

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 Kins 205M; and in Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox, Mrs. Ruth McFadden, Elm Grove Avenue, phone PR. 3-5667.

Firecrackers May Have Started 5 Hour Blaze On The 7th-King

A night watch was kept on the smouldering ashes of a two-acre bush fire last Friday on the 7th Concession, King Township estate of Fraser Grant. Five hours of fighting by 50 King City firemen and neighbours in high winds finally brought the needlessly blaze under control at 8:30 p.m. Children playing with firecrackers were believed to have caused the fire, which destroyed two acres of evergreens and deciduous trees. It was brought to a halt within 300 yards of a pine bush and firefighters kept the main house untouched. Neighbours, quick to respond, used three tractors and the main hazard was plentiful dry leaves. This was the first bush fire of the season calling out King City Brigade and its third traced to firecrackers. On the way to the fire, the village's engine crew experienced an impatient delay as they waited for a freight train to pass through the village's intersection.

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS Township of Whitchurch

Take notice that a by-law for raising \$20,000.00 under the provisions of the Tile Drainage Act, will be taken into consideration by the Council of the Township of Whitchurch at the Municipal Offices of the Township of Whitchurch on the 9th day of June, 1958, at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

John W. Crawford
CLERK

C.N.R. A Public Service Shouldn't Cut Trains

It would be more appropriate if C.N.R. officials proposed some constructive measures to serve the public, such as a commuter train, King City Village Trustees agreed at their meeting last week in the Fire Hall. After receiving a letter from W. B. Edey, Superintendent of the Allandale Division, saying the removal of three trains was being considered, Trustees decided to write C.N.R. President Donald Gordon suggesting promoting the railway instead of continued cutting. "Since it is a publicly-owned transportation system, we don't like the way it is being operated to reduce services," said Trustee Ronald Bolton. He said he "couldn't get steamed up about the removal of trains which run at times not suiting people. The C.N.R. may as well pull up their tracks," was his view.

Chairman Donald Findlay objected to such changes originating in the C.N.R.'s local office. "Unless and until head office notifies us, I feel we should not deal with them nor have a public meeting". Trustee John Dew pointed out the fewer trains passing through the village, the fewer chances there were of people being killed at the intersection. Copies of the Trustees' letter to Mr. Gordon are to be forwarded to C. A. Cathers, M.P., to Minister of Transport George Hees and to Township Council. Garbage Contract. The garbage contract was awarded to Mr. V. S. Blakelock of Maple who now collects village garbage under private arrangement with householders and who submitted the lowest of five tenders.

Mr. Blakelock's collection as a municipal service is expected to begin July 1 and to save individual householders about \$5 a year. His tender agreed on an annual lump sum of \$2,800 for 300 houses, including one extra pick-up early in January for Christmas trees and other refuse. Other tenders considered were from Ross Kitchener of Nobleton, Allan Hilliard of Kettleby, George Brown of King City and J. E. Buchanan, Aurora. Trustees will ask Township Council for the necessary by-law.

Low Water Pressure
Four residents from Clearview Subdivision complained about low pressure of water. Water Commissioner Bolton asked them "to bear with us until the new well is operating May 31".
Keele St. Culverts
Chairman Donald Findlay again noted the supplying of approved culverts by householders was delaying road work on North Keele St. After some discussion, Trustees decided to confer with Township Council about proceeding with the first two stages of ditching and drainage work and of correcting the grade of the travelled portion, under local improvement. Trustees proposed ten per cent of the cost would be borne by Keele St. residents and 90 per cent by the village.

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Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

Joint Meeting
At St. Mark's Church recently Miss Gertrude Simon spoke to a joint meeting of the afternoon and evening branches of St. Mark's W.A. St. John's W.A. and to visitors from All Saints' Anglican Church, King.

