

KING CITY NEWS

At The Library
The King Township Public Library is alive and well! There are branches at Nobleton (soon to expand) and Schomberg with a book depot at Ansonveldt in the Marsh. Your library, under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Ellis, can do many things for you.

First of all, your library card is free. Your library card is good in any of the four township libraries. You can borrow any book, magazine or pamphlet in any one of the three libraries through the one nearest you. If you have a reference question — Ask us — we will help you find the answer, or, we will locate a book which will give you the information you need.

If you need a book we do not have, CORL — the Central Ontario Regional Library — reaching from Oshawa to Brantford, including Sheridan College, will usually be able to supply it on inter-library loan. We are a part of CORL. You can borrow large print books if you have a sight problem.

Ben Pitoni King Twp. Engineer

The Township of King has hired a new township engineer, Ben Pitoni, to replace Wayne Bando who has gone to the Region of York. The new engineer's salary will be \$17,500 per year.

Mr. Pitoni is 27 and is at present engaged as assistant town engineer in Georgetown. His duties in King will begin January 29.

A member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, Mr. Pitoni received his BSc of civil engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of Rome, Italy and is working towards his master's degree in engineering at McMaster University at the present time.

Before going to Georgetown he had worked five years as assistant engineer for Etobicoke.

You can borrow films for group use free or for the cost of return postage. You can attend library programmes, as announced — Nursery Story Hour, Children's Saturday Morning Story and activities programmes, Summer children's programmes, art displays, book displays, and adult programmes. You can help us plan the programmes and services you want by making suggestions — adult programmes, book discussions, speakers, film evenings, shut-in services for example.

You can make use of the meetings room in the King City Library for your programmes or club by arrangement with the board. Apply to the chief librarian. Your library exists to serve you. Use it. Support your library. Help it grow!

The theme at the library for January is, "Space And The Universe". Thursday (tonight) an exhibit of pictures and star maps opens in the lower room in the library.

On January 9 at 8 pm Dieter Brueckner will speak to all interested persons on the comet "Kohoutek". Mr. Brueckner is the research assistant to Dr. Donald MacRae who is the chairman of the Department of Astronomy at the University of Toronto and the director of the David Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill. Mr. Brueckner will show slides and provide a telescope for "Star And Comet Gazing".

He will also be providing films for the Saturday morning programmes which resume on January 12 at 10:30 am. The films are entitled "Universe" and "Powers Of Ten", referring to telescopes. The university is providing a continuous slide show to be shown at the King Library and in the Nobleton and Schomberg Schools.

The Nobleton Library now has a new time schedule. They are open five days a week — Tuesday through Saturday from 1:30 until 5 pm; and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 until 9 pm.

On January 8 at 2 pm in the Nobleton Library a ser-

ies of five weekly classes, will begin on the craft of crewel embroidery. The teacher will be Mrs. C. Snyder. The cost of these lessons is \$5 which includes material and wool. Everyone finishing the course will have a picture or pillow done in crewel embroidery and a good basic knowledge of the craft.

After school on Thursday afternoons there will be a children's story hour in the Nobleton Library.

"Comet Kohoutek" — Last March no one was very surprised when Dr. Lubos Kohoutek of the Hamburg Observatory announced that he had detected another comet. Every year astronomers find several faint comets that seldom even get passing attention in the press. In fact Dr. Kohoutek had detected another one in February (1973e).

The astronomical world was surprised and delighted when the orbit for Comet Kohoutek was calculated. Comet Kohoutek (1973f) is not the usual inconspicuous visitor to the neighborhood of the sun. It is a large comet and it is going to get very close to the sun. If predictions are correct it will grow a long impressive tail and may be visible in the daytime sky.

During November of this year the comet was visible with small telescopes and binoculars low in the south-east just before sunrise.

From about the beginning of December the comet was visible to the unaided eye increasing in brightness and getting closer to the sun each day. It will still be in the south-east sky just before sunrise, but lower than in November. From December 29 until mid-January 1974 the comet should be at its most impressive stage. It will appear low in the south-west where the sun sets, getting higher in the sky at sunset each night. On January 15, the comet will be 75 million miles from the earth, the closest that it will come. From mid-January onward the comet will fade rapidly. It will appear high in the south-west at twilight ends. By mid-February binoculars will be needed to see the comet, as it leaves our part of the solar system, possibly never to return.

This newest comet, Kohoutek, brings not terror but joy to millions who see in its bright gleam a reminder of the Christmas Star. And for scientists it is an occasion for intense excitement. Before Kohoutek bades away in another few weeks, on its hurtling passage back to the fringes of our solar system, it will have been examined as no comet has ever been examined before.

