

# China today

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Penetanguishene Rotary Club members and Rotary-Annes enjoyed a talk on China, by special guest Jeanette Farthing, at a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Mrs. Farthing spent two and a half weeks in China during October and November of 1983. She is a tour escort, who has enjoyed leading groups to many different countries all over the world: Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Hawaii, the Middle East, Europe, the British Isles and the Orient.

"We felt very safe in China," said Mrs. Farthing in an interview last week. "The people are very honest about respecting other people's property and rights. The Chinese seem very accepting of their way of life. They are survivors."

She said she found the Chinese very curious about their Western visitors, as individuals and as Canadians.

"We'd often see ladies scooping up their children and pointing at us. If you stopped in the street to look at something, when you turned around you'd find a group of people had gathered to look at you." For 30 years Chinese people had no contact with the outside

world, seeing no newspapers, magazines, and no foreign broadcasting, so their curiosity is understandable.

She found the Chinese people very warm hosts, who showered their visitors with gifts and did everything possible to make them feel welcome.

Chinese homes are usually very small. Enclosed in a walled courtyard, they are usually made up of two rooms, a bedroom and a kitchen, and very sparsely furnished. The kitchen would hold a table about the size of a card table, a two-burner stove, and a washpan. Water would come from a well in the yard, and toilet facilities were outdoors. Apartments in the city, with the exception, with running water, central heat and one indoor toilet.

Mrs. Farthing's group visited two schools and two communes. In a grade six classroom, they found 55 students, two to a desk, supervised by one teacher.

Teacher was on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but had to be at the school at 8 a.m. to give extra help to students. The school re-opened after the supper hour for two hours of study, and the teacher would be there to supervise. All this for one U.S. dollar a day! That was the

salary which most professionals made - in the city - doctors, nurses, teachers, etc.

"On the communes, the people stand to share the profits. It's almost a free enterprise system now. The government takes a quota of all production of the commune, but any surplus is divided evenly between every man, woman and child," she explained. "I see the communes as a very powerful political force in the years to come."

Communes are not small groups of people, as we might imagine from North American communes established during the sixties. On one the group visited, there were 29,000 people on 1,400 hectares of land, with 26 small factories in operation. The people produced farm machinery, chemicals, underwear, furniture, fresh water pearls, as well as agricultural products.

When Chinese people had extra money, they would spend it on food and clothing, or luxuries like watches, cameras, or television sets. The TVs would be covered with a fancy cloth and much treasured by the household. TV programs were mostly Chinese opera or speeches by officials. Live opera and movies

were popular forms of entertainment, and late at night the streets would be filled with the bicycles of people out for the evening. There were 3.2 million bicycles in Peking, Mrs. Farthing said.

People dress in drab colours: gray, dark

green, and blue, although children wore bright colours and little girls had enormous bows in their hair. "I think the children, as they grow up, may not assume the drab colours of their parents' generation," she said.

Senior citizens in

China are not idle, although they can retire at 60 with a government pension. Their job is to look after the young children. For elders without sons to support them, the government provides food, clothing, housing, daily expenses and a funeral.

"It's going to be so interesting to see what happens in China over the next few years," said Mrs. Farthing. "It's important for us to get to know these people, to understand them. They make up one-quarter of the world's population."

## Kings continue winning ways

Penetang Kings have filled the opposition's net with many goals this season and have allowed just over 100 goals up until now, but have never scored a shutout, until Friday night.

Kings scored their first shutout of the Jr. C schedule, blanking Stayner 9-0, at Penetang arena.

Penetang increased their league leading point total Sunday night in Essa, taking the 80's 7-3.

In Friday's game, Rob Roy and Dave Robillard were the big shooters, both scoring three times, and Kevin Steele recorded the shutout.

Roy opened the first period scoring with a shorthanded mark from John O'Hara. At the 19:00 mark, Jim Plouffe added another shorthanded goal with Roy assisting. Penetang were outshot 11-5 in the frame.

In the second stanza, Kings exploded for four goals. Dave Robillard made it 3-0 with Blair McReynolds and Brian Forget assisting. Roy notched his second of the game from Plouffe and Trent Miracle, at the 8:00 mark.

One minute later, Phil Cinq-Mars added to the lead with assists going to Al Melnyk and Roy.

Roy netted his third of the game at the 16:00

mark from O'Hara and Kevin Steele. Shots were 11-8 for the Kings.

In the final frame Kings added to the onslaught late in the period. Bob Weatherill made it 7-0 from Robillard and Plouffe at 13:00 and Robillard netted the next two King's goals.

O'Hara and Blair McReynolds assisted on both of Robillard's marks. Shots were even at 12 apiece in the third frame.

Stayner outshot Penetang in the game 31-28.

Penetang played a similar game in Essa on Sunday night, building up an early lead before Essa could get untracked. Kings led 5-1 after two

periods of play.

Perry Beausoliel, with a rare offensive performance, led the Kings attack with a pair of goals. Dave Robillard also scored twice.

John O'Hara, Brian McReynolds and Brian Forget scored one goal each to close out the King's scoring.

Kings have two games remaining before the playoffs begin. Friday night they host the Oro 77's and on Sunday they travel to Centennial arena to tackle the Centennials for the CK-MP Challenge Cup game.

Friday's contest begins at 8:30. Game time for Sundays match is 7:30 p.m.

