

# 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.

## King City Trustees Meet King Community Christmas Tree Ill-Treated By Vandals, Thieves

King City is having a hard time keeping its big community tree afloat. At Village Trustees' final meeting for the year in the Fire Hall, Village Secretary G. T. Thompson reported 20 bulbs stolen the first day the tree was erected and numerous bulbs continually being smashed.

In an effort to keep the 185 colored lights functioning, Mr. Thompson and Constable William Jensen kept a close check and narrowed the time of destruction to around seven a.m. The tree is usually lit until midnight.

Appointment of a Justice of Peace is a possibility. Mr. Hugh H. Donald, Inspector of Legal Offices, wrote Trustees, "With reference to your letter of October 9 regarding the appointment of a Justice of the Peace for your village, I wish to advise you that this is being considered."

Trustees explained they had requested a resident J. P. be appointed to save time and mileage of the constable, who now has to go to Maple or Richmond Hill for signature of warrants and summons.

Trustee agreed to ask Toronto and York Roads Commission Engineer Jack Rettle about erecting "population 1,500" signs at village boundaries, since that is the expected population by December 31.

Roads Commissioner Mrs. Mary Scott reported Township Roads Chairman Douglas Hut-

chins was interested in a location between Highway 400 and Oak Ridges for stocking Township sand. Trustees said the lot beside the Fire Hall was available for placing sand. They decided to confer with Fire Chief David Glass about overnight shoveling in the Fire Hall of a Township front end loader.

Trustees Donald Findlay and Ronald Bolton denied any rental was being paid for use of the Fire Hall Room as municipal office and meeting place. They explained maintenance, such as heat, light and phone had always come from village budget.

Since Constable Jensen thought more time should be spent at the main intersection, Trustees decided to try policing the five p.m. rush hour.

Trustees considered whether Park Road should revert to being called Doctors' Lane and decided it should continue as Park Road.

Water Commissioner Bolton reported the telemetering is being installed as part of the waterworks system. He said water level is at 22 feet in the well and gradually rising "We are using 80,000 gallons daily, which is within the pump's potential," he noted.

In reply to queries by Mr. Fred Patterson and Mr. Harry Lacey of Valentine Acres about the Babcock report and Township plans for development outside the village, Mr. Findlay pointed out, "We are involved geographically and topographically, with sewage and storm

drainage, but we are being bypassed by Township."

When asked if he knew why, Mr. Findlay declared, "Yes - politics." Mr. Lacey decided to consult Township Council himself.

Trustees approved asking Mr. Elmer Cairns to continue looking after the pump-house for next year.

Dealing with grade separation, Mr. Findlay said he foresaw eventual grade separation and that the local municipality would be involved. Trustees decided to ask Township's advice in solving the problem of the double level crossing.

Trustees turned down the suggestion of having a by-law for keeping village culverts cleared. Drawing attention to unscrupulous door sales, Mr. Findlay said he knew of "at least two lawsuits arising because of unreasonable deals in the first instance" in which householders were duped by salesmen. He pointed out the licensing of appliances and household equipment sales was not a village matter in itself and Trustees decided to take no action.

Mr. Thompson was asked to send out bulletins clarifying proper containers for garbage collection. Although no complaints had been made by the collector, Mr. Findlay felt householders should be notified of the conditions under which the contract had been tendered.

Seek Hard-topping  
Chairman of Valentine Acres' Ratepayers' Association, Mr. Patterson made several inquiries re topping his subdivisions' roads. He reported 46 ratepayers meeting a few days earlier had been unanimously interested.

Mr. Patterson was told "subsidy is possible but improbable." There was no allowance in this year's budget, but he was advised to bring the project before 1960 Trustees.

Mr. Bolton gave his opinion, "Hard top is a waste of time if it has to come up for sewers." Mr. Patterson estimated 1 1/2 miles of roads in the 109-house subdivision and was informed possible cost could be around \$13,000. The Ratepayers' Chairman said his association was looking into planting 300 trees.

