

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 TEmpire 3-5457; and in Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox, Mrs. Lillian Atcheson, Wildwood Ave., PR. 3-5479.

For King Township

Panel Studies Formation Public Sch. Area

Four neighboring school officials from Vaughan Township and the King school inspector provided three and a half hours study of a public school area at the open meeting arranged by King Township Council in All Saints' Church auditorium, King City, last week.

Advantages and disadvantages were outlined by the panel, Harold (Terry) Goodwin and William T. Kerr, Vaughan school area trustees; J. A. Gibson, superintendent of Vaughan area; W. J. McLeod, King Township public school inspector; and D. R. MacDonald, Vaughan public school inspector.

"Welcoming the gathering of this worked out quite successfully," he said.

150, King Township Reeve William Hodgson explained council "thought it wise to sponsor such a meeting, as it's coming close to the time when we have to decide whether we should have a school area, or keep the present status."

Moderator John Whalley, who completed nine years as School Section 2 board trustee, said he hoped the result of the meeting would be "a determination in your mind as to what is the best course for King township, to raise educational standards."

"He pointed out that council was giving its ratepayers the opportunity to examine the school area set-up first in a democratic way, whereas Vaughan formed an area with one stroke of the pen, so to speak, without preliminary public discussion."

Mr. Whalley praised the Vaughan visitors, whom he said had nothing to gain by giving their time to enlighten King residents. The panel came prepared to answer questions about the formation of a school area; administration; educational advantages and financial arrangements.

Explains Formation "Asked how a township area is formed, Mr. McLeod explained the passing of a bylaw by township council was necessary by July 1 in any year, in order to take effect the following Jan. 1.

Approval of the minister of education is a requisite, said Mr. McLeod, pointing out according to the minister's reports of 1960 and '61 he is easier to have public school areas formed.

If a school is in a union school section, it could come into the area, providing council of the adjoining township — in this case Whitchurch — approved inclusion in the area. This could be done later than July," he said.

Five-member Board Elected "Five members, nominated and elected at the same time as township council, from the school area board, with provision for three to retire the end of the first year to keep the board rotating.

Mr. McLeod said King was eligible for a \$11,300 annual grant as an area. He told the audience that people in King are paying toward the special grant Vaughan receives each year.

Asked what happens to the assets of dissolving school boards, Mr. Gibson said they were valued, adjusted and determined by a referee appointed by the minister. Debentures become the responsibility of the new township school area board.

Mr. Gibson said he had served as referee in Vaughan, where assessments varied and mill rates ranged from six to 27.

"The first year 23 mills was struck and each school section was given credit for balances on hand. Some sections thought it wise to use balances and put them into buildings. They had no balance at the end of the year, so paid a high mill rate. The following year all paid the same rate. Our experience was

Mr. MacDonald cited the booklet being prepared by Vaughan principals as a guide for newer teachers.

Quantity Buying Cheaper Mr. Whalley asked if there were important savings in purchasing supplies and equipment on a larger scale.

Mr. Gibson felt there were "tremendous reductions" in tendering for larger quantities and said Vaughan Board's policy was that children were not required to buy instructional supplies.

He reported \$700 saved on fire insurance in a year and better prices on painting. We get wholesale prices on glass, he said, adding, we have men working replacing glass.

He thought services of part-time caretakers in smaller schools could be arranged on a full-time basis.

The moderator was particularly interested in Mr. Gibson's report of men available for emergency services such as furnace difficulties or poor water conditions in rural schools.

"I can see a degree of independence in having our own service staff ready to be dispatched in emergencies," Mr. Whalley agreed.

Mr. Gibson pointed out the service men frequently corrected the problem so quickly no school time was lost and grants were saved.

The moderator wondered if a school area is better able to secure and retain teachers.

Mr. MacDonald felt whichever set-up can provide benefits will retain teachers, so a school area may or may not provide advantages to hire and retain staff, he said.

