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 TEmple 3-5457; and in Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox, Mrs. Eleanor Charuk, Bayview Ave. North, phone PR. 3-5854.

O.R. Lions Distribute Christmas Baskets

The eighteen members of the Oak Ridges Lions Club, serving a population of 5,000 people in the Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox area, spent last week busily preparing for their annual goodwill mission of donating hampers of food and gifts to needy people in the district.

Forty - five baskets were prepared through donations from various organizations and businesses throughout King and Whitchurch Townships. Delivery of the hampers was made by club members on Christmas Eve.

This annual project, which has been undertaken by the Oak Ridges Lions for more than ten years, brings to a close another year of service to the community.

Honour Workers Life Membership

It was a bit of local history in the making when twenty-one members of King City United Church Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Past President Mrs. Harold Ratcliff for the last meeting before the group combines with the W. A. in the new women's organization, starting next month.

At this final meeting just before Christmas one of the few life membership presentations in King City this year was made to the Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Verdun Gordon.

Mrs. Martin Jenkinson presented the membership, which was in book form, and spoke of the faithful efforts of Mrs. Gordon. From 1952 to 1958 she served as treasurer, then as secretary for two years until she undertook the double duties a year ago.

Mrs. Irving L. Scott presided and Mrs. Donald Hadwen led devotions, describing the Christmases of historians.

Annual reports were received from all committees. The allocation of $275 was reported exceeded after members sent $300 from personal givings.

The gathering joined in a Christmas program of carols. Mrs. Gordon Orr sang, "O Holy Night," accompanied by Mrs. Ewart Patton. Mrs. Martin Jenkinson and Mrs. Hadwen sang a duet, "The Holly And The Ivy."

The new executive leading the women's organization will be chosen at a combined meeting early in January.

In addition to being on the W.M.S. executive, Mrs. Gordon has been a member of the church W. A. With her daughter, Debbie, in the brownies and her son, Murray, a scout, she is in the mothers' auxiliaries.

For nearly 25 years Mrs. Gordon has been a women's institute member, starting as a junior in Nobleton and transferring to the Schomberg juniors.

When she moved to King City 17 years ago, Mrs. Gordon joined the King City Women's Institute. During the same time she has been active in the W.M.S. working for several years with the committee in charge of packing bales.

King City Notes

Yuletide Parties

It's worth an evening drive around the village to see all the decorated trees, colored lights and outdoor Santa displays decorating the residences.

Like any other community, King City has been having its share of Christmas parties the past few days in homes, schools and churches.

Party lunches and programs during the final two days of school were an exciting prelude to Christmas Day. In most classrooms the children trimmed trees, had party lunches, exchanged gifts and made presentations to their teachers.

Lions' Club Party

Attendance was doubled to 83 for the Christmas dinner party in King City United Church, to which Lions' Club members brought their sons and daughters and grandchildren.

Turkey dinner was served by the Church W.A., with President Mr. Ray Love presiding over festivities. Among the guests, he welcomed the clergy, Rev. Gordon Agar of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Father Reinhard Burchhardt of the Augustinian Fathers.

The gathering sang carols and Santa paid a visit to distribute gifts among the children.

Man of the World

At the Lions' party one member bent over to ask a five-year-old guest if he had ever seen Santa before.

"Oh, yes," replied the little man. "I've seen him a thousand times—and I saw him last year, too!"

Legion Party

A Sunday afternoon party, complete to Santa, refreshments and gifts, was arranged by King City Branch of the Canadian Legion for members' children at the Dew St. clubhouse.

York Manor Gifts

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church W.M.S. invited the W.A. to the Christmas meeting.

Mrs. Donald McCallum presided and the Glad Tidings Christmas program was followed. Mrs. Fred Gray played carols.

Roll call was answered by the bringing of white gifts for York Manor residents.

The buffet lunch was prepared by Mrs. Jean Woods, Mrs. Laura Rolling and Mrs. McCallum.

