

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 E Temple 3-5457; and in Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox, Mrs. Lillian Atcheson, Wildwood Ave., PR. 3-5479.

King City Notes

Neighbours and relatives attended the cup and saucer shower given in honor of Miss Diane Jackson, a September bride-elect, by her across-the-street neighbour, Mrs. Arnold Anderson, of Dew Street.

As Miss Jackson unwrapped the gifts contained in a decorated basket, greeting cards were read by her cousin, Miss Mary Lou Richardson of Aurora.

Refreshments included a double-ring cake decorated with tiny red hearts and yellow-iced good wishes on a white background.

Among those present were the groom's mother, Mrs. Frank Harrison of Thornhill; the bride's mother, Mrs. Harvey Jackson of King City; Mrs. Jack Bousfield, Mrs. Roland Bousfield and Miss Ruth Bousfield of Richmond Hill; Mrs. Russell Graham, Mrs. Douglas Richardson and Miss Mary Lou Richardson of Aurora; Mrs. Levi White from Florida; Mrs. Violet MacLean, Miss Jessie Gellatly, Miss Beth Gellatly, Mrs. Alex Campbell, Mrs. Angus Clarke, Mrs. Elmer Hadwen, Mrs. Harold Kirby and Sandra Kirby, Mrs. Jack Cliff, Mrs. Edward J. Wolfe, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. Allan O'Brien, Mrs. Ross Douglas, Mrs. Ronald Robson, Miss Linda Millard, Mrs. William Houston, Linda, Martha and Rhoda Anderson.

Miss Jackson will become the bride of Mr. Al Harrison September 8 in Teston United Church.

Mrs. Fred Ball and Mrs. Harry Noakes were hostesses for the miscellaneous shower attended by community friends honoring Miss Mary McBride.

About fifty guests were at the party held in the garden of Mrs. Ball's R. 3 home. Mrs. Leonard Shropshire came from Queensville for the event.

The shower cake bearing best wishes to Miss McBride and to Mr. Bill Osborne of Burlington was decorated with a large heart and roses on the white icing. The wedding will take place August 25 in All Saints' Anglican Church.

Mrs. Harry McBride, R. R. 3 King, is entertaining friends of her daughter, Miss Mary McBride, at a trousseau tea Saturday, August 18, at home from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Vacationing

Mr. and Mrs. Levi White of Braedon, Florida, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hadwen, King Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Campbell with Wayne, Bob, Wendy and Donna spent a weekend at Mrs. Frank Marshall's cottage at Brock's Beach, Georgian Bay.

Postmaster Andy McKenzie, Mrs. McKenzie and their daughters, Janice and Debbie, chose Lake Chandos near Peterborough for their holidays.

Rainy weather shortened the camping holiday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clegg and their children, Ronnie and Lynda, of Hollingsworth Crescent, who drove as far as New Brunswick.

Mr. Frank Phorson of Sunderland, England, is having an extended holiday in Canada, staying with his son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phorson and children, Jane, Howard and Graham, of Banner Lane. This is the first time Mr. Phorson has seen his two grandsons.

The whole family enjoyed a week camping at Parry Sound.

Bennett Drive spent ten days at Port Ryerse near Port Dover, Lake Erie.

Mrs. Harry Lacey and Phillip Lacey spent a weekend at Sandy Lake, visiting Mrs. Lacey's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson from Islington.

Mrs. A. E. Kelley has visitors from Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patton and Mrs. Ed Patton. The Messrs. Patton are nephews of Mrs. Kelley's neighbour, Mr. James Patton, now in his 92nd year. Mrs. Fred Boys of Oak Ridges is their sister.

Sports Day At Summer School. Ten o'clock started the events of the Sports Day at the summer school on August 8th. There were several events, and the winners of the activities were as follows:

High Jump: 14 and over, Jim Bradley, 12-13. George Bell 10-11 Lee Farquharson, 8-9 Trevor Bailey, 6-7 Timmy Brock.

Girls High Jump: 12-13 Beryl Shaw and Judy Higgins.

