

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 King City is Norman Matthews, 832-1579; and for Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox is Mrs. Louise Gore, 773-5868.

RC School Board Receives Petition For Better Schomberg Facilities

Improved facilities at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Separate School in Schomberg are being sought by the parents of children attending.

York County Roman Catholic School Board Tuesday of last week received a petition asking for: an extra classroom and teacher (to be provided by dividing the gymnasium into two classrooms), provision of a proper gym, a science lab and playground equipment, with first preference being given to a resource centre.

The petition was presented to the board by Facilities Committee Chairman Alan Quesnelle of King Township and at his request was referred to the executive committee.

Board Chairman Eugene Jacobs promised the petition would be carefully considered in relation to the 1973 budget.

Trustee Quesnelle suggested that before reaching any decision the York board should meet for discussions with the Simcoe board, since approximately 50 pupils from Simcoe County are accommodated in the school at Schomberg.

"Our relationship with Simcoe needs

clarification. If Simcoe provides classroom space for its students, we could be faced with the possibility of adding facilities and having empty classrooms or having pupils on our doorstep and no accommodation for them," he said.

Another area of concern is the Bradford area, where approximately 150 York pupils from the Holland Landing area attend a Simcoe school, at St. Mary's in Bradford.

When county school boards were set up four years ago, Superintendent Joseph Hodge reported, provision was made that all children could continue to attend the school they were attending, but no provision was made for those not then in school.

"There is not any school in Simcoe near the Schomberg area and there is not likely to be one in the foreseeable future, because the children just aren't there. It's a very static population. Bradford is a different problem. St. Mary's is an old school with about 10 rooms, and the Simcoe board would like to replace it with a modern school. They have acquired a site. If we provided for our pupils now in St. Mary's we might be able to build a large school in Newmarket," he said.

Community Life In King City Area

At The Library

The public library gets into the Yuletide season mood Saturday at 10:30 am with the start of its Mexican Christmas Festival. Gayety at the hacienda... oops... library... will include music and dancing Gillian Ball, a person as colorful as the Mexican festival clothing and art, will be there to help everyone get into the spirit of the occasion.

The event co-incides with the festival held annually in Mexico for the nine days preceding Christmas. In that far away land, starting on December 16, there is a procession each evening until the final one takes place on Christmas Eve. The nine days commemorate the time the Holy Family spent looking for accommodation and is called Posada, the Spanish word for lodging. While the King Library will not have nightly processions, we hope they do have the breaking of the pinata.

Make sure you and your family come out this Saturday at 10:30 for the Mexican Christmas Festival... a great fiesta!

Correspondent's Comments

For fear of being criticized for walking the thin line of bigotry and racism, my personal comment for the week is... Using multi-colored or multi-race groups in plays or shows as examples of how we're no longer thinking (supposedly) in a bigoted way with little or no thought to the context is "getting my goat."

The example in my mind is the annual Christmas Story pageant done at Holy Trinity Anglican (downtown Toronto) for the past 35 years by a cast of 100. For those of you of any faith who have never seen the marvelous reenactment of the birth of Christ, my condolences, as it is a great spectacle to behold. My involvement many years ago was as a tenor in the gallery choir, under the direction of Maurice White, singing the mixture of plain-song and harmony music of the show.

Throughout the moods depicted in the play, with Mary finding out that she was with child and Herod killing all the young babes, Joseph never smiles. "No wonder! Mary is nursing a black baby, even though she and Joseph are white. Even though God performed the wonder of a virgin birth, I'm sure that in this realm of marvelous works he would not give a young Jewish girl a negro baby. I can hardly imagine an all-black cast revering a white Christ child, and it is, in my opinion, just as illogical in the Holy Trinity performance. God may be black or multi-race, all encompassing. But Jesus, according to our teachings was of Jewish birth. What would Archie Bunker say?"

On the humorous side, I think that one of the three Kings who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh should not have been wearing brown, slip-on "hush puppies."

But as said earlier, it is worth a Grey Cup Sunday afternoon to see it, as we did. The acting, lighting and musical presentation is always highly praised by those who attend. As usual, the six of us went up to the Church afterwards to say hello to an old friend, Bob Bastendorff, who was the organist.

Church News
At King City United Church, the movie Bed Knobs and Broomsticks, produced by Walt Disney, will be shown during the Christmas Holidays.

There will be a CGIT Christmas Vesper Service and Pageant Sunday at 7:30 pm at King City United. Everyone welcome.