Comets have a way of doing the unexpected. They sometimes flare, change shape, split in half, even fade prematurely. Odds are against such fates for Kohoutek, but predictions are nonetheless always uncertain. Plans call for observations by major telescopes around the world; from aircraft, rockets, and balloons; by Mariner 10, on its way to

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Venus and Mercury; and by the Skylab III astronauts in orbit around the earth.

Remember to come and hear Dieter Brueckner speak about this amazing spectacle "Comet Kohoutek" on January 9 at the King Library, 8 pm sharp!

Theatre Aurora
Tonight is the opening night of Theatre Aurora's production of "Barefoot In The Park", at St. Andrew's College in Aurora. Showtime is 8:15 pm. Tickets are available at 727-6086 and at the door. Admission is \$2 with special rates for senior citizens, students and children. The show is directed by Audrey Rowlands and Producer is Teri Hallatt.

Donna's Bits & Pieces
Happy birthday to Donna Hutton of Humber Crescent on January 6.

All school children in King Township went back to school today (Thursday), lucky mothers. My children, who attend school in Maple are off until Monday. The teachers of Area No. 3 scheduled Thursday and Friday as Professional Development Days. No comment!

Happy birthday to John Gilmour on January 5 and to Cecil Lawson and Jeff Adamec on January 6. Jeff is the son of Marlene and Ed Adamec and will be 8 years old.

Sympathy is extended to Rudy and Loretta Ricci on the recent death of their daughter Laura Nichole.

For me a magic carpet would be one you didn't have to vacuum.

Hope you all had a Happy Holiday and made lots of New Years Resolutions.

Figure Skating Party
The children of the King City Figure Skating Club were entertained by Santa at their annual Christmas Party held at the arena on December 22. Teacher Mrs. Evelyn Snel organized games and relay races on the ice. One — carrying a large nut on a spoon proved to be a lot of fun.

Hot chocolate and Christmas Cookies were served to the children after the fun while Santa passed out candy canes.

King's First Lady Mayor Doubts New Region

King Mayor Mrs. Margaret Britnell has been the Township's chief magistrate now for a year, the first woman to hold the office in the municipality's long history. Here in a New Year message Her Worship Mayor Britnell has some doubts about emerging new regional regime here, about the tough road ahead if the country is to remain itself, about government spending generally and the provincial government's administrative relations with the local level.

The complete text of Mayor Britnell's New Year message is as follows:

INDISCRIMINATE SPENDING

"It's been said that every horizon, upon being reached, simply reveals another beckoning in the distance. Never did this seem more true than now during this reflective season, looking back over my first four seasons as Mayor of King and attempting to forecast — and who can forecast anything these days? — what's in store for the Township during 1974.

"A headline on the 'Globe and Mail' catches my eye... the newly-published Auditor General's Annual Report... '129 pages of stories on Ottawa spending to make you laugh or cry.' Today I feel like crying because this can be applied right down through the various levels of government. And in the end we all suffer. It's the family earning the average salary who's paying the shot today for indiscriminate government spending.

"How can I isolate King Township from the rest of the Region of York, the Province of Ontario, the country as a whole? I have a feeling in my bones we're all headed for a hard five years. As Canadians we're going to have to cut a lot of apron strings tying us to the United States... broaden our horizon of trade with China, the U.S.S.R. and the U.C.M. We Canadians ARE something special. We don't want to be just another great world power, but we do want to be Canadian!

MUST CHANGE COURSE
"I know it's very difficult for a large ship to change its course. But we must change ours if we're to accomplish the important things. Providing jobs for instance... we need to take hold and do something about it. And leadership for this must come from Ottawa, from sure strong elected people who will not abdicate to the technicians or bureaucrats or multi-national corporations.

"We have rejected our colony role, but for what? ... to become a colony of the U.S.? Now we must reject this too. Let's finally be CANADIANS!

"Perhaps what we need to help control indiscriminate government spending is a few more houses in elected positions. No-one knows how to stretch a dollar farther, and

it's common knowledge that women control 80c out of every dollar in our economy, and comprise 51% of the vote. It follows that they should hold more elected positions.

RIDE OUT RECESSION
"What help to cry great crocodile tears over inflation and appoint a food prices board with no 'power' at all — though heaven knows, for all the flack she takes alone, Mrs. Plumtree is worth every penny of her \$40,000 salary!

"We're going to have to dig our heels in and ride out recession. But let's do it ourselves, not as a parasite relying on the country to the south. We may be the mouse that lived next to the elephant. But everyone knows what happened when that mouse finally roared. Well it's about time WE roared a little!

