

King Valley Ski Centre Full For Sports Oriented Fashions

By NORMAN MATTHEWS
Drizzling rain and the muddiest parking lot in King didn't deter people from attending "Winter Holiday" at the King Valley Ski Centre November 21.

Sponsored by the King City Co-Operative Nursery School, "Winter Holiday" was a fashion show for the sports-minded and clothes-conscious King residents, with the added touch of wine and cheese. The \$3.50 per person admission charge included one free glass of wine with subsequent drinks at 50¢ each.

WINTER FASHIONS
Fashions for the wintry outdoors or those cosy evenings were furnished by Ardill's Department Store and Don Greenham's Men's Wear, both of Aurora. Models were Marilyn Kirby, Betty Roe, Debbie Ardill, Feisty Noel-Smith, Sandy MacDonald and Dinny Murray, residents of the area who dazzled their King neighbors with their performance. There were also two professional models. Hairdos were created by Nory and Victor's "La Riviera" coiffure and wig boutique of Maple.

Ticket sales for wine drinks and all barkeep work was done by couples in the community on a voluntary and rotating basis. Dry sherry seemed to be in great demand, as was the rose and cold duck. At one point during the gala evening, persons on the bar in-

cluded Dr. Quentin Hardy, hear of the King City Medical Centre; Rev. Neville Bishop, rector of All Saints Anglican Church; and King Township Mayor Margaret Britnell.

NO SPOTLIGHTS
Several drawbacks to an otherwise great social outing, I would say, would be (a) the oozing parking areas in which people had cars stuck and through which we had to walk; (b) the lack at the ski centre of a proper public address system resulting in no more than 10 feet away from the fashion MC hearing anything; and (c) no spot lighting on the models as they walked around the many tables to separate them from guests who were also dressed up in the finery and walking around socializing.

But King seems to cry out for a night club, as evident at social functions such as Packed Holiday. The place was packed even being mid-week and everyone we talked with was having a good time.

Door prizes were drawn by Mayor Britnell assisted by Nursery School President Janet Van Nostrand. Prize-winners in order of award were Felicity Noel-Smith (who accepted her prize with only one shoe on), Barbara Moore, Judy Legallais, Donna Gee (accepting for Nancy Newton of Maple who had left early), and Brian MacDonald.

In King Zoning Bylaw Squabble Rough Is "Rough"

King Township Councillor Ben Rough lived up to his name November 19 charging that his fellow members were deliberately stalling the passing of the municipality's comprehensive zoning bylaw.

"I'm thoroughly disenchanted by the whole procedure," he said. He particularly flayed Councillor Murray Sheardown for stalling tactics in committee while stating at the same time in the press that he favored passing it as quickly as possible.

Mr. Sheardown tried to interrupt again but was shouted down by Mr. Rough who insisted again that he had the floor.

"Councillor Sheardown has continued to successfully stall passing of the bylaw in council contrary to his public utterances and it is obvious that his vote will be negative."

It was Mayor Margaret Britnell's turn next as Councillor Rough noted that she had "also made public utterances to the fact you favor the bylaw and I hope you'll take a firm, clear stand on the matter in council by registering a 'yes' vote."

Councillor Rough said he was "sick and tired of attending endless executive sessions where nothing is accomplished except the shuffling of papers and

maps and the bringing up of pointless discussions. **VERY DISENCHANTED**
"I am very disenchanted by it and I feel that many people in the township would be also if they knew the true state of affairs regarding this bylaw."

Councillor Sheardown accused Mr. Rough of making a "pitch to the press for your own benefit."

"Sure I'm making a pitch when it is in its proper form. We don't have to listen to everything 'evil servants' tell us."

Councillor Long pointed out that while the zoning bylaw may have been "in the works for the past three years this council has been only considering it during the present term."

He said that "the first time this council dealt with the matter was back in February."

SPLITTING HAIRS
"That's just splitting hairs," retorted Councillor Rough. "The previous council stalled on passing the comprehensive zoning bylaw for two years and we are continuing to stall as the third year draws to a close."

Mayor Britnell told Mr. Rough that "there is no question of my support of

the bylaw. You're aware of it and I have stated in public that passing the bylaw is an onerous job."

She noted that the present hold-up was due to incorrect maps being presented to the planning committee and this problem would have to be resolved.

"If we want to facilitate the passing of a zoning bylaw we can only do so if we be patient and avoid getting into a huff. Councillor Rough didn't get a second at the committee meeting because the maps were not presented to us as amended by us."

Councillor Sheardown stated he had "left the meeting in a huff because Councillor Rough doesn't see fit to attend the meetings dealing with the bylaw."

"I'm sick and tired of attending meetings that simply result in the bandying about of words and the shifting of paper," said Mr. Rough.

"That's the name of the game," replied Mr. Sheardown. Councillor Forhan said he hadn't supported Mr. Rough's motion because "we were all agreed that the zoning maps were inaccurate. I

wouldn't second any motion until the maps were returned in their corrected form."

Councillor Van Luyk maintained that the farmers should be "reimbursed financially for their land which will be frozen when we pass the bylaw. I want to know where we are going with regard to this before I pass any bylaw."

