

King City, Oak Ridges Lake Wilcox

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Voting Day, December 5th

Five Candidates Qualify For King City Elections

King City Supermarket Robbed Again

For the second time within two weeks, King City's Red and White Supermarket was raided by thieves who gained entry through the same rear window.

When \$222.00 cash and \$967.00 insured stock were lifted in the first robbery the window was broken. This time prowlers forced, but did not break the window to take \$350.00 worth of tobacco and petty cash.

The break-ins were not discovered until the store was being opened in the morning for business.

Vandorf O.P.P. are investigating the recent series of King Townships robberies.

50 Ratepayers Attend Nominations

Ratepayers were scolded for back-biting criticisms, King Township Council was accused of raiding village finances and one candidate asked ratepayers not to vote for him, during nominations of King City Village Trustees.

Fifty ratepayers filled the fire hall meeting room as Returning Officer Mr. Herbert Ross received nominations of nine to fill offices of three Police Village Trustees.

Five qualified before the time limit of the following evening — Mr. Ronald Bolton, professional engineer; Mr. Warren McKendry, clerk; Mr. Robert O'Reilly, merchant; Mr. Donald M. Findlay, lawyer; and Mr. Jim Sim, process planner. Also nominated were: Mrs. Mary Scott, housewife; Mr. Aubrey Gordon, realtor; Mr. David Glass, mechanic; and Mr. Robert McLeod, baker, who withdrew.

Trustee Ronald J. Bolton, Fire and Water Commissioner for four years, reported this year's cost of operating the Fire Department is \$551.00 in addition to the new outlay of \$19,608.00 for the capital fire pump.

Thanking residents for their co-

operation in summer use of water, Mr. Bolton noted, "Last year we had 410 customers and this year 480. He reported the waterworks account has \$6,667.00 on hand."

"Likely by this time next year another well will be in operation, depending how development goes." He explained International Water Supply had been engaged to conduct resistivity tests to indicate where well-drilling should be done and trustees were awaiting results.

Mr. Bolton said he would run because one trustee was leaving and he felt continuity in trustees was needed.

Mrs. Scott said her only reason for not running was because of her doctor's advice. She said she had enjoyed being trustee in a village of some 1600 people. "There has been much criticism as to what we have done and not done and any one in public office is open to criticism. I have been called out of bed several times early in the morning and told what kind of a great many calls from people who thanked me for what we have done and that is more than gratifying."

Mr. Findlay urged direct representation on the high school board. He suggested "if it would expedite arrangements for a library, we could apply to county council to have trustees constituted as a board of trustees, which would have more extensive utilities powers."

He commented if businessmen were unable to launch the Santa Claus parade, "surely a little guidance would bring more organization closer together to put it on as a community effort." He asked, "Why can't this village invest a few hours of investigation and pick out some work that needs to be done anyway and get a 75 per cent labor grant under the government-sponsored winter works program?"

Tackling industrial possibilities, Mr. Findlay urged the village to take whatever steps were necessary. "Apparently no one else is going to do it for us."

He pointed out, "We have strong surpluses and reserves as well; our village assets are going up; and our debture debt going down."

Mr. Findlay continued his prepared statement, "Every year or so the village has to defend itself against financial raids by the township. About two years ago they tried to get our very solvent waterworks. A year or so before they tried to take our share of the main provincial grants. This year they tried to stick us with a share of their road debt. These are only some."

"Each time there are fierce arguments and about a week's work in fighting off these raids, which shouldn't even happen because so far the raids have failed fairly dismally," declared the lawyer.

"Even now, they still hold on to some minor items of ours, including grants. There is talk of attempts to acquire our fire department and police department, which need to be examined closely to see what the financial loss might be to us," he said.

"In earlier years the defending has been done by myself and others as trustees at no cost. This year when I was not a trustee, the village felt it was desirable to engage me to assist in the fight on the road debt dispute on a fee basis, which was done and with success."

Mr. Findlay went on, "I believe I can accomplish more on trustees than outside them to continue the strong and sound financial policies set up for the village in recent years and to guard against financial loss under the threat of raids that have been launched against us in the past."

Asked by Mr. Gordon Orr if he intended to continue his promotion of incorporation if a trustee, Mr. Findlay replied, "I intend to soft pedal it. My own views are well known. As ratepayers see tax bills and gradually realize they would have been slightly less, they will swing to support incorporation without my urging."

Answering another question, Mr. Findlay said he had considered running for township councillor this year, but definitely had no intention.

Robert McLeod drew several laughs with his comments. He said he couldn't afford to stay in office; his bakery business went downhill when he served before.

He observed, "There seems to be quite a bit of dissatisfaction. I don't know what people want. Incorporation didn't go over very well." He thought people should have had a vote over hiring of a secretary-manager.

