

# 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 Atcheson, Wildwood Avenue, 773-5479, in King City Mrs. Lee Aspden, 833-5679.

## County Planner To Make Report On Oak Ridges, King City Areas

Broad guidelines for the future of King Township were suggested in a report presented to the planning board recently by York County Planning Consultant Conroy Dowson.

Mr. Dowson presented a report on Nobleton Police Village. A similar report on King City is almost ready and planning board agreed to have one made for the Oak Ridges area on motion of Reeve Gordon Cook and Board Member Vern Plante, who lives in Oak Ridges.

Member Alf LeMasurier questioned Mr. Dowson if his suggestions were based on personal opinion and later told the board he thought that a document from the York County Planning Department should be based on fact rather than on the consultant's personal opinion.

The planning board officially received the report.

Some of the measures suggested by Mr. Dowson, as worthy of consideration in helping to alleviate some of the existing and foreseeable future problems are:

- \* Seek provincial assistance through increased grants plus recognition of the dormitory function of fringe municipalities to Metro. The first is a constant request before the Ontario Legislature, he commented, and the latter is a recommendation in the Goldenberg report.

- \* Attempt to attract remunerative non-residential types of assessment. He warned, however, that this is a very competitive field and the township's essentially rural and estate character coupled with very real physical barriers to the provision of essential services would act against any great success in this field. Servicing problems, particularly in regard to sanitary sewers, are overwhelming, he noted.

- \* Seek financial and political union on a broader functional base so that areas better endowed with industrial and commercial development potential play a role in the local economy. This could involve more Metros, regional government or reinforced counties, he explained. The idea is to seek a territorial unit which can function effectively in the provision of services.

- \* Consideration can also be given to permitting only that type of development, residential or otherwise, which will pay its own way.

- \* This, Mr. Dowson pointed out, has been, in large measure, the township's policy in the past. If current costs are acceptable then the policy has worked, if not, it has failed, he stated.

- \* He cautioned, too, that the policy of self-sufficiency does not allow for the cross section of humanity — the very young, the very old, the incapacitated — only the solid financial successes.

- \* Consideration could be given to a partial or full moratorium on further residential subdivisions and to reviewing the subdivision standards, that is the quantity and quality of services required from a developer so as to minimize costs to the township as a whole. He noted that some municipalities require the developer to provide 30 to 40% commercial development to ensure balanced additions to the local economy.

- \* Reeve Gordon Cook has stated that the Dowson Report will receive careful consideration and study by all concerned. Reeve Cook said he wanted to encourage comment and discussion on the report and its recommendations.

- \* "Mr. Dowson has given his thoughts in detail on the future growth of our township. I feel his report should now be considered in relationship to the Joselyn Report which has been just tabled with the township."

- \* Consideration could be given to acquiring the Committee of Adjustment with the problems created by too rapid expansion of housing.

- \* Consent policy and subdivision policy could be made comparable as regards costs and services, if not already so.

- \* Mr. Dowson warned that because of the township's proximity to Metro pressure for further development will continue, even accelerate. Unbalanced growth can only force the shouldering of a disproportionate share of municipal costs by home-owners and farmers, he stated.

- \* Rising costs expressed in a high mill rate and assessment levels will in themselves to some extent act as a deterrent to development. However, anticipated service needs are of sufficiently serious scale to require a thorough re-thinking of development policies, he concluded.

- \* Mr. Dowson's studies have led him to forecast a King Township population of 22,000 by 1975 — 3,000 more in the villages and 5,600 outside them.

- \* He bases this prediction on the 1965 population of

13,519 and a continuance of the growth rate between 1945 and 1965 — 5.7% or 444 persons per year.

He forecasts approximately 8,500 persons will gravitate towards the villages — or some 3,000 persons. This would mean an additional 1,680 to King City, 1,170 to Nobleton and 150 to Schomberg. This would bring the 1975 population of King City to 3,580, Nobleton 2,210 and Schomberg 740.

### 1,500 HOMES

He also forecasts, on the basis of past trends, that some 1,500 homes unrelated to village or town life, may be expected in the township in the next 10 years. Mr. Dowson questions the wisdom of permitting low density dispersed development in a climate "where even conditioned farmers can lose their way in a winter storm".

In addition to the lack of community structure, isolation, complete dependence on the private car, the creation of a home is accompanied sooner or later by a continuing and increasing demand for urban services — police, fire, water,

roads, snow plowing, etc., he cautioned.

He advised that it is much more economical and, with good design, perhaps more fulfilling as a way of life to organize development in towns.

### NOBLETON SURVEY

In relation to Nobleton and its future development, he reported no space problem since some 250 acres are available for development. There are now 257 subdivision lots in the village and environs, with 125 available for development. These lots would accommodate about 34% of anticipated needs in the next 10 years.

