

KING CITY, OAK RIDGES LAKE WILCOX

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In Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox

Guides and Brownies
The first Lake Wilcox Guides and Brownies went on a picnic June 12 to Springwater Park located north of Barrie. The girl's left at 9:30 am by chartered bus.

Springwater Park is a conservation area and contains many wild animals such as raccoons, timber wolves, white-tailed deer, two black bears (called the Yogi Bear Sisters), peacocks, many varieties of ducks, vultures, Arctic owl, porcupine, chipmunks, silver foxes, badgers, skunks, rabbits and many birds.

The girls were given a complete tour of the park and their leaders organized a few races for them. Winners of the Brownie running race were Debby Bishop, Susan Taylor and Peggy Wayne. Winners of the Guide running race were Debby Ash, Cindy Smith and Janice Hansen. In the wheelchair race the Brownies pushed while the Guides were the wheelbarrows. Winners were Susan Taylor and Theresa Tupper, Susan Bishop and Judy Russell and Wendy Mount and Lorelei Daines.

Leaders who accompanied the 12 Guides and 12 Brownies were Guide Captain Marni Clews, Lieutenant Gloria Kuechler, Brown Owl Joan Chalmers, Tawny Owl Pauline Gibson and President Mrs. Doris Smith of the Scouts Ladies Auxiliary. These ladies would like

to extend their appreciation to the mothers who went along to assist in supervising: Mrs. Lois Bishop, Mrs. Barbara Mount, Mrs. Earl Des Bois and to Bus Driver Mrs. Ann Westertep.

Lions Carnival
Oak Ridges Lions Carnival held June 18, 19, and 20, but previously publicized for June 25, 26 and 27, was a big success and reported as the best in the last 10 years with thanks extended to all the people who supported it. Plans have already begun for next year's carnival which they say will be bigger and better with more rides.

This was the Lion's 21st carnival with all profits going back into the community.

There were 30 entries in the mutt show held June 20, for Heinz 57 varieties only. The winners received trophies and all entries received dog food.

Winners were: best in show, Jerry Wallace, Kim Motter-shall; smallest dog, Debby Johansen, Kenny Blyth; longest tail, Jackie Duck, Kenny Blyth; shortest tail, Joy Roberts, Joy Peters; trickiest dog, Peter McConnachie; best dressed, John Blyth, Jackie Duck.

School News
Oak Ridges Public School held a graduation dance on the afternoon of June 25 for the grade 6 class.

Friday, June 25, was "Student Spirit Day," the second to be held this year. The purpose of these days is to promote friendliness and school spirit among the pupils and staff members.

A play day was held June 23 for the kindergarten and the grades 1, 2 and 3 and primary and junior special education classes under the direction of Mrs. Susan Grossman, grade 3 teacher. Grade 6 pupils helped to run off the events.

There were 20 teams and 10 events lasting the whole day. Two teams tied so a runoff event had to be held to determine the winner. The event chosen was the caterpillar walk. Winning teams for the day were Team 3, Team 5 and Team 12.

Tuesday, June 22, the senior girls and senior boys of the public schools played baseball against pupils of Patton School in King City. The Oak Ridges girls defeated the Patton girls 24 to 14. The Oak Ridges boys tied with the Patton boys 5-5. Return matches were played at Oak Ridges June 24 at the noon hour. Again Oak Ridges girls won, this time by a score 52-13 and the boys won 9-5.

Results of the field day held at Our Lady of the Annunciation School for the junior and intermediate students, June 22, are:

Bicycle grand prix, Terry Legge.

The students were divided into houses with each house having a color. Points received were Sky Blue Pink 116 points, Black, 89; Blue, 69; Green, 68. These houses are kept throughout the year with the Blue house accumulating the most points for this year and receiving a trophy.

Results of the primary field day held June 24 are: Yellow, 275 points; Purple, 254; Blue, 222; Orange 197; Red, 160 in 10 events.

