

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. Carol Daines, 23 Willowbank Avenue, 773-4589, in King City Mary Dawson, 884-1105.

Flood Control At Oak Ridges Costly

What began as a study of methods to do something about protecting children from the dangers posed by swampy areas along the headwaters of the Humber River at Oak Ridges has become a king-sized headache for King Township Council. Recently council was advised by Metro Conservation Authority that a solution to all of the problems posed by a comprehensive flood control program will carry a cost of \$265,000. In January, 1967, King Council authorized spending \$5,000 as the municipality's share of acquiring the Meadows property to alleviate dangerous swamp conditions with the balance of the \$20,000 price to be shared by the province, other Humber River watershed municipalities and the MTRCA.

An engineering study costing \$5,500 was authorized by the conservation authority on December 4, 1968 and the report was unveiled at a special October 21 meeting of council, ratepayers and MTRCA representatives. Half of the anticipated \$265,000 cost for a flood control project that would protect the area against storms matching the intensity of Hurricane Hazel would be shared by the government and the conservation authority. "If you are going to spend this kind of money, you have to have a system that would stand up under a Hazel storm," Dr. Ross Lord, conservation authority chairman told the meeting. "Some people think we'll never have another, well, for sure we are going to have

another. Every year there is a two percent chance there will be one at Oak Ridges," he said. Dr. Lord added that the scheme had been requested by the township and that it was not part of the MTRCA program. Councillor Gordon Rowe later said council will carefully study the report of the MTRCA before making any commitment to the program. "Our discussion was only a preliminary discussion," said Mr. Rowe referring to the October 21 meeting. "We will be having further meetings on this to decide if we want to go as far as this proposal. If we do, it won't be a one-shot deal, it will have to be staged. We can't afford this kind of money."

Mr. Rowe said council is still considering the proposals of the MTRCA without deciding what the next step will be toward proceeding with the recommended project or a modified project more in keeping with council's original thoughts toward eliminating a possible hazard to children. The original plan of acquiring the Meadows property was to possibly establish a small park in the area where there are deep ponds. Council asked MTRCA to fence the ponds because they were dangerous to children, but residents have objected to completely filling in the ponds are barring access to children who skate on them in winter. "You can't win," mused Mr. Rowe.

TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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United Church Women
The general meeting of the UCW was held at the church on November 25, with the President Mrs. Fred Hare in charge of the meeting.
Deviations were led by Mrs. Andrew Annand, and Mrs. Hugh Orser was in charge of the program. Rev. Earle Stotesbury conducted the election and installation of officers as follows: Past President Mrs. Fred Hare, President Mrs. Wilfred James, Vice-President Mrs. Everett Phillips, Secretary Mrs. Norman Hearsome, Treasurer Mrs. Andrew Annand. After-

noon Unit Leader Mrs. Gordon Hampton, Evening Unit Leader Mrs. Bruce Prentice, Supply Secretary Mrs. Hugh Orser, Press Secretary Mrs. Wilbert Jennings and Pianist Mrs. Fred Hare.
At the close of the business session, Mrs. Orser conducted a "Sight Unseen" Chinese Auction, which produced many hearty laughs.
Neighborhood Notes
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell of King Side-road, Oak Ridges, who on December 5 will celebrate 58 years of married life. Our best wishes to this happy and active

couple for many more years of health and happiness.
Mr. and Mrs. George Goldsmith of Buffalo spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James Gillham at their cottage last week.
The Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Wilbert Jennings on December 11, at 2 p.m. Roll call is to be answered with a gift for a needy person. All members and friends are invited to attend.
Mrs. Harry Hutchinson spent several days last week visiting friends and relatives in Toronto.

King Township Council

Washes Hands Unassumed Roads

Members of King Township Council could offer loads of "tea and sympathy" last week to the owners of a property accessible only by an unassumed road but little else.
The owner, Keith Jamieson of Toronto, has been wanting to build on his property a long Green Lane off Concession 5 but has been stymied.
Reason:
An unassumed road leading to his property stops some 300 feet from it.
Mr. Jamieson — who has appeared before council and other municipal heads a number of times — is willing to construct the remainder of the road at a cost of some \$3,500 but this is where the problem comes in.
States King Township Reeve Gordon Cook:
"We're very much in sympathy with your problem but we have several such cases in the municipality and we just haven't got the finances to open all the unassumed roads."
"If we bend the rules in this case it leaves the door open for dozens of other," he said. The township bylaw is not required to take responsibility for maintenance or upkeep or extension of "unassumed" roads. An unassumed road does not meet Department of Highways standards and is not eligible for 50 percent provincial grants.
The \$3,500 figure used by Mr. Jamieson which would complete the road extension would not be enough to bring it up to highway department standards.
"We would be required to foot the cost for this and others," said Councillor Ernest Crossland. "There are a great number of unassumed roads besides this one and it would cost us in excess of \$100,000 to do them all."
He cited the necessity to also provide maintenance, police and fire protection.
"If we didn't do this and homes were built on the property we'd feel very guilty if a fire broke out and someone was burnt to death. If we develop this one we'd have to develop them all. We just have to draw the line somewhere."
Mr. Crossland also pointed out the entire question was against the township's road policy as outlined in the recent road needs study.
"The roads needs study is in direct contradiction to such a policy and we paid a lot of money to have it brought done and it's folly to just ignore it," Mr. Jamieson pointed out to

