

# 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 - Lake Wilcox News

**Hospital Auxiliary**  
Yes, we know that you know quite a bit about York Central Hospital, located in Richmond Hill, you've been a patient there. But, did you know that some of these little extras and some of the equipment is there as a result of a lot of effort on the part of the hospital auxiliary branches? There are some dozen or so of these organizations in the district served by the hospital and not the least of these is the Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox Branch. Despite the fact that there are only 22 active members the branch accomplishes a terrific amount. Our local branch of the auxiliary is almost solely responsible for the supply of small toys, crayons, coloring books, etc., to the hospital's pediatric ward. Last year \$500 was raised by the group and turned

over to the main auxiliary. This along with similar sums, was used to buy medical equipment. Meetings are held once monthly only and much of the work can be done in your home at your convenience. The June meeting is the last until September. It will be more or less a social evening and refreshments will be "put in". If YOU would like to attend, please contact Mrs. Brenda Neil at 773-4378.

**Mental Health**  
Canvassers will be calling on local homes between June 1 and 7 seeking donations to further the work of the York County Branch, Mental Health Association. As more and more citizens are helped by the association it becomes more and more apparent that funds are ever needed. It is much easier and more

economical to prevent rather than to cure mental illness. In the short space of time that "mental health" have become every day words, great strides have been made but more have to be made. As usual finances play an important role. When the canvasser calls, please be generous.

Your local financial campaign chairman is Mrs. Reta Szeler of Newman Avenue, Lake Wilcox. **Lake Wilcox Recreation**  
As promised last week, here is the telephone number for Mike Scanlon, new recreation director for Lake Wilcox — 773-5303. Mike can be reached during the day regarding any questions on recreation.

The baseball diamond at the school has been repaired and a good rain will pack everything down and have it in shape for the season.

Work is being carried out also on the community hall, formerly a church. A foundation is being laid, most of the work being done by the young lads with an assist from Alex Brockton and his bulldozer.

A meeting of coaches was held May 26 to finalize plans re uniforms, distribution of equipment, teams, etc. Oak Ridges boys and girls who have not been placed on teams are welcome to phone Mike at 773-5303. There will be squirt and pee-wee teams in the inter-township house league.

The All-Star Pee-wees will be coached by Pete Lacey, the senior girls (14-18) by Mrs. Gerry Cook and the midget boys, who are entered in the Markham League by Ross Davies.

There will be a juvenile team also, which will be playing exhibition games only, until teams of the same calibre can be located.

Don't forget the meeting May 28 at the community hall. The speaker will be Scott Darrook, North York Regional Director of Recreation. See you there.

## TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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**Church News**  
The Afternoon unit of the UCW met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Gordon Hampton who was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Fred Hare led in the devotional period. Program with Mother's Day theme included readings by Mrs. Andrew Anand and Mrs. Hare, and a contest on books of the Old Testament, which was won by Mrs. Nelson Thompson and Mrs. Wilfred James.

**Neighborhood Notes**  
Mrs. Allan Ferguson entertained friends and neighbors at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Marion Simpson, who is a June bride-to-be.

Mrs. Fred Hare, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner and family of Weston, and Dr. and Mrs. Fred Wier of New Hamburg spent the Victoria Day Weekend at their cottage at Head Lake.

Norman Rumble is spending

a few days in York Central Hospital, where he has undergone surgery.

Mrs. Aubrey Lloyd spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Wilbert Jennings during the week.

Mrs. Milton Wells and Mrs. Harry Hutchinson were among those who went with Sunshine Club of Oak Ridges (senior citizens) on their bus trip to the Niagara Falls area to see the blossoms and other points of interest.

A bridal shower was held recently for Miss Nancy Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood, Lake Wilcox. Hostesses were Mrs. Bernice Murray and daughter Judy.

Many friends and neighbors gathered at the home of the bride-elect to surprise her and present her with many lovely gifts.

