

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. 3-5567.

Fatal Accident

Village Trustees Ask Toronto & York Roads Comm. Inspect Crossing

Following the fatality a week earlier at King City level crossing, village trustees passed a resolution at their April 13 meeting, asking Toronto and York Roads Commission to inspect "the highly dangerous C.N.R. crossing."

For a permanent solution, they asked that consideration be given a grade separation, whereby railway track and the two affected streets are on different levels.

Realizing such a change could take years, trustees recommended as immediate improvements for the protection of the public, a combination of flashing signal lights, automatic crossing gates, train-operated roadway lights and lower train speeds.

Trustees pointed out the crossing near the intersection of Keele St. and Springhill Road "has for some time been a concern to the public and to public and railway officials at all levels."

They stressed, "Under current traffic conditions this danger has been aggravated and it is important that methods be found to prevent the recent tragic death at that crossing from being followed by others."

Would Cut Speed

Representing Heritage Park Ratepayers' Association, its chairman, Warren McKendry, said he had talked to several parents and the consensus of opinion was the super-continental flyer, re-routed to this track a few months ago, should be kept at reduced speed through the village crossing, after the present restriction following the accident is lifted.

Trustees Chairman Donald Findlay reported discussing possible precautions with the C.N.R.'s acting general manager for the region and said, "At the moment the railway doesn't know of anything more that's practical on the length of time for the wig-wag signal. At present there is 20 seconds warning on a fast train and more on a slower train. Any longer, would mean the signal could be activated by a train standing at the station."

Mr. Findlay commented, "Gates and light wouldn't necessarily prevent another accident." In Trustee Ronald Bolton's opinion, "automatic gates at both crossings would do a lot to prevent accidents, as an immediate solution."

Mr. McKendry understood 75 miles per hour was the speed limit for the flyer passing through the village and its average speed was 65 miles. The feeling of the majority is that's too fast through a populated area." He asked if a petition would do any good and Mr. Findlay said, "It wouldn't do any harm."

Mr. Findlay noted township and village had contacted Toronto and York Roads Commission prior to the accident, and since then township sent the Commission a resolution asking that the crossing be made safer.

"Village, township and county representatives met in the vicinity to examine by-pass routes, but if anything comes of it, it would be a matter of years," Mr. Findlay reported. For grade separation, formal application must be made to the Board of Transport Commissioners.

A delegation of four, Mr. Frank Powell, Mr. Angus Fraser, Mr. Maurice Lee, and Mr. William Pollock, asked if anything could be done to the road at the east end of Dew St. They said they hadn't been able to get in for two weeks.

Mr. Findlay explained neither could heavy equipment go in, but as soon as the half-load limit was off, trustees would see what could be done.

Heading a delegation of three from Valentine Acres, Mr. Fred Patterson pointed out a ditch block in front of the new Bell Telephone Building on Patton Street was preventing water from getting away and was ruining what grading had been done on the road. Trustee Mrs. Mary Scott said she would contact Bell Area Manager C. E. Blaisdale.

Trustee Bolton mentioned Patton St. had a soft spot where the water service had been installed in winter.

Ratepayers Organize
Mr. Patterson said Valentine

UNIONVILLE — A barn fire at the Massey-Ferguson Farms caused \$20,000 damages last week. 125 beef cattle were saved.

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"Defend O Lord This Thy Child" Bishop Prays As 17 Confirmed

Suffragan Bishop Right Rev. G. B. Snell spoke on the meaning of Holy Baptism and Communion during the Confirmation Service he conducted at All Saints' Church last week for 17 girls, boys and women who became church members.

"It is important that you understand what you have done," Bishop Snell told the candidates, asking them to imprint on their minds what St. Paul wrote in a letter to the Ephesians, "I think of the church as the family of God." He stressed, "That's a perfect description of the Christian church."

He asked them to think of the church in the same light as a family, with its heritage reaching back through the years and its future stretching ahead. "The story of the Christian Church over 2,000 years is fascinating," Bishop Snell told of the Lambeth Conference last summer in England, where bishops of Anglican communities all over the world met for six weeks at Lambeth Palace, home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to discuss church problems.

