

KING CITY, OAK RIDGES LAKE WILCOX

Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox News

Elections
Elections are over and the task of coping with our current municipal problems soon fall into the hands of those who have been elected as our representatives.

For the first time in recorded history, our two communities are represented by three local citizens, namely former King Councillor Gordon Rowe, who will sit both on the municipal council and the regional council; Stewart Bell who will sit at the Richmond Hill Council table; and Bob Houghton who will occupy one of the new Town of Richmond Hill's three seats on the York County Board of Education.

I would say this is excellent representation for what have long been known as a couple of "small potatoes" communities in separate townships.

However, the real work has not begun yet, but Councillor Stewart Bell does not intend to rest on his laurels. Rather, he tells us, he hopes to involve all who are interested in the affairs of Ward 5 in the Town of Richmond Hill. He has informed this columnist that within two or three weeks he will hold an open meeting to hear the voice of the electorate on the many and diversified wants and needs.

In order to better represent us at council, Stew would appreciate the help of 30 to 40 volunteers to act as liaison between the residents and him, that we all may be better informed on the business being conducted by him on our behalf.

It is only by letting ourselves be heard that we will receive a fraction of the things these communities need — so let's not leave our councillor out in left field — now that we have one.

I'm sure, at one time or another, we have all fancied ourselves as being able to solve the community's ills if we could only persuade someone in power to listen. Well, we now have that someone and perhaps after reasonable debate some of our worst problems may be solved.

Watch this column for time and place of the proposed open meeting, plan to be present and to make yourself heard.

Recreation News
Ken Blyth reminds us that Oak Ridges Hockey Association opens its season with a hockey night at Bradford Arena October 18 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

There will be one hour of public skating, then some exhibition hockey by the boys and a friendly duel between Channel 3 TV Stars and the Oak Ridges Old Boys! Other entertainment features are also planned. Admission is \$1 for adults and

50¢ for children.

Ken also has a hockey equipment exchange which is very well stocked.

Further information may be obtained by calling him at 773-5241.

A Halloween party is planned for October 31, the night of the witches and goblins, at the Lake Wilcox Community Hall, with the Elmwood Beach Association co-operating. For the kiddies the time is 7 to 9 p.m. and for the teenage dance it is 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Bingo is still going strong at the hall every Wednesday at 8 p.m. This is an entertainment enjoyed by both men and women.

Volunteers with tools and willing hands are needed to help close in the lower part of the hall in preparation for winter. October 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. until (?) has been set as the date for the work. Come one, come all. Many hands will make this a light task for each. **Yea!!! Girls**

At last a start has been made to provide some winter recreation for the girls in our community. As a result of some deep thinking by members of the Oak Ridges Hockey Association they are going to enjoy a skating club.

This club will meet at Bradford Arena each Sunday from 5 to 6 p.m. prior to the boys' hockey games. Registrations will be held October 17 at the Colonial Apartments, Yonge Street (the former Ridge Inn), from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee will be \$10 per season per girl.

To be eligible you must be able to lace your own skates and to stand up in them on the ice. All girls from Ward 5 area will be welcome and those owning figures skates will receive some instruction from Cathy

boating season in 1971.

The motion to seek the necessary power to regulate motor boats was introduced by Deputy-reeve Norman Barnard and seconded by Councillor Merlyn Baker at the October 6 council session.

The motion passed unanimously.

The resolution argues that township lakes and ponds are all too small for large and noisy boats. At present non-residents can drive up to any lake and launch whatever size of boat they like at any time, it was said.

Involved would be the three main township lakes, Wilcox, Preston and Muselman, plus a number of smaller lakes and ponds.

"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.

Pantling, George Street, who was a member of Aurora Figure Skating Club for a number of years and is now qualified to instruct.

If you wish to skate for pleasure — so be it — but don't forget to register October 17 between 11 and 3.

Neighborhood Notes
Well, folks, there they are, large as life, those long, black strips of smoo-o-o-th surface to drive on. And we all said it would never get done, didn't we?

At the time of writing there is just one teeny-weeny snag. When bringing the family chariot into the driveway you have a doubtful choice — remove your muffler or have it removed by the curbing, which can prove costly.

Other than that folks, it's just like downtown Toronto. Wow!!!

Miss Sharon Craig, Yonge Street, has been travelling through Europe recently and has decided to stay awhile in London, England. Sharon is living and working in the Borough of Islington. Prior to the trip she spent the summer with the children of Blue Hills Academy.

The wine and cheese party and auction held by Our Lady's Guild September 29 was most entertaining, due, we are told, to Auctioneer Jack Wall. Many "beautiful" items were sold, while domestic and imported wines were sipped and crackers crunched along with many varieties of cheese.

Someone intends to be warm this winter, having purchased a nightgown of doubtful age.

Members of the guild are busily involved in plans for the Halloween dance (adults). There will be the usual refreshments and door prizes and music will be by the Canadiennes. Convenors are Ricky Sanders and Anne Marshall.

