

# 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 Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox is Mrs. Lillian Acheson, Wildwood Avenue, 773-5479, in King City Mrs. Lee Aspin, 833-5679.

## King City Happenings

**Music Exams**  
Pupils of Mrs. R. A. Ferris, RR 1 King, who recently passed their music exams at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, included: Ross McPhee, Grade 2, honors; Charles McPhee, Grade three, honors; Donna Chenette, Grade four, honors; Vivian Love, Grade four, honors; Lorne Gelleny, Grade five, pass; Mary McPhee, Grade six, pass; Bruce McPhee, Grade six, honors; Cathy Smider, Grade 1, Theory, first class honors, receiving 98%; Sharon Gelleny, Grade 2, Theory, first class honors.

Winners for the ladies included Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. P. Smeltzer and Mrs. Harold Dooks.  
Winners for the men included Mr. Thomas Walker, Mr. Norman MacMurchy and Ross MacMurchy.  
Door prizes went to Marcel MacMurchy and Aubrey Ferris. Euchres are expected to resume in October. The group would like to thank those who supported the euchres and hope to see you all again when the fall series begin.

Mrs. Ferris recently held a recital at King City United in which approximately 30 pupils participated.

**Laskay WI**  
Laskay WI held their last

### To Start Rebuilding At Slater Lumber Co.

M. G. Slater, proprietor of the M. G. Slater Lumber Company at Vandorf, which was involved in a \$100,000 fire last week, said that he plans to begin rebuilding immediately.

The main saw mill and its contents, a front end loader and a dump truck were all destroyed in the fire. Other buildings on the premises were unharmed.

Mr. Slater said that none of his 24 employees would be laid off, although he might have to let some of the student summer help go.

The fire, which brought out five rigs from the surrounding area, tied up traffic on Don Mills Road for hours. During the tie-up, two cars collided, resulting in the death of one man and seriously injuring three teenagers.

**STOUFFVILLE:** An estimated \$600 damage was done to three cars in a rear-end collision on Main Street last week. A stuck accelerator by the car that started it all was blamed for the accident.

**AURORA:** Construction of 57 apartments on Temperance Street was approved last week by Aurora Town Council. The L-shaped building will begin at once with occupancy at the end of the year. Cost is to be in excess of \$400,000.

The WI held a pot luck luncheon July 13 at the home of Mrs. Thomas Walker with 14 members attending. A short business session was held followed by an enjoyable afternoon. The group will resume meetings in September. President of the WI is Mrs. Norman MacMurchy.

**Cubs**  
It was indeed a bunch of tuckered-out little boys who staggered off the bus at the Anglican Church July 9. Seemingly and Shere Khan Cub Packs had just returned from Centre Island where they spent the day. Accompanied by Mrs. E. Meger, Akela for Seemee Pack, 28 boys left King City at 10 am and returned at 6 pm.

A cruise around the island by paddle steamer was a delight. During the course of the day the boys enjoyed a sing-song, visited the farm and tried their skill at water bicycle riding.

Entertainment was provided

### Small Returns From Carnival '66

Final tallies show a very small profit made on Carnival '66. This was due partly to the \$100 fee for the pipers who entertained and the \$100 permit which had to be paid for in order to hold the carnival.

A hydro pole and fuse box also had to be erected but this will permit bingos to be held throughout the summer. Some in fact have already been held.

There is a possibility also of holding a few dances for the teen set and this it is hoped will add a few dollars to the youth centre building fund.

by Mr. Leslie Skipp who managed to gather a large crowd of spectators with his very enjoyable guitar playing and singing.

A scramble for chocolates was provided by Mr. Charles Ormsby.

The boys finished off at the island playground, managing to reserve enough energy to make a "B" pennant.

## Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox News

**About People**  
Birthdays wishes are extended to Nancy Acheson, who is celebrating her tenth birthday today, July 21st, and enjoying a party with about 12 of her friends.

Mrs. Carol Daines, who celebrated her birthday July 11, was very much surprised when visiting the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. King, Willowbank Ave. to find that several other neighbors and friends were also there to extend birthday wishes.

We were very sorry to hear that Mrs. Dawn Willis has been on the sick list. Mrs. Muriel Steane arrived home from hospital last week, and Lillian Wilson is now over having the mumps. A speedy recovery is wished for all.

Mrs. May Doughty and family have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Irons, in Burley Falls for a couple of weeks and we hope that Mrs. Irons is feeling much better now, after a few days spent in the hospital.