REIMBURSE FARMERS
Mr. Long pointed out that the matter of reimbursing farmers "is out of our jurisdiction as a council. We have made a request for same to the province and it is up to the powers that be there. We have received no answer and there's no point in us holding back the zoning bylaw for this reason."

"I won't be a willing tool to something I don't consider right," said Mr. Van Luyk.

Councillor Long explained that the "municipal act requires us to approve comprehensive zoning bylaws for our official plan as speedily as possible and we must fulfill this requirement."

He said that the bylaw controversy required one further meeting "next week when at that time we can

vote on approving the amended maps as well as the text of the comprehensive bylaw. "If we vote yes the texts and maps will be available for public perusal beginning in December, and there will also be a minimum of five public meetings held in the various wards to inform the ratepayers," he said.

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LIP Grant Sought To Help Start Ward 5 Services Centre

By JANET RUSSELL

Plans are well under way to establish a Neighborhood Services Centre in Ward 5 of Richmond Hill. The purpose of the centre would be to link residents to established information services, and to help develop other needed social services in the community.

In June of this year a public meeting was called to present a proposal for the establishing of such a centre. A committee was elected and it was agreed that the committee should work in close relationship to the existing Richmond Hill Helpmate Information Service. As part of the Helpmate Information network, the committee has participated in applying for an LIP grant. This grant, if approved, will provide for two full time workers — an office worker and a field worker — who would share responsibility with the committee for setting the ground-work for establishing a permanent services centre. Should the grant be approved, temporary space has been made available in a downstairs room of St. Paul's United Church, South Road, Lake Wilcox.

The function of the services centre (to be known as Helpmate Information — North Branch) are as follows:

- (1) To provide an effective information service for residents of the community. This would be done by promoting the use of the existing information service (884-2727), and by determining our local information needs to make the existing service more effective in responding to these needs;
 - (2) To help co-ordinate the work of existing social agencies and services operating in the community — to cut down duplication and identify gaps in services;
 - (3) To identify needed social services and programs which do not presently exist and to provide leadership help in organizing. For example, a variety of counselling services — crisis counselling, family counselling, legal aid, budget counselling.
- The overriding theme of this venture is self help. The purpose of the centre is not to do things for people, but to enable people to do things for themselves. The centre will be dedicated to a belief in the worth of persons and will strive to promote that sense of self worth in persons acting individually or together to meet their own needs.
- The committee has been very much encouraged by the interest and support of a group of professional community workers meeting monthly, the Lake Wilcox Community Workers group. At its last meeting this group agreed to act as a resource to the centre, and some individual workers representing agencies have indicated their willingness to devote some of their time to its operation.

COUNCILLOR CLASH
Mr. Rough's comment regarding the "four developer oriented" councillors brought Mr. Sheardown to the fore again challenging the former to name who the four developers were.

"I said developer-oriented," shot back Mr. Rough, "and, besides, I see no need to name them."

Councillor Rough continued his verbal attack stating that council "doesn't know where it's heading and has lost sight of the target."

He said that he had attempted in vain to present a motion earlier in the day to get the zoning bylaw on the way but had been unable to get any councillor to second it.

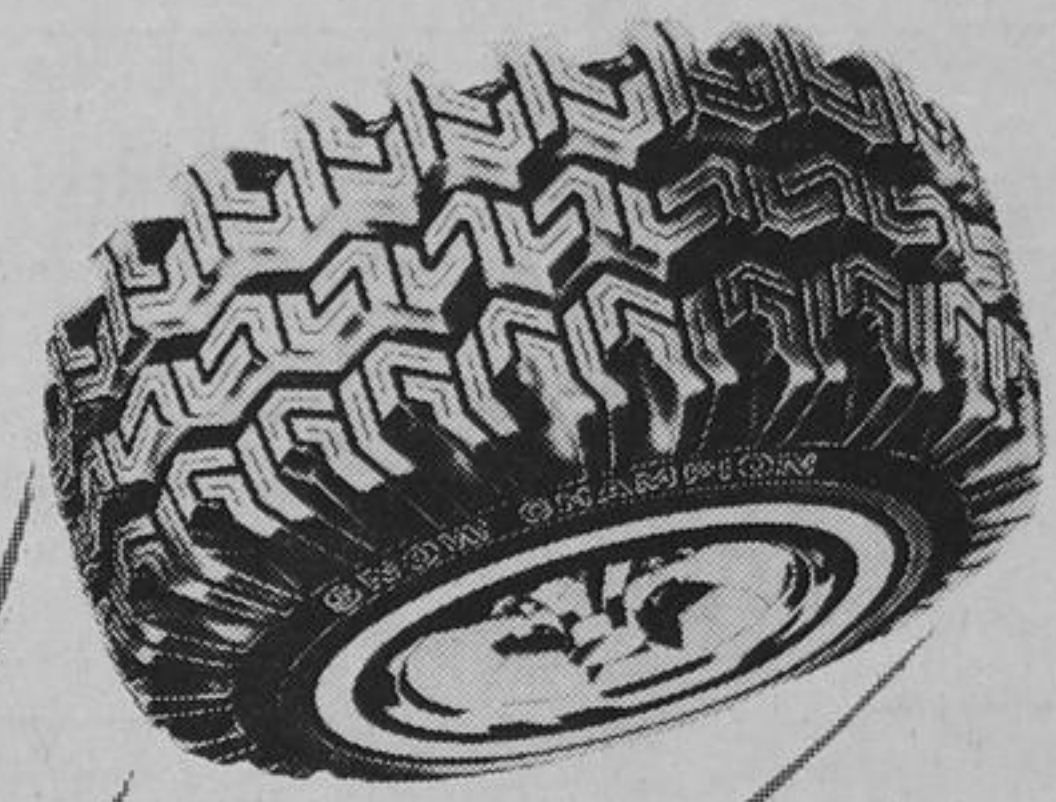
"The only person who even spoke on the motion," he said, "was Councillor (William) Forhan and all he would say was that he was reluctant to second the motion referring to maps that were inaccurate regarding cemeteries."

