

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.

Former Assessor Les Harper Dies

Leslie J. Harper, former Whitchurch Township councillor, assessor and clerk, passed away December 8 after suffering ill health for two years. He lived on RR 3 Newmarket and was in his 75th year. Mr. Harper was born on Concession 6 Markham Township and attended Ringwood Public School and Markham District High School. He farmed on the Don Mills Road. He is survived by his wife, the former Alta French, and two daughters, Mrs. Albert Ridley (Gladys) and Mrs. William Proctor (Irene) both of RR 3 Newmarket; two sisters, Mrs. Douglas Booth of Stouffville and Irene in Toronto and eight grandchildren. A son, Roy, a brother, Walter, and a sister, Margaret, predeceased him. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Norman Rowan of Queensville Baptist Church in the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose, Newmarket, December 10 with interment in the Pine Orchard Cemetery.

King City Delegation

Six-Year-Old Drainage Problems Will Get Immediate Attention

After six years of trying to have a drainage problem in their area corrected, Alf Hinton, 118 Melrose, and Raymond LaFond, 65 John, got prompt action at the December 12 meeting of King City Village Trustees. They were concerned with water which pours through a culvert at the corner of Melrose and John and over the embankment to the creek below and is causing erosion of major proportions. Mr. Hinton acted as spokesman and said that four years ago Mr. LaFond had secured several truckloads of broken concrete which he had placed to slow the water and carry it to the foot of the embankment which is approximately 30 feet high. On a visit to the trustees four years ago they were told that money had been allotted and the corner would be rebuilt in the spring. In the spring a work crew dug a drainage ditch to the embankment, which missed the wearing of a new ditch, he said. Recent rains and a burst water main in the area have caused the erosion to proceed apace and the area affected is now 30 feet wide and approximately four feet deep. Mr. Hinton claimed that tree roots have been undermined up to a foot and a half and several trees on the embankment will probably not survive the spring thaw. "Through the years I have spent many hours getting rid of the swamp conditions and the cattails on my property and developing a good lawn. With the last flood 1,000 feet of my back lawn is now under a foot of mud," Mr. Hinton stated. He described the 10' culvert as being almost half-full of gravel. Next spring it will be frozen solid and you can't throw gravel with a steamer, he claimed. Behind the culvert, he described the ditch as three feet deep and a menace to children. Trustees agreed to consult Township Roads Superintendent Tom Arledge immediately to see if remedial work could be still done this fall. "Immediately" meant while the meeting was still in session. Village Secretary Jock Thompson contacted the roads superintendent, who promised to see what could be done. Trustees suggested piping the water from the culvert well down the embankment to direct

Socially Speaking King City

Centennial Exhibition Kingcraft will present its first Centennial exhibition early in the new year. From January 18 to January 30 the studio will be open to the public every day including Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 pm and Friday evenings from 8 to 10 pm. Visitors will be allowed on the afternoon of January 25 as Kingcraft will hold its general meeting. The exhibit on texture and color is a selection of rugs and co-ordinated drapery and upholstery fabrics designed and executed by the Ontario handweavers and spinners. This exhibition amply demonstrates the resurgence of weaving as a major craft on the provincial scene. It shows the place of craftsmanship, the beauty of texture and vibrant color in relation to the many machine made objects in our homes today. The handweaver can produce a fabric, traditional or modern, ornate or simple, to complement every decor. There are 30 pieces of weaving and display equipment. There will also be a display of the best ceramics and ceramic sculpture being made at present by outstanding Ontario craftsmen. This exhibit contains 60 to 70 pieces of stoneware, earthenware and porcelain, illustrating various techniques such as throwing, coil and slab construction. Examples showing the various stages of development and the methods of construction will accompany this exhibit. This unusual exhibition reflects the increasing interest and appreciation of fine ceramics today. These travelling exhibitions are supplied by the Art Institute of Ontario. Kingcraft will augment these exhibitions with demonstrations of hooking, weaving and ceramics by various members. Future two weeks exhibitions to be sponsored by the group include nineteenth century Ontario needlework and the intimate prospect (Canadian painting 1840-1920) which will be featured in April. In May cities of Canada will be presented, also early Ontario architecture.

King United All classes of King City United Church school participated in the annual Christmas Concert held December 9 at the church. Master of ceremonies was Warren McKendry. Also attending were Kenneth Bronston, chairman of the Christian education department and Church School Superintendent Glen Ferguson. Miss Susan Young opened the program with a poem of "Welcome". Sandra Feindell and Donald Munroe gave recitations. Several skits were performed and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The church presented its annual Christmas Pageant on the evening of December 18, under