The projections for this village in the next 10 years are 370 homes, 10 additional classrooms, 3.5 acres local park, 4.9 acres area park, 2.1 acres undeveloped park, 10,000 feet retail floor space or one acre of commercial land, 1 1/2 acres for church sites.

The significant feature of existing and proposed development is that it is almost entirely of a residential nature. If development is permitted to continue as in the past, further tax increases to residential property are inevitable, he claimed.

### Answer Slum Charges

## Fine People Live At Lake Wilcox

BY MRS. LILLIAN ATCHESON  
OUR LAKE WILCOX CORRESPONDENT

Residents of Lake Wilcox were shocked to read recent articles in "The Toronto Telegram", "The Newmarket Era" and "The Stouffville Tribune" which described "the frightening slums of Lake Wilcox". It made very unpleasant reading for the hundreds of residents who have invested large sums in good homes, who keep these properties and surroundings in good condition and who take an active part in working for the benefit of the community.

All are quite ready to admit that there are some buildings being used as homes in the area which should be torn down — as there are in every community. But all feel that Lake Wilcox as a community should not be labelled as "frightening slums" because of a few eyesores. Would the writer of this article refer to the "Frightening Slums of Toronto" or of Newmarket or of Stouffville, where substandard housing also exists? I think not. I feel that a little more knowledge of the district would have been called for before such a sensational and superficial article was written.

We who live in Lake Wilcox agree that some spots are not very acceptable and feel that something should be done about these eyesores. But we ask that the lake area not be condemned as a whole. We strongly believe that those who collect the monthly rents from these rundown houses should be made to bring them up to a living standard. Recent legislation has made it possible for a municipality to enact a bylaw setting out acceptable standards and giving the council authority to enforce such a bylaw providing the municipality has an official plan.

The article stated that the township had started a youth centre. This is a bit far from the truth. Three residents of Lake Wilcox conceived the idea of the youth centre to give the young people of the district a place to go and something to do and to keep them out of trouble. These three people put in long hours making this centre a going concern. It has recently been affiliated with a newly formed recreation committee. This committee, too, has been formed by residents of Lake Wilcox who are interested in this community and its young people.

The youth centre was formed to serve all the children of Lake Wilcox, but, unfortunately, not many children from the South Road attended any of the classes or functions. However, it served its purpose and teenage vandalism was reduced considerably last year thanks to the work of these two committees.

And this positive result was achieved in spite of lack of co-operation and the many obstacles encountered. Lake Wilcox Public School was used for teenage dances and children's parties for a time, but without explanation use of the school was withdrawn by the trustees. A carnival to raise money for a youth centre building was held, but the township required a \$100 licence fee before it could be staged.

But the work continued and will continue. Its effectiveness can be judged from the fact that the teenagers are holding a dance for the adults of the community next Saturday evening, and are taking care of all arrangements themselves.

Does this sound like a "frightening slum" or a community where "the people's only contact with the outside world is the welfare officer and the police"? We consider both statements utterly ridiculous and an insult to the many fine residents in this area. Such irresponsible statements offer nothing constructive, but only succeed in embarrassing a large number of good citizens, who are interested in their community and are working towards making it a better place in which to live and raise their families.

## King City Happenings

**Swimming**  
Thanks to our local Lions Club, approximately 412 children received complete instruction in swimming, water safety etc., this summer.

For the month of July, 200 boys and girls between the ages of 6-13 registered, with another 212 for August. The children received a 40-minute lesson plus a free afternoon swim twice each week at the Thornhill Swimming Pool. Buses supplied by the Lions left King City at 10:30 am returning at 3:15 pm.

Lions on the swimming committee are A. J. "Doc" Gordon and John Dew. Helping supervisors were Mrs. F. Tatum and daughters Sally and Mary; Vivian Love and Linda Loughran.

**Softball**  
King City Juniors recently finished first in the York-Simcoe Junior Softball League

winning 10 out of 12 games. Players include Pat Flanagan, Bill Hunter, pitchers; Ron McDonald, catcher; Ken Brown, Paul Kenny, Bob Campbell, outfield; Wayne Hill, Bill Robinson, Barry Ingram, Robbie Tetley, infield; also Doug Armstrong, Bruce Rumble, Don Quenton and Gunther Schlagg.

King City juniors will play August 27, at the Aurora Town Park in the one-day annual softball tournament sponsored by the Aurora Recreation Committee.

Coaching the juniors (and doing a splendid job) are Bob Seymour, John Tetley and John Dew.

**About People**  
Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Elmer Hadwen and Mrs. Harold Kirby on the recent loss of a son and brother, Eric Hadwen of Maple.