## Baker, Ratcliff Challenge Secrecy In Whitchurch

Public and press were sent home on a pretext May 4 and then a meeting of Whitchurch Township Council continued, Councillor Merlyn Baker charged in council last week.

"It was not discreet to hold the meeting in that manner," said Councillor Baker. He made known his objection May 19 during council discussion of meeting minutes.

Business discussed after public and press left included repairs to the municipal building after the recent fire and suspected arson, assault charges against two Whitchurch Police Constables, resignation of one policeman, and several other items.

Mr. Baker also challenged the minutes of three meetings. He was supported by Councillor Gordon Ratcliff.

But the minutes were accepted on a three to two vote. Reeve Stewart Burnett, Deputy-reeve Norman Barnard, and Councillor Mrs. Betty van Nostrand formed the majority. Mr. Baker called for a recorded vote.

Mr. Baker said there were 30 or 40 citizens attending the May 4 meeting. Representatives of the local press were also present.

After a bylaw prohibiting the disposal of liquid industrial waste was presented,

the press and other taxpayers went home when it was said the council was going to sit privately in committee to study roads department salaries, said Mr. Baker.

The council then met for 1 1/2 hours, Mr. Baker added.

By Reeve Burnett's own admission, the council never did discuss salaries that night because other things kept popping up.

After the May 19 meeting Reeve Burnett said council actually had gone into committee and that the motions included in the council meeting minutes were actually committee motions.

Councillor Baker said there were other mistakes in the minutes, including a paragraph which referred to a committee meeting that never took place.

"I had to take a stand in council that we need to follow meeting procedures more in accordance with our procedural bylaw and the Municipal Act," Mr. Baker told "The Liberal".

"I felt the minutes were incorrect, and voted against their adoption.

"I believe all business of council should be open to the press and to the public. This is unless there is a

special meeting of council or committee, and where there is a written motion approved by a majority of council that it be otherwise," said Councillor Baker.

Councillor Ratcliff said minutes from a May 8 meeting recorded two motions as carried, when in actual fact there was no vote taken on the motions.

Deputy-reeve Barnard said, "It doesn't make a damn bit of difference."

"It makes all the difference in the world," said Mr. Baker.

"It's all out of order," said Mr. Barnard.

"What difference does a couple of mistakes make?" said the reeve.

"What is the sense of having minutes at all, then?" asked Mr. Ratcliff.

According to the minutes dated May 4, the business conducted after the press and public went home including the following:

Chief Mason appeared before council advising that Constable Ivan Bates had resigned effective May 15, 1970. See resolution.

Chief Mason reported that Sergeant Hillock and Constable Cousineau have been charged with assault and requested council to pro-

vide legal counsel on their behalf. See resolution.

Chief Mason reported that one, John Edward Bell, has been operating a salvage yard (used tires) on the Markham Sand and Gravel property on the C.F.R.B. Sideroad for at least two years, and is unlicensed. The chief was instructed to see that this operation is licensed.

Chief Mason advised of a large music festival which is to be held at Dufferin and Steeles Avenue, which would involve up to 500,000 people, and that Vaughan Township Council has approved of same. He further advised that the OPP might be contacting the municipality re traffic control.

"M. Miller, Building Inspector, advised council with respect to the Carter sale to Congram. Mr. Miller was advised to seek legal advice.

"Moved by Betty van Nostrand, seconded by Gordon Ratcliff, he it resolved that council accept the resignation of Constable Ivan Bates, effective May 15, 1970. Carried.

"Moved by Betty van Nostrand, seconded by N. Barnard, he it resolved that council support the action of Sgt. Hillock and Const. Cou-

sineau in their proposed action, as explained to council by Chief Mason this date. Carried.

"Moved by Merlyn Baker, seconded by Gordon Ratcliff, that council hereby authorize the reeve and clerk to make arrangements with the insurance adjusters, Morden and Helwig Ltd., to engage through them approved personnel to clean up the office building and complete the necessary repairs and painting, etc., to put the building back in satisfactory condition. Carried."

The May 4 meeting minutes then continue with an item reporting passage of the anti-dumping bylaw, the only item of business done while press and public were present.

