

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. Donna Battaglia, Aida Place, 773-4295; in King City Norman Matthews, 832-1579.

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meeting PEOPLE

"The Liberal" is happy to announce the appointment of Mrs. Donna Battaglia, Aida Place, as our new correspondent in the Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox area.

Mrs. Battaglia has been a regular contributor of news for this column for some time and will be available all day, every day for news items at 773-4295.

She hopes to make this column a true reflection of life in the joint community she will be serving.

If you have any items about which you think your neighbors would like to read, please phone Mrs. Battaglia at the above number.

Her first column follows:

For personal reasons Mrs. Betty Orton will no longer be writing this column. She always wrote how she felt about things and was often controversial. That is what made her columns so interesting, as well as informative. I know her readers will miss her.

Ward 5 Citizens' Association

Ward 5 Citizens' Association held a public meeting February 22 in Oak Ridges Public School, but unfortunately an ice storm cut the attendance figure. Chairman Bob Roth gave a progress report which stated that several briefs on the needs of the area have been presented to Richmond Hill Council.

A constitution was adopted by which the association affairs will be run on a yearly basis from October to October. The present executive will remain in office until October of this year.

Parks and Recreation Administrator Al White of Richmond Hill, with Mrs. Peggy Clark and Ken Blyth, who are members of the parks and recreation committee appointed by council, were on hand to answer ques-

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tions on recreation and park development in Ward 5.

Shirley Smith was appointed growth co-ordinator for recreation in the ward.

Several "action committees" were set up. They are: Mrs. Ann Goodin for communications at 773-4603, Rev. Robert McIlhenney for street lighting at 773-5023, Robert Gomes at 773-5275 and Dr. Gerald Gold at 884-4471 for assessment. Mrs. Lydia Findiesen at 773-5578 for pollution. No one has been named as yet to be in charge of a drainage committee, which is also proposed. Please feel free to contact any of these people with your problems.

As part of the association's organization, there will be a board of representatives from all groups within the ward who wish to be included. Public meetings will be held quarterly and whenever necessary for special reasons. The next one will be in the spring.

It is sincerely hoped that an increasing number of people will support this much needed group.

United Church

At St. Paul's United Church, there are many activities for all age groups. A few are:

The UCW will have Miss Janet Inch, a social worker for York Central Hospital's Mental Health Services, as guest speaker March 9 at 8:45 pm, at their regular meeting. This is an open invitation to all interested. Miss Inch will be speaking on the new service to the community, and will endeavor to answer all questions.

The UCW is also holding a euchre, cribbage and bridge party March 15 at 8 pm. Prizes and refreshments are included in the \$1 admission price. Everyone is invited.

Our readers are also reminded that members of the UCW are taking orders for their Easter eggs. Each egg contains a quarter pound of homemade candy, chocolate coated and decorated for only 50c.

A study and discussion group to help people grow in understanding of the Christian faith will be held every Wednesday at 8 pm from now until Easter. Also included will be Bible study films.

A Christian Education program for the children, entitled "Happiness Is" is held each Sunday until March 21 from 9 to 10 am. All children of the community are welcome.

Neighborhood Notes

Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox branch of the YCHA met February 17. Kresge Manager Jack Brown, Richmond Hill, again offered to have the ladies man the booths outside the store for special events. The booths will be used as the auxiliary's main fund-raising project this year.

Another project will be a pot luck supper and Chinese auction June 23 at the home of Mrs. Marianne Chapman. Each member is asked to bring one or two guests.

A meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Diane Sturdy, March 17. Guest speaker will be Hospital Administrator James Hepburn, who will explain the new additions to the hospital. Ladies wishing to attend are asked to contact Mrs. Brenda Neil at 773-4378 or Mrs. Sturdy at 773-5757. All ladies will be welcome.

It is never too late to join the auxiliary. Just call Mrs. Neil at the above phone number. The group meets the third Wednesday of every month.

At the February 17 PTA meeting at Oak Ridges Public School, Mrs. Laura Goreski presented Mrs. Elder with a plaque as winner of the school's public speaking contest. Mike will now represent the school in the county finals.

Class winners were presented with gift certificates to be used at Cole's Book Stores and a social evening at the home of Mrs. Goreski.