Softball Throw: Boys 4-6: Timmy Brock, Norman Emoff and Jerry Lacey 7-8 Sharon Post, John Robinson, and Billy Good, 10-11 Paul Arnold, Peter Lacey, Tom Post. 14 and over, Jim Bradley and John Bell. Girls 9-10-11: Barbara Bell, and Pat Newstead. Boys 9 years: Brian Shand and Trevor Bailey.

Standing Broad Jump: 14 and over, Jim Bradley and John Bell. 12-13: George Bell, Danny Lahey. 10-11: Lee Farquharson, Paul Arnold. 8-9 Wayne Robinson, Trevor Bailey. High Jump, Girls 10-11: Barbara Bell and Lynne Bailey. 12-13: Beryl Shaw.

Shaw.

Standing Broad Jump: Richard Szeller, George Good.

High Jump: Laurene Mayes, Gabriella.

Broad Jump: Ken Summers, Wayne Emoff.

Running Broad: George Bell, Dan Lahey 12-13 yrs. 10-11 Tom Post, Lee Farquharson, 8-9 Trevor Bailey and Brian Shand.

Standing Broad: Girls 4-5-6, Debby Green, Debby Shand, 8-9-10: Laurene Mayes, Alana.

Running Broad: 6-7 Richard Szeller, Timmy Brock, Girls 12-13 Beryl Shaw, G. Keuschler, 9-10-11, Barbara Bell, Pat Newstead. Standing broad: 11-12-13: Barbara Bell, Beryl Shaw. There were between 70 - 80 children at the sports and they were supervised by Miss Chambers, Teacher at the Lake Wilcox school, Shirley Lacey, Mike Keuschler, and Fred Simpkins. All the small children received suckers and the winners of the other events received ribbons for their events.

Scouts have been more active this year, and as the season is again nearing they need money for Scouts and Cubs to hold their regular sessions. As things are now, the school has to be rented for these nights.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Styrmo are home after their honeymoon trip to the U.S. Atlantic coast, and through Quebec. They visited Mrs. Styrmo's relatives, including her grandmother, Mrs. White, in Sherbrook, and Mr. Styrmo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Styrmo, at their summer home at Seven Miles Lake before returning to Oak Ridges.

Michael Windsor is spending two weeks at Port Severn with his sister Shirley and brother-in-law, Ron Yeoman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marr, Oak Ridges, and twins Janet and Janice, spent the long week-end camping at Alliston with Mr. and Mrs. Don Mills, Chris and Brian. The Mills family are former residents of Oak Ridges.

Both the McLeod and Lapelle families of Elmgrove Ave., are camping this week at Bass Lake. Carol Orton went along with her friend Kathy Lapelle.

The afternoon euchre club at Lake Wilcox enjoyed dinner at the Towne Inn, Richmond Hill, last Tuesday evening after which they returned to the home of Mrs. Audrey Middleton, Yonge St., and played "WHAT ELSE?" euchre of course. Winners of the euchre were Mrs. Bet Neil and Mrs. Lil Atcheson, with lone hands prize going to Mrs. Marion Hunter and booby was won by Mrs. Mae Daigle.

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peters, Lake Wilcox, celebrating their 16th anniversary on Saturday, and birthday greetings to Jade Seager, whose birthday was last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Forster and family have been vacationing in Nova Scotia with Mrs. Forster's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Charuk have returned from their holidays, spent at Ansonville and Elliot Lake. They arrived at Elliot Lake at the home of Mr. Charuk's brother, and a few hours later his wife left for the hospital and gave birth to a little girl, which made Eleanor Charuk an aunt for the first time. They are returning later in the month for the christening, and Mrs. Charuk will be the godmother.

Keyson Motors, Stouffville is now under the new administration of Mr. Ernie Atcheson, North Road, Lake Wilcox.

Home Destroyed

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Stollard and family was destroyed on Sunday night by a fire while the family were away for holidays, thought to be at Slayner. Mr. Ross Bolan, a neighbor on Wildwood Ave., noticed the blaze in the house and went over to see if anybody was inside the house.

