

KING CITY NEWS

Showbiz

Theatre Aurora presented Richard Brinsley Sheridan's play "School for Scandal" at St. Andrew's College Auditorium, November 8, 9, and 10, almost 200 years after it was first produced at the Drury Lane Theatre in England.

Idle gossip of the idle rich forms the plot of the play which was done by Theatre Aurora with a minimum of props and lighting but a great deal of professionalism. The music for the evening was superb, in complete harmony with the settings of England in the 1700's. The York Brass Quintet of Derek Milton, Phil Tröw, Dan Stoyles, Christine Boggs, and Lori Anderson were great.

The play was directed by Mike Heptinstall and Thelma Wixson; produced by Pat Spence and Rhea Morris. While all of the cast were in good character, I was particularly impressed by Les Shiner in his role of Sir Peter Teazle the elderly husband of Lady Teazle (Gillian Ball).

Other "personae" were Roland Muddle as Sir Oliver Surface back from his faraway travels; Dennis Emson, Joseph Surface; Frank Buck, Charles Surface; Craig Kamcke, Crabtree; Rupert Ray, Sir Benjamin Backbite; Phil Knibbs, Rowley; Bill Roberts, Moses; David Crawley, Trip; Brian Cullimore, Snake; Ken Lloyd, Careless; Paul Lynch, Sir Harry Bumper; Christine Hamley, Lady Snerwell; Rose Dyson as Mrs. Candour, the town gossip of high society; and Lee Patterson as Maria.

The servants in the play doubled as stage hands in placing tables, chairs and backdrops in between scenes in a most charming manner. They were Paul Lynch, Gillian Hitch, Elaine Kmet, and Laura Wilkes.

Costumes throughout the play were fantastic! Although the play was performed with top expertise, the two and a half hour length of it had many people fidgeting in their seats before the final act.

A suggestion to Theatre Aurora for the future — call up a catering truck service to serve coffee during the intermission. One inoperable drinking fountain in the hallway of St. Andrew's hardly serves the need. Even the lemonade as served in the lobby at the previous show (Last of the Red Hot Lovers) would have been an asset to the evening.

Church Women's League

Twenty-two members attended the November 13 meeting of the CWL at Sacred Heart School.

Due to unforeseen circumstances School Superintendent John Zupanic, scheduled guest speaker, was unable to attend and Principal Paul Brand, conducted an informal question and answer period for the ladies.

Plans were made regarding the December 11 Christmas meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Dino Zentil on Jane Street. Mrs.

Bianchi and Mrs. Jones are convenors for this event.

A motion was made to donate a book to the King City Public Library.

Mrs. Lorraine Pelouin and Mrs. Linda Lucovits are busy arranging gifts and entertainment for King City Lodge during the Christmas season.

A letter was read from Sister Macdonell who thanked the ladies for their support of the Peruvian mission and told of some of the work being done there.

Mrs. Pelouin spoke of the Unicef boxes and noted that the totals were higher this year than last.

Mrs. Phil Gilmour and Mrs. Mary Lou Smith will attend a meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church November 21 to discuss plans for the upcoming World Day of Prayer.

Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. Herbert Marsh.

Women's Institute

The November WI meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Alfred Gilham on the 13th.

Guest speaker, introduced by Mrs. Doris Willoughby, was Peter Love of Pollution Probe who showed some slides and spoke particularly of the problems of over-packaging.

Mrs. Allen Gellatly gave a report on the recent WI Convention she attended at the Royal York.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Jean Kirby and members will exchange Christmas gifts.

School News

Volleyball results from King City Secondary School. In the junior division King "nod" in 1st place with Williams in 2nd. In the senior division Stoffville stood in 1st place with Sutton in 2nd.

In the playoffs junior division King played against Woodbridge. Williams division Stoffville against Woodbridge and Sutton against Langstaff.

Donn's Bits & Pieces

The Toston Young People held "Folk Fever" with Tommy Jensen at the Masonic Hall in King City November 16 where people enjoyed some good music in a relaxed coffee shop setting.

The event only cost 99c per person and was held to raise money towards the York Central Hospital building fund.

Kingcraft Studio Sale this Saturday and next, 10 am to 3:30 pm. No general meeting this month.

Happy birthday to Susan Lorenz, daughter of Ben and Wendy Lorenz, of Forde Crescent, Susan will be six years old November 26.

Happy wedding anniversary to Bruce and Ruth Gray of Keele Street and to Mr. and Mrs. George Rumble. Both couples celebrate November 27. The Grays have been married 20 years and the Rumbles 53 years. Congratulations!

Ron Lockhart of Aurora was declared grand champion for the second year at the annual Ontario Sports-

man's Waterfowl Tournament

held at Darlington Provincial Park near Oshawa September 16. Contest included shooting over decoys, trap shooting, duck identification and decoy head carving. Another King Township winner was John Cridland of Sehomberg who won the junior decoy head whittling competition.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Verduin Gordon on the death of her father Leonard Baguley November 12.