the direction of Mrs. Gregory Paul. The church also observed White Gift Sunday with gifts of canned goods, powdered milk, baby food and money. **Cancer Society** The King Branch of the cancer society held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Leonard Redman with Mrs. Raymond LaFond presiding. Placemats, favors and fancy felt stockings were made for patients at the Princess Margaret Lodge. These will be delivered before Christmas, also good used clothing donated by members of the group. A lunch was enjoyed by all. **All Saints Anglican** Adults and children of King City All Saints Anglican presented a nativity play, "Lo! The Star" at the church. The play was under the direction of Gillian Ball, who performs at the Aurora Drama Workshop. Gillian played the part of the girl while Canon Costigan played the minister. Mrs. William Yeager played Mary and Robert Silcox portrayed Joseph. Mrs. A. E. Bamford played Elizabeth Noel Winston, Herod and George O'Hara, Jacob the shepherd. Two other shepherds were William Long and Arnold Bamford. The three kings were portrayed by John Baker, William Ward and William Weis. Others taking part included John Whalley, Pat Winston, George Bennett, Marilyn Baratt, Diane Harris, Diana Silcox, Cheryl Saunders, Lila Thirston, Lee Ann Arnold, Teresa Sherwood, Philippa Harris, Patricia Walker, Janette Robb, Susanne Fidler, Stephanie King, Brian Shaw, Eric White, Gary White, Paul Dorr. Candlelight service will be observed January 8.

Oak Ridges Parents Unhappy Over Kindergarten Buses

King Township Public School Board Chairman Geoffrey Pierpoint was in the kindergarten "hot seat" last week. Applying the heat was an angry group of parents unhappy about the transferring of 16 children from the Oak Ridges kindergarten classes to Eversley School about three miles away. They were especially annoyed at the board's failure to provide two-way bus transportation to and from Eversley. The bus takes the children to Eversley but leaves it up to the parents to get the children home. Leading the dissenters on the transportation point was Robert Dion, Gallagher Street, Oak Ridges. Mr. Dion asked the board to provide two-way bus transportation stating it would only cost \$4 a day. "Two-way bus transportation is provided," he said, "for higher grades and older children who are in a far better position to hitch-hike one way than five-year-old children." Mr. Pierpoint explained it was the board's current policy not to provide specific bus transportation to kindergarten children in the township because "of the cost proposition." "We have buses for grades 1 to 8 children," he said, "and it's been the policy to transport kindergarten children where there is room on the buses." Mr. Pierpoint said that in order to transport kindergarten children in particular buses it would require scheduling them at different times than the higher grades. "There are some 300 miles of road to cover in the township," he said, "with kindergarten children scattered all over and we felt costs were pretty high

now and we didn't want to push the taxpayer any harder. He also pointed out that kindergarten participation was strictly on a voluntary basis in the township and that was another reason for the absence of specific bus transportation. "It's up to the parents," he said, "to decide whether they want to send their children to kindergarten. We provide the service on a voluntary basis." Mr. Pierpoint added that to his knowledge most of the area school boards do not provide transportation to kindergarten children. "We did not even have kindergarten classes in King until two years ago when the present board was formed." Mr. Pierpoint also explained the division of the township into school areas. He ranged over other areas pertaining to questions asked by the disgruntled parents and assured that the request for kindergarten two-way transportation would be considered fully by the board. The complaints at last week's meeting were sparked by the decision to relocate 26 kindergarten pupils from Oak Ridges Public School to the Eversley School to relieve an overcrowded situation. Ten of this number live in the Temperanceville-Eversley area. The kindergarten school borders were moved slightly east into Oak Ridges to pick up the 16 children in that area. The Eversley School had already been abandoned in keeping with the board's new modernization program but was subsequently fixed up.

O.R. Lions Plan Annual Christmas Baskets & New Year's Eve Dance

Community support is asked by the Oak Ridges Lions Club and other organizations in the community in the form of donations for the annual distribution of Christmas food baskets to needy families in this area. Last year almost 50 baskets were filled and delivered and it is expected that the need will be as great, if not greater. Your donations will be most appreciated. Please phone Lion Treasurer Charlie Conner at 773-5591 for further information. The Lions and the Holy Name Society are also planning a New Year's Eve Ball in the gymnasium of the parish hall on Bond Avenue. Proceeds of this event will boost the Oak Ridges and District Arena Fund. The Tune Twisters, a local band, will supply the music and there will be a buffet lunch. Tickets or further information

are available from Dave Carby, Ruthers, Eric Findelsen, Henry Natale, John Boyle or Mike Cassidy. This gives you an opportunity to have a good time with your friends and neighbors as you say goodbye to the old year and welcome 1967. At the same time you will be supporting a group of people who are intensely interested in providing an arena where the young people of the community can enjoy healthful recreation during the winter season. Three new members were welcomed into the local Lions Club at the recent ladies' night at the Ridge Inn. They are Gary Smith, Russ Andrus and Ar. Borrassa. The Lions and their guests enjoyed a pre-dinner hospitality hour, dinner and dancing. Accordion music was provided by President Eric Findelsen and Dennis Garbutt.