Thursday, June 24, the school team of Our Lady of the Annunciation School defeated a team from St. Mary Immaculate School in Richmond Hill late School in Richmond Hill 22-0. This gave them the interschool trophy.

Tuesday, June 22, the kindergarten class went to Bruce's Mill on a picnic. Grades 3 and 4 went to Albion Hills the same

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day, walking the nature trails and later having a barbecue lunch.

Thursday, June 24, the grade 6 class went to Niagara Falls and visited the Ontario Hydro generating station, the Oneida Observation Tower, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police exhibit, Tussaud's Wax Museum and the aquarium on the American side.

Monday, June 28, the grade 5 class went to Albion Hills.

Church News
St. Paul's United will not be holding Sunday services during July and August, but every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm an informal service of worship will be held.

An enthusiastic group of boys and girls gathered each evening at the Brethren Christ Church last week for the annual vacation Bible school. There were 25 teachers on the staff with Pastor Sider as superintendent. Mrs. William Campbell Jr., Mrs. Gordon Robinson and Miss Marion Dion served as contest leaders. Miss Dorothy Good and Miss Ruth Henderson served as publicity directors. Marion Dion served as song leader. The cooperation of parents in the transportation of children was extremely appreciated. Plans are

already underway for the school again next year — the last full week in June.

Neighborhood Notes
Pete and Joan Jones of Bond Avenue held a swim party and barbecue June 26 for the Little King Atoms Hockey Team of which their son Wayne is a member. Wayne played defence last season. Coach Don McQuarrie and his family, Manager John Spensley and his family and Trainer Bob Tomlinson and his family were present.

Wednesday, June 23, the Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox of the YCHA held a pot luck supper and Chinese auction at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chapman. Guest for the evening was Mrs. Sandy Silcox, president of the whole auxiliary. Former Chairman Mrs. Diane Sturdy was presented with a Coral Cooks auxiliary cookbook and membership pin by guest chairman Mrs. Gloria Kuechler on behalf of all members.

The auction proved to be profitable due to the fine efforts of Mrs. Carol Canitz, auctioneer for the evening. The proceeds will be turned over to the mail auxiliary. The local branch will resume meetings and activities again Sept. 15.

York N. Conservatives Renominate W. Hodgson

If it was an evening of surprises you were looking for Tuesday night last week the wrong place to be was the York North Progressive Conservative nomination convention at Aurora Highlands.

Strictly no surprises. Incumbent North North MLA William Hodgson again received the call to represent the Conservatives in the next election in what can only be described as a breeze.

Mr. Hodgson, who has represented the riding since winning the nomination following the retirement of the late Major Lex Mackenzie four years ago, had no competition — which was no surprise.

Some 160 Hodgson supporters applauded the renomination after the majority of them arrived late for the meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm. It didn't get away until 8:30 pm.

The evening of no surprises was sustained by the guest speaker appearance of Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr who dwelt little on his portfolio and a lot on the general accomplishments of the Conservative Party in Ontario.

Mr. Kerr's speech sounded suspiciously like an election flourish call to the Conservative followers in the riding of York North. He didn't venture to pin down the actual date — to the surprise of no one — but he did observe that "it's been a tradition in Ontario for the Conservative Party for years and we're in our fourth year. But I think it's safe to say you will be asked to give your support to Mr. Hodgson very shortly."

He added that he felt the next election would be "a tough one but I know we have the people to win it."

He touched lightly on topics concerning York North such as assessment, regional government, and educational costs, noting that much had been accomplished, much was to be accomplished.

"There has been some concern about the workability of regional government but this concern is lessening every day and there's no doubt in my mind that its worth will be proven before the end of the decade," he stated.

He added that regional government "is starting to work in York County, it's a success here."

Mr. Kerr related the success of the GO Transportation System along the Lakeshore stating that it "seems logical to me that the next step will be to expand it northward even up as far as Barrie within the next two years."

A considerable number of wellwishers preceded Mr. Hodgson to the platform.

Mr. Hodgson spoke briefly outlining a program to be started and completed in the future having to do with Highway 404 which, "I feel confident will be started within two years."

