KING CITY, OAK RIDGES LAKE WILCOX

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James Sim Retires

Five After Three Spots On King Village Board

Taxes, roads and sidewalks, prospects of water, and hydro rates occupied the interest of 60 ratepayers attending the nomination of trustees in the village office.

Returning Officer G. T. Thompson announced the names of five candidates nominated for 1963. All qualified by the nine p.m. deadline.

Robert Berwick, electrician, Ronald Bolton, engineer, Ross Farquhar, technician, John Mann, sales manager, and Robert O'Reilly, merchant, will contest the three vacancies.

Mervyn Long acted as chairman, calling upon this year's trustees and new candidates, whose speeches were concluded in one and a half hours.

Mr. O'Reilly, serving as chairman in his second year as trustee, pointed out the tax line had been held, street lighting increased to the extent allowed in the budget, and much progress made in accomplishing sidewalks.

He said the assumption of hydro, decided by public vote a year ago, had entailed considerable work transferring assets. "Everything is in order in connection with that assumption and in due course you will get a financial statement regarding hydro," he told the meeting.

Mr. O'Reilly urged next year's trustees to continue a similar program of extending lighting and sidewalks, and a plan of economy.

Asked by ratepayer Jack Wilson about water possibilities, Mr. O'Reilly reported the village is in a good position. "We have a well that will produce 300 gallons a minute once it is developed."

Pressed "when", he hoped, "in the immediate future".

From a rear row came a voice, "It won't be too long will it? I'd like to get a bath!"

Mr. O'Reilly was optimistic restrictions could soon be lifted "so you may have a bath once a day".

Plans To Return

Retiring one-year trustee James Sim announced other commitments prevented him running for 1963, but he hoped to be able to run next year.

He enumerated his pre-election commitments of one year ago and said he felt he had lived up to his promises.

"I feel we have reduced costs and duplication of services. Supervision of roads was turned over to Tom Arlidge, township roads supervisor, at a great saving. Staff hours were reduced to two afternoons a week. Police costs were shared, 50 per cent by the township", he said.

Mr. Sim added: "In future there could be further savings in administration costs". He explained water fines "were all done in the best interests of King City."

The fire department was reported in "healthy, financial position".

Trustee Berwick said his platform had been sidewalks. "I believe we have done a lot, but there is still a lot to do. I hope next year's trustees will continue this work to make them usable. It will take winter to prove the asphalt surfacing."

Mr. Berwick credited the "fine co-operation" of the township, Toronto and York Roads, and Department of Highways with sidewalk approval being obtained in seven months.

He attributed delay of the high school sidewalk to trustees discovering a month after the "go-ahead", that rebuilding would have to be done to meet the eventual road grade.

A candidate for the first time, Mr. Farquhar said he thought the village is "fairly well handled." He said he would like to see road improvement and the water situation studied so an adequate future supply would be available "even in drought".

Mr. Bolton, who missed being elected by one vote last year after five consecutive years as trustee, thought there should be representation from past boards.

He felt previous trustees had assisted in the pre-planning stage of walks approved in seven months this year.

Mr. Bolton advocated sidewalks on all main roads.

"I was disappointed not much more was done to this building. To me the village office should present a standard for us to bring up our homes. I hope next year this will be given some thought."

Glancing at the village's interim financial statement, he suggested capital improvements were possible from the $10,000 surplus. "During the last two months of the year the township takes a fair bite in expenditure, so the surplus may be half that".

"During my five years the second well was installed, doubling capacity. The population has grown to the point where we can finance debenture of a new well. We started early enough looking for water, as money permitted, but we couldn't foresee the difficulty there would be finding it", the trustee said.

He said the proposed well was "a last resort" because, located in the same valley as the other two, access was difficult. "There is no road in. One will cost money. In Spring you need a canoe."

Mr. Bolton recalled that former trustees left this year's trustees "good reserves, particularly for street lighting". He said he had pushed for purchasing the hydro, "in fact that was what started me in local politics."

"It is a money-maker. Rates are slightly less and there is the future possibility of rate decreases".

Mr. Bolton noted the 12 mill rate in effect three years seemed to be sufficient for a pay-as-you-go policy and capital projects.

New candidate Mr. Mann said as a taxpayer he wanted to see taxes "as low as possible". He admitted he had no municipal experience, but said he worked as a sales manager in charge of eight men.

"As my platform I would like to see the town grow. Enough has been said about sidewalks, something should be done about roads," Mr. Mann stated.

Mr. Thompson introduced township candidates lawyers Donald Findlay and Ronald Wilson, running for reeve, and chartered accountant William Curran, seeking re-election as councillor.

King City Notes

Continuing the tradition of an annual W. A. Bazaar, King City United Church Women are sponsoring their first bazaar under the new organization December 1 from 2.30 to 5 p.m.

UCW President Mrs. Donald Hadwen will officially open the popular pre-Christmas event.

