

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 McCadden, Elm Grove Avenue, phone PR. 3-5567.

Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

Charter Night

St. Paul's Men's Club held its charter night at the church recently and Mr. Vern Plant was installed as president. Mr. Henry Knuckey and Ron Wood as vice-presidents, Don Geary as secretary and Jerry Day as treasurer. Mr. Bill Ellis, honorary secretary of the National Executive installed the officers. Twenty-seven charter members were initiated by Brang Upham, chairman of the extension committee of the national executive.

The Oak Ridges organization was sponsored into the national society by Carlton St. United Church, A.O.T.S. Men's Club. The letters A.O.T.S. stand for "As One That Serves". After preliminaries were over Mr. Plant welcomed representatives from the national executive, district council and Carlton St. United Church Men's Club. Introduced from the national executive were Bill Ellis, honorary secretary and Mr. Upham, chairman of the extension committee. Representatives from the district council were Al Sperring, president, and Ern Cossadden, Rev. Bert Scott, honorary president and Hee Lawson, president were welcomed from the Carlton United Church Men's Club, also secretary Leo McIntosh.

Future plans for the club were announced by Vern Plant, and include the sponsoring of a St. John's Ambulance course, an auction to raise funds, a minstrel show and a meeting with discussion of township affairs in the near future.

Sunday School Rally

Over 130 children attended the first Sunday School rally since the summer at St. Paul's United Church on September 14. Mr. Stan Williams received ten children who were promoted to the primary class. Twenty children were welcomed into the intermediate by Mrs. J. McLernon and Rev. Winch welcomed 14 new seniors.

A trip to Paris, Ont., is planned by the Sunday School teachers where they will attend the Five Oaks Christian Training Centre and study leadership training.

Church Social

Members of the Lake Wilcox Crusaders for Christ Youth Rally enjoyed a corn and hot water roast, last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sleeth. Supplying the music was Stan Williams with his guitar, Harry Barber, harmonica and Jim Sleeth with the accordion. Mr. Sleeth also played special numbers on his musical saw. Mr. Stan Williams and daughters sang a few favorite selections. Mr. Harry Barber spoke on the theme, "Different Hearts".

Scout and Guide Auxiliary

The Ladies' Scout and Guide Auxiliary held a meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. G. Rowe, Elm Grove Ave. Guest at the meeting was Mrs. Gardiner who told members the reasons for splitting the auxiliary and having separate guides and scout auxiliaries. Members have not come to any agreement on this question and will talk about it at a later meeting. Scout Apple Day was discussed and the date is set for October 18. The next meeting will be held on October 16.

Cubs

A meeting of the Oak Ridges Cubs "A" pack was held Thursday evening. Leader George Marr would like any boys aged 8 to 10 interested in cubs to come to the meetings as there are only nine cubs left in his pack due to many older cubs going into scouts. The meetings are held at St. Paul's United Church, South Road, Lake Wilcox at 7 p.m.

Seventeen boys were the guests of Bobby Orton and Richard Orton on Saturday evening when they enjoyed a corn roast to celebrate Bobby's tenth birthday and Richard's ninth birthday.

NORTH YORK: A bus service which was installed at the request of ratepayers in the Diana Drive area and the RCAF at Downsview has proved to be a "cooling fop" according to board official Thomas Rowson. Of 150 passengers promised only 15 ride the bus. It was decided to let the service carry on for another week and if things did not pick up the service would be discontinued.

There are only 355 households. After this meeting we'll have no (Continued on page 9)

King City Notes

Rabies Clinic

Canada's Department of Agriculture, Health of Animals Division, is sponsoring tomorrow's free vaccination clinic in King City Fire Hall, to protect dogs from rabies.

The clinic is to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The department urges owners to have their dogs vaccinated and to bring them on a leash.

Harvest Services

At All Saints' Anglican Church Harvest Services will be held next Sunday morning with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and morning prayer at 11 a.m. Thanksgiving offerings will be received.

Tea and Bake Sale

Mrs. Don McCallum, Springhill Road, will be hostess Saturday afternoon for a tea and bake sale sponsored by the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strathgairn.

