

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 Orion, Yonge Street, 773-4635, in King City Mary Dawson, 884-1105.

Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox News

Teacher Honored
Miss Janet Crawford, teaching staff member of Oak Ridges Public School for the past 17 years, who is retiring, was honored at a reception held on the afternoon and evening of June 15.

Parents, pupils and staff members, numbering about 100 in all, attended the afternoon event when Miss Crawford was the recipient of a gold watch.

This reception was organized by the school staff and members of the home and school association.

The honored guest enjoyed visiting the parents, ex-pupils and teachers and other members of the staff she had worked with during her tenure at the local school.

About 40 people were present during the evening when Miss Crawford was presented with an appliance, a coffee set in Blue Mountain pottery and a pocket-book.

At the afternoon reception Len Dion, who is also retiring, was also an honored guest. He has been the popular custodian of the school for many years.

All who helped in any way (and there were many) with the evening gathering receive a sincere "thank you" from yours truly.

Summer Recreation
Well, things are rolling right

along in the Lake Wilcox recreation program.

Director Mike Scanlon has acquired five counsellors for the playground program. In charge will be Miss Margaret Brevik of Aurora, a second year student in child psychology at McMaster University. Assisting her will be Barbara Cook of Lake Wilcox, Adrian Truss of Richmond Hill and Junior Counsellor Dorothy Wain of Lake Wilcox. Sharon Post will also be assisting and in doing so will receive training for next year's demands.

The playground will open July 6 and continue through August 21.

Hours will be 10 am to 4 pm every Monday to Friday. There will be a nominal fee with possibly a "blanket" charge for families with several children. Mr. Scanlon stresses, however, that no child who wishes to participate will be turned away.

A meeting of the recreation committee will be held Thursday (tonight) at 8 pm at the community hall on Wildwood Avenue. All interested persons in the ENTIRE area will be welcome. In fact they are urged to attend. Subjects for discussion are varied. The main one, however, is the scheduling of fees for both playground and swim programs.

Two Red Cross instructors have been acquired to handle the swimming instruction. These classes have been graded: July 6-17, survival program for children and parents the first week, followed by Junior Red Cross and beginners; July 20 to August 7; intermediate, senior and bronze.

If enough children from a particular area show interest, transportation may be arranged. In order to ascertain the possibility of this, parents could call Mr. Scanlon at 773-5303 or drop in at the community hall.

Mrs. Gerry Cook is looking for pitchers, catchers and hitters for the senior girls' ball team. Ages should be between 15 and 18 years. Mrs. Cook reports several vacancies still on the team. Call her at 773-5236.

On The Move
Kindergarten classes from Our Lady of Annunciation and Holy Name Separate Schools in King Township enjoyed a recent visit to Wasaga Beach Zoo. They will be together again for a visit to Mary Lake Farm, King City, next week.

Wednesday, June 10, grade 6 pupils from Our Lady enjoyed a visit to Toronto Dominion Centre, city hall and Toronto Island, climaxed by evening dinner at a downtown restaurant.

Riverdale Zoo was the locale for grades 1 and 2 pupils' visit and all enjoyed the many new animals at the zoo.

A cookout held during a day spent at Albion Hills Conservation Area was a treat for students of grade 3 and the special education class on June 16.

Monday was the day for grades 4 and 5. They enjoyed a rather full day sightseeing, visiting the Museum of the Upper Lakes and the Indian vil-

For Teenagers Mini-Manpower Centre Will Operate In King

A mini-manpower centre for teenagers will be operated in King Township by a number of interested parents in conjunction with the municipality's recreation committee program.

The centre, to promote summer jobs for interested teenagers, will operate a phone out of the township municipal offices with the approval of township council which has agreed to provide space and the phone. Parents will operate the phone.

Reeve Gordon Cook admitted to being "a bit puzzled about setting up a mini-manpower centre for 13-year-old children but I guess I'm out of tune with the times."

In a somewhat facetious vein, the reeve recalled when he used to pedal a bicycle to look for work in the Holland Marsh.

It was also pointed out that the same parents had come up with the idea after sending out questionnaires to various schools in the municipality asking the children to list the recreation pursuits they would like to have provided for them.