Cancer Society
Twenty-five members of the cancer society spent a very pleasant evening at their Christmas Meeting December 5 at the home of Mrs. Allen Henderson. While listening to Christmas Carols, the ladies busied themselves assembling 142 felt pieces and 40 leather kits for the diversional therapy unit of the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Twenty-nine gifts were donated for the Kathy Kart which supplies toys to children who are outpatients.

A lovely buffet of Christmas goodies and punch supplied by the executive was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be January 8 at the home of Mrs. Della Stevens. Branch President is Shirley Ormsby. **Good Morning Group**

The new executive of the GMC for 1973 was duly elected on Wednesday, of last week: President Judith Bishop, Vice-President Chris Newlands, Secretary Winnie McQueen and Treasurer Carol Findlay.

A reminder to members that their Children's Christmas Party will be held Saturday between 1 and 3 pm at All Saint's Anglican. **Donna's Bits and Pieces**

Happy birthday greetings to Al Gellatly December 11; Jean Bryson December 16; Donald and Douglas Flucker both on December 17; Shirley Foster of Dufferin Street, December 19; and to our eldest daughter Tammy who will be 13 years old on December 20.

Saturday December 16 is the 6th wedding anniversary of Tom and Wendy Duck of Warren Road. Congratulations.

Council meeting is at the township offices on King Sideroad West on Friday at 8 pm. Congratulations to Mayor Elect Margaret Britnell and Councillors Elect William Long, Murray Sheardown, Stanley Kuniski and Bill Foran for winning seats on King township council.

A reminder to members of the King Township Historical Society that a meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) at the home of Mrs. Doug Peddie in Lloydtown at 8 pm.

Doug and Al Wilson of Jane Street have just returned from a three-week vacation and pilgrimage to Israel. They toured almost all of the country, spending nine days in Haifa at the Baha'i World Centre. The Baha'i Gardens are one of the great attractions of Haifa. They visited many Baha'i shrines and places of interest, as well as Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jericho, the oldest city in the world.

On a trip through the Negev Desert they watched the Bedouin Tribesmen going about their life regardless of the weather was hot with little rain. Some areas of Israel, over which as you know fierce wars have raged, are very arid. In places where irrigation has been used fertile crops now grow. In some areas, particularly by the Dead Sea, the soil has been handwashed to remove the salt and is now productive.

For the Wilsons, the trip was both restful and inspirational. Extensive security was part of the airflight. But this, as they realized, was for their own protection. Sympathy is extended to

the family and friends of William James Derrick who passed away at King City on December 3.

Dairy Transport Party
The owner/operators of four different dairy transport companies left their stainless steel rigs locked up on the evening of December 1, when they and their wives (or sweethearts) held a joint Christmas Dinner and Dance. Location was the Bolton Golf and Curling Club and 42 people enjoyed a delicious tender roast beef dinner.

Dancing followed the meal with snowball and spot dances adding to the fun. Of all things, Donna and I won our first spot dance that night after hoofing it together for 15 years.

Between listening to the comical wit of Annetta Geer and looking for another lady's earring which kept falling into forbidden territory your correspondent had a great time. Many guests took a moment to visit the club's lounge from where we could view curlers whisking away feverishly as the circular stone slid towards goal.

Firms participating were Glenview Transport Limited, William O'Brien Transport Limited, W. J. Lawrence Transport Limited and Peel Liquid Carriers Limited.

Our thanks to Don and Jane Busby (of Grandview) for their invitation.

On the Roads
Our 400-401 Messport Award, given to drivers of cars that appear to exceed the challenges of safe driveway driving, goes this week to the "red baron" driving a Mustang convertible who drives by the "seat of his pants" and will no doubt have only that one of these days; the "Sleepy" mover of a grey station wagon with a license beginning with X44 who thinks that 40 mph is just fine for the centre lane of a 70 mph expressway no matter how many other cars have to swerve, dodge or brake to avoid a collision; and the police cruiser that seems to have an aversion to using directional signals to show a change in driving lanes or turn-off, as evident when the officer left the passing lane of the 401 to go on 427 south on December 7.

The Liberal Messport Award will be given weekly in the interest of public safety in the hope that our recipients will take a word to the wise and "take it easy".
The "ruptured tube" award goes to my wife who recently found out that a large rock in a neighbor's driveway is more indestructible than my car's exhaust system and rear tire!

Humor:
On a recent trip to Sault Ste. Marie, my Transair flight was delayed three hours, providing lots of time to browse around the air terminal which harbors no restaurant, magazine store, television or abundance of people.

