

# 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 for this whole area is Norman Matthews, 832-1579.

## Community Life In King City Area

**Figure Skating**  
Parents and other interested persons met in the new community centre to elect an executive on Monday of last week. Dr. Jack Saunders chaired the meeting of 63 people. The executive is as follows: President Joy Larsen, Vice-President Marianne Clairmont, Secretary Carol Newton and Treasurer Andrea Stemmler. There are six directors of the F.S.C. They are Ray Woodend, Ian Hutchins, Helen McArthur, Margaret Burr, Sally Upton and Louise Sanelli.

There are still vacancies for skating lessons and forms are available at Color and Contrast on the King Side Road. Teaching will be by professional Mrs. Evelyn Snell and Miss Beanie MacDonald.

Skating outfits and crests are in the process of being designed. The colors will be green and gold.

There will possibly be a ladies' figure skating after school class if enough interest is shown.

The meeting adjourned with the serving of coffee.

**Development Centre**  
The youth and concerned citizens of King met on Wednesday

of last week in All Saint's Anglican. Plans were made for an ecology walkathon and possible Saturday morning children's movies. The walkathon would entail the picking up of litter in the ditches and on the roadsides of the area of King. More on these events later.

**Minor Hockey WA**  
The mothers of hockey players met on Wednesday of last week in the community centre. Twenty-three persons were in attendance.

Plans were made for a skate and hockey equipment sale Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. At press time the location of sale was uncertain, so please call 833-5169 for this information.

**Good Morning Group**  
Nearly 50 mothers attended the Wednesday morning meeting of the GMG with Principal Doug Bush of King Junior Public as guest speaker.

He was introduced by Mrs. Sandy MacDonald. King Junior Public consists of three campuses—Eva L. Dennis, Kindergarten to Grade 4; Doris M. Patton, Grade 4-6; and Kinghorn—Grades 1 to 6.

Several mothers posed the question "How can we get music teacher Miss Cathy Cas-

sel back?" Last year she spent half her time at King Junior Public and the other half of her time at King Senior Public. This year, due to a drop in enrolment from 496 to 443, and a subsequent decrease in financial grant, the school has been unable to justify having her services.

Enrolment dropped this year to 88.6%. Mr. Bush soon hopes to add a librarian to staff, thus raising it even higher.

As to the question of Miss Cassel, the decision is not his. But certainly the requests of parents would be taken into consideration.

Mr. Bush said that he would be glad to see a home and school association take form again. There has not been one for the past three years.

The merits of open space classrooms, parent volunteers and report cards were also discussed.

One mother, Mrs. Marilynne Hunter, asked about adult courses in the new math and Mrs. Philomena Gilmour recommended an expensive text by Harvard. Mr. Bush promised to look into the matter and if feasible the book would be purchased by the school and made available for reference.

Mr. Bush urged all parents to attend the school board meetings held on the second Monday of the month at 8 pm at Church Street in Aurora.

Mr. Bush was thanked by Annetta Geer.

On October 11 there will be a luncheon and euchre given by the Laskay and Lloydtown units. It will be held in Laskay Hall.

November 8, 9 and 10 will be the dates of the area convention at the Royal York Hotel. Mrs. Austin Rumble will be representative.

**King Library**  
Nursery stories are told every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am.

**Donna's Bits and Pieces**  
Council meeting on Monday at the township offices at 1 pm.

Saturday September 16 was the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Russell and Ellie Rawlings. The Rawlings are former residents of King City and now reside in Richmond Hill. The surprise party was organized by Harold and Vi Murray of the townline. Bob Humphries was emcee for the occasion. Their many friends and relatives presented the Rawlings with 102 silver dollars mounted in a special frame as a memento of the happy occasion. A delicious cold buffet was served.

Daffodil Recording Artists "A Foot in Cold Water" play at King City Secondary on Friday night.

Please note error in September Calendar of Events. No children's program on Saturday. Check with the library for correct date.

# 1,000 At Opening Of King City Community Centre

By NORMAN MATTHEWS

Over 1,000 people, all wearing "happy faces" turned out on September 15 to witness and celebrate the opening of the long awaited King City Community Centre.