Mrs. Gordon Orr is general convenor and Mrs. Harold Kirby is tea convenor. Main attraction will be the hot tea biscuits produced by Mrs. Austin Rumble.

Mrs. Allan Smith will convene the delicatessen table; Mrs. Donald M. Findlay, home-baking; Mrs. S. Allen Cooke, candy; Mrs. Irving L. Scott, sewing; Mrs. John Dew and Mrs. George Harvey, dolls and dolls' clothes.

Mrs. C. E. Underhill of Melrose Ave. gave a birthday party to celebrate the third birthday of her daughter, Kelly. Sharing the party fun were Judy Wemyss, Lynn Renninson and Anne Defago.

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Well-prepared speeches by students Mary Evans, Jan Cargill, Diane Parsons, Susan McLaughlin, Peter Cook and Donald Orr were heard by parents attending the Home and School Association meeting at Eva L. Dennis School.

Mrs. L. F. Harnden led singing by a girls' choir from Grades 7 and 8, and the mixed choir of Grades 3 and 4.

Following the showing of a film, "Today's Child, Better or Worse Than Yesterday's", mothers and fathers took part in a discussion.

They considered whether parents know enough about a child's life at school or his recreation after school; how far should parents go in assisting children in their work at school; and should parents interfere in friendships formed between children.

Refreshments concluded the program.

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For the first time on election day, December 1, township and village polling booths will be set up in King City Fire Hall, instead of at the Masonic Hall.

Voting hours for township council and village trustees are between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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Following an afternoon of skating at Nobleton arena November 17, Peter Tetley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tetley, celebrated his eighth birthday by inviting a number of friends to his party.

George DeWitt showed movies much to the children's delight.

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Celebrate Ladies' Night

King City Lions Club held an entertaining social evening celebrating "Ladies' Night" with dinner and dancing at the Bolton Country Club.

The party travelled by chartered bus. Lion Robert Walker acted as chairman for the dinner. Lion Joseph Houlton proposed a complimentary toast to the ladies. Mrs. Howard Clegg replied on behalf of the guests.

Each lady received a red rose as a favor. A few played cards after dinner while the others danced to a variety of records operated by Jack Cruickshank.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boys were special guests.

Among those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Coutts, Mr. and Mrs. John Dew, Mrs. J. D. Greer, Mr. George Bennet, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Farquhar, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garbutt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goulding, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hadwen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hayward.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Houlton, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Langdon, Mr. and Mrs. John Langdon, Mr. and Mrs. John Loughran, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Love, Mr. Bert Lutes, Mr. and Mrs. Allan O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Roots, Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Shipley, Mrs. E. E. Harrison, Mr. Kenn Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker.

Miss Helen Thomas, Mr. Jack Walkington, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wallas, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Widderick.

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A start toward the building of a sidewalk on the north side of King Sideroad has been made the past few days by Cadden Brothers, with the removal of lawn trees along the proposed path.

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Debbie Shipley celebrated her eighth birthday November 21 with an after-school party. Mrs. Bruce Shipley entertained Joanne Hadwen, Edith Davidson, Betty Hare, Elizabeth Cooke, Diane Hurley, Ruby Church, Mary Veltheer, Reid Crawford, Deirdre and Melinda Barry, Sandra Henshall, Debbie Gordon and Christine Common. Debbie's younger brother, Bruce, joined in the festivities.

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Those who treasure souvenirs of King City's landmarks will have only a few more days in which to take a picture of the present bank building.

By December 3 the branch will be moved into the new one-storey building on the same lot and the 35-year-old bank will be torn down.

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King Kindergarten parents had an opportunity to learn more about this year's course their children are taking at a meeting last week in the kindergarten room.

Mrs. James Wemyss presided for the brief business discussion when a few vacancies in enrolment were reported.

Mrs. R. O. Kerslake and Mrs. R. J. Stephen from Richmond Hill outlined the year's program to the 31 parents.

While refreshments were being served the teachers answered queries about the children's progress.

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Three Fight For Reeveship

Two lawyers, Donald Findlay and Ronald Wilson and Raymond Jennings a retired farmer, were nominated as candidates for reeve of King Township last Tuesday at Nobleton Hall.

Over 300 ratepayers attended the nomination meeting.

Gordon Cook, a farmer, and member of council for three years, was named deputy-reeve by acclamation.

Six candidates for the three seats as councillors were nominated. They are Donald Bowie, salesman, William Curran, chartered accountant. Elwood Dale, merchant, Mrs. Ruth Mabee, housewife, Kenneth McTaggart, farmer, and Jack Rouble, merchant.

Four candidates will contest the three trustees' posts in Township School Area One. They are Frank Beatty, Albert Farren, Mrs. Dolina Paterson and Mrs. Loyis Tienkamp.

Alex Rybka and Jack Van Luyk were acclaimed as trustees in TSA Two.