Regular examinations by the family doctor were urged by Mr. Maurice Grimes, field secretary for Ontario Division, at the opening meeting of King City and District Unit of Aurora Branch, Canadian Cancer Society.

Church Social

The evening meeting at Kingscraft House was attended by 32, who were told by the speaker the most important function of King City group at present is to promote education about the disease.

A work meeting was announced for Thursday, October 2, at Kingscraft House. Instead of a tea next Spring, a "blitz" is scheduled for April.

New Management

Mr. Charles Leslie of Toronto is taking over ownership of Drinkwater Motors, while Mr. Bill Drinkwater moves to St. Catharines to establish a garage and car agency there.

New Residents
The North Keele St. home of Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Hutchinson has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. William Bloom of Richmond Hill.

Birthdays
When members of All Saints' Anglican Church Afternoon

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Wait For Industry - Barker

Urge Incorporation Of King City As Village

Claim Area Has Reached An Urban Status

Strong Opposition Hint Bankruptcy

King City Village Trustees' extra meeting on incorporation, open to the public September 17, was a "touchy" three-hour session.

At times it required only a spark — as in the first few minutes — to ignite heated arguments and at intervals the meeting was so quiet the steady rain hitting the fire hall roof was accentuated.

In the district rarely do women attend political gatherings. About a dozen, as listeners, were in the audience of 200 seeking information about changing King City from a police village of 360 acres to an incorporated municipality of 1720 acres.

Trustees' Chairman Donald Findlay no sooner opened the meeting by saying the trustees had invited outside authorities to answer questions about incorporation, than former trustee William Barker, opposing incorporation, protested "outside interests being invited to tell us what to do".

Mr. Findlay, in exasperation, raised his voice, "I said no such thing, Mr. Barker".

From the back, Mr. H. R. Sorrell said, "Mr. Barker has a right to express his views and I remind you to be courteous to him". Mr. Findlay said he was sorry if he had sounded discourteous.

Mr. Barker went on, "You took \$150.00 to engage an auditor. You are trying to work on some one else's brains".

Mr. Findlay pointed out the four members of the opposition would be given opportunity to speak later, and Mr. Barker said, "I'm not finished with you yet." The chairman retorted, "I wouldn't be surprised".

Trustee Ronald Bolton spoke of the village as an urban area. "Township is rural and has not the same problems as we have now and will get. We can supply a more efficient administration through incorporation".

Referring to the surrounding area which might be annexed, Mr. Bolton said, "Some say we need more industry. There is very little in the present village. Most would be in the new area. We feel we can have complete control over how this is developed if it is taken in now."

He mentioned the impost money on lots going to township at present. "We feel if those lands were in the village, the impost money would be spent in the locality where it is raised."

"I don't want development", Mr. Bolton continued, "but we can't stop it. We might as well live with it and develop as best as possible to benefit everybody."

Official Policy

The report showed, "The Official Plan for the Township of King," which was adopted in April 1955, in connection with the Planning Act, 1950, provides that such urban centres as the Police Village of King City will most probably develop as urban centres and will eventually become incorporated. Therefore the act of incorporation would be in strict accordance with the Township's Official Plan and policy.

Reeve Protests

The entire King Township Council was present and Reeve William Hodgson protested such statements township was not geared to administer urban centres. He pointed out the township was at present administering areas of tight development like King City, Oak Ridges, Nobleton and Schomberg. He agreed it operated no services such as water or sewer.

Mr. Little mentioned the Official Plan of 1955 indicated the township was so large it didn't want to go into the business of providing water services. Reeve Hodgson said township council wasn't composed entirely of farmers. "There are farmers and two are not."

Newest council member, Norman Taylor of Oak Ridges, pointed out the Official Plan may have been in accordance with the thinking of council in office at that time, "but that isn't necessarily the view of the present council. The plan was turned down by the people and never went back to the people," he declared. Mr. Little said no later policy had been recorded officially.

Councillor Taylor said emphatically "I feel the only way the proper way, was for King Township to have been consulted by a vote or plebiscite on incorporation."

