

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.

Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox News

Church News
S. John's Anglican Church church for a snowmobile and skating party. Following the Married Couples will meet Friday evening at 8:30 at the outdoor activities the group will be guests at the home of Mr.

TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes
Members are reminded of the Women's Institute meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Hare on the evening of February 12 at 8:00 pm. Mrs. Ray Jennings, public relations representative will be convening the program, and will be showing colored slides as part of the program. Roll call is to be answered by "A Tip For Travellers". Husbands and friends are invited to attend. Due to the extremely cold weather and the prevalence of colds and flu, there was a small crowd at the euchre sponsored by the UCW at the Sunday school on January 26. Prize-winners were: gentlemen, Rev. Earl Stotbury and ladies, Mrs. K. McGuire of Toronto. Another euchre in the series is planned for February 6, and we hope that you will join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

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and Mrs. Douglas Meadus of Oak Ridges.
Tuesday, February 10, at 8 pm in the upper room at the first meeting of the newly elected advisory board will be held.

Saturday, February 14, the intermediate young people (high school level) will hold a skating party. Details will be given next week.

St. Paul's United Church is organizing a High "C" group for teenagers of high school age. A committee has been set up and its members are planning future activities. Further information will be available in coming weeks.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's congregation January 26 opened with a pot luck supper. Guests for the evening were Rev. Albion Wright of Richmond Hill, Rev. Martin Jenkinson of Victoria Square and Rev. Robert Smith of Richmond Hill United Church, who chaired the meeting. A new constitution was passed which stated the congregational board will consist of 12 members instead of being composed of the board of session and committee of stewards.

The UCW met on the night of January 27 when projects for 1970 were discussed. The group will be making Easter eggs again this year. These can be ordered from any UCW member and will be delivered March 11. The annual friend-

ship night, a chicken barbecue and two rummage sales are part of the spring agenda.

The Sunday school program will begin another six-week course in February.

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held March 6 this year.

As part of their second-class Guide work Heather Rennie, Cathy Cheesman, Penny Seymour, Mary McLeod, Christine Bahen and Linda Dumais braved the 23 degree below weather January 24 for a hike and a cookout.

Travelling north through the snow covered fields to the CFB Sideroad and back south to the water tower, the girls hiked and gathered wood which they used for campfires to cook lunch in Captain Susan Broad's back yard. Following the exhilarating hike and hot lunch the tired girls called it a day and returned home.

Neighborhood Notes
Wednesday of last week the hydro was off for an hour and a half and not without spreading some joy. One young lady who had a dental appointment cancelled because of no hydro was overjoyed. Some people have all the luck, eh!
A happy anniversary is wished for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burns. Get well wishes are sent to Stanley Ensor following a skating mishap.

Cavell Road Residents Unhappy At Location 50-Bed Nursing Home

The combination of a possible 50-bed nursing home and an already existing "muddy" road has residents of Fog Road in King Township in something of a fog themselves.

And there was little evidence of the fog lifting last week when two residents of the area, Mrs. Mary Agnew and Thomas Poole, approached King Township Council to plead their cause.

Fog Road, or Cavell Road as it is officially referred to, is located two miles north of King City, is another one of those unassuming roads continually plaguing councillors.

Both Mrs. Agnew and Mr. Poole expressed alarm for themselves and some 11 other homeowners in the wake of reports that the nursing home would locate in their neighborhood.

Mrs. Agnew cited the muddy condition of the road which would not stand up to the present traffic at certain times of the year and the condition it would be in with the addition of a 50-bed nursing home and the traffic that would result.

She also said reports had it that "it will take from \$80,000 to \$100,000 to reconstruct the road in order to make it pass-

McKeough's Regional Talk Pleases Reeve

Whitchurch Township Reeve Stewart Burnett led his council to Queen's Park January 23 to discuss York County regional government.

And he came away sounding very pleased. "We had a very good meeting. One of the best we've had," said Reeve Burnett.

Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough didn't give the council any indication Whitchurch Township was going to disappear, said the reeve.

