

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. Lillian Atcheson, Wildwood Ave., PR. 3-5479.

Oak Ridges Lake Wilcox Socials

Mothers, don't forget the well-baby clinic on Aug. 14. Doctors and nurses will be there to attend to your baby's needs and also give you a needle if you need it. The clinic is open at 1.30 p.m. and meets at St. Paul's United Church on the South Road, the second Tuesday of each month.

Dr. J. N. Emerson, Bond Lake, a leading archeologist, has just finished the working segment of his summer vacation. Dr. Emerson has been conducting a six week archeology course and directing field operations at an old Indian site at Warmistler, near Orillia.

Miss Pat Garstang, Aurora, and Bill Smith, Oak Ridges, were among the group of students attending the school. Another area which has taken a considerable amount of time is at Ossuany, Ont., the site of a large Indian burial pit.

Dr. Emerson's assistant, Miss Helen Devereaux, is directing operations at Blind River, with a party of 10. Wm. Noble is at Puckasaw Pits where some very ancient Indian culture has been manifested.

Both the Ossuany and Algonquin Park projects are sponsored by the Canada Council. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson and family are heading to the west coast of the United States for a reunion of Mrs. Emerson's family. They will be away until September.

Miss Mary Margaret McBride has been a special guest at bridal showers where friends have presented her with personal gifts and gifts for their future home. Miss McBride is to be married Aug. 25 to W. C. Osborne of Burlington.

Early in the summer Mrs. Gerald Heaps invited Miss McBride to her home where friends had prepared a kitchen shower.

Mrs. Gerald Day held a personal shower for the bride-to-be at her home on the south road of the Lake.

Two weeks ago, Mrs. Peter Sutherland, Schomberg was hostess for her sister at a family party and shower. Most of the guests were relatives of the young couple.

Mrs. Harry McBride, King Side Road, plans to hold a trousseau tea and open house on the afternoon and evening of Aug. 18.

Mrs. and Mrs. George Clyde and son Jack are spending two weeks at Kilbear Point, near Parry Sound, camping out. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sr., Toronto are looking after the house for them, along with their other son, Don.

Mrs. Clyde, former resident of the Lake and a eucure club member, visited the eucure Wednesday, held at the home of Mrs. Dawn Willis. Mrs. Margaret Hobson, Downsview, also played eucure with the regular members.

Mrs. Hobson is spending her holidays at their cottage in the park. Mrs. Conboy, also spending her holidays at the Lake, has been a member of the eucure club for the past few weeks, and will continue for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Middleton, Oak Ridges, have returned from their trip out west where they visited a brother of Mr. Middleton at Honey, B.C. They also spent some time at Stanley Park, Regina, Banff, Lake Louise, and the World's Fair at Seattle.

Mrs. Fred Oxley, Jennifer and Tony, will spend a week at Norland, near Minden, camping with friends. Mr. Oxley expects to visit on the week ends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter and family are spending their holidays camping at Martin River. A going-away party was given for Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Atcheson, at their home at the Lake, Friday night.

Bob was transferred to the new Ottawa store of GEM (Government Employees Stores) where he will manage the service station. About 20 young people attended the party where they danced to records, Hamburgs, hot dogs and pop, were served.

King City Notes

A three-generation gathering marked the third birthday of Mary Jane Facey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Facey of Banner Lane.

Youngsters played games before the birthday cake was cut by Mary Jane. Films recorded the event.

Among the guests greeted by Mrs. Facey were Mrs. Harry Goulding with Susan; Mrs. Allen Sneath and Donna and Jill; Susan McLean, Louise Shelton, Mary Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Pierpoint from England, Mrs. Geoffrey Pierpoint with Jennifer, Valerie, Timmy and baby Melissa; Mr. and Mrs. George O'Hara from Ireland with their grandson, Neil O'Hara; Mrs. Norman Barker of Willowdale with Paul Barker.

Mrs. Frank H. Phorsom, Graham and Howard Phorsom, Mrs. James Muir with her son, Wesley, Mrs. Harry Ballard with Christopher, David and baby Alison Facey.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Foliott with their daughters, Lynn and Vicki, from Beaurepaire, Quebec, spent a few days with Mrs. Foliott's mother, Mrs. Arthur Wellesley of South Keele Street, Mrs. Foliott is the former Mary Wellesley.

Spending the summer with their grandmother, Mrs. Wellesley, are Douglas and Tony Burger from Barrie.

Bridal Parties
Friends have been entertaining before the wedding of Miss Mary McBride to Mr. William Osborne of Burlington, which is to take place August 25 in All Saints' Anglican Church.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Peter Sutherland of Schomberg, was hostess at a miscellaneous shower attended by relatives.

Miss Shirley Day gave a cosmetic shower at her home in Oak Ridges, when about thirty friends honored Miss McBride.

Former school friends were among the 25 at the kitchen and pantry shelf shower Miss Pauline Heaps arranged at her home in Heritage Park.

Friends are being asked to attend the trousseau tea Mrs. Harry McBride is arranging for the afternoon and evening of August 18 at her home, R.R. 3, King.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman went to their cottage at Port Severn and from there took motor trips.