"The act doesn't call for it, but there is nothing saying it couldn't be taken," was Mr. Taylor's opinion. He took exception to the report Township was not geared to look after a water system, etc. Soon a water system in Oak Ridges will be guided by the township. He cited Scarboro and Etobicoke as similar examples.

Industry
Mr. Len Robb questioned, "When are you going to get industry? Why don't you stop building houses until you get industry?" In the interchange between Mr. Robb and Mr. Findlay, Mr. Robb didn't care where industry was located, in the village or in the proposed area, as long as it came. Mr. Findlay attempted to explain what sites were available, industry wouldn't come without sewers, and the limited area under trustees' jurisdiction.

Bedroom for Toronto
Laughter greeted Mr. Robb's comment, "King City is really only a bedroom for Toronto." Mr. Findlay said some commuters had estimated they would save \$10 weekly by working near home.

Mr. Findlay said he was not going to guarantee industry would come, but thought more likely it would be attracted to newer developments with sewers.

Mr. Barker inquired about the separate contract with the Hydro needed for an incorporated village and said with present waterworks and school debentures, the assessment wasn't sufficient to back another \$80,000 minimum needed to assume hydro.

"If Vaughan Township with its assessment had to go to United States to get backing for its debentures, how is this village going to get debentures? You'll never get it," he declared.

Trustee Bolton, a professional engineer employed by the Hydro Commission, argued, "Hydro won't push the contract on us if we can't finance it."

Urges Vote of The People
Chairman Findlay called upon the four opposition, William Barker, Jack Cliff, Raymond Burt and Fred Curtis, to give their reasons and supporting information to back the petition they circulated.

Jack Cliff explained three of them had not met with trustees prior to this extra meeting because Mr. Barker had not been invited.

Mr. Barker said, "The trustees are afraid of an 81-year-old man because he knows too much."

A man near the back of the hall blamed the three trustees "for the friction present" and urged a vote on incorporation.

"Who voted them in?" called out one. "The same people who can vote them out," declared another.

Former trustees' secretary Harvey Malcolm asked the procedure of incorporation and Mr. Findlay explained for this size population a petition of 75 names could ask for incorporation. After sufficient notice was given, the municipal board would hold a public hearing when objections could be heard.

A query concerned a vote against incorporation. Mr. Find-

lay said if the majority voted against it, the trustees responsible would ask the Ontario Municipal Board to have the matter withdrawn. "I don't know anything about a vote," he said.

Purpose to Inform
Asked the purpose of the meeting, Mr. Findlay said it was only fair, people want to know about incorporation and some felt they were not informed. "If there is anything not covered, we'll be glad to try to do so."

Questioned if the feeling of the meeting had any influence on the decision about incorporation, Mr. Findlay pointed out, whatever the feeling, it would not in itself, as such, directly affect the outcome.

John Nimmo inquired if the Municipal Board decides in favor of incorporation, "it has to go through."

"If the Municipal Board wills it so," said the chairman.

Question Unanswered
Mr. Barker directed his question to Mr. Findlay, "Are you a lawyer for Clearview Gardens?" Mr. Findlay replied, "I won't answer unless you frame it differently."

Mr. Barker repeated the question and said, "I can't frame it differently. You're a lawyer. You know there are only two answers, yes or no."

Mr. Findlay refused to answer unless the question was rephrased.

Mr. Barker charged, "You can't answer, because you're guilty." Mr. Findlay went on to the next ratepayer standing. Mr. Sorrell asked, "Why can't we have a plebiscite? I consider you have taken far too much upon yourself by doing this. We demand a plebiscite. It's your responsibility. You've engineered this."

The chairman replied, "It is not engineered. I'm for it, but it's not engineered."

Mr. Macleod enquired, "Is there a precedent for a plebiscite?"

When the chairman said he was not aware of any exception, Mr. Sorrell pressed, "Well, why not start one?"

