

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 Susan Morgan, 833-6819.

Dogs Terrorize Sheep Schomberg Area

Rampaging packs of dogs have been causing death and injuries to cattle and sheep in King Township.

The June toll was described by township officials as one of the heaviest yet.

It reads:

Seven sheep killed and eight injured. Owner, Diny Scherpenzeel.

Seventeen sheep killed belonging to Pasquale Isacovetta.

Plus one steer killed, two injured, a sheep and a hog killed belonging to other township farmers.

Total compensation to the farmers concerned: \$1,195.50 as paid out by the township.

Stephen Leonard of RR 1 Schomberg told "The Liberal" he lost one steer to roving dogs and that two others had their ears chewed off.

"A first incident occurred about six weeks ago," Mr. Leonard said "I drove out to look at the herd around 3 pm on a Sunday. There were about 50 cows in the field.

"I saw two dogs standing near some of my cattle. One was a German Shepherd and

the other a boxer. When they saw me they took off.

"Shortly after I noticed the cows had their ears chewed to pieces. The dogs usually take after the smaller ones so I've moved them in closer to home."

A few weeks later Mr. Leonard discovered a dead cow lying in the bush.

"I figure that a dog got her too. She must have been lying there for at least a week. You couldn't tell how she had died."

Mr. Leonard said he had recognized the dogs and talked to the owners. One of the owners destroyed his dog, the other didn't. Mr. Leonard has had no difficulty since then.

Township Reeve Gordon Cook said the dog-trouble was confined to an area west of Schomberg.

"I think we've got the situation well in hand at the moment," he said. "We've got two of the dogs and we haven't had any problems since the first outbreak."

The dogs he was referring to were shot by Mr. Scherpenzeel of Schomberg.

Mr. Scherpenzeel's 14 year old son, Bart, said that the dogs bothered their sheep on three occasions.

A total of seven sheep were killed and another eight injured.

"We didn't know anything was going on the first night," he said. "Then we discovered the sheep the next morning."

"My father then stayed awake and watched for the dogs to return. He heard a dog bark and rushed out of the house."

What Mr. Scherpenzeel observed were three German Shepherd dogs who scattered when they saw him.

A night later they returned and Mr. Scherpenzeel shot two of them and this ended his trouble.

Mr. Cook said that the owners of the dogs had been identified in some cases and that the township was consulting its solicitors as to damage action.

York County Agriculture Representative Al Wall said he had heard no complaints about animal marauders from any part of the county.

"It's just about the usual

situation as far as I know," he said. "I haven't been aware of any apparent serious situation in King Township."

Main defence of the farmers against the marauders is the gun. For every dog shot he collects a township bounty of \$10.

The Ontario Humane Society can capture any animal running loose on public roads but is not allowed on private property.

An official of the OHS kennel located in Aurora said the complaints about animals killing livestock have all been confined to King Township.

"We maintain a patrol from 8 am to 8 pm," he said, "and are available for emergency calls 24 hours a day. But the dog owners wait until around 10 pm to let their animals loose."

"We've talked to a number of owners and we've had some co-operation. A large number just claim it's not their dogs who are doing the damage."

To Hold Liquor Vote Bone Dry Since 1910 King May Soon Be Wet

If you were around when King Township went "dry" in and about 1910 there's a chance you will be still around to see it "wet" in 1968.

Members of King Township Council have decided to hold a plebiscite to give the residents of the municipality the opportunity to approve or reject beer and liquor retail stores, dining and cocktail lounge licences.

The vote will probably be held sometime during the first three weeks of September. The Ontario Liquor License Act decrees that the vote must be taken within 90 days of the June 25 federal election.

Unanimously approving the vote were all five members of council — Reeve Gordon Cook, Deputy-Reeve Ken MacTaggart, and Councillors Gordon Rowe, Cyril Flinders, and Ernie Crossland.

Their decision came as a result of a request from

land developer John Kaptyn with offices in Richmond Hill, who wishes to build a brewers' retail beer store in his proposed shopping centre west of Nobleton.

Council also received at its last meeting a petition from township businesses wishing a plebiscite.

Among them was the Serbian Village Restaurant on the Aurora Sideroad near Snowball, King City's Village Cafe, the Nobleton Bowl Restaurant, Riverview Inn and Varley Marina, near Bradford, and the King Golf Club.

Council could have waited for a petition signed by 25 percent of the residents to call the vote but was influenced by the fact that voters' lists compiled in the recent federal election may by law be used within a 90 day period following that election.

This will save the municipality the cost of an enumeration of the eligible voters.

Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox News

About People

Oak Ridges Peewees won their second soccer encounter against Aurora last week by a score of 4-1 in a hard-fought game. Aurora took the lead and held it until half time, but Oak Ridges turned it on in the second half and came up with a great team effort. All four goals (one on a penalty shot) were scored by centre forward Terry Haviland. The peewees have now won three league games and lost only one.