It seems there's just to be some changes around the towns to add some lands suitable for annexation to Newmarket, Aurora and Stouffville, Reeve Burnett said.

Newmarket applied for annexation of land comprising about 300 acres between its boundaries and Highway 404, but this application was stopped when regional government came into the picture.

Mr. Burnett said the indication from the Minister still was that regional government was definitely going through this year. The legislation would be passed in March and the boundaries could be ironed out during the summer.

The matter of boundaries was discussed, and Whitchurch council suggested its same boundaries be retained.

The meeting of Whitchurch with Municipal Affairs Minister McKeough had to be postponed late last year because of a crowded calendar. Most other York County municipalities had meetings at Queen's Park at that time.

Fight Hydro 5-Line Slash Across King, Whitchurch

It's the equivalent of a 36 lane Highway 401 across King and Whitchurch Township, objected one citizen at the January 20 Schomberg public meeting on Ontario Hydro Commission's proposed Nanticoke to Pickering power line. In the face of public feeling evident at the meeting, hydro is re-examining its plans.

Officials estimated that nearly 150 people attended the meeting. It was the third meeting on the power line right-of-way in King Township, but the first one with a major turnout of public objectors.

King Township Planning Board objections to the right-of-way were aired at the meeting. Hydro proposes to follow a line just south of the 18th Sideroad from Concession 11 to Yonge Street, then swing somewhat northerly between Newmarket and Aurora.

King Planning Chairman Robert Silcox said after the meeting it was a pretty sorry impasse when hydro was without any absolute idea of the land with which they were dealing, and this after three meetings at which details of the right-of-way examination were requested.

"There's a history of this... this history must change... not just going by the decision of some technician in an ivory tower," said Mr. Silcox. There was an Albion Township Councillor at the meeting and it is clear Albion and Whitchurch haven't agreed to anything, he said.

Whitchurch Reeve Stewart Burnett and Deputy Reeve Norman Barnard, both planning board members, say Whitchurch hasn't taken any stand on the right-of-way, except that there didn't seem to have been any serious objection so far. Reeve Burnett says there is some question about a proposed

substation site at Bayview Avenue. ***** Hydro's director of property Milan Nastich says the commission has committed itself to re-examine in detail the route alternatives, since it became evident that there was real feeling against the proposed route.

The power line in question is to become the new backbone for the Ontario Hydro system, with an ultimate five rows of towers 140 miles long, carrying an extra high 500,000 volts. It will connect major new power installations at Nanticoke on Lake Erie and at Pickering on Lake Ontario.

"We feel we have the best route. An extraordinarily large amount of planning has been done, aiming to assure that the minimum amount of severance, disturbance, etc., is achieved. King Township wants information on pro-

posed alternatives and we have committed ourselves to re-examine them. We will be going into them in detail and will present our information. We are trying to co-operate as much as we possibly can," Hydro's director of property said.

Mr. Silcox says Hydro claims to have examined every possible route east and west between Finch Avenue and Lake Simcoe. "But when we want to see evidence of their examination, they have no evidence. They haven't details of the terrain, number of properties, etc. They are planning the five largest absolute idea of the land they are dealing with," he said.

Mr. Silcox says it is discouraging to find Hydro has apparently made its decision, seems to have locked on to it, and seems reluctant to change, even if shown the change would be intelligent. "This happens with an independent authority," he said.

In his opinion Hydro had an extraordinarily weak case at the Schomberg meeting. Alternative routes mentioned were the Holland Canal right-of-way north of Newmarket, and the Trans-Canada Gas Pipeline right-of-way through Vaughan and Markham Townships.

Whitchurch Reeve Burnett said the township's planning board would be looking at the powerline right-of-way question during its meeting this week. Deputy-reeve Barnard says the proposed line doesn't interfere in any known way with Whitchurch's planning and no objections have been received. He feels the local planning board could hardly have advised hydro of any better route. Very few people were affected, except for farm land. The proposed line takes about half the width of a farm and avoids most build-ings, the way land is laid out in Whitchurch, he said.

