

# King City, Oak Ridges Lake Wilcox

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## King City Notes

**Oath Of Office**  
When King City's three trustees—Mrs. Mary Scott, Donald Findlay, Q.C., and Mr. Ronald Bolton—officially undertook office for 1959 they each signed the following Declaration of Office:

"I do, solemnly promise and declare that I will truly, faithfully and impartially, to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office of Village Trustee, to which I have been elected in the municipality of the Police Village of King City, and that I have not received, and will not receive any payment or reward, or promise thereof, for the exercise of any partiality or malversation or other undue execution of the said office and that I have not, by myself, or partner, either directly or indirectly, any interest in any contract with or on behalf of the said Corporation."

**Cemetery Company**  
The present supply of lots should be adequate for the next few years before more surveying will be necessary, it was reported at the annual meeting of the King City Cemetery Company last Saturday in the village Masonic Hall.

Present officers were re-elected—Mr. Laurence Scott as president; Mr. Duncan M. Ross, vice-president; Mr. Jack Walkington, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Fred Boys and Mr. Marshall McMurchy as auditors.

During the past year there were 34 burials. The meeting commended Mr. Earl Campbell for his excellent work in tending the grounds. The roads were graded and re-gravelled.

The portion going into the general fund from the sale of lots was reported adequate for current improvements. That more company has been assured the county will supply a new culvert when the main entrance to the east of the main one is altered. Work on lowering the front embankment was proposed for the coming Spring. Cemetery grounds are on King side-road just beyond King City's western limits.

**W.M.S. Installation**  
Mrs. T. L. Williams, West Presbyterian Historian, installed new officers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church W.M.S. and gave a brief address.

Mrs. Robert Farren was appointed home helper; Mrs. Black supply secretary, and Miss Betty Arbuckle, literature secretary. With about 28 church members registered to date, it was decided such membership would remain open a few days longer.

New president, Mrs. Donald McCallum opened the meeting and Mrs. William Willoughby thanked Miss Heather Crooks, who sang, "Beautiful Dreamer," and her accompanist, Mrs. Ted Siverns. Luncheon was served.

Meetings of the new W.M.S. group are to be held the fourth Thursday, each month, the new executive to meet shortly to plan coming programs.

**Ratepayers' Officers**  
Clearview Gardens Home Owners' Association is represented by Mr. George Lawrence as its new chairman; Mr. Ralph Loney, vice-chairman, and Mr. John Langdon as secretary.

**Oyster Supper**  
Mr. "Wib" Jennings is in charge of arrangements for King City Lions' Club annual oyster supper in King City United Church hall, Tuesday, February 17.

**Library Vote**  
King Memorial Library Board Chairman, Mr. Edmund Wallis, states, "The Board as a whole hopes the village will come out and vote in favor of a public library on February 7." He points out residents are already "sup-

porting tremendously" the library, but the changed status from association to public library would assure definite finances for operating it.

Mr. Wallis said as a public library it would automatically become village property with an insurance value of \$10,000 placed on the building and contents. Books now number 3,350.

Because they are living outside the village, on Aurora sideroad, the board chairman and his wife, one of the volunteer staff of eight librarians are not eligible to cast their ballots, but will continue being members. All librarians have signified they would continue to give their services should the library be changed.

**Business Night**  
"Business Men's Night" turned out to be a highly successful affair when King City Lions' Club dinner program at All Saints Church honored business men of the district.

Lion Bill Gregg gave his views on "getting the Lion's share of the business" as he stressed having trained personnel and giving good service.

**Hi-C Club**  
June Knight was voted new president of the Hi-C Club when Marilyn Roots entertained some 20 boys and girls of King City United Church at her Eversley home. June succeeds Barry Wallace.

Jim Langdon was named vice-president; Judy Gamble, secretary and Donald Gordon treasurer.

The Sunday morning service at King St. United Church saw 20 people welcomed into the church, four of them by profession of faith, and 16 by letter of transfer from other churches.

Mr. Harry Lacey, Mr. Roland B. Roberts, Mr. Edmund J. Munroe and Mr. Donald J. Gordon joined by profession of faith.

