

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. Donald McCallum, telephone King 132M, and in Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox, Mrs. J. Armstrong, telephone TU. 4-3312.

New Three Million Dollar Raceway Planned King Tp.

Latest sport development is a proposed \$3,000,000 raceway to be built on a 730-acre site in King Township between Toronto and Barrie on Highway 400. The speedway will be a replica of the famed Indianapolis Raceway in the United States. The main grandstand will seat 50,000 and space for 20,000 cars is included in the plans. Three major races with top U.S. drivers competing for \$100,000 in prize money have been scheduled for this season.

For the Highways Department, the major problem is the control of traffic entering and leaving the three north-south highways serving the area.

Sponsoring the speedway is the Maple Leaf Auto Racing Club. According to Hugh Green, club director, the main purpose of the venture is to develop Canadian drivers and racing and "to help Canada find its rightful place in the racing world."

The track will be two and a half miles long and of similar design to the track at Indianapolis. The stretches will be 60 feet wide, three-quarters of a mile long. The banked curves will be 80 feet wide.

Linked to the main track will be an infield track extending the overall length to 4.3 miles. Particular attention is being paid to safety features such as embankments and safety walls.

The track will also be suitable for international sportcar and stock car races. A special track surface is being designed to provide maximum tire adhesion with minimum tire wear.

Pre-fab Grandstand
The grandstand is to be prefabricated this winter. Plans also provide for bleachers, and extension of the grandstand if required.

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Less Than 15 Attend

Re-elect Jack Blyth For School Trustee

Less than 15 ratepayers turned out to the annual school meeting of Union School Section 1 King and Whitechurch last Wednesday night to hear the annual report of the trustees and to elect a new trustee. When nominations were called by meeting chairman Alex Gallacher, an acclamation was accorded retiring Trustee Jack Blyth. Mr. Blyth will now serve a second three year term. Other members on the Board of Trustees for the coming year are Richard Bull and Robert Woolley. It is expected that Mr. Woolley will be chairman for 1956.

In welcoming the ratepayers, Board Chairman Jack Blyth stated that the Board hoped the small turnout was an indication that the past year's work of the Board had been satisfactory. He added, however, that the Board would appreciate a larger attendance at these meetings.

Mr. Blyth stated in his review of the year's work that 1955 had been a comparatively quiet year as far as school operations were concerned, but pointed out that the increase in the school population made it necessary to consider extensions in the near future. At present there are 12 teachers and a principal and a total of 11 rooms in operation. The school year began with an enrollment of 388 but present attendance numbers 410 making an increase of 22 pupils in four months. "Next year we will see the school full to capacity again," he said.

In emphasizing the need for more room, Mr. Blyth pointed out that the 10-year debentures on the present building will expire this year. The present annual payment spread over 20 years, he said, considering the 70% grant now being received would raise \$80,000 for extra accommodation.

From the presentation of the annual report, the ratepayers learned that teachers' salaries over the past year had totalled \$232,213 while total plant operation came to \$8921. Maintenance amounted to \$826. Capital outlays totalled \$5,616 and the Board liquidated a \$27,000 bank loan. The financial statement was passed by the ratepayers without question or comment.

In accepting his acclamation, Mr. Blyth paid tribute to the fine work of the other members of the Board and the secretary and expressed his thanks to the ratepayers for their support. Principal Mr. Jeans added his thanks to the teaching staff, the Board and the parents for their co-operation. Sprague Troyer extended the appreciation of the ratepayers to the Board.

The meeting which was convened at 8:15 concluded at 8:45. Trustee Bob Woolley commented that this was the smallest ratepayers' meeting since 1946.

Recommend Use Of Norway Spruce

Strains of Norway Spruce introduced to eastern Canada should be slender trees with narrow, brushy tops. Research at the Petawawa Forest Experiment Station suggests this type of Norway spruce is more resistant to damage by the white pine weevil than the comb-shaped spruce planted in Europe.

The study is part of a long-term research program by the Forestry Branch, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, to breed strains of spruce adaptable to eastern Canada. Comparison of Norway spruce and white spruce plantations in eastern Canada has suggested that Norway spruce may be capable of higher yield and could be an important tree in future planning programs.

The greatest disadvantage of Norway spruce is that the tree is susceptible to damage by the white pine weevil but Forestry Branch scientists hope to counter this disadvantage by breeding weevil-resistant types. The latest observations showed that the slender trees with narrow tops were damaged less by weevils than stout trees with broad tops.

The trees studied at Petawawa have now been propagated so the variations in their resistance to weevils may be studied and possibly weevil-resistant types bred for planting in eastern Canada.

News Notes From Strange

Mr. Don Barker was elected the new trustee at the annual school board meeting at Strange School Dec. 28. Fergus Lawson is the new chairman of the board. Charles Hately is the other trustee. The secretary-treasurer is Hunter. There were 14 ratepayers at the meeting. The fact that the school is overcrowded was discussed. Strange is at present sending 9 pupils to King City School. They are Grade 7 and 8 pupils.