"It was a pooling of experience and fellowship," he said. "We were part of a family all over the world, of all color of skins, bound in a wonderful family relationship."

His visit to Canterbury Cathedral, where the 99th Archbishop of Canterbury sat at the top of the chancel steps, gave him "a sense of being caught up in the history of the church, with its heritage of centuries."

"Don't take our prayerbook for granted," he cautioned. "It has been in the English language over 400 years and the same prayers were used for hundreds of years before that."

Bishop Snell said, "Four hundred years ago it was a crime to try to translate the Bible from Greek and Hebrew. It's inconceivable to us, but people were punished for that."

He asked the candidates to remember, "I will be loyal to this heritage and hand it on, strengthened and unimpaired, to the next generation."

The Bishop spoke of the difference in families, some going their separate ways and others "wonderfully close-knit, doing things together. I hope the latter will be yours." He stressed, "Communion is the central act

King City Notes

The first grass fire of the season, a minor one in a field near Temperanceville School, called out King City Fire Brigade April 13. No buildings were endangered.

Safety First
Deputy Fire Chief Harold Kirby acted promptly when a resident rang the fire phone and reported an ice box abandoned in Humber Creek between Kingsview and Heritage Park Subdivisions.

Mr. Kirby removed the ice box door so no child could be trapped.

Temporary Agent
Mr. James Martin of Gravenhurst is the relieving station agent while Mr. Bruce Shipley and his family are on two weeks' vacation.

Dial Phones
Bell Telephone Company has informed King City subscribers dial telephones will go into operation November 1. The village exchange will be Temple 3.

In November no long distance charges will be made between King City and Maple, the latter to commence dial service at the same time with the call letters ALPine 7.

Free calling with Aurora, Oak Ridges, Richmond Hill and Schomberg will continue.

Effective November 1 will be increases to a monthly rate of \$4.40 for individual residential line; \$3.45 for two party, and \$2.15 for residential multi-party telephone.

Funeral
The funeral took place in King City Cemetery Monday afternoon of Mrs. Leonard Hall of Kettleby, following the service at Thompson parlours in Aurora. She is survived by Mr. Hall and a daughter, Mrs. A. Mills (Joan) of King.

Library Open House
T'highlight of the open house at King Memorial Library, concluding Canada Book Week, was the impromptu visit of two skilled pipers from St. Andrew's College.

Lions' Club President Mr. G. T. Thompson presented the Library with money for a book to be selected. Mrs. Sullivan's name was drawn as winner of a book of her choice, as a result of numbers given to adults taking out library books during the week.

For the best essay on his favorite Nature book, Peter Macnaughton was awarded a book.

Library Board Chairman Mr. Harry Cheatham opened proceedings by explaining the library's new public status. Chief Librarian Mrs. A. E. Jarvis gave an interesting talk about the library's place in the community.

Visitors were interested in the displays of good reading, the books written by Township residents, and the exhibit of old books, including an aged atlas of York County.

The Book Week committee, headed by Mrs. J. H. MacDonald, served refreshments.

Soloist
At Sunday morning service in

Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

Attend Leaping Wolf Ceremony

A number of Oak Ridges Cubs and Scouts with their parents attended a Leaping Wolf recognition ceremony held in Thornhill High School last Friday evening. A presentation by the 2nd Thornhill B Cub Pack and 1st Langstaff Scout Troop gave those present an insight into the work the boys do at their meetings each week. Over 80 boys were presented with their Leaping Wolf certificates. Those from Oak Ridges were Brian Cook, Douglas McFadden, Sherwood McLernon, Dennis Marr, David Phillips and Bill Smith. Cubmaster for the boys was Mr. George Marr, A Pack. The Leaping Wolf certificate is presented to those cubs who have passed all tests and received their second star by their eleventh birthday.

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Household Hint
 by Anne Allans
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