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In other business May 19 it was decided to authorize the return of a license fee paid for a regatta proposed in June on Preston Lake.

Commodore Richard Hall of the Oakville Hydroplane Club, wrote to council, saying there was not enough water to have a regatta.

The water space on the lake was cut almost in half by a resident who built a log boom across the lake in front of his home.

## Door-To-Door And Mail Canvass Starts Against Hydro Plans In King Township

A committee called the Concerned Citizens of King Township want Ontario Hydro's proposed multiple line right-of-way plan changed so the wires and towers will go through Southern York County, along the recently announced Highway 407 corridor.

To this end they have sent petition forms to all 3,500 homes in King Township in an effort to gain support.

Ontario Hydro is currently having a second look at its plans. The line as last proposed would cut across King and Whitchurch Townships from east to west between Newmarket and Aurora.

"They've been planning the hydro line for six years. The Highway 407 communications corridor should have taken something like as long to plan. It's unthinkable they haven't gotten together," says Norman McKee of RR 1, Schomberg.

Mr. McKee is a co-chairman of the hydro line sub-committee of the township-wide group called Concerned Citizens of King. The other chairman is Wesley Coons of 8 Beveridge Drive, Don Mills. Mr. Coons has been waiting for the hydro line right-of-way to be settled before starting a new home on 50 acres purchased near Schomberg.

The hydro line sub-committee also plans to canvass homes as far as possible in the built-up areas of King Township.

The mailing of circulars to all King's residents had two purposes, says Mr. McKee.

The first reason was so as many people as possible could be informed about the hydro line

controversy, so canvassing would be easier and quicker.

The second reason was to reach people in those areas the canvas does not reach, particularly the rural areas.

Residents can mail their petition forms regardless of the threatened postal strike. The committee has opened boxes in the local post offices at Schomberg, Nobleton, King City and Kettleby.

Mr. McKee says the citizen's group is afraid Ontario Hydro may just be going through the motions of studying alternate routes for the hydro lines, and not giving the situation the kind of serious consideration the citizens expect.

So the committee has undertaken the big job of doing a door-to-door canvas as far as possible, with this being backed up by the campaign by mail.

The group feels that the hydro right-of-way should go through Vaughan Township, if it can't be included in the Highway 407 corridor. Vaughan Township being largely industrial in the southern part, the hydro lines and towers wouldn't conflict with the landscape like they would in King, says Mrs. Marjorie Coons, another member of the group.

"We feel King Township is in a crisis," says Mrs. Coons. From being a quiet farm and rural area, King has reached the point where there is a threat of the township being cut up in all sorts of ways. Recent problems of this kind have included a dance hall, hydro lines, and nursing homes, she says.

## Banks Drop Exchange Out-Of-Town Cheques

The exchange charge on out-of-town cheques, one of banking's longstanding nuisances, has been eliminated as of May 15.

The major chartered banks made the announcement last Friday that the levy (a minimum of 15 cents) will no longer be charged for negotiating a cheque drawn on a bank in another town or city as long as the cheque is in Canadian dollars and is cashed in Canada. Some banks excepted a few places in the far north.

The removal of this charge will represent a saving of millions of dollars to the public. Among those who greet the news with satisfaction are members of the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce, who in February, through the local bank managers, made representation to the bank head offices to have the charge eliminated.

The levy had been imposed to cover the handling of cheques moving from one centre to another as well as the fact that considerable money was tied up, interest-free, while the cheques were being processed.

With improved communications and electronic data processing, the cost difference between handling local cheques and those from out of town no longer justifies a special charge, it is reported.

The levy was one quarter of one percent of the value of the cheque with a minimum charge of 15 cents.

A spokesman for Toronto-Dominion warned that the loss of revenue may lead to a review of other service charges on cheques, probably next year, "in keeping with the philosophy that the cost of issuing a cheque should be borne by the issuer."

## King City Notes

York County Branch Mental Health Association will have many canvassers knocking on doors in its appeal for funds to further the work of this branch during the week of June 1 to June 7.