council that he had to have the matter settled one way or another almost immediately because "I've sold my business."
The township has informed Mr. Jamieson it could not issue a building permit unless that portion of the unassumed road was completed to his property line.
Councillor Gordon Rowe was in sympathy with Mr. Jamieson's plight to the point he would "make this an exception. Mr. Jamieson is in a desperate situation. It's a borderline case and I'm for approving it."
Mr. Crossland said the matter basically requires "a no" on our part because it's definitely against our policy. But we are trying in every way possible to assist Mr. Jamieson."
He asked that the matter be left with him to enable him to discuss the problem further with the township engineers to "attempt to get around this."
Mr. Jamieson exhibited impatience and at one point asked that he get a "clear yes or no tonight. I just can't afford to wait any longer. I've been here a number of other times."
Mr. Crossland made it plain that if you insist on an answer tonight it will have to be "no". But if you can wait I'm willing to try to find an answer to the problem. But if you're not willing to wait I won't waste my time.
Mr. Jamieson agreed to wait for a few days.

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Ladies' Guild
On November 22 the Ladies' Guild of Our Lady of Annunciation Separate School had a very successful bazaar at the school. There were tables of Christmas Candles, door and wall decorations, Christmas Cards and displays of hand sewing and household items. Candy tables and "Touch and Take" were handled by the Guides.
Sale of a variety of baked goods helped to bring proceeds from the bazaar to \$200.
Mrs. Ann Marshall won a centre piece, Mrs. Peter Reimer of Aurora a warming tray, Mrs. James Mason of Oak Ridges a tablecloth and Mrs. John Dobrzynsky of Richmond Hill a food hamper. Mrs. Dobrzynsky returned the hamper with the request that it be given to some needy family at Christmas.
Santa Claus Parade
On Saturday afternoon local residents and their children watched Aurora Santa Claus Parade which featured the "One and Only" at this time of year. The Aurora Recreation Committee led off from the Sterling Drug Company Parking Lot with tiger cats and bear

clown.
The parade included the Newmarket Legion Highlanders Pipe and Drum Band, majorettes, and was topped off by the arrival of Santa himself.
Floats displayed popular fairy tale characters - The Old Woman in the Shoe, Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, Wizard of Oz, as well as Santa's Workshop, Paleminos, Boy Scouts Camping Scene, Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School float, Aurora Lion's float complete with Golden Lion, an Eskimo float, ranger station, Pirates of Penzance and many others.
Fonies pulling a cart, an antique car and a rocketship float demonstrated changes in transportation through the ages.
School News
Sixty-three children from Lake Wilcox Public School visited Richmond Hill Public Library last week and were shown how books are catalogued, pasted and encased in plastic before they are placed on the shelves and into circulation.
They were intrigued by the sight of a copying machine in operation, and several of the children shown how to make paper hats and boats.
They were treated to the story of "Curious George The Mischievous Monkey" and had time to browse through the books in the children's section before returning to the school.
The Lake Wilcox Home and School Association arranged a trip for interested parents to the new Whitechurch Highlands School on December 3.
On December 10, the association is sponsoring a demonstration of Christmas Cookery and hostess hints. A home economist from Consumers Gas Company will demonstrate and there will be recipes for the Christmas Menus. Coffee and Christmas Cake will be served at the end of the program, which begins at 2 pm in the community hall.