Mrs. James Rock from Brampton stayed with Mrs. Chapman's mother, Mrs. Harry Edwards, King Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Bishop, Wendy Sue and Bruce Bishop, spent their holidays at Williams Lake near Owen Sound.

They stayed with Mrs. Bishop's sister, Mrs. Jesse Turton, Mr. Turton and their children, Judith and Lana, from Schomberg.

Mrs. Mabel Hall is on three weeks' vacation at her island cottage near Parry Sound. Spending a week with her were Mrs. Bruce Shipley and children, Debbie and Bruce, Mr. Shipley joined them for a weekend, travelling the 14 miles from Parry Sound by water plane rather than boat.

Mrs. William Hiltz, King Street, was a patient in York County Hospital, Newmarket, where she underwent surgery.

Orange Home Undergoing Large Renovating Program

(By Mona A. Robertson)

Ever since the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home for children was opened, July 2, 1923, the board of directors have been striving to run the lovely red brick building, with its white columns and trim, as a real home — and not as an institution.

And to further their plans an extensive renovating program has been carried out within its walls. The big, wide-open dormitories are gradually being changed into roomettes: first for the senior boys; later the girls' dorms will undergo a change too.

And single and double rooms, of the Orange Home Board of Directors. It was on July 2, 1923, that the wide doors of the home opened officially and the first children entered into its haven and care. Since that day no child up to the age of 11 years has been turned away.

Children come from broken homes, or from a home bereft of a mother or father, but all have someone, somewhere, in the background.

And most of the 3,000 youngsters who have passed through its portals, sharing the warmth and love it affords through its specially-chosen management and staff, return to their natural parents at the age of 16.

They return well-educated in more than the conventional idioms of boarding school life — for they have learned not only their three R's, but a way of life with their fellow beings that makes them happy and well-adjusted young citizens.

Lately the trend is to allow local people to entertain these children weekends or Sundays 'for tea' in their own homes. Needless to say, their hosts enjoy the experience as much as these well-mannered youngsters who always seem to wear a smile.

Local Lady Supervisor
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Mrs. Williams is assisted by Senior Housemother Miss Scott, and six other housemothers; two night nurses, a cook, a seamstress and three maintenance men.

At present there are 74 children enrolled, 12 having 'graduated' from the Home at the end of June.

There is a well-rounded program, and from September to June three bright classrooms are run by a woman and two men teachers.

When the children pass their entrance at the Orange Home they attend, by bus, the district high school either at Richmond Hill or Thornhill, depending on the course taken.

The Richmond Hill Jaycees have 'adopted' the children of the Home and assist them in their sports and entertainment programs, during the school months; as does the senior boys' housefather, James Milfield, who is also coach and athletic teacher.

As proof of the good sportsmanship these boys are learning at the Orange Home, Mr. Milfield proudly announced to our inquiries that the Orange Home team won the top spot on the Protestant Youth Council Soccer League this year.

In the course of the year visitors often drop into the home, in groups or singly, and make the "grand tour" from basement to attic.

They admire the nursery rooms, with their little beds, gaily bedecked with colorful quilts, and pandas, dolls, or other stuffed toys — favorite of each little tot who lives there.

They see the senior and junior dorms; the hospital — on the top floor of the three-story building — the large and sunny dining room — the staff rooms — and the gymnasium and auditorium.

Need Books
There is a library, which could always do with a few more books, and a lounge with a television set, the gift of McKinley Lodge, Toronto.

All the children, and staff, attend St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, on Sundays. The girls belong to the Junior W.A., while the boys are members of the Church brigade.

Several of the children are members of the junior choir at St. Mary's and have their own church practice at the home weekly.

When Christmas time comes 'round, Bing Lew puts on his annual party for them, and Santa calls and leaves them gifts. And they have a bountiful Christmas dinner too, at the Orange Home; for the individual interest shown there towards each child assures one, such a 'good feeling', when one first steps inside the door of carried out — to the full.

Familiar Landmark
Many people, new to this area, know the Orange Home only as a landmark set in a beautiful 37-acre tract of greenery, two miles north of the heart of Richmond Hill on Highway 11.

They do not know the story behind it, which is part and parcel of its foundations.

In much the same way, the thousands who enjoy seeing the annual July twelfth parade of Orangemen, with King Billy riding his noble white steed at its head, enjoy the show — but few realize that Orangemen are still working to help the oppressed and, as exemplified by the 'open bible', which they carry during the parade they are continuing to help the helpless.

Chief of their benevolent works is the maintenance of our local LTB & Orange Home on Yonge Street North.

The beginning of this lovely story goes back to the year 1855. And, as in every really wonderful tale, there was a little boy who was responsible for this story being started at all.

This little boy was an orphan. His name was Percy Wright. Unlike the children cared for at the Orange Home today (none of these are totally orphaned) little Percy was alone in the world, and there was no Protestant home in Ontario where orphaned boys or girls like Percy could be cared for.

A member of the Grand Lodge of the Loyal True Blue Association, Mrs. J. Hilton, discovered Percy's plight, and took him into her own home. As a result, she conceived the idea of a Protestant home for children — and finally asked for the loyal support of her fellow Orangemen.

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