

# 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. Theo Dawson, 773-5448.

## Four Million Dollar Hotel Complex Proposed For King Township Site

Land options have been taken up and provisional approval received from King Township Council and planning board for a 144 room luxury hotel-motel-country club on 25 acres at the north-west corner of Highway 400 and the Aurora Side-road.

Next step will be to secure approval from the Ontario Department of Highways and Municipal Affairs reports economic consultant Dr. Charles Magee who presented the proposal to the planning board some weeks ago.

Known as High Ridge Tropical Gardens, the building was first proposed with 144 rooms but already this may be enlarged upon. "We have had enough enquiries to lease half of the space on a year round basis for corporate guests and sales conventions," reports Dr. Magee. "We could already book nine semi-conventions in 1969, just on the basis of rumors" (about the building).

The structure will be built on a high point, the drainage peak between Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe. From just the sixth floor of the building, residents will be able to see to Lake Simcoe. Even from lower floors the hill south of Creemore will be visible. Looking to the south, the High Point Apartment at Yonge Street and Cummer Avenue in Willowdale will be visible, states Dr. Magee.

"The visitor will be king while he's there," said Dr. Magee. "I'm amazed that so many know what they want — we are out to give it to them."

Financing of the three to four million dollar project is said to be half by European capital with the balance American and Canadian. Two similar hotels are already in operation in the U.S. with a third under construction.

However, he advises that before the \$100,000 worth of architectural drawings that are necessary for the project are commissioned, a decision will have to be made whether to proceed with this project or another similar one to be built in the vicinity of Montreal. Each one would take three years to complete and there would be a three year gap between the two.

Dr. Magee pointed out how difficult it was here to get all levels of government working together on such a project but felt that there would not be this difficulty in the Province of Quebec.

Smallest rooms in the proposed building would be 34 feet deep with some running as long as 56 feet deep with a view on three sides. Interiors have already been decided — with luxury the keynote — and the exterior will be planned to incorporate needed facilities, such as convention dining rooms to seat 500 people, a health club, theatre and swimming pool.

## Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox News

### Recreation Committee

Last Friday saw the closing of the summer school sponsored by the Lake Wilcox Recreation Committee. Attendance was not as heavy as expected but most of the children were very faithful and attended most of the 25 days.

Tomorrow, August 25 there will be a "Fun Day" for the children with games, races, and prizes, all during the afternoon.

By the time you read this, Carnival '67 will be over with all the bustle, the million things to do, parcels to be picked up, booths to be erected and stocked, food to be made ready and sold.

About 150 mystery bags were sorted, bagged and tagged last Thursday afternoon by Charlotte Brockton, Hilda LaRiviere, Lillian Peters, Debbie Sweeney, Judy Peters and myself. Several donations were received in reply to the numerous letters sent out.

### Starting in September, a variety of activities will be held in the Lake Wilcox Recreation Hall, to pay for the hall, heat, etc. Has anyone any suggestions for fund raising? Bingo is still held each Wednesday and Euchre has been held each Monday evening during the summer but may have to be changed in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Lavigne were very pleased recently to have Wally's sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith and their son, stay with them for a week and a half.

The families had not seen each other since 1942 so it was a great reunion and promises to be a yearly event from now on. The Smiths were surprised by the roads, the lovely places they visited and the two families had such a nice visit that Kimmy Anne Lavigne returned with her aunt and uncle to Manlius, New York. The Lavigne's will spend

the Labor Day weekend there and bring her back. Bob Acheson is spending a week at Expo and from cards received is finding it a fabulous experience.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Willis and Vicki with Mr. and Mrs. Barry Willis, Lori-Anne and Ricky visited relatives in Belleville during their holidays, enjoying a family get-together.

Birthday wishes this week to John Simmeron, one year old August 24; to George Good for the 24th and Winston Penley, August 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Forster visited Mrs. Dawn Willis last Thursday and enjoyed the day, staying for supper and playing cards. We are glad to report that Bert Comfort is on the mend after a recent heart attack but is still in York Central Hospital.