"Above all I believe that we Canadians are at last developing a sense of humor. And with this ability to laugh at ourselves, and among ourselves, will come true maturity as a nation.

TOUGH REPRESENTATIVES
"But federally, provincially and locally, what we need are elected people willing to take the bit in their teeth and govern.

"Just lately the power of our municipally elected representatives has been eroded to such a degree one wonders if it's worth being bothered. Take Bill 227 removing local land severance powers and giving it to the Region. Third reading of this crucial bill was to have been delayed allowing time for input from the municipalities. But instead they went right ahead with three readings of the bill and gave it royal consent. So much for provincial concern regarding municipal input! Is this a mockery?

GRAVEL PIT PLAGUE
"Even closer to home we have the example of licensing expansion of gravel pits. While citizens and council were allowed to continue scurrying around investigating the situation, the licensing had been given ministerial consent more than one month before!

"I think the province has lost its right to govern. Heaven knows they've been doing it with two left feet... flying and flopping from one bad scene to another. Witness the recent farce with Ontario Hydro, three inquiries — workmen's compensation, Ontario Housing, to name a few. What next?

"I believe our provincial politicians have abdicated their responsibility to so-called 'experts'. And we are reaping the harvest of bad decisions. Just look at the current teacher problem... a direct result of William Davis as Education Minister. Are we going to have the same thing in wake of his premiership?

REGION IN QUESTION
"As for Regional Government, I disagree with currently

published comments from our chairman. Regional government has been imposed upon us and I for one am not totally 'converted.' If it's such a good thing on its own why should it be necessary for us to go out and 'sell it?' I do not intend to spread the gospel according to Garfield Wright. What divine guidance has he backing him up? ... Queen's Park, no doubt!



KING MAYOR BRITNELL
New Year Message

"Now I'm not saying that we didn't need reorganization of municipal government, and I want to make that very clear. But I'm not a puppet on a string. How am I supposed to become a regional council member automatically every time I hit Bathurst Street and Highway 7? I can't. I represent King Township.

"And when I'm at Region I'm there as a representative of this municipality. As within a family each member at Region is an individual and it takes a very particular special type of 'parent' to recognize and utilize this.

PROUD AS MAYOR
"I'd like to inject some of the pride people here in King have into the region, into the province and into the country! I'm proud of them... they have justifiable reason for pride in their township and I'm proud to be mayor of the township!

"I hope we will proceed at Region get an Official Plan. I will continue to give it my support. Planning is the senior department and it should be taking precedence over road construction.

"MacLean's Magazine this month refers to municipal government as 'the most challenging.' I agree, because it's the only level still with the people. At the beginning of my term in office I stressed that I cared about King Township. I still care, and believe I have demonstrated this as the first full-time mayor of King.

This I will continue to be particularly as we're heading

up a heavy year with public meetings on zoning early in January and February. We're getting on with the job of planning and protecting the Township. We've put in hours and hours on it already.

"I said at the beginning I didn't have answers to all the problems. I reiterate that now, particularly at the regional level. But generally I believe we have progressed. I'm confident of a good feeling in the Township between council, staff and the citizens. Our citizen committees (recreation, community centre boards, etc.) have really done excellent jobs. And our ratepayers have been kept informed by a generally responsible press... though I must admit I've been disturbed from time to time by some newspapers who put forth ideas of the elite few. I'm a great believer in the free press, if only I can believe it is truly 'free'.

FREE EXPRESSION
"Ratepayers are encouraged to contact me at home or office. And of course they are always free to appear before a committee of council.

"Just as all Canada has been faced with coping with inflation, we on council have been very concerned about how we spent the ratepayer's dollar. Last year we reduced taxes. And in 1974 I'll do all I can to hold the line.

"At this time I'd like to thank all the families in King who have supported me in so many ways. The year hasn't all been easy and without their help in so many little ways it would have been impossible!

Mayors have human problems too... and kids to consider... and sometimes too many meetings and social events to juggle. A favorite saying of mine is 'never stand so long at a closing door you fail to see the one opening up before you.' 1973 hasn't been without problems but we've faced up to them... tried to meet them head on. Let's look forward to 1974 with courage and determination.

KING'S UNIQUENESS
"More than ever I'm aware of the uniqueness of King, its communities and its people. I'd like to see the farmers continue farming and more young people going into the farming industry and will do all I can to help this important industry stay in the township... and that comes from a farmer's daughter herself!

