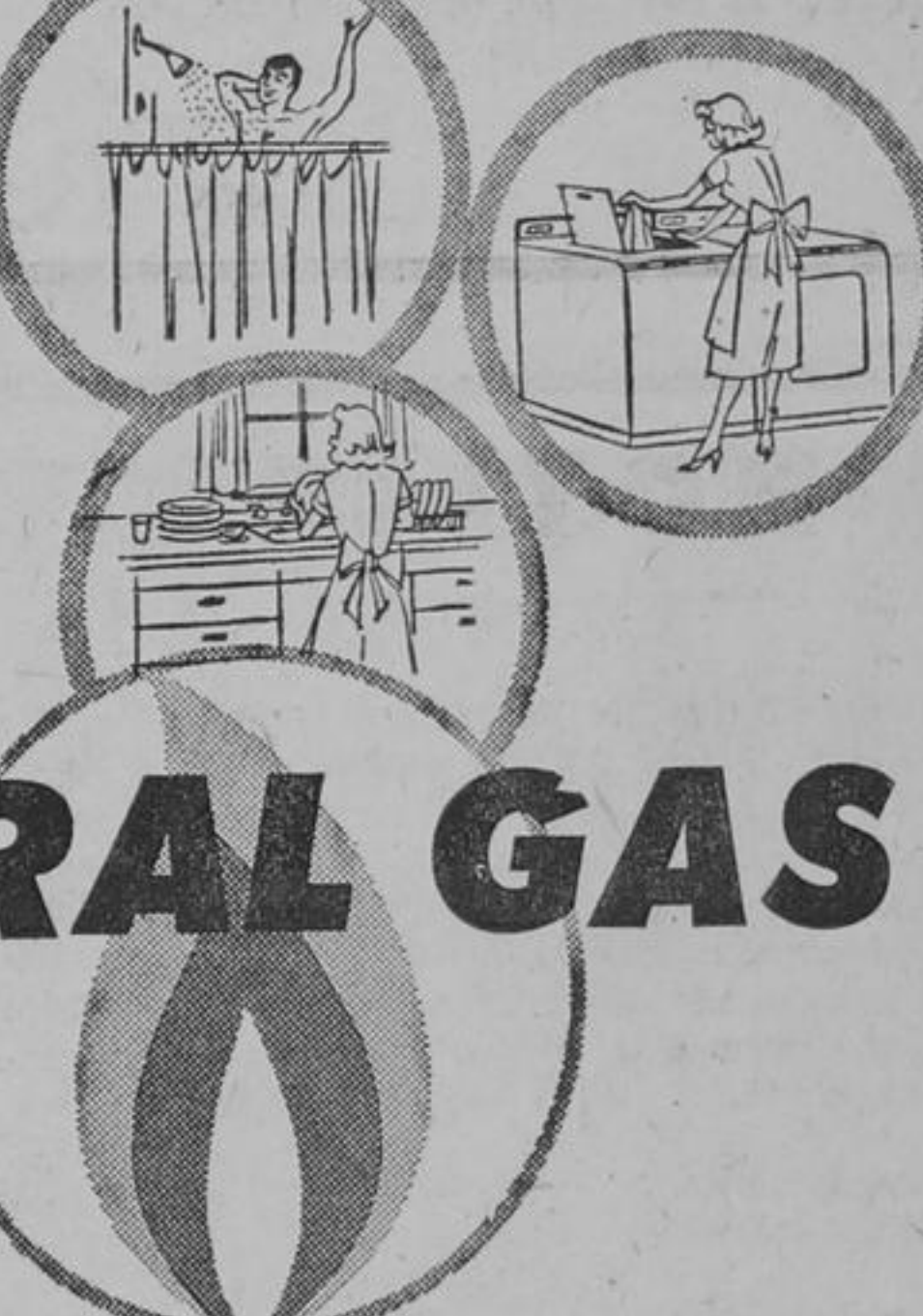
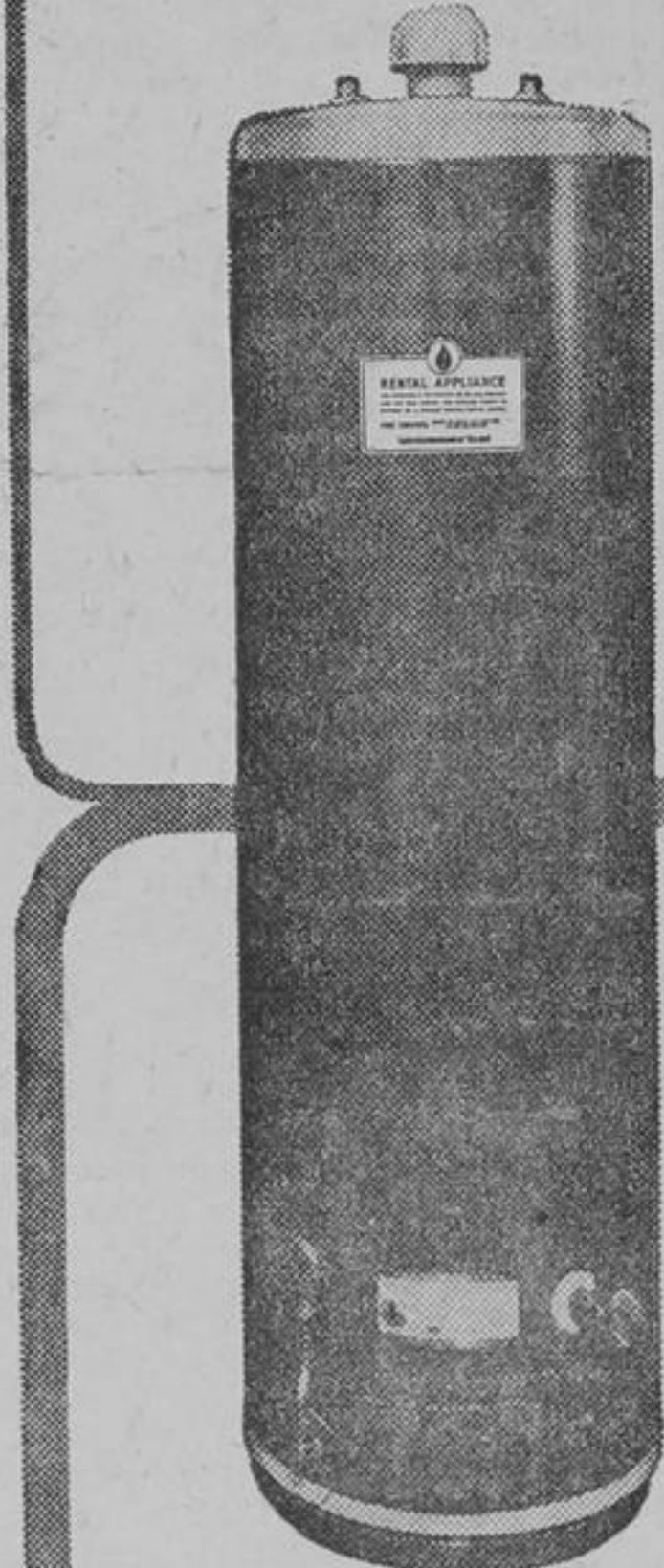
Known as a quiet, considerate man, with whom it would be difficult to find a quarrel, Mr. Ross is survived by his wife, the former Maude Farren; their daughter, Mrs. Albert Holman (Frances) of Aurora; grandchildren Carolyn, Joan and Connie Holman; a