

# KING CITY, OAK RIDGES LAKE WILCOX

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## Former & Present Trustees Spark Action

# Incorporation As Village Discussed By Trustees Widening Of Existing Boundaries Said Necessary

King City's current move toward village incorporation was sparked by the letter presented at their July 10 meeting by last year's trustee, Mr. Warren McKendry.

Signatures of the three present trustees topped the list of seven former trustees supporting the following letter, dated King City, June 20, and addressed to Village Trustees, King City, which was read by Mr. McKendry:

"The undersigned trustees and former trustees of the Police Village of King City hereby request the village trustees of King City for 1961, firstly, to obtain the necessary professional help for the purpose and, secondly, to sponsor the necessary petition of ratepayers to the Municipal Board for incorporation of a suitable area of King City and vicinity as an incorporated village."

"R. J. Bolton (1957 to '61), D. M. Findlay (1952 to '55, '57 to '59, 1961), Robert O'Reilly (1961), D. W. McKendry (1960), Harry Edwards (1956), W. A. Carson (1953), John C. Dew (1958), Robert D. McLeod (1953 to 1955), E. A. Campbell (1954, 1955), Mary E. Scott (1959, 1960)."

Chairman Ronald Bolton, after some discussion, moved that trustees "go ahead and investigate, and obtain the necessary information."

He commented: "We have been thinking of it and doing a bit of ground work." Noting accuracy of the estimated budget forecast of an incorporated village prepared by Stewart Jocelyn in 1958, predicting population, assessment and budget, Mr. Bolton suggested trustees obtain a similar budget forecast for general interest. He said it hadn't been decided who would be asked to work out this second forecast.

**Present Size Suicide**  
Pointing out, "It would be suicide to incorporate on present boundaries," the chairman said: "The town is full. It is developed to the extent it can't go any further on its existing boundaries. I think there is going to have to be some annexation; whether as extensive as in the first case, I don't know."

"We've got to have plans for it, as we found out from the last hearing, or we don't stand much chance of convincing people we can look after additional lands," Mr. Bolton continued.

"A report should be prepared and the necessary public meetings held. We have to prove that lands we propose to annex will benefit, in order to make a case," said Mr. Bolton.

"The town has grown since the last hearing. We intend to make sure this time we have the answers to those questions raised at the previous hearing. The main reason for incorporation is to try to reduce costs and have sufficient lands to last."

Trustee Findlay felt, "All the disadvantages there were before have become greater and all the reasons for it at that time have become accentuated, in my opinion. The obstacles of administering as a Police Village have become worse."

One of four ratepayers pres-

ent, Mr. Douglas Leavens, representing Valentine Acres' subdivision, inquired, "Aren't you trying to set up a duplicate form of government to the township?" Mr. Findlay replied: "There would be no duplication. Township would look after their own."

Mr. Bolton cautioned: "We are not decided yet without looking into this. If we can handle a village as it is within the mill rate we now have, then the only thing against incorporation would be eliminated."

"Isn't township in a better position to borrow money?" Mr. Leavens asked.

Mr. Bolton explained sometimes county council undertook borrowings. He agreed, "Borrowing money may be easier with a bigger assessment behind it, but with the amount we may have to borrow, I don't foresee that big a debt. If we don't incorporate we just sit here. We can continue on this basis."

The chairman estimated the village has a ten per cent debt against its assessment and noted "the rule of thumb" is there shouldn't be more than 25 per cent debt.

"Sewers will come. The only way they can be as developers move in and provide their own facilities completely. If and when the village comes in we would pay for local mains," Mr. Bolton predicted.

**Wants Issue Open**  
Mr. Leavens said he wanted the issue brought out here where it could be argued openly. "Surely township must have something to say."

Mr. Findlay said, "They don't like to lose a plum!"

He added: "We don't know if township will oppose it."

In Mr. Bolton's view, "If we feel by being incorporated we can benefit, we should do so. This will all be brought out as we go along."

He outlined a method of spreading information by "bringing along ratepayers' associations and a few interested people, so these informed people can pass word along."

Mr. Bolton stated, "We don't attempt to brainwash people. They are free to choose for themselves."

Mr. Findlay pointed out a frequent refrain in the past had been that taxes would double with incorporation. "Our local budget is only one-fifth of the whole taxes."

Asked by a reporter what had happened to the petition for an incorporated board of trustees started earlier this year, Mr. Bolton said it was "in abeyance at the moment and would be dropped if this step is taken."

**Creek Pollution**  
Trustees reported hearing complaints about "a vile odor" from the creek west of Keele St. They received no reply from a letter of several weeks ago to Ontario Water Resources Commission.

