

KING CITY, OAK RIDGES

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MR. AND MRS. ALVIN FARMER MARK 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Well - Known Gormley Couple

The afternoon and evening of January 4 was very pleasant for long-time Gormley residents. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farmer, when dozens of friends, neighbours and family relatives attended an "open house" gathering on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. Beautiful cards, gifts and flowers, including a bouquet from the council of the Township of Whitchurch, were showered on the well-known couple. Both are 59.

Mr. Farmer, a district auctioneer for the past 43 years, was born at Gormley, the son of the late Joseph Farmer and Fanny Hunsberger. He attended public school at S.S. No. 7, Markham. While still a young lad of 14, his parents sold the farm to Rev. Peter Steckley, pastor of the Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church. Their present red brick home was erected in New Gormley where Mr. and Mrs. Farmer now reside.

Mrs. Farmer the former Rhea Giebner was born at Victoria Square, one of thirteen children, the daughter of Daniel Giebner and Mary-Elizabeth Pipher. She attended school at Concession 5, Markham.

Vice-Principal Tells King W.I.

Students "Marketable Commodity"

Nostalgic verses from old school readers entertained King City Women's Institute members as they met at the home of Mrs. Warren McKendry, Hamby Ave.

Answering roll call with favorite old poems members recited from William Wordsworth's, "The Solitary Reaper" and "Daffodils". "The Village Blacksmith" was a popular choice. Others remembered, "The Children's Hour" and "There was an old, old, old, old lady and a boy who was half-past three".

John Greenleaf Whittier's poem about the flag-saving "Barbara Frietchie" was recalled. Switching from old school days to those of this generation, Past President Mrs. Burt Weyer, a secretary at King City Composite School, introduced as guest speaker, John Turchin, vice-principal, John Turchin.

Eversley School Parents Press For French Class

Parents of Eversley Public School children are pressing for French instruction as part of the regular curriculum. Twenty-five ratepayers attending the school board's annual meeting were told trustees had made inquiries about hiring a French teacher after parents presented a petition requesting French lessons.

No final decision was reached but the board is looking into the matter. Parents discussed the noon-hour supervision of children and one mother suggested teachers appoint senior pupils to assist. The problem was left with the board to discuss with the teachers, Miss Helen Thompson and Miss Patricia Macklin and Public School Inspector W.J. McLeod.

On its own initiative the board is comparing prices before deciding the purchase of playground equipment. David G. Anderson was named new trustee, succeeding E. B. Phair who completed his three-year term. Veteran trustee, Stan Roots, starting the 3rd year of his current term, will again act as chairman. John R. Baker is commencing his second year as trustee.

Mr. Roots presented the trustees' report, while Robert Silcox gave the audited report of finances and insurance. Mr. Silcox assumed secretarial duties in September, 1962 and became treasurer in mid-January, 1963 after the many years of service by Gerald Walker.

In the two-roomed new school 47 children are enrolled. The original school beside the new building is used for physical training under supervision or as play room in inclement weather.

King Twp. Building Is Down

Value of building construction throughout King Township in 1963 took a slump from the previous year. Building Inspector Donald McCallum reported to township council the estimated value of all construction in 1963 came to \$1,526,860, while in 1962 it was valued at \$2,885,000.

A total of 256 permits was issued by the building department. These were for 59 new dwellings, of which 50 were completed; 77 additions and repairs; school additions at Pottageville and Kinghorn; two stores at Oak Ridges; a pickling factory in Concession 2; two churches, King City United and the United Church centre, Concession 11; 42 private garages; two machine shops at Pottageville and Concession 4; 32 storage buildings, etc; three greenhouses; 6 removals; and 28 miscellaneous permits for septic tanks, signs etc.

Permits last year for houses were down from the 77 issued in 1962. Of the 59 permits granted last year for dwellings, 5 were in Nobleton; one in Schomberg; 8 in Oak Ridges area; 6 in Holland Marsh and 39 throughout the township. (No permits were sought for King City. While the building inspector's report did not detail an explanation, King City residents understood building came to a standstill while an adequate supply of water is being developed through a third well. - Ed. note.)

Auditor Resigns Whitchurch Post

Ernest Smith, a professor at the University of Toronto and for 12 years auditor at the Township of Whitchurch, has resigned from his position. Mr. Smith said he had felt it necessary to give up his position for reasons of health. The firm of Cossar, Hector, Payne and Co., has been appointed township auditors.

Community Notes From King City

The new executive of King City United Church Women, headed by Mrs. Donald M. Findlay, was installed by Rev. Martin Jenkinson.

The 1964 slate includes: Mrs. James Flucker, first vice-president; Mrs. J. Fred Swayze, recording and corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. W. Jonker, treasurer and finance; Mrs. Don Hutchinson, assistant treasurer; Mrs. S. Allen Cooke, Christian citizenship and social action; Mrs. Leonard Appleyard, community friendship and visiting; Mrs. John Dew, flowers; retiring president, Mrs. Donald Hadwen, literature, communications and United Church Observer.

Mrs. George McDonald, manse convenor; Mrs. Jack Parsons, membership and nominations; Mrs. Allan Smith, press and publicity; Mrs. Art Richardson, supply and social assistance; Mrs. Douglas Rennington, social functions; Mrs. Allan Gellatly, stewardship and recruiting; Mrs. D. G. Anderson, program convenor, and Mrs. William Heaslip, program assistant.

With the disbanding of Friendship Unit, members are being absorbed into the other three units. New committees were named. Leader of Unity Unit, Mrs. William Heaslip, will work with secretary Mrs. Mabel Hall; treasurer, Mrs. George McDonald; program convenor, Mrs. Allen Cooke, and social convenor, Mrs. Don Hadwen.

Mrs. John Kell was installed leader of the Evelyn Jenkinson Unit, with Mrs. George Brown as secretary; Mrs. Harold Gilbert, treasurer; Mrs. Bert Lutes, program convenor; Mrs. Fred Beaton, friendship; Mrs. E. Wallas, supply; and Mrs. J. D. Scott, social convenor. There was a vacancy for leader of the Mae Carson Unit. Mrs. T. Arley was chosen secretary; Mrs. W. F. McDonald, treasurer; Mrs. Laurence Scott, supply; and Mrs. Allan Gellatly, social convenor.

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