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TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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Church News

Rev. and Mrs. Earle Stotesbury and family left early Wednesday morning, (February 24) to attend the funeral of their eldest son, Dr. Douglas Stotesbury, who passed away suddenly at Duncan, B.C. The love and prayers of their congregation and many friends go with them as they make this journey. Dr. Stotesbury is survived by his wife and baby daughter, his parents and three brothers.

The UCW Executive met at the home of Mrs. Gordon Hampton, February 23 for a business meeting, with the president Mrs. Wilfred James in the chair. Plans were made for a clothing drive during the month of March. Good, clean, used clothing, with at least six months wear in it, must be left at the church any time during the month. Packing date is set for April 1. Summer clothing is asked for at this time of year, but any good clothing and boots and shoes will be accepted.

It was decided to forward the annual donations to the Fred Victor Mission and the Fred Victor Home for Girls. Dates were set for a euchre in the school room of the church, March 24, annual strawberry supper, June 23 and the turkey dinner, October 27.

The junior choir will be taking part in the church service on March 14. Their planned appearance for the month of February was cancelled due to weather conditions, and the fact that so many were suffering from colds and flu.

The evening unit of the UCW gave their February meeting to visiting some of the folk who have been shut in during the winter. I was pleased to have Mrs. Bruce Prentice and Donna, Mrs. Fred Harting and Mrs. Fred Orser spend an afternoon with me. I enjoyed it very much, and I am sure that others did too.

Mrs. Hugh Orser is in charge of packing the bale for the UCW and anyone wishing to donate should get in touch with her.

The annual church meeting was held at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Everett Phillips, February 19. There was a good attendance and reports in all departments were very encouraging.

Neighborhood Notes
4H Homemaking Club Leaders Mrs. Wilfred James and Mrs. Charles Henshaw hope to get their current project started this weekend. Achievement day is April 17, and weather conditions have prevented an earlier start.

Ray Jennings, Ewart Jennings and Charles Henshaw were among those who attended a testimonial dinner at the Fiesta Room, Aurora, in honor of J. H. Knowles, who has retired after

27 years as secretary of the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lloyd of Delhi were recent visitors of their parents, Wesley Lloyd of Aurora and Norman Rumble of Bond Avenue.

Gerald Jennings of Aurora is a patient in the York County Hospital, Newmarket, having undergone surgery early in the week.

The William Skerratt family have all been ill with the flu. Mrs. James Gillham suffered a fall, injuring her foot. To these folk, and all who are "under the weather," our best wishes and a speedy recovery.

Fire Insurance Pays Part Cost For Lake Wilcox School Addition

Insurance from the old Lake Wilcox Public School, destroyed by fire in February, 1969, will help to pay for a \$311,113 addition to the present school.

York County Board of Education agreed last week to apply to the Municipal Board for final approval for debenturing. The original four-room frame school was built in 1951, and a brick building was put up next to it in 1955. Two classes were housed in the older building, and the rest of it was used for storage. After the fire the displaced students were sent to neighboring schools.

A portable classroom was later moved to the school site, and when the new Whitechurch Highlands School opened in the fall of 1969, the grade 7 and 8 pupils who had been at Lake Wilcox moved in there.

The present building is still inadequate, however, and the addition will provide two classrooms, a library resource centre, general purpose room with change rooms, storage and washroom facilities.

It will also include an administration area with principal's office, health room, and guidance room, and the main entrance will be in the new

wing which will be on the site of the burned out school. A new central heating system will be included, serving the present school and new wing.

The senior pupils will not be returning to Lake Wilcox School, however. Principal Carl Hall points out that it is board policy to have grade 7 and 8 in senior schools wherever possible, but he expects that there will be enough children in primary and junior grades in the area to fill the school.

Cost of construction is estimated at \$276,436, architects fees \$18,881, furniture and equipment \$13,000, and legal and other expenses \$2,796.

There will be a sales tax rebate of \$6,941, and proceeds from fire insurance of \$88,172, leaving \$216,000, to be debentured over a period of 20 years.

Target date for completion is for school opening in September, says the board's Assistant Superintendent of Business Ronald McKnight. He points out, however, that construction unions will be seeking new contracts this spring and strikes could delay work on the building.