New Kingcross Estates Plan

Proposing 200 Homes Beside King City

Kingcross Estates Ltd. proposes to subdivide additional land near the Village of King City to provide 200 residential building lots, King Township Planning Board was told last week.

Presenting the firm's application, Joseph Gelleny of RR 1, King, told the planning board the lots would be developed at the rate of about 20 per year. The application is being considered for approval.

The new subdivision is proposed on the east side of Keele Street between the East Humber River and the Canadian National railway tracks, being on Part Lot 7, West Half, Concession 3.

The zoning now permits residential construction, but developer and planning board agreed a zoning change is de-

sirable. Most of the land is zoned RU (residential urban), but a portion near the railway line is zoned light industrial. There is also a little conservation zone along a stream.

It was agreed the light industrial land should be zoned residential, since this would be the best way to protect property owners from undesirable land uses by neighbors.

Mr. Gelleny and planning board Vice-Chairman Vern Plant had an exchange of views over the size of homes there should be in the new subdivision.

Mr. Gelleny said the board's 1,500 square foot minimum floor space requirement for new homes was too high. He maintained the township had no such bylaw.

Developer Gelleny said 1,500 square feet of floor space was too much for retired couples and small families. Also, a home of 1,500 square feet floor space could be built with less assessment than some homes with 1,250 feet of floor space.

Mr. Gelleny said many homes were being built with far more than the minimum 1,500 square feet in existing subdivisions. It would be better planning to allow a mixture of large and small homes in a development. If the minimum was lower, he said, people would still keep the average above 1,500 square feet by their own choice. Retired people and young couples were being penalized.

Mr. Plant said the township had to have a minimum because of the hard facts of taxes, and although it was not a bylaw, the 1,500 square foot minimum requirement was policy.

Whitchurch Puts Hope Back In Planning Role

Douglas Hope, a long time farmer at RR 3, Newmarket, has been re-appointed to the Whitchurch Township Planning Board for three years, along with Deputy-reeve Norman Barnard.

Mr. Hope, past chairman of the planning board, was also appointed to the council's important committee of adjustment for one year. He has farmed many years on land at Pine Orchard taken over from his father, and has served two 3-year terms on planning board.

This year's planning board membership now includes the following: Mr. Barnard, Mr. Hope, Michael Cassidy of Oak Ridges, Richard Preston of RR 1 at Gormley and Reeve Stewart Burnett, who is automatically a member of all township committees by reason of his office.

A snowmobile recently killed a dog in Whitchurch Township, council members were told.

Police Chief Fred Mason said there was a relatively small amount of complaints being received about snowmobiles, usually due to noise late at night, but sometimes about fence cutting.

He said police chiefs recently reported on the matter of snowmobiles at a meeting called by the province. He said municipalities were told to ban snowmobiles on their roads if they wished. Such a ban would be valid unless proven otherwise in court. Legislation, had lagged when the snowmobile problem came into being and mushroomed fast, he said.

Council has named Dr. F. H. van Nostrand as 1970 representative to the Metro Conservation Authority.

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He added that it was his understanding that a "county bylaw for nursing homes required that the road on which it is located must be brought up to proper standards. This road at times in the past has been impassable at certain times of the year and will be again with additional traffic."

He said he would also like to know whether council had any authority to halt the nursing home.

It was pointed out that the license to operate the home had been issued by the York-Oshawa Health Unit and did not require council sanction.

"It's a matter of courtesy to us that they have held up final issuance of the permit because of the problem involved," said one councillor.

Mr. Poole requested council to do everything in its power to assure the license to operate the nursing home not to be given "until after the spring break-up or we'll be in an impossible mess."

Reeve Cook closed the lengthy discussion by stating the council would endeavor to meet with the nursing home spokesmen and discuss the matter further.

"We haven't heard any more from them since we told them we wouldn't be responsible for the cost of bringing the road up to provincial standards," he said.

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