sister, Mrs. K. Port, and brothers, Mr. Herbert E. Ross and King Township Building Inspector Charles H. Ross, of King City.

Burial was in the family plot in King City yesterday.

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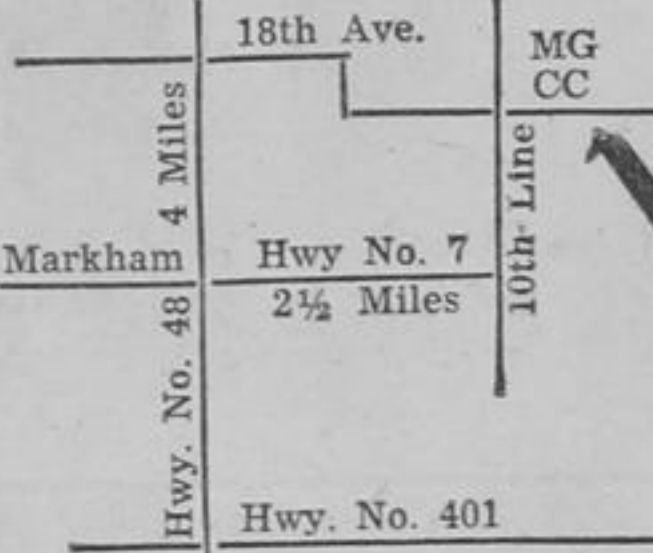
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