He also predicted that a rapid transportation service system "will run up through this riding from Toronto to Barrie in the very near future."

Mr. Hodgson also stressed the continued need for more low-cost housing in the area for people in the low income bracket with large families.

He noted that a number of senior citizens units were constructed or already in the process of being constructed and "this is an area that is already being well taken care of."

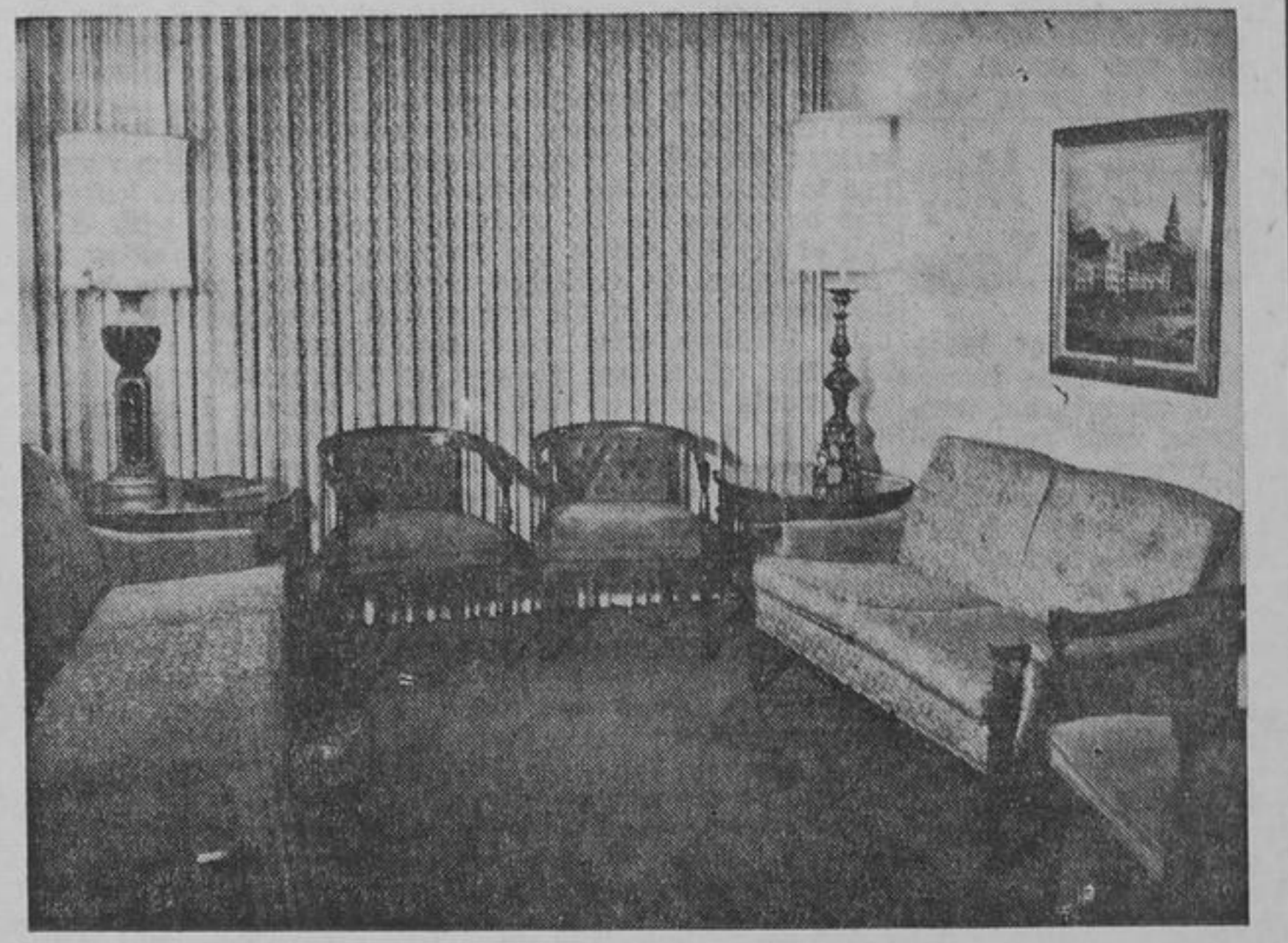
The meeting concluded with a gift presentation to Mrs.

