

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 - Lake Wilcox, Mrs. C. M. Butt, telephone PR. 3-5575.

Circulation Up-More Members King City Library Report

The increase in membership and circulation during the past year was noted at the annual meeting of the King City Memorial Library on Monday evening, January 21. Circulation increased from 2903 in 1955 to 4862 in 1956. The membership increased from 223 in 1955 (143 adults and students, 80 children) to 339 (167 adults and students, 172 children) in 1956.

Librarian's Report
The Librarian, Mrs. A. E. Jarvis in her report stated there were at present 2806 books in the library. During the past year 538 books were discarded and 309 books were added. Three librarians, Mrs. H. Ratcliff, Mrs. E. Wallis and Mrs. Jarvis attended the convention at the R. S. McLaughlin Memorial Library in Oshawa in May. Three librarians attended the local teachers' book display at Richmond Hill last fall.

The largest circulation is in the children's section. On several occasions classes from King City school have visited the library with their teachers. The King W.I. donates \$30 annually. The Institute also donated prizes for the library essay contest in the fall.

Membership Fee
The library membership fee has been increased to \$1. High school students are still 25c and children free. The librarian assistants are Mrs. J. L. Grew, Mrs. H. Ratcliff, Mrs. Eric White, Mrs. Ken Gibson, Mrs. J. K. Crawford and Mrs. Gordon Wells.

The chairman and the library board were thanked by the librarian, Mrs. Jarvis, for making all that is possible for their comfort. "The Library," she continued, "must grow and expand with a variety of books. We are checking regularly on overdue books." Mrs. H. Ratcliff recalled in reading the minutes, several many highlights of the past year which included the official opening of the library on May 4. She tendered the regrets of Reeve Wm. Hodgson who was unable to be present. The King City trustees E. R. Smith, Ron Bolton and Donald Findlay, Q. C. and their wives were present.

A letter was read from Miss Evelyn Courtney, Kinghorn teacher commending the executive for making available books to the children which have a great influence on their lives.

Story Hour
Mrs. E. Wallis reported on the story hour. During story hour on Saturday mornings a story is told the tiny tots and then one suitable for the older children. The highest attendance was 52 and an average attendance of 23. Story hour will continue until Easter.

Finances
Mrs. G. Berry, treasurer, reported receipts totalled \$3,025.19, expenditures \$2,723.47. Legislative grant, special for new building was \$200. Regular grant was \$138.68. Sale of former library building brought \$100. Sale of shed at rear of 45 Springhill Road brought \$175. Sale of heater \$30. Largest expenditures were repairs and remodeling \$1000.73.

Hope To Amalgamate All Community Activities Soon

A group of 20 men and women of the Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox districts met at the St. Paul's United Church auditorium on February 19 to hear Jack Patterson discuss with the residents, problems of organization and facilities available for recreational development. Mr. Patterson is from the Community Programme Branch of the Ontario Department of Education, and was the guest of Rev. Gordon Winch.

The feeling of the meeting was for complete co-operation and unification of all separate groups working toward the same goal. It was hoped to make the district a more desirable place for young people's activities, with more available playgrounds and sports and including senior citizens in the programme.

Panel Discussion
The group was divided into three panel groups which individually classified their findings of the outstanding problems. This resulted in two main topics of discussion. It was felt the districts of Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox must be amalgamated in their effort to support a recreation centre, rather than the present arrangement whereby several groups all solicit funds and equipment for the betterment of recreation. The second topic pointed out the lack of support from many parents in assisting the committees, and the need of trained men and women to properly organize and conduct a recreational association.

Jack Patterson is available to help in the organizing of community programs and was very helpful. In a district such as this with an approximate population of 5,000, it is felt there should certainly be adequate help and leadership. Of this figure about 2,000 are children ranging from pre-school age to 19 years.

Plan Diamond
The five acres of land that the Recreation Assn. has at its disposal has been properly surveyed and measured for a ball diamond. Plans have also been laid to proceed with this development as soon as weather permits and when funds are made available. Further developments will be discussed later.

