

# 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 TEmple 3-5457; and in Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox, Mrs. Elisabeth Orton, Aubrey Ave., phone PR. 3-5610.

## Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

Plans for a gala Christmas party and buffet dinner were made at the meeting of St. Mark's Anglican Church Men's Club, Chairman of the program committee, Les Lawrence, outlined a plan for the party and dinner which will be served by the men as a token of esteem to the ladies of the Women's Association, who have throughout the year catered to the men's club dinners. Mr. Lawrence said he expects a full turnout of 40 for the party. A lively entertainment program is planned.

Mr. Harry Lester, Aurora, was guest speaker for the Oak Ridges Home and School Association. Mr. Lester's address was an inspiring and perhaps a searching one as he pointed out that good citizenship begins in the home by making it a pleasant place for family relationships. It is a quality not confined to adults or to any one community or country. If practised consistently citizenship is a "good" factor the world over and helps bind all peoples together. Mr. Wm. Schurman, president, chaired the meeting and Mrs. C. R. McLaughlin was

convenor for the evening, which was "Citizenship Night". Mrs. Joy Harnden, led some of her singing pupils in song and provided the entertainment for the evening. Light refreshments were served by social convenors Mrs. A. Akkerman and Mrs. Myrten and helpers.

The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 570 Canadian Legion, Oak Ridges are all set for their Christmas bazaar. Many beautiful articles and novelties are prepared. Of course Santa Claus will be there in person with a favour for every child.

The next general meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the new headquarters Monday, December 7, 8 p.m. The bazaar will be held Saturday, December 12, at 1 p.m. at the same address (formerly Archie's Sports and Cycle) in the Oak Ridges Shopping Plaza.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cragg of Milton were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Cragg, North Road. About 160 pupils are taking instruction in St. John Ambulance work at Oak Ridges public school this year. Instructor is Mr. J. Williams, physical health teacher at the school. The class is in three phases, 1st and 2nd and 3rd year and has been a highly successful extra-curricular subject, and the school has been commended on several occasions.

The Rev. J. Jocz, Ph. D., will preach at the 9:45 a.m. service at St. Mark's Anglican Church this Sunday, December 6. St. John's Church News

Guest speaker at the morning service of St. Mark's Anglican Church this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. will be the Rev. J. S. Crouch, rector of Bolton Anglican Church.

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## In King City Four Candidates Seeking Election Village Trustees

King City Village nominations night at the Fire Hall was attended by 30 ratepayers, including heads of three subdivision ratepayers' Associations. Trustee Mrs. Mary Scott, one woman spectator and three correspondents were the only members of the fair sex present.

Of seven nominated, the same four who entered last year's election qualified within 24 hours, resulting in a village election Monday, December 7, at the Masonic Hall. Voting will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Candidates for office of three Trustees are:

Mrs. Mary Scott, housewife, nominated by B. J. Langdon and Mrs. Len Robb, who has completed her first year in office.

Donald Findlay, lawyer, nominated by E. McCoy and Warren McKendry, who has been Trustee 6½ years.

Ronald Bolton, nominated by Donald Findlay and E. McCoy, who has been Trustee three years.

Warren McKendry, clerk, nominated by Keith Cambden and Robert Walker, is candidate a second time for Trustee.

Three others who declined to enter the local contest were:

Aubrey Gordon, nominated by William Barker and Henry Gillham.

Jack Walkington, nominated by Donald Hadwen and Aubrey Gordon.

B. J. Langdon, nominated by Wilfred Hare and Donald Hadwen.

As Roads Commissioner, Mrs. Scott reported, "Roads are in fairly good condition. We do endeavour to do what we can as soon as we can, but, not being in a position to own any road equipment, we have to wait until we get help from Township."

"Often equipment may be at the extreme north or west of the Township and it does take time. If you think we are lax in getting work done, that may be why. No one is more anxious to co-operate with the people than Trustees."

**Garbage Ditched**

On the subject of culverts repaired and ditches cleaned, Mrs. Scott noted, "It would be appreciated by Trustees if ditches were looked upon as such and not as garbage disposal places."

She said sand barrels would be out shortly, "but some used as trash barrels have been badly used and we have to pay for them."

The Commissioner said very little sidewalk work had been done, except for minor repairs. She was certain if Trustees were in the same position, sidewalk improvements on a larger scale would be attempted next year.

She asked ratepayers' co-operation in keeping walks cleared of snow.

Chairman Mr. Findlay reviewed the financial picture, indicating a slight surplus. He said the village had been in an "excellent" condition for debentures on the old basis of assessment and would be "even better" on the new basis.

He pointed out, essential capital outlays had been on a "pay as you go" policy and he considered the same practice could provide for greater works, such as railway crossing changes, "if and when the responsibility is settled."

Mr. Findlay noted the Police Department, of which he had been Commissioner, would require more capacity before many months; sidewalks would need to be reviewed in the new year; and old street lights are being replaced from time to time "as they give up the ghost."

The \$500 hydro inventory was again postponed.

**Municipal Services**

The Chairman stressed King City was an urban village with rapidly expanding urban services. Municipal garbage collection was started in 1958; the library became a public one this year; a police department was inaugurated; and a village office opened with part-time staff.