As most people entered the arena early in the evening, they paused and took in the beautiful sight of the completed arena, expressing words of admiration. By 9:30 the large rink area, now smooth concrete, was filled with people dancing, drinking and talking. Ladies' fashions ranged from pant suits to bikini mini-skirt dresses, floor length gowns to hot pants. They dazzled the eye with their colorful array.

While it is true that everyone came to dance and frolic, the inevitable speeches by honored guests accompanied the official opening ceremony. Emcee of the occasion was Bill Curran who called upon Rev. Norman Gibson of King City United to lead in a prayer of dedication. Bill Curran said that "the arena in King City today is due to the co-operation of the people in King and the three levels of government."

Asked to say a few words, Mayor Ken Mactaggart congratulated everyone and said, "We now have three arenas in the township."

Bill Hodgson M.L.A. York North said that "only a short few months ago we started planning this arena and now we have a completed sports centre". He referred to the centre as the "first major project that King City has undertaken."

John Roberts M.P. York Simcoe said it was a "great pleasure to be here tonight" and that he was "bringing

greetings from the Prime Minister" who was unable to attend. "This is a great day for King", Roberts announced, then complimented the Lions Club for their hard work — especially one man, Bill Curran". The federal representative said that if it "hadn't been for his (Curran's) persistence, the problems would not have been overcome."

Bill Curran then introduced the other special guests gathered on the stage, including Councilor Donald Findlay, Q.C.; Norm Burling of Burling Builders Limited, Newmarket; George "Nip" Armstrong, President of KC Lions; Rev. Neville Bishop, Rector of All Saints Anglican; Father Frederick Brossler, O.S.A. of Sacred Heart; and Rev. Edward Smith of St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Curran made special mention of the fact that Rev. Gibson (who also officiated at the arena sod turning ceremony on March 25) will soon be leaving King City for "an even larger town" (referring to Stratford, Ontario).

Curran also paid tribute to the chairman of the opening ceremony, Burt Lutes, who was in Europe on the night of the event. Curran read a telegram from the absent chairman and also stated that only 86 lottery tickets were left.

In his closing words, Curran thanked those who "have given substantially to the building program, including Burt Lutes, Ray Love, George Adams and Joe Gelleny. He also complimented Joy Larsen of Color and Contrast for her color co-ordination scheme for the arena interior. As a matter of fashion interest, Mrs. Larsen was garbed in one of the crea-

tions from her King City boutique. \*\*\*\* Then came the moment everyone had been waiting for as a ribbon of green and gold colors was stretched taut across the width of the portable stage. With MLA Hodgson and Mayor Mactaggart assisting, MP John Roberts cut the ribbon as a roar of cheering, clapping and whistling rang through the arena. A tremendous sound of excitement!

Last but not least, Bill Curran introduced the man responsible for managing the new community centre, Larry Keffer. Unfortunately, most of the crowd had (by then resumed talking among themselves) and it was impossible to hear what Keffer's statement was.

Dancing was varied with "Nostalgia" providing great music for everyone and another group playing for square dancing. The bars were not all musical as Lions members served liquor and beer continuously throughout the evening.

Certainly one of the evening's enjoyments was the delicious buffet served in the upper hall by the ladies of the community.

In spite of a wild, late night just before, many residents turned up for the continuation of the opening festivities on Saturday. We arrived at the Memorial Park about two in the afternoon, just in time to watch the King City Men's Baseball Team try their darndest against the world champion Richmond Hill Dynes. And what a game it was! One could not help but be an admirer of Dynes' talent as balls were knocked to the far extremities of the baseball park.

Final score was something

like 22-1 for — who else — the "Dynes". The King City team members are to be congratulated for being tremendous sports, evident by the constant display of humor bantered between the two teams throughout the game.

The park also had some fair booths set up, where you could buy hotdogs, hamburgers and 10c cobs of corn. The King WI booth offered pieces of delicious homemade pie for 25c and the Girl Guides sold soft drinks.

There were pony rides and games of chance but the most exciting one was a ball toss which gave the thrower the opportunity of dunking someone in a large vat of water. Perched on the precarious ledge over the water, waiting for a straight ball to plunge them into the water were (in turn), 12-year-old Jodi Pollock, 12-year-old Greg Rummy, and adults Stan Roots and Brian East. The latter two brought a great response from their friends who paid many quarters to see them splashed. John Gilmour got a big kick out of dumping Brian East who rattled a large cowbell as he went under.

