

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 King 205M; and in Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox, Mrs. Ruth McFadden, Elm Grove Avenue, phone PR. 3-5567.

King City Notes

Lions 5th Annual Supper

In spite of bad weather and short notice of postponement, King City Lions Club fifth annual oyster supper was highly successful. At King City United Church, 250 people sat down at well-filled tables where, Lions members served supper. At the door Herbert Ross, "Doc" Gordon, Irving Scott, Ken Sutton, Jack Thompson and Dave Sutherland took tickets. Waiting on tables were Eric Abrahams, Bud Ham, B. J. Langdon, John Langdon, Mervin Wilson, Jack Walkington, Adam Davidson, Clarke Archibald, "Nip" Armstrong, George Bennett, George Harvey, Bill Heaslip, Quentin Hardy, Bill Gregg, Bill Drinkwater, Stan Kerr and Alex Knight.

Presiding at the dishpans were Fergus Lawson, Frank Powell, Stan Roots, Ray Love, Jack Loughran and Joseph Houlton. Others assisting were John Dew, Ted Wallis, Wm Jennings and Gordon Orr. Lions' wives contributed pies and cakes to the menu. Lion Jack Parsons was in charge of the event.

Honour Teacher

Grade 7 and 8 pupils of Mr. Carson Bice's class had a happy surprise for their occasional teacher, Mrs. J. H. Evans, when she completed her last afternoon duty at King City School. On behalf of the class who signed a greeting card saying they had all "chipped in," Ralph Finch made a little speech of appreciation and presented painstakingly wrapped gloves and a scarf. The boys and girls promptly gave three cheers and joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." John Tetley recorded the occasion with his flash camera.

Since September, Mrs. Evans has been instructing Mr. Bice's class in English literature and health. For two months last year the New Brunswick graduate taught Miss Eva Dennis' pupils two afternoons a week.

Mrs. Lorne Scott of Kinghorn, who has been teaching at Templeville, is the new part-time teacher at King City School. Birthday greetings go to celebrants of the past few days. Barry Wilkins, Julie Cruickshank, Denise Wallace and Maureen Ann Dooy.

School children and their families are pleased with the lovely colored portraits professionally taken at school, but where, oh where are the group classroom pictures of yesterday to be treasured as permanent reminders of school chums? "Nip" Armstrong displays in his store one such public school souvenir taken when he was in Miss Doris Patton's room. Perhaps other parents would like to see the custom revived.

After completing her training as a model, attractive brunette Gigg has signed with Walter Thornton Model Agency. Launching her new career, Gigg appeared on television and had her picture in Liberty magazine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wallis expect to be around King City after they vacate their North Keele St. house by May 31, until they build their new home on a ten-acre lot on Aurora sidewalk. They sold their house to Mr. and Mrs. E. Hivers of Toronto.

Through A. J. "Doc" Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Murray R. Flook sold their Clearview Heights home to Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence of Heritage Park. Mr. and Mrs. Flook and son, Glenn, will be moving by mid-March and would like to remain in the village so Glenn could finish his school year. Mr. Lawrence is employed by Dominion Helicopters.

O.R. Home-School Hears Safety Talk

The Oak Ridges Home and School association celebrated its 12th anniversary last Tuesday at the Oak Ridges School. Mr. Bob Woolley, a past president of the Home and School read from the minutes of the first meeting, tracing the birth of the home and school. A general meeting was called by the principal, Mr. Orchard on November 20, 1946, to place before the people of the district the history of the home and school and its benefits to the community. From this first meeting a nomination committee was set up and the inaugural was held on December 3, 1946. Mrs. Frank Wilkins, the only honorary president, blew out the candles of the gaily decorated cake and out it for the guests present.

Guest speaker was Mr. John Swanson, the chairman of the aeronautical section of the Ontario Safety Council. Two films were shown by Mr. Swanson, one "The Dangerous Stranger" showing the dangers of children talking to strangers, and the other film on traffic safety. Mr. Swanson suggested the use of flashing yellow lights suspended over the highway on either side of the school to be used to slow traffic during school hours. Letters have been sent to the Department of Highways by many parents and it is hoped that some sort of arrangement can be made to safeguard the children as they go to and from school.