### MIDLAND INDUSTRIAL BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	Eastern Division	W..L..PTS.
Garner Sports		34 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 19 80
Quality Carpet		33 21 77
Gamna Signs		26 28 61
Ladouceurs Const.		23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 30 53
Huronia Auto Glass		22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 31 51
Bandana Const.		20 34 43
Western Division		
Bayshore Lanes		32 22 72
Commodore Hotel		32 22 72
Brabants Const.		29 25 63
Don Sherk Const.		26 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 27 61
Olympia Billiards		26 28 59
Allied Fire Safety		20 34 46

### HIGH TRIPLES

Rodney Todd	807	Bob Jackson	751
Gerry Borsa	795	Ray Staunton	744
Howard Woolner	786	Ken Morin	738
Bill Puddicombe	784	Ralph E. Tuckerman	733
Albert Morin	754	Wayne Dion	731

### SUMMERS TROPHIES HIGH SINGLE AWARD

Herb Chapman

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## Penetanguishene resident gives her impressions

### Midland YMCA Presents LEISURE EDUCATION COURSES (Formerly S.C.B.E. Night School)



For Youth & Adults	Instructor & Phone No.	Location	Starts	Fee
<b>Computers</b> —Learn all about the capabilities of the Commodore Pet and simple computer programing-8 sessions	Terry Burt-Gerrons 526-5721	MSS	Thurs. Jan. 26 7-9:30	\$30.00
<b>St. Johns Ambulance</b> —Qualify for the St. Johns Ambulance Safety Oriented First Aid Certification-8 sessions	Dave Stone 534-3977	MSS	Wed. Jan. 25 7-9:30	\$31.00
<b>Oil Painting</b> —Beginners and Advanced Students are invited to join this group. All will receive individual help. 8 sessions.	Mary Ellen Moore 526-9731	MSS	Wed. Jan. 25 7-9:00	\$20.00 + supplies
<b>A World of Colour</b> —A study of Colours as it relates to Art, Decorating, fashion and you-8 sessions	E. Manning Johnston, 526-4497	MSS	Tues. Jan. 24 7-9:00	\$20.00 + supplies
<b>Anyone Can Draw</b> —Everyone welcome-learn to draw landscapes, still life, people, etc.-8 sessions	E. Manning Johnston, 526-4497	MSS	Thurs. Jan. 26 7-9:00	\$20.00 + supplies
<b>Batik</b> —A great opportunity to learn the fascinating art of designing with waxes and dyes-8 sessions	Ann Proulx 534-3549	MSS	Mon. Jan. 23 7-9:00	\$20.00 + supplies
<b>Gourmet Cooking</b> —Learn some great culinary skills while having fun with one of four Georgian Bay Gourmets-8 sessions	Anne Connell 549-3212	MSS	Wed. Jan. 25 7-9:30	\$28.00 + supplies
<b>Photography</b> —A great chance to learn some of the technology of your camera and all the secrets of great picture taking-8 sessions	Stewart Vincent 526-2786	MSS	Tues. Jan. 24 7-9:00	\$20.00
<b>Parenting of Teenagers</b> —For one or both parents-Here's how to cope with your child during their teen years-Learn through Lecture and discussion-8 sessions	Louise Leck 526-6389	MSS	Mon. Jan. 23 7-9:00	\$20.00
<b>Improving Family Life</b> —Learn to be a family that solves their problems. Learn to cope with family difficulties, behaviour problems, crisis poor communication, etc.-8 sessions	Louise Leck 526-6389	MSS	Thurs. Jan. 26 7-9:00	\$20.00
<b>Relaxation</b> —A personalized program of exercise and stretching to ease stress and tension and promote well being-8 sessions	Elaine Kraftscik 526-6092	MSS	Tues. Jan. 24 7-9:00	\$20.00
<b>C.P.R.</b> —Qualify as a Basic Rescuer in the valuable skill of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation-10 hrs.	A. Matthews 526-7828	YMCA	Fri. evening all day Sat. Jan. 27-28	\$35.00
<b>International Cuisine</b> —A daytime course on the preparation of the foods of Greece, Italy, China France etc. One session alone on soups. 8 sessions	Dorothy Beeney 526-2114	YMCA	Wed. Feb. 1st 1-3:30 p.m.	
<b>Commodore 64's</b> —The YMCA has six Commodore 64 computers and a wide choice of (6 session) courses including: applications for business, education, word processing, filing, budgeting, financial spread sheets, home finance basic programming, etc. A complete description of course content fees and times is available at the YMCA.				
YMCA All courses commence week of Feb. 27th.				
<b>For Kids Only</b>				
<b>Cooking Class for Kids</b> —Boys and Girls (age 7-10) will learn the fundamentals of meal and snack preparation-8 sessions.	Deb Lancing 526-7828	YMCA	Sat. Jan. 21	\$15.00
<b>The Fascinating Computer World</b> —The Y's Computer Lab offers introductory (6 session) courses for 6-13 yr. olds. Information is now available at the YMCA for Art and Turtle Graphics, Land of Logo and Programming in Basic-all for fun and education.				
YMCA All courses start week of Feb. 27th.				
<b>Kids Komputer Kamp</b> —10 hrs. of introductory work on the Commodore 64s in the YMCA computer Lab during the March Break. Limited Registration-Details at YMCA.				
YMCA March Break.				

★ Need more information about any Leisure Education Course? Please contact the instructor as listed

For information concerning Recognized Night School, Credit Courses or Technical Shop courses, please contact Midland Secondary School - 526-7818.

#### How to Register:

At the YMCA—You may register any day during the week of Jan. 16 at the Midland YMCA from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Space is limited in all courses so we suggest that you register early! Personal Cheques are accepted: Payment of course fees must be made when registering and cannot be refunded for any reason after Jan. 20/84.

YMCA Leisure Education Co-ordinator: Ann Lackie 526-7828