Races for residents were held in the park, organized by Chairman William Jennings and assisted by Jack Garbutt, Doug Lithgow, and Ken McLennan. All children four years old and under received a prize whether they won or not. Winning prizes in order of age went to Steven Smith, Gavin East, Debbie Gillies, Natalie Ross, Gary Dale, Peter Orr, Tom Dean, Marney Tanner, Jane Griffith, Myra Smith, Steven Kucopy, Derrick Cross, Susan Green, Mary Armstrong, Janet Adams, Bradley Cross, Ronny Cargill, Michael Cargill, Susan Reid, Fiona Larsen, Janice Aitken, Chet Ait-

ken, Ricky Cleland, Tina Scott, Tammy Matthews, Marg Peacock, Karen Larsen, Karen Kerr, Barbara and Beverley East, and Sandra Phillips. We must say "thanks" to the Liberal correspondent from Temperanceville, Mrs. William Jennings, who helped us get the above list of runners. Much appreciated! \*\*\*\*

The final evening of the opening festivities came with all the noise of rush hour traffic, the Calgary stampede, the war in Vietnam, and our house at 8 o'clock in the morning. Devoted to welcoming King's youth to the centre, three mad, mad musical rock groups shook the laminated beams of the new arena with the super-amplified vibes.

The three groups were called Breathless, April Wine, and Truck (from London, Ontario) and were as wild with their manner of dress as with their jazz-like beat. While they seemed to enjoy the sound, the young mods did very little (if any) dancing, but mostly stood or sat around.

The girls working in the arena snack bar were kept quite busy, but the jammed corridor at the bottom of the staircase leading to the beer garden upstairs was a disaster area. Councilor Findlay and Frank Unterlander were having quite a time limiting the crowd in the arena "tavern" to 200 as people pushed and shoved their way through that hallway. York Regional Police were on duty and kept on the move in the arena and outside in the grounds.

All in all, an "out-sight" climax to a great two-day opening of the \$300,000 King City Community Centre. Congratulations to all those who helped make it the success that it was!

## Mactaggart Successful In Bid To Restore Original Boundary

York Regional Council, in session September 14, bypassed a recommendation of its planning committee (Chairman Garnet Williams) that ruled out support of a proposed boundary change in King Township, following a determined plea by King Mayor Ken Mactaggart.

The King resolution had called for the re-establishment of the original boundary between it and Vaughan along the road allowance between the two municipalities, and that the boundary road then be assumed as a regional road.

It also called for the restoration of "Lot One", the land acquired by Vaughan in the changeover.

The Town of Vaughan supported King in its resolution. In its report the planning committee said King had argued that the boundary changes left several properties partly in Vaughan and partly in King. However, investigation showed that the only property affected was the King Airport, with 18,046 acres in King and 44,514 acres in Vaughan.

Also, the engineering department said there was no need for a regional road in this location and recommended it remain as a local road. The original boundary was along the centre line of a local road, which required maintenance to be shared by King and Vaughan.

The report said the Department of Municipal Affairs, which was largely responsible for the creation of the Region of York, indicated the major reason for the shift in boundary one lot to the north was to avoid the problems of divided jurisdiction over a road.

**\$1 MILLION ASSESSMENT LOSS**  
King lost a total of \$1,775,595, or 1.8% of its total assessment for 1971, the report said. This was found to be well within the acceptable limits by the province.

In opposing the planning committee's recommendation, Mayor Mactaggart said the township had lost \$1 million in assessment on the road and had already lost \$2 million in lands.

The matter of re-alignment had never been brought before council. "If it had, council would have turned it down flat."

"I can name three or four properties that were shoved down our throats," Mayor Mactaggart said. "I ask you to take a hard look at it and oppose this recommendation."

Mayor Robert Forhan of Newmarket said he felt Mactaggart was correct in saying the boundaries had been imposed without conferring first with council.

"I wonder if we should have some study by regional planning to see if interior boundaries are adequate, or satisfactory within the regions," Forhan said.

Councillor Gordon Rowe, Richmond Hill, a former member of King Council, also supported the King mayor. "When we first learned of the boundaries, there didn't seem to be any logic to it," he said.

