

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.

King Police Settle 1970 Wage Contract First Class Constable To Get \$9,350

King Township Police and council have settled their salary differences for 1970 with the former receiving a 14 percent wage increase for a first class constable.

Under the new contract a first class constable will receive \$9,350, a \$1,100 increase over the former \$8,200.

"We feel this will bring our force up to a comparable level with the salaries paid in neighboring areas of the county such as Richmond Hill," stated Councillor Gordon Rowe who chaired council's police committee.

He pointed out that the township was anxious to settle with the police before regional government takes over in January, "so that they will go into the new system on an equal basis with other forces. From there on in it'll be a new ball game."

Mr. Rowe added that police salaries were reaching the point where that "I can only hope that the standard of requirements for new recruits will rise accordingly."

"We're getting into the category of pay received by secondary school teachers and I feel the educational standards of officers should be upgraded too."

He said that pay increases shouldn't be considered as "something that comes automatically every year. They should be merited."

Constable Clayton Aspdin, who headed the negotiating team for the police association, commented that "we're quite happy with the settlement."

Negotiations for the 1970 salary contract have been going on since July and were completed December 2.

The 1970 salary scale for the 16-man force with last year's wages in brackets are as follows: Sergeant, \$10,050 (\$8,950); first class constable, \$9,350 (\$8,200); second class constable, \$8,600 (\$7,700); third class constable, \$8,300 (\$7,400); probationary constable, \$6,920 (\$6,200); cadet, \$5,930 (\$5,300); stenographers, \$5,350 (\$4,600); police clerks, \$5,060 (\$4,600).

All other conditions of the new contract remain the same as agreed upon in the 1969 negotiations.

At one stage of the negotiations the police were seeking a 25 percent pay increase to a rate of \$10,250 plus fringe benefits for first class constables.

Council was opting for an 11 percent pay increase and finally settled for 14 percent.

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School News

Pupils of Oak Ridges Public School have a new sense of pride and accomplishment for they now have a school crest and a school motto for the first time in the history of this community.

The school's parent-teacher association sponsored a contest among the pupils with the results being announced at an assembly on the morning of December 8 in the auditorium.

King Township Councillor Gordon Rowe, regional councillor-elect for the new Town of Richmond Hill, was there to present a trophy to David Topp who designed the prize-winning

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crest. The councillor also presented a gem bracelet to Amy Pasucci who suggested the new school motto, "Be A Fellow Worker."

At a later date a plaque bearing the crest and the motto, recognizing the contributions of these two pupils will be placed in the school and replicas of the crest and pins will be available for purchase by the children.

The general consensus is that young people seldom get involved in serious trouble when they have a feeling of pride and involvement. These seem to be instilled in the pupils at Oak Ridges Public School, due, no doubt, to the efforts of the staff and the support of the parents, but mainly to the dynamic Principal Ed Burtlew who came to the school in September.

Wednesday, December 16, is the date for the Christmas concert to be presented by the pupils of this school. There will be a short business meeting of the PTA, following which the children will present a program, accompanied by the Aurora "Sweet Adelines."

It is hoped that the wife of Chief Andrew Big Canoe of Georgina Island and some of the Indian children from the reserve will be able to present as special guests to accept a gift of toys which the children have been gathering for some weeks. Their presence, however, will depend on the weather, because of the trip to the mainland from the island and return.

Lake Wilcox Recreation Saturday, December 19, is Santa Claus day at Lake Wilcox Community Hall. All children, from infants to 14 years of age, will be welcomed by Santa and receive a gift between the hours of one and four pm.

Our Lady's Guild Members of Our Lady's Guild held their December meeting in party form. The ladies exchanged gifts which were delivered by Santa Claus (Mrs. Rita Szeller). A movie "Man and His Skateboard" was shown and the ladies gained some insight into the suffering and discomforts of arthritis.

Guild members are now busy in the Newmarket Health Centre, wrapping gifts which have been donated for mental patients. By the way, it is still not late to make your contribution.

Baskets for the less fortunate at Christmas are also being prepared in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul Society.

All plans are complete for the gala New Year's Eve dance sponsored by Guild members at the school on Bond Avenue. "The 4 Jacks" will supply the music and included in the very nominal price per couple will be a buffet supper, favors, prizes, etc. Mrs. Rita Szeller is the convener and would appreciate reservations being made by calling Mrs. Nory Paxton at 773-5498.

The first guild meeting of 1971 will be held January 5, the usual first Tuesday of the month.

WEDDING KING—THOROGOOD Saturday, November 28, Shuzelle Anne Thorogood and Martin Edward King were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at Trinity United Church, Newmarket by Rev. Norman Pick.

The bride wore a long white silk gown, trimmed with pale pink ribbon and heavy lace. Her shoulder length veil was adorned with white roses.

Page Boy Russell Ransome Junior carried her long train of matching material.

Her Matron of Honor Isabelle Ransome wore a long pink embroidered silk gown and matching headdress. Bridesmaid Bubbles Trudeau also wore a floor-length gown with white daisies and matching headdress.

The bride and her attendants all carried nosegays of pink roses, white chrysanthemums and lily-of-the-valley. A reception followed at Lake Wilcox Reception Hall.

A candlelight service will be held in St. Paul's United Church, South Road, Lake Wilcox, at 11 pm Christmas Eve. A cordial invitation to all in the community is extended.

Whitchurch Council Fears Noise From Snowmobiles

Whitchurch's new zoning by-law that now controls development from one end of the township to the other, has been used to hold up the opening of a commercial winter resort. Proposed at Cedar Valley, the project would have included trails for the Metro area's growing thousands of snowmobiles.

No longer can any Whitchurch Township land be used for new purposes without the approval of the community through the municipal authority.

