

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

Swimming!
Attention parents! One more session of swimming lessons will be held at Sunset Beach, beginning August 10 and running Monday to Friday for two weeks. There is still a chance for your children to attend. Of course, this applies to children from Oak Ridges as well as those from Lake Wilcox.

Soccer
Selwyn Pierre, a new resident of Oak Ridges and a former resident of Trinidad, has offered his services as coach of a soccer club. Selwyn has done some work with the Aurora Soccer Club and would like to see the boys in this community as interested in this sport as those in our neighboring town to the north. Age is no barrier, so come one, come all, from juniors to mature men. The more teams the merrier.

Lake Wilcox Recreation Committee has located a soccer referee and will supply soccer balls. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, but please phone 773-5303 if you are interested for yourself or your sons.

Community Hall
The community hall on Wildwood Avenue has undergone extensive renovations and improvements. For example, you don't bounce when you cross the floor now, wiring has been updated and washroom facilities are almost completed. The executive promises it will be ready for fall and winter activities.

At this time the Lake Wilcox Recreation Committee would like to publicly thank the following gentlemen for their fine volunteer efforts in the renovation and repair work: Joe Tan-

zos, James Hunter, Dick Evans, Gary Babcock, Armand Auers-weld, M. Thyne, Fred Batten, Garth Bishop, Pat Barnett, Paul Ortiz, E. Clague. A special word of thanks goes to Bob Cree, Alex Brockton and Fern Provost for the use of their machinery and their technical advice.

It is also hoped that Building Chairman Don Lloyd, who was instrumental in securing much of the volunteer labor and donations of material, has a speedy recovery from a bout of pneumonia which has him hospitalized.

Baseball
At the planning stage at the moment, but about to become a reality, is a baseball tournament to be sponsored by the Lake Wilcox Recreation Committee. Invitations have been sent to several out-of-the-area teams and will cover pee-wee and juvenile entries. The event will be held during the latter part of August. More news as soon as plans are finalized.

Neighborhood Notes
Mr. and Mrs. James McColeman, Yonge Street, Diane and Tory, spent several days recently at Lake Nipissing.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cook and family, Parker Avenue, spent two weeks camping and were delighted with facilities at both camp sites.

One week was spent at the Earl Rowe Provincial Park, Alliston, where there is excellent swimming, baseball and movies three times per week.

The second week was spent at Balsam Lake in the Haliburton, which is also a provincial park. Here there were organized activities for the 5-12 year olds each morning from 10 am

to 12 noon. The program is sponsored by the Anglican Church and the counsellors are a young man and woman from Guyana and British Honduras, respectively. Each was in Canada on a training program to enable them to organize recreation in their own countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook noted that a church service in the park on the Sunday they were present drew a congregation of almost 100 persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Docey Meadus and family, George Street, have just returned from a month's visit in Newfoundland, visiting

parents and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Al Robinson and children spent a week recently at Serpent Mounds Provincial Park, Rice Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Lautamus, King Sideroad, had as a guest this past month, Mrs. Lautamus' aunt, Mrs. Annie Auniala, who returned to Finland on Monday.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Porter and family, King Sideroad, on the sudden death by drowning of Milton Clark last weekend in the Huntsville area. The late Mr. Clark was a brother of Mrs. Porter.

Counc. Eldred King May Run For Whitchurch - Stouffville Mayoralty

Eldred King, 43, a Stouffville area farmer and presently a member of Markham Township Council, may well be a candidate for mayor of the new Township of Whitchurch-Stouffville October 5.

Councillor King is in an area of the present Markham Township which will be part of Whitchurch-Stouffville January 1 when new boundaries come into effect under York County Regional Government.

If he doesn't run for the mayoralty, he is certain to be a candidate for Whitchurch-Stouffville Council.

"I'm going to be a candidate, but I haven't definitely decided whether it will be for a council seat or mayor," Councillor King told "The Liberal" this week.

He is mostly worried about how he will be accepted in Whitchurch - Stouffville, and whether or not he will be considered a sort of immigrant Township Council.

But Councillor King's local town has always been Stouffville, and that's where he attended high school. So his roots and many of his friends and acquaintances are in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

He says he may "take a whack at the mayoralty" because he is most interested in the fate of York County during the first crucial years of the new regional government.