Executive
A temporary executive was appointed to lay the foundation of future meetings and planning, as follows: J. McLernon, chairman; C. Butt, secretary; Jim Smith, Rev. Gordon Winch, Geo. Cragg, Wm. Sherman, Vern Plant, directors. It was decided to hold an open meeting of all interested parties from all active groups in the district and anyone interested in the growth and development of this organization on Tuesday, February 19, at 8 p.m. At this meeting, the amount of leadership available will be discussed and the feeling of the people toward what types of recreation is wanted and needed most. It is the earnest and sincere wish of these men and women working on this project to see at long last, the two districts, of Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox working together for better recreational and community activities.

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King City Notes

Kingcraft
Mrs. James Baxter presided at the monthly meeting of Kingcrafts held at Kingcraft House on January 23. Mrs. H. Bryan of Maple was appointed treasurer of the general funds. Mrs. George Miller had resigned because of illness.

Reports were given by the chairman, Mrs. C. M. Butt. The convener of the art group reported that the group of six are meeting once a week. The weaving group is having Mrs. Belson of Toronto give a demonstration of spinning and weaving on a speedy warping machine this week. The smoking group is planning to buy a smock gathering machine. There are 28 members in this group. Ten of the 14 members of the leather group are making small purses.

Members of the knitting group are making dolls' clothes. The leather, weaving and rug-making groups are entering articles in the Canadian Handicraft Guild Exhibit which begins in February in Montreal.

There are to date 110 members in Kingcrafts. The smoking group was in charge of refreshments.

Mr. John Livingston of the Audubon Society will give an illustrated lecture at Kingcrafts House on February 27. Tickets are being sold for the lecture. The executive of Kingcrafts will be in charge of the refreshments.

United Church
The annual meeting of King City United Church was held on January 25. Officers for the year are: Church treasurer, H. Ratcliff; M. & M. treasurer, Ross Stuart; auditors, J. Loudon and John Cliff; organist, Mrs. Ewart Patton; assistant, Mrs. Gordon Orr. The stewards are A. Davidson, H. Ratcliff, A. Gellatly, A. Campbell, J. Parsons, D. Hadwen, Bruce Hall, C. Kerr, W. Drinkwater, G. Harvey. Honorary members of the session are: W. Carson and F. Gambrell. Session members are B. J. Langdon, Ray Love, W. Heaslip, A. Knight, E. Wallis, L. Scott, R. Cane, J. Loudon; church trustees, Dr. G. Sawyer, John Dew, I. L. Scott, A. J. Gordon. Ushers are A. Campbell, James Cairns, assistant ushers, Robert Watson, Peter Gellatly, James Langdon, Tom Knight, D. Hutchinson, A. McTaggart, W. McKendry. Presby-

tery representative, A. Gellatly. Observer representative, Robert Cane. President of the W.A., Mrs. E. Wallis; president of the W.M.S., Mrs. H. Ratcliff; Sunday School superintendent, Laurence Scott; Mission Band leader, Mrs. V. Doner; C.G.I.T. leader, Mrs. D. Hutchinson; cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. H. Kirby. The proposed extension of King City United Church was discussed but no definite plans were made.

It was decided to contribute \$20 to the British & Foreign Bible society and \$10 to the Temperance Federation of Ontario. During the past year the Sunday School sent \$74 to missions, the Mission Band \$32, and the Baby Band \$8. The W.A. donated \$20 to the Victor Home, \$15 to the Fresh Air Camp, \$18 to City Missions in Toronto and \$10 to Overseas Missions. The three United Churches, Laskay, Teston and King City, sent \$1,619.00 to the M. & M. treasury. This was \$600 more than last year.

Mission Band
At the United Church Mission Band on January 24, six children recited a verse in the Friendship Circle as part of the worship service. They were Kirsten Elf, Lynn Scott, Donna Dixon, Sheila Bell, Jimmy Doner and Virginia Hood.

David Heaslip, recently elected president, presided at the meeting. The new secretary is Lynn Scott and the treasurer Lee Scott. Mrs. Victor Doner read the chapter from the study book on Korean children. Sheila Bell played a piano selection.