**"BOUNDARIES CRAZY"**  
Councillor Ray Timwney of Newmarket said the latter would also like to come in for a change. "Our boundaries are crazy," he said.

Said Mayor Gladys Rolling of East Gwillimbury: "I think I know what's behind their (Newmarket's) thoughts. If they think they're going to take over any more of East Gwillimbury, there's going to be a real fight."

Mayor Garnet Williams of Vaughan said he thought the municipalities should stick with what they had at the moment.

Mayor Mactaggart said he thought the road should be handed back to Vaughan and King. He was not insisting that it be made a regional road.

**PLAXTON RESOLUTION**  
Following a proposal by Mayor Forhan that the planning committee consider preparing a report on the interior boundaries of York, and a subsequent proposal by Richmond Hill Councillor Donald Plaxton that the original recommendation by the planning board be deferred until the report was completed, council finally agreed to a new resolution by Mr. Plaxton.

This stated that council would have no objections to the boundary changes on the condition that the townline not be assumed as a regional road. Said Mayor Mactaggart: "All we want is the assessment on the north side of the road."

**Gray Coach Charged With Unsafe Vehicle**  
A charge of operating an unsafe vehicle has been laid against Gray Coach Lines Ltd. following an accident on August 23 in which 25 people were taken to hospital. According to a spokesman for the Oak Ridges detachment of the Provincial Police Gray Coach, a subsidiary of the Toronto Transit Commission, has been summoned to appear in provincial court in Aurora October 4.

The charge followed an analysis of the rear tires of the bus. Ten of the 25 injured, from the Metro and Barrie areas, were admitted to York County Hospital in Newmarket after more than 20 doctors were called into the emergency ward. All the injured were discharged within a day.

Many of those taken to hospital were children returning home from a visit to the CNE. The accident occurred on Highway 400 near the Holland Marsh during a severe rainstorm. The Toronto-Sudbury bus skidded on a curve, rolled on to its side and skidded more than 100 feet on the muddy median.

## Sale Price Pefferlaw School Over \$19,000

Concerned about the amount of "flak" that York County Board of Education has had over the sale of its schools, Trustee William Bales of East Gwillimbury stresses that it be made clear the asking price for the old Pefferlaw Public School is not \$19,000 as reported in an area weekly.

Mr. Bales made his remarks at a meeting of the board September 11, during a report of the committee on the sale of schools.

He said that the figure for Pefferlaw, which is to be auctioned off October 11, was a special price set by the committee for Georgina Township should it wish to purchase the school for community purposes.

The board's reserve bid on the property when it is auctioned will be in excess of the \$19,000 figure, he said.

Mr. Bales noted also that the school had been mistakenly appraised at \$22,700. This amount was the assessed value of the property, he said.

## Attention! All Skaters

Bond Lake Skating Club will welcome skaters of all ages—from three to 103. It will operate in the new arena in the Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox area.

Registrations will be received Saturday at the new Bond Lake Arena, Lake Avenue, Oak Ridges, between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm.

Everyone is urged to come out and make this club a big, happy, successful one.

There will be a sale of skating clothes and skates at the same time and place. Anyone wishing to donate or sell items may leave them with Mrs. Deary, 52 Lake Avenue.

Further information regarding the club may be obtained by phoning Mrs. Near at 773-4050.

## TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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**Church News**  
The Evening Unit of the UCV is planning a corn roast, to be held on the church grounds Friday and invite the community to come along and enjoy an evening's fun with them.

The Afternoon Unit of the UCV met at the home of Mrs. Everett Phillips on September 21, with Unit Leader Mrs. Gordon Hampton in charge of the meeting. Rev. Arthur Thomson showed a film on Africa, prepared and narrated by the Rev. Garth Legge of Toronto, who spent several years working in Africa.

On September 21 the executive of the UCV met at the home of Mrs. Phillips to plan the activities for the fall season. Dates set for October include: the thankoffering meeting October 3, at the church, used clothing collection to be brought to the church anytime

before October 18, anniversary service, October 15 and turkey supper October 25. Convenors for the turkey supper are Mrs. Freda Hampton, Chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Paxton, Mrs. Shirley Orser and Mrs. Kathy Prentice.