Mr. Findlay contended, "One fault of a Police Village is the amount of work falling on Trustees." He said in 1958, Trustees spent four working days a week, which increased in 1959 until Mr. G. T. Thompson was engaged July 1. The Village Secretary-Manager was employed a little over three days a week now, leaving Trustees two days a week with "no sign of it reducing."

He concluded, "If what I have said infers I am proud of the efficiency and economy of the village administration, it does not

mean I believe the maximum has been achieved which is possible for a properly constituted urban village. It merely means I believe the maximum is being achieved in the face of and in spite of the complicated procedures of operating a highly-urbanized village of nearly 1500 people as a Police Village."

Completing three years as Fire and Water Commissioner, Mr. Bolton said the Brigade was working toward a new fire truck. He reported "a very good record for fires in town this year. There were about 15 outside the village, none doing great damage." He asked residents to keep hydrants cleared of snow for their own safety.

**Favors Meters**

Mr. Bolton said water consumption is not above average for flat rate billing but advocated the eventual installation of meters, which would be a large expenditure. He said the water supply had not been "too good" this year, but with the water table low, more places than King City had suffered a shortage.

Mr. Bolton said, "I don't think the village is where it should be and I'm still of the same opinion. If the same Trustees are returned I think you'll see another endeavour made to settle status of the village."

The three Trustees were unanimous in praising the work done by the Secretary-Manager they had appointed. "He needed little instruction on anything we asked him to do," said Mr. Bolton.

Two ratepayers took advantage of question periods. Mr. Len Robb questioned the sale of water to outsiders while the village was in short supply. Mr. Findlay explained to Mr. William Barker the garbage service was not running at a loss because it was paid from the waterworks account, since garbage fees were first deposited in that account.

Mr. Barker thought Mr. Bolton's comparison of water used on a meter system in Weyburn Saskatchewan, did not apply here. Mr. Bolton said, "We all use water," and suggested meters would cut down water consumption and defray expense of "having to go to another well for some time."

Mr. Barker said the village was "lucky" to have its \$30,000 waterworks debentures running at 3½ and 4½ percent.

Mr. Warren McKendry thanked voters who supported him last year and affirmed, "My aim is and always will be for the betterment of King City."

Returning Officer Herbert Ross acted as chairman.

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## King City Notes

### Santa Parade

King City Business Men's Association is working with village clubs in preparation for the fourth Santa Claus parade on December 12.

Parade Marshal Ralph Loney reports starting point will be Clearview Gardens and an effort will be made to shorten the route to William St.

The Aurora and District High School Band will be one of those accompanying floats and effort is being made to have drum major-ettes in the procession.

Santa is getting ready for his trip to King City by helicopter. Three years ago when the business men hurriedly organized a parade they prepared 450 bags of treats for the children. This year they are counting on 1,000 youngsters greeting Santa in the park pavilion after the parade.

**St. Andrew's Bazaar**

The Christmas Bazaar held by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church W. A. netted at least \$258, according to treasurer Mrs. Charles Gordon. Rev. Gordon Agar officially opened the annual event and shoppers were welcomed by Mrs. Agar and W. A. President Mrs. John Tanner.

C. G. I. T. girls of the newly-formed St. Andrew's Group sold 13 calendars and assisted with refreshments. Misses Ruth and Mary Agar and Heather Crooks, smartly dressed in neat white middie and black skirts, served tea under instruction of their leader, Mrs. Howard Clegg, and Mrs. Fred Ball was in charge of tea arrangements.

United Nations Association members had Christmas cards and at another booth, yellow-smoked Cancer Society workers distributed miniature calendars. Tables filled with confections, home-baking, delicatessen items, plants, white elephants, sewing and knitting were well patronized. A baby quilt and one large one found buyers.

Mrs. Tanner told The Liberal she appreciated the support given the bazaar by all the community friends.

### Kingcrafts

Speaking to Kingcrafts members, Mr. G. Marshall Bartman, Extension Secretary for the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, showed colored slides to illustrate aptly his subject, "Pageant Of The Seasons."

He said the Naturalists' function was to preserve a natural

heritage for descendants. "The Federation is a cause, non-commercial, a cultural group interested in conservation, education and recreation," explained Mr. Bartman. Ontario now has 42 branches.

"Though we must live in cities, all of us like to get back to nature as an escape from tension, or for inspiration," said the speaker. Mrs. Elvina Redmeier operated the slides showing different seasons, an ice storm and close-ups of wild flowers.

A profit of \$548 was reported from the October sale of crafts and home-baking. The Garden Group will again be decorating Kingcrafts House for Christmas. New Associate Members were introduced. Mrs. Gus Thornhill; Mrs. Watson, Willowdale; Mrs. T. Colbourne, King; Mrs. Coulter and Miss Freda James, Aurora.

Mrs. Fred Patterson of Valentine Acres joined the Gardening Group, Mrs. Hunter of R. R. 2, King, the ceramics, and Mrs. Browning of Aurora, the Art Group.

No further general meetings will be held until January 27.

**Acclaim Trustees**

Schomberg Police Village Trustees were returned by acclamation. Clarence Wood enters his thirteenth term in 1960, serving with Oriole Sloan and Robert D. Hiscocks.

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