Mr. Gordon Duncan offered his personal opinion the meeting might well have been held prior to application to the municipal board. He said he never heard of any improvement made "for free." He requested some capsule benefits of incorporation. Without incorporation, was there an alternative to relieving the "almost intolerable burden on present police village trustees. Do a lot of people want services a police village can't supply."

"Some do and some don't want the services," was the reply, Trustee Bolton explained. "We're overburdened and will need part-time help." He repeated his

earlier points, "We would like to have a say in how the area is developed. We will lose benefits of the impost fee if the area is not taken over now."

A voice from the back row asked how trustees obtained names for their petition. "The easiest way possible," said Mr. Findlay. "How did the opposition?" Mr. Findlay commented, "The same way."

Mr. Bolton said, "We were planning to go around with a petition after this meeting and people were informed."

No Popularity Vote
Former Trustees' Chairman Robert McLeod clarified, "Trustees were carrying out the requirements. Only 75 names were needed. They sent in 100. It was not taken as a popularity vote."

Mr. Jim Sim wanted to hear from the opposition. Mr. Fred Curtis felt, "We have nothing to gain and a lot to lose."

Mr. Barker declared, "I am bitterly opposed to incorporation for the following reasons: The village at present is operated on an economic basis. I've been around King 60 years. I've seen the village grow. I wouldn't like to see it get into bankruptcy through incorporation. I ran last December against incorporation. The trustees said then it wasn't an issue. It puzzles me, why they make it an issue now."

Mr. Barker said he learned at Richmond Hill hydro office \$80,000 would be the approximate cost of a separate contract necessary with incorporation. With present debentures, he felt "no bond house is going to loan money on an assessment of about \$501,000."

He reminded the Joselyn forecast was only an estimate. "Suppose the village was incorporated and could not meet expenses and got into difficulties financially. The trustees would hide behind Joselyn's skirts and say we went by their report."

Mr. Barker pointed out the Joselyn report allowed \$5,650 to administer goods and services. He said he obtained from the township office the figure \$725, for which the township provided all goods and services. "Township backs our debentures on waterworks and the school. If we incorporate, it's the village's liability, not backed by township."

"Wouldn't it be better, until we are stronger and get industry, to stay off incorporation? Without opposition this would have been railroaded through," Mr. Barker charged.

"We've got 250 or 260 names. There are only 355 households. After this meeting we'll have no

Up To Residents

Council Would Not Oppose King City Incorporation

Reeve Refers To The Present Boundaries Only

King Township Council has never been officially notified by King City trustees of their application for a hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board, according to Reeve William Hodgson.

He told "The Liberal" that the township clerk did recently receive the trustees' petition for the verification of names, and council received a copy of the budget forecast prepared by Mr. Stewart Joselyn, from the trustees, but council received no official notice of the trustees' plan to annex and incorporate an area including King City.

Reeve Hodgson advocated, "There should have been a plebiscite, as the fair way, so residents could indicate whether or not they were in favor of incorporation."

He said township council would leave it up to King City whether or not it wanted to incorporate on its present boundaries and council would not oppose such a decision. The reeve did not say what action township intended to take about trustees' plan to annex about 1350 acres surrounding the village.

Mr. Hodgson stressed, "Any future development must be controlled to the extent smaller-type houses would be balanced — on possibly a 50-50 basis — with either large homes, agricultural, industrial or commercial assessment."

He said up to now township council has controlled the pace of development, mainly so the building of homes would not get ahead

The money goes into a special account. Main part of it goes toward paying for township's new offices and equipment, he said. New assessing equipment cost about \$4,000. The money also covers engineers' fees, extra solicitors' work, and extra office work.

The reeve pointed out, "We should be planning for an incinerator or garbage disposal and some of the money used for that."

Asked "The Liberal" if subdividers had any hope of having some of the \$300 per lot being used toward a sewage system, the reeve said he wouldn't say there was "no hope." A good many things could be worked out or a table, he said, but subdividers had not requested using some of the money for that purpose.

Council rejected the proposal of subdividers last February to back debentures for half a million dollars for a sewage disposal system.

King City Village trustees advocate, through incorporation, to spend the impost money locally.