Church News
At the family service in St. John's Anglican Church on November 30 the "Mixed Blessings", a young musical group recently formed in the parish, made their first public appearance. Their selections, "Thank You" and "Firmly I Believe" were sung with enthusiasm and meaning.
The junior young people of the parish (grades 7 and 8) are planning a trip to the McLaughlin Planetarium in Toronto on Saturday evening. Featured this month is "The Star of Bethlehem".
At an adult Bible class meeting in Brethren-in-Christ Church on November 26 Rev. William Vanderbent of Richmond Hill showed films of a trip from Montreal through Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Cape Breton Island, showing scenery, boating and fishing.
At the end of the evening sandwiches, cake and ice cream were served to the 43 people present.
The ladies' sewing group will meet at the parsonage on December 10 at 8 pm. This is a

special Christmas get together for the ladies, and they will exchange "Secret Sister" gifts. A special Christmas Luncheon will be served.
The church now has 191 registered at morning services including Sunday school.
Parents are invited to attend the final session of the series, "Love-In" at St. Paul's United Church on December 7.
About 80 children from four to 14 have enthusiastically responded to this six week program, and the church service will be conducted by the young people of the "Love-In".
There will be a service of Holy Communion at 11 am on December 14 at St. Paul's.
The United Church Women will have their Christmas Dinner outing on December 9 at the Summit View Gardens Restaurant, Jefferson.
Gormley Missionary Church Women's Group are having their mother and daughter banquet tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 pm. The film "Sacred Flame" will be shown for this Christmas occasion.
On Tuesday the sewing circle had its Christmas get together and election of officers.
Some of the young people of the area are planning to attend the regional youth fellowship meeting in Kitchener this Saturday. Emmanuel Bible College of Kitchener will provide the evening program.
The Sunday School Christmas Service at the Missionary Church will begin at 7:30 pm on December 21. There will be a showing of the colored film, "Glory To God In The Highest" and special music by the youth department.
Aroundabouts
Devon John Allen, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen Bestard, was baptized in

Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church on November 23 with Rev. William Wallace conducting the service. Godmother is Mrs. Helen Atkinson of Elm Grove, Oak Ridges, and Godfather is John Nixey of Richmond Hill.
Devon wore the same three-piece set of white satin and velvet that was worn by his brother, Allen, seven years ago at his baptism.
Cecil Smith and Rudy Arlt have been hunting around Chapeau and Timmins.
We were sorry to hear that Alex Bachall has been hospitalized.
Happy birthday to Fiona Sharp, 13, Robby Penley, 12, Mrs. Jerry Cook, Mrs. Doris Smith, Vicki Willis, Bonnie Wayne, Carol Orton, Mrs. Charlotte Brockton, Mrs. Dot Wayne, and happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Post and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sweeney.
On November 25 first prize in the euchre was won by Pat Rawding and second prize by Jerry Cook with Selby Roberts taking the booby prize. The euchre club meets each Tuesday in the community hall.
The Teen-Power executive met at the home of Brenda Daines November 22 to discuss regulations and money raising projects.
On November 23 they met at the community hall where they meet each week from 2 to 3:15 pm for choir practice under direction of Stewart Bell.
The recreation committee will hold its Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale from 1 to 4 pm on December 13.
On December 20 Santa will pay a visit to the neighborhood children and take last minute orders for Christmas - 1 to 4 pm.

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Pepper Pot Lodge Gets License Hydroplane Regatta Next July

Whitchurch Township Council, accused by Councillor Norman Barnard of "hedging" and "sidestepping" as well as "throwing stones into the path of the management of Pepper Pot Lodge" finally decided November 4 to issue a license to the lodge allowing a hydroplane regatta to be held on the weekend of June 20 to 21 on Preston Lake.
Councillor Betty van Nosttrand took exception to Mr. Barnard's statement that stones were being thrown in the way of the lodge. "I object to your saying we are throwing obstacles in the way of the Pepper Pot Lodge," she said.
After Deputy-reeve Lawrence Hennessey suggested council defer action on the application, Mr. Barnard said to defer action would be ridiculous.
"We discuss these things for hours and hours and never do anything," charged Mr. Barnard.
Mrs. Dolores Patterson, lessee of the lodge, told council she had investigated the Oakville Hydroplane Club which proposes to sponsor the regatta under the auspices of the Canadian Boating Federation and is satisfied the club is a responsible group.
Appearing before council to explain the proposal during more than an hour of discussion were Ric Hall, the commodore; Henk Engles, vice-commodore; and Leo Etienne, the regatta chairman.
Mr. Hall explained the regatta would be one of several held across the province by various clubs during the summer and the club required an answer before the schedule of regattas is prepared at a boating federation convention in December.
Councillor Robert Lewis had early objections to council issuing a license for the regatta because council would be deciding to allow something which rest-

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King City Notes

Prize winners at the King City euchre party held November 24 included Mrs. James Wells, Mrs. Percy Leatherdale, Mrs. Archie MacDonald, James Wells, Jack Tanner and Audrey Campbell. There were nine tables of euchre enthusiasts in play.
The next euchre will be held December 8. This will be the Christmas euchre with no others until after the first of the year.