

King City, Oak Ridges telephone rates climb, and subscribers agree

Telephone subscribers in Oak Ridges and King City are in for a rate increase and they're all for it.

In a survey, customers indicated they would pay the higher rates which would expand their two-way local calling area to include the Thornhill exchange and the enlarged Metro Toronto exchange in 1979.

The plan, which would add one million numbers to the local calling areas of the Oak Ridges "773" exchange and the King City "833" exchange, is subject to the approval of Bell's regulatory authority, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Because basic monthly rates are directly related to the total telephone numbers that can be reached by a local call, the monthly rates in each exchange would increase.

For example, an individual residence line in King City would go from \$5.95 to \$9.45 and in Oak Ridges from \$5.95 to \$10.20.

Of the 1,274 customers in King City who were sent survey cards, 86 per cent answered and of those, 77 per cent were in favor.

Some 1,434 customers in Oak Ridges were contacted, 80 per cent answered and 74 per cent of those were in favor.

King City's local calling area includes Nobleton, Schomberg, Aurora, Oak Ridges, Richmond Hill and Maple.

Oak Ridges presently has local calling with Bethesda, Gormley, Richmond Hill, King City, Aurora and Newmarket.

Police auction planned

The York Regional Police force will auction 75 bicycles and other accumulated property July 23 at district headquarters in Richmond Hill.

Clarke Prentice is presiding at the auction which begins at 11 a.m.

Police briefs

Renting his house to two men proved costly to Dominic Maduri of Agincourt.

Police said the men threw a party shortly after moving in, during which time guests kicked and punched holes in the wall.

The next day the two tenants moved out, police said, taking a quantity of pine wood from the living room. They then returned the next day and did the same thing.

Charged with theft under \$200, possession under \$200 and causing mischief to private property are Stephen Adams, 21 of Pickering; David Nesbitt, 33, and Kenneth Smith, 18, both of King Richard Cres., Markham; Martin Walters, 19, of Jeremy Rd., Pickering; John Bakley, 22, of Thorncliffe Park Rd., Don Mills; and Vincent Pearce, 20, of Church St., Markham.

HOLD-UP

Police said that two, long-haired bandits, one of whom carried a sawed-off shotgun, got away with \$359 in a hold-up at Mac's Milk, King Rd. in Nobleton, last week.

UNLIBERATED MALE?

The picture of the harried wife awaiting her husband with a rolling pin, could be on the way out, if an incident in Richmond Hill last week is any indication.

Police said that three women drove another woman home from an outing, about 1:15 a.m., July 16, and were met in the driveway by the woman's rake-wielding husband.

The man is alleged to have struck the women with his fists, threatened them with the rake and then thrown the lawn tool at the car, making a dent in it.

Russell Dennis, 61, of Elmwood Dr., faces three charges of common assault, and one each of carrying a dangerous weapon and causing mischief under \$50.

ATTACKER FOILED

A noon-day attack in Richmond Hill on a Willowdale woman was cut short when the woman retaliated.

According to police, Ann Accinsoc, 23, was walking on Elmwood Ave., between Colbourne and Bayview Aves., July 11, when a man grabbed her and threw her to the ground.

Police said the woman kicked at him and the man disappeared into a cornfield.

SHOTS FIRED

Karen Kauzinger, 16, of Aurora, told police she was struck by a pellet from an air gun, while walking on the north side of Markham Rd., near an apartment building at 402.

Police said it was one of three shots fired at the time. Earlier, two other shots from the same area had been reported.

The suspect is believed to live in the apartment building.

CHANGED MIND

A Willowdale girl has been charged with public mischief as a result of an incident in Thornhill, July 15.

Police said the woman went to Holy Cross cemetery, intending to kill herself.

After slashing her wrists, she changed her mind, however, and told police she had been abducted at knife point.

The girl is 17.

ALSO NOTED

Among the thefts reported in the area: Markham — Wheeler Auto Machine, \$230; Universal Sections Ltd., \$360; Sound Unlimited, \$34,500 in record equipment, cables and speakers. All three businesses are located on Esna Park Rd.

Richmond Hill — Two golf carts were taken from an enclosed area and driven over the course and greens, causing \$450 damage.

The clubhouse was also entered, but it is not known if anything was taken.

Fred Ohlis, 225 Colbourne Ave., reported the theft of a quantity of money and 57 souvenir spoons from his residence, for a loss of \$300.

Woodbridge — Joseph Manusa, 420 Woodbridge Ave., reported the theft of a purse containing \$200 from his home. The purse was recovered on the lawn.

Joseph Bancheri, Houston Dr., told police \$268 was taken from a purse in his home.

At 7 & 27 Drive-In, Langstaff Rd., would-be thieves caused \$50 damage after ransacking the premises.



Sparky teaches children

Sparky, the talking police car, put up with the extra weight on his face Thursday because, as he said, he likes having his picture taken. Sheri Ainslie, 5, left, and David Maniecki, 6, were gentle when they sat on either side of Sparky's nose. Looking on are Constable Gord Mason, of York Regional Police Division 28 safety branch.

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