New Members
On January 20, 11 persons joined by certificate at King City United Church. They were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston from Timothy Eaton Memorial, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fleuker from the Runnymede United; Mrs. Leonard Appleyard from Leaside United; Dr. Quentin Hardy from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie; Mrs. John Kell from Queensville United and Mr. Kell from Richmond Hill United; Mrs. John Langdon from Aurora United and Miss Doris Patton from St. Paul's United at Dundas. One hundred and fourteen persons took part in the communion service. The two silver communion sets given by Mr. James Patton in memory of his wife, were used for the first time.

Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

St. Paul's Boy's Club is holding a table tennis tournament from now until April. There are three age groups - up to 12 yrs., 13 to 17 yrs., and 17 and over. Prizes are awarded for each group. Practice is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 in the church auditorium. For further particulars and enrollment please phone C. E. Pullen at PR. 3-5695.

Winner of the last suit of the month, sponsored by Oak Ridges Lions Club was Mr. Jennings of Aurora.

Skating
The ice cushion on the Lake, made by the combined efforts of the Recreation Assn. and Lions met with a sad end when two days of thaw melted the ice and then collapsed the boards. It is hoped favorable weather will permit the use of this area for pleasure skating before long. The Lake Wilcox hockey team are sporting new sweaters now, compliments of Mrs. Ash, of Ash's Booth. Many thanks go to Mrs. Ash for her splendid contribution. The boys on the team are enjoying their games and are doing well in competition.

TESTON NEWS

The annual meeting of Teston United Church was held January 24. Following are the officers for the coming year: Church treasurer, Ern Carson; M. & M. treasurer, Gordon Murray; Jack Downing was elected to the session. Other Session members are: W. Windas, Ed Bowen, Ed Kyle, N. Kingdon, E. Carson, G. Murray. Stewards are: C. Robson, F. Piercy, Roy Robson, J. Pelletier, Roy Bowen and K. Cambden.

Sunday School officers are: Superintendent, C. Robson; assistant K. Cambden; treasurer, Miss Joan Pelletier; secretary, Miss Evelyn Hare; assistant secretary, Mr. Roy Bowen; Baby Band spt., Mrs. C. Robson; organist, Mrs. W. Williamson; assistant Roy Robson; choir treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Cooper. Ushers are Gordon Murray, Nelson Kingdon, Roy Bowen, Bill Ratcliff, W. Hadwen, Ed Cooper, Donald Bartlett, Gary Cooper, David Marwood. On the parsonage committee are E. Bowen, C. Robson, Ed Kyle and Ray Bowen.

It was decided not to close the church for Laskay and King anniversaries, but to close the church for Hope anniversary. It was voted to send \$20 to the British and Foreign Bible Society and \$20 to the Temperance Federation of Ontario. There was a good financial report from all organizations. Teston Fellowship sent \$30 to the Fred Victor Mission.

Eversley Socials

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Eversley, was held at the home of Miss Jessie Gellatly, King Street, King City, on January 24. Dr. J. C. McLelland, interim moderator, acted as chairman. Rev. J. E. C. Shepherd opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Howard Neill was appointed secretary and Art Bovair treasurer.

On the board of managers for one year are Mrs. Fred Curtis and Duncan Ross, for 2 years, Miss Jessie Gellatly and Art Bovair; for three years George Wilson and John Larkin. The church organist is Miss Jessie Gellatly, assistants Mrs. Charlie Gordon and Mrs. Laura Rolling. On the manse committee are Duncan Ross and Miss Jessie Gellatly. Auditors are Miss Gellatly and Mrs. Howard Neill. Church School superintendent is Mrs. Fred Curtis.

