

KING CITY, OAK RIDGES

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"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. Theo Dawson, 773-5448.

Socially Speaking in King City

The Armstrongs
I can think of more than a dozen reasons why I have found King City the warm and hospitable place it is, but in this issue, I would like to introduce you to six of them.

Actually, introduce is rather a poor choice of word, as most of you know George (Nip) and Helen Armstrong and their four children. They reside in the large white house at the southwest corner of Keele Street and the King Sideroad, which also houses Nip's variety store.

It was the very first home in King City that I had been in, some years back, and I remember the feeling I had (more surprise than anything else) when seated in the large, yet very cosy kitchen, a train thund-

dered by, the proximity of which rather unnerved me. Since that evening, I have counted scores of trains in delight while seated in the dentist's chair, as they passed by the window next door.

The house itself has quite an interesting history. Originally a hotel, it was built by a gentleman, a Mr. Denis, for his daughter Mrs. Hogan, more than 100 years ago. It has been in the Armstrong family for more than 60 years and has been home to four generations of Armstrongs.

From the first breath of life he drew, Nip has been a King City boy. He was educated in his early years in King, went on to Aurora High School and left for a few years to take a "European Tour" when he

Temperanceville News

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Neighborhood Notes
Miss July Paxton was guest of honor at a community shower held at Temperanceville United on July 26, when some fifty friends and relatives were present. Judy was assisted by her cousins, Miss Anne Paxton and Miss Susanne Levison in opening the lovely gifts.

Mrs. Wilfred James read a humorous account of the possible write-up to appear in the local press following the August 12 wedding. Mrs. Clayton Beynon conducted a contest on the contents of an egg shell, which was won by Mrs. Elton Armstrong of Newmarket.

Six friends attended from Shanty Bay, Newmarket, Nobleton, Holland Landing, Delhi and Aurora.

Robert Macklin spent the weekend with friends in Shawville, Quebec. Mrs. J. A. Lloyd of Delhi spent a few days this week with her father, Norman Rumble of Bond Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. David Faulkner and family have returned to their home in Pierson, Manitoba following a month's vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Chalk and other relatives. Miss Marilyn Faulkner of Aurora returned to Winnipeg with them to continue her course at the Winnipeg Bible College.

J. R. Coultis of Cookstown visited at the home of his nephew, Wilbert Jennings during the week.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Fred Boys has returned to her home to convalesce, following a lengthy stay in hospital and undergoing surgery.

Mrs. Nelson Thompson has been a recent Expo visitor.

It was nice to see Mrs. James Gillham able to be out again following her accident.

Clouds of smoke and the odor of burning hay indicate that farmers in our area are still losing large amounts of hay in this poor haying weather.

Sad Passing
It is with the deepest regret that the passing of Lori Anne Stonehouse was reported on the evening of July 27, at York Central Hospital, in her fourth year. She was the beloved daughter of Pat and Bruce Stonehouse, 93 Elizabeth Grove, King City, dear sister of Robbie and Vicki Lynn, beloved granddaughter of Mrs. R. Stonehouse of Toronto and Norman Simpson, Burks Falls. Lori Anne rested at the Pipher Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, and following a family service on July 29, was laid to her final rest in King City Cemetery. Sincerest sympathy is extended to the family at this time.

Observations
I spotted a groundhog on our lower terrace, one sunny day recently, and he saw his shadow. According to the old and very reliable Indian legend, we can expect autumn weather to commence right at the end of the summer months. Another thing you can count on when the autumn weather arrives, will be a little newer column. That's when all those glorious activities will be starting again and I'll have a little more to write about. In the meantime, send your children to camp or take a visit to Expo, but be sure to 'phone and tell me about it!

NEWMARKET: Safecrackers using nitroglycerine were foiled in an attempt to open the safe in the IGA Supermarket. They drilled holes in the safe, located at the front of the store and poured nitro into them. They sealed the holes with plasticine and ignited the chemical. The other charge failed to go off and an OPP officer had to neutralize the powerful explosive the next day.

Conduct Of Whitchurch School Board Criticized

Whitchurch Township Public School Board has come under heavy criticism recently on two counts, the conduct of its public meetings and plans for a senior public school for grade 7 and 8 pupils in the township.