Turkey Shoot
Oak Ridges Scouts are holding a turkey shoot at Mitchell's Farm, Yonge Street, 100 yards south of the South Lake Road, east side, October 17 at 1 p.m. These boys are active just about all year round and proceeds of the shoot will go to further this activity. So, gentlemen, come out October 17 and support the boys.

Quebec Trip Walkathon
Students of grades 7 and 8 at Our Lady of Annunciation Separate School, Bond Avenue, are going all out to provide funds for their trip to Quebec next spring.

Saturday, October 3 they walked 26 miles, being sponsored by parents and friends.

Commenting October 17 that the students will hold a car wash at the school and every Saturday until further notice. The price is 50¢ minimum. All proceeds will go towards trip expenses.

Students of grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 visited the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto, October 6.

Whitchurch Subdivider Seeks To Fill Home Needs For Veterans

A 150-acre subdivision nearing final approval at Ballantyne in Whitchurch Township is being especially tailored for armed forces veterans.

Under the plan of the Toronto developers, builder Mike Felcher and real estate man Clayton Clouter, those who qualify for home financing under the Veterans Land Act may buy lots for \$8,600.

The lots average 100 feet of frontage and a depth of 180 feet.

The subdivision is at Highway 48 and the Aurora Sideroad.

Buyers will be able to choose from nine bungalow and two-storey home designs, each with two-car garage. The developers will build the homes under VLA terms.

Each home will carry two mortgages, the smaller one at 3½ percent. The larger mortgage will be at 8½ percent, at least until the end of March.

Buyers thus will be able to carry their homes at substantially lower interest rates than the general public has to pay.

The subdivision is to be developed in stages. The first phase will have 59 lots with paved roads, street lights, buried telephone wires, drilled wells, septic tanks and architectural control.

A seven-acre stand of hardwood and pine trees is to be dedicated as a park.

The developers say an ample water table lies 27 to 31 feet below the sandy surface.

The homes are all to be heated electrically. Floor space area is to range from 1,200 square feet to 2,113 square feet.

Prices, including lot and house, are to run from \$27,995 to a top of \$37,200.

"What we are providing," says Mr. Clouter, "is a modern, roomy home and 18,000 square feet of land within 15 miles of Metro for the veteran who has outgrown the small house he has in the city."

Defer Acceptance To Prepare Explanation Whitchurch Clerk Thos. Kerr Submits Resignation

Whitchurch Township Clerk Thomas Kerr Tuesday night of last week submitted his resignation to council.

Two members of council refused to accept the resignation unless the council agreed to make a statement clarifying the situation.

A month ago council agreed to ask Mr. Kerr to resign, after the clerk had been on leave of absence for some time for reasons of health.

Clerk Kerr said in his resignation letter that it was established early in September that he had stomach ulcers, and that it is for this reason he had to resign with great regret.

Mr. Kerr has been a township employee for nearly 19 years. His resignation was effective September 30.

The clerk's absence due to illness, and now his resignation, came with the township administration under a cloud of suspicion.

Since late last year a search has been underway for the discrepancy in the township books that forms the basis for an allegation that close to \$1,000 is

missing from 1968 tax collections.

Subsequently township and Provincial Police concluded arson was involved in a fire that damaged the tax records. The records were in the mysteriously open township office safe.

The arson and missing money investigations as yet have reached no conclusion.

Whitchurch Reeve Stewart Burnett and Councillor Mrs. Betty van Nostrand Monday night refused to agree to accept Mr. Kerr's resignation in view of the situation.

Deputy-reeve Norman Barnard indicated he would entertain consideration of the possibility that Mr. Kerr might want to step down to a less demanding job, while still remaining on the township staff.

Councillors Merlyn Baker and Gordon Ratcliff agreed to table their motion to accept the clerk's resignation until the next regular meeting of council. This would allow time for preparation of any proposed statement for council consideration.

Councillor van Nostrand said it was important to clarify the matter. She said she wouldn't agree to just bluntly accept the resignation and "let it drop cold turkey".

Mrs. van Nostrand said a simple motion to accept the resignation wouldn't be complete.

Reeve Burnett said the council was guilty of bad timing in forcing the clerk's resignation at the same meeting that the police submitted a report on the arson investigation.

The reeve said it looked like the council was pointing a finger when nobody had been proven guilty in the arson and missing money investigations.

Mr. Burnett said he had privately tried to persuade Councillor Baker to hold off on the question of demanding the clerk's resignation at the same meeting at which the police report was submitted.

Councillor Baker replied that he felt the motion asking for the clerk's resignation was probably about four weeks late as it was.

Deputy-reeve Barnard said he wouldn't argue that the council

couldn't have asked for the clerk's resignation a lot sooner than four weeks earlier that it did.

But Mr. Barnard said the council had done "certain things with it that makes things look very bad for this man".

The damage has been done, and you can't correct it," said Reeve Burnett. "Not only the man, but his whole family is suffering."

Mr. Burnett said that if Mr. Kerr had been incompetent, he should have been fired long before he had been 18 years with the township.

The reeve said that in his eight years of experience in township affairs he had found Mr. Kerr to be a very hard working and dedicated employee, whose only failing may have been that he wasn't very good at public relations.