Birthday wishes are extended this week to Karen Milligan, 17, Malcolm Watson, 4, July 17; Nancy Atcheson, 12, and Jack Steane, 17, July 21.

We are very glad to hear that young Duncan Ramage is recuperating although he is still in hospital after undergoing surgery.

A delicious pot luck lunch was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Eva Willia by former members of a euvre club, to bid farewell to Mrs. Muriel Steane, who moved to Haliburton last weekend. Mrs. Edna Hartell, who will be moving with Mrs. Steane, was also included in

the party. A silvery tray was presented to Mrs. Steane and an arrangement of artificial flowers to Mrs. Hartell as remembrances of their friends in this area.

The Lake Wilcox Brownie pack enjoyed a day's outing at Humber Trails July 3 with leaders Brown Owls Rita Szeler and Carol Daines. Mrs. Daines will assume the leadership of the pack in September.

The Brownies enjoyed lunch and a number of races, with Susan Kramer winning an overnight case, Joanne Carswell a paint-by-number set and Lorelei Daines a purse. Paekie Yvette Richard was presented with a string of pearls and Mrs. Szeler with a silver spoon bearing the Brownie emblem. Mrs. Szeler also received a cup and saucer from the Local Association, because she is leaving the Brownies after several years of devoted service.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Laskay History Recorded

Laskay Women's Institute's Centennial project, the publication of the history of that community reached a successful conclusion July 10 when copies of the history were on sale at its 60th birthday party.

Standing in the doorway of the Laskay WI Hall, three institute members discuss the interesting publication. They are (left to right), Mrs. Della Smeltzer, curator; Mrs. Norma Etheridge, district director and Miss Helen Hunter, president.

The "Laskay Portfolio" contains much of the material gathered by the institute over the years for the Tweedsmuir History and many old pictures of the community. It will become a popular reference book for homes in King Township and will provide a permanent record of the contributions made to this part of the country by the pioneers of that area.

King City Notes

"The Liberal" is very pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Morgan as our new correspondent for the King City area. In order that we may give our district complete news coverage please forward any items of local interest to Miss Morgan.

She may be reached by phoning 833-6819.

Diamond Anniversary

The 60th birthday party of the Laskay Women's Institute, held July 10, started with a superb luncheon featured by two beautifully iced cakes which formed 60 and a third which was served with strawberries. The cakes were made and decorated by Mrs. Agnes Walker, a member of the institute.

Early members Mrs. J. Wellesley and Miss Winnie Boys were present for the happy occasion, and regret was expressed that Mrs. Jennie Hoover, another member from the early days, was not able to attend.

Miss Boys, a past president, had the honor of cutting the cake.

Among those present were Mrs. N. MacMurchy, Mrs. Alma Smeltzer and Mrs. Della Smeltzer, daughters-in-law of three of the charter members of the institute.

Following the luncheon a "Flashback" of historical items was enjoyed.

Members of the panel were Mrs. M. Gillies who has made communication her career; Mrs. M. Gilliam, who has been a lifelong resident of King Township and taught at New Scotland and Eversley Schools; Mrs. Laura Rolling, a reporter for 30 years, who was awarded one of the Canada Centennial medals; and Mrs. Jean MacMurchy, teacher and mother of five.

Mrs. Whatley Finch, teacher and resident of King City, was the able moderator and Mrs. Pam Bennett presented the commercials in her own inimitable way.

Guest celebrity was Mrs. D. C. Henderson of Strange, who conducted classes in Esperanto in King City during 1961 and 1962. She is a devoted exponent of Esperanto, the universal language, and has had several occasions to use it and to prove its worth. She has written several books and is planning more. She explained that it is a language based on European languages and could play a large part in world peace if the United Nations learns to use it, she claimed. Will it be introduced into our schools, will it become compulsory? At the present time no one can say, she answered.

It was also noted that Dr. Ramsay Armitage of Maple is also an Esperantist and has helped Mrs. Henderson with her classes.

Village Views

Mrs. Elmer Hadwen has just returned from a most enjoyable trip to Carcross in the Yukon. A feature of her holiday was a boat trip from Vancouver to Alaska, aboard the Skagway. A train ride along the route of the trail followed by the gold-seekers in 1898 completed the journey to the romantic Yukon. Congratulations are being received by Jim and Dianne Hurlburt on the arrival of a baby brother for Sharon Grace. The newcomer weighed 8 pounds and was born July 8 on his grandfather Hern Black's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Knight, newlyweds, left July 10 for a four week vacation-honeymoon in the British Isles. They will visit relatives in England and Scotland.

Miss Lois Atherley leaves July 18 for a three week vacation in England, Scotland and Wales.