Norman MacMurech, sixth line King, is leaving for his Florida vacation this week. Mr. MacMurech will be away until Easter.

Oak Ridges Lake Wilcox Socials

Approximately \$150 damage resulted to Hellam Cleaner's truck Dec. 28, when the driver, Mrs. Eve Creor, Joice Point, Lake Wilcox, lost control of the vehicle on the icy hill in front of the IGA Foodliner Store in King City, and struck a hydro pole. Mrs. Creor and owner T. Hellam escaped injury.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hind and daughter June, Mimico, spent New Year's Day at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hind, Aubrey Ave., Oak Ridges.

Many happy returns of the day were given to James J. Wall, Elm Grove Ave., Lake Wilcox, on January 2, by his many friends and neighbours.

Teen Club
A profit of \$25 was made by the dance on Dec. 28, sponsored by the Tops in Teens Club when 37 teenage couples attended and joined in the evening of fun and lucky spot dances.

Leave Community
Tuesday, January 3, Dr. and Mrs. D. Gunn and family move from the community where they have lived for the past ten years. Many friends and neighbours were sorry to see the Gunn family leave. Mrs. Gunn was an ardent worker within the community in Guides, Brownies, Community Centre. Ross, the youngest member of the family, now attending the Pan American Jamboree in Australia will return home and take up new residence in Port Credit around the middle of January.

MARIPOSA: John Jenkins, Deputy-Reeve of Mariposa Township for three years has been elected to the reeve's office by acclamation. He succeeded Thomas Henderson who has retired from politics.

HERE'S HEALTH
LITTLE JOE GETS LOTS OF REST BECAUSE HIS MOTHER KNOWS 'TIS BEST. LITTLE BOYS NEED SHUT-EYE LONG IF THEY'D GROW UP BOTH TALL AND STRONG.
Department of National Health and Welfare

Fear School Taxes Double

School Grants Might Affect Incorporation

From information disclosed at the annual meeting of Oak Ridges Public School last Wednesday evening, it appears that incorporation of the community presently being investigated would have an adverse effect on the school taxes for the area. At the meeting Board Chairman Jack Blyth told his audience that if incorporation came, the School Board would lose \$5000 in Township grants immediately, in addition to having the Department of Education grants cut from the present 70% to 40%. "In effect, school taxes would be doubled," he said.

Barn Fire Heavy Loss

A barn valued at \$50,000 and implements worth \$10,000 were lost in a three hour fire at the farm of George Paton, 8th line, King, the day before Christmas. The fire started in the implement barn as Mr. Paton attempted to start a tractor. The fire spread quickly and King City firemen concentrated on confining the blaze to the barn. Included in the loss were a tractor and threshing machine in addition to other implements and the fall crop of hay and grain, the barn which was 40' x 100' and other buildings. All the stock including 70 pigs was evacuated from the barn, however, a few of the pigs returned to the burning building and were lost. The animals are now being housed in the barns of Dr. John Barry.

Maridia Gray Passes Away December 25

Mrs. Maridia Gray passed away suddenly after suffering an attack of coronary thrombosis on Christmas night at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Piercy of Teston. Mrs. Gray was in her 83rd year.

Mrs. Gray was born in Gormley, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John David Hess. Her husband, the late Alexander Gray of Kinghorn, predeceased her in 1936. Mrs. Gray went to Kinghorn after her marriage in 1914. Seven years ago Mrs. Gray went to live with her sister, Mrs. Frank Piercy of Teston. At the time of her death she was living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd, R. 1, Newmarket. Mrs. Gray during her lifetime was an active worker in Bethel Baptist Church, King City.

Surviving are her son, James Gray of Kitchener, three grandchildren and her sister, Mrs. Piercy.

Rev. G. A. Hart of Bethel Baptist Church, conducted the funeral service at the Wright and Taylor funeral home in Richmond Hill December 28. The interment was in King City cemetery.

Com. Centre Plans A Skating Party

The Oak Ridges Community Centre Committee is taking advantage of the weather, in planning a public skating party for Saturday evening, January 7. Permission was given by Mr. and Mrs. S. Beamish to use Blue Spruce Park and work began on erecting snow fencing, clearing and flooding a skating area. Flood lights have been installed and music is being provided and a program planned. The committee feels if everyone attends and makes this evening a success, possibly each Saturday evening may be planned as a public skating party. Ralph Peterson is preparing a large poster to be erected outside Blue Spruce Park for the event.

Re-elect J. Whalley King School Trustee

The annual general meeting of King City School Dec. 28 was not largely attended. J. W. Whalley whose three year term as school trustee had expired was re-elected to another three year term. The other trustees are J. Lawrence Scott and A. J. Gordon. Mr. Gordon begins his third year as trustee.