Mr. McLeod thought ratepayers were due for a cut in taxes, but questioned how low a standard of maintenance people wanted for the village. "Parking road is a good place for parking. It doesn't go anywhere. The idea of business men buying land for parking is out, because they are struggling to pay taxes."

"I used to be able to make money being a trustee—\$20.00 as trustee and \$25.00 for being Road Commissioner. These people do it for nothing." Uncertain if he would run, Mr. McLeod announced, "Everybody is asking for votes. I hope nobody votes for me because I've been in before."

Mr. Aubrey Gordon thanked his sponsors and said he was "undecided." Mr. Glass thought there were others present "better qualified." Mr. Sim was unable to remain for the meeting.

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Repeating to Mr. Robert McLeod's query about past minutes, Mr. Thompson found office files went back to March 1, 1948. Mr. McLeod said about 50 years were missing. From 1890, Chairman Mr. William Barker agreed it would be interesting to preserve accounts of times of gaslight and lamplight, since he recalled them during 60 years around the village.

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Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

Legion News

Branch 570 Canadian Legion, at their executive meeting last week have named the posts which will be held by the executive committee elected last month. Stan McComb will head the membership committee, Geo. Windsor the welfare committee, Roy Weaving is in charge of sports, Gord Rowe the ways and means committee, and Mrs. Betty Orton, the only woman member of the executive will be entertainment officer, and press and publicity. An all-out drive to revive the interest of non-active members and to interest prospective members is being planned.

The auxiliary has several activities underway. With the bake sale of last Saturday behind them, the ladies are concentrating on a turkey dinner next Wednesday, December 7 from 5 to 9 p.m.

At the regular monthly meeting last week new officers for 1961 were elected. Mrs. Margaret Killick was re-elected president with Mrs. Eleanor Charuk and Mrs. Flo McComb as first and second vice-presidents, taking over from Mrs. Lill Windsor and Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Mrs. Lill Atcheson accepted a second term as secretary and Mrs. Amy Weaving will succeed Mrs. E. Charuk as treasurer. Sergeant-at-arms (pro temp) is Mrs. Ann Collins. The new executive committee is Mrs. Lill Windsor, Mrs. Flo Gibbons, Mrs. Peggy Cragg and Mrs. Ann Collins.

Last Saturday accompanied by Guide Captain Mildred Redfern several of the Brownie Leaders of Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox travelled to Oshawa to take part in a training course for leaders.

Allyson Jones of Lake Wilcox was enrolled as a Brownie last Thursday as her family plans to move before the enrollment ceremony on December 8. Mrs. Eleanor Charuk, Brown Owl, acted on behalf of District Commissioner Mary Smith.

Retarded Children's Drive Campaign Chairman Gord Rowe for this district, in aid of the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children announced that an objective of \$30,000 has been set for the drive. The largest area of concentration this year will be within the Lake Wilcox-Oak Ridges districts and between 30 and 40 canvassers had hopes of calling at every home in the area.

Junior Humane Society While I know who the officers for the newly organized Junior Humane Society are, I am not telling until the official announcement of the results of nominations held at each of the three schools has been made at the December meeting. I'll give a hint though. Of the four offices to be filled (president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer) each school is represented. Our Lady of the Annunciation will have two members on the executive and Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox Public Schools each have one. The committees, however, have a representative of each school as well as an adult who will act in an advisory capacity only. Standing by to be of service are Mr. Fred Mason, Mrs. Freda Munro, Mr. Robert Pritchard, Mr. Archie Ross and myself. Mrs. Munro will help with the clerical end of things. Mr. Pritchard will aid in the painting of posters, while Mr. Ross helps with the woodworking and carpentry projects. I will be available to give a hand toward the publicity for society functions, although the main idea is to let the children handle things themselves.

St. Paul's W.A. The regular monthly meeting of St. Paul's United Church Women's Auxiliary was held November 22. Mrs. Ken Farquharson reported the very successful bazaar raised a total of \$446.00. Six ladies took a trip back through time to everyone's delight wearing clothes of the long, long ago, loaned by Mrs. M. Rank of Aurora. Two rocking chairs, also over 100 years old, loaned by Mrs. Jack Blyth of Oak Ridges, and an album of the 1890's, loaned by

Mrs. T. Gardiner which was her mother's, made when she was a child, were also admired.

December's meeting will be a pot luck supper at which time donations of jams, jellies or canned fruit are to be brought.

Cubs The cubs of 1st Oak Ridges Pack are temporarily being led by two Scouts as Akela Mrs. Ellen Davis has been excused until after Christmas due to pressure of business.

Teachers' Convention The pupils of Oak Ridges Public School enjoyed a holiday last Friday when the teachers attended a teachers' convention.