Returns to England

Mrs. Lizzie Smith has returned to her home in England after spending a few months in King City visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Phorson, her son - in - law and three grandchildren.

Entertain Neighbours

Mr. and Mrs. Gage Love held open house for their friends and neighbours last week.

Party for Workers

Mrs. Egmont Frankel entertained at a Christmas luncheon in her new King home, "Brule Wood", for women's service committee members of the Canadian Cancer Society.

About eighty friends attended, mostly from Toronto. A special guest was Mrs. Henry Krug from Kitchener, Ontario, chairman of the women's service committee.

Also attending were Mrs. Eric White, Lady Flavelle, and her daughter, Mrs. Gage Love.

Lunch was served picnic style, packaged in individual round flower-pot baskets decorated with mistletoe and red flowers.

Famed Trainer Dies

The coach of Canada's equestrian Olympic team is dead.

Major Anatol Pieregorodski, well-known trainer, died suddenly at Newmarket, December 20. Following requiem mass in St. Stanislaus Church, burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, the former Irene Bazynska.

Evening Branch W.A.

Nearly thirty members and guests of the evening branch W.A. treated themselves to a Christmas party at All Saints' Anglican Church.

Following a showing of Debbie Reynolds' movie, "The Mating Season", Christmas cake, mince tarts, shortbreads, tea and coffee were served.

Arrival

A Christmas present for Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Coutts of James Street was the arrival of a grandson, the first baby for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dion of Poplar Acres, Oak Ridges.

Convalescing

Friends wish a speedy recovery to those on the ill list.

Mr. Alex Currie has been a patient in Toronto Western Hospital.

Months after a car accident, Miss June Clubine was able to return to her North Keele St. home in time for Christmas. During her slow recovery she has been in York County Hospital and a Willowdale nursing home.

King City W.I.

Members of King City Women's Institute repeated their custom of other years, by having the Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Ratcliff, King Street.

Mrs. Burt Wyer presided for the "citizenship and education" program arranged by Mrs. Beverley Feindell and Mrs. Norman Wade. Mrs. Wyer and Mrs. Austin Rumble agreed to look after Christmas parcels going to the needy and shut-ins.

A letter from the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario president reminded members of the 65th anniversary celebration next February at the C.N.E. Queen Elizabeth building.

Rev. Gordon Agar spoke on the real meaning of Christmas and said he thought the spirit of giving was evident in institute work.

Mrs. Arnold Peter sang a solo and Misses Sandra and Linda Wade sang to the accompaniment of their mother, Mrs. Norman Wade.

Mrs. Peter spoke on the motto, "Happiness Is A Perfume You Cannot Pour Over Others Without Getting A Few Drops On Yourself."

Members joined in carol singing and had refreshments, sandwiches, cookies, cakes and coffee.

Saturday Skating

A large crowd of youngsters celebrated the start of Christmas holidays by skating at Nobleton Arena.

Lions supervising last Saturday's pleasure skating were John Jones, George Bennet, John Langdon and Donald Hadwen.

Aid Family

In the midst of their own fun, King Cubs thought of others at Christmas.

Lads of Seeonee and "A" Packs brought gifts to their Yule party to benefit a local family.

Children's Pageant

In spite of ice-stormy weather a fairly large turnout attended the Sunday evening Christmas Pageant presented by the Sunday School of All Saints' Anglican Church.

Barbara Rawlings opened the program by singing, to the accompaniment of her mother, Mrs. Dan Rawlings. Throughout the traditional scenes the congregation participated by singing parts of a dozen Christmas hymns.

Miss Gail Thompson played the piano for the pageant and Robbie Tetley acted as narrator.

Susan McLaughlin had the role of Mary; Douglas Armstrong was Joseph; Jan Cargill, Gabriel; Barry Hall, Simeon; Scott Cruickshank, Herod, with Susan Dawson as his page.

Gary Walker, Bob Clubine, Raymond Barton and Larry Powell were shepherds; David and Keith Glass and Richard Dawson, the three wise men.