Mr. Whalley read the financial report for the year. Mention was made that the fifth room will have to be opened in September 1956. There were 184 pupils on the school roll the day school closed, Dec. 22. The possibility of adding another room to the present school if the need exists was discussed, but no decision was made.

Board Of Trade Entertains Ladies

The Board of Trade, Oak Ridges held a dance in honor of their ladies on December 28 at the Ridge Inn. James J. Wall, president, welcomed guests. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Findlay were chosen to open the evening's festivities with a waltz. Both old time and modern dancing were enjoyed by all. Lucky spot dances were won by Mr. and Mrs. Findlay, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peterson, and the lucky door prize of cuff links and tie pin went to Fern Baron.

Mr. Grant McCachen served a buffet supper at the close of the evening to the 53 guests present.

CARRVILLE NEWS

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On New Year's Day 1956, at Carrville United Church in the absence of Rev. E. B. Eddy, Rev. R. E. Morton of Beamsville was in charge of the service. The Junior Choir sang "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Rev. Mr. Morton is a retired minister and is a brother of Mr. N. L. Morton of Thornhill.

January 8 is Communion Sunday. Ratepayers Meeting
The annual meeting of the ratepayers of S. S. 3 Vaughan was held on Wednesday evening with about 20 ratepayers present. Mr. J. Barton was chairman and Mrs. R. Macey was secretary for the meeting. C. Chevis, secretary-treasurer of the Carrville school board, gave an excellent report on the activities and expenditures during the past year. The Inspector's report was an excellent one. The Inspector also found the condition of the school and the caretaking good. The ratepayers commended the board on the purchase of new desks, maps and globe.

The insurance policies are to be increased at the discretion of the board. The members of the school board are Reg. Macey, John Busnell and Cy Chevis. This year Mr. Chevis' term expired but he was returned for another three year term.

(The school board and teaching staff were given a vote of thanks for their untiring work and interest in the school.)

Home and School
The January meeting of the Carrville Home and School Association will be held Thursday, January 12, at 8.15 p.m. in the school.

The Woman's Association will hold its January meeting at the home of Mrs. R. Kirk January 11 at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Baker and Mrs. Ness attended the funeral of Mr. Arthur Combs on Saturday, husband of Lucy Ness, a former resident of Carrville, now of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Middleton, Robert and Greta, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barton and John, John Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver of Richmond Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ash of Edgely attended the funeral on Saturday of their late uncle, Mr. Fred Middleton of Thistleton.

New Year's guests at the Barton home were Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver and Helen Oliver of Richmond Hill, Noel McConnig, John and Sam Davis of Toronto.

Mr. Wm. Ness of Thornhill spent Christmas at the J. A. Baker home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McEwen and Bob had New Year's dinner at Weston with Mr. and Mrs. McEwen and supper with Mr. and Mrs. David Todd, Dufferin St.

Re-elect S. Roots Eversley Sch. Bd.
Mr. Stan Roots was re-elected to a three-year term as a trustee of Eversley school board Dec. 28. Trustee H. McConnell begins his third year as trustee and Trustee James Ball his second. Gerry Walker was secretary-treasurer for the past year. There were 10 ratepayers present at meeting. Mention was made of the new furnace installed last year. The installing of a water system in the school was discussed but nothing definite was planned. The enrolment at Eversley school is approximately 23 pupils.

Cub And Scouts Christmas Party
King Cubs and Scouts had a wonderful time at their Christmas party in King City United Church December 22. Leaders George Harvey, Stan Roots, Nora Scott, Bob Viethler, Charles Shields and members of the Scout Group Committee were on hand to assist with the program. Eric Wells enacted an amusing Soldier's skit. The Cubs played Humpty Dumpty for the Scouts and the Scouts gave all the Cubs an airplane ride. Miss Freda Dent played the accompaniment for the singing of Christmas Carols. Mrs. J. Belknap and Mrs. N. J. Coe convened the refreshments.

The Scouts were given an additional Christmas treat when they were taken on a roller skating party at the Mutual Street Arena, Toronto, December 29. Seventeen Scouts had an enjoyable time roller skating. Assistant Scoutmaster Stan Roots and John Langdon drove the Scouts to the party.

R. Love Chairman Kinghorn Sch. Bd.
Mr. Ray Love is the new chairman of the school board of Kinghorn School. Richard Pring remains as a trustee. Ab Hollinshead was nominated as the new trustee and W. Burns is secretary-treasurer for the school. New bookcases were installed during the fall and the school chimney was also repaired. Plans were made to have a new sidewalk and to fix the fences during the coming year. There was one ratepayer besides the trustees at the meeting which was held on Wednesday evening, December 28. There is an enrollment of 23 pupils at Kinghorn at present.

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