

KING CITY NEWS

Music
The choral group recently established under the musical direction of Cathy Cassel is getting more organized at each session. At the February 13 rehearsal, held in the portable classroom behind King Senior Public School, 28 people harmonized their way through madrigals, motets, Bach chorales and spirituals.

Ms. Cassel looks forward to the group performing some of their selections in various concerts to be held this spring.

Singers who wish to take part should call 832-2389 or write to Box 596, King City. The next rehearsal will be February 27 at 8 pm.

Church News
The Men of All Saint's,

King (MASK) held another successful dance in the Church Auditorium, February 8... band came! (At a previous dance, the musicians didn't arrive much to the dismay of the organizers and guests alike.)

George Cowie and his orchestra played a pleasing medley of music including a lot of Glenn Miller oldies as King residents "did their thing" on the floor, for this "Sweetheart Dance."

The music was a real variety with the polka, Gay Gordon, cha-cha, fox trot, and rock all forming the background for fancy footwork.

Our estimation of attendance was about 80 persons but official count was apparently 114.

Among those who attended was Mayor Margaret Britnell, Sinclair Stevens MP York Simcoe and his wife, and All Saint's Rector Rev. Neville Bishop and wife Noreen.

Different than most community dances, there was no spot dance nor a door prize even though they put ticket stubs into a draw-drum. A change of pace came when they held a Chinese Auction with 25c accumulating bids.

MASK is a community oriented group such as the Good Morning Group, Helpmate Information, Meals-on-Wheels, Alcoholics Anonymous, Senior Citizens, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and Personal Counselling.

will be held March 1, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Keele Street North, at 2 pm. Everyone is invited to come and worship with their friends and neighbors. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Nanette Digangi of Willowdale. Mrs. Digangi is the wife of the director of the Bible and Medical Missionary Society.

Refreshments will be served following the service and babysitting will be provided.

In the evening, the Hakama Group from Aurora will conduct a youth service at All Saint's Anglican Church at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Donna's Bits And Pieces
Happy birthday to Michelle LaFond, daughter of Jean and Ray LaFond of John Street. Michelle is 12 years old today.

Belated birthday greetings are extended to a grand old gentleman, Raymond Burt of King Sideroad who celebrated his 90th birthday February 9.

A man without a plan for the day is lost before he starts.

February 22 is the tenth wedding anniversary of Brian and Sandy MacDonald. Congratulations!

Happy birthday to Connie Geer, daughter of Keith and Annetta Geer of Patrick Street. Connie will be 13 years old February 22.

And last but not least, happy birthday to Lady Flavelle, founder of Kingcraft February 24.

Committee meeting at the township offices February 25 at 7:30 pm.

Also on the 25th the University Women's Club of York County hold their regular monthly meeting at Kingcraft House at 8 pm.

Kingcraft Group holds its regular monthly meeting, February 28 at 1:30 pm.

Men never learn anything about women, but they have a lot of fun trying.

February 27 at 9:45 am the York Pines Lecture Group presents Mrs. William Reid of Newmarket Children's Aid, Film — "Pressures on Today's Youth".

The Good Morning Group will have Mrs. Frank Reeves of Reeve's Florists in Pine Grove as their guest speaker. At 9:30 am.

As I've mentioned before, it's about time the post office notice of upcoming council meetings was updated. Surely someone must care when these meetings are held!

Theatre Aurora
Members of Theatre Aurora will attend the presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof" tonight at St. Andrew's College in Aurora.

Every Saturday morning from now on will be clean-up morning at the future Theatre Aurora building. Harry Show welcomes any help he can get on these mornings. Bring a broom, a mop or some other cleaning utensil. So far, most of the work at the building has been done by a valiant few. Now is the time to come forward and give Harry and his gang a few hours of your time some Saturday in the near future. Starting time 9:30 am.

Mary Jamieson, who directed "The Music Man" for Theatre Aurora in 1971, died suddenly recently in Sarnia. Mary was a woman of tremendous spirit and warmth. A floral tribute was sent on behalf of Theatre Aurora.

Elizabeth Gillham

Tells Many Highlights King Township's Past

Elizabeth Gillham, former teacher and local historian, gave a most interesting two-hour talk on the township's early days at the February 14 meeting of the King Township Historical Society in the public library.

Mrs. Gillham was born on a farm near Nobleton and has lived her life to date exclusively in King. "The largest township in York County". She said that the Indians of the area sold King Township for 147 barrels of trade goods and 97 barrels of rum. In 1809 the first meeting of council took place in the Village of Armitage. By 1823, King had a daily stage coach service to take pioneers through York.

Interesting items in her report were:

A sawmill was once located on the Eaton Farm, now Seneca College.

Armitage is now part of Newmarket.

Mrs. Gillham had a series of old pictures and newspaper articles mounted on two sides of the room and used them as aids to her speech. In a photo of early Pottageville was a picture of Mrs. Black, the grandmother of TV Personality Fred Davis.