There was no answer to his calls. The Aurora Fire Brigade had to be called again on Sunday night as the fire started to blaze again.

Wedding

Greavette-Coleman

August 4th, was the wedding day for Dianne Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Coleman, Richmond Hill and Jack Greavette, Fergus Ave., Lake Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Greavette. The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church, Richmond Hill and was solemnized by Father Robinson. The bride wore a white satin gown and carried a white prayer book and roses. Maid of honor, the bride's sister, Linda, was dressed in a green gown, and the bridesmaid, Marie Gilson, Toronto, wore a matching gown of yellow. The best man, Gary Sloane, and ushers, Tom Dickenson, Gary Hendrick, and James Coleman, brother of the bride, wore white jackets and dark trousers. The groom also wore white jacket and dark trousers. The reception was held at the Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill, and the bride's mother received wearing a navy dress with white accessories, which pose with visitors for the groom's mother chose pictures.

Baseball Scores

The Squirts lost their game to Newmarket, at Oak Ridges 7-6. The boys that made a run received free tickets for the Maple Leaf Game at the Stadium.

The Lake Wilcox Wildcats won their game against East Gwillimbury played at the Lake, 13-3.

The Brocktons lost their place in the playoffs to Aurora in two straight games with scores of 10-8 and 7-3. Better luck next year, boys.

Visit Florida

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mueller, Oak Ridges enjoyed a visit to Sarasota Jungle Gardens during their recent vacation on Florida's lower west coast. The visitors mingled with flamingos and other rare wildfowl from every continent roaming freely in these world-famous Gardens. Other points of interest in Jungle Gardens were hundreds of unusually colorful tropical plantings, huge Royal Palms bordering jungle trails, and brilliant macaws and cockatoos which pose with visitors for pictures.

Denies Lake Wilcox Is A Potential Slum Area

(By Mrs. Lillian Atcheson, Our Lake Wilcox Correspondent)

I, for one, was much perturbed when picking up the paper and reading that Lake Wilcox apparently heads the list as a potential slum area. A lot of the homes at the Lake may be of the more inexpensive type, but I do not think that this makes us potential slum-dwellers.

Many people have lived here for many years, and have raised their children here, most of them going on to becoming good citizens and also good mothers and fathers. Of course, there have been a few out of the many that have not done so well, but you find this in the best of communities, whether they live in more expensive homes or not.

As for the teen-age gangs, sure there are a few girls and boys that stand on corners and make a noise, but you find this in the city, and in all other communities as well. Most of the teen-age problem around here is caused from teens from other places coming here looking for trouble, and if there happens to be any, of course, the Lake gets the notorious end of it.

We have lived in this community for eleven years, brought up a boy and a girl through their teens, and I don't think they are any worse for having lived here. Our family and hundreds of other families are not ashamed to say we live at Lake Wilcox. There are 486 homes here, and I do not think you can find 10 per cent that could be classed as potential slums. Of this percentage, I think you will find that most of the houses are rented, and the landlords will not keep up their property.

Many people have expressed a wish that Dr. S. E. Jensen of the Mental Health Clinic would attend a meeting here and explain his statements.

Former principal of Strange School, Miss Betty Arbuick, is spending the summer with her family at Lasky and plans to return to Brantford to teach home economics in September.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hall and their four children moved into their new home on the Green Lane by the Fourth Concession, they rented their house in Heritage Park to Mrs. Kathleen Warren and children of King. Mrs. Warren is a secretary at St. Andrew's College.

On the second lap of their holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curtis of Heritage Park motored to Brandon, Manitoba, to visit their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher.

They were accompanied all the way by Miss Jessie Gellatly and Miss Beth Gellatly and returned through North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, crossing the border at Sarnia.

The party covered 3,214 miles and took three dozen slides to record the trip. They inspected the international peace gardens between North Dakota and Manitoba and noticed good crops on both sides of the border.

Driving was done at a slower pace at Kenora, where considerable road construction was taking place.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Urquhart and children of 52 Austin Drive, Waterloo, visited former village neighbours after their two-week camping holiday north of Chalk River.