He considered an area does provide a better opportunity to attract teachers in its uniformity of treatment, the same policies applying to all.

"There is not the same variation and inequalities of salaries of separate boards, because a scale is established. Teachers can negotiate as a group. Appealing to the board collectively gives them a sense of security. They can have fringe benefits, such as the 40 per cent our board pays toward hospital insurance," he told the meeting.

"Teachers appreciate the better accommodation and instructional equipment found in larger areas. They appreciate the fellowship among larger staff and the chance to meet in professional groups," he said.

Mr. MacDonald mentioned opportunity for promotion as a great advantage and said an area usually leads to better working conditions, salaries and fringe benefits.

He noted 100 applications were received in Vaughan for 18 unadvertised positions open this year. Some teachers left because of marriage or family obligations, but actually only one man teacher was moving because he thought he could do better elsewhere.

No Surplus of Teachers "It is still estimated there are 200 fewer teachers than needed in the province, there isn't a surplus yet," Mr. MacDonald said.

Asked about transportation problems, Trustee William Kerr admitted there were plenty. Transportation has to be provided for pupils over two miles from school. A 50 per cent grant applies on 30 cents per pupil per day "but you can't get transportation for that price," he said.

Mr. Kerr pointed out this arrangement meant smaller children living under two miles, walk while bigger children over two miles, ride. He mentioned

Cancer Society

Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox Cancer Society held its annual meeting at the Ridge Inn on Monday, June 4th. The new executive for this year is: Vice-President Mrs. Flora Bunn. President Mrs. Peggy Duffield, Treasurer Mr. Thompson. Publicity Mrs. Peers, Education Mrs. Doris Smith; Gift Cupboard, Mrs. McBurney; Women's Ser-

VICES, Mrs. Shirley Day; Dressing Convenor, Mrs. Haama; Secretary, Mrs. Anne Hutchison; Campaign Manager, Mrs. G. Winch; Medical Advisor, Dr. D. McBurney.

The campaign did very well this year and went over the top by \$170.00.

The meeting was closed by the newly-elected president, Mrs. Bunn, after which gifts of Caduceus pins were presented to Mrs. S. Duffield, retiring president and Mrs. E. Bunn who so capably and willingly conducted the local campaign when illness left the group without a campaign manager. A gift was presented to Mrs. McCaughan in appreciation of the use of the Ridge Inn for meetings and the many extra kindnesses shown the group.

After the ceremonies and presentations, the ladies spent an hour making dressings and then refreshments were served. September 15 is the date set for the next dressing meeting, and everyone is welcome.

Local Girl Wins Award Christlott Hanson, 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, South Road, Lake Wilcox, competed in and won a trophy for "haut ecote dressage" high school ecologie in Germany. She was the youngest competitor and won over a field of 66 entrants. Miss Hanson is returning home on June 29th, and will no doubt, continue to ride their horses and go on to win other awards.

40-Mile Speed Limit Explained There is in the area around Lake Wilcox a speed limit of 40 miles per hour. Last year Mrs. Gibbs, Lake Wilcox representative of Whitchurch council, made an effort to have the limit set at 30 miles per hour all around the lake and the scene was visited by Department of Highways Minister Rowntree. It was pointed out at that time that the only area where the 30 mile limit could be enforced was the small section of the South Rd. between Park Cres. going east and turning to come west. This is due to the fact that the Lake Wilcox area fronting on the main service road is not considered to be a sufficiently built-up area, but the 40 mile limit can be and is enforced wherever indicated.

As a result of an accident recently to Douglas Hogben, South Rd., many residents voiced concern over the 40 mile speed limit in this area.

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Oak Ridges Lake Wilcox Socials

There will be a week-end camp at Oakville at the end of the month.

St. Paul's United Church held its congregational picnic at the church grounds on June 6. About 200 people turned out to take part in the many races and enter the various contests. A twist contest was won by Linda Nicholls and Peggy Grounds was declared winner of a screaming contest.