Jim Roberts is better after his last stay in hospital. He and wife Ruth and son Neil are visiting relatives in Montreal, with a few days at Expo. They will also attend the wedding of a niece and then go on to visit Jim's sister in New York.

Best wishes to Ken Dion, Oak Ridges who has opened a fruit and vegetable store on Yonge Street in Aurora. He has worked in the vegetable department of a chain store for six years, learning the business. Recently he has been kept busy making showcases to display his merchandise.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Victor G. Draper who passed away at York County Hospital, Newmarket, August 12 leaving a daughter, Irene, a sister and a brother. Service was held in Aurora with interment in Aurora Cemetery. Mr. Draper lived in this vicinity for years, at one time operated a TV repair business and then running gasoline pumps and a swap shop.

We were also sorry to hear of the death of a former resident of Wildwood Avenue, W. Hitchcock who passed away last Thursday leaving his wife Anne and seven children, Susie, Nancy, Gary, Barry, Judy and Pat.

The Emoff family has been spending some time during the summer at their cottage north of Parry Sound. Lloyd Emoff and son Norman will take a trip to Ottawa to see points of interest in the nations capital.

About this time, some of the more enthusiastic start to think about another bowling season. I will try to have details of bowling league starting dates, etc. by next week and if possible, meeting dates of the many organizations in the community.

If you have been doing anything different or exciting during the summer months, please give me a call.

### King Twp. Gets OMB Approval 25-Acre Bylaw

King Township's controversial bylaw restricting residential construction on lots of 25 to 10 acres has been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board, it was announced by Reeve Gordon Cook last week.

Objection had been raised to the bylaw and it was the subject of an OMB hearing July 7.

Lots of less than 10 acres will not be affected by the bylaw (they are already controlled under the planning act) nor will the presently existing 347 lots of between 10 and 25 acres.

In handing down its decision, the OMB stated that it was apparent that developers were buying up farms in the township and dividing them into 10 acre lots. This was felt to interfere with effective planning of the township. At the hearing it was stated that 20% of township land is held by speculators.

Most of the 10 to 25 acre lots in the township are on poorly developed secondary roads which makes them difficult to serve the fire, police and school buses, etc.

The bylaw had received unanimous endorsement of the township council at its July 13 meeting but prior to that had aroused considerable objection at a planning board meeting on Chairman William Hodgson and Board Member Alf Lesaurier.

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## Socially Speaking in King City

### Instruction In Bathing The Dog

The first two requisites for this great hot weather indoor sport, are a strong back and a weak mind. I mention the latter after being subjected in the past to the rigors of dog bathing. The morning of the bath should be spent in clearing the immediate area of anything you might value. This could include anything that is not water repellent, tall lamps, and children that are susceptible to colds.

Our worst "bath" times involved a large English setter (since departed), and as it was almost impossible to lift him into the basement laundry tubs, we had to submit the use of our own bath tub. The next half hour or so, was spent reassuring him that we only wanted him in the bathroom to ask his opinion on the existing decor. Our first attempt to lift him into the tub proved futile and it seemed that he was rooted to the tile floor.

All the coaxing in the world was not going to get him into that tub! My husband stripped down to his BVD's and climbed into the now cool water. He grasped "Derry's" forelegs and eased them into the bath, and it took all my strength to get in the rest of this trembling mass. With reassuring words and gentle caresses, we finally managed to get him shampooed. The trembling worsened and he now resembled four tooth picks stuck into a foaming apple.

We drained the water and rinsed him off, then prepared ourselves for the drying-up ceremony. For this stage, several large towels are essential, the hall should be covered with newspapers, and the front or back door should be open. I was not, however, prepared for the soaking I got when he proceeded to shake off the excess water.

For those of you who have not been through this before, I must warn you that the first thing a dog does after a bath, is to find the nearest mound of dog dirt and roll in it. I figure this to be a sign of rebellion on the part of the dog, and it is his only way of not being ostracised by other members of the canine group. In closing, I can only recommend that you either avail yourself of a professional pet shampooer, or just forget the whole ugly mess!