The parent count was again won by Mrs. T. Achemichuk. Starting next month only the parents who are paid up members in the association may take part in the parent count.

ters Limited and Mrs. Lawrence is a bookkeeper for Langdon's Bus Co., succeeding Mrs. E. E. Harrison.

Florida Bound

Over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Irving Scott of South Keele St. left by plane from Malton for Florida. This is the eighth year they have enjoyed a cold-winter southern holiday. They expect to remain in Tampa and Fort Pierce for three weeks.

Icy Mishaps

When Mrs. Clifford Courts stepped out the door of her James St. house to put out the garbage on Valentine night, she slipped on ice and broke her ankle in three places, necessitating a long cast. She is managing to walk with the aid of crutches, but expects to have the cast on most of April.

Mrs. James Wilkins of John St. decided her second time on skates was her last. She promptly gave them away when she broke her leg on the backyard rink. "I guess next time I'll take up skiing," she joked after having a cast applied in Newmarket Hospital. She expects to have a new cast later this month. Canadians now, after coming from London seven years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins and son, Barry, look forward to building their home this Spring on King Boulevard at the eastern end of the village.

Kingscrafts

Possibilities of leather are unlimited. Mrs. A. E. Peter told the general meeting of Kingscrafts. As convener of the leather group, Mrs. Peter revived the history of leather from the time Egyptians used it 5,000 years ago. "First American explorers found Indians skilled in tanning leather, especially buckskin," she said, describing the different types of hides. Mrs. Peter showed several sample skins, with patterns and completed bags, wallets, belts and key cases. The leather group is planning to visit a tannery this month.

Mrs. Henry Borden presided as a welcome was extended new active members, Mrs. J. Sparrow, Mrs. F. Sward and Mrs. J. Crane, all of Richmond Hill, who are interested in the art group, and Mrs. Williamson of King City, who joined the ceramics group. Revisions to early bylaws were heard and passed.

Art group convener, Mrs. A. E. Jarvis, reported 125 paintings, 61 of them framed, were shown at the recent exhibition and sale at Kingscraft House. Altogether, 27 pictures were sold. Mrs. Peter spoke of the combined Women's Institute and Kingscraft reception honoring Mrs. Jarvis for her work in the Lady Tweedsmuir trophy.

For the March general meeting the smoking group will give a demonstration and members of the weaving class will serve refreshments. For the April meeting open to the public, Mr. Leslie King, of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton as speaker, showing pictures. The smoking group is in charge of refreshments.

Parents' Night

The First King Scout Troop Group Committee has arranged its annual parents' night for March 13 in King City Masonic Hall. Following the program explaining Scouts' and Cubs' activities, the Ladies' Auxiliary will provide refreshments with Mrs. James N. Flucker as convener. Mr. Burwell Jackson of Springhill Road has been in York County Hospital, Newmarket, since suffering a heart attack over two weeks ago.

With Mr. Stephen Campbell's appointment as station agent at Maple, he and his family have moved from South Keele St. to the agent's residence in Maple. After ten years at Maple, Mr. Fred Martin has been transferred to Thornbury.

Miss Blair Burrows has returned home after a four months' holiday in Europe.

Newest equipment for the King City Fire Brigade is a \$312 extension ladder.

Fowl Thievery At Pottageville

Latest report of chicken thievery comes from Pottageville, where late last Thursday night thieves took 25 chickens and four geese from the henhouse of Mrs. Jane Archibald, a widow. The fowl were killed in the pens before being taken away. A good description of the car was given by neighbours to Vandorf OPP.

News Notes of Strange

Light green paint has pleasantly transformed the former unpainted basement of Strange School.

Twenty-three pupils of Strange School enjoyed a bus outing when they completed in the one-on-one rural school section of the Kiwanis Music Festival in Toronto. With 82 points they lost a tie for fourth place. Markham school came first with 85 points and New Scotland school, second, with 84. Ten rural schools competed in the singing of "Popcorn." Miss Helen Hunter played the accompaniment for Strange choir, in charge of their teacher, Miss Betty Arubckle.

Village Trustees Discuss Public Utilities Comm.