Incumbent William Hodgson, Deputy-reeve Norman MacMurchy and Councillor William Curran declined nominations as reeve. Ronald Wilson was also nominated a councillor. He preferred to make his second try for the top council chair.

Retiring after 13 years on council, the last seven as reeve, William Hodgson thanked his supporters and invited any one to visit his wife and himself in Kettleby. He credited his family with making it possible for him to serve on council.

He pointed out that council at no time discouraged an airport coming into King. It was the location and council supported the request of 135 ratepayers, who requested that it not be located close to Highway 400 and near high class homes providing good assessment, he said.

The reeve said he had never taken a definite stand on school areas in the past. "I think this is very important, whether whole or part form an area. We should be in the same position for primary education as secondary education, with equal school tax and every one sharing the benefit of estate assessment and industry".

He stressed his belief there shouldn't be a vote of the people on township roads.

"Nobody is going to vote in favor unless the road is a direct benefit to them. It only divides the township," was his view.

Mr. Hodgson thanked township officials and staff for their co-operation during his years in office. He said he was leaving the township in good financial condition. "I'm not saying I won't be back, but if opportunity presents itself, it will be a pleasure to serve."

Mr. MacMurchy announced he would not run, after 15 years on council. Warm applause from the audience indicated agreement with his tribute to Reeve Hodgson.

"He will go down in history as one of the best reeves of King Township," said Mr. MacMurchy, who also credited every member of the planning board with using "good judgment".

The retiring deputy-reeve resented York County's moves "to get rid of municipal government, which," he maintained, "is the cheapest form of government."

Mr. MacMurchy cited county attempts to assume assessment and welfare. "I can't understand why they need a county planning board", he added.

Mr. MacMurchy advocated raising the dog tax because destruction of sheep was discouraging farmers from raising them.

After three years as councillor, Gordon Cook thanked supporters for the acclamation he hadn't expected.

He reported 84 fires in the township outside the three police villages this year. A water truck purchased for Nobleton can be used anywhere in the township, and King shared with Whitchurch the purchase of a water tank truck for Aurora, he said.

Six brigades service the township, Schomberg, Nobleton, King City, Aurora Newmarket and Bradford noted the chairman of fire police and welfare.

Welfare costs were slightly lower than in 1961, reported Mr. Cook. He advocated replacing the 23 year-old grader "so we can do road construction ourselves, rather than get into larger contracts and engineering fees."

He said it was important for the new council "to move with the greatest caution to hold taxes. I don't expect any council to lower taxes."

Reeve candidate Ray Jennings, who served eight years as councillor until the end of 1959, urged "a good road development policy as maintenance of gravel roads is costly".

Mr. Jennings, who has farmed on Concession 2 for over 30 years, recommended a survey of all township roads to determine costs and where improvement should begin. "I believe we could use more machinery and do more ourselves", he said.

Mr. Jennings favored planned and strictly controlled development, and keeping capital expenditures to a minimum without detriment to the municipality.

"I will do my best to serve you faithfully, honorably and well," he concluded.

Mr. Findlay, who served on planning board three years, the last few months as chairman, and served several years as King City trustee, said he was a candidate for reeve "to follow out the protection I feel this township deserves.

He noted the township's "modest debt, strong financial position and attractive features", and pointed out the urban pressures experienced from Metro, York University and the marshalling yard.

If OPP service is discontinued, Mr. Findlay urged talks with adjacent municipalities be resumed toward establishing a combined force.

He stressed "rigid economy", possible "if you know the work" and mentioned his experience as village trustee when services and utilities were installed.

"King City mill rate has been held, additional assests are all paid for, and debentures are going down", he reminded the ratepayers.

Mr. Findlay emphasized, "Ratepayers want more and better roads. Council has to deal with voting or debenturing on roads."

He favored continuing talks regarding the north town line and continuing the practice and policy of having new development pay for itself so the cost won't fall onto the rest of the township.

He said council should look at physical fitness and centennial programs and felt he was up to date with what is facing council He thought a reeve's responsibility was to see all pros and cons are brought out so council can vote on matters with all the facts available.

In his second bid for reeve, Ronald Wilson spoke of two big problems facing council, trying to keep under control taxes which were going up every year, and providing good roads to develop the west side of township.

"We can't have industry because of the lack of water and sewage facilities. West of high-

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Reject Lounges In Whitchurch By Large Margin

Whitchurch Township voters last Wednesday rejected the establishment of dining lounges in the municipality by almost two to one.

Vote against serving liquor under a dining lounge license for consumption with meals on licensed premises was 1,021 to 598. Only 43 per cent of 3,800 eligible voters went to the polls.

Less than one-half of the 1,250 signers on a petition asking for the vote, voted in favor of dining lounges.

Favorable votes in the semi-urban communities of Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox and Musselman's Lake were more than offset by the vote in rural areas.

Lemonville rejected dining lounges by 150 to 5.

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