Mr. Hadwen, well-known in

King, was killed instantly along with his young son Ricky, August 15 when their truck was hit by a CNR train near their farm. New proprietors of Bob's Grill on Keele Street are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Majors. We wish them the best of luck in their new venture.

Miss Valerie Pierpoint, celebrated her seventh birthday August 15 by inviting a few friends to her home. Helping to celebrate were brothers Jim, Jeremy and sister Melissa.

Guests included Joann Johnson, Susan Smithy, Allison Whitten, Lisa Saunders, Margaret Cause, Cathy Tatum, Mary Jane Facey, Simone Stereo and Brenda Aspden. The children enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of games and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Williams and their two children spent two restful weeks in the Georgian Bay area. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Lines, Maple, and their two children.

Glen Falls, New York, was the latest destination for Gregory Paul, wife Joan and their two children. The Paul family spent two weeks in New York where they were the guests of Joan's brother, Douglas Moat and family.

A motor trip to Prince Edward Island was enjoyed by Dorothy and Bill Cheyne and daughter Debbie, RR 1, King. They were accompanied by Dorothy's mother, Mrs. Rose Ball and her two children, Charles and Betty. Travelling down through New Brunswick and returning via the U.S. the family enjoyed every minute of the two weeks. Mrs. Ball visited her son and family, Frank Adamson, who is stationed in the Maritimes with the RCAF.

Congratulations to Janet Stubbs, daughter of Comdr. and Mrs. W. Stubbs, RR2 King, who received first class honors in eight subjects in her recent grade 13 examinations to qualify as an Ontario Scholar; and to Edward Lee, son of Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. L. E. Lee, 233 Hollingsworth Crescent, who also qualified as an Ontario Scholar.

**STOUFFVILLE:** James Miller, 242 Main Street East, of the Canadian Navy, was killed last week when he was thrown from the car in which he was riding on the Pickering-Uxbridge Townline, west of Altona. Driver of the car, Jack VanKoughnet, 21, also of Stouffville, suffered a broken leg and face and body abrasions. The car hit a culvert when it went out of control at the brow of a hill. Miller was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, Stouffville.

## Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox News

**About People**  
Thoughts of many people in this area are turning to bowling, which will begin early in September. There will be a Thursday afternoon for ladies again, beginning September 8 and a mixed league Friday nights beginning September 9.

The teen council of the Lake Wilcox Recreation Committee is holding a dance next Saturday evening for adults. The teenagers will be running the program and all adults are invited to attend, have a little fun and become acquainted with some of the activities in the community. Music will be supplied by records and it is hoped to include some square dancing.

The dance will be held on the community grounds, north of the school on Wildwood Avenue. Birthdays wishes are extended to George Good for August 24, Mrs. Lil Windsor for the 27th, Danno Lahey for the 28th and Joyce Stevenson for the 29th. Glennie and Billy Wright are enjoying holidays with the Cummings family in the Muskoka District.

Don't forget the annual corn and wiener roast, sponsored by the Elmwood Cottagers' Association, September 3. Site of the roast will be the beach at the foot of Wildwood Avenue. There will be games for the children and a surprise package table for the grownups.

### King Twp. Council

## To Install Water Meters O.R. Schools, Businesses

Installation of water meters in Oak Ridges for commercial and industrial enterprises and schools was approved August 15 by King Township Council. Residences will not be affected. The decision to install meters

came as the result of consultation with the Ontario Water Resources Commission. The resolution was moved by Councillor Gordon Rowe, whose home is at Oak Ridges, and was seconded by Deputy-revee Kenneth MacTaggart.

The Oak Ridges Water Area was established about four years ago to provide water to a district which had been experiencing increasing water shortage. Two years ago the service was extended into Whitchurch Township to supply 80 families there.

It is expected that the biggest increase in cost of water will be borne by the public and separate schools in the water area. It is assumed, from known water consumption at other schools, that these two institutions are large users of water and at present pay only a flat rate. Because Oak Ridges Public School is part of the King Township School Area, the increase there will actually be borne by the whole township.

Cost of installing the meters would be \$1,400, Assistant Clerk Clare McKay, who prepared the charges, estimated. This cost will be borne by the Oak Ridges water system.

**Two Youths Killed  
In Police Chase**  
Two youths, riding in the stolen car of a Whitchurch Township policeman Saturday night, were killed instantly when the car smashed into the side of a freight train in Newmarket.

Killed were Gordon Hadfield, 21 of Aurora, and Larry Pemberton, 18, of Newmarket. The youths were fleeing from Newmarket police in the car which they had taken from a service station lot in Newmarket, where it had been in for repairs.

Police said a car had already stopped at the crossing when the youths sped by it into the train.

