

# King City, Oak Ridges Lake Wilcox

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## King City Trustees

### Blame Ratepayers Clogged Ditches

Half a dozen ratepayers attended King City Village Trustees' meeting, when Valentine Acres' delegates were told why their subdivision's drainage system hadn't been working smoothly.

"Armfuls of cut grass had been thrown into the ditch by ratepayers," revealed Village Secretary G. T. Thompson, who toured the roads during a rainfall. "With the exception of incomplete ditches in front of two unsold houses, there was no water lying in any ditch. Every catch basin and grating in Valentine Acres was working."

Mr. Thompson had been asked by Trustees to investigate effectiveness of the ditches with a representative of the subdivision after residents showed a photograph of flooding at the intersection of Kingslynn and Patton.

In a move to make the crossing at King St. and Patton St. safer for school children, Trustees decided to ask Toronto and York Roads Engineer A. J. Rettle what signs were advisable to caution drivers.

After acting as school crossing guard at that corner for three days, Mr. Thompson advised the four or five young children conducted across did not warrant the expense of a school guard.

He had contacted S. S. 2 School Board about having a Grade 7 boy act as guard and the Board was definitely against it. Mr. Thompson reported. He considered if mothers were concerned about small children, they could escort them across King Street themselves.

"Something should be done about this," said Chairman Donald Findlay, Q.C., relating how a contractor building two houses on Patton St. had been going to insert ten-inch culverts until Mr. Findlay informed him fifteen-inch was standard. The builder said he had not been told by the township.

"The information should be given at the time the building permit is issued," commented Trustee Ronald Bolton. "When this plan is accepted at township, isn't it their responsibility to tell the contractor?" interjected Valentine Acres Ratepayers' Chairman Fred Patterson.

"Would it work any smoother if we were to attempt supervision of this sort of thing?" asked Mr. Findlay, who questioned "the possible cost in time, money and trouble afterward if the wrong length or wrong size culvert is inserted". Mr. Thompson pointed out village supervision would add to its expenses.

"Let's find out whose problem it is to be responsible for culverts," said Mr. Bolton. Trustees decided to write King Council for clarification.

As Police Commissioner, Mr. Findlay reported Constable Jensen has resumed radar operation after being on holidays and ill. An east King St. resident wrote asking that garbage collection charges be cancelled since he was frequently absent from his residence. Trustees agreed garbage pick-up could be stopped only if water service was cancelled, since the two are billed together.

When Mr. George Cruickshank, new vice-president of Heritage Park Ratepayers' Association, asked about digging of the ditch west of the subdivision, he was informed it would be done as soon as digging machinery was available. Mr. Thompson noted some of the residents had been dumping garden cuttings into the ditch where they were growing.

Mr. Howard Lacey of Valentine Acres said he had been asked to move real estate signs and he requested no parking at the Patton approach. Mr. Findlay said the new by-law would cover that when it is approved. Action on Mr. Lacey's complaint that the high hedge at the subdivision's entrance "gives you short vision" was deferred until negotiations are made by Trustees with the owner about street widening allowance.

Patton St. was reported being repaired where a truck had gone into the ditch. Mr. Fred Patterson said although the grader had been along, Patton St. was "like a washboard". Road Commis-

## King City Notes

**Br-r-r**  
First snow flurry of the season hit King Township on Sunday. Congratulations to local parents: to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker upon the arrival of a baby sister for Shirley, Gary and Susan at York County Hospital, N. W. market, and to Mr. and Mrs. Dominica Alaggia, whose daughter was born October 6.

**Boosts Cook Book**  
Three files dropping into the fillings of a butterscotch pie Mrs. Gregory Paul was demonstrating on television proved an unerring experience for the young Heritage Park mother.

Representing King City Women's Institute on the Barrie Channel to publicize their cook book, Mrs. Paul stopped when she sighted the first fly in the mixing bowl and exclaimed, "Oh, dear!" Master of ceremonies Don Gray came to the rescue by scooping out the insect and commenting, "We seem to have a fly in the ointment."

Although two more flies invaded the butterscotch mixture, Mrs. Paul calmly continued to explain the baking. With the poise of a seasoned performer she described how the 35 King City members had collected the recipes, mostly from relatives.