We hope also that Mr. Wayne's mother is enjoying her stay with the Wayne family on Fergus Ave. She is a very cheerful person in spite of her blindness, and enjoys a visit and talk with friends.

**MEMO:** Don't forget the films that are being shown each Friday evening, at dusk at the King Sideroad park, sponsored by the Oak Ridges and District Arena Limited. Bring along a chair and mosquito repellent. Refreshments and shares will be sold, but there is no charge for seeing the films.

Betty Prabucki and Kerry Allan are now home from hospital, and both are feeling quite well. Kim is thrilled to have a baby brother.

A vote of thanks is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Piggan, Mrs. N. Laughlin, Mr. Leslie Skipp, Gareth Skipp and Mr. Charles Ormsby who helped with the supervision.

The trip was a bonus for the Cubs for their effort at the Cub Rally when they brought home

that little Pam Williams is feeling better now after suffering with infected mosquito bites.

Several children enjoyed Vacation Bible School at the Brethren in Christ Church, Aubrey Ave., for the past week. A bus picked up the children from the lake area and brought them home.

Mrs. Ethel Good has been teaching crafts during the nightly sessions, and Mrs. Lillian Peters assisted with the five year olds on Thursday and Friday. Judy Peters guessed closest to the correct number of "Smarties" in the bottle on Monday night, and won as her prize the bottle of goodies.

The North Road was a bewitching of activity last Thursday, when it received its annual surface treatment. Several children and I must say, quite a few grownups, watched the busy men and the trucks.

This road is always well used, with a tremendous amount of traffic travelling on it, and I am ashamed to say that many of the drivers treat it as a speedway. Please don't forget that there are hundreds of children each day, also travelling on this road.

There are no sidewalks, and for the few sidewalks you save, is it worth a child's life, or an injury to anyone?

We live on a corner, and it seems to be a challenge to some drivers to see how loud they can make their tires squeal, going from a dirt road onto the surface treated one.

Several children have already been killed on this road, so please take it easy, and save the heartbreak suffered by so many people when an accident happens.

## Prohibit 10-25 Acre Lots In King Township

At a special meeting July 13, King Township Council passed a controversial bylaw prohibiting the creation of building lots of between 10 and 25 acres.

However, on the recommendation of planning board which met with council immediately before the meeting, a rider was included to permit such lots if they are on a registered plan of subdivision.

**REEVE GORDON COOK**, alarmed at the proliferation of scattered residential development in the township had first proposed a bylaw prohibiting the 10-acre lots at the May 10 meeting of planning board. Feeling that such a method of subdividing is not in the best interests of planning for the future development of the township, the reeve put forward a motion that council be asked to amend the township's general land use bylaw No. 986 in order that planning board and the Committee of Adjustment might exercise control over such lots.

At that time, however, no resolution was found for the resolution and it was lost. The subject arose at subsequent council meetings however, and at a joint meeting with planning board early in June it was agreed to have the township solicitor draw up a bylaw. This was done but when it was presented to the planning board June 28 it had a very cold reception, particularly from chairman William Hodgson and member Alf Lemasurier.

Some of the 10-acre lots would be an asset to the township, said Mr. Hodgson, citing such developments as the Rice Subdivision south of Kinghorn. "Freezing is not the answer to the problem".

**MR. LEMASURIER** concurred, recommending that such

lots should be controlled but not prohibited. Mr. Cook had first proposed the bylaw to prevent further "spaghetti strip" development when long, narrow lots are made from farms. At least four 100-acre farms in the township have been divided this way and nothing can be done with the back portion of the lots.

Mr. Cook also pointed out that with unrestricted subdivision, township and school board officials are unaware how many residential lots were being formed which makes it difficult to plan effectively for schools. When such development is scattered it also makes school bus-ing much more expensive.

At the July 13 council meeting, Reeve Cook reported that he had personally investigated the assessment on 1 of the 10-acre lots in the township and found that

they had an average assessment of \$4,412 each, which means that with rising school costs, they are not paying their way but are a burden on the township.

A recorded vote was called by Mr. Cook and the bylaw was passed unanimously. Known as Bylaw 1489, it provides that "no person shall use a lot having an area of 10 acres or more and not more than 25 acres for the purpose of erecting or having a dwelling thereon". It provides however, that this shall not apply to any lot in a registered plan of subdivision, or to any such lot which is presently registered.

A further subsection of the bylaw prohibits the erection of any accessory building on a lot until a building has been erected to which it is to be an accessory.