Please be generous when the canvasser calls on you.

In the King area leadership will be given by Mrs. Mary Elderkin and her captains, Jean Heaslip, Mrs. Dawn Ballard, Mrs. Rene Bamford, Mrs. Peggy Belknap, Mrs. Margo Runney, Mrs. Peggy Schmidt and Mrs. Jackie Agnew.

## Township of King Notice To Property Owners Destroy Weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with The Weed Control Act, 1960, Sections 3, 13 and 19, that unless noxious weeds growing on their land within the Municipality of King are destroyed by June 15, 1970, and throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes, as set out in the act. (Dandelions and Goldenrod are not classed as noxious weeds.)

The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

Dated at King Township May 25, 1970.

CARMAN TILSON  
Weed Inspector  
Township of King

## King Township

### Bandstand Dispute Hits Sour Note

The band hasn't started playing yet but the controversy over the fact it might continued to ring in King Township Council's ears last week.

Object of contention again was the already partially completed bandstand and dance floor on 40 acres of land in the centre of a residential area on Lot 12, Concession 5.

The project has inspired a protest petition containing 129 signatures plus the personal representations of Thomas Poole and John Wilson who live in the disputed area.

The same twosome, Messrs. Wilson and Poole, were back on the scene at council's May 19 meeting trying to find out answers that just weren't forthcoming. Namely, how to prevent future bandstand projects and more particularly the present one.

After considerable debate, council agreed to pass a resolution compelling the building inspector to turn over any future requests for building permits to council's permits and agreements committee, other than those for residential or educational centres.

This left the situation much the same as before except that the onus for approving any future "controversial" building permits will be shifted from Building Inspector Donald McCallum to township council.

Mr. McCallum had drawn criticism at the May meeting for issuing the permit for the bandstand even though technically he had every right to do so. The area in question is not regulated by any zoning bylaws

prohibiting "undesirable" uses as bandstands.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Poole went away unhappy because their problem was still left high in the air.

Mr. Wilson had hammered at council to freeze non-conforming buildings in the township until the Official Plan had been passed.

It was also suggested that council could refuse to issue business operating permits to undesirable operations but it was pointed out that once a building was up council would have little grounds for refusing a permit providing the operator agreed not to misuse it.

Reeve Gordon Cook, while in sympathy with the petitioners, observed that the only real answer to the problem was the passing of the Official Plan and soon after zoning bylaws which would prohibit undesirable uses.

Mr. Wilson argued that in other three months could pass and four or five other bandstands could be erected if council didn't do something in the meantime.

Building Inspector McCallum agreed at one point that if he had refused a building permit to the operators of the bandstand they could have secured a writ of mandamus (an order from a higher court which would over-rule the township) issued forcing him to issue a building permit.

Reeve Cook observed that a licensing bylaw wouldn't provide the protection the township needed.

Councillor Margaret Britnell also felt a "licensing bylaw is not the solution to

this problem. Only a zoning bylaw can really do the job."

Mr. Wilson told council that the contentious question of proper sewage disposal facilities for a dance hall had prompted him to question a York-Oshawa Health Unit inspector.

"I was informed that the present system was approved because the inspector thought it would be a type of take-out restaurant and involve people coming and going."

The debate eventually went from the sublime to the ridiculous when an ancient township bylaw forbidding all but military bands to play in the township was resurrected by Mr. Wilson.

Clerk Harold Rose indicated the bylaw had been amended at sometime in the past.

"But I don't think anyone would seriously want to stop all music from playing in the township except military bands," he questioned.

The debate ground to a halt shortly after this.

WILLOWDALE — A maternity leave plan for North York's 2,200 women elementary school teachers was approved last week by borough trustees.

Trustees indicated the plan may be extended to all other women staff employed by the board.

The plan will provide a minimum seven weeks unpaid maternity leave and a maximum of a year with a possible further year's extension by mutual agreement.

It will apply to married and unmarried teachers.

