

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. Theo Dawson, 773-5448.



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Toronto Couple Win Oak Ridges Ski-doo

Oak Ridges Lions will be able to carry on all phases of their welfare and service work in Oak Ridges area as the result of a most successful draw for a Ski-doo Snowmobile. Tickets have been on sale since last October and the draw was held at a well attended Lions sponsored dance at Summit View Gardens Restaurant, Jefferson, January 27.

Lucky winner was Ronald McClelland of 314 Rane Avenue, Toronto. In the picture above, Lions President Gary Smith (left) presents the key to the Ski-doo in the background to Mr. McClelland (right) while Mrs. McClelland gives smiling approval.

Socially Speaking in King City

The Last of the Steam Giants
On January 28, the last operating steam locomotive in Canada packed some 600 steam buffs (ferroquinologists) aboard for the winter excursion to Lake Simcoe, not including my two elder sons who failed to get tickets for this one. It was generally a rotten day weather-wise, a mixture of drizzle, sleet and fog and only this was some consolation to the boys.

Engine No. 6218 was slated to pass the Gormley crossing around 9:30 that morning and this would give my husband and the three boys at least the opportunity of hearing that mighty whistle blow and watching her as she passed proudly by.

The following Monday morning the news broke the air that 6218 had sprung a leak somewhere in the boiler system and couldn't get up enough steam to continue the return journey, and to add insult to the disastrous injury, she had to be towed back behind two of her modern sisters, the cold characterless diesels.

Damage was serious enough to send her to Montreal for an extensive overhaul and it is

feared that 6218 will join the ranks of the permanently unemployed and could face demolition. The last time I felt so crestfallen was when I heard the news that Glenn Miller had been reported missing while serving as an officer in the air force during the war. Like steam, it was the end of a terrific era.

I have heard that sound peculiar to only steam locomotives a lot longer than my sons, and to this day respond with total indifference to the "barr, barr" of the diesel. I miss the very smells of steam and even the sooty feeling one used to get. The death of steam has been a gradual thing from her beginning in Canada in 1836 she enjoyed over a hundred years of popularity and progress.

But it was the same progress that proved to be the infection that would ultimately destroy her. In the early 1950's more and more diesels replaced the "pufferbellies" and the last runs between Hamilton and Toronto were April 30, 1959.

The Upper Canada Railway Society and the Toronto Train Trip Association kept the love of steam railroading alive with

three or four excursions a year, to various points. This experiment in revival proved most popular to enthusiasts of all age levels, most armed with cameras, some with tape recorders, and all with the kindred spirit that is unique with those smitten with steam. Whatever the outcome, the ghost of 6218 will pleasantly haunt our home, with hundreds of snapshots, post cards, excursion posters and several LP's of various steam whistles a constant reminder to a great Lady.

K-T-L Men's Club
The 1968 executive for the King-Teston-Lasky AOTS Men's Club reads as follows: Hon. President Rev. Norman Gibson, Past President Jim Scott, President Warren McMurphy, 1st Vice-President Murdoch McPhee, 2nd Vice-President Bev Feindell, Secretary-Treasurer Laurence Scott.

A supper meeting was held at Lasky United on the evening of January 4 when a film concerning the main religions of the world was shown to the eighteen men in attendance. Jesse Bryson took the worship period and President Warren McMurphy initiated two new members, Rev. Norman Gibson and Rinus ten Hove.

On February 1, Teston United was the scene of the supper meeting and a most informative illustrated talk was given by Jim Gilmore entitled "Into the Uttermost Parts of the World", emphasizing international aspects of the Christian Church. It is based on his round trip to Hong Kong, Nepal, Russia, etc. Formerly from Aurora, Mr. Gilmore, alone with his family, spent five years in India as an agricultural missionary.

Hockey Results
TYKES
Sputniks 1, Jets 0
Action on January 27 at Nobleton Arena resulted in a shutout for Goalie Lee Fleury with the lone Sputnik goal going to Scott Lithgow.