High on the list was the mini-manpower along with swimming and baseball programs.

Councillor Gordon Rowe widened the scope of the discussion by noting that a summer student recreation director had been hired in the Lake Wilcox area and "He is doing a terrific job there and maybe this is something we should consider in the near future."

Howard Clegg, chairman of the King Recreation Committee, pointed out that recreation was getting bigger and would continue to do so now "That a number of our schools are available after hours for such programs."

It was also planned to have Friday night dances in the schools as well as basketball and volleyball games.

"The program would start on a small basis this summer and be enlarged next year."

Council Budgets \$2,900 Summer Recreation Director, King Township

Plans are underway in King Township to hire a summer recreation director.

The proposal was spurred June 15 when King Township Council agreed to come up with \$2,900 for a summer program which would also include a director. The funds will be made available as requested.

Decision to produce the money followed a representation by the township recreation committee which outlined various programs it was hoping to embark upon.

These programs included swimming instruction, movies, dances, and sport activities such as volleyball, softball, nature hikes, etc.

Recreation Committee Member Tom Coher, RR 1 Schomberg, said the summer program would also like to involve adults.

"We'd like to see family groups involved in the program as well as children," said Mr. Coher. "We'd like to get portions of the program at least started this summer. We are presently interested in two potential directors."

Councillor Gordon Rowe of Oak Ridges espoused the proposals noting that "a great deal of public interest in recreation is being shown in the Kettleby and Oak Ridges areas. There seems to be a good availability of parent volunteers to help such a summer project."

Mr. Rowe said he would also like to see the recreation program be eventually expanded to take in the winter as well as the summer seasons.

He pointed out that with the York County Board of Education making its schools available for recreation programs it would only seem logical that King Township should consider increasing its recreation budget to allow for the cost of using the schools.

Other members of the township recreation committee are

917 Name Petition Opposes Ont. Hydro Power Line Through King

A petition bearing 917 names was presented to King Township Council June 15 asking it to use all its powers to persuade Ontario Hydro to reroute proposed new power lines along the Highway 407 right-of-way.

Bearer of the petition was Norman McKee of RR 1, Schomberg.

He is a co-chairman of the Concerned Citizens of King Hydro Line Committee. They are leading an opposition campaign cutting across King and Whitchurch Townships from east to west between Newmarket and Aurora as originally proposed by the provincial hydro.

The plan has run into considerable opposition from King residents who feel that a string of several parallel hydro lines and towers would spoil the residential and agricultural atmosphere of the municipality.

Mr. McKee said he felt there was a lack of communication between the various opposing bodies and Ontario Hydro. He wondered if anyone had really given serious consideration to the Highway 407 power line corridor.

He said 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 it warranted.

"At one point I was informed the power corridor wouldn't be wide enough, but I'm not convinced of this," he said.

The citizenship committee group feels 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, it was said.

The committee sent petition forms to all 3,500 homes in King Township. They also conducted a canvass of homes as far as possible in areas of concentrated population.

Co-chairman of the committee with Mr. McKee is Wesley Coons of 8 Beveridge Drive, Don Mills, owner of 50 acres of land near Schomberg.

King City Notes

Laskay Eueches
The last Laskay WI eueche for this season was prizes won by Lillian Anderson, Mrs. Neil Watson, Mrs. William Orr, Sam Castator, Aubrey Campbell and 86-year-old Herb Ross. Door prizes were won by Pearl Brian and Loftus Jewett and the freeze-out by Pearl Brian and Fred Judge.

It is expected that the eueches will be resumed in the autumn.

Laskay WI
Members of Laskay WI visited historic Scotch Settlement, west of Bradford, just south of Highway 88, June 11. Mrs. Norman McMurchy told the story of these early settlers, who were part of the Selkirk Settlers who first went to the Red River area and then came to Simcoe County.

Headstones in the cemetery alongside the church revealed that, in spite of the many hardships they endured, some of these hardy people lived to their late 80's and 90's.

The ladies then returned to the home of Mrs. McMurchy for the business part of their meeting and refreshments.