Meeting of Theatre Aurora, November 27 at Victoria Hall in Aurora, 8 p.m.

King City United congregational dinner and variety show promise to be an entertaining evening. The show will be held November 23 and again on November 24 with the congregational dinner preceding the show Saturday night. Tickets are available from KCU members.

Get well wishes to Mrs. Doris Walker who is in hospital.

Princess Anne and Mark Phillips are now married, having given the world all the pomp and pageantry of a royal wedding at Westminster Abbey where British Kings have been crowned for over 900 years.

A small, select group of Canadians were invited to attend the wedding, and we are happy to say that King Township residents Robert and Sandra Silcock were among those so honored.

Christmas Carols

Today's column is our fifth before Christmas, and each week we will take one of the traditional carols and give some background information on where and how it came into being.

You'll probably hear them sung on the radio and television for the next while until they're coming out your ears, and some history on them might make it more interesting.

The Oxford Book of Carols says "carols are songs with a religious impulse that are simple, hilarious popular and modern. They are generally spontaneous and direct in expression and their simplicity of form causes them sometimes to ramble on like a ballad".

Good King Wenceslas is our choice this week often sung December 26 on the Feast of St. Stephen. The Oxford Book of Carols contributes its popularity to the tune which is actually that of a Spring carol "Tempus Adest Floridum", and goes on to classify the words as "rather confused".

The narrative to Wenceslas was written by J. M. Neale (1818-66) in 1853 and were quoted by E. Dun-

can to be "doggerel" and by Bullen as "poor and commonplace to the last degree".

The original words, I believe, were headed "Spring Has Now Unwrapped The Flowers".

Wenceslas (or often stated as Wenzel) was an Emperor of Germany and King of Bohemia. Born in 1361, he was the son of Charles IV whom he succeeded in 1378.

Many references refer to him as having been dissolute and a cruel prince. He apparently favored the Hussites but was unable to save the life of Huss. Wenceslas' deeds are not so cruelly depicted, as in one reference (Christmas Carols published by Whitman Publishing, 1957) which says that the carol is a recount of the good deeds of Wenceslas the Holy, telling of his many good deeds and acts of kindness to the poor.

Possibly the last line of the first verse is quite in keeping with our modern day energy crisis, "When a poor man came in sight, Gathering winter fuel".

Watch for next week's "Caroline".

Good Morning Group

The order of the day for the November 13 meeting of the GMG was one of business and was conducted by President Chris Newland.

Problems related to management of the group and several gripes were aired. Plans for the upcoming children's Christmas party and the adult party were made and chores delegated.

King Township Recreation Co-ordinator Miss Marion Iliohan

dropped in to say a few words about recreation in King and to distribute copies of a random sample survey which she has organized to determine the wants and needs of King residents.

She defined recreation as the creative use of leisure time and included the following characteristic elements: 1) participation is voluntary; 2) the primary motivation for participation is personal enjoyment; 3) the activity provides an opportunity for wholesome and enriching experiences; 4) designed to meet the need of the individual in society; 5) meets conservative, socially acceptable goals; and 6) there is no work connotation. From these characteristic elements you can see why recreation is important in today's society.

After the results of the survey are compiled, Miss Iliohan will prepare a brief to be presented to council. As it now stands, if you don't care for hockey, and aren't interested in figure skating, there isn't too much else.

Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox

Hockey News

Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association will hold a bazaar at Bond Lake Arena Hall this Saturday from 10 to 2 p.m. There will be a gift table, toy table, baked goods and rummage. For further information call Lorraine Lenneville at 773-4416 or Connie Bestard at 773-5881. The hockey association will hold a dance in the evening from 8 pm to 1 am. \$6 per couple, including hot and cold buffet. DJ Don Holgate, Bond Lake Arena Hall.

Senior Citizens

The seniors rummage sale was very successful.

The next event on their calendar is a euchre night November 22 when the winning ticket for the 50/50 draw will be picked.

Community Happenings

President Bill Mayor, who is returning to England, resigned his office November 13 and officially handed over the chair to 1st Vice-President Bill Friend.

Bond Lake Skating Club is holding its Christmas dance November 30. There will be a hot turkey dinner at 8 pm and punch will be served at 7:30 pm. Dancing to music supplied by DJ Keith Coles. \$15 per couple, all inclusive.

Tickets are now available for the New Year's Eve dance at Our Lady of the Annunciation School, Bond Avenue. \$15 per couple including supper and bar. Dancing to Wilkett Creek Band. Call 773-5873.

Church News

Dr. Frank Fidler will be guest speaker at St. Paul's United Church this coming Sunday at 10:30 am, on the occasion of the church's 19th anniversary. This is family worship Sunday and Dr. Fidler will be outlining resources to people throughout the community at the Richmond Hill and Thornhill Family Services Centre, located on Yonge Street, Richmond Hill.

Luncheon will be served immediately after the service when the anniversary cake will be cut.