King City Village Trustees are interested in setting up a Public Utilities Commission. Last week when they met in the Fire Hall they questioned Toronto Region Hydro representative D. B. Ireland, Don Ramsay, S. Urquhart and L. J. Roy about operating a distribution system and were told \$80,000 debentures would be required.

Mr. Ireland, a consumer service engineer for Toronto region, explained the debt was a "self-liquidating" one, but no great difference in power rates could be expected immediately.

"If you do incorporate, you will have no choice but to take over your distribution system," Mr. Ireland stated. Asked if he had ever known it to be a barrier to incorporation, he said "Not to my knowledge," and cited Grand Bend and Port Burwell as villages of comparable size operating their own power system.

Trustees and hydro men discussed in detail the preliminary survey submitted to trustees last October, estimating hydro figures for the village as of January 1, 1958.

If the Board of Trustees decided to proceed with purchasing the utility, next step is to guarantee paying the Hydro Commission \$500 for taking an inventory. The trustees would have to request township council for a vote by the police village electors, approving the purchase. Usually at the same time electors are asked to agree to the money-borrowing bylaw.

Later a listening ratepayer, Mr. David Kerr, secretary of Clearview Ratepayers Association, asked Trustees what they decided about the hydro system. Mr. Findlay answered, "Nothing yet. This is a fact-finding meeting, one of several stages before it would come to a public vote."

The preliminary study which was discussed "and is not to be construed as a firm commitment," according to Mr. Ireland, showed an estimated 335 customers in King City police village for 1958. The average monthly kilowatt load was placed at 442. The interim rate is \$45 and the estimated maintenance per customer for the year costs \$13.30.

A debenture issue of \$80,000 was discussed "and is not to be of the commission-owned distributing system of \$76,840, plus estimated capital additions for 1958 of \$3,160.

Estimated revenue of \$36,150 is derived from domestic use, \$25,030; commercial, \$5,070; power, \$2,410; flat rate water heaters, \$9,070 and street lighting, \$570. Yearly expenses totaling \$31,990 include power purchased, \$18,800; carrying charges on debentures, \$7,000; depreciation, \$1,740 and controllable operation and maintenance for 335 customers, \$4,450.

The estimated surplus at proposed rates comes to \$4,160, or 1 1/2 per cent of receipts.

Under the new proposed rates if King City purchases its own power system, domestic use generally would have slightly lower bills to pay than at present. For 1,000 kilowatt hours they would pay about \$15.66, instead of the present \$16.90.

Commercial users would pay more for their power until they required a greater supply. For example, a company which might use at present 10 kilowatts up to 300 hours would now pay \$47.52.

Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

A Fireside service was held at St. Paul's United Church last Sunday and proved to be so successful that another is planned for late in March. A film "The Bible on the Table" highlighted the service and John Raiken played selections on the viola accompanied by Mrs. Len Hadden. The fireside was shared with Rev. Gordon Winch by John McLennan, author, which refreshments were served.

At a meeting of the teachers of St. Paul's Sunday School, a decision was made to buy a slide projector for use in the Sunday School. The Sunday school is to finance most of the project and an appeal will be made for funds at the school anniversary in April.

Enrolled in Guides last Monday evening were Donna Rennie, Shirley Mervin, Vivian Wride, Dianne Gould, Sharon Roberts and Cathy Cockerill. The girls were enrolled by the district Guide Commissioner, Mrs. J. Smith.

A baby shower was held at the home of Mrs. G. Winch, Elm Grove Ave. last week. Guest of honor was Mrs. H. Hall. About 30 members of St. Paul's United Church and choir were present. Many lovely gifts were received by Mrs. Hall.

New residents welcome on Elm Grove Ave. are Mr. and Mrs. Norwood and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, who moved from Toronto. Both families are residing in the former residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bodie.

Friends and neighbours of Mrs. Taylor, Maple Grove Ave., will be glad to hear she has returned from the hospital after a short illness.

A meeting of the Lions Club was held at the Ridge Inn last Monday night. This was "Farmers' Night" with each member bringing a farmer friend. A film was shown by Lion Bob Woolley on milkers and modern ideas in farming. Discussion was held on the boy scout financial campaign now taking place and on a carnival in June.

Branch 570 of the Oak Ridges Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 13, at the home of Mr. Ivor Williams. Plans will be discussed on means of acquiring a hall which is badly needed for meetings and other social activities.