A frequent delegate to village meetings, Mr. Warren McKendry studied the lengthy agenda with Trustees and will be taking office in January.

The last few days before Christmas mean a hectic whirl of parties around the village for both youngsters and parents. Just before school closing all the classrooms had their parties and presents.

Friday evening older members of the Sunday School gathered at King City United Church for their annual treat, which took the form of Christmas slides and carols, topped off with a personal visit from a well-laden Santa.

The youngsters were served doughnuts and chocolate milk. Mothers took their preschoolers to the junior Sunday School party at the United Church Saturday afternoon, when Santa again called with gifts for the tots. They all joined in singing the carols they knew.

Carol Program  
Old-time carols were featured in the Christmas program arranged by Mrs. Glenn Sawyer for King City United Church W. M. S. at the Keele St. home of Mrs. Martin Jenkinson.

Mrs. Sawyer outlined the history of lovely old carols, which were sung in solos, duets and trios by Mrs. Gordon Orr, Mrs. Harold Gilbert and Miss Helen Hunter.

Mrs. Pearl Wilson read the Christmas story from the Bible to the 20 members and guests. Mrs. Harold Ratcliff entertained with appropriate Yule readings.

Miss Glenn Sawyer and Miss Hunter assisted Mrs. Sawyer in serving refreshments.

Firemen's W. A.  
About 15 members of King City Firemen's Women's Association had their Christmas social evening at the home of Mrs. Vic Doner, Third Concession Line.

Members played cards and exchanged gifts, after which they had refreshments.

Gift-wrapping occupied most of the December meeting of the Evening Branch W. A. of All Saints Church at the Keele St. Rectory. Ten members wrapped presents in preparation for the Sunday School party.

Rev. E. H. Costigan was present as the group shared party refreshments of angel cake, ice cream topped with frozen strawberries and coffee.

Sunday School Party  
For the annual Christmas program in All Saints' Parish Room Friday evening, Santa greeted the youngsters and his helpers distributed gifts of pictures and books. Mr. George DeWitt showed films, including "The Littlest Angel."

Ope House  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Findlay, Fisher St., entertained a-

bout 100 friends at their annual "at home" Saturday. Catering was arranged by King City United Church W. A.

Church Services  
Rev. E. H. Costigan will conduct Holy Communion Christmas Eve, starting at 11:30 p.m. at All Saints' Anglican Church. On Christmas Day, Communion services will be held at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Christmas services were observed Sunday morning at King City and Laskay United Church, in charge of Rev. Martin Jenkinson.

Bring White Gifts  
Rev. Gordon Agar led services of Christmas Worship Sunday morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in King City and at Noblesse.

St. Andrew's Sunday School and congregation brought white-wrapped gifts of food and clothing. The contributions will be distributed in Toronto from Evangel Hall, which is operated by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Special music was provided by the choir, led by Miss Jessie Gellatly.

On December 27 Mr. Agar will lead the End of the Year Service, and on January 3, the New Year's service.

Presbyterian Party  
The congregation attended St. Andrew's Sunday School Christmas concert Friday evening in the Church Room, when the Christmas story was presented in pageant form.

Santa arrived to give 50 bags of treats to the youngsters. Sunday School Superintendent Mr. Ted Stevens was in charge of the program, with the aid of teachers Mrs. Robert Farren, Mrs. William Willoughby, Miss Betty Arbuckle and Miss Annabelle Kerr, and secretary Mrs. Fred Curtis.

Brownies of the First and Second King Packs took gifts and placed them beneath a tree at King City United Church during their Christmas party Thursday evening, the presents to be forwarded to children in the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home at Richmond Hill.

The evening group of Brownies won the competition when both teams tried to break balloons by sitting on them on two chairs. Guide Commission, Mrs. Alex Knight played the piano for another game. All the girls received a useful brown notebook and a candy cane.