It was agreed Secretary-Manager G. T. Thompson would look into the cause and report back to the trustees.

Mr. Thompson noted tree foliage obscuring the North Keele St. crossing had been cleared.

Mr. Bolton seconded Mr. Findlay's motion that the village place two posts at the south end of

the Fisher St. footpath to prevent small cars from using the shortcut.

When Mr. O'Reilly questioned whether the 12-foot strip was owned privately or by the village, trustees decided to postpone action until Mr. Thompson officially established who owned the route used by pedestrians to and from Valentine Acres.

**Drilling Unsuccessful**  
A written report from International Water Supply indicated two test drills made on the Watson farm to depths of 328 and 51 feet had proved unsuccessful. A supply found at five feet was not sufficient for village needs.

Trustees arranged a former aerial survey would be supplied to help in locating water.

Dealing with legal details necessary for property setbacks allowing for the widening of Patton St., trustees agreed Mr. J. D. Lucas should be notified present buildings on the setbacks would be permitted to remain for the rest of their lifetime.

Mr. Thompson said he expected to call for bids in the next few days for extension work on the Fire Hall.

A letter from Mr. C. W. Rump, Board of Transport Commissioners Secretary, asked trustees to file their intentions regarding the village share in cost of the railway crossing survey.

Trustees decided to include a copy of the letter already sent King Township Council agreeing to paying one-sixth the cost, providing both crossings were included in the survey and that township would make the necessary arrangements if the village budget was overstepped as a result.

Mr. Findlay explained reason for the provision was "we can't commit future councils financially without Municipal Board approval."

A letter from Canadian Elec-

tronics Service Limited suggested improvements which could be made to the village radar equipment. Trustees decided to defer considering equipment alterations until the six-month budget report on policing is prepared. "We're getting close on the police budget and have to watch it," said the chairman.

It was noted a letter had been sent to township roads supervisor Tom Arlidge about cleaning out the water course at the rear of the library.

Regarding drainage of Park Road area, Mr. Thompson reported he expected Mr. Arlidge would be taking levels every 50 feet from Patton St. to Park Road (now re-named Doctors Lane).

"Annexations," an item on the agenda, was postponed indefinitely.

**Topping for N. Keele**  
Trustees noted North Keele St. would not be paved for the present, but would receive six inches of compacted gravel and double chip surface treatment.

A letter from A. L. S. Nash, Director, Community Planning Branch, Department of Municipal Affairs, acknowledged a copy of a resolution of King City trustees on the future planning of King City and vicinity.

Mr. David Russell, a CNR Supervisor of Signals, acknowledged receiving trustees' recommendation for a signalling timing device to eliminate undue delay of road traffic.

He noted the suggestion had been forwarded to the proper authorities and commended any safety measure.

Trustees experimented with the electronic dictation equipment they had purchased for \$202.35 as an office aid for the secretary-manager. When they attempted to play back a tape recording of the meeting, it appeared some type of amplifier would be needed.

## King City Notes

Though King Kindergarten doesn't open until the beginning of October, present registrations of 25 show it will be filled to capacity.

Any additional names will go on a waiting list, according to Mrs. Allen Sneath. Kindergarten mothers sponsoring the private class for five-year-olds do not expect there will be enough children to form a second class.

According to their unofficial survey, 42 youngsters in the area were found to have fifth birthdays coming before the end of the year.

**Return West**  
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mays and their children, Allison and Valerie, returned to Winnipeg after spending a few days with Mrs. Mays' mother, Mrs. W. F. McDonald.

**Arrival**  
A grandson for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell, James Bradley, was born at York County Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Bandow. Mrs. Bandow is the former Jerry Campbell.

**Holiday East**  
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Anderson, with their three daughters, Linda, Martha and Rhoda, and Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Violet McLean, took a motor trip through Quebec to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

**Relief Costs Up**  
According to figures released by King Township office, relief costs for the first six months this year are almost 50 per cent higher than for the same period last year.

For 1961, Welfare Officer

Harold Russell administered the spending of \$21,306.19 for needy families. Last year \$14,656.01 was spent for the first six months.

These gross figures were offset by 80 per cent subsidy from the Provincial Government.

**Christening**  
In St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rev. Gordon Agar christened Lynn Darlene Gallant, daughter of OPP Constable and Mrs. Raymond Gallant of Oak Ridges.

Present at the christening during the morning service were grandparents of the baby, Mrs. Ethel Gallant of Oak Ridges and Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper of Toronto; an uncle, Mr. John Gallant of Oak Ridges, and a cousin, Miss Suzanne Gallant, from Richmond Hill.

Later the infant's parents entertained at a christening luncheon in their home.