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## Township School Area King BUS ROUTES

- OAK RIDGES:**
- Route 1:**  
Leave 8:30 Subway Side Road and Hwy. No. 11, south to Oak Ridges Public School, south to Gormley Side Road, east to Muirhead Cres., north and west to Hwy. No. 11, north to Oak Ridges Public School.
- Route 2:**  
**Snowball, Temperanceville & Eversley:** Lv. 8 a.m. corner of King Side Road and 3rd Concession, south to Townline, east to the 2nd Concession, north to Temperanceville School. Lv. 8.15 north to Aurora Side Road, west to Snowball School. Lv. 8.25 west to 3rd Concession, south to Eversley School. Lv. 8.35 south to King Side Road, east to 3rd Concession, south to Eversley School. Lv. 8.45 north to Aurora Side Road, west to Snowball School.
- Route -Kinghorn - New Scotland:**
- Route 3A:**  
Lv. 7.50 corner of 15th Side Road and 7th Concession, west to 8th concession, north to 16th Side Road, east to 7th concession, south to 15th Side Road, east to 6th concession, south to Strange School.
- Route 3B:**  
Lv. 8.20 Strange School, north on 6th concession to 16th Side Road, east to 5th concession, south to Kinghorn School.
- Route 3C:**  
Lv. 8 a.m. King Side Road and 6th concession, south to Townline, west to 7th concession, east to 5th concession, north to Kinghorn School.
- Route 3D:**  
Lv. 8.30 school, north to Kingcross Estates, south to School. East to King Senior Public School.
- Route 3E:**  
Lv. 8.40 Kinghorn School, west to 6th concession, north to Strange School.
- Route 4:**  
**Nobleton:** Leave 8 a.m. 16th Side Road and 12th concession, south to Nobleton Road, east to 11th concession, north to 16th Side Road, east to 10th concession, south to King-Vaughan Townline, east to 27 Hwy., north to Nobleton Road, east to Nobleton School.
- Route 5:**  
**King Sr. Public School:** Leave 8 a.m. Nobleton Road and 12th concession, north to 19th Side Road, west to 13th concession, north to Hwy. No. 9, east to 11th concession, south to Nobleton Road, east to King City and Senior Public School.
- Route 6:**  
**Nobleton and King Senior Public School:** Leave 8 a.m. Bells Lake and Hwy. 27, south to 15th Side Road, east 1/2 mile, west to Hwy. 27, south to Nobleton Road, east to school.
- Route 6B:**  
Leave 8.30 Nobleton, east to King Senior Public School.
- Route 7A:**  
**Pottageville:** Leave 8 a.m. 18th Side Road and 7th concession, west to 8th concession, north to Hwy. 9, south to Aurora Road, east to 7th concession, south to 18th Side Road, west to Pottageville School, west to Hwy. 27, north to Schomberg School.
- Route 7B:**  
Leave 8.30 south to Aurora Road, east to 8th concession, south to 18th Side Road, east to Pottageville School.
- Route 8A:**  
**Schomberg:** Leave 8 a.m. Schomberg, east on Hwy. 9 to Hwy. 27, south 1 mile, west in Schomberg to Lloydtown, south on 10th concession to 17th Side Road, east to Hwy. 27, north to Schomberg School. 11 miles, 60 pupils.
- Route 8B:**  
Leave 8.30 Hwy. 27 Schomberg Road, east to 8th concession, south to 17th Side Road, west to Hwy. 27, north to Schomberg School.
- Route 9:**  
**Schomberg:** Leave 8 a.m. Schomberg, west on Hwy. 9 to 13th concession, south to 19th Side Road, east to 12th concession, south to 17th Side Road, east to 11th concession, north to Hwy. 9, east to Schomberg Rd., south and east through Schomberg to Schomberg School.
- Route 10:**  
**Kettleby:** Same routing as 1965-1966.
- Route 11:**  
**Armitage:** Lv. 8 a.m. Lot 28 and 2nd concession, old survey, south to Hwy. 11, to St. John's Side Road, west to Kettleby School.
- Route 12:**  
**Graham School:** Lv. 8.30 corner Canal Bank and 4th concession, east to 3rd concession, north to Graham Side Road, east to School, north to Riverview Park, south to School.
- Route 13:**  
**King Senior Public School:** Lv. 8 a.m. King Side Road and 3rd concession, north to Aurora Side Road, east to 2nd concession, south to King-Vaughan Townline, west to 3rd concession, north to King Side Road, west to King Senior Public School.
- Route 14:**  
**King Senior Public School:** Lv. 8 a.m. Hwy. 9 and Schomberg Road, south to Schomberg Hwy. 27, south to Aurora Road, east to 6th concession, south to King Side Road, east to King Senior Public School.
- (This timetable is tentative and subject to change where improvements can be made.)
- B. F. HUNTER,  
Business Administrator,  
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