Councillor Baker said he would agree to wait for a vote on the resignation, and to the preparation of a statement with the advice of the township solicitor, as Councillor van Nostrand proposed.



LINDA BLYTH — DOUGLAS COOK

Groom's Father Hears Vows

Rev. Francis Cook officiated at the wedding of his son, Douglas James, to Linda Irene Blyth, on August 22 at St. Paul's United Church, Lake Wilcox.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blyth, King Sideroad, and the groom is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Francis Cook. Organist was Mary Lou Gould, cousin of the bride; soloist was Don Watson, uncle of the groom, with John Larkin assisting him on the organ.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown with a fitted bodice, lilyprint sleeves and a standup collar completely fashioned of re-embroidered Alencon lace sprinkled with tiny pearls. A detachable chapel train was further enhanced with matching scalloped lace and seed pearls. The chapel veil of silk illusion was bordered with re-embroidered Alencon lace and pearls, and was held with a matching cap. The bride carried a bouquet of pink roses and white daisies.

Attending the bride was Pat McGuire, maid of honor, of Detroit; Janet Cook, sister of the groom, Heather Sedore and Sandra Sedore, cousins of the bride.

They all wore floor length gowns of lilac silk chiffon. The bodice, long sleeves and set-in train were highly etched with Swiss lace. Their flowers were cascades of white roses and mauve mums.

Organist Mary Lou Gould wore a floor-length gown of dark lilac silk chiffon, with the bodice, sleeves and set-in train etched in Swiss lace. She wore a corsage of white roses and mauve mums.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Helen Raphael, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, Florida; Mrs. John Topper, Sarnia; Mrs. V. Simmons, Sarnia; Mrs. Alice

Rooney, Attitokan; Mrs. Phyllis Lodge, England; Mr. and Mrs. Ken McGuire, Detroit, and Mrs. Harold Higham and Scott from Roxboro, Quebec.

For their honeymoon through Eastern Ontario, Mrs. Cook chose a mint green ensemble of silk shantung, matching accessories and a corsage of yellow and orange roses.

The couple are residing in Guelph where Mr. Cook is attending university.

Receiving the 200 guests Mrs. Blyth wore a floor-length gown of Capri blue chiffon with the bodice completely highlighted with gold bugle beads and pearls. Her corsage was of pink roses and white carnations and she wore matching accessories.

Assisting her, the groom's mother chose a floor-length gown of candy pink silk chiffon over pea de sole, featuring a rolled neckline and belled sleeves. She chose matching accessories and wore a corsage of white roses and pink carnations.

Toast master at the reception was Alex Gallacher, a close friend of the family. Assisting him were Robert Woolley, Dr. Crawford Rose, Dennis Cook, Edwin Cook, Ken Blyth and Rev. Robert Ball.

Mrs. George Gould, grandmother of the bride, of Cedar Brae, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cook, Shannville, and Mr. and Mrs. George Manning, Aurora, grandparents of the groom, were present at the wedding.

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Whitchurch Seeks Ban On Boats Over 10 H.P.
Whitchurch Township Council is seeking authority from the federal government to ban all motorboats of more than 10 horsepower from township lakes.
The action follows many complaints and some serious incidents involving high-powered boats in recent years.
In one instance this year local residents erected a log boom to effectively stop plans for a power boat regatta.
The council is seeking authority to order all power boats, of more than 10 horsepower removed from township lakes within 60 days.
The aim is to have the ban in effect in time for the

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Church News
The Thankoffering meeting of Temperanceville U.C.W. was held in the Sunday school on October 7, with the President Mrs. Wilfred James in the chair. Mrs. Milton Wells led in devotions with a Thanksgiving theme. Program Convenor Mrs. Bruce Prentice read two articles stressing the need for love and understanding in the lives of children and adults alike. Mrs. Everett Phillips co-convenor of the turkey dinner gave a report of plans for October 28. Members were reminded of the request for good clean used clothing to be left at the church by the end of this week.
Worldwide Communion was observed at Temperanceville United on October 4, with Elders Fred Boys, Ray Jennings, Wilfred James and Wilbert Jennings assisting.
Neighborhood Notes
King City Lions held their regular meeting in the church on October 6, later moving to the fire hall in King City to pack bulbs for their annual Light Bulb Sale to be held the following night. King City and vicinity should be well lit this year, as the members sold some 600 packages of bulbs. Lions Joe Houlton, Wilbert Jennings, and Bob Berwick would like to thank all the residents of this area for their kind response to the sale. They would like to remind everyone of the annual auction sale being held on October 17. A phone call to any of these Lions will ensure that your donation will be picked up promptly.
Gordon James spent the weekend at Ox Trail Camp, Orangeville with the Scouts and Cubs from King City.
Miss Brenda Wilkinson accompanied her classmates from Newmarket on a bus trip to the Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford during the week.
Mrs. Bruce Prentice and Mrs. Hugh Orser were volunteer workers at the Downtown clothing depot on Simcoe Street, Toronto on Thursday of this week.
Norman Rumble and Clifford Rumble visited with Russell Rumble in Rexdale this week.

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