Discuss Subdivision

E. R. Smith Chairman Of King City Trustees

Harvey Malcolm, secretary of the village trustees installed the incoming trustees at the inaugural meeting in King Memorial library on Tuesday evening, January 22. Ron Bolton nominated E. R. Smith as chairman for the coming year. R. Bolton was nominated Fire Commissioner and Water Commissioner. E. Smith was nominated Roads Commissioner. Donald Findlay, Q.C. is the remaining trustee. Elias Bice was appointed village maintenance man. It was agreed to raise the salary of the waterworks secretary-treasurer to \$200 as the work had increased 75 per cent. It was agreed to employ Elmer Cairns as waterworks maintenance at \$150; Ewart Patton at \$5 and Norm Taylor as waterworks electrician.

Meeting Time
Meetings are to be held on the fourth Tuesday from January to October inclusive and the second Tuesday of November and December.

Subdivision
Mr. John Sepejak of Village Developments Ltd., presented a draft plan of lot 3, concession 3 for approval. The plan consisted of 281.63 acres in all. There will be a total of 468 lots.

Mr. Sepejak stated that the subdivision was like that of North York. He indicated on the plan a wooded area of 20 acres, 15.7 for park and 4.6 for school site. Chairman of the trustees E. R. Smith remarked that the subdivision was not in the village.

Mr. Sepejak stated his company still wanted approval of the trustees as they wanted to work with the village. Surveying the plan the trustees noted the land designated as the wooded area is low lying land. The three trustees had previously decided that land to be given as the 5 per cent must be eight feet above the water level. Trustees were of the opinion the land was not 8

feet above water level. Mr. Sepejak argued that the land was suitable for park. It is in the centre of the subdivision and would be a centre of neighborhood activity. Chairman Smith said "We might not want to use it as a park area. The village might want to sell the 5 per cent for industry and that land would not be saleable. We would like to see it as an asset for development." Trustee Findlay made the observation that we might want more than 5 per cent to compensate for poor land rather than 15 acres of choice land. The by-law of one acre per hundred houses has never been followed. Mr. Sepejak again stated the plan was like that of North York. E. R. Smith commented he would like to take better points out of all plans and make another. Mr. Sepejak said he wished to indicate various points in detail for the approval of the trustees.

Tentative Approval
Trustee Don Findlay moved a resolution of approval that insofar approval be given subject to streets and lots in park area and to water available from time to time.

Fire Chief David Glass was given permission to sell the trailer which had proved too cumbersome to be used as a standby.

Ron Bolton, fire commissioner moved that a medical check be given the 19 volunteer firemen by Dr. Quentin Hardy. It was agreed to rent one stall of the fire hall on a monthly basis to Charles E. Ham. It was also agreed to purchase a three-quarter inch fog nozzle for the fire department. Meeting adjourned after minor bills had been passed for payment.

NORTH YORK: A member of council has suggested that subdivisions be forced to pay the capital costs of increased schooling caused by their developments.

King Lions Speaker Tells Of Visit To Hungarian Border

"What can we do to help the refugees?" queried Mrs. Douglas Jennings as she addressed the King City Lions at their dinner meeting in All Saints Anglican Church, King City, on Tuesday evening, January 22. Mrs. Jennings had been asked by the Canadian Department of Immigration to the Hungarian situation in Austria. The Canadian Hungarian Federation had requested the department that an unofficial representative be sent.

Mrs. Jennings is a volunteer worker of the I.O.D.E. in Toronto and is the convener of Canadiana and immigration for the Toronto I.O.D.E. She is also a member of the National Council, Mrs. Jennings does volunteer work on the co-ordinating committee for citizenship receptions which are held for the newcomers who have just received their Canadian citizenship. The guest speaker was introduced by Lion Stan Hunter.

A vivid picture was recounted of riding in a truck to go to the border where refugees were escaping at night from Hungary. In the chilly foggy night Russian flares could be seen sent up in a relentless effort to locate the fleeing refugees. Then after a quiet interval the Austrian guards would give short flickers of light to indicate to the exhausted escapees they had reached safety. Some of the women were so exhausted they collapsed. They were mostly young people, as it would have been too much for the older people to make the escape. The refugees were quickly ushered into cars to go to schools, hostels and camps where they would find temporary shelter.