A sign on the doorknob of the men's washroom, also identified as Room 123, read "Female personnel now cleaning this washroom... please be cautious!" I can see them asking male users to wait and be patient, but... **Cautious?**

YORK SIMCOE LEAGUE
Games played at Schomberg on December 2.

Schomberg Peeewees 8, King City Peeewees 0.
As the result indicates King City were completely outplayed and outnumbered by a strong Schomberg team. In an unusual sporting ges-

ture Schomberg voluntarily played a man short for the final 10 minutes of the game. This kept spectator interest up and at the same time increased Schomberg's skills in the "one man short" area as an investment in the future.

King City Bantams 3 Schomberg Bantams 4
This was the most competitive game of the three. King City looked dangerous throughout the first period, keeping Schomberg off balance with some fast skating and effective checking. The first goal came from Terry Hoover assisted by Howard Phorson. Schomberg tying the score straight from the following face-off as a result of an unexplainable lapse on the part of the King team.

King continued to dominate the play, carrying the score to 3-1 with goals from Gord McKechnie assisted by Dave Clark, the other goal coming from Ted Scott assisted by Terry Hoover and Doug Manson.

Somewhat against the run of the play and probably as a result of the defencemen being caught one or two steps too far up the ice, Schomberg produced three unanswered goals late in the third period. King removed their goalkeeper but were unable to score a point in the dying moments.

Schomberg Midgets 4 King City Midgets 1
Schomberg completed a clean sweep of all of the King City teams by defeating this, King City's most capable age group.

The game was marred by 10 minute and game misconduct penalties to King whose players showed their frustrations at being unable to get on track.

King City's lone goal came from strong skating Mike Sanderson who was the most effective King player in this game. The assist went to Niall Magner.

The Schomberg scoring was led by Ken Thompson with two unassisted goals.

King City Peeewees 1 Keswick Peeewees 3
One goal down King opened their score with an unassisted goal from Colin Larsen to tie the game but were unable to withstand the pressure from an eager Keswick team which had most of the play December 3 at King City.

Constructive hockey was not a feature of the third period in which nine penalties were handed out.

King City Bantams 3 Keswick Bantams 5
Keswick opened the scoring in the first 40 seconds of the game December 3 at King City. The King team settled down and the Keswick defense were kept well off balance until a goal from Howard Phorson tied the score for King, Ted Scott getting the assist. King maintained the pressure, Gord McKechnie putting them ahead with a goal and the assist going to Dave Clark.

King tested the Keswick goalkeepers several times and missed some good chances in scramble play around the net, allowing Keswick to score on an isolated raid on the King net and adding a further goal when King were a man short.

Outstanding King defenseman was Scott Lithgow who made several dangerous rushes into Keswick territory, getting an assist on Gord McKechnie's second goal.

A slightly over anxious King team lost poise and allowed Keswick to score two unanswered goals late in the game.

Did you know that a Richmond Hill bylaw prohibits the running at large of dogs at all times? If you allow your dog to run loose you run the risk of being taken to court and fined for infringement of this bylaw.

Many residents of this area are complaining about dogs being allowed to run through the neighborhood ripping garbage bags, stewing the garbage all over and otherwise making a complete nuisance of themselves.

Be a good neighbor and see that your dog is properly chained or penned at all times!

School News
Oak Ridges Public School pupils held a Centennial Celebration December 5, in honor of the town's 100th birthday.

The King City Secondary School Band was present and played "O Canada", followed by the Oak Ridges Choir singing the school song. Mayor William Lazenby spoke to the assemblage which consisted of about 35 parents and the school children. He spoke about the history of Richmond Hill and the plans for Centennial Year. He then presented Principal Ed Burlew with the town's Centennial Flag. This flag was raised with the assistance of Bruce MacLean, Ron Babcock, Rebecca Silver and Susan Cole, all students of the school.

Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox

The Holy Land today by Miss Eleanor Stephenson, a choir member. That evening at 7:30 pm there will be carols by candlelight in the church and the "Service of Lessons". The junior young people's Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday at 7 pm. It will be held at St. Mark's Chapel and will begin with a pot luck supper.

Several Cubs were invested as sixers and seconders in the Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox Cub Pack November 20. New sixers are—Red Six—Brad Ortiz, Blue Six—Stephen Wolfer, Black Six—Jerry Wallace, Tawny Six—Paul Seymour. These boys each received a gold sash.

New seconders are—Red—Henry Tanzas, Blue—Jamie Wall, Black—Ross White, Tawny—Mark Tiltman. Each received a silver sash.