Reeve Cook reports that in some instances building permits have been requested for large tool houses or sheds

and that when these are erected they have been used as homes.

AS A GUIDE for the Committee of Adjustment in dealing with requests for severances council also passed at the July 13 meeting a resolution that the committee permit only two severances on any 100-acre farm, in addition to the lot containing the farm house. It was further recommended, that any 50-acre farm be permitted only one severance in addition to the lot with the farm house.

The resolution contained the further proviso that any three lots or more be treated as a plan of subdivision and require a subdivision agreement with the township. In this way, council will be kept fully informed of any residential development in the township and be able to control any which is considered undesirable.

### No Meeting Yet Grade Separation

King City Village Trustees reported at their July 11 meeting that they had not yet been able to arrange a meeting with King Township Council on the terms of an agreement on the proposed CNR grade separation. This proposal would eliminate level crossings on King Sideroad and Keele Street.

Only routine matters were dealt with by the trustees at this meeting. The next summer meeting is scheduled for August 22.

### Strike Threatened At Newmarket Home

A threatened strike action by employees of Metro's homes for the aged, expected in September, would involve more than 200 employees of Greenacres in Newmarket, a 650-resident home for the senile aged.

Local 79 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees represents most of the Greenacres staff. Conciliation services are being sought in a bargaining dispute with Metro.

Metro Chairman William Allen stated last week that the workers are subject to binding arbitration without a strike.

If established, a conciliation board would not report until September with the crisis stage shortly after Labor Day.

### Cottagers' Association To Fence Off Beach

Preliminary plans for the annual corn and wiener roast, to be held September 3, were made at the July 11 meeting of the Elmwood Park Cottagers' Association. The meeting was held at the home of board member Lorne Daines, Willowbank Avenue.

A general meeting of the association will be held at the beach at the foot of Willowbank Avenue July 31 at 2 pm and the executive hope for a good turnout. This is the first year for disposal of the dues collected most of those on the committee

and they would like suggestions. Prime problem is use of the beach which is supposed to be available only for the 60 members of the association. It appears however that about 150 families are making use of the beach.

A gate has been ordered to close off the area with only members to be given a key, but any ideas on the subject would be appreciated. Suggestions would also be appreciated on disposal of the dues collected and any new bylaws required.

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## Province Agrees To Pay 50% Subsidy 10 Year King Twp. Road Needs Study

A 10 year road needs study has been launched by King Township under the direction of Edward Sims of Totten, Sims and Hubicki Associates, consulting engineers of Whitby.

The study is expected to take several months and 50% of the costs will be borne by the provincial government.

Three consulting firms were recommended by the Department of Highways and representatives were interviewed by council and by Roads Superintendent T. E. Arlidge before the decision was made.

Reeve Gordon Cook stated that the firm had been chosen because of its experience in rural townships where gravelled roads predominate. Totten, Sims and Hubicki are consulting engineers for 47 Ontario municipalities and two firm members have for many years been municipal engineers for Ontario and Victoria Counties.

The consultants will estimate revenue available for road needs and direct these revenues to areas of greatest need. A summary of their findings will be issued in a formal report.

Included in the survey will be the three police villages of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg, which have 11 miles of roads.

Mr. Sims and Douglas Martell, Department of Highways engineer in charge of roads needs study, attended a meeting with the township's co-ordinating committee last week.

King has 210 miles of roads, 19 bridges and 50 culverts over four feet in diameter. A traffic

count on all roads will be taken in October and each stretch of road will be driven over at least three times during the survey. Each bridge and four-foot culvert is to be examined at least once. Examination and recommendations will also be given on the six miles of unassumed roads in the township.

Both long and short range improvement plans will be prepared as well as a machinery and bridge replacement schedule.

A major phase of the work will be an inventory of the roads system and estimates of construction needs, maintenance, administrative and machinery replacement. A review will also be made of the organization of the township roads department.

Poor road conditions in the township earlier this year gave rise to numerous complaints which in turn determined council on a road program which will cost \$302,500 this year. Of this amount, \$191,384 will be levied against residents and the rest will be paid by the province.

The increased road expenditures upped the road mill rate 5.06 to a total of 13.79 mills. Together with a 10 mill increase in school costs this and other expanded services brought an unprecedented jump in the township mill rate this year of 20.84 for farm and residential properties.

This produced the highest mill rate in King Township's history, 87.54 for farm and residential and 95.56 for commercial and industrial.

Reeve Cook blamed the steep rise on increased demands for services in the growing municipality.

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