

# 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. Elisabeth Orton, Yonge Street, 773-4635, in King City Mary Dawson, 884-1105.

## Oak Ridges And Lake Wilcox News

**Church News**  
The women's study group meets each Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 at St. Paul's United Church. All residents are welcome and a baby-sitter is on hand.

A rummage sale will be held Friday from 7 to 9 pm at St. Paul's United Church. Good clean rummage and other bargains will be available. Anyone wishing to make a donation can leave it at the church Wednesday or Thursday.

The Love-In is continuing with the theme "Community At Work". This informative program has led to many trips into the neighborhood and visits to business and industrial settings. This Sunday a trip will be made by some of the children to Gagebridge to see the liftlocks.

Next month's meeting of the UCW will be held May 19. This will be a "friendship night". Invitations are now being sent out.

St. John's Anglican Church morning service, May 3, will begin at 10 am and continue through the summer months at that time. The service this Sunday morning will be the Litany. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9 am.

At 7:30 pm a "fireside" will be held at St. Mark's Chapel in Oak Ridges. Carl Reid of Alton Township in Peel County who recently took 18 school children and six adults to Great Whale River, will be showing slides and telling of the changes in Eskimo life in the four years since he left that northern community. The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and refreshments will be served.

The men's Bible study will be held at St. Mark's Chapel at 9 pm, May 4.

**School News**  
Students of grade 3 Lake Wilcox Public School enjoyed a trip through the Laura Secord factory April 23. The youngsters were really fascinated as they watched machines put out different varieties of the well-known quality candies. Each child and accompanying adult was presented with a box of candy.

The students also visited Toronto City Hall and were thrilled with the elevator ride to the top to see the city and the boats on Lake Ontario.

Saturday, April 18, Lake Wilcox Home and School Association held a successful rummage sale at the community hall.

The home and school arranged for pupils of grades 1 and 2 to visit Glenville Farms Dairy and farms, April 17 and 24. The children were overjoyed to see a newborn calf and a mother cow with month-old twin calves, part Holstein and part Guernsey.

They were shown the milking machines and how they operate, along with feeding techniques and other equipment used on the dairy farm.

At the dairy they saw how milk is delivered in refrigerated trucks, homogenized and pasteurized, bottling, storage and delivery.

Cheese making processes and how a variety of ice cream treats are made were explained. Each child enjoyed a chocolate milk drink and a chocolate bar. The general meeting of Lake Wilcox Home and School will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 pm in the kindergarten. Elections will be held and an interesting program is planned for the evening. Nomination forms have been sent home with the pupils. If you wish to make a nomination, do so on the form provided and return it to the school.

Tables will be set up for anyone wishing to join the association or to renew membership. All parents are invited, but only members will be qualified to vote in the elections. The membership fee is \$2 per year.

Prizes will be awarded to the two classes having the best representation of parents and spot prizes will be another feature of the evening.

**Neighborhood Notes**  
There has been no meeting of the cancer society this month as all members are hard at work on the April Campaign for funds.

The Ladies' Guild of Our Lady of the Annunciation will meet May 5 to elect a new executive.

Members of the Sunshine Club (Senior Citizens) were hosted by Oak Ridges Lions April 16. A marvelous time was reported by the many Sunshiners who attended.

A bus trip to the Niagara Peninsula is scheduled for the Thursday closest to Blossom Sunday. The trip is open to all from Lake Wilcox and Oak Ridges. The bus will leave at 9 am and return at 6 pm and there is room for 33 people. Enquiries may be made by phoning 773-5964.

Monday, May 4, the wives of Lions will meet at Oak Ridges Lions Hall for dinner and a meeting.

Saturday, May 23, at Oak Ridges Lions Hall a "Roaring Twenties Dance" will be held. All are asked to dress in the mode of the Twenties and many prizes will be awarded. A buffet and bar will be available.

Millionaires Night promises to be a big event with play money being used in games galore. Bicycles, transistor radios and other items will be auctioned off for play money at the close of the evening.

Last year the Lions successfully completed 39 projects for the benefit of the community.

Baseball registration will be held at the Lions Hall May 9 from 10 am until 3 pm. Boys and girls in the area from seven years up, are eligible. Registration fee is \$1. Weather permitting games will start by May 16.

**Students Commended For Pollution Drive**

When grade 5 pupils of Notre Dame Roman Catholic School in Newmarket see a problem they act on it.

For several weeks the 30 pupils, average age 10 years, in Randy LaMorre's class roamed the streets and parks and playgrounds of Newmarket and East Gwillimbury looking for litter and taking pictures of the major eye-sores in the community.

On April 17, the members of the councils of the two municipalities and local trustees were invited to the school for a presentation of pictures and plans prepared by the youngsters.