Paul tried modelling in school days, but this was her first television appearance. Besides being active in the Institute, she is a Kingercrafts member and will be in charge of the serving of coffee at the exhibition of crafts and bake sale on October 31. The Pauls have one daughter, Vicki, aged 16½ months.

AC 2 Tom Knight was met by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Knight at Malton airport, when he flew from the RCAF station at St. John's, Quebec, to spend the weekend with his family.

King City Scouts and Cubs' recent paper drive grossed \$24, less cost of the truck used for the collection, and advertising.

**Mr. Executive**  
Mr. Henry Funke is the new Chairman for the East King Scout Troop Group Committee, heading the following executive for the coming year:

Mr. George McDonald, vice-chairman; Mr. James Flucker, secretary; Mr. Jack Barraclough, treasurer; Mr. Lloyd Brown, publicity chairman; Mr. Douglas Renison, badge examiner; Mr. Archie Macnaughton, Church representative.

**King City W. I.**  
Mrs. Austin Rumble, Convenor of Historical Research and Current Events, was in charge of the program for 20 King City Women's Institute members, who were guests of Mrs. A. W. McLennan, Third Concession Line.

Much discussion centred around the new Tweedsmuir history book and members were assigned to gather items for it. The Telegram Milk Ship was voted a \$5 donation.

**Mr. Ross Walker** spoke on the motto by Walt Whitman: "Think of the past. I warn you. In a little while others will find their past in you and in your times."

**Become Scouts**  
In a Cub Pack Leaping Wolf Ceremony, Robert Ritchie, Pat McGrath, Murray Gordon, Harold Rutledge, Bill Scott, Donald Scott and Ron Macnaughton were transferred to the First King Scout troop.

New chums joining the Pack were John Agar, David Ritchie, Bill Preston, Chris James, Ken Fawn and Tom Hersey.

In the Leaping Wolf Ceremony for Seonoe Cub Pack, David Brooks, James Dixon, Donald Aillies, Chris Malcolm, Nick Heilshaw, Billie Thomson and Arthur Link became Scouts.

Enlisting as new chums were Wayne Kirby, John Cooke, Bob Clubine and Fred Alaggia.

Two new Scouts, John Lomax and Bruce Vella, bring membership in the First King Troop up to 33.

**Personal Notes**  
While visiting former village neighbours Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bell, with Sheila and Rodney, were at the Lions' auction in the park.

Reid Lawson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lawson, has returned to Miss Doris Patton's class after being absent a few days with a broken left arm, injured when he was playing with friends and fell from a trailer.

Nearly 200 pupils of the Doris M. Patton School left classes an hour early Friday to be out of the vicinity when the old bridge near by was being blasted. Noisy continuing next morning was heard two miles away.

Mrs. William Clubine gave a party Saturday to mark Barbara's seventh birthday. Enjoying the games, prizes and birthday luncheon were Laura Urquhart, Shirley Walker, Beverley Angell, Maurine Cook, Wendy Campbell, Linda Houston, Debbie Gordon, Linda and Mary Robson, Nadine Derick and Barbara's younger sister, Beverley.

**Train Leaders**  
Responding to the appeal for Scout leaders, Mr. Bert Agnew and Mr. Warren Abbott are being trained by A Pack Cub Leader, Mr. Howard Clegg. In Seonoe Pack, Scout Brian Knight is assisting the Akela, Mrs. Rene Bamford.

## King City Has Its First Teen Town

Encouraged by a Home and School Association committee, King City's first Teen Town got under way Friday night, when three dozen enthusiastic young people voted to have a regular club, a Halloween party and varied sports.

They chose a temporary executive to direct club activities until the end of the year — Sharon Simpson as president; Peter Macnaughton, vice-president; Marilyn Roots, secretary, and Donald Gordon, treasurer.

Adults won't interfere with the program, promised Chairman Keith Cambel. "No matter what we have, it's yours. It's what you put into it, you will get out of it," he said.

Mr. Robert Seymour, President of King City Home and School Association, explained the parents' committee stood ready to help and had no desire to interfere with existing organizations for boys and girls.

Many of the teen-agers are already in the H.C. Club, high school groups, Guides and Scouts and C. G. I. T. With a show of hands they unanimously indicated they still felt a regular club for teen-agers was needed.

Several parents accompanied sons and daughters to the organizational meeting in the Masonic Hall. Mr. James Wilkins of the parents' committee helped with elections.