The change to a situation where development is controlled has brought a reaction from the man who planned the commercial winter resort operation at Cedar Valley.

Bluegrass Turf Farms Limited president Werner Berger believes his proposed project is a good one. He says the development has been blocked by the whims of a Whitchurch Township Council which shuffles from one pile of poorly researched papers to another, vacillating between fact and fancy.

This being the first time the Whitchurch municipal authorities have used the new development controls, they no doubt have proceeded cautiously and slowly as they found their way over new ground.

The situation is complicated by the fact that new zoning By-law 2083 was only passed September 6 and its continued existence depends on whether or not it gets ratified by the provincial authorities.

But generally it is the usual situation where the development control process holds up proposed projects while the necessary procedures are followed and the community has time to make up its mind about the desirability of a proposed project.

Apparently the new development controls needn't have been applied if the township council hadn't had some doubts about the desirability of the project. There won't be any choice, however, when Bylaw 2083 gets signed at Queen's Park.

The area around the Bluegrass Turf Farms Limited project is occupied mainly by large country estates owned by people who work outside the area.

These people are concerned about the noise hazard. They are also concerned that the initial project proposed could be the start of something bigger. Elsewhere in the township there have been complaints about noise travelling many miles from a go-kart racing location, according to one member of council.

The Bluegrass Turf Farms property is now zoned agricultural under the new bylaw and Whitchurch Council has decided

unanimously that the firm must apply for a zoning change to allow a commercial use. Such a change in zoning would be expected to be accompanied by an increase in assessment and taxes.

To get a zoning change, the developer will have to convince the community and council that his project is desirable. Even if he gets council approval, he may end up having to convince the Ontario Municipal Board if any of the neighbors actively oppose the development.

This kind of control over new developments that may change the character and the environment of the locality is exactly the reason Ontario municipalities are being required to have Official Plans and zoning by-laws.

Like Whitchurch, King Township recently adopted an Official Plan. In King there also recently has been a similar hassle over a proposed ski resort.

Bluegrass Turf Farms after September 6 applied to Whitchurch Council under the township's old regulations, Bylaw 1460 and Bylaw 2025, for a vacualling house and place of amusement on Lot 31 East Half, Concession 5.

Township council decided to take a poll of the Cedar Valley area by mail, sending out 30 letters to property owners. There were 16 replies, of which 10 were opposed to the project.

King City Notes

Prizewinners at the November 24 eucheir sponsored by the Laskay WI were Josie Wells, Sarah Cole, Agnes Walker, Elmer Hadwin, Ed Foerter and Tom Walker. The door prizes went to Jean McMurchy and Laurie Boys.

At the December 4 eucheir the prizes went to Pearl O'Brien, Ada Dooks, Josie Wells, Clyde Cairns, Scott Smeltzer and Tom Walker with travelling prizes going to Mrs. George Hopcroft and Marshall McMurchy.

Sixteen members of the WI had Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Aubrey Gordon, December 9. They enjoyed the seasonal food, the beautiful decorated home and an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Cancer Society Gifts for men patients at Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, were brought to the annual Christmas meeting of King City Cancer Society, held at the home of Mrs. Allan Henderson.

Twenty members were present to wrap the attractive gifts. They also brought candy for the children's party at the hospital.

The next meeting will be held in February.

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Dangerous King Driver Jailed And Fined \$300

A King Township man in Richmond Hill court admitted driving dangerously during the November 7 Unionville accident that critically injured a former Miss Toronto contestant from Markham.

Peter Williston, 24, of Lot 21 Concession 7, was kept in jail one week before being fined \$300 on December 8.

Williston was also barred from the road for nine months by Provincial Judge Maurice Charles.

Carol Payne of 19th Avenue, a student nurse, almost lost her left eye in the accident. She had 50 stitches to her face and also suffered a broken pelvis. Her fiancée William Baldasti of West Hill was with her, but escaped with minor injuries. Her brother, however, was critically injured.

Williston also suffered only minor injuries.

Only after hearing submissions from Williston's lawyer and evidence of Williston's character did Judge Charles decide to let the convicted dangerous driver off with a fine.

Referring to the accident, the judge said it was evident a motor vehicle is a most lethal weapon in the hands of man today. He said someone who had driven like Williston had done, should go to prison.

King Okays Ski Centre But .. With Reluctance

A \$350,000 ski centre on King Township's Concession 5 received a reluctant 3-1 vote in favor of it from council last week despite reservations about an adjacent helicopter runway.

Councillor Margaret Britnell opposed the ski centre principally because she had been informed that Dominion Helicopters want to lease a 200-foot piece of land from the Rough Valley Ski Centre owners to enlarge its runway.

Mrs. Britnell felt that this could be a source of trouble for area residents noting that there was nothing to stop the company from turning its property into an airport.

She wanted the ski centre owners to insert a clause into the agreement with the township that no portion of the ski area would be leased to the helicopter company.

A spokesman for the ski valley interests said there was no intention to lease the land at the moment but refused to commit himself for the future.

The spokesman, Lawyer Ron Abbey, said it was his feeling that his clients had been very fair with council in agreeing to



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Oak Ridges Public School Gets Crest And Motto

Oak Ridges Public School now has an official crest and motto thanks to its PTA. The adult group sponsored a contest among the pupils — Amy Pasucci coming up with the winning motto, "Be A Fellow Worker" and David Topp designing the winning crest which incorporates this motto with a silhouette of the school.

In the above picture (left to right) PTA Past President Mrs. Peggy Clarke holds a sketch of the winning entry while King Township Councillor Gordon Rowe presents a trophy to David Topp, with Principal Ed Burtlew showing evident approval.

Replicas of the crest and pins will be available for purchase by the pupils at a later date.

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