Mrs. Lill Marr, Mrs. S. McClennon and Mrs. Gord Rowe attended a Scout conference in King City Anglican Church last week as representatives of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Mrs. Rowe is a member of the executive committee from this district.

About People Our most sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Elsie Gibby and family of Lakeland Ave., Lake Wilcox on the very sudden passing of her father, Mr. William Hopper of Forest, Ont. He entered into rest Monday, November 21, three months after his wife, who died September 5. Funeral services were held in Orillia November 24 with interment in St. Andrew's Cemetery in Orillia.

Ken Lacey of Aubrey Avenue, Oak Ridges arrived home from Newmarket Hospital last Thursday after undergoing surgery. He was injured during P.T. at school and suffered a ruptured spleen. He is recovering quite nicely, and a few more days of rest will see him back on his feet.

Mrs. Hagan of Oak Ridges was hospitalized recently and is recuperating at Newmarket after a stomach operation. To those friends and neighbours who miss her sunny smile, she temporarily calls room 101 home and a short visit or a card would be a nice gesture and deeply appreciated.

Mr. Tom Killisk, Bayview Ave., Lake Wilcox, was married to the former Miss Doris Ellis of Holland Landing in a very quiet ceremony in Toronto last week. The couple plan to make their home in Toronto.

Mrs. Terry Whitehorn of Lake Wilcox Road, Oak Ridges, planned to sit and watch TV as a birthday present to herself last Thursday afternoon. Her husband was away on business and was not due home till the next day. Several friends however had other ideas. Armed with birthday cake, small remembrances and loads of best wishes, Mrs. Joyce Patterson, Mrs. Jean Osborne, Mrs. Barbara Wilson and Mrs. Eleanor Charuk, popped in for afternoon tea and held a surprise party for her.

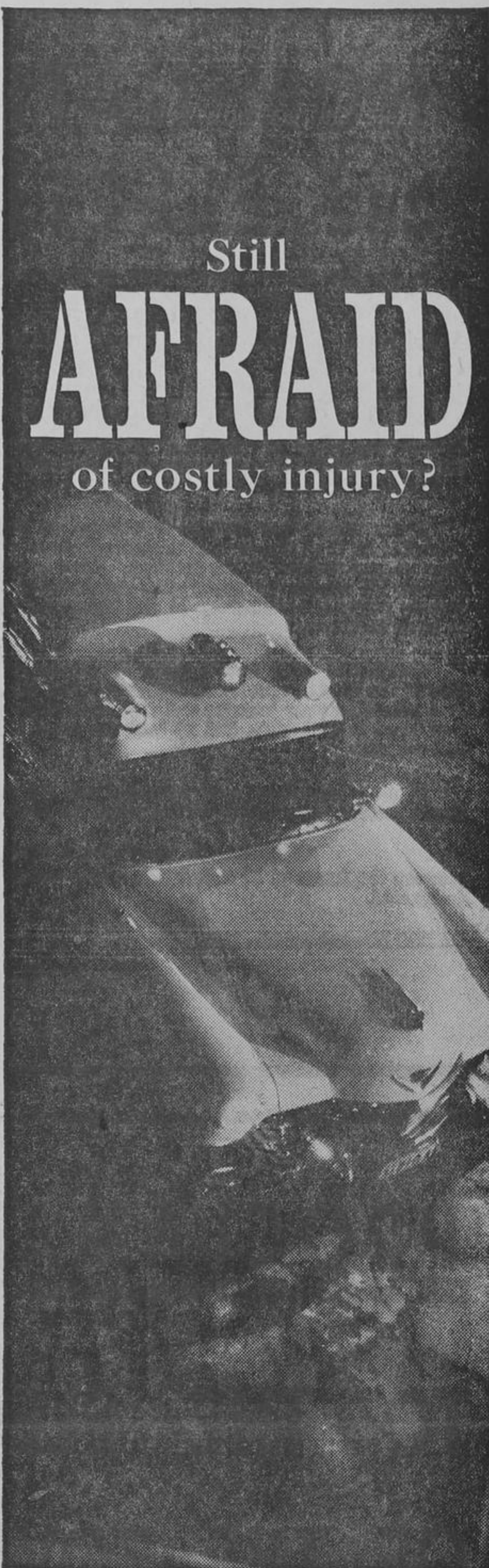
Ruth Crossman 10, and brother Steven are children of Mr. and Mrs. James Crossman of Schomberg Road. They celebrated birthdays last week with a party in their home. Guests were Janice McRibber, Renika Slykhuis, Robbie Woolnough, Gordon Coon, Carol Orton and of course brother Gary.

Bonnie Ann Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Howell, Oak Ridges, celebrated her first birthday with a small party at her home last week also.

Carol Orton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Orton, Aubrey Ave., Oak Ridges, celebrated her birthday by taking two friends Cathy LaPelle and Ruth Crossman and sister Vicki out to dinner at the Summit Restaurant last Saturday.