Mrs. Ed Archibald, formerly of King City, has left Lindsay Hospital and is staying at Mrs. Snook's Nursing Home, Laidlaw Street, in Cannington.

When Mrs. Osborne's nursing home in King City recently closed, Miss Eliza Fisher moved to her former address, Richmond Hill Nursing Home at 203 Yonge Street South in Richmond Hill.

Village friends have been visiting Miss Fisher, who will be celebrating her ninety-third birthday on August 27. She is one of 14 residents at the nursing home.

Miss Fisher was born on the Third Concession of King at Eversley.

Garden Project

Operating with individual wells, homes in Sacred Heart Community do not have the same water restrictions as neighbouring King City, so girls in the newly-formed Third King Brownie Pack are able to look after their summer garden project.

The Brownies living near Sacred Heart Church undertook the responsibility of watering and weeding the good-sized garden plot beside the church.

This year the pack concentrated on raising annual flowers from seed. In the fall they hope to plant perennials which will bloom next year and can be used in the church.

The leaders, Brown Owl Mrs. Wilhelmina Molevelt and Tawny Owls Mrs. Lawrence Fink and Mrs. H. T. Marsh, would like to hear from any garden enthusiasts willing to donate perennials for the community project.

Splash Party

A rainy Saturday turned the proposed outdoor splash party of the Third King Brownie Pack into an indoor swim and barbecue. The hiking part of the program had to be cancelled.

District Commissioner Mrs. Alex Knight gave the girls some swimming instruction at the pool of Mr. and Mrs. Gage Love. Afterward the 14 Brownies had games, a sing-song, dancing lessons given by their three leaders, and refreshments.

Ceremony At Gates

Open house for Guide leaders and friends of Guiding was held today at the Provincial Training Centre at Doe Lake.

The new gates commemorating the original purchase of the property were presented during a formal ceremony. Tours were made of the camp site and tea was served.

Mrs. Laura Percy Of Oak Ridges

Delivering mail around the 32-mile circuit of King City's R.R. 2 should be a cinch for a woman who has already spent 10 years seeing that the mail got through — by car or horse — over at Mount Forest.

Mrs. Laura Percy of Oak Ridges is enjoying her new job as mail carrier for the 165 box-holders formerly looked after by Mr. Ernest Cummins. He retired last spring after 38 years' service.

Mrs. Percy started the local route June 18. Her appointment runs four years, when customarily it is renewed.

The grey-eyed, dark-haired woman of medium height has had considerable experience driving. She operated a truck snack service through the village area for a year.

After purchasing that enterprise from its originator, Mrs. John Hughes, Mrs. Percy built the coffee-break business up to 250 customers and recently sold it to Mrs. Renny Van Beek of Oak Ridges.

The new King 'postie' used to cover a 24-mile rural route at Mount Forest. During that 10-year assignment she was accustomed to using one or two horses, making sure the mail got through, when snow-blocked roads were too much for her to manage by car.

Mrs. Percy spent several years working in bake shops at Mount Forest and Kitchener.

Her present job occupies four or five hours of her day, and delivers the bags of mail depending upon whether the northbound late morning train, Mrs. Percy sorts her own route before setting out.

Sometimes she lunches at the restaurant or, more often, eats as she drives along the township roads.

She picks up mail left by owners in the boxes and returns it to the post office.

Generally she reaches home in mid-afternoon. The whole schedule will be moved an hour earlier when daylight saving time reverts to standard.

Asked by "The Liberal" if she found anything unusual about her job, Mrs. Percy said, "The mail boxes are favorite nesting places for baby starlings. They are usually at the back of the box, so I just put the mail in front of them. No matter how often people remove their nests, the starlings return. They don't get discouraged; and they're so smart they take stamp money out of the boxes."

Mrs. Percy says she "loves birds" and feeds them around home in winter.

So far she hasn't shared the experience of other King mail carriers, who occasionally find once-lone raccoons or cats, whose last resting place is a mail box.

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