Mayor Thomas Surgeoner was there on behalf of the Town of Newmarket, and Deputy-reeve Ray Twiney represented East Gwillimbury.

The young people asked for, and were given, permission to do a major clean up job, and Mr. Twiney offered to drive a truck to pick up the bags and boxes of trash collected by the children.

The class's public relations representative, Michael Hoehne, had contacted press and other media to be sure that the project got adequate coverage, and at a meeting of the Roman Catholic School Board of York County last week, a trustee remarked that he had seen the pictures on television and was very favorably impressed at the initiative shown by the children.

It was suggested that the anti-pollution song sung by the class be recorded for broadcasting, and that it be used in other schools.

**NEWMARKET:** Newmarket Argus Redmen captured the Ontario OHA Junior "C" Championship on home ice when a 7-5 overtime win over Hesler in the fourth game of the playoffs gave them a clean sweep of the series.

## NOTICE

### RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH

#### Setting of Fires in the Open Air

Please take notice that under the provisions of By-law No. 2023 any person, before lighting a fire in the open air for any purpose, is required to first obtain a permit from the Chief of Police of the Municipality.

Any person contravening the provisions of By-law 2023 will be subject to a penalty, at the discretion of the convicting Judge, not exceeding \$300.00.

Please be governed accordingly.

Thomas Kerr,  
Clerk,  
Township of Whitchurch.

## Natural Gas Pipeline Could Pose A Danger

A natural gas pipeline running close to his store on Yonge Street in Oak Ridges prompted Barrie Bill Craig to warn township council last week of the potential dangerous situation.

Mr. Craig said the line ran for about a quarter mile under Yonge Street and felt that with "the heavy equipment using the street which is now under construction it wouldn't be beyond the possibility of the line accidentally being ruptured."

He referred to natural gas explosions in the past at Malton and the recent disaster in Osaka, Japan, noting that "I don't want that to happen here."

A letter was read from the Department of Energy and Resources Management in reply to township queries stating that: "The department does not have any agreement with the gas company which would vary the normal legal rights of your residents for compensation as a result of any explosion or fire."

Councillor Gordon Rowe observed wryly that "I guess by that they mean it's just 'Good-bye George' if the place gets blown up."

Mr. Craig noted the pipeline runs about 25 to 30 feet from the front door. It should have been put in a back field away from the general public."

He asked that council mount a "watchdog" on the line.

Council agreed to discuss the matter further.

## Equal Pay For Men And Women At Greenacres Home, Newmarket

Nurses aides at Greenacres Home for the Aged in Newmarket won the right to equal pay with male orderlies at the home in a legal battle which finished recently in the Ontario Court of Appeals.

The court ruled that Metro, which operates the home, must place \$31,906.50 in trust as unpaid retroactive wages for the nurses' aides who have been receiving less than male orderlies.

In making the decision, the court upset a decision by Mr. Justice Campbell Grant on January 28 which in turn quashed an order by two Ontario Government officials that the nurses' aides and orderlies receive the same pay.

M. E. Howard, director of the Department of Labour employment standards branch, and R. M. Warren, executive director of Manpower Services made the initial ruling after an investigation into wage differentials at the home.

Greenacres employed 125 nurses' aides and 18 orderlies in May, 1969, the court was told, and paid the nurses' aides 40 cents an hour less than the orderlies.

The \$31,906.50 was assessed under the equal pay for equal work provisions of the Industrial Standards Act. Mr. Warren had determined that the wage differential violated a section of the act because the nurses' aides were doing the same work in the same establishment as the orderlies.

**Barr's 5c - \$1 Store Changes Ownership**

After 11 years serving the public in the Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox area, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barr announce this week that they have sold Barr's 5c to \$1 Store to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davies of Paris. They will take over the business May 5 and will continue to operate it as a Stedman associate store.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies are well qualified in this line of business. Mr. Davies has managed Stedman stores for almost 20 years, most recently in Hagersville.

They will be taking up residence in the community as soon as possible. The Barrs will enjoy a well earned vacation before finalizing their future plans.

## Councillor Rowe Revolts Against Education Bill

King Township Councillor Gordon Rowe of Oak Ridges is mounting a one-man rebellion against the continuing "high cost of education which is getting ridiculously, impossibly out of hand."

"You can only squeeze the sponge as represented by our homeowners so far," stated Councillor Rowe April 20 as the township's stuttering — and — stopping 1970 budget debate stalled for the third meeting in a row.

Causing the stall is York County Board of Education's \$1,581,805.23 tax request from King Township homeowners which amounts to \$230,805.33 increase over 1969. Separate school supporters will be asked for \$63,933.06, an increase of \$20,765.58 over last year.