Among the mothers serving doughnuts and chocolate milk were Mrs. Kenneth Lawson, Mrs. J. H. Evans, Mrs. Jack Cargill, Mrs. R. Roberts, Mrs. Donald Dixon, Mrs. L. Brown and Mrs. Robert Walker.

Baptists' Party  
Bethel Baptist Church Sunday School met in the King St. parsonage Saturday afternoon for their Christmas treat, in charge of Superintendent Mr. Art Peck and the teachers.

Lions' Dinner  
Mr. Reg Twissleton of the 400 Lions' Club showed films on the Holy Land at the Christmas dinner meeting of King City Lions' Club in the United Church.

Local members of the clergy invited as guests were: Rev. Martin Jenkinson of King City United Church; Rev. Ivan E. Kennedy of Temperanceville United Church; Rev. E. H. Costigan, All Saints' Anglican; Rev. Gordon K. Agar, St. Andrew's Presbyterian; Mr. George Cusdin, Bethel Baptist Church, and Father Brennan of Sacred Heart Church.

Library  
King Memorial Library will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but no other changes are being made. It will be open as usual Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons and evenings during the holiday season.

Scout Group  
Mr. Henry Funke presided at the First King Scout Troop Group Committee at All Saints' Church, when activities of Scouts and Cubs were reviewed by the parents.

### Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

The monthly meeting of the Oak Ridges Home and School Association was held on Tuesday, December 15th. The program began with several delightful vocal selections by the Fuller family. Pat, John, Paul and David, Pat accompanying on the guitar also. Boys and girls from Grades 5 and 6, — the Jr. Choir, under the able direction of Mrs. Joy Harnden delighted the audience with their rendition of "Winter," "From whence came a shepherd maiden" and the "Owl and the Pussy Cat." Parents once again, as in previous years enjoyed Xmas carols, led at the Piano by Mrs. R. Bull, who also accompanied Jr. Choir. Four new Canadians gave interesting accounts of customs from their native lands at Xmas. Mr. J. Peterson spoke of previous Xmas in Latvia and showed recent "greeting" cards which no longer bear anything of Xmas, Latvia now being no longer an Independent State.

Mr. Gerard Holland told of customs in the country of the same name and also described some of the Dutch folklore concerning Xmas. The next guest, Mrs. R. Popp spoke of her native land of Scotland and showed the assembly some of the typical Scottish decorations. Mrs. Popp's husband, who came originally from Germany gave an interesting discourse on customs in that land at the Yule tide season.

Mrs. Milne's classroom won the Banner and prize for most parents attending, the evening came to a close with a tasty lunch being served by ladies of the social committee.

On Wednesday evening, December 16th Miss Marion Dion entertained her Sunday School class from Brethren in Christ Church, at her home, gifts were

exchanged, games were played, and of course, lunch was eaten, and enjoyed by the boys and girls.

Thursday, December 17th the Brownies held their Xmas Party, the Ridges Pack joining with the Pack from Lake Wilcox at the Lake School, Mrs. Milne Perschell and Mrs. S. Chanuk, Brown Owl and Tawny Owl respectively as hostesses, heading up the newly formed Lake group which meets at the school every Thursday at 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Games, carol singing and Xmas storytelling was enjoyed by the girls and gifts were exchanged.

At St. Mark's Anglican chapel, Oak Ridges, Christmas week services will include a service of morning prayer on Sunday, December 20th at 9:30 a.m. at which time Rev. E. L. Simmonds, Principal of the Toronto Bible College will be guest minister, and on Christmas Day a service of Holy Communion will be held at 9:30 a.m.

Children at Oak Ridges Public School are learning the meaning of Xmas in a new way this year, they are bringing "white gifts to the school instead of exchanging gifts as in other years. These "white gifts" will be handed over to one of the service organizations in the Community for distribution to those less fortunate.