STOFFVILLE: Following the visit to Whitchurch Council of a large deputation of ratepayers and a report from the Building Inspector on a number of buildings which he said should be removed, Clerk Crawford advised council that Solicitor J. D. Lucas had made a search of each property in order that the proper owner might be contacted and fairly advised of the proposed action of council to have the buildings removed.

MARKHAM: A new Baptist Church will be erected in Markham Village in 1960. Property has been purchased on Church Street in the vicinity of the Markham District High School and the proposed R.C.M.P. camp.

Frank Brumwell Pres. York Farm Federation Presents Rural Case

On Tuesday, February 25, over 100 members of the executive of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture met the Agricultural

Lone Driver's Death Witnessed Ice Causes Skid

William Henry Bryant of Melrose Ave., King City, was killed instantly last Friday morning when he skidded out of control and he plunged over a 20-foot embankment at Kinghorn.

Mr. Bryant was alone, driving west on King sidewalk toward Highway 400, when his car skidded on the slushy pavement and made a U-turn as it shot over the south bank at Tannery Hill. Three people witnessed the accident.

Provincial Police from Vandorf detachment were at the scene a few minutes after being summoned by the nearest neighbour, Mrs. Archie Campbell, and they sent for an ambulance.

The 40-year-old engineer was employed at Standard Modern Tool Company in Toronto. He had brought his family from England in March last year. Since October they have been living in Kingsville Subdivision and completing their new home.

The couple had enjoyed being in the village square-dancers club and Mr. Bryant is a member of All Saints' Evening Branch W.A.

Neighbours responded quickly in offering their services to Mrs. Bryant, the former Joan Copley, and her two children, Jennifer, 16, a student at Aurora High School, and Rodney, 11, who attends King City School.

Mrs. Bryant's sister-in-law, Mrs. S. Shoup from Ashland, Mississippi, arrived in time to be with the family for the Monday afternoon service at Thompson's Funeral Parlours in Aurora.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Jennings conducted the service in the presence of family and friends and later, the brief burial rites in King City Cemetery. Pall-bearers were Mr. Alfred Hinton, Mr. James Pryer, Mr. Bernard Glassford, Mr. James Rowe and Mr. Richard McCleary.

Markham Council Appoints Members Court Of Revision

The Court of Revision for Markham Township this year will include Mr. Charles Clifford, Mr. Frank Robb, Mr. Christopher Russell, Dr. F. D. Mulholland and Mr. A. G. Little. Third reading of the by-law appointing them was read on Monday afternoon at the regular weekly council meeting. They will receive seven dollars for a half day's sitting.

Council also heard Mr. Norman Sitwell, game officer, state that the Department of Lands and Forests was considering releasing the land held as a crown hunting preserve in the centre of the township.

A letter was received from 11 persons asking that the property be reserved as a preserve and council agreed to write a letter to the Department of Land and Forests, asking that it continue to be a preserve. Signing the petition were: J. E. Harper, H. N. Weatherill, Dean Hughes, K. J. Salmon, B. E. Lunney, W. E. McKety, Thomas N. Shea, H. G. Harper, Frank Harper, John Stevenson and Glenburn Farms Limited, per K. E. Deacon.

No hunting is at present allowed in the preserve save that of foxes by the owner of the land.

MacKillop H. & S. Hears Talk On Toronto Senior Schools

At the February meeting of MacKillop Home and School held recently, a very interesting program on senior schools was presented by Mr. Dan Mewhort, Mr. E. Loughlin and Mr. E. Sager.

Mr. Art Spence introduced the speakers, who gave a very complete report on grades 7 and 8 senior schools as incorporated in the Toronto school system. Mr. Loughlin, principal of Queen Alexander Senior School told of the advantages to early adolescent children under this system.

President Don Ross introduced Chairman R. Scott, and Trustee V. Sully of the local school board, who explained that the senior schools described were their ultimate goal, not immediately possible here.

In planning ahead, the Crosby Ave. school site was an ideal location for an eventual senior school. The inclusion of a gymnasium-auditorium in the Crosby Ave. school was discussed, Mrs. Sully pointing out the advantages to the community as well as to the pupils, in such a room in a public school.