Horticultural Society
The Nobleton Horticultural Society, which has many members in King Township, is holding a gala day June 27. In the afternoon, starting at 2 pm, there will be a flower show and display of the work of district artists, a bake sale and tea. It

the evening, beginning at 8 pm, a eueche will be held in the community hall.

Pony Show
The junior division of the Aurora and District Agricultural Society Horse Show will be held at Grandview Farm, Bathurst Street, a quarter mile north of the Aurora Sideroad, Dominion Day. Events start at 9 am sharp and will run through to 1 pm.

This local show is restricted to residents and/or horses boarded in King, Vaughan and Whitchurch Townships and to members of Timberton, Toronto and North York, Tynesdale and Maple Pony Clubs. Riders must be under 21 years of age as of January 1 this year. Prizes will be awarded in all classes, with an entry fee of \$2 per class.

YCHA
The King Branch of the YCHA held its final luncheon meeting for the season at the home of Mrs. Donald McClelland, Concession 5, King Township.

Plans were discussed for a tour of country homes in the King area, September 24, in aid of York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

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Year's Freeze On Subdivisions In Whitchurch Twp.

Most home building plans for Whitchurch Township appear likely to be held up for a year or more.

Township planning board members June 8 appeared convinced that no further subdivision plans are likely to receive approval from the Department of Municipal Affairs until the Official Plan is fully implemented and areas for estate home development are designated.

And Deputy-reeve Norman Barnard is of the opinion that there is no hope of having areas designated for estate homes this year, if ever.

Whitchurch is in an awkward position as regards to planning for development.

The other week Whitchurch Planning Board was notified that the proposed 75-lot subdivision of Matjon Properties Limited had been taken up at Queen's Park because areas for estate development have not been designated. The Matjon estate home subdivision is planned for part of Lots 71 and 72, Concession 1, off Yonge Street. This plan was submitted by Dusan Miklas, former Markham Township engineer.

Under the Official Plan approved late last year the Department of Municipal Affairs has only passed one Whitchurch subdivision plan. This successful plan was the first to go through under the Official Plan, and was submitted by Felray Investments

Limited for 57 estate home lots on part of Lots 19 and 20, Concession 7, at Ballantrae. This subdivision plan was presented by Clayton Clouter, RR 3, Newmarket.

Whitchurch Planning Board has been working for several months to draft a zoning bylaw that will control development on all parts of Whitchurch Township not already zoned.

This work is proceeding fairly quickly and it is expected the bylaw will soon be recommended to council for approval. But as yet there has been no indication of work being done on selecting areas of the township for estate home development.

In addition, any planning work undertaken in Whitchurch must now be completed by year's end. The township administration and boundaries will be changed radically under the new regional government plan scheduled to go into effect next January 1.

Even the zoning bylaw now being completed will fall into the hands of some other council, whether it be Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, or Whitchurch-Stouffville.

If the zoning bylaw is passed now by planning board, council and province, it will be inherited by the new councils formed for 1971.

Deputy-reeve Barnard feels the provincially sponsored

idea of designating development areas will never be accepted.

"In effect we're telling one landowner he can subdivide and sell his land at a profit. At the same time we are telling other property owners they can't sell their land for development."

"I don't think that's ever going to happen. We're never going to get through the process before year's end. King Township hasn't got this done yet, either," said the deputy-reeve.

Planning Board Chairman Michael Cassidy said there was only so much that could be done in two meetings each month. At the same time the planning board was being pestered by subdivision applications and other matters, so it can't get at the big job of designating development areas, he said.

The planning board has a line-up of potential developers all wanting a hearing. One of these was heard June 8.

Frank Passafiume of RR 1, Milliken, asked the board for advice on possible development for land he owns, it being the former Cecil Mackey property of 24 acres on Lot 11 Concession 3. He said the land lies at the intersection of Woodbine Avenue (formerly Don Mills Road) and the Bloomington Road, backing on the proposed Highway 404 right-of-way.

agreement on the Toronto-Centred Plan.

Chairman Cassidy told Mr. Passafiume, "I wouldn't want to encourage you to invest a lot of money in plans for your land."