Flight Lieutenant Ted Lee and his wife and three children are leaving for Oromocto, New Brunswick, later this month. They lived in King City for the past three years. Gordon Orr was the auctioneer when the Lees sold their extra furniture

TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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Women's Institute

An invitation has been received from the Snowball WI Branch for Temperanceville members or friends to accompany them on a bus trip to the Hamilton area on September 10.

The itinerary includes the Dundas Museum, Hamilton Botanical Gardens, and on to Dundurn Castle, and other interesting points along the way. The bus is to leave Snowball at 8:45 am on September 10 and arrive home about 5:30 pm. Bus fare is to be \$2.35 per person.

Members who are interested are asked to let Mrs. Milton Wells know by August 1.

Neighborhood Notes

The community expresses sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester (Bud) Boyce and family in the passing of Mr. Boyce's mother, who passed away on July 9, at her home. Mrs. Boyce, who is survived by two sons and five daughters was laid to rest in Sanctuary Park Cemetery, Toronto.

Miss Mabel Jennings, Toronto, Mrs. Gordon Achilles and Jill, Oak Ridges, and Miss Wendy Jennings, Ottawa, have left for a tour of the British Isles and the continent.

Wesley Lloyd and Norman Rumble, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jennings spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lloyd in Delhi. Friends will be sorry to hear that David Perrault of Streetsville, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, suffered serious injuries while working on a project at the General Motors Plant in Oshawa.

He is in Oshawa General Hospital, making satisfactory progress, with a broken leg, arm, and other injuries.

Reverend Earle Stotesbury and Mrs. Stotesbury are enjoying their vacation with friends and relatives in Western Canada.

Mrs. Maude Robinson, Bond Avenue, spent the weekend with her daughter Mrs. Jack Adams and family of Scarboro.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Smith of Parker Avenue, who are the proud parents of a baby boy, born July 7, at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Evelyn Christie of Toronto spent Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. Harry Hutchinson of Bond Avenue.

**Highway 404 Coming
But Not Right Away**

It all depends on Metro's road building plans as to when construction will begin on Highway 404 north of the city through York County.

Prospects of this happening in the immediate future are slight which puts the new super highway construction some years in the future also.

This is the word from the Department of Highways officials.

Queen's Park planning of 404 north of Steeles Avenue is now in progress and the department itself would like to start construction "within a couple of years."

But the job is dependent upon an agreement between Metro and the province for the extension of the Don Valley Parkway from Sheppard Avenue East to Steeles where it would connect with the proposed route.

Highways Minister George Gomme told the Legislature last April 4 that his department was anxious to go forward with 404 as soon as possible.

But the department was advised by the Metro Roads Department that the Don Valley Parkway extension "is not on Metro's current construction program and it was considered that other Metro projects were of a higher priority."

City authorities state that there is "very much doubt" about the possibility of the extension being included in Metro's 1970 construction program.

It's not possible to schedule 404's construction north of Steeles until the agreement is reached.

The province would contribute fifty percent of the cost of extending the parkway.

York County Council has been urging a speedup of work on 404 and at a recent special session Whitechurch Deputy-Reeve Lawrence Hennessey requested that a definite starting date be announced.

The resolution pointed out that the area is losing industrial expansion possibilities because of the uncertainty of dates of the big new thoroughfare.

The route runs east of Richmond Hill, Aurora and Newmarket but west of the Don Mills Road.

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Queen's Park Report

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Wire tapping, a most controversial subject, was discussed at length in the Legislature last week. According to Attorney General Arthur Wishart, wire tapping, (the act of listening to and recording telephone conversations) is essential to law enforcement agencies. His statement in the House followed criticism of wire tapping practices in the daily papers.

The Attorney General stated that wire tapping, "becomes absolutely essential if we are to effectively deal with the organized criminal who could constitute such a threat to our society." He advocated that wire tapping be expressly prohibited by a national law, subject to the provision that it be available to law enforcement agencies under authorization of the court.

He reported that at present there is no law prohibiting the practice, but felt that federal legislation should be passed. However, he reiterated that his belief is that the police should be allowed to use this in proper circumstances in their purpose of protecting citizens from organized crime.

As private citizens most of us would agree this is a reasonable policy.

Minister of Financial and Commercial Affairs Leslie Rowntree forecast increased expenditures of \$640,000 for his department. This department has experienced growth and a new depth of activity in all areas, especially the services of the consumer protection division. These include conferences for consumer education and research and study of credit contracts, warranties and repossession rights. Over a million pamphlets which inform consumers of their rights have been distributed.

Other facets of this department are the Ontario Securities Commission, a superintendent of insurance department and credit counselling offices in many parts of the province.

The Legislature has been busy listening to first, second and third readings of legislation I have already discussed in this column in sessions which start at 9:30 am and continue to 11 or 12 pm with short breaks for lunch and dinner. This has been a most productive session with the wearing of shorts and the verbal antics of a member of the opposition giving some lighter moments during a week in which much was accomplished.

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