Mrs. Betty Fitzsimons, popular owner of Betty's Beauty Parlour, Oak Ridges, spent several days in hospital last week and we all hope she will soon be back on her feet.

Friends and neighbours are sorry to hear Mrs. Neuchler of the North Road fell and dislocated her shoulder last Thursday and join me in sending along best wishes.



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King City Notes

Aid Thornhaven
Mrs. Burt Weyer of Heritage Park is chairman of the village canvass in aid of the new Thornhaven School for Retarded Children at Richmond Hill.

Since a house-to-house canvass is not being attempted throughout King City, the Women's Institute, Lions' Club, Church W.A.'s and other organizations are canvassing their own members. Any who may have been missed may make a donation by contracting Mrs. Weyer.

Birthday Time
Maureen Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Cook of Patricia Drive celebrated her eighth birthday with a party at home after her friends had spent the afternoon skating at Nobleton Arena.

Mrs. Bruce Shipley of James St. gave a supper party for Debbie's friends to mark her sixth birthday.

All Saints' W. A.
Mrs. Peter Sutherland of Schomberg invited members of All Saints' Anglican Church, Evening Branch, W. A. to her new home for their November meeting.

President Mrs. Robert Walker presided while most of the new executive was chosen to take office in January. It was decided to hold the December meeting a week earlier in the form of a pot luck supper, each member bringing a guest.

Arrival
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Scott of Elizabeth Grove are proud to have a new daughter, Beth, as sister for Bradley and another grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Irving Scott.

In Hospital
Mrs. Bert Ross, who recently resigned from the Post Office staff, has been in Humber Memorial Hospital, recovering from an operation. All her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Little Helpers
During the regular morning service at All Saints' Church, the Little Helpers presented their mite boxes to Rev. E. H. Costigan. The youngsters, aged up to seven, are to be given a party in the New Year by the sponsoring Evening Branch, W. A. Mrs. Geoffrey Pierpoint is Little Helpers

Secretary-treasurer. The contributions will be used to help other children through missions.

W. A. Communion
On Sunday morning at eight, Rev. E. H. Costigan conducted the Service of Corporate Communion in All Saints' Church for W. A. members of Afternoon and Evening Branches.

Township Candidate
Lone woman candidate for King Township Council, Mrs. A. W. (Ursula) McLennan braved entering a municipal circle long governed by men exclusively.

In her 11 years as King Township resident she has met countless people through her work in many organizations. Her third Concession home is frequently open for meetings and teas.

She was the first President of United Nations' Association York County Branch. At present she is chairman of publicity and the speakers' bureau for the association and its director of the refugee committee for York County.

Mrs. McLennan is a member of King City Women's Institute, the Garden and Art groups of Kingcrafts, and the Elizabeth Fry Association. She has been Chairman of the First King Scout Troop Group Committee and organized the nursery school in King City.

She was born in Walkerton and has three sons, Fred Shields, attending school at Aurora; Charles, in school at Toronto; and William Shields, who is Chief Survey Officer of the Department of Northern Affairs.

W. M. S. Service
World travellers Rev. and Mrs. George Malcolm have been invited to address the W. M. S. Service on Sunday, December 4, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Malcolm is son-in-law of the former Moderator, Rev. Alex Nimmo, and teaches high school at Wingham. He is taking post-graduate studies at Knox College. The speakers are on furlough for a year from Formosa and will show slides.

The gold watches were presented to retiring Building Inspector Mr. Charles Ross and Roads Superintendent Mr. Chalmer Black at the banquet and reception tendered in their honor by King Township Council.

About 190 guests were invited to the turkey dinner served in Schomberg Hall by the Arena women's committee. Reeve William Hodgson presided as Township Clerk. Mr. Harold Rose presented a watch to Mr. Black and Assessor Mr. Ed Reddick made the presentation to Mr. Ross. The gifts had been inscribed "for faithful service for Township of King 1925 to 1960."

Mrs. Black received a basket of chrysanthemums and Miss Helen Ross accepted a similar basket for her mother.

Among those attending were present and former members of Township Council, the Planning Board, Township staff, officials from surrounding townships and roads departments.

Two days after her golden wedding anniversary, Mrs. John Norris was back in her King St. home after a month's rest in York County Hospital because of a heart condition.

Mr. Norris had dinner at the hospital with his wife to celebrate the event quietly and nurses surprised them with a decorated wedding cake.

Friends paid tribute to Mrs. Norris as a woman who has done a great deal for her community as a member of King City Women's Institute, the W. A. and W.M.S. of King City United Church. At Kingcrafts she favored many members one of her favorite hobbies, rug-hooking.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris have been constant supporters of King City Church. They have two sons, Robert and Charles.

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