The Akela is pleased to announce that four new boys have been invested. The boys who promised to do their best and obey Cub laws were: Carl Wolfer, Patrick Stone, Danny Flear and Gordon Collinson. Each boy received a red scarf and pack badge.

The ladies' auxiliary gave each boy a Cub book which they read for their guidance and study. The boys say, "Thank you, ladies".

Jerry Wallis received his green star and Michael Stone a blue star. Kirk Rebbs and Michael Kurzawsky were presented with their German interpreters badges and Brad Ortiz with his team player's badge.

Neighborhood Notes
Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association Christmas Dance will be held Saturday at the Bond Lake Arena. There will be a hot buffet and refreshments included in the admission price, which is \$15.00 a couple. Music for dancing will be provided by a disc jockey. For tickets call 773-5581 or 773-5059.

The Lions Christmas Trees are now on sale at Terry's Plumbing and Heating on Yonge Street. Prices are reasonable and the trees are fresh and nicely shaped.

Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Frances and Peter McConnachie who were injured in an automobile accident. All their friends and acquaintances in the ORMHA join in sending get well wishes.

Oak Ridges Lions have planned a gala New Year's Eve Dance in the Lions Hall in the Bond Lake Arena. The dance starts at 8:30 and will last until 1 a.m. There will be a buffet and refreshments. The featured band is Billy Ryff and His Riffs, starring May Wright and Babbling Brooks. Dress is optional and admission by reservation only. For tickets and information phone Don Cook at 773-5273.

The annual Oak Ridges Lions Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday from 10 am until 12 noon. It is for all children up to 12 years old in the Ward 5 area of Richmond Hill and will be held in the Bond Lake Arena. There will be a bus pickup on the North and South Roads in Lake Wilcox, pickup at approximately 9:45 am and return at 12 noon.

Church News
St. Paul's United Church is having a Christmas Celebration next Sunday at 7 pm. All children, parents and members of the congregation are invited.

At St. John's Anglican Church, Jefferson, next Sunday there will be a special service blessing the crib and tree. The sermon will be an illustrated description of

AURORA — Marjorie Andrews retires December 31 after 38 years as this town's chief librarian. In 1934 the library was open only 10 hours a week and had only 100 books on the shelf. Today the staff numbers 12 and has a seven-day-a-week operation. She received the Canada Medal in 1967.

Temperanceville News

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Church News

Guest speaker at "the service on December 3", was Ron Martson, director of church and community relations for Alcohol and Drug Concerns Inc. The junior choir under the direction of Mrs. Betty Bolton gave a lovely rendition on "Joy Is Like The Rain".

The United Church Women will meet at the home of Mrs. John Umehara on December 14, for their annual Christmas Meeting and party. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

The bus trip sponsored by the Evening Unit of the UCW was the usual success, when a full busload of mothers and children took advantage of the trip to go shopping, view the lovely windows of the downtown stores or skate in Nathan Phillips Square. In spite of poor weather, the bus arrived home on schedule. Many thanks to the committee who made the arrangements.

Neighborhood Notes
Dr. and Mrs. Fred Weir and Jamie of New Hamburg spent the weekend at the home of their mother, Mrs. Fred Hare, and Mrs. Hare returned home with them for a few days visit.

Mrs. Ray Jennings is spending a time in York County Hospital. We hope for her, that she will soon be feeling much better.

Congratulations and best wishes to our new mayor in King Township, Mrs. Margaret Britnell. The first lady to head the municipality in its history. Our councillor in Ward 1 is William Long of King City. Our wish for Mrs. Britnell, Mr. Long, and other members of the council, is that they will have a satisfying term of office, and that King Township will remain for many years, the lovely place it is in which to live.

Oak Ridges Lions Club

By MRS. LOUISE GORE

As everyone knows, Oak Ridges Lions Club is one of many service clubs in the area, but many still do not know what type of services it performs in the community or why it was formed.

I had a pleasant visit with Past President Don Cook of the Lions and Mrs. Cook who gave me all kinds of information. I was surprised to find out how many activities the club has sponsored in this area.

To tell the whole story of the Lions we must go back to the beginning, which was April 6, 1950. All Lions Clubs are branches of the mother club which is international and located in Chicago. There are branches in 247 countries and districts with a total of a million members. Each club has its own individual charter, which enables it to use the funds raised for community work and each club works within its own area. A club is only as good as its members and the community it is in.