CRITICIZES VAN LUYK
Mr. Rough then switched his attack to Councillor Jack Van Luyk who said "he would not vote for the zoning bylaw unless the farmers were financially compensated. I pointed out at that time that a resolution requesting this had already been sent to the provincial authorities and was in their hands and there was no point in his refusing to consider passing the bylaw."

Councillor Stan Kuniski came in for the same treatment from Councillor Rough for supporting Mr. Van

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Tales Of Old King Township Reveal First Deeds Issued 1797

By DONNA MATTHEWS

Mrs. Elizabeth Gilham, local historian, had proved such a delightful guest speaker in the past that the Good Morning Group had invited her back to tell more tales of old King to the members present on Wednesday morning, November 21.

She was introduced by Jane Busby who has known Mrs. Gilham for many years. Mrs. Gilham said that she has turned the recreation room in her home into a "history room" and anyone interested in a specific area of King Township is welcome to call at her Hamby Avenue home to browse through her literature and pictures. She said she was very glad to see Mrs. Archie Campbell and Mrs. Alfred Busby, long-time residents of the area. In reality, some of her tales were woven into the fabric of their lives.

She told the members that King City was originally called Springhill. The 1st Crown Deed was dated 1797 when lots 3 to 7 (1000 acres) were set aside. A Mr. Crossley was the first reeve in 1890. In 1934 King became a police village and remained so until the regional take-over in 1970.

BOARD SIDEWALKS
In 1891 council approved \$150 to be spent to provide board sidewalks for the village. The cost was to be spread over two years. Population was 120.

In 1898 at the annual meeting the streets of the village were named: Wells Street, Fisher Street, Norman Street, Hoop Street, 4th Street, and Main Street. Norman Street is now Doctor's Lane, and Main Street is King Sideroad.

In 1907 gas lights came to King. Arthur Brown was the "old lamplighter." Mischievous children of the village used to follow behind him

and blow the lights out. When electricity arrived a nine room house was wired for the cost of \$93.50.

She spoke of Crossley Hall (a building next to the present old Baptist Church on King Sideroad) as the community and social centre. The famous Pauline Johnson once recited her poems there.

LASKAY SNAPSHOTS
Mrs. Gilham had many snapshots of old Laskay on Concession 6. Laskay was named after a hamlet in England. She recommended the Laskay Portfolio, a booklet prepared by the WI giving the history of Laskay and Strange. Mrs. Norman Ethridge would be the one to contact regarding this.

Mrs. Gilham showed many slides beginning with a map of the village in 1878. It showed the main settlement as down near Station Road where the railway station was located. She also showed many pictures of residences and people of early King. The restaurant of today was once a Carload Grocery. The Armstrong residence was once a hotel, and Crawford Wells Store once contained the post office.

Dr. Lockhart practiced medicine in King for over 40 years and lived in the O'Hara house (Shea Real Estate).

PROHIBITION VOTE
When prohibition was voted upon, the count was 795 for and 403 against. The hotels were closed down!

The history of the library began with the opening of the Mechanics' Library containing seven books. It soon grew larger. It occupied many homes over the years including "The Barn" in the park at one time. In 1967 the new library on King Sideroad was officially opened.

In 1871 the Methodist Church was built at a cost

of \$1,350. It eventually became King City United and the building is now the King Bible Church.

The Anglican Church (now the chapel) was built of virgin timber growing on the site.

CEMETERY STARTED
In 1887 land for the King Cemetery was set aside. A white picket fence was put up at the cost of \$3.20 a rod. In 1920 the iron fence now there was erected. Two parcels of land have been added in recent years.

Mrs. Gilham closed with a poem she found in her father's (Andrew McClure) grandfather clock. It concerned the rapid flight and proper use of time. The poem was placed there by Clockmaker Thomas Lister. It reads . . .

Lo, here I stand by thee upright,
To give thee warning day and night,
For every tick that I do give
Cuts short the time thou has to live.

Therefore a warning take from me,
To serve thy God, as I serve thee
Each day and night be on thy guard,
And thou shall have a just reward.

Mrs. Gilham was thanked by Jane Stangl and given a small token of appreciation.

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