Donald Findlay Attacks King City Water Policy

By MARY DAWSON King City Village Trustees were in receipt of two letters from former-Trustee Donald Findlay, local lawyer, at their meeting held December 12. One letter commended the present trustees for their action in giving assurance to the township council of intent to raise the money for the village's share of cost of the railway grade separation over a period of three years. "I am only one voice but I would like to express my support of the understanding reached by the present trustees relating to future years," Mr. Findlay wrote. The other letter, however, expressed Mr. Findlay's distress at the recommendation by trustees to King Township Council that the acquiring of No. 3 Well site should be proceeded with on an arbitration basis. Mr. Findlay pointed out that the property owner has indicated a desire to obtain a very large sum of money for the site, but that he also has indicated that if he obtained completion of a subdivision agreement with King Township along standard lines, he will donate the site in question and even make an additional site available for a further well, if required. The lawyer forecast that a sum in five figures might be set in arbitration proceedings. He also pointed out that such a settlement might be followed in a year or two by completion of a subdivision agreement with King Township, resulting in the money having been paid, along with heavy law costs of the proceedings and then it would be found it was not necessary to follow that course. The third paragraph of Mr. Findlay's letter was incommensurate to this reporter, and apparently to the trustees, but it seemed to indicate that he felt the township would have trouble in expropriation proceedings. Commenting on this letter on behalf of the trustees, Chairman Peter Williams reported the trustees had not seen it before the meeting and felt that it required more study. However he had four comments to make. "The trustees have not recommended to township to go to arbitration unless negotiations fail, in fact they are very anxious that negotiations will result in a fair price being set for the land. "Only in the event agreement cannot be reached on a fair price will the township proceed to arbitration. We made this quite clear and township agreed," Mr. Williams stated. "I think it's necessary to remind everyone that our water supply suffers from rather serious limitations of various kinds. In order to bring the system up to standard, large expenditures, reaching hundreds of thousands of dollars, will be necessary," he continued. "We believe it would be completely irresponsible to agree to supply an area outside the village without having some idea of where the money is coming from to fix the water system. So far nobody has been able to come up with the answer to how we can avoid a huge burden of debt on the people now within the village. "It should be very clearly realized that the policy the trustees have adopted doesn't in any way say this village cannot supply water outside the village limits. If we can find a way to solve our problems, according to Proctor and Redfern, we can supply a community with a population around 7,000 people from the present aquifer," Mr. Williams stated emphatically. "There are other people who for years have been holding land adjacent to the village for subdivision purposes and it's pretty obvious if it were decided to develop in one particular area there could be some problems," the chairman noted. "Our view is that it would be better if development could be planned and the whole village properly planned. Future development should be placed in areas which for planning reasons seem to be the choice ones. The practical way of approaching development is in view of the financial problems inherent in the development of our water supply. It's feasible, if proper planning is used, that enough water could be provided if cost of expanding and improving the water supply could be found without causing long-range debt problems," Mr. Williams concluded.

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Board of Trade Oak Ridges Board of Trade has decided to dissolve due to lack of interest on the part of business people in the area. The board had been revived earlier in the year. Members decided that funds on hand will be converted into shares in the Oak Ridges and District Arena Limited. **Final Payment** The final payment on St. Paul's United Church Manse has been paid, it was announced at the recent annual dinner for members of the UCV and their guests. President Mr. W. Mitchell outlined the year's events, proceeds of which were used to meet the last payment on the manse, located on Elm Grove Avenue. At the dinner skits were presented by Mrs. E. Sedore, Mrs. Irene Blyth, Mrs. Lee Gallacher, Betty Farquharson, M. Hall, Mrs. E. Fenn, and Mrs. I. Grounda. Irene Blyth showed movies and Mrs. Hall led in a sing-song around the fire. Devotions were led by Mrs. Fenn and Mrs. Gallacher with Mrs. Betty Farquharson singing the hauntingly melodic "Huron Carol."

About People A happy birthday is wished for Mandy Findelsen who was five on December 17, Lisa Meadus who was three on December 20, Wendy Munro who was 17 on December 21, and Dorothy Good who is 17 today (December 22). Celebrating on Christmas Day will be Jennifer Oxley who will be 13, Peggy Wayne who will be six, Mrs. Gerta Weisner and Todd Ransom who will be two years old. Three children were baptized by Rev. R. W. Fenn recently at St. Paul's United Church: David Albert Bernard, Sarah Margaret and Robert William Stowbridge. Events scheduled to take place in the church are: Sunday school pageant December 22 at 7:30 pm; candlelight service Christmas Eve at 11:30 pm; Christmas Day family service at 9:30 am, instead of at the regular morning worship hour. Congratulations to winners at the recent home and school association card party. They

were Mrs. D. Carruthers, H. Larsen, Paul Telgin, Marion Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Judge, Mark Hawken, L. Rickward. A Christmas cake door prize was donated by Mrs. Larsen. With only two shopping days left before Christmas we hope everyone is ready with the goodies baked, the gifts wrapped up and all chores attended to, so that everyone may enjoy the festivities, including mother. We do wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and add a wish that everyone has a very happy holiday. It is our sincere hope that no tragedies mar this holiday time and that all children receive the gifts they are wishing for. **Sympathy** Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Siemon Tolman and family in the death recently of Mr. Tolman. Well known artist and antique dealer in Oak Ridges for many years, Mr. Tolman suffered a heart attack from which he did not recover. He will be greatly missed in the community.

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