Over the past 22 years the

Oak Ridges Club has had as few as seven members and as many as 47. At the present time there are 24 active members. In this time this hard-working group of men has raised a quarter of a million dollars which has been turned back into the community. The Lions have furnished a room in York Central Hospital, contributed to the Crippled Children's Fund, the mentally retarded, the Canadian Institute for the Blind, Blue Hills Academy, to mention only a few of those who have benefited from their labors.

Besides donating funds to various organizations they are all very active in community affairs. The Lions sponsored the 1st Oak Ridges Scout Troop and are still the sponsors. They started the first organized baseball teams in the area, which are now known as the Oak Ridges Minor Baseball Association and were also instrumental in organizing the Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association.

All the money the Lions have spent in this community over the years has been raised through dances, turkey shoots, ladies' nights, bingo, chess sales, cake sales, an annual carnival, Christmas Tree sales and as many other activities as they could think of.

These men give unstintingly of their time and energy to make the community a better place for everyone. The Bond Lake Arena was the first opportunity the Lions had to do something in the community and we can be proud of their efforts. A total of \$17,000 of Lions' funds has gone back into the arena to date in the form of washrooms, kitchens, facilities, plumbing, sound system, etc. Almost all the work has been volunteer and performed by Lions—and they are not finished yet.

Long as this list of community involvement is, I have only scratched the surface of the many things they do, the many individuals they have helped.

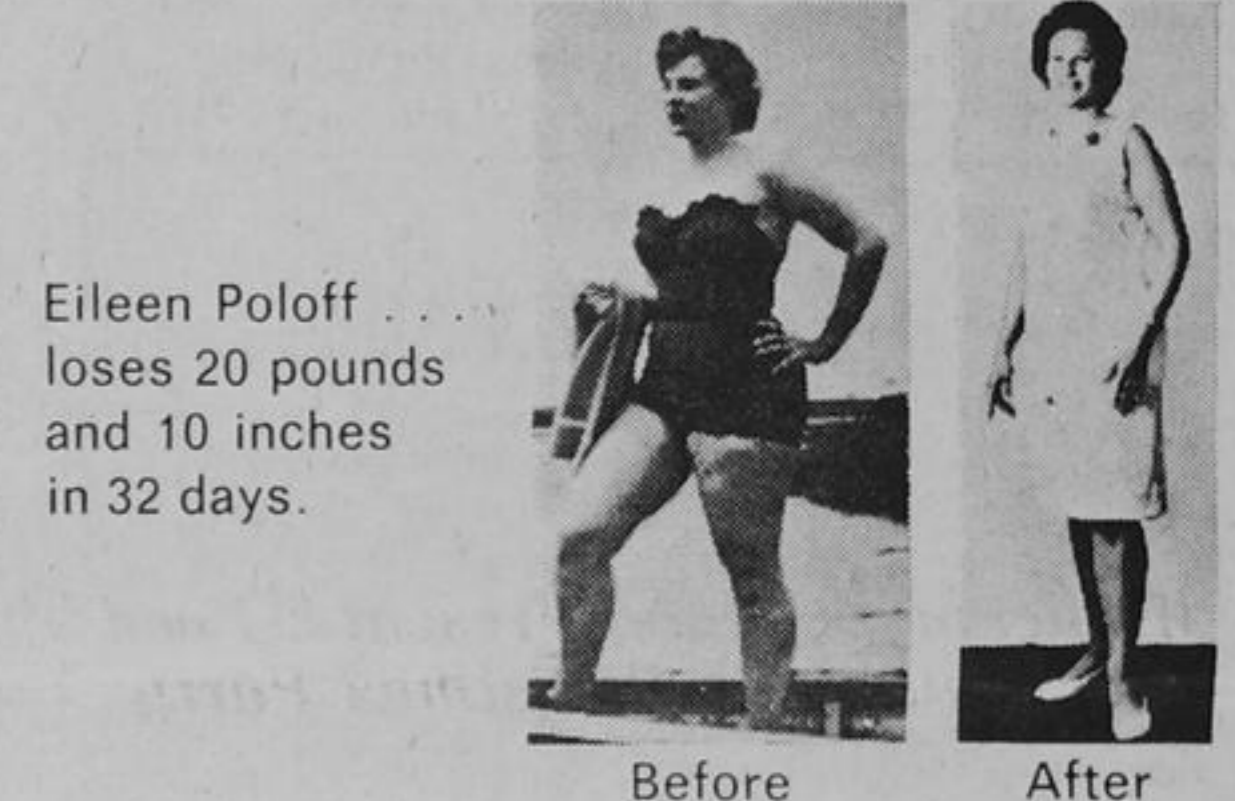
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