St. Paul's Christmas Fair is December 1 from 2 to 4 pm. There will be a bake sale, a fancy Christmas tea, a mini bazaar of hand-crafted items, and an "attic treasures" table of good glassware and china. Tickets for the tea are 50c for children 6-12 years and 75c for children 12 years and over. Admission to the bazaar is free.

There was a small attendance at the general meeting of the skating club November 14. Three very interesting movies were shown and tentative plans were discussed regarding the carnival. A newsletter will be forthcoming in the near future setting out carnival plans in detail.

The 1st Oak Ridges Cubs will be going door-to-door this coming Saturday, selling Scout Calendars. Profits will be used for camping, etc. Calendars sell at 50c each. Please buy one.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT SMITH

Married In Aurora United Church

A honeymoon trip to North Bay followed the September 8 wedding of Terry Lea Stunden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Stunden, 65 Wellington Street East, Aurora, and Bob Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Smith of Bond Avenue, Oak Ridges.

The ceremony took place in Aurora United Church which was decorated with gold, yellow and white mums for the occasion. Officiating clergyman was Rev. John Hunter.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a dress of nylon organza designed on princess lines and

trimmed with satin and lace. The full long sleeves were gathered at the wrist and she carried a bouquet of yellow mums and white orchids.

Miss Katherine Stone attended as maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Mrs. Barbara Hitchman, sister of the groom, and Trudy Stunden, sister of the bride. They were dressed alike in gowns of green and white knit material with short puffed sleeves and white lace trim. They wore wide-brimmed white hats and carried gold and yellow mums.

Vocalist was Mrs. Judy Rodgers.

The bride is a graduate of Dr. G. D. Williams Secondary School in Aurora and works as a secretary for Travelways Limited. The groom is a salesman for Sterling Drug Company in Aurora.

Ron Newton of Bradford served as best man. The ushers were Allen Smith, brother of the groom, and Bill Langdon of King City.

A reception for 115 guests at the Trio Restaurant in Aurora followed the ceremony. The happy couple took a honeymoon trip to North Bay. They returned to reside on Larmon Street, Aurora.

Lake Wilcox Study Loses Its Director

Peter Martin, director of the Lake Wilcox Study for the M. M. Dillon Limited, consulting engineers, has been appointed executive co-ordinator of the Ontario Government's Housing Action Program, it was announced at a recent meeting of the Lake Wilcox Study Group.

The group is composed of the nine members of Richmond Hill Town council and nine members from the study area.

Mr. Martin will be taking over the province's housing crises effort on the imminent retirement of Eli Comay, former Metro planner, who recently issued a startling report on the housing needs in this province.

"This is something very important to the Premier," explained Mr. Martin, with an apology to the group. "He hopes to add 35,000 housing lots to the Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton areas and has set up a completely new division in the Ministry of Housing. I will be director after Mr. Comay leaves January 15."

He also reported that M. M. Dillon reluctantly let him go but that he will be available on a consultation basis. John Farrell will be taking over "and I am confident the study can be carried out efficiently under his direction."

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Request MTRCA To Develop Passive Meadows Park Plan

Richmond Hill Council decided at its November 12 meeting to ask York Regional Council to request Metro Conservation Authority to develop a plan for a passive park on their lands known as the Meadows property on the west side of Yonge Street in the Oak Ridges area, and to provide for the cost of such development in its 1974 budget. Council also agreed to provide their share of costs in 1974. The authority was also asked to enter into an agreement with the town to lease the land to Richmond Hill at a nominal rental of \$1 a year when the work is completed. The motion was moved by Regional Councillor Lois Hancey, and seconded by Councillor Andy Chateauvert.

PASSIVE PARK

Mrs. Hancey explained that the conservation authority had not been able to proceed until the town had come to a decision on whether an active or a passive park was wanted in that area. The majority of people living in the vicinity had indicated they preferred a passive park, and council had approved this at its October 22 meeting, asking the authority to spend the \$2,500 it had on hand for work there.

SHAPE ONE POND

This would provide for rental of equipment to shape one pond and use the fill obtained for preparing a

seed bed for future grassing, that's all, Mrs. Hancey reported. "Council will then decide how it wants to have the park developed (with sod or grass seed, pathways, trees, etc.). If Richmond Hill participates financially it will be subject to the Metro being agreeable. A provincial subsidy will be available and Richmond Hill's share will be tripled by an equal amount from the authority and an equal amount from the province. This means the work could be done next year. If it is left for the authority to pay the full cost, it would still be up in the air."

NO DRAINAGE

"Is the drainage included?" asked Mr. Rowe. "The drainage problem is another project," answered Mrs. Hancey.

Councillor Chateauvert reported he had talked to Paul Flood of the Metro Conservation Authority, who had been of the opinion that because of the small amount of conservation money involved the project could probably be included in next year's budget, although he couldn't guarantee that it would be.

Pointing out the urgency of council dealing with the matter at that meeting, Mrs. Hancey said "If we don't ask now we can't be considered at budget time. Nothing tangible could be done until council took a stand on the active of passive issue."

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