Representing the local AOTS Men's Club of King City United Church at the Fifth National AOTS Convention in Banff, Alberta, from August 26 to the 28 will be Charles Robson, accompanied by Mrs. Robson.

Home from a completely different type of holiday are the Weedons, Horace, Marjory and family of Keele Street North. They travelled as far as the roads go in the Algoma district to the Chapleau Game Reserve, visited with an aunt and uncle at the Lands and Forests headquarters at Oba, and were treated to a flight in a Cessna aircraft belonging to the Theriault Airlines, over the lakes. The view of the surrounding scenery was breathtaking, and

young Michelle got the thrill of her life seeing an enormous moose swimming in the water far below her. The wildlife of the area must have been at its peak at this time, and added considerably to the already enjoyable trip.

Several boys and girls of the King City area are again enjoying the crafts and outings offered by Bill Babcock and his able counsellors at Camp Richildaca. Two that I know of are Jimmy and David Weedon.

On the evening of August 9, a Centennial Campfire held at the camp was of special interest as it was an across Canada operation involving numerous camping organizations. At the designated time of 9 pm a torch was carried down from the hills and was used to ignite the main campfire. Senior boys of the group, attired in the ceremonial costumes of the different Indian tribes, performed intricate dances, while the rest of the young "Richildacampians" filled the air with traditional campfire songs. A most inspiring evening with praise for a job well done.

Miss Cindy Corlass of Hamilton, concluded a very pleasant week's visit at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Scott, Elizabeth Grove.

When I wrote about Ed Millard attending the Pan American Games, some weeks back, I fully expected to do a follow up the next week. As most of you must have noticed there was very little said about the wrestling results and no coverage whatsoever via the television. This plagued me no end.

You will be pleased to learn, as I was, that Ed brought honors to Canada by winning a bronze. He was not too pleased with his showing and felt that he had "goofed" somewhat. At the risk of sounding prejudiced, I feel that a lot more of Canada's fine athletes were robbed of medals right and left by a few myopic judges.

Sincere congratulations to a deserving young man and don't let them "throw you". I pulled a bonor when I reported that Johnnie Millard was a wrestling enthusiastic, it should have been Donnie (Sorry about that).

Gail McPhee of Keele Street North attended her regular swimming lesson at the Iliohan Pool last week, and probably scores of other children did the same thing. The unusual side to this bit of news, is the fact that although she is only seven years old, and was not at the pool for any special test, she volunteered to act as a "body" during the life-saving trials. Young Gail must have shown her capability during these trials, and because of it, earned her elementary life-saving status. Well done!

Mrs. Archie Gillies and sons Douglas, Lloyd and Kevin of Plato, Saskatchewan, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gillies on the 6th Concession. They arrived the latter part of July and while here, attended a family reunion. Also attending were relatives from Parry Sound, Kingston, Toronto, Oak Ridges, Whitby, Schomberg and King City.

### Place Dr. Paul Perry In Charge Of Auxiliary Class Placements

King Township Public School Board has agreed to appoint Dr. Paul Perry to oversee the township's board of admission for auxiliary classes.

Dr. Perry, who is the director of the out-patients psychiatric service for York County Hospital, will supervise admission of slow learners to the four classes now operated by the board. There are 65 such pupils in the township schools at the present time.

Board Chairman Geoffrey Pierpoint said last week that such appointments were being made general and that "it provides added insurance to the parents that no child will be wrongfully admitted."

He added the township board had provided a well qualified special education department but the appointment would assure a continuation of high standards.

Mr. Pierpoint said that no children had been admitted to township auxiliary classes without the parents' consent.

The appointment of Dr. Perry was made at the recommendation of Inspector Maynard Hallman, who in a letter cited Section 57 (1) of the Schools Administration Act which noted a properly qualified psychiatrist should supervise admittances to auxiliary classes in company with a board of admissions body.