David Facey and Jimmy Baxter were the two scribes, with Denise and Diane Berwick and Julie Cruickshank as pages.

Several were dressed as angels — Susan Cargill, Allison Fraser, Anne and Janey Seymour, Sharon Barton, Shirley Walker, Judy Bamford, Barbara Clubine, Melodie Alexander and Mary Anne Clapp.

The presentation was directed by Miss Suzanne Grew and Mr. Gordon Tetley. Mrs. George Cruickshank supervised costuming and Mr. Lionel Facey was in charge of lighting and staging.

The Sunday school sang "Away In A Manger".

Afterward, chocolate milk, ice cream, cookies and coffee were served and the children received oranges and candy canes to take home.

School Meeting

The annual meeting of S.S. 2 Board for King City area is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, at eight p.m. in Doris M. Patton School.

Yearly reports concerning the Patton and Eva L. Dennis Schools will be heard and an election will be held to name a trustee for three years.

Board Chairman John Whalley completes three full terms, nine years. Mr. Gordon Tetley moves up as the new chairman, after serving a total of four years, three in a full term and one succeeding trustee Fred Patterson.

Mr. Gordon Orr has completed his first year on the school board.

Euchres Resume

King City Firemen's Women's Association is continuing its euchres in the New Year, the first being held Wednesday evening, January 3, at the fire hall.

Guides And Scouts

For the first time girl guides and boy scouts in King City combined their Christmas celebration with a program of games, dancing, carol singing and refreshments at All Saints' Church.

More than eighty young people joined in the party arranged by the leaders, Mrs. Harry Goulding, Mrs. Ray Rumney, Miss JoAnne Harrison, Mr. Larry Forster, Mr. Douglas Renninson and Mr. Ray Cousins.

Laskay W. I.

At their December meeting, members of the Women's Institute answered roll call by naming advantages and disadvantages girls of to-day have in comparison with a generation ago when their mothers were girls.

Though there was general agreement to-day's young people have better educational opportunities, members were divided in opinions about which was the better age.

Mrs. Charles Hately presided over the meeting at the home of Mrs. Pearson Smeltzer. Mrs. Marvin Hunter spoke on the motto, "Look back and give thanks. Look forward and appreciate modern equipment."

Mrs. Smeltzer read a chapter of Kate Aitken's book, "Never So Bright A Day."

Mrs. Charles Clubine gave an interesting description of the Wesley Hamilton home on the sixth Vaughan concession road where she had lived. His grandmother was kidnapped by the Indians as a baby and held four days, Mrs. Clubine related. The same early resident met a bear when she walked through the bush from King to Aurora. The bear did not bother her and her father shot it the next morning.

Miss Marjorie MacMurchy led the singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. Hunter conducted a title-guessing game of carols, the large chocolate bar prize going to Mrs. Earle Scott for naming all ten correctly.

The Christmas program closed with "Jingle Bells" and refreshments.

King Lions Distribute 20 Christmas Baskets

Christmas Eve a special committee from the King City Lions' Club distributed nearly twenty hampers among families in and around the village.

The area covered by the King City Club extends from Aurora Sideroad south to the King-Vaughan townline, and from Highway 400 east to Temperanceville.

Working with Lion Aubrey J. Gordon on the health and welfare committee were Mr. Jack Walkington, Dr. Quentin Hardy, Mr. Arnold Peter and Mr. Harry Goulding.

Holiday Memo !

Constable E. Green of the Richmond Hill Police says:

"If your better judgment tells you not to fly with a drinking pilot, or ride behind a drinking railroad engineer—then why shouldn't the same judgment keep you from riding with a drinking driver."