Flyers 2, Rockets 2
This contest ended in a tie with a goal apiece scored by Gord McKechnie and Gord Cook for the Flyers with an assist to Doug Manson. Brad Kent found the mark twice for the Rockets.

INTERMEDIATES
Hershey 4, Quebec 1
If Reid Lawson had been kept off the score sheet, this battle would have ended in a tie, but Lawson got the "hat trick" with three sharp goals and Ben Hawkins added one more for good measure. Pete Baker was a valuable guy to have around when he assisted on three of the four goals. Pete Coughlin scored the singleton for Quebec which kept the team from being blanked.

Rochester 3, Buffalo 0
Some neat stick handling by Goalie Paul Armstrong paid off in the form of a shut-out and team mate Bruce Manson got the "hat trick" with an assist going to Robert Cheeseman when the Rochester team brought the Buffalos to their knees.

Euchres
The weather co-operated and that persistent flu bug let up a little and as a result, it is re-

ported that twelve tables of players turned out on January 31 at the Masonic Hall for the Wednesday night euchre.

The winning ladies for the evening were: Mrs. Diane Hucksworth 1st, Mrs. Marvill Wilson 2nd, and Mrs. Betty Monkman 3rd. Marvill Wilson, Fred Curtis and M. Savage won the prizes for the men. The door prize consisting of a basket of groceries was won by Mrs. Howard Neill.

Thanks are forwarded to the many that turned out to make the evening a success and a reminder that the next euchre will be held on Valentine's Day with special Valentine prizes being planned.

Seven tables of players turned out for the regular Monday night euchre held at Lasky United on January 26 with prizes going to Jean McMurphy for 1st, Ann Diceman 2nd and Alma Smeltzer low. Winners for the men were Herb Ross, Jesse Richards and Milt Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walker were the surprised winners of the man's and lady's door prizes.

The next euchre will be held at the hall on February 9 and a few more players would be most welcome.

Lions' Oyster Supper
Don't whatever you do, leave the buying of those oyster supper tickets to the last minute. If sales come even close to former years, you might find yourself left out of things. The big night is slated for February 20, starting around 5 pm for the earlybirds and continuing until the masses are all seated and fed. I did hear the figures on the amounts of butter, milk and oysters used in the preparation of this feast, and they seemed staggering. The men will be doing all the oyster cookery as well as waiting on the tables.

Of course their better halves will pitch in as per usual with the making of the salads, the many pies and tarts that will be served in addition to the main fare. Tickets may be obtained from any Lions member at \$2.50 a head for adults and children (with smaller portions) at \$1.00. Starve yourselves a little and then build up a big hunger for the best in oyster cookery.

Three Schools of Art Contribute to Auction
From now until February 24 a collection of paintings and art form will be on display at O'Keefe Centre donated by some 125 artists from the three schools of art, and on February 26 the paintings will be hung in the Crystal Ballroom of the King Edward Hotel and will be auctioned off for fund raising purposes.

Architect Dennis Bauman of King, is the president of the three schools consisting of The Hockley Valley Summer School, The Artists Workshop, and The New School of Art.
This promises to be an exciting auction as several new concepts in art will be up for the bidding. Interested parties are asked to contact Jean Bauman at 833-5402, or 364-2036 to arrange viewing times. The auction itself will start at 8.30 following a two hour viewing period on the day of the sale.

9 Member Planning Board

Whitchurch To Finally Get An Official Plan

Deputy-reeve Lawrence Hennessey charged at last week's Whitchurch Council meeting that a previous administration had shelved an official plan for development in Whitchurch Township, despite the urgent need for a statement of planning and policy in the municipality.

The 1961 council had called for an official plan to be drawn up by Planning Consultants Proctor Redfern Bousfield and Bacon of Toronto, but the plan had never been adopted by council. Reeve Stewart Burnett, who served as deputy-reeve last year, defended the 1967 council which had ordered that the official plan be brought up to date for presentation to council.