President of St. Mark's W.A., Mrs. D. A. Anderson, welcomed the guests and asked Rev. D. C. H. Mitchell to open the meeting with a prayer and to introduce the guests. Miss Simon talked on the work that is being done by Christian women in the world today. Mrs. C. R. Wilcox, president of the afternoon branch of St. John's W.A. thanked the speaker. Mrs. E. A. Terry, president of the evening branch presided. Miss Simon with a gift of appreciation after a closing prayer by Miss Simon, refreshments were served and a social evening was enjoyed.

Shantymen's Christian Ass'n
A meeting of the Shantymen's Association was held at St. Mark's Church last week. The work and purpose of the association was outlined by Mr. Cec. Carter, a visitor from Prince George, B.C. Visitors from St. John's Anglican Church and St. Paul's United Church were welcomed to the meeting. Gordon Tetley of King City, who leads in weekly Bible study for St. John's was in charge of the meeting.

Mr. Carter explained that the organization is a non-denominational faith mission. Its purpose is to spread the gospel of the Lord to men and women in the remote corners of Canada and the United States. The organization was founded in 1908 by Mr. W. H. Henderson. This is the third year that Mr. Carter has spoken in Oak Ridges.

Four new girls were enrolled in Brownies last Saturday at a regular meeting held in the Brethren in Christ Church. They were Bergit and Gudrun Preschell, Linda Vigas and Mary Good. They were enrolled by Brown Owl Mrs. Lil Porter and assistant Mrs. L. Porter.

Bobby and Sonny Burns, sons of Mr. and Mrs. K. Burns, Elm Grove Ave., spent the week-end at the home of their aunt, Mrs. G. Burns, Aurora.
A meeting of the Ladies' Scout and Guide Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, May 15. Plans will be made for a garden party to be held in June.
Members of the Oak Ridges Legion will hold a meeting Thursday, May 8, at the home of Mr. Ivor Williams, Elm Grove Ave. Legion members and Legion Ladies' Auxiliary will take part in a church parade on Sunday, May 11, at the morning service at St. Mark's Church.

County Council Advised Addition Required Bldg.

Consideration is being given by York County council to a \$175,000 addition to the present county building, County Hall, which was constructed last year. The proposed addition will house the Juvenile and Family Relations court, Children's Aid society and the Health unit.
"It is poor public relations to begin a new building after just finishing this one," said Reeve Sellers of Sutton.
"It is long overdue getting all the county organizations within one fence," was Warden Armstrong's view. "We should restore this council to the position it held prior to passing Bill 80," he added.

"How do the costs of building compare with rent?" asked Deputy-Reeve Plaxton, Richmond Hill. "We should have a comparison of these figures before any decision is reached. I am not in favor of writing a blank cheque."
Chaired by Reeve Davis of Aurora the special property committee, at the last session of county council, recommended the engaging of an architect and the application to the Ontario Municipal board for an order to dispense with a vote of the county ratepayers on the proposed capital expenditure.

Need Warning Sig. L. Wilcox Crossing
Mr. Frank H. Roberts of Unionville was the successful tender for Whitchurch Township's 1958 gravel contract. This was announced by Road Supt. Ernest Davis at a regular meeting of Council on Thursday night. The price was \$15 per ton or 55¢ per cu. yd. for the Township's gravel. Tenders have been requested on 40,000 gallons of asphalt prime, 90 gallons of weed spray and 20 gallons of brush kill.

To Fix Fence
Council agreed to repair a wire fence on the property of Mr. Arthur Topper, Musselman's Lake. The fence was damaged last winter by a Township-hired bulldozer. Road Supt. Davis said that he believed it would require 10 rods of new fence to repair the break.

Need Wig-Wag
Council agreed that a warning signal should be erected at the level crossing on the Wilcox Lake sideroad between concessions three and four. Dep. Reeve Richardson extended that the crossing was extremely dangerous. He said one man had been killed there and others injured. He noted that the authorities were giving such crossings more attention within recent months. Reeve Legge stated that he believed such signals were rather expensive and that the council requested Road Supt. Davis to get more information on the matter.