World Wide Communion will be observed on October 1. All members and friends are invited to attend.

**Neighborhood Notes**  
Brent Boyle and Dan Davis of Bond Avenue are enjoying a three week holiday in England and the continent.

There was a serious car accident on Bathurst Street North on Saturday evening, September 16, when a car struck the bridge at the Humber. The driver of the car was badly shaken up.

Mrs. Wilfred James and Mrs. Charles Henshaw, 4H Home-making Club Leaders attended the fall training school on

Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This project is on block printing. Congratulations to James Ward and Nancy Lamb who were married on September 16. The wedding rehearsal party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wells.

Wayne Paxton has moved to his farm near Stratford.

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- October 2, 8 p.m. — Women of All Saints hold meeting.
- October 3, 8 p.m. — K.C. Badminton Club at K.C. Secondary School.
- October 4, 9:30 a.m. — Good Morning Group have Mary Smith of Newmarket mental health as guest speaker at All Saints.
- October 4, 8 p.m. — Sacred Heart CWL meeting and wrought iron party.
- October 5, 8 p.m. — Farewell reception, Rev. Norman Gibson, King City United.
- October 8 — Last morning service with Rev. Gibson officiating.
- October 11 — WI Luncheon and Euchre in Laskay Hall.
- October 13 — WI Penny Sale.
- October 14 — Lions Auction Sale at King Memorial Park.
- October 15, 11:15 a.m. — WMS Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian.
- October 17 p.m. — Lions Dinner at All Saints.
- October 20 p.m. — Cancer Society Pub Night at King Valley Ski Centre.
- October 21 — Good Morning Group Rummage Sale at All Saints
- October 21 — Kingcrafts Boutique Sale.
- October 21 — Cancer Society King Branch meeting.
- October 26 — Grade 9 Parents Night at King City Secondary.
- October 27 — Second draw for King City Sports Lottery.
- October 27 p.m. — Sacred Heart CWL Dance in Schomberg Hall
- October 28, 2 p.m. — St. Andrew's Presbyterian Bazaar.

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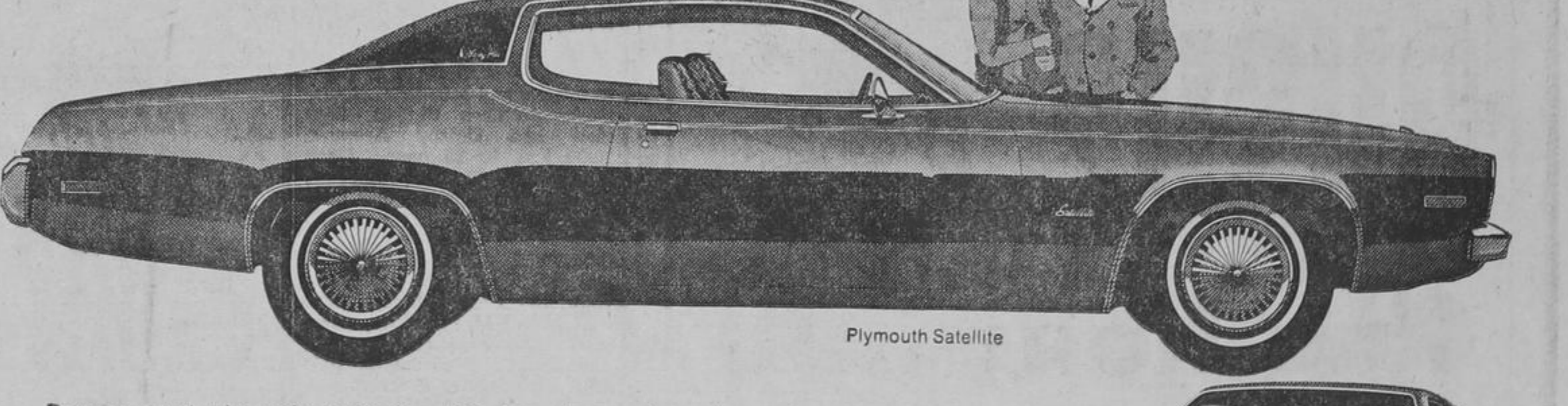
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