**Holidaying**  
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Scott spent a vacation week in a cottage at Minden.

**Gives Recital**  
Piano teacher Miss Glenda Paxton, one of the stars of "The First Nighter" concert sponsored last October by King City Home and School Association, presented more than 60 pupils in her third annual recital in Bond Head Community Hall.

**Misses Bridal**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Walker of Toronto were unable to be at the wedding of his aunt, who became Mrs. Henry Gill, because he was ill with pneumonia. Mr. Walker formerly lived in King City.

## Former Oak Ridges Teacher

# Plane Trip To Holland Honeymoon Follows Kay - Fog Wedding At King

A honeymoon in Holland followed the lovely garden wedding of Miss Jill Fog and Mr. Stephen Louis Kay. Fogwood Farm, home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fog, was the scene of the outdoor service conducted by Rev. Mr. Wagner of Sherwood Lutheran Church.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a cream-colored silk sheath with jacket and contrasting pert royal blue pillbox style hat. A mauve orchid and cascade of Stephanotis tied with ribbon formed her bouquet.

Mrs. Robert Kernahan of Toronto attended the bride, wearing a blue and white nylon print. She had a blue-flowered hat and carried pink and white carnations and chrysanthemums. Mr. Kernahan acted as best man.

The bride's mother had chosen a pink Swiss embroidered gown with attractive hair veiling of pink.

Following the reception in Mr. Fog's art studio, the couple left for the plane trip from Malton

to Amsterdam. For travelling the young school teacher had chosen a blue and white sheath dress and full-length linen coat. Her accessories were white.

The couple will be visiting relatives during their tour of Italy, Germany, France and England. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Kay will live in a Kingston Road apartment in Toronto.

Graduating from Aurora and District High School, the bride attended Toronto Teachers' College. She taught at Oak Ridges and Scarborough. The groom is a graduate of Cornell University, where he studied electrical and mining engineering.

Prior to the wedding, Mrs. Herbert Myers of King was hostess at a miscellaneous shower in honour of the bride. Neighbours and one-time school friends greeted the bride with gifts and good wishes.

A presentation was made by fellow teachers at Scarborough. An aunt, Mrs. Douglas Johnston of Etobicoke, entertained at another party.

## Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox Socials

We have arrived at that time of year when almost all activities recess for the summer months. If you have any news or items of local interest, please give me a call at PR. 3-5854 and I will be only too glad to look after them for you.

**Legion News**  
Branch 570 Canadian Legion sponsors three teams in the North York Minor Baseball League. This keeps several of the Legionnaires busy most nights of the week and quite a bit on Saturday. So far the results have been rewarding.

Entered in the Canadian Legion Tournament held this year in Newmarket, the Oak Ridges Peewees nosed out Alliston, 6-3, in the semi-finals.

Placed against the Newmarket All-Stars in the finals, however, they were defeated, 11-6. Charlie Swan, president of the Oak Ridges Legion, said that they played a beautiful game and the score in no way indicated the type of game. Mr. Swan gave a good share of the credit to pitcher "Big Jim Leslie" who pitched some wonderful games.

He went on to say: "We were nosed out in the first round last year, we went through to the finals this year, next year we are going to take it."

Other scores of the past week in the North York tournament—Oak Ridges Peewees defeated Aurora, 9-8, and Beeton defeated the Peewees, 11-2.

Bantam team defeated Aurora, 8-6, Squirt team lost to Bradford, 17-2. The one fly in the ointment seems to be the lack of parental support. In the words of one Legion member: "It's a disgrace, the support these boys are getting is practically nil. This is very discouraging both to the boys and to the men who are devoting so much time and energy, coaching, training and umpiring the teams, not to have anyone show up at the games to cheer them along and give them that necessary boost when the going gets a bit rough."

"The games are free, and no collection is taken up, so it is obviously not the cost that is holding people back," said another member, "nor is it the lack of excitement, for these young lads put on a real good show, and certainly deserve the support of their parents and community."

There is also a decided lack of transportation for the out-of-town games and the same people have to be called on almost every time to drive the teams to and fro, which is not quite fair.

Fathers of boys in any of the teams are urged to help out in this respect if at all possible. For added information as to the schedule they are asked to call George Crittendon for the Pee-wee division, George Windsor for the Squirts, and Bill Ostrom or George Marr for the Bantam team. Charlie Swan stands ready to help for all three teams.

**About People**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Seager of the North Road, Lake Wilcox, are visiting friends in Nova Scotia. Mr. Seager will return this weekend after two weeks of holidays but Mrs. Seager and children will stay on for an added vacation.