The only way he can get a seat on the regional council in Whitchurch-Stouffville is to run for mayor, since the municipality in which he will be resident January 1 has only one regional council seat.

If his home were still in Markham Township, what he really would have liked to do was run for a regional representative seat like his fellow councillor James Jongeneel is doing.

"The role of the regional government is now going to be very important. It's going to control water, police, welfare, sewage, roads and overall planning. It is going to be good to have direct representatives governing these matters, instead of having them administered by commissions," he says.

"I'm vitally concerned as a property owner in York County, over how the regional government implements the Toronto-Centred Plan", he adds.

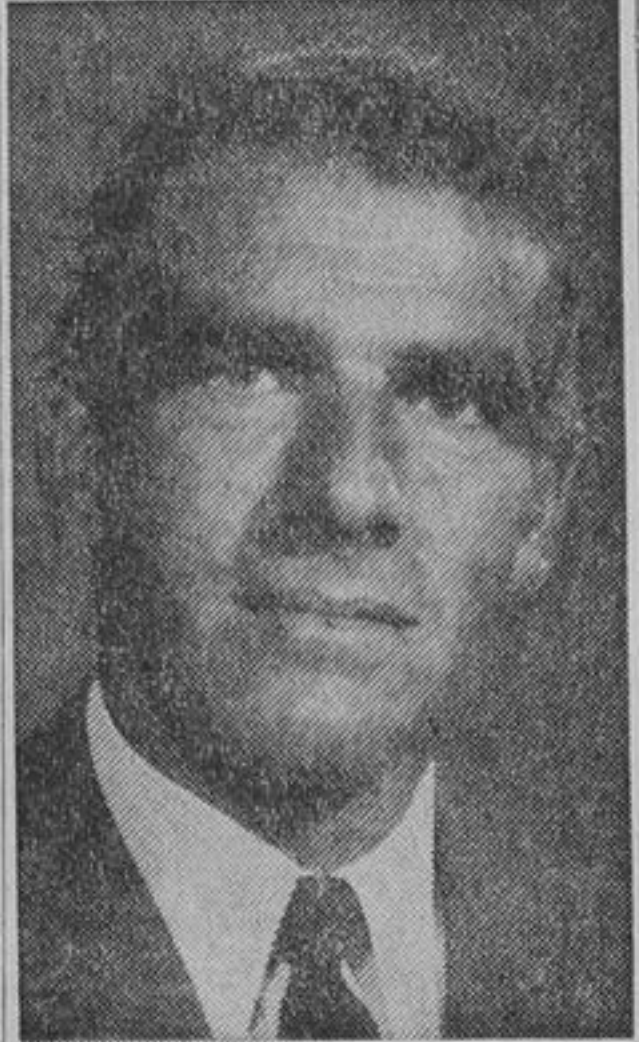
Born in Scarborough, Councillor King lived there for only six years. Then the family moved to Markham Township. He has lived for 30 years on the farm he now owns, having purchased it from his father in 1960.

Eldred King attended public school at Melville and high school in Stouffville. In his youth he was active as a Junior Farmer.

His first public office came about when he was elected for two years to the section school board at Dixon's Hill. When the local school boards were joined into larger township units he was elected to Markham Township School Area Board Number 2, and served there for four years.

In 1968 when the township school boards were joined together to form the York County Board of Education, he moved to the municipal affairs level, being elected to the Markham Township Council.

Councillor King is a 14-year member of the York County Holstein Association, and served this group for two years as president.



ELDRÉD KING
Mayoralty Candidate?

He is also a member of the York County Soils and Crop Improvement Association, the York County Milk Committee, and the Markham Fair Board. He has also been a member of the Board of Stewards at the Stouffville United Church.

Mr. King is married to the former Beulah Rutledge of Newmarket, and they have three sons.

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Farmers Seek Strike Support Against High Educational Taxes

A tax strike in 1971 suggested by the National Farmers Union against excessive taxation on farm properties for school purposes is gaining support, although the union has not yet reached a firm decision on the matter. The union has a local in York County with members in North and East Gwillimbury, Georgina and Whitchurch Townships.