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The Aurora Drama Group will present "Ladies in Retirement", a murder drama, March 11, 12, and 13 in Dr. G. W. William Secondary School starting at 8:15 pm. The producers, Geoff and Pat Pierpoint of RR 1 King City, advise that it's an event no one should miss. The stage manager, Charles Elderkin, and Publicity chairman, Mrs. Elderkin, as well as Pat O'Hara (who plays the part of Sister Teresa) are all residents of King.

With the rising values of farm land in King Township, it is interesting to note that in the year 1805, the Indians sold 250, 808 acres of land to the British Government for 1700 pounds (English currency). This acreage later became the townships of Etobicoke, King, Vaughan and York.

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Whitchurch-Stouffville Wants Quick Action On Assessment

The reassessment blues are continuing to play upon the nerves of Whitchurch-Stouffville councillors as the province continues to lag in coming up with any answers to the high assessment problems confronting the municipality's rural residents.

Some concrete action was taken Wednesday last week by council to attempt a speed-up of provincial action when a resolution was passed calling for an appeal to the province to find out the reason for the delay.

The resolution, passed unanimously, noted that the Scarborough Farmers Association has had its appeal against the 1969 provincial reassessment languishing in the courts without any results.

"We've been waiting for more than a year for the court's decision," the resolution reads. "Since there is no apparent reason for the delay this council feels it is imperative that a decision be made known for taxation purposes."

"Therefore we respectfully request the appropriate government departments to use their influence in getting the courts to deal with this vital appeal."

Copies of the resolution will be sent to all the concerned provincial departments.

Council also passed another resolution requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough "order a reassessment of Whitchurch-Stouffville to achieve a degree of equalization consistent with the intent of the Assessment Act."

This resolution will also be sent to the province, the York Regional Government, William Hodgson MLA, York North and Donald Deacon MLA, York Central.

Farmers in Whitchurch-Stouffville and other Ontario municipalities have been protesting the alarming rises in their taxes with the new assessment policies adopted by the province based on 1967 market value.

A delegation of six farmers attended Wednesday's meeting requesting that they receive continuing relief from the cost of police and fire protection as opposed to urban residents in the municipality.

The farmers were formerly residents of the old Markham Township prior to regional government which put them in the environs of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

They had received such relief from police and fire protection costs in Markham but this reduced rate has been washed out by the advent of regional government.

Mavor Ken Laushway explained that his municipality was in sympathy with their pleas but could do nothing about the cost of police protection because "it's out of our hands now that regional government is here." All police matters are now handled by an appointed police commission.

He suggested that the farmers approach the regional government and request a bylaw be passed to lighten the top load of paying for police protection.

It was pointed out that the municipality was unable to pass any bylaw at the present time regarding fire protection because "everything is still up in the air as to assessment rolls, grants we will get, and so on."

Provincial legislation states any bylaw regarding fire protection tax exemptions must be passed before March 1.

Mr. Laushway and his council agreed to get together with the farmers and attempt to work together to find some answers to their present plight.

"We're one community now," he said. "We're rural and urban and we've got to work together as one to solve these problems."

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May Ban Motorboats Preston Lake Waters

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will consider passing a bylaw banning motor boats on Preston Lake this summer as one form of trying to combat pollution in the municipality.

Consideration of the bylaw was prompted by pleas from lake residents to assure action now before the summer season arrives and polluting becomes a reality.

Mayor Ken Laushway commented February 24 that the "time to start is now and not wait until the pollution season is upon us before acting."

He observed that Ontario Water Resource Commission tests on the lake reveal that it is in good condition at the present time.

Councillor Gordon Ratcliff observed that the OWRC had recommended that no motor boats be allowed on the lake but "it is

up to us to take action to prevent it."

After some discussion council requested that the OWRC continue pollution count tests on Preston Lake this summer as well as Mus-selman's Lake to keep abreast of any possible pollution development.

Council also received a letter from the OWRC pointing out recent legislation requiring municipalities to report immediately any abnormal discharging of pollution causing materials into any wells, rivers, lakes, or reservoirs.

Failure to report any such unusual activity could result in a municipality being fined a maximum of \$5,000 if found guilty.

"I don't like the sound of that fine," commented Councillor Ratcliff as council turned the letter over to his works committee for further study.

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