In their report to the Ontario Municipal Board they say, "The trustees have drafted a different structure of impost money which they are not yet empowered to use. In essence, this may require a greater amount per lot."

"Various portions of the impost money would be earmarked for specific capital expansions required by reason of development and some would be returned either directly or indirectly to the subdivision from which collected," the report states.

What benefits?" interjected Mr. Barker.

"They may not be to you," replied Mr. Holton. "I think we'll benefit in the future. We do need the impost money if the town is going to grow. Some people think this was suddenly thrust down their throats. Nearly two years ago the chamber of commerce arranged to have a study group on incorporation, representing every local club. It went dormant and no more action was taken. Trustees got the ball rolling."

Trustee Bolton stated, "We're not bulldozing anything through." Mr. Barker argued, "The last election when I ran for office and opposed incorporation you said it wasn't an issue, but you've made it one."

The opposition leader protested he had asked three times to see the trustees' petition favoring incorporation and he couldn't obtain a copy.

Trustee John Dew said some of the points he had in mind had been covered by Mr. Bolton. He stressed, "We should have a say in the development of the town. Whether taxes will go up depends on you people."

"It depends on whether we're incorporated," interrupted Mr. Barker.

Pay For Services
Mr. Dew went on, "If you want services and roads paved, if we got to have sewers and four policemen, taxes will go up."

In a plea for progress, Mr. Dew observed, "Years ago the village was creeping. In 1948 the commissioners put in the water system. Since then we've been walking for 10 years. For goodness sake, let's get out of the play pen and do something."

Chairman Findlay reported, "We find the place getting too many people and too many services to continue operating on the restricted basis of a police village."

Reads Report
The audience listened quietly while Mr. Findlay read a copy of the typewritten 17-page report of the three trustees plan to send to Ontario Municipal Board "to help the board in reviewing the petition and deciding upon the proper municipal status for King City locality."

Packed with information and statistics, the report covered the village's history, public utilities, finances and debentures, planned staff, use of fire hall as municipal offices, recommendations for water service, sewers, garbage collection, zoning, local planning board, assessing and proposals to enlarge School Section 2 and to change lot impost structure.

The sole "outside expert" accepting trustees' invitation to attend was professional engineer Derek Little of Municipal Planning Consultants Co. Ltd., whose report was first read by Mr. Findlay. It testified the Joselyn and trustees' reports were "examined and spot checked to ensure statistical information is reasonably accurate and correct."

Mr. Little's report noted, "With respect to the future expenditure and taxation levy figures as estimated in the Joselyn report, it is felt they are thoroughly comprehensive and slightly conservative, however under a sound and conscientious municipal management, it is conceivable the incorporated village could operate on the suggested budget and cause no increase in the present mill rate."

The report suggested Mr. Joselyn's estimate for policing staff was low if added police protection were provided. It noted such additional services would cause additional expense to ratepayers, regardless of whether incorporation became effective or not.

Engineering Studies

Referring to Mr. Joselyn's proposed area of incorporation, Mr. Little's report recommended "prior to application to Ontario Municipal Board for incorporation, detailed planning and engineering studies should be undertaken to assess the most advantageous location of the future boundary."

In determining the boundary, consideration should be given the most satisfactory location of a future sewage treatment plant; the overall storm drainage system, and the availability of additional lands which may be easily serviced for industrial development in the future," Mr. Little recommended.

He noted, "While the possibility of a future sanitary sewerage system remains in the distant future, the development of an overall storm drainage system and its maintenance is of immediate importance as a guide to future residential development."

Regarding administration, Mr. Little's report showed "Present municipal services provided to the police village indicate the area has already reached an urban status. As the Township of King is organized as a rural municipality to administer rural affairs, it is not suited to provide and manage an urban area."

"Incorporation would therefore result in a more efficient system of administration for the King City urban area," the report stated.

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READ a first and second time this 9th day of June 1958.

Read a third time and finally passed this 11th day of September 1958.

P. S. LEGGE, Reeve JOHN W. CRAWFORD, Clerk

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JOHN W. CRAWFORD, Clerk