Oak Ridges Lake Wilcox Socials

Brownie News

Well the "Ghillie Dhus" still remain in the "honour" position and retain their "Lend A Hand" penant, which is the brownie motto as a symbol of the six earning the most points in the term. Just squeaking through with 171 points they will keep it until Easter when the six with the most points at that time will win it. Sandra Charuk is sixer of the Ghillie Dhus with Barbara Haanpaa as seconder and Janice Robinson, Anne Bursey, Gabriele Meyer and Doreen Neil complete the six. The Bwbochods gave them a race for their money, finishing up with 167 while the Kelpies followed with 137 and the Tylwyth Tegs trailed with 119. The penant is awarded for the six achieving the highest score three times a year, from September to Christmas, from New Year to Easter and from Easter to June and points are awarded for various reasons. A general inspection is held three meetings a month when each girl could earn for her six a possible ten points. Five points is the reward for a complete, neat and tidy uniform with the tie knotted properly, her shoes shined and so forth, but for each error one point is deducted, for example, if the belt were worn upside-down, and buttons were missing from the uniform the brownie would only make three points instead of the possible five. During the winter months the leaders pretend not to notice if jeans or leotards are worn under the uniform providing they are brown or black or a reasonably dark colour (not bright red or purple as some have tried). Of course the tweenies, who are not allowed to wear the brownie uniform until the day of their enrollment are considered on the neatness of appearance, shoes tied and dress neat and tidy. Then an additional five points is given for a special reward. It could be a health rule, for example if the brownie brushed her teeth that morning, if her fingernails were clean or if she carried a handkerchief or kleenex. It could be given to all girls who remembered their fairy gold, or to those who attended Sunday school last Sunday. When the brownies have a church parade each girl who attended is awarded 10 points. Winners in weekly games are awarded points so those winning the penant have had to work hard to earn it. The Ghillie Dhus first earned the penant last June and this win makes it their second time in succession to be named the "honour six."

Legion News

As I have mentioned on other occasions this column is prepared one week before it goes to press and once in a while, something unforeseen occurs in the interval and as a result changes sometimes cannot be helped. In order to have you read the news the same week as the meeting is held, if definite plans are made in regards to the programme, I will sit here on a Thursday night and write an account of a meeting that will be held say the following Monday. As the saying goes "The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray" and that is what happened last week. Being the president elect of the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 570 Royal Canadian Legion, I knew of all the plans made for the installation of officers which was to be held on Monday, December 18 and so gave a glowing report on a meeting which at the very last minute had to be cancelled completely. A special meeting will be called early in January in its stead and installations will take place at that time.

Mr. Charlie Swan reports a most successful Christmas buffet and dance was held recently in conjunction with the women's afternoon bowling league and wishes to remind you and particularly all people of scotch desent that a Robbie Burns Dinner and Dance, complete with haggis, on January 27th. More details at a later date.

Oak Ridges Home and School

Poor weather conditions and the Christmas rush was considered to be a contributing factor as only eight parents were present at the meeting held recently to discuss the re-organization of the home and school association at Oak Ridges Public School. Once a very active group in the community with a commendable membership, this association have not held any meetings for nearly two years and an attempt at its revival is being sought. Mrs. Mary Smith who presided over the meeting and the few present decided to give it one more try and another meeting will be called early in January. The date will be printed on this page when necessary arrangements have been made to hold this meeting.

The Oak Ridges and District Teen Club

Games, competitions, fun in general, and seasonal festivities were the order of the day last week when the Oak Ridges and District Teen Club held their Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged among the members as a climax to a most enjoyable evening. A most hearty and enthusiastic welcome back was bestowed upon Rev. D. C. H. Michell, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Jefferson and St. Mark's Chapel, Yonge Street, Oak Ridges on his return from a three month leave of absence. Mr. Michell reported a delightful vacation in Great Britain and many changes have taken place during the five years since his last visit. Most of his time was spent in Kent and Sussex although a most interesting side trip was taken to Newguay in Cornwall. He said the people there seem much less concerned about H Bombs, nuclear war and fallout, than we on this side of the pond but they are perhaps more than a little concerned about the African situation. Everyone appears reasonably prosperous and at the time of his departure on December 11th as busily engaged in their preparations for Christmas as we were but they were able to do their shopping without the disadvantage of snow storms, icy roads and sub zero temperature in fact they are enjoying many days when even a top-coat is not needed as they stroll out of doors.