St. Paul's United Church treated its Thursday afternoon shut-ins club to a Christmas party recently at the church, Mrs. A. Gallagher prepared and served a delicious roast chicken dinner for the 25 members present and Mrs. J. Mlybth looked after other arrangements. Highlight of the party was the presentation of a cake to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Platt, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.



Ho, ho, ho and a very happy holiday to one and all! We take pleasure in sending Santa your wishes with thanks for your patronage and our warmest Christmas wishes.

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## Former Air Gunner Is Now Oak Ridges Barber

Mr. George C. Achilles is the owner of Gord's Barbers, of Yonge Street South, Oak Ridges. Mr. Achilles established the new barber shop only last September and thus became the third barber in the district.

From Far North  
Mr. Achilles had an interesting and varied career before he came to settle as a barber in Oak Ridges. Born and raised and seated at Hearst some six hundred miles in the north of Ontario, his life as a grown up can be said to have commenced with his service in the RCAF where he was trained and engaged as a Rear Gunner in a bomber aircraft. Following this service with the air force he then became a Forest Fire Ranger in which occupation with the Dept. of Lands and Forests he continued for seven years.

Chief Fire Ronger  
Then he moved on to become Chief Fire Ronger and Check Sealer to the Newaygo Timber Company. This lasted for the next six years. All of this service as a fire ranger was in the far north and as Gordon had by

this time married and had one child he began to come up against the problems of school and medical needs for his daughter, even though his wife is a registered nurse.

Career Training  
These problems could not be solved and a move south and new employment became essential. Proving his adaptability, Gordon brought his family south and settled in Oak Ridges. He decided to train as a barber and undertook a course of training with the Bondy Barber Schools from which he finally graduated and was able to establish his own business this year.

Already Well Established  
Mr. Achilles gives a splendid service with capable and expert haircutting services so that he has already established a very wide following in the district. His daughter is now attending grade seven in the local public school. Mr. Achilles is a member of the local Masonic Lodge and has applied for membership in the Oak Ridges Chamber of Trade.



With the year coming almost full circle, we once again have the pleasure of extending the greetings of the season to our many good friends and wonderful patrons. May you all enjoy this last, but best, part of the year in health and happiness.

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## Family Homeless Faulty Wire Fire

King City — Mrs. Ross Douglas rushed her two-year-old daughter Valerie, safely out of their burning bungalow on Dew St. into a neighbour's house, when faulty wiring in a bedroom started an estimated \$6,000 blaze.

The insured house at the extreme west end of Dew St. was completely gutted, leaving the Douglas family homeless nine days before Christmas. Fire Captain Donald McCallum said it was the worst local fire attended by King City Brigade this year.

When fire broke out before eight p.m., Mr. Douglas, a truck driver was six miles west at Nobleton hockey rink with his three-year-old son, Allan.

Mrs. Douglas hurriedly dialed her mother-in-law, Mrs. Frank Douglas of R. R. 1, Schomberg, calling into the phone "get Ross" and, without further explanation, she dashed with her daughter next door to Ron Robson's house.

From the open phone Mrs. Frank Douglas could hear the crackling of flames, then the fire siren, before she drove to the village for further news of her family.

After losing her son, Kenneth, and a grandson in car accidents this year, Mrs. Douglas Sr. was relieved no one was hurt. "A house can be replaced," she told the Liberal.

Mr. Robson was one of the uniformed brigade fighting to save the house, which was the end of one of three white frame cottages. They prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining property, but could do little more than save the shell of the house. After two hours at the scene, making use of the hydrant on the Douglas' front lawn, firemen pumped out the flooded cellar.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas stayed temporarily at the Robson home, their two small children cared for by the grandparents. opout.Hto tqoo qzce QvebMR

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WILL BE HELD AT 8 P.M.  
Monday, December 28th  
at Doris M. Patton School  
KEELE STREET NORTH  
All ratepayers should attend.  
(Signed) RAYMOND BURT,  
Secretary-Treasurer S. S. 2**

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