Hodgson who spoke briefly. Mr. Hodgson was nominated by East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling. His nomination was seconded by Ted Rowe, son of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe.

Mr. Hodgson's political background includes 14 years as a councillor in King Township, seven of which he served as reeve. He also spent 11 years on the old York County Council and served as Warden in 1959.

Chairman of the meeting was Hugo Walker, president of the York North Progressive Conservative Provincial Association.

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Will Close Muirhead Yonge Street Access

The bylaw to close the Yonge Street end of Muirhead Crescent was given final reading by Richmond Hill Council at its June 21 meeting.

The work will be done and paid for by the Department of Transportation and Communication.

Residents of Muirhead Crescent alarmed about potential danger if access to Yonge Street, widened and raised at the intersection during reconstruction work on the highway, remained open, last year approached Whitechurch Township Council to have the Yonge Street entrance closed. Since, by that time, regional government had been announced and at January 1, jurisdiction over that area was to pass to Richmond Hill, the petitioners were referred to this municipality's council.

Richmond Hill Council agreed to petition the Department of Highways to close the road at Yonge Street and construct a turning basis there at the province's expense. Access to Muirhead Crescent from the Gormley Sideroad will remain unchanged.

Only two protesting voices were heard, both from owners of lots with Yonge Street frontage zoned highway commercial. Both claimed that their properties were no longer suitable for this zoning of residential use because of proximity to the four-lane highway.

Closure of the Yonge Street access would leave their lands landlocked, it was claimed. Real Estate Agent Tom Murphy represented one of these owners on a couple of occasions before Richmond Hill Council. He was present at the June 21 meeting but had no comments to make before passage of the bylaw.

Community Life In King City Area

GO Transit
Those of you who read last week's issue of "The Liberal" may have noticed the new timetable effective June 24 for the Gray Coach Lines GO Transit service.

The Ontario Department of Transportation and Communications has advised this correspondent of some items of particular interest to King City residents. Free parking is now available on the south side of the King Sideroad opposite the Humber Valley Cleaners and Mac's Milk Store. A GO Transit parking sign is being erected to indicate the exact location. There are now four southbound buses serving King City Monday through Friday and one bus in each direction on Saturday.

For detailed information on the new schedules a "Community Bulletin No. 71" effective June 24 and a "Timetables and Fares Folder No. 2" are available from any of the GO Transit offices or depots.

Residents should realize that in addition to the convenience for the office worker travelling to Toronto, the GO service can be used for shopping sprees to Yorkdale Shopping Centre. For example, you can leave King City on Bus 746 at 9:30 am and arrive at Yorkdale at 9:55 am. Bus 753 will pick you up from Yorkdale at 4:10 pm and deliver you back to King City by 4:35 pm.

Mr. McEwen, operations manager for GO Transit advises that the buses operate via Keele Street to Maple, thence via Maple Sideroad to Hwy. 400, 401, Allen Expressway, Lawrence, Avenue Road and University Avenue. Passengers may leave the bus in the southbound direction at any point enroute. The average number of southbound passengers from King City on each trip is still relatively low; 7 at 7:05 am, 6 at 7:50 am, 4 at 9:30 am, and only 2 at 2:30 pm. The number of passengers do not vary significantly through the week with the exception that an upward trend is noticeable as more and more King City pas-

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Citizens Unhappy As King Holding Bylaw Defeated 4-3

Sixty King Township ratepayers boomed, hissed and made sarcastic remarks June 21 as a sharply divided council voted 4-3 to reject a controversial "holding bylaw."