Rev. Martin Jenkinson welcomed the following newcomers: Mrs. Douglas Cripps from Epworth United Church; Mr. Douglas Cripps, Willowdale United Church; Mrs. Jack Douglas, from Erskine United Church; Mrs. Jack Douglas, North Parkdale United Church; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Loney, from North Runnymede United Church; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Riddick and their son, John Wayne, from St. James United Church in Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. James Dodds, Olde Davenport United Church; Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr, St. Paul's United Church, Orillia; Mrs. Roland B. Roberts, Leaside United Church; Mrs. Harry Lacey, Lansing United Church; and Mrs. Edmund J. Munroe from Westminster United Church, Weston.

**Off To A Good Start**  
At the first annual meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church it was reported a \$5,000 mortgage on the new church had been arranged without any public appeal.

A mission budget of \$400 for 1959 was approved and the congregation was in favor of supporting the Synod Corporation Fund and the new Deaconess Training School in Toronto.

Elected as Trustees were Mr. Robert Arbuckle Sr., Mr. Jack Tanner, Mr. Arthur Bovair, Mr. Duncan Ross and Mr. Charles Ross. Forming the Board of Managers are Mr. Robert Arbuckle Jr. and Mr. William Willoughby, chosen for a three-year term; Mr. Charles Ross and Mr. James Kerr, a two-year term; Mr. Duncan Ross and Mr. David Lenhardt, a one-year term. A chairman is to be named by the board.

Mr. Robert Arbuckle Jr. is treasurer and auditors are Mrs. Jack Tanner and Miss Helen Ross. An earlier appointment was that of Miss Jessie Gellatly as organist.

The building fund chairman, Mr. Tanner, noted the new building and contents, valued at \$12,000, will cost less than half that amount owing to considerable volunteer support.

Building Chairman Donald McCallum reported the official opening and dedication of the new St. Andrew's was just 18 weeks after work was started on the portable building.

## Annual Vestry Meeting At St. John's—Jefferson

The annual vestry meeting of St. John's Anglican Church was held at St. Mark's Chapel on Monday, January 26th, with all the reports given by the different organizations of the church indicating a successful year.

The rector, the Rev. D. C. H. Mitchell mentioned some of the highlights of the past year. The church celebrated its 110th anniversary in June when special services were held to mark the occasion. A plaque in memory of the de Puisaye Settlement was unveiled at the church in an impressive ceremony at Thanksgiving.

**A. McTaggart New Session Member**  
The annual meeting of King City United Church was attended by 50 of the congregation, who were later served tea by the W.A. headed by Mrs. Gordon Orr.

Church membership at the end of 1958 stood at 214 members, of whom 24 are non-residents. The congregation comprises 125 families, numbering 463 people.

During the year the Church recorded nine marriages, 30 baptisms and eight funerals.

The Sunday School annual report noted an enrolment of 175. Of \$54 receipts, \$80 was sent to missions. The Cradle Roll has 39 members, 21 of them new in the past year, explained the leader, Mrs. Harold Kirby.

The W.M.S. recently conferred a life membership on Miss Annie McBride, bringing its enrolment up to 13 life members and 17 annual members. The group sent \$230 to the Presbyterian treasury. Mrs. Irving L. Scott is the new W.M.S. president.

Mission Band leaders Mrs. Vic Doner and Mrs. Ted Munroe reported 25 children in the group, which raised \$16 for missions. Mrs. Leonard Appleyard, Baby Band leader, reported 25 members, who raised \$14 for missions in their mite boxes.

The C.G.T. reported a membership of 30 with Miss Stephanie Currie as president and Mrs. Don Hutchinson, Mrs. E. Wallace and Mrs. A. Rossiter as leaders. The girls gave \$10 to missions.

Miss June Knight heads the Hi-C Club formed last year and now supported by 30 young people. Their collections came to \$20.

The W.A. reported 34 members and total receipts during the year of \$1,387. They added \$402 to a reserve kitchen fund, which now totals \$1,939, in preparation for furnishing a new kitchen.

The W.A. made several donations: \$20 to the senior citizens' building campaign; \$15 to the Fresh Air Fund; \$15 to overseas relief shipping costs for used clothing; \$15 to Victor Home; \$20 to city missions; and \$100 to the new Thornhaven School.