School News Oak Ridges school held its annual track and field May 31. Many school records were shattered, we understand and the champions and runners-up were as follows:

Senior boys, Abbie Barnsdale, David Burns; intermediate boys, Gordon Nowwood, Jim Leslie; junior boys, Harry Turiff and Bob Young; Senior girls, Lillian Deary, Frances Buker; intermediate girls, Linda Towers, Kirk Richards; junior girls, Ivy Weller and Elizabeth Howell.

Staff Changes Oak Ridges Sch. When the fall session starts, five new members will be on the staff of the above school. Four of the new staff will be class teachers and they are:

Ph. D., Rector of Georgian and Sutton West will preach Sunday morning, June 17th, at St. John's Anglican Church (Yonge at Jefferson) at the 11 o'clock service, and at St. Mark's Chapel (Yonge at Elm Grove) at 9:45 a.m.

STOUFFVILLE: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Howard of Fairview Ave., were hospitalized last week after a crash on Highway 48 near Steel's Avenue. Their car was a total wreck.

Press & Radio Night At Lions

"Public Will Buy Image Rather Than Product"

Mass hypnotism and the high cost of advertising were criticized by oratory prize-winner Michael Blackett during the "press and radio night" dinner meeting of King City Lions Club in the United Church.

The young graduate of Aurora and District High School offered solutions to increasing advertising costs, but urged, "It is up to us to eliminate the costlier segments, thereby improving our economy."

After some experience in the advertising field, he claimed, "The public will buy an image rather than the product."

He pointed out government restrictions now limit package warmly welcomed three press guests, to whom Lion Gordon Orr moved a gracious vote of thanks "for their interest and co-operation during the year."

Lion Wilbert Jennings outlined plans for the draw for a car worth \$2,000 at Graystone's Restaurant, under way for the July 2 field day.

Chairman of the baseball committee, Lion John Langdon again appealed for umpires to assist the 13 boys' softball teams.

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Mr. McTaggart-Cowan commended members in the local association for their successful rummage sale and cookie day organization. She singled out the smart Guide and Brownie paper table decorations introduced by Mrs. George Meadows.

District Commissioner Mrs. Alex Knight urged more mothers to volunteer as leaders. She explained two leaders were leaving and if there was enough response from leaders, a fourth Brownie pack could be started.

Mr. Kerr pointed out this arrangement meant smaller children living under two miles, walk while bigger children over two miles, ride. He mentioned

Lawrence Fink, Bonny and Peggy Fink, Mrs. Harry Gouling, Mrs. W. Molevelt, Diana Molevelt and Father Reinhard Burchardt.

Cheryl Chesney played the piano accompaniment for the singing of, "O Canada." The Third Brownie Pack took part in a stick dance and gave a play, "The Brownie Story."

Canon Costigan led the Grace as 195 girls and mothers started their dinner of ham, salads and relishes. Dessert was cake and strawberry ice cream.

Mrs. McPhee gave the toast to the Queen. Father Burchardt proposed the toast to mothers. Mrs. Ralph Church gave the toast to leaders, thanking them for their year's work.

Guide Captain Mrs. Gouling awarded proficiency badges to Mandica Smolic, Kendra Lawson, Jan Cargill, Linda Loughran, Tony Meadows, Linda Hunt, Delta McNaughton, Sandra Lyn Berry, Beth Scott and Leslie Laubman.

Good attendance badges were won by Wendy Bennett, Sandra Lyn Berry, Linda Laubman, Mary McPhee and Beth Scott.

Brown Owl Mrs. Cargill presented perfect attendance badges to Jackie Wood, Donna and Judy McKendry and Debbie Armstrong.

Mrs. Rummy led the girls in a words-and-action game, "A Lion Hunt."

Guides and Brownies sang two of their favorites, "White Coral Bells" and "Our Chalet."

After the National Anthem, Rev. Gordon Agar pronounced the benediction.

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