Mr. Hennessey proposed that the present five man planning board be augmented to nine members, giving representation of approximately one member for each thousand of population. Whitchurch Township contains some 59,000 acres and Mr. Hennessey said that those who plan for the future development in this area will carry a heavy responsibility.

Oak Ridges History

"Windham" — the short-lived French settlement at Oak Ridges, is the subject of this week's historical article by Historian F. Doris Fitzgerald of Thornhill, who is a frequent contributor to "The Liberal".

French Royalist emigres took up land along both sides of Yonge Street from Richmond Hill to Oak Ridges in 1798, cleared some land and built 18 homes. But by 1806 all but one had left the vicinity.

Read about this settlement on Page 2 of this week's issue of "The Liberal".

Temperanceville News

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Church News
The January meeting of the Afternoon Unit of the UCUW was held at the home of Mrs. Milton Wells. Mrs. Fred Hare conducted the devotions, and plans were made for the 1968 program. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hare on February 15, at 2:00 pm.

In spite of very unfavorable weather, the Evening Unit entertained eight tables of euchre on February 1. Prize winners were, Ladies 1st Mrs. Wilbert Jennings, 2nd, Mrs. Lil Wilson, 3rd, Mrs. Fred Hare. Gentlemen 1st Harry Noakes, 2nd, Everett Phillips, and 3rd Timothy Henshaw.

The annual congregational meeting was held on January 25. Rev. Earle Stotesbury was chairman for the meeting, and received favourable reports from all departments of the church.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Rev. and Mrs. Earl Stotesbury in the loss of a brother-in-law in Winnipeg. Rev. Stotesbury flew out to attend the funeral.

WI
The February meeting of the WI will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Hare on February 8, at 8:00 pm. We hope to have as our guests, members of the King City branch. King Councillor Gordon Rowe resident of Oak Ridges, will address the meeting, speaking on "The Deaf". At the close of the meeting a sale of home baking and other articles will be held.

All members and friends are invited to attend this very promising evening.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Hugh Orser who is convalescing at her home after returning from York Central Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Macklin were among those who attended the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Guernsey Association held at Brantford.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Houlton are in Grenoble, France, where Joe is accompanying the Canadian Figure Skating team to the Winter Olympics. Both are skiing enthusiasts and hope to get in some skiing in the Alps before returning.

THE Challenge OF Cancer

Thanks largely to improvements in treatment and to much earlier diagnosis, stomach cancer is not the terrible threat it used to be. In 1958 it dropped to second place as the most lethal form of cancer. The Canadian Cancer Society still urgently needs funds to finance research into all forms of cancer. The annual drive for funds is in April.

Oak Ridges And Lake Wilcox News

Hospital Auxiliary

A very good turnout of ladies attended the Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox Branch of the YCHA January 30 at the home of Barb Dion. Newcomers Judy Payne and Lorraine Hughes joined the regulars: Marion Chapman, Carol Geary, Irene Blyth, Lee Gallacher, Ruth Craik, Joan Campbell, Jill Metcalfe, Avril Anderson, Anne Woolley, Audrey James, Wendy Van der Voort, Lillian Atcheson.

The ladies decided to resume plans for a fashion show in early September. Arrangements will be discussed at the February meeting on the 27th. More coloring books for use in the pediatric ward of York Central Hospital will be made at that meeting.

After adjournment, coffee and cake were served.

Minor Hockey

OMHA Playdowns have started. Oak Ridges Bantams played an exhibition game against Beeton at Bradford, winning 4-2. Goals were scored by Bobby Kenway, unassisted; Lonnie Lavigne, assisted by Fred Judge and Gerg Natale; Carruthers from Bobby Hearsom and Natale, unassisted. Beeton goals were scored by Dennis from McGinty and Robinson from Dennis and St. Peters.

Oak Ridges Midgets started playdown games with a 4-3 loss to Bradford. Scotch connected

for two goals for Bradford and Fuller and McCaskill with one each. For Oak Ridges the marksmen were: Gordie Orser from Gord Pearce, Nolan Natale from Tom Peterson, Glen Orser from Natale.