The bylaw, which would have stopped development of any kind in the municipality until passage of the municipality's zoning bylaws designated the type of development desired for specific areas.

The vote, a recorded one at the request of Councillor Ben Rough, went as follows:

Opposing the holding bylaw were Mayor Ken Macgart, Councillors Murray Sheardown, Roy Wilson, and Donald Findlay.

Favoring were the aforementioned Rough and Councillors Bernard Osin and Jack Van Luyk.

The entire episode smacked of the bizarre as the 60 ratepayers didn't arrive until approximately 10 pm — two hours after the session had started — and right in the midst of the discussion of the controversial holding bylaw. The timing was so great that Councillor Findlay was inspired to charge that the arrival of the ratepayers was a planned invasion by Councillor Rough. He added that the majority of the rate-

payers were probably from his ward also. Mr. Rough presents Ward 5 on council.

This brought a chorus of objections from various regions of the tightly-packed room.

One voice, particularly loud, said "No, No!" This raised Findlay's ire and he raised his voice in saying: "Keep quiet, I'm talking!"

This brought another retort from a ratepayer who shouted "that a lot of people here are from your Ward (Ward 1)." The ratepayer was former Councillor Margaret Britnell who ran unsuccessfully for the mayor's chair in the last election.

Mr. Findlay ignored the remark so she repeated it again. "Your Ward, Mr. Findlay." He ignored it again.

Upshot of this particular episode was the explanation that the ratepayers had actually arrived en masse for another reason altogether. They were led by former township Reeve and York County Warden Gordon Cook. This ended the remarks from Councillor Findlay.

Councillor Rough explained that their presence had nothing to do with him. The

matter altogether.

"They're here to actually support council," he said.

But back to the "holding bylaw."

Councillor Rough maintained that council was obliged to pass the "holding bylaw" to protect those areas of the township presently without any zoning bylaws at all.

"It will be at least six months before our zoning bylaws will be in effect all over the municipality. This particular holding bylaw deals basically with the rural areas of the township."

He said that the majority of the built-up areas of the Township were already protected by zoning bylaw.

In the meantime the rural areas were open to any undesirable usage anyone wanted to start. He cited such undesirable usages as dance halls, transportation depots and ski clubs.

"As it now stands we can't refuse any of these operations in the rural areas," he said.

He emphasized that the passing of a holding bylaw wouldn't necessarily stop all development.

"It leaves the decision to accept any development in council's hands. It can refuse

undesirable development and accept desirable development until such time as we have passed our zoning bylaws."

Councillor Sheardown felt that the holding bylaw was actually a "freezing bylaw which will stop everything." He contended that council had endeavored and would continue to endeavour to block any "holes in our present bylaws." But he continued to oppose an overall bylaw that would stop development entirely "by passing this you're stopping desirable uses, also."

Councillor Wilson took a similar tack adding that in his opinion "not too much undesirable uses have come into the municipality."

He stressed that council was going ahead as quickly as possible with its zoning bylaws and would continue to do so.

"None of us want to see undesirable development coming into our municipality," he said, "but at the same time I'm not for a holding bylaw that will stop desirable development."

Councillor Findlay agreed some areas had zoning bylaws but also pointed out

that these bylaws existed in the past mainly due to the initiative of the ratepayers of those particular areas.

He said that council had to consider numerous matters involving the whole municipality and that in his opinion passing a holding bylaw would be "dictating to everyone whether they liked it or not." He added that he had received no outcry of protest over the present situation and favored waiting until the zoning bylaws were ready before taking any action.

Councillor Osin favored the holding bylaw but wondered what was "the use of passing bylaws if we had no bylaw officer to enforce them."

Mayor Macgart was against the holding bylaw because of the fact that "everyone was against the Fog Road Nursing Home but it has turned out to be no problem at all. If we pass a holding bylaw it will prevent the development of desirable new growth also. That's why I'm against it."

The vote was taken, the bylaw defeated.

A jaunted voice from the crowd had the last say: "You couldn't expect any other decision around here!"

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