Planning board members appeared to be in agreement that people with land in Whitchurch, west of the proposed Highway 404, will have to look to Aurora, Richmond Hill and Newmarket planning boards if they propose any new development.

Mr. Cassidy said the board has accomplished a lot in the past few months, but still has much more to do.

The next project being undertaken by planning board is to decide on the type of subdivision agreement it is going to require from developers.

It was pointed out that a subdivision agreement would have to be established for the provincially approved Felray Investments Limited subdivision at Ballantrae. Otherwise that project could not go forward.

Planning board June 8 spent considerable time discussing various subdivision agreements, particularly the one adopted by King Township. It was finally agreed that it would be better to consider the same type of agreement as would apply to Stouffville, since the two jurisdictions are destined to amalgamate January 1.

Whitchurch Police Full Investigation In Gormley Murder Case

The Gormley-Palgrave rape-murder investigations took up a large part of the Whitchurch Township Police Department's time during the month of May.

Police Chief Fred Mason told the township council at budget time that overtime hours spent on this special investigation were expected to cost at least an extra \$3,000.

The monthly police report tabled in council last week shows nearly 1,000 man hours spent in occurrence investigation during May. This is more than three times the amount of time used up in this category in April.

Police overtime hours jumped from 119 in April to 728½ in May. Plainclothes duty days in May jumped to 63 from zero in April.

The police department also had to reduce its efforts in other areas of law enforcement, as evidenced by a big drop in the number of charges laid in May. There were only 66 law-breakers charged in May, down from 147 in April.

May Criminal Code charges were down from 28 in April to nine in May. Highway Traffic Act charges were down from 23 to 12. The number of traffic tickets issued was down from 56 to 13.

Radar surveillance of Whitchurch Township roads was down from 30½ hours in April to 6½ hours in May.



Triple Winner

The May winner of the "Triple Your Baby Bonus" lucky draw at Richmond Heights Centre in Richmond Hill was Mrs. Carrol Findlay of 41 Fisher Street in King City. Mrs. Findlay received a cheque for \$54, three times the \$18 of the cheque she cashed in a store of a member of Richmond Heights Merchants' Association, which sponsors the monthly draw.

You could be the June winner. All you have to do to qualify is to cash your cheque in a member store at the centre.

TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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Church News
The Afternoon Unit of the UCW met at the home of Mrs. Wilbert Jennings on June 18. Unit Leader Mrs. Gordon Hampton was in charge of the meeting and Mrs. Everett Phillips conducted the devotional. After a short business period, the members spent the afternoon visiting several former members, returning to the Jennings home for refreshments served by Mrs. Milton Wells.

Quite a number from our congregation journeyed to Camp Big Canoe on June 14, and report a happy day of fellowship with the members of the Wesley Congregation.

Masonic Lodge in King City on June 15.
Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Jennings and Joan of Kingston were visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jennings, Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rickward, Oak Ridges and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jennings attended a beef barbecue and dance held at the lovely farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson of Bolton, on June 13.

Neighborhood Notes
Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Miss Catherine James and Timothy Henshaw were among the prize winners in the domestic science classes at the Aurora Horse Show.

Friends will be pleased to know that Mrs. Maurice Beynon of Aurora is able to be around again after several days spent in hospital, following a car accident, in which she was badly bruised and shaken up.

Friends in Temperanceville extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Robert Carr of Vandorf in the passing of her beloved husband this week. The Carrs have been long time, and much respected residents of Vandorf.

Several families from Temperanceville were present to enjoy the first Family Night held by the members of Robertson

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Whitchurch Police Found Not Guilty

Assault charges brought against Whitchurch Township Police Sergeant Donald Hillocks and Constable Bryan Cousineau were dismissed in Newmarket Provincial Court.

The charges were laid by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bisio of Lake Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Bisio face charges of theft, escaping custody and illegal possession of liquor, according to Whitchurch Police Chief Fred Mason.

Financial Statement

Whitchurch Township Council has published a full, detailed report in this week's issue of "The Liberal" covering the financial operations of the municipality up to December 31, 1969.

The statement will be found on Page 19.

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