The township's total tax bill for 1970 — including the \$1,581,805.23 York County School Board and \$63,933.06 separate school request — is \$2,522,895.26. Of this amount the township is asking for \$619,112.33 and the county \$258,042.64. The increase is up over \$300,000 from last year.

Councillor Rowe caused somewhat of a titter in council circles Monday night when he staged his "rebellion" and proposed that members approved only last year's school board budget of \$1,350,999 and with-hold the \$230,805.33 increase until later in the year.

"I'm not trying to block the education tax bill or even blame the members of the school board who passed it. I'm just opposing the system, the way it's being done," maintained Councillor Rowe.

"If we keep getting these increases every year there'll come the time when all of our taxes will be taken up by education and we won't

have any left over to run the township. It's almost reached that stage now."

He pointed out that the township budget for its own needs amounted to \$619,112.33, an increase of \$54,938.67.

"The various governmentments are so insistent," said Mr. Rowe, "that the standards of education be such that they require the higher sums of money they should devise a system to take a measure of this severe burden off the property owner."

Councillor Rowe ticked off five alternative methods to the government's present system of tacking only homeowners.

They were: Increase the tax on cigarettes and liquor; an additional one percent sales tax payable to the education board, extra gas tax payable to the education board; the exemption of property as a legitimate expense for income tax purposes.

Finally, "The Ontario Government should give serious consideration to a provincial income tax levy with entire proceeds devoted to the cost of education. This would shift some of the tax load from the perplexed property owner and every wage earner would make a fair contribution."

Councillor Rowe concluded by urging his own council to "take a lead in this regard."

"I would like to see us pass the educational budget using last year's figures. We could possibly in conjunction with some of neighboring municipalities make exhaustive inquiries to see if we can really convince Queen's Park just how serious our situation is and see if an alternative tax proposal could be implemented."

"Failing this," he said "We could make a supplementary levy in the fall in order to complete our obligation to the county school board."

Council — after debating the legality of such a move as well as the extra cost delay would entail by sending out supplementary tax bills to collect the remaining \$230,000 asked by the board — decided to discuss the matter further April 23 at 7:30 pm.

Reeve Gordon Cook displayed annoyance at council's inability to "either pass this or turn it down after three meetings." He added that he was quite happy with the council's portion of the budget.

"As for the York County Board of Education, I feel it has to bear full responsibility for its 1970 levy. They are elected by the people the same way as we are. They must be accountable to the electorates for their budget. One the same way as we have to be for ours."

Councillor Rowe agreed but felt that "we still have to make some kind of protest, we have to stand up and be counted. When the taxpayer gets the supplementary tax bill of \$230,000 as represented by the board of education's increase this year they'll know for sure who is asking for this extra money."

Earlier in the week council met with its representatives on the county school board, Dave Bachly and Marvin Hunter, who described the county's budget request as a "no frills budget, a bare budget."

Mr. Bachly said that the greater portion of the board's \$4,700,000 King budget, some \$2,000,000 was taken up by teacher's salaries which "is



GORDON ROWE Fights High Costs Schools

almost out of control. Another \$1,300,000 has resulted from the increase in student enrolment and this is also out of our control. The students are there, you have to educate them."

Mr. Bachly defended the remaining \$700,000 amount in the budget that was directly under the control of the trustees.

"I know this seems like a lot of money and it is," he said. "But it only amounts to a 2 1/2 percent increase. And in this day and age this is not that great an amount."

"This represents a minimum budget. It's a bare budget. There are no frills," he said.

The township's 1970 budget rate, — still unconfirmed, — is 22.5 mills under the new assessment formula. One mill now raises \$114,000 across the township, \$93,000 excluding its three villages.

Because of re-assessment, mill rate comparisons in King were impossible. The

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only way a taxpayer can guess at his bill is to discover if his assessment is 5.69 times what it was last year. This is the average township increase.

Those ratepayers, like some Holland Marsh residents whose assessment increased 10 times over last year, will be paying more taxes. If assessment is less than 5.69 times what it was last year, the taxpayer will probably pay less.

King's total budget of \$2,522,895.26 is up over \$300,000 from last year, but two-thirds of this increase is created by the education levy.

Reeve Cook pointed out that except for education, the municipal budget was based on a "pay as you go" policy with only one road debenture, slated for complete repayment by 1971, outstanding."

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The police budget totals \$207,979, with salaries, based on arbitration, accounting for \$196,118.85 of this figure. It's up about \$43,000 over last year.

Library costs have risen to \$37,550.13 up \$20,000. Construction of the new King Central Library accounts for this increase. A portion of this, \$18,900, is taken up in the salaries of the librarians.

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