## CORRESPONDENT

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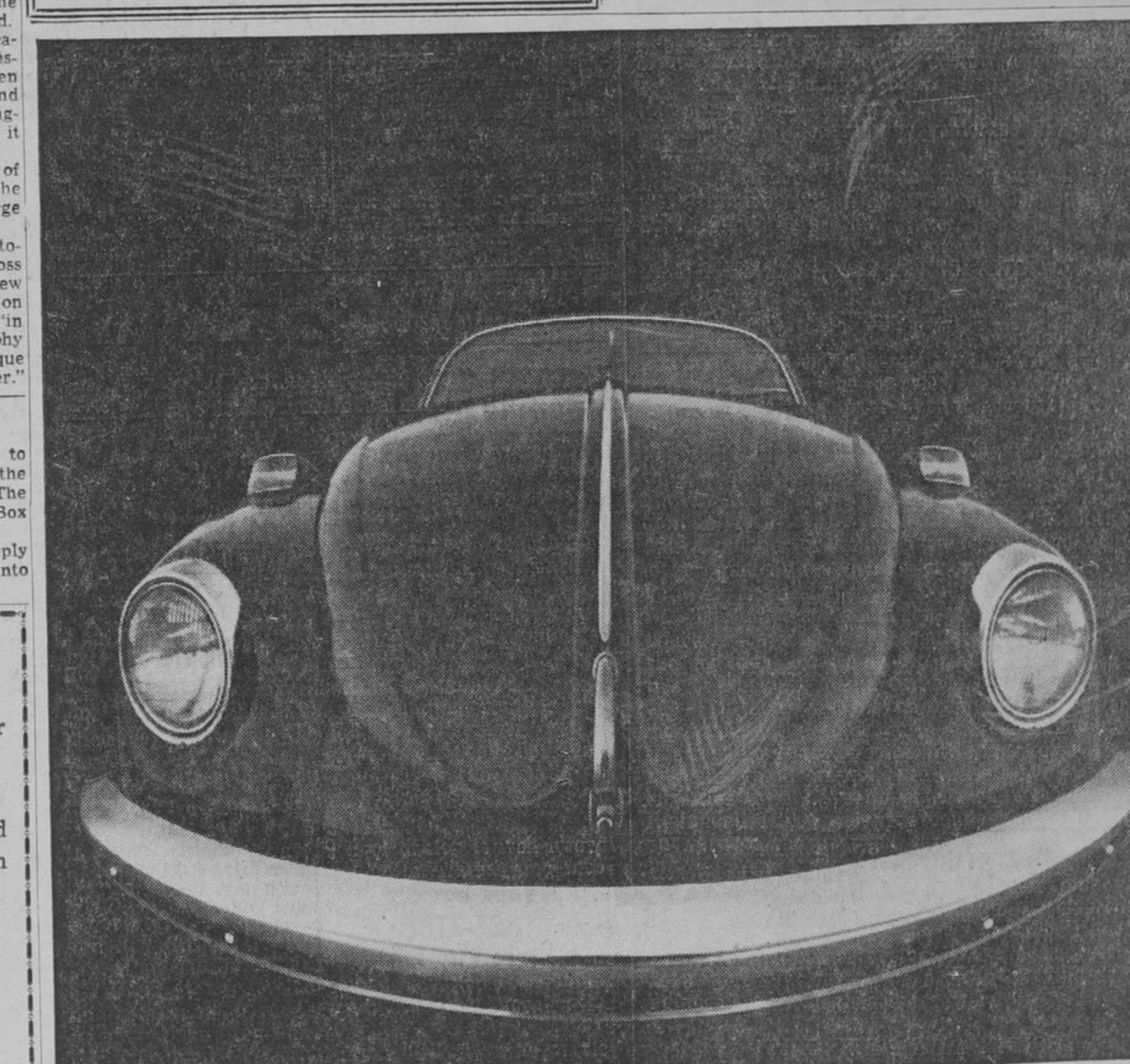
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William Ash,  
Weed Inspector,  
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