Mrs. Jennings was quickly recognized as a Canadian as she wore a Maple Leaf pin. All she talked to among the refugees were eager to come to Canada as they thought it would be a good place to find work. Most of them had friends and relatives in Canada and were well informed about the country. University students indicated their desire to come to

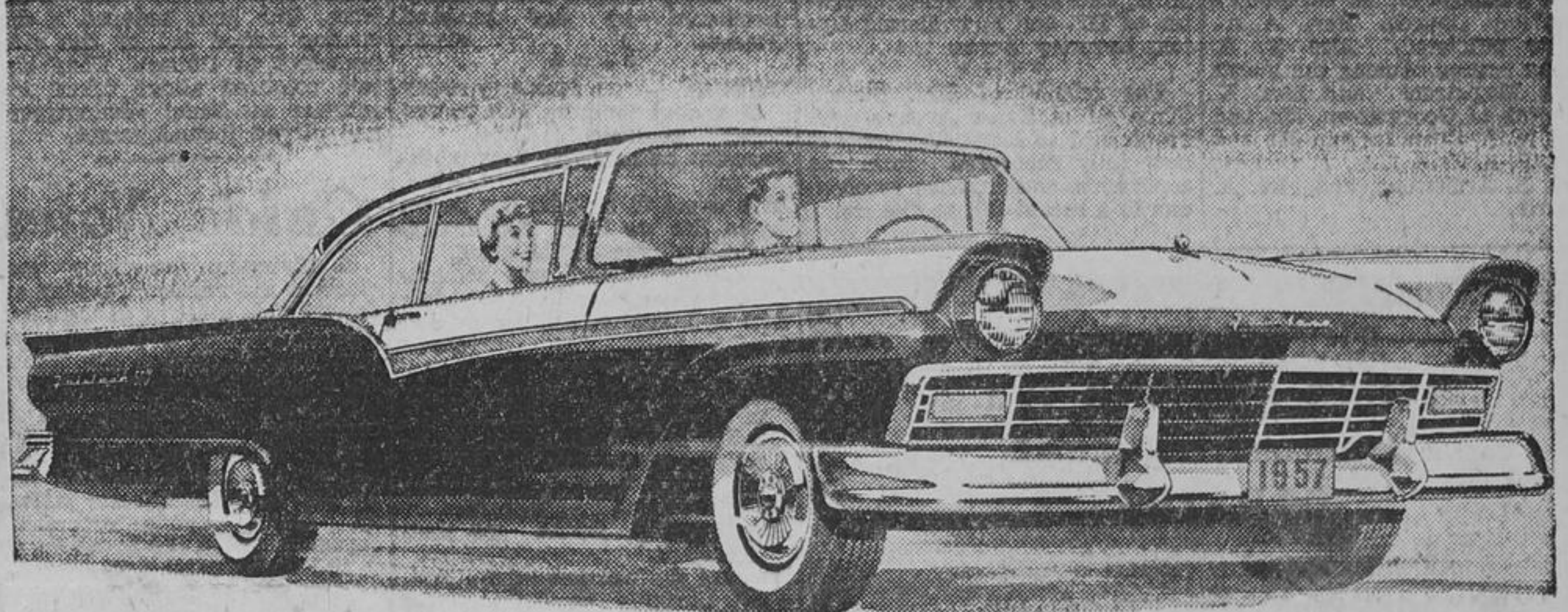
Canada and work in order to complete their education. "They are healthy and intellectual people," stated Mrs. Jennings. "We should bring out as many as we can to relieve congestion in Austria," she concluded.

Lion Adam Davidson presented Mrs. Jennings with a small gift of appreciation.

Lion Eric Abrahams is to convene the bond draw. There will be two bonds valued at \$250.00 each. A thousand tickets are to be sold on the bonds. Lion Ferguson Lawson reported that tickets are now available for the oyster supper on February 19.

Over 20 New Canadians were guests of the Lions. They hailed originally from Scotland, England, Germany, Latvia, Denmark and Holland. New Canadian Allan Aiston of England, won the convention fund draw of a grease and oil job.

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