

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, Elmgrove Avenue, phone PR. 4-5567.

Trustees Preparing Petition

Municipal Board Will Decide King City Incorporation Issue Want To Increase Size Village To 1,720 Acres

Incorporation of King City could be settled with one meeting — a hearing in the village by the Ontario Municipal Board — according to Trustee Ronald Bolton.

He expected there would be ratepayers' meetings beforehand to go into all the details of changing King City from the status of police village to incorporated municipality.

Asked by "The Liberal" the procedure, Mr. Bolton explained application for a hearing is made to the Ontario Municipal Board. At the one public meeting in the village the board could decide for or against incorporation.

To file the application the three trustees have been gathering signatures on a petition for over two weeks. They expected well over the necessary 75 ratepayers' names would be added so the petition could be sent to the O.M.B. in the next few days.

The petition asks the board "to incorporate as a village a locality including the Police Village of King City."

The area described is about 1,720 acres. The village's present site is about 360 acres.

The petition concludes, "And the petitioners ask that the trustees of King City discuss any other details which might arise on this question with the township of King and other officials and bring in the results to the Board."

King City's three trustees are unanimous in wanting the village incorporated.

Next January 1 was the deadline for incorporation set by two of the trustees, chairman Donald Findlay and Ronald Bolton, when interviewed by "The Liberal".

While he did not set a date, trustee John Dew saw no reason for delay.

"Incorporation could be a wonderful thing with the right people running it," he said.

In the matter of salaries for reeve and four councillors, trustees favor either none or nominal salaries until incorporation is well launched.

They repeatedly pointed out administration would be "less

coming urban. The problems of the two clash and require separate administration, in their opinion.

"We are an urban village in the middle of a rural area," said Mr. Findlay.

Mr. Bolton told "The Liberal", "I think we are of age to manage our own problems. I guess township would be glad to be rid of us."

Referring to the way the village manages its own waterworks, fire protection and garbage collection, Mr. Bolton commented, "I don't know how much nearer we can be to incorporation without being incorporated."

Mr. Findlay noted the village has administration accommodation already in use at the fire hall.

"The transition would be a minor problem," Mr. Findlay recalled, he has been in office, six or seven years.

Mr. Bolton is in his second year and John Dew, his first as Trust-

tee. The Elmwood Park Cottages Association, Lake Wilcox, is forming a volunteer fire department to service three streets, Rosemary, Willowbank and Wildwood, on which their members reside.

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King City Notes

Any one interested in attending the ceremony launching King City's temporary Presbyterian Church next Sunday afternoon, August 17, at 4 p.m. The place —beside the Presbyterian Church Manse on North Keele St.

"We would be delighted to have anyone come," said Mr. Bruce Will, who is in charge of the three local Presbyterian congregations, which are merging into two.

Eversley and Strange congregations were to unite and meet in the village after September 1, but the new building will not be quite finished by then.

We hope the new church will cost less than \$10,000," said Mr. Will, pointing out most of the labour would be voluntary.

At press time it had not been decided who would have the honor of turning the first sod of the village's first Presbyterian Church.

Church officials from Toronto, several visiting ministers, Township Council and King City's Trustees are being invited.

Actual digging of the four-foot foundation started last Saturday.

Mr. Harley Nichol of Dundas was the lucky winner of the boat draw at King City Lions Club annual carnival.

A heavy downpour at supper-time kept the customary crowd at home, although a loudspeaker service urged them to attend the

games moved indoors at the park. The scheduled K-V-W all-stars game had to be called off, but the dancing was uninterrupted. Major "Lex" McKenzie drew the winning number and next evening Mr. Nichol came to collect his prize.

Health Centre
The monthly Child Health Centre will be operated next Tuesday afternoon in King Memorial Library, with Women's Institute members assisting York County Health Unit staff.

At the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, Mrs. Walter Corner of Lefroy died last week. A daughter, Mrs. Frank Crawford, lived in King City before moving to Stratford.

Holiday Time
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Anderson and children, Linda, Martha Rhoda, of Dew St., are home after a motor trip to Burr's Corner, New Brunswick. They visited Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert McLean and family spent their holidays driving to Fredericton to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sowers.

Mr. Charles "Bud" Hame of Melrose St. and Mr. Roy Judge of Aurora had a holiday trip to Noranda Mines, Quebec.

Mrs. Ham was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Moriarity of Gilford, for a week.

Exhibition Bus
As a non-profit community service, Mrs. Len Robb, South

Keele St., has chartered a bus from the C.N.E. for Wednesday, August 27. The bus will leave the front of their house at 1 p.m. and return from the grandstand at 10:30 p.m.

For 10 years Mrs. Robb arranged for busloads to attend the "Ex" and the Santa Claus parade. This was started as a Women's Institute project.

Linda and Edward Millard, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Millard, spent a month in New Liskeard with their grandmother, Mrs. O. B. Robinson and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Millard.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richardson are having a month's holiday in England.

News that a natural sunbath-ers' convention took place recently in King Township came as a surprise to many residents, who were unaware a camp existed in the area.

Location of the year-round family campsite is 100 acres of scenic countryside between the Sixth and Seventh Concessions, nearly two miles south of Potteryville.

Easements Necessary
Township definitely will not be assuming maintenance of roads in Heritage Park Subdivision until all the easements are signed and in order. Clerk Harold Rose told "The Liberal" last week.

For several months King City Trustees have been trying to get the easements completed.

Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

The Oak Ridges Legion Branch will start construction on a Legion Hall, Friday, August 15. The building will be built of blocks with a flagstone front to be finished at a later date. Many members of other Legion branches have offered their services for this event and a 48-hour building bee will be held with hopes that the outer shell of the hall will be completed in that time. Auxiliary members will be on hand to serve meals to the workers.

Youth Rally
A color film "Son of Man" highlighted a Youth Rally held at Lake Wilcox Gospel Church recently. The film also featured Warner Sallman's famous painting "Head of Christ". A reproduction of the painting was presented to Stan Williams, Lake Wilcox, for bringing the largest group to the meeting.

Socials
Mr. and Mrs. Stan McCombe and family of Lake Ave., have returned home after spending a week's holidays with friends at North Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McLernon and family, Lake Ave., have left to spend their holidays with Mrs. McLernon's aunt at the Thousand Islands.

Mr. Mike Kutlich, Mike's Garage, Lake Wilcox, is recovering

at home following an operation. Mr. and Mrs. G. Knuckey, Elm Grove Ave., have returned home following a motor trip to the States.

Rev. F. J. Gardiner and Mrs. Gardiner are new residents on Elm Grove Ave. Rev. Mr. Gardiner has retired after some 45 years in the ministry.

A general meeting for members of the Oak Ridges Legion Branch is to be held on Thursday, August 14. Discussion will be held mainly on the proposed Legion Hall and the zone picnic which will be held on August 24.

TESTON NEWS

After choir practice at Teston Church, Miss Betty Ann Cooper, was surprised when fellow singers gathered at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cooper, to give her a kitchen gadget shower.

In addition the choir presented a Bible, as is their custom. Mother and daughter both sing at Teston United Church, where Miss Cooper plans to be married on September 13.

Refreshments concluded the enjoyable social evening. Regular services will resume August 17 at Teston Church.

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 11th day of September, 1958, at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

John W. Crawford,
CLERK

King Library Status Outcome Still Uncertain

A disappointed delegation from King Memorial Library will have to wait until King Township Council meets again before the next step is taken to change the association library into a public one.

On Tuesday of last week, Mr. Angus Mowat, secretary of Library Services for Ontario, came from the Parliament Buildings to the township's meeting. With him were King Library Board member Mr. John L. Grew; Chief Librarian Mrs. A. E. Jarvis and secretary Mrs. Harold Ratcliff.

Council could not proceed because an expected letter from the village trustees had not arrived in time. A few days earlier a delegation of three from the Library had sought and been assured of the trustees' support of their aim to alter the library's status.

Trustees resolved to ask the township council to pass the necessary by-law to convert the library. They suggested to representatives, Mr. Ted Wallas, Mrs. Jarvis and Mrs. George Berry, a possible 50c tax levy per person be allowed to support a public library.

A statement presented to the trustees by the delegation showed that in January the mortgage was \$1,350. The library then had 3,000 books, of which 300 had been added during 1957. Membership of 344 includes about 30 out-of-town residents who are constant readers. Last year's circulation reached 5,279.

Mrs. Jarvis told trustees "circulation was double what it used to be and could be trebled."

Asked if a public library required a paid librarian, Mrs. Jarvis wasn't certain, but thought the library could continue to operate with the volunteer staff of eight.

It was pointed out the library was a popular place, even in summer which used to be a slack season.

Elmwood Pk. Cottagers To Form Fire Brigade

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Laskay Socials

Shower
Miss Betty Arbuckle entertained at a linen shower in Laskay Hall in honor of her former teacher at Strange School, Miss Freeda Farley.

Nearly 40 community residents, former students and their parents brought gifts for the popular bride-elect of August 16.

Decorations of pink and white gladioli, crepe paper and bells added to the party atmosphere. After gifts had been opened and Miss Farley thanked her friends, refreshments were served with former students assisting.

The wedding will be in All Saints' Anglican Church, King City, the groom being a Chalk River engineer, Dennis Hardy, from Westmount, Montreal. The couple plan to live at Deep River where the bride will continue teaching.

On Saturday afternoon and evening, Mrs. Alfred Gillham was hostess at a tea at Maple Lane Farm, Strange, for Miss Farley.

About 100 guests were received by Mrs. Gillham and Miss Farley. In the dining-room Mrs. James Jenkins and Miss Roberta Gillies of Toronto and Mrs. Don-Thomson of Campbellford took turns pouring tea at a table arranged with pink and white snowdrift mums. Throughout the house gladioli had been placed.

Miss Mildred Gillies of Toronto assisted in the living room and greeting the guests in the gift rooms were Miss Arbuckle, Miss Helen Hunter, Mrs. Earl Campbell and Mrs. James McKay of Beeton.

Socials
The Clyde Cairns' have been holidaying at Brock's Beach, Georgian Bay.

Laskay United Church W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Jesse Bryson, R. R. 2 Woodbridge, when the program was taken over by the Mission Band.

As a gift to Mary Anne, Betty Lou and Carol McMurchy, who have moved to Aurora, the Mission Band inscribed their names in last year's study book on Japan and presented it.

Leader Mrs. Glen Dooks outlined Mission Band meetings and read a children's story in verse. Mary Anne McMurchy took charge of the children's participation as prayers and hymns were given.

Nancy Forester played piano solos. Mrs. Bill Kerr sang and Mrs. Don Barker took the scripture reading. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Bryson. Miss Marjorie McMurchy reported for the Missionary Monthly.

W.M.S. members accepted the invitation of Mrs. Marshall McMurchy to meet at her home in September. The meeting closed with refreshments.

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