The union is asking that school taxes be levied on an "ability-to-pay" basis, or that the province take over the total cost of education.

President George Davidson of Keswick of the National Farmers Union Local 325 reports the tax strike has not yet been approved by a majority of the NFU. However, he predicted that most locals will conform to the decision of the union's main body.

President Gordon Hill of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture stated recently in Toronto that his group is calling for the cost of education to be paid out of provincial funds.

"Provincial tax revenues increase naturally about \$200 million every year", Mr. Hill said, "and the cost of education could come out of this natural growth with the change phased over the next two or three years."

Recently members of the NFU agreed to "join in the OFA fight for a fairer tax system", although the groups are not in full agreement as to the method of protest.

"The OFA has asked for a complete program with clearly stated dates by which changes in the tax structure will be implemented. All owners of property have a stake in this fight

and should let the government know by withholding taxes." The tax-withholding campaign is gathering strength, with rapidly increasing support from both urban and rural taxpayers, it is reported. The OFA has called on all owners of real property, whether farms or urban homes, to join the move to persuade the government to bring in needed and long-overdue changes.

"The property tax system is archaic and unfair", Mr. Hill points out. "The government has agreed there should be a change, but there has been no action. The government is trying to drive a wedge between taxpayers. There have been rumors that they have offered the farmers a short-term crumb without making any open proposals to resolve the basic faults in the tax system."

Mr. Hill added, "We want a definite and complete program with clearly stated dates by which changes will be implemented. Taxes on property do not reflect ability to pay. They are grossly unfair."

Mayor Paul Blund of Sarnia has cautioned that educational taxes for urban taxpayers will rise "considerably" if the provincial government exempts farmers from paying these levies.

The provincial government has reported it is considering the suggestion from the farmers' organizations to lift educational taxes from farmers.

Mayor Blundy said exempting farmers would mean that other taxpayers would have to pick up an additional \$25-million annually. "If farmers' land isn't taxed for educational purposes would it then follow that businesses and industries won't be taxed?" he asked.

Whitchurch Council Wants Farms Assessed By 7 Category System

Whitchurch Township Council has asked the provincial government to abandon the new market value assessment principle that was applied to farms in York County this year.

Instead the council advocates adoption of a system of seven farm assessment categories in the manner recently advocated by a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

The Whitchurch Township Council resolution is as follows: "Whereas the new method of assessment in York County is based on market value and

"Whereas market value of land fluctuates considerably from year to year, making it a poor basis for assessment, and

"Whereas this fact is born out by the greatly decreased value of land in York County in the last year, and in the inequalities, confusion and uncertainties that have arisen in raising taxes, and

"Whereas many of our residents are brought under undue hardship tax wise because of unfair land assessment, and

ized by the owners is very poor business and unfair in principle;

"Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of Whitchurch does hereby request of the Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy MeKeown that land in York County be assessed on the basis recommended by the Select Committee appointed by the Committee of the (Ontario) House, which recommended that farm land should be assessed in seven categories, ranging from \$15 per acre to a maximum of \$200 per acre, and that this basis of assessment should be applied to all land in York County in parcels of 10 acres or more;

"Be it also resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipal councils in York County and to the York County Council, requesting their endorsement;

"Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to York North M.L.A. William Hodgson, York Centre M.L.A. Donald Deacon, and to the York Region Assessment Commissioner."

Whitchurch Twp. Sets Pay Rates For Staff

Rates of pay for road department and office employees for 1970 have been approved by Whitchurch Township Council. The new rates are effective as of January 1 of this year.

The assistant road superintendent is to be paid \$7,000 for the year. The hourly rates are as follows: grader operator \$3.05; truck driver and loader operator \$2.95; foreman \$2.95; laborer \$2.60; summer laborer \$2.25.

Overtime is to be paid to all employees on an hourly rate after 45 hours of work in any week at the rate of time-and-a-half.

The foremen are also to receive an annual truck allowance of \$800.

Clerk Thomas Kerr's salary is to be \$12,000 for the year. Building Inspector Miller is to receive \$9,000 for the year. The township bookkeeper is to be paid at the rate of \$7,500 per year.

Office secretarial staff salaries are to range from \$4,000 per year up to \$5,200.



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