Reporting for Missionary and Maintenance, Mr. Gordon Orr told of \$2,100 sent to missions, an increase of \$470 over the previous year. Retiring treasurer Mr. Aubrey Campbell announced total church receipts of \$4,875. A succeeding treasurer is being elected by the Board of Stewards.

Mr. Archie McTaggart was elected new member of the Session, joining Mr. Alex Knight, Mr. Edmund Wallis, Mr. Laurence Scott, Mr. Robert Cane, Mr. James Loudon, Mr. Adam Davidson, Mr. Ray Love, Mr. Gordon Orr and Dr. Carl Heder. Honorary members of the session are Mr. W. Carson and Mr. Frank Gambrill.

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The rector expressed his sincere appreciation to the members of the church, especially to the church wardens, Mr. S. Snively and Mr. W. Fournier, to the organist, Mrs. C. Crawford, to the choir master, Mr. Black, to Mrs. F. Williams for her secretarial help and to Mrs. G. Kerswell of the chancel guild.

The financial report was given by Mr. S. Snively and showed an improvement over the previous year.

The rector appointed Mr. Snively as his warden and other officers are as follows—people's warden, Mr. Nelson Thompson, lay member to the Synod, Mr. Miles Vokes, treasurer, Mr. S. Snively, auditors, Mr. J. H. Passmore and Mr. S. Leno. The property committee is unchanged from last year.

The report of the Afternoon Branch of the W.A. was given by Mrs. C. Wilcox and the Evening Branch by Mrs. E. A. Terry. Both reports showed a substantial gain over the previous year's.

The Sunday School and Girls' Club, junior and senior, were reviewed by Miss G. Hobbs. In the absence of Mr. Miles Vokes, Mr. Mitchell mentioned the Teen Age Bible Class had increased their members. Due to the building program the Boys' Club was not holding any meetings at present. Mr. Snively gave the building report.

Appreciation was expressed to the congregation of St. Mark's for their kind permission to allow St. John's to use their building for Sunday School until the parish hall could be used again.

Mrs. S. Snively expressed the sincere gratitude of the congregation to Mr. Mitchell.

## Unfit For Humans Yet Sign To Rent Goes On House

Acting as spokesman for the Wilcox Lake Association was Mr. Cecil R. Smith, when the delegation appeared before the meeting of Whitchurch Township Council at Vandorf Thursday night of last week.

Mr. Smith drew attention to the fact that a property owned by Mr. Feder of Downsview, had been condemned by the Fire Marshall and yet a sign prominently displaying the words "For Rent," stood on the site. Mr. Smith declared that the chimney had been destroyed during the fire and there was consequently no heating on the premises.

In concluding, Mr. Smith said that he understood that the monthly rent apparently was to be \$60 and this included considerable improvements to be completed by the future tenant.

Building Inspector Smith was called upon to answer this query, to which he stated that the property had, at no time, been condemned by the Fire Marshall. He said, however, that Fire Chief Jones of Aurora had declared the premises unfit for habitation. There was no water supply. The last tenants had secured water from the lake. He also said that three letters had already been sent to the owner instructing him to carry out repairs before renting them, but he would make a further survey of the area and report at the next Council meeting.

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## To Advise On Incorporation

# Sign Declarations King Inaugural

King City's first woman Trustee, Mrs. Mary Scott, was named road commissioner at the village trustees' inaugural meeting January 19 in the fire hall.

Donald Findlay, Q.C., was re-elected trustees' chairman and Mr. Ronald Bolton was voted commissioner for both fire department and waterworks for a third successive year.

With a minimum of ceremony and a special welcome to Mrs. Scott, beginning her term of office, Secretary Geo. Cruickshank presided while trustees signed their "Declaration of Office" and appointed their own chairman and commissioners.

Several delegations and a half-completed agenda lengthened the meeting until after midnight. Trustees' next meeting was set for Monday evening, January 26. For the next ten months meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays. The December meeting will be the second Monday only.

Trustees approved the action of Mr. Findlay in hiring men two days to sand village streets when they were icy at New Year's and township equipment was not immediately available.

Mr. Findlay pointed out the work done privately was costly, \$700 for the two days, compared to about \$10.00 for wages and sand if the work could have been done by Township. Mr. Bolton explained the village is entitled to the use of Township equipment as one of the considerations included in the annual fee to Township.