Mr. Charlie Patton of Toronto spent last weekend with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Killick of Bayview Avenue, Lake Wilcox. Highlight of his weekend came when the men were finally able to

## Mrs. Geo. Bennet

Family and friends paid final respects to Mrs. George Bennet at the largely-attended funeral service in the church she attended, All Saints' Anglican Church, King.

Rev. E. H. Costigan was assisted by Mr. Gordon Tetley, who read the Bible, and the girls' and boys' choir.

Mr. Costigan explained he was departing from Anglican custom, which usually omits any eulogy or sermon from the burial service.

In comforting the family he spoke warmly of Barbara as a vital, cheerful person interested in other people and in the social and cultural life of her community.

He said her character had withstood the test of an illness which curtailed her interests. He hoped her unflinching faith and character would influence her two children.

Wife of the Lions' retiring president, Mrs. Bennet was laid to rest in King City Cemetery, not far from her home and the valley and hills she considered the finest view in King.

During repeated illness that meant frequent hospitalization in the past three years, Mrs. Bennet was never known to complain to friends or to lose her droll sense of humor.

She was an executive member of All Saints' Evening Branch W.A., assisting in its formation over four years ago. She acted as secretary-treasurer of the Little Helpers' group sponsored by the W.A., remembering the children's birthdays with cards and arranging their annual party.

Swimming and golfing were favorite sports and she enjoyed meeting friends over a game of bridge. In her teens she qualified as a swimming instructor in her native Cochrane, taking charge of classes at summer camp.

When her doctor father died she moved to Toronto to attend Jarvis College and become receptionist with an insurance firm. In her spare time she instructed swimming groups for the Downtown Church Workers before her marriage.

She died July 5 at Wellesley Hospital after an operation. A few months earlier she lost a brother, Mr. J. D. B. Greer. Left to men the former Barbara Greer are her husband, their children, Wendy and Gordon; her mother, Mrs. John M. Greer; a brother, John Greer of Oshawa; and a sister, Mrs. D. A. Price (Joan) of Toronto.

## Adjustment Committee

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Permission for the business, in an area zoned residential, was allowed under "continuing use as a commercial property" by King Township's Committee of Adjustment.

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## Helen Walker McLellan Wed

# Movies & Tape Recording Are Made For Groom's Relatives In England

Moving pictures and a tape recording were made of the Gill-McLellan wedding in King City United Church, to be sent to the groom's parents in England.

In a lovely summer setting of white chrysanthemums, white carnations and pink gladioli, Rev. Martin R. Jenkinson united in marriage Helen Walker McLellan, daughter of Mrs. Cecil Walker and the late Mr. Walker of King City, and Henry Ward Gill of Montreal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Gill of Tavistock in Devon.

Mrs. Ewart Patton played organ music for the quiet doubling service, during which Mr. Jack Walker of King gave his sister in marriage.

She wore a jade green faille sheath dress, a waist-length jacket styled with wide circular collar and covered buttons, and matching slippers. A jade ribbon band trimmed her high white popcorn straw hat and she carried a colonial nosegay of white and yellow shasta daisies.

As bridesmaid, Miss Jean Lowrie of Toronto was dressed in a yellow faille sheath with brief jacket. She had a cream flowered hat and carried a nosegay of yellow petals of chrysanthemums and deeper yellow roses.

Mr. Douglas Simmons of Toronto acted as best man and ushers were Mr. Jack Walker of King and Mr. Reginald Hunter of Toronto.

Forty guests attending the reception at "The Four Winds",

Steele's Ave., were welcomed by the bride's mother, wearing a two-piece shantung suit dress of pink beige with brief matching jacket. Her hat was of light pink tulle with deeper rose flowers at the back.

By plane the bride and groom left for New York, later going on to Faraway Cottage Colony, Warwick Parish, Bermuda. Upon their return they plan to live in Montreal where the groom, a civil engineer, inspects bridges for the Canadian National Railway.

Several business associates from the Mexican Light and Power Company in Toronto, where the bride was switchboard receptionist attended the wedding.

Guests included an aunt, Mrs. Alvin Walker from Kilmad Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Case from Barrie; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson, Teston; Miss Beth Wilson, Toronto; aunts of the bride, Mrs. Ross Walker, Mrs. Lucy Wilson, Mrs. Elmer Hadwen, and Mr. Hadwen, all of King City; Mrs. Jack Walker and daughter, Miss Jane Walker, of King; the groom's cousin, Mrs. Newberry, and Mr. Newberry of London, Ontario.

Before the wedding the bride's office staff presented a framed sketch and several Toronto friends entertained at dinner parties.

Born in King City, the bride attended the village public school and Aurora and District High School before moving to Toronto several years ago.