The boys and girls took an active part in the discussion. Donald Gordon said there were not enough nights in the week for all the social activities already available for older teen-agers. He suggested sports facilities at the park could be increased.

Mrs. Gordon Tetley felt the 13 to 16-year-olds needed a social centre. Peter Macnaughton thought the difficulty of mixing age groups could be overcome by the older ones supervising the younger.

The four executive members were warmly applauded by their electors and selected an advisory committee — Valerie Patterson, Ruth Agar, Andrew Currie, John Lacey, Shirley Knight, Marie Minton, John Whalley and Fred Shields.

They accepted the invitation of Mrs. James B. Houston to meet at her home on Martin St. to plan Halloween dance and coming activities.

## Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

Oak Ridges Home and School Association will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 27th at the school. It will be Health Night, and Mrs. D. Ground Health Convenor has arranged for an interesting talk by Mrs. Joy Thomassen, subject of the talk will be, Public Health and the Housewives outlook of Home and School. St. John Ambulance Awards will be presented to last year's grade 8 students.

The Women's Teachers Federation from School Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 held a dinner meeting at the Lake Wilcox Public School on October 14. Rev. D. C. H. Mitchell, St. John's Anglican and Mr. John Shearer, teacher from Lake Wilcox were among the guest speakers, pupils from grades, III, IV and V entertained with dancing etc, wives of members of the Lake Wilcox School Board catered for the dinner of turkey, ham, etc, etc, about 65 teachers were present.

1st Oak Ridges Cubs and Scouts Mothers' Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. G. Rowe, Elm Grove Ave, plans were made for Apple Day and a slate of officers drawn up for the elections to be held next month. The meetings are held in the third Thursday of every month at the above address and all mothers of

Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies are welcome to attend. Apple day was a successful day on Saturday last. Headquarters was the disused car lot on Yonge St. and mothers kept the bins filled up with fresh baskets of apples, also cookies and chocolate milk. The members of the Group Committee helped transport the Cubs and Scouts to their territories.

Teddy Warden, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Warden, Schomberg Rd. celebrated his 6th birthday on Friday with a party, those present at the festivities were: Chris Orton, Vicki Orton, Gary Crossman, Harry Kennedy, Bruce Howell, Colleen Rule, Heather May Mercier and Allan Sandilard.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion Branch 570 was held at the Hall on October 14th. Two new members were initiated, Mrs. D. Jennings, and Mrs. E. Warden. Plans were made for a visit to Richvale Ladies Auxiliary on Monday, October 26th. Also we wish to correct a date printed last week, the Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 12th, NOT December 8th as previously stated. Santa Claus will be paying a visit, also the Pick-pockets handy? The Ladies will be helping with the Poppy Fund Drive.

## "Know Canada Better"

### Lake Wilcox Teacher John Shearer Addresses Women Teachers' Fed.

by: Mona Robertson  
The Ontario Women Teachers Federation, Yorks 3 and 5, held their October meeting in Lake Wilcox School on Wednesday evening of last week when they carried their 1959 topic, "Know Canada Better" into the far North.

Mr. John Shearer, staff teacher at Lake Wilcox Public School, was the guest speaker and gave a most interesting talk on his two years as a teacher in the North West territories — defining his many added duties which included: (1) Looking after welfare cases; (2) Family allowance problems; (3) Work as a community planner (he had the satisfaction of seeing people housed in log cabins, who had formerly lived in tents); (4) Recreation guidance (this form of teaching he now carries on at Lake Wilcox where he held a very successful program for the children of that district during the summer); (5) Organizing of committees and clubs.

Previous to the lecture, Mrs. A. Young of Lake Wilcox, president; Miss Audrey Leary of Jefferson, secretary and Miss Marilyn Hall of Oak Ridges, treasurer; greeted the 85 members and guests present and invited them to partake of a delicious buffet supper in the fine kindergarten of the school — after they had toured the bright classrooms and seen the many work projects beautifully carried out by the school children earlier in the month. The ladies and members' wives of the Lake Wilcox School Board catered for the occasion.

There were two excellent displays in the hall of the school, one depicted a tree-clad hill beside a small lake. Most interesting was the fact that real leaves (small branches of oak and cedar and pine) had been used to represent the trees, lending a most effective 'tone' to the mural.