Trustees approved retaining Mr. Eric Hardy, director and secretary of the Citizen's Research Institute of Canada, 32 Isabella St., Toronto, at the rate of \$80.00 a year for a preliminary two days. Mr. Hardy is to "study the decision of the Ontario Municipal Board, in relation to the evidence placed before the board, and to advise what seems to be the most appropriate course for King City to follow, in regard to incorporation."

Mr. Hardy's letter pointed out, "Our recommendations might include a proposal a more detailed survey and report be carried out either by our organization or some other suitable body."

Secretary Cruickshank noted the bill from Mr. Derek Little of Municipal Planning Consultants for his report presented to the Ontario Municipal Board hearing came to \$234.00.

A routine report from General Manager A. E. Berry, Ontario Water Resources Commission, showed the commission found the condition of King City's two wells "quite satisfactory." "Bacteriological and chemical results from samples of both wells show water of good quality, but quite hard." The report stated that in a four-month period last summer, 8 1/2 million gallons of water were used in the village, or a daily average of 67,150 gallons daily.

Trustees considered a by-law affecting waterworks customers located outside village boundaries. Mr. Bolton stressed, "We've got to consider water meters, least beginning with outside customers."

At the request of Ontario Hydro, a by-law was read, which

provided for carrying out lighting arrangements in Valentine Acres, whereby the village is paying \$420, half the cost of installing 14 modern light standards.

Mr. Gordon Orr had written township planning board, and asked trustees if there were any plans involving over two acres he has to the rear of his Keele St. house. He was assured trustees knew of no development and Mr. Findlay suggested Mr. Orr ask the planning board to keep him advised.

Mr. Bolton said a water connection had been made outside the fire hall for the use of people buying village water. He estimated about \$400. had been realized since the second well was connected last June, and said mostly farmers with dry wells were purchasing the water. It is being sold at \$1 a load, twice the rate residents are paying.

Mr. George Lawrence asked for several improvements when he represented Clearview Gardens Home Owners' Association and Heritage Park Ratepayers' Association.

**Slippery Sidewalks**  
After hearing the discussion about plowing and sanding roads, Mr. Lawrence asked if something could be done about sidewalk snow removal. A resolution was passed to introduce a by-law regarding removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

Mr. Findlay observed, "This is another evidence of the growing pains of a village."

Mr. Lawrence inquired if an arrangement similar to the one in Valentine Acres could be made

about lights in Clearview Gardens. Subdivider Alfred McBride told trustees "I volunteered to put in lights, whenever you decide what you want." Ten or 12 lights were proposed for Clearview and ratepayer Mr. David Ke... asked that the subdivision residents have an opportunity to discuss where they be placed.

After a survey of hydrants in the subdivision, Mr. Lawrence mentioned one covered by the landscaping and asked that the fire chief check hydrants to see if they are all in working order.

He was assured the owner had been notified. Mr. Bolton suggested the village maintenance man be asked to clear snow from around hydrants and urged future subdivision agreements stipulate hydrants have to be clear. "What's the use of having hydrants if firemen can't get at them?" pointed out Mr. Lawrence.

He asked about the house numbering system and said Heritage Park residents objected to their street names. One street corner sign was reported insecure and Mr. Lawrence commented, "Every time the wind blows the street changes its name."

Mr. Findlay suggested amiably, "We'll have to get a works department." The trustee did not know of any numbering system suitable for Heritage circle. The village's partly-completed decimal system of house numbering was discussed at length. Mr. Lawrence was told by Trustees the village has no by-law governing the numbering method.

Forty-eight members of the Brethren-in-Christ boys and girls club met at the church on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 and were taken by car to the Summit Golf Course for an afternoon of tobogganing. Six adults stayed on the hills with the children. They returned to the church at 3 p.m. for refreshments. As everyone had a wonderful time another outing is being planned while the weather stays cold.

The general monthly meeting of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Monday, February 2. Final plans will be made for an auxiliary birthday party to be held in March.

Friends and neighbours of Mrs. J. Nolan, Elm Grove Ave., will be sorry to learn that she is a patient at the Toronto General Hospital.

Wally Lavigne, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lavigne, Parker Ave., is recovering at Newmarket Hospital, following an appendectomy.

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