In other business, the board upped the rate for supply teachers to \$22 a day instead of the former \$20 to keep in line with area municipalities.

Business Administrator Bruce Hunter said a teacher might average five days off in a school year and that there were probably a dozen sparetime supply teachers available to handle the classes.

"The number varies," he said, "we get names and lose them and get others."

The board accepted an application from the separate

## Well Settlement Benefits Village

After 18 months of effort King City Village Trustees were able to announce August 14 that they, the township and Kingslynn Developments had reached a satisfactory agreement on Well Site 3. This well is located on land which was expropriated from the development company.

The company will be signing a 60 home subdivision agreement with the township, it was reported. The new standard township subdivision agreement will be used and the village trustees will supervise the regulations concerning provision of water.

This information was given by Trustee Jim Wilkins in response to a question from a ratepayer. He stated that the trustees can't reveal any more details of the settlement until the subdivision agreement is signed. "I am confident you will be quite surprised," he said "and will find it to the benefit of the village."

King City

July Water Use Third Of 1967's Totalled Only 2,192,000 Gallons

Water consumption in the Police Village of King City during the month of July, 1967, totalled only 2,192,000, a daily average of 70,000 gallons. Comparative figures for 1966 are 5,901,000 for the month and 190,000 daily average. These figures were presented at the August 14 meeting of the village trustees by Commissioner Jim Wilkins. The commissioner commented that this was a result of the greater-than-normal rainfall during the month. "Although we still had some residents who insisted on watering their lawns even when it was raining," he commented.

Secretary-Treasurer R. T. Thompson also noted the rainfall was reflected in the water level in Well 2, which is holding steady and hasn't gone down at all. "This has enabled us to keep the iron content low in our water supply," he pointed out. "We have been able to use a ratio of three parts from Well 2 (iron free) to one from Well 3 (high iron content) which keeps the water quite palatable."

Trustee Wilkins noted that there had been no watermain breaks recently and Mr. Thompson told him it was the wrong season. "They always occur in the winter. From the action of the frost. Breakages are bound to happen Saturday night when the hockey game is on, Sunday

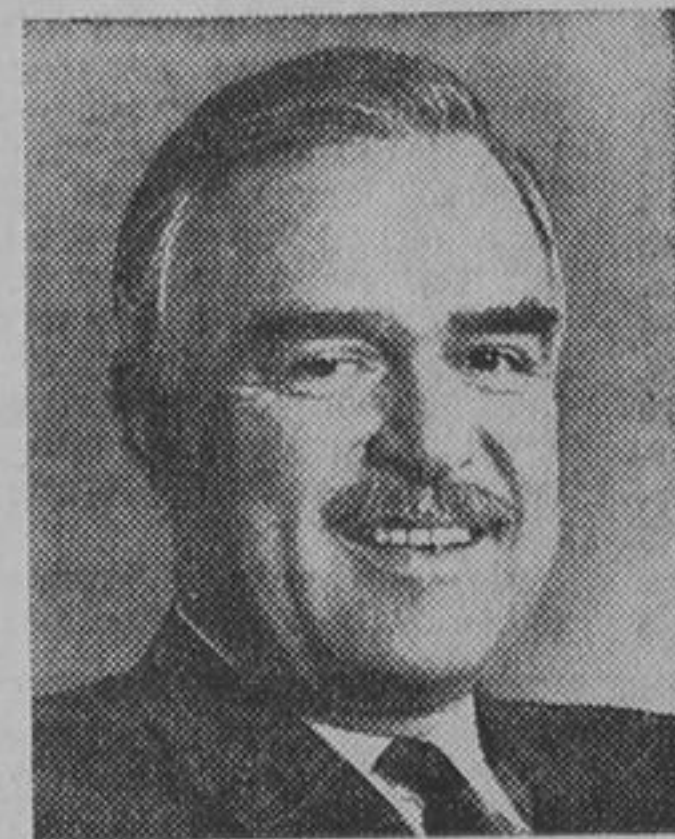
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