Traffic Lights

Once bitten, twice shy, say I especially after last week's mix-up in the legion news so while I expect by the time you read this it may not exactly be news to you for they will probably be in operation, the long-awaited traffic lights for the Yonge Street-King Side Road intersection are here. Writing this on Thursday evening, (December 21) I will only say that they are now in position at the corner having been erected to-day. At present they are covered with sacking and of course not in operation but when you read this around December 28th, who knows? I'll not take a chance nor rely on my feminine intuition for a few more weeks when I'll get my nerve back anyhow.

On the serious side, these lights have long been needed. Heavy traffic on Yonge Street, particularly during peak periods cause lengthy delays for those trying to come off the King Side Road and during the summer months, on Sunday evenings a near impossibility.

Oak Ridges Water

The water situation in Oak Ridges is in the news again with the announcement from the Ontario Water Resources Commission of the hiring of Mr. C. L. Mead of Oak Ridges as a part-time maintainance man for the new municipal water utilities.

One hundred and eighty connections have been made from a possible 360 in Oak Ridges and King Township office is prepared to issue the billing for this service. It was agreed at the final council meeting that bills will be issued every four months and that an annual charge of $36.00 be levied on each householder rather than charges made on frontage rates while other rates will be used for business, commercial and users other than domestic.

Council questioned Mr. Joynt of the Ontario Water Resources Commission who attended the meeting as to the residents of Oak Ridges on the east side of Yonge Street, in Whitchurch Township, who have asked to join them in the water services. His reply was, "Let them show that they really want it. Then have them send a petition to their council. Then Whitchurch Council will come to King Township."

Lake Wilcox Bowling League

It seems the second place Pin Pickers have unseated top team Skunks by the narrowest of margins and are now in first place with 15 points and the Skunks drop back to second place tied with the Untouchables who move up one notch from third with 14 points. The Rough Riders move up to third place on a gain of five points to give them 11 while the Blowers hold tight on number four gaining two points tied with the Broncos and the Screwballs who move up from six spot on a gain of five points each to total 10 points. Fifth notch is retained by the Hillbillies gaining two to number 8 points and still in number six position are Bill's Bouncers also adding two to make a total of 7 points. Although they too picked up two points, the Corner Cutters still hang onto the last place with 6 points.

In the ladies high three game total, Barbara Traynor placed first rolling a 21¢ to total 579. Second place Bernice Denier topped this with a game of 245 but dropped down to total 543. Eileen Newstead ranked third on a high of 206 to give her 532 total.

In the men Stan Forster's high game of 282 and total of 712 topped those of John Shearer whose high was 267 and three game total was 698, and Tom Biso who rolled a 223 to total 622.

About People

Seriously injured in a two car collision recently that resulted in the death of a Richmond Hill man, were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tutt of Bond Avenue, Oak Ridges. Both in Branson Hospital, Willowdale. Mrs. Tutt sustained the loss of one eye, several teeth, facial cuts and bruises while Mr. Tutt received a broken hip, multiple cuts and bruises. The Tutts have two small children who were not in the car at the time of the accident.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Findiesen of Lake Wilcox Road, Oak Ridges on the arrival of their first child a daughter weighing 10 lbs 5 oz. and to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Garbutt of Bond Avenue, Oak Ridges who are now the proud grandparents.

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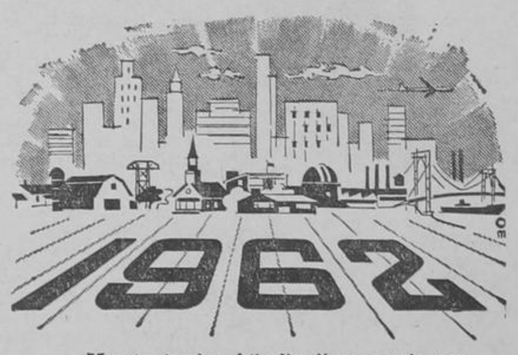

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