In one of the north rooms a book display was held every grade from kindergarten to grade eight was displayed. Here were the answers to "What is a cow? a fish? a chicken? a tree?" And the "I want to be — a storekeeper; a pilot; an animal doctor, etc."

Grey Owl's classic autobiography, "Flights of the Wild", caught our eye as did the Pookie Books; "The Teddy Bears' Picnic", and books on science and atomic energy.

Following supper four of the school children entertained the group: Gerald Evans and Lena Mitchell sang, "The Welcome Song" and Pat Newstead and Wayne Hall, "Madam will You Walk with Me" Mrs. Young then introduced Mr. Shearer stating he had had a very diversified life for one so young, having been a lumberjack, worked in the mines, a postman, besides his employment as a teacher for two years in the North West Territories.

Mr. Shearer said, "Almost all of the teachers in the N.W.T. are hired by the Federal Government Department of Natural Resources. A teacher is hired, not for ten months, but for 12 months, and he works the full year without holidays". However, during curling season, "it is no uncommon".

Mr. Shearer smilingly told his audience, "to double up so that those who wish to go curling may play around the clock". And during the months when golf is in season (summer lasts only about six to seven weeks), teachers do the same doubling up and play six or out on the course for 24 hour periods. The sun shines brightly for all but 40 minutes of each summer day, and everyone seeks to take advantage of every minute of the warm, bright "day-light".

Mr. Shearer and his wife and two children were stationed at Fort Smith. He said that among other concessions to teachers in the territories a living allowance of \$1,500 was made to married teachers — but despite this fact it was impossible to keep within a budget since prices of food were so high. Housing accommodation, during their first year, was very poor, but this was because a housing project for the teaching staff had not been completed. For their first year they made shift in an old store — the second year they had a lovely home with every convenience and comfort, provided by the government.

Fort Smith itself was not a very large town but it had startling contrasts not only in the natives and government workers, but in the housing conditions.

There was a large new hotel which cost \$400,000; the Federal Government school and a four-roomed Separate School. Also just completed was a 22-room school for the training of mounted police.

There was also a new Hudson Bay store and a supermarket and a detachment of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals — and a town of government workers — 55 per cent of the population being so employed.

But the fact that many Indians were employed and paid good government wages, did not mean that they lived in comfort or ease. Mr. Shearer said, for the big problem up there is the fact that many of the adult Indians sell clothing and furniture to buy beer; neglect their families and themselves, and are dirty and unkempt. The government-employed Eskimos, however, are clean and progressive; but the Indian population is a constant source of worry to all government officers.

"Fire is one of the greatest fears of the northland", Mr. Shearer told his attentive audience, "especially in the winter months when the Indians light a stove with gasoline." Since temperatures run to 58 degrees below, stove fires are the biggest fear of all, as people living in shacks try to keep warm.

One of the most wonderful phenomena of the Territories is the Northern Lights. "Up there they hang down over your head like a chandelier", Mr. Shearer said. He touched on transportation, by sea, plane or by dog-sled and said that the Liberal government's 15-year plan to make an artery of roads and connect Yellowknife and Fort Smith and the Yukon was being continued by the Conservative government, and it is estimated a railway will also be laid.

In concluding his talk Mr. Shearer showed a pair of colourful mukluks, "The warmest footwear you could wear" and told of the stone carving and copper work done by the Indians. He said the biggest polar bear rug (12'x9') he had ever seen was owned by the editor of Canada's most northerly newspaper.

Miss Audrey Leary then introduced Rev. D. C. H. Mitchell of St. John's Anglican Church, Oak Ridges, who spoke briefly on his life in western Canada. Born in England, Mr. Mitchell was brought to Canada by his parents at an early age and lived in Winnipeg where he was educated. "I am 50-50 Canadian-English", he said, "and as far as the West is concerned I have a very soft spot for it." Following his call to the ministry, Mr. Mitchell went to England for his doctorate and during that period he became a padre for the RAF and was sent back to Canada with his unit which was stationed at Winnipeg. Following the war he took over the parish of St. John's on Highway No. 11.

Mr. Mitchell made his talk short and to the point because, "After listening to this wonderful address from Mr. Shearer there is nothing very much I could add."

## Late A. E. "Bert" Kelley Dies Suddenly Aged 75

A charter member of both the Lake Erie and King City Branch of the Canadian Legion, Mr. Albert E. "Bert" Kelley died suddenly at his King St. home. He was in his 75th year.

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