Ratepayers have complained that the board appears to resent the public and press at meetings; that there is a lack of formal procedure at the meetings; that no minutes of previous meetings are read and ratepayers have no way of knowing how individual board members voted on various proposals.

There has also been considerable dissatisfaction that meetings of the board are held in a private home, that of the board's secretary, John Wylie at Mussell's Lake.

At the July 17 meeting of the board, six members of the public and two members of the press were refused admittance to the meeting on the grounds that there was not enough room in Mr. Wylie's home to accommodate them.

Board members evidently had a change of heart, however, and Mr. Wylie advised later that the meeting would be held at Ballantrae Public School, three miles to the north-west.

At 8 pm, the six parents, two reporters and three members of the school board were ready to begin the meeting. However, as the chairman was not present, one of the trustees had developed car trouble and had been unable to reach the new site of the meeting and one trustee said he had to leave early. Vice-Chairman Melvin Baker ruled that without a quorum, no meeting could be conducted. He and Mr. Wylie thereupon left the meeting.

Chairman Dr. J. Morris Smith arrived at 8:35 but stopped only briefly and drove off after speaking to one of the trustees.

By 8:45 only the six annoyed ratepayers and two reporters were present. At 9 pm, Trustee C. Wesley Brilinger, having overcome his

car trouble, arrived at the meeting, which however, had never really begun.

The following Monday, July 24 a meeting was held at Ballantrae Public School and all board members were present. In response to ratepayers' criticism, minutes of all meetings since last March 20 to July 10 were read.

However, when a parent, L. Pinkerton, attempted to raise a question about the minutes of April 3 he was ruled out of order by the chairman. Mr. Pinkerton was told that the board would not consider deputations at the meeting and deputations would be heard only at meetings held the first of every month, and then only on written notice to the board.

Mr. Pinkerton denied that he was a "deputation" and stated that he felt the procedure was not in accordance with the Public Schools Act. The board then proceeded to adopt the minutes of the previous 12 meetings.

Heated discussion then arose on the board's proposal to erect a senior public school 1 1/2 miles south of Ballantrae on Concession 8 to serve the 290 grade 7 and 8 students in the township. This was strongly opposed by Transportation Committee Chairman Wesley Brilinger who felt that the proposed site was too close to the eastern border of the township and many students would have to be transported long distances and three or four extra buses required.

Mr. Brilinger favored a site on Concession 5 which the board was considering two years ago, as it was more central and buses could use mainly county roads which would be well cleared during the winter.

Trustee Irene Bacon had also been opposed to the site. However, when the vote was taken, she refrained from voting and the resolution was carried with Chairman Baker and Trustees Melvin Smith and Norman Fockler voting in favor and only Mr.

Brilinger voting against it.

The resolution to build the school was then sent to the York County Consultative Committee for approval and was discussed Monday night of this week at a meeting with the Consultative Committee, the school board, Whitchurch Township Reeve Ross Farquharson and members of the township planning board.

In examining proposed school sites, the consultative committee considers how the proposal will fit in with its overall plan for the area. Secretary Maynard Hallman advises that if a proposed school is close to the boundary between two municipalities it might be a duplication of facilities. "The committee feels that two many mistakes have been made already and we are still paying for them," he said.

Mr. Hallman also advised that as far as he knew, the Department of Education does not approve of school plans unless they have the committee's approval.

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Exchange Student

Miss Louise Massicotte, from Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, is spending two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith and their daughter Constance. Louise and Constance are exchanging visits under a student exchange plan directed by Visites Interprovinciales, which arranges transportation and accommodation. Constance spent the first two weeks of July with the Massicotte family, who speak no English. She is a student in King City High School and will enter grade 10 in September. Although Louise speaks no English she is enjoying her stay in this area.

Recreation Activities
Winners at last week's euchre at Lake Wilcox Recreation Hall

Birthdays good wishes are extended to A. Robinson, August 1; Mrs. Mary Ellen King, August 4; Manya De Jong, 5 years, August 6; and Freddie Black who will be four August 6.

Best wishes for future happiness are extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Mayne who were married recently. The bride is Nancy Jane Hunt, daughter of Mrs. A. Hunt and the late Mr. Hunt of Oak Ridges.