A motion was made that the association support the board in its stand to include a gymnasium-auditorium in the Crosby Ave. school, and was unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. E. Gooding announced the first week in March is Education Week. Meeting closed with refreshments being served.

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Board Of Trustees Approves '58 Budget

At its regular meeting last Wednesday night the Board of Trustees approved Thornhill's budget for 1958. The sum of \$14,500, set aside for roads and general purposes compares with \$15,125 for those purposes last year. The library budget amounts to \$1,397.00 for 1958 as compared with \$1,064.00 in 1957 and \$1,256.00 in 1956.

Included in the general purpose category are allowances of \$3,000 for garbage collection, \$1,000 for legal fees, \$850 for garage, and \$2,000 for village and park maintenance. Local roads are included \$600 for house numbering, \$450 for new equipment and repairs, \$1300 for labor for road repairs, Culverts, oil (\$800), gravel (\$500), grading, snow removal, make up the balance. No allowance is made for major road expenditure because of the possibility of paving all village roads.

Employee's Sick Leave Trustees discussed ways of budgeting for accumulated sick leave for employees and the question of vehicle fleet insurance. Trustee Frank Tucker and Chairman Allan Sumner agreed both questions should be looked into, and a small amount was included in the budget under miscellaneous to cover these items.

House Numbering The Thornhill trustees have received instructions from Vaughan Township to clear up conflict of new house numbers in the village with those on the same streets in Vaughan Township. Inclement weather was responsible for many missing the talk of Mr. W. B. Greenwood, chief of the Division of Provincial Parks, Department of Lands and Forests, at the February meeting of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society on Thursday, February 27, in the Lions Hall. Mr. Greenwood's knowledge and pictures regarding the establishment and development of provincial parks proved highly interesting and informative to those able to attend. Too few people who frequent and enjoy these beauty spots have any conception of the planning and work entailed in setting them up.

In October 1954, the Division of Parks was formed, and Ontario then had six provincial parks. Algonquin Park was the first of these dating from 1893 with an area of 750 square miles. At the present time, there are 115 parks throughout Ontario occupying 50,000 acres. A board, comprising a chairman from the Niagara Parks Commission and an advisory committee of four, decides on the policy, suitability and landscaping, etc., of these parks. Forty-four of these parks are fully equipped with camping facilities and admission is 75c per night or \$4.00 weekly. Thirty-nine, without facilities, as yet, have no charge. Nine are still undeveloped and 23 sites have been procured for park areas. Some parks are the gift of wealthy donors. In 1956, all parks were taken over from the Department of Highways, with the exception of roadside picnic areas.

Six thousand directional signs for provincial parks were made last year to guide tourists. Eight thousand tables and 7,000 grills were made by reformatory inmates.

In 34 parks last year, 2,267,000 people visited and 120,000 registered at the museums. 165,000 averaged 2.3 days in various parks.

It is expected that in 1958, three and a half million people will use the parks and what can be expected in the next few years is fantastic.

\$1.00 entrance fee entitles car and occupants to enter any provincial park any number of times during the season. Last year 150,000 entrance fees were collected, indicating that the same car visited several parks. The Division of Parks started development with a budget of \$15,000. Last year, \$2,700,000 was spent. One half million dollars maintains one half of the parks' upkeep. To ease the unemployment situation 300 men are being employed until the end of May this year. Mr. Greenwood was introduced by Mr. R. Tilt and thanked by Mr. R. D. Little.

The annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association is being held in Hamilton on March 13 and 14 this year. Delegates from the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society are Mrs. Ivan Grant, Mrs. Ralph Kerlake and Mr. R. D. Little. Anyone interested in attending this convention will be most welcome.

A shrub guessing contest and social period concluded the meeting. Mr. R. D. Little was the winner of the contest with seven correct answers out of ten.

NEWMARKET: The Newmarket Lions club announced last week they will build a school for retarded children in Newmarket, to be completed by September, 1959.

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Tender for Deep Well Pump House

Sealed tenders properly marked on the outside as to contents will be received at the offices of the consulting engineers, 11 Jordan St., Toronto, up until four p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 1958, for the construction of a deep well pump house in the Police Village of King City.

Plans and specifications may be obtained at the offices of the consulting engineers. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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