The peewees played their first game of the playdowns Tuesday of last week and defeated East Gwillimbury 4-0 at Bradford. Goalkeepers were: Dave Stewart, unassisted; Paul Madaleno from Stewart, Madaleno from Gary Banks and Grant Pearce and Stewart from Jim Roffe.

Last Thursday the peewees won the second game of this series 3-0. Goals were scored by Mike Judge from Grant Pearce, Dave Stewart from Johnny Lennville, Madaleno from Pearce and Ricki Hearsom.

The dance held at the Oak Ridges and District Minor Hockey Association January 27 was quite a success, with dancing to music supplied by D. J. Richard White. The association is very grateful to all those who worked so hard and donated lunch and prizes which made this event a success.

Plans are being made to hold another dance with a St. Patrick's theme.

About People
Happy birthday wishes are sent to Heather Hills, three years old February 9; Bill Orton, February 9; Carol Walker and Neil Bynkoski, both on the 10th.

The ladies auxiliary for Scouts and Cubs will meet at the home of Mrs. Isobel Plews, at 1:30 February 14. Final plans will be made for the father and son banquet February 22 at 7 pm at Our Lady of the Annunciation School, Bond Avenue.

Don't forget the teen record hop, Saturday night at the Lake Wilcox Recreation Hall, Wildwood Avenue. Admission 50c.

All members of units, branches and sections, including canvassers, drivers and committee members are invited to attend a "Teach-In" seminar for the central counties district of the cancer society. It will be held February 12 from 9:30 to 2:30 pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Yonge Street, Richmond Hill. A delicious buffet lunch will be served at \$1.50 per person. For more information, please call Mrs. Lil Atcheson.

There will be a meeting of committee members for the recreation centre and anyone interested in what is going on in your hall, February 15 at 8 pm to discuss further activities.



Team standings for the Thursday Afternoon Ladies' Bowling League are Stinkers 18, Hippies 17, Bobcats 14 and the Jets 7. High bowler was Frances Warner with 633 (198, 191, 244). Then came Vera Simmons 629 (227, 197, 205), Doris Smith 591 (217, 193), Isobel Plews 542 (244), Vena Porter 195, Elsie Deller 197.

A speedy recovery is wished for Mrs. Dot Marshall, who underwent an operation, and to Mrs. Beverley McDowell. Both are in York County Hospital. We are happy to see Muriel LaBelle out and around again after being ill.

The local association of Guides and Brownies will hold a euchre and cribbage party, February 13, 8 pm, at St. Paul's United Church, with funds to be used for Guiding. Admission is 75c with prizes and refreshments.

Board Unanimous

Pick New School Site Bloomington Sideroad

Whitchurch Township Public School Board has reached a unanimous decision concerning the site of a new 14-room school.

Application will be made to the Department of Education to build on a 15-acre site on the north west corner of Concession 5 and the Bloomington Sideroad, 1 1/4 miles north of Bethesda, reports Chairman Wesley Brillinger.

Not only was the board unanimous in this decision, but it was unanimous that the school accommodate kindergarten to grade 8 classes, instead of a senior school for grades 6 to 8 only as had been proposed by last year's board.

The 1967 board went ahead with the purchase of a school site on Vandorf Road and Concession 7 in spite of the fact that two members were strongly opposed to the location and the York County Consultative Committee had suggested the board look elsewhere.

Mr. Brillinger, in an interview with "The Liberal"

pointed out that the new location is quite central to the population. "There are 508 children in that area, south from the Ballantrae Road to the Gormley Townline, not counting those around Lake Wilcox," he said.

Most of these students are now housed in two-room schools and there are four basement rooms and two portables in use in the area which the board wishes to close as soon as possible. Also, a new kindergarten and a new opportunity classroom, are required.

The board may continue to operate some of the two room schools but with only one grade in each room, Mr. Brillinger also advised. He anticipates no trouble receiving approval from the Department of Education this year, in spite of the impending county board which is to be established in 1969. The board has had a letter from the department, he reports, advising that it should go ahead with its plans as needed.

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