Our congratulations and good wishes also to John Joseph Herman, North Road, who will exchange marriage vows August 26 in Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church, Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill at 3 pm. The bride-to-be is Sharon Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Richmond Hill.

We offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Harrison on the birth of a baby daughter recently. Mrs. Harrison (Lionel) is the proprietor of Chez Ylante.

We are sorry to learn that

King Chairman

Ask Donald Findlay Reconsider Resignation From Planning Bd.

King Township's Planning Board at its July 11 meeting asked Chairman Donald Findlay to reconsider his resignation. The request was unanimous and was prompted by Verne Plant of Oak Ridges who stated that King Township needs a person of Mr. Findlay's calibre and experience as a member of the municipal planning board.

Mr. Findlay declines this request and his resignation will have to be reconsidered by King Township Council, the body which appointed him.

Mr. Findlay submitted his resignation to planning board July 10. It was the aftermath of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing held July 7 on a township amending land-use bylaw. This proposed new township bylaw provides that no residence may be built on parcels of land with an area of 10 acres or more and with less than 25 acres, except in a registered subdivision.

During the OMB hearing evidence was given that council had not approved a subdivision which had been recommended by planning board, Mr. Findlay, King City lawyer, was refused permission by the township solicitor to defend the board's approval of the 83-foot lot subdivision at the hearing. In his letter of resignation he charged that the evidence presented did not include the board's reasons for approval and so had "put the planning board in a poor light."

Other members of the planning board are Reeve Gordon

Cook and Deputy Reeve Ken Mactaggart; A. H. LeMasurier, Kettleby; Harold Taylor, Kleingburg and William Hodgson, Kettleby.

At its meeting July 17 township council accepted a proposal made by Councillor Ernest Crossland that the two bodies meet to discuss the resignation.

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Whitchurch Township Police are looking for a new recruit to take the place of Police Constable Earl Kydd, who has resigned to go into private business.

A resident of Uxbridge, Constable Kydd joined the force in April, 1965.

Applications for the job are to be sent to Police Chief Fred Mason at police headquarters in Vandorf.



REPORT

OAK RIDGES DETACHMENT

Officers of the Oak Ridges detachment recorded their worst week for accidents this year, investigating 55, including one fatality. Total estimated damage was \$36,630.

Area accidents included the following:

July 26, Antonio Da Silva Clemente, 37, of Toronto, was fatally injured when he was struck by a car on Highway 400, just south of the York-Simcoe County line.

Mr. Clemente, a flagman for the Department of Highways, was thrown against a DOH truck after a car driven by Norman Marlow, 46, of Toronto, skidded into him.

Mr. Clemente was taken to York County Hospital, Newmarket, where he was pronounced dead. Charges are pending. That same evening, two peo-

ple were injured when the car in which they were riding went out of control on Highway 48 at Sutton Road and struck a DOH sign and a cement island.

Ralph Horner, 39, of Toronto, driver of the car, suffered head and leg injuries, while his passenger, Patricia Thompson, 21, of Toronto, suffered facial and neck injuries.

Damage to the car was \$900. In another accident on Highway 400, one mile north of the Aurora Sideroad July 30, Ginert Rotte, 18, of Doncona, Quebec, was taken to York County Hospital for treatment of injuries.

She was a passenger in a car driven by Sharon Greenberg, 25, of Willowdale, which went out of control and smashed into six guardrails.

Damage was estimated at \$675.

King Farmer Appeals For Aid In Tax Bill

A King Township farmer has appealed to council for relief from his tax bill, but has received little in the way of encouragement.

Reeve Gordon Cook told William Subschak, Concession 4, that council hadn't authority to grant relief from municipal tax bills, as it was governed by municipal law.

"You are having a bad crop year, but so are other farmers," said Mr. Cook.

Mr. Subschak said he would not have crop revenue to meet his July 31 taxes. His spring crop had suffered \$1,000 damages and he wanted some help to tide him over.

He said he wasn't asking for charity; in 45 years he had never asked for any kind of help in that way, and in 1936 he had even sold off some of his land to pay his debts.

Fellow farmer, Councillor Ernest Crossland, suggested Mr. Subschak apply for help from the York County farmers' committee, which had been organized to present crop losses to the government.

Mr. Subschak was not available this week for comment.

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