LITTLE WANT ADS GET BIG RESULTS LIBERAL CLASSIFIEDS

Richmond Hill Couple Enjoying Sunny Italy

The R. D. Little's of Richmond Hill continue to enjoy their European trip and our mail this week brought us another interesting letter. It said, "we arrived in Naples Saturday morning (April 12). The pier at Naples is huge but in spite of the babel of many tongues we were with the aid of our travel agent soon through the customs, passport, etc. business and on our way to the hotel. The Royal, which is very modern having been built just two years ago replacing the original bombed in World War II. Our room color scheme was cream walls, yellow ceiling and orange and brown figured tile floor. The long dining room of the Royal has a window the entire length of the room looking out on the Bay of Naples, as did our room.

Naples is a crowded and busy city. It has some wide avenues and some nice parks but most of the streets near the bay are very narrow, some scarcely more than alleys and teeming with life. The people are almost pathetically eager to serve you (and of course make a little money). Their poverty is evident. As an illustration we planned to walk to a restaurant, the address of which we had. It began to rain (we've had a lot of rain) so I stepped into a small restaurant, and asked where we could get a taxi. Taxis do not ply the streets as in New York. A waiter immediately dashed out the door, ran two blocks and returned in triumph in a few minutes seated beside the taxi driver. Everyone has a sister, brother or friend somewhere who gives service of a sort and word is passed along the grapevine that business is to be had. Some of course are very insistent that you buy their trinkets.

In Naples and Sorrento if you as much as glance in a shop window the proprietor is out inviting you to come in urging a sale. For miles outside Naples there are truck gardens and orchards. The soil is intensely cultivated and is said to be very fertile, made so by the ash from Mt. Vesuvius which last erupted in 1944. The landscape is colorful just now with the blossoms of many fruit trees, peaches, pears, etc., and the Judas tree, called Red Bud in the southern U.S.A.
Sunday we drove to Pompeii, the city of 20,000 people which as all the history books told us was buried under lava in 79 A.D. Incidentally a Texan archaeologist whom we met on the train going from Naples to Rome assured us that it was not the eruption of Vesuvius that buried Pompeii, but Mount Soma. A great many of the treasures found when Pompeii was excavated have been taken to the Vatican Museum in Rome but there are still many interesting things to see there. There is the house of the two rich Bachelor Brothers where some of the original paintings can be seen on the walls, also the baths of the city with steam heat in the walls, and even bread that was taken from the ovens, black and charred with age, and stones with which they used to crush olives for oil.
In the afternoon we continued on the Amalfi Drive which runs around the rocky crags overlooking the Mediterranean. Hairpin turns are everywhere and quaint towns are placed high on the mountain sides. Amalfi is a resort of a few thousand people. As you drive along you look up and see the lemon groves which look as though they were hanging to

All Interested Are Invited To S.P.C.A. Meet, Newmarket

An evening of great interest is promised to residents of Richmond Hill, Aurora and Newmarket districts when the North York Humane Society holds its annual meeting in the Newmarket Town Hall, on Tuesday, May 13. Speakers will include: Marie Askew, President of O.S.P.C.A.; R. C. Friend, General Manager, O.S.P.C.A.; Col. Reade, Manager, Toronto Humane Society. In issuing this invitation to all interested people in this area to attend this meeting, North York Humane Society's President Thelma Fielding of Aurora, states that one of the purposes of this meeting is to present the account of funds received from residents of the above mentioned districts.

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Guide Notes



On April 30, the 5th Richmond Hill guide company met at Beverly Acres Public School from 7:30 to 9 p.m. There was a very good attendance of mothers and friends.
Mr. Haley of Beverly Acres Plaza showed a film on spring fashions and Janet Ruff, Darlene Whittaker, Sandra Izzard, Theresa Liberty, Sue Martin, Sandra Snook, Shairn Nastasi described the material and patterns as Mr. Haley showed them.
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