"I asked for your support and throughout 1974 I've had it. I appreciate it. With that continued support we will retain the uniqueness of our township. And I will continue in my efforts to have the power remain at the local level so that the people of King themselves — and not some outsider — will decide how the Township develops and is run," said King Mayor Britnell in her New Year message.

Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox

Lions Club
Approximately 200 children were present at the Lions' Children's Christmas Party at Bond Lake Arena Hall December 22. Sonny Sheflin was emcee for the morning and amused the children with his ventriloquist act.

After Santa had given every child a gift, hot dogs and pop were served. Altogether the children had a rip-roaring time.

The Lions distributed 15 Christmas baskets in this community and would like to thank all those who made donations towards these Christmas gifts.

There will be an English Pub Night January 26 at the Lions Den, Bond Lake Arena. The December Teen Dance at Bond Lake Arena Hall was cancelled due to lack of interest. Another will be held in January if the teens are interested. If you are, call Connie Bestard at 773-5881.

School News
At Oak Ridges Public, Phil Lawrence of the Organizational Development Team of the Board of Education has begun a workshop for staff on the Dr. Glasser method of dealing with improving learning and behavior of children.

Mr. Lawrence will be giving a special program to interested parents on this method of child management January 15 from 9:30 am to 11 in the gymnasium.

A welcome is extended to Mrs. Janet Andrews, who will be teaching special education at Oak Ridges Public. A resident of Toronto, Mrs. Andrews is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has nearly completed her master's degree in education.

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner December 20 was most successful. Even though the blizzard was going strong approximately 30 people sat down to the traditional turkey meal. Mrs. Jean Rennie catered and her daughters served. "Happy, The Magic Clown" (Ed de Bruin of Oak Ridges) entertained.

"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest regarding people and events in Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox and King City districts. Our news correspondent for King City is Donna Matthews, 832-1579; and for Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox please call Janet Russell at 773-4105.

According to Capt. Ed Hawman, Ken Blyth made a good Santa and the seniors exchanged gifts around the Christmas tree, sang carols and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Hockey
The Alex Brockton Midgets will be playing an exhibition game with a midget team from Wallisella, Switzerland, January 14 at 7:30 pm at Bond Lake Arena.

Following the game, the Ridges executive, coach, manager and team members will host a banquet for the visiting team and dignitaries.

This is a once in a lifetime chance to see an international game in your home town. For information regarding tickets call Ken Summers at 773-5397 or Connie Bestard at 773-5881.

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CARRIER

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AIRPORT INQUIRY COMMISSION COMMISSION D'ENQUÊTE SUR L'AÉROPORT

TAKE NOTICE that by Order in Council P.C. 1973-3026 dated 5th October, 1973, the Government of Canada established the Airport Inquiry Commission to inquire into and report upon the air transportation needs of the central Ontario market.

The Commission has opened its office at Suite 5401, 54th Floor of the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower, Toronto-Dominion Centre, in the City of Toronto. The manner in which the Commission will conduct this Inquiry may be briefly stated as follows:

1. The Government of Canada will file a summary of all relevant factors, with supporting documents, which the Government considered in reaching its decisions that the transportation needs of the central Ontario market require that there be established another International Airport in addition to the existing Toronto International Airport, Malton, and that the location of the new International Airport be at a site near Pickering, Ontario.
2. The Government of Canada documents so filed will be available for inspection by any member of the public at the office of the Commission.
3. All persons, including witnesses for the Government of Canada, who wish to appear before the Commission at any Public Hearing will be required to file at the Commission's office a full written statement of the evidence which they propose to adduce before the Com-

mission. Personnel will be available at the Commission's office to guide members of the public who wish assistance with the preparation of the written statement of their proposed evidence.

4. All written statements of evidence will be available for inspection at the Commission's office by any member of the public in advance of any Public Hearing at which such evidence will be introduced before the Commission.

5. The Commission has established a Practice and Procedure for the orderly conduct of the Inquiry. Copies are available at the Commission's office free of charge or will be mailed to any interested person upon request.

This Practice and Procedure has been framed with a view that all persons will have the opportunity before any Public Hearing to know the nature of the evidence that will be submitted to the Commission at each Public Hearing.

6. There will be a public Organizational Meeting before the Public Hearings commence relating to the manner of conducting such Public Hearings. Notice of the time and place of the Organizational Meeting will be given by notice published in newspapers serving the central Ontario market.

7. Public Hearings will take place from time to time and the date and place of each Hearing will be given to the public in advance by notices published in newspapers serving the central Ontario market.

All inquiries and communications with the Commission or Commissioners should be addressed to the Registrar-Administrator at the Commission's office.

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