Schomberg was originally called Brownsville after Grant Brown who opened the first bank in that town when the population was listed as a mere 100.

SOUND OF HAMMER
Hammer town was named after the sound of the blacksmith's hammer hitting the anvil; Mr. Elmer (or Aylmer) was the smith.

Holly Park was named by Michael O'Neil and is located on the 16th Sideroad, between Concession 10 and 11.

Linton was named after Joseph Lynn and is located on the corner of Concession 9 and the 17th Sideroad.

Nobleton was named after Joseph Nobleton (although the Town of Maple disagrees with this) who had a store on the northeast corner of Lot 5. Nobleton had a skating rink with gas lights built in 1906 and had its first school in 1820 on Lot 2, Concession 9. Harry Wright closed the town hotel in 1913 when prohibition came into being.

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS
Mount St. Francis is what we now know as Sacred Heart with the name change taking place in 1934.

with David Reesor planned the town. The post office opened in 1854 on Concession 6 and the settlement offered 10c haircuts and 5c shaves. Mrs. Gillham said "You'll notice that every town had a tavern".

STRANGE
Strange, located on Concession 6, north of Laskay was named after Dr. Strange of Aurora who secured the post office and changed the name from Williamstown, Sam Carson, father of TV star John Carson, lived in Strange.

KINGHORN
Kinghorn, situated at the corner of Jane Street and the King Sideroad, boasted a large tannery in 1847 but it burnt down. Aubrey Davis, father of the Honorable E. J. Davis, lived there.

EVERSLEY
We were told a tale of a wedding in the Eversley Church in which the groom never showed up, much to everyone's embarrassment. One of the older school boys in the congregation walked up to the bride and asked her to marry him. She accepted and apparently they lived happily thereafter.

SPRING HILL
Among the many slides Mrs. Gillham showed was a photo of Arthur Brown as the gas lamp lighter of Springhill (King City) who used to complain about kids following him and blowing out the lamps as fast as he could light them. Another slide showed the original King Railway Station taken by a photographer about 1908. The station was moved to Black Creek Pioneer Village in 1968.

Official history records show many conflicting facts and dates and Mrs. Gillham said that her information was as correct as possible. She asked for people to correct her if they knew of any error. (And your Liberal reporter, in an attempt to write notes during Mrs. Gillham's fast-speaking talk, might have erred on some points.)

This cheerful historian who taught school in the township for many years, is a walking history book, encyclopedia, atlas and certainly a hard-working speaker. Listening to her talk on King were 43 residents including Mayor Margaret Britnell. Refreshments were served afterwards in a room decorated with Spanish mementoes, a current library theme.

As we listened to Mrs. Gillham relate all those dates and facts, I noticed that one side wall and rear wall were covered with hand drawn posters. These were the remnants of the last Saturday Morning Program held at the Library and they showed "a spotted space spook", "Christmas Time in the Mushroom Planet", "Floppy City Coop Land", and "The Spotted Space Spook's Child".

We've come a long way! President Bill Poulis reported that one of the society's projects for 1974 is the restoration of the Eversley Church, which the York Pioneers now control. (The YPs were meeting on this same evening to vote on whether or not to turn over the custodianship of Eversley Church to the KTHS.) A short report was given by John Smythes who said that the object of his committee's endeavors for the year will be the physical marking of the Carrying Place. Mr. Van Dyke asked that the date for the annual celebration of Rebellion Day at Lloydtown be reconsidered. Tentative date now is October 5.

Oak Ridges — Lake Wilcox News

Public Meeting Tonight
Helpmate Information (North Branch) invites all residents of this area to a public meeting tonight at 8 pm in the gym at Lake Wilcox Public School.

The agenda is as follows:
• Progress report from Chairman of the Board Frank Mount
• Staff report — Beth Lenthall and Karin Lumsden
• Sharing of social issues and concerns
• Guest Speaker Richard Edmunds, credit counsellor, Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services
• Report of nominating committee and nomination of new members
• Coffee will be served.

ator, a pupil of Mrs. Marilyn Reid at a classroom gathering.

Miss Jean Watson's grade 3 class recently had a special program of language arts. The pupils did art work, created poems and decorated the room. Parents were invited to the presentation and were served refreshments and cookies made by the children.

Both Mrs. Reid's and William Jay's classes have been making winter bird houses and feeders. These have now been installed in the shrubbery at the north side of the school.

dially invited to attend.

The Ladies' Guild will meet March 5 at 7:45 pm in OLA Chapel for the regular monthly meeting.

Community Events
Oak Ridges and District Minor Hockey Association is holding a "Hillbilly Bash" February 23 from 8 pm to 1 am in the Bond Lake Arena Hall. The disc jockey will be Don Holdgate. Admission is \$6 per couple, which includes a buffet. Beverages will be available at reasonable prices.

A teen dance will be held February 22 in Bond Lake Arena Hall from 8 to 11 pm. The disc jockey will be Don Holdgate.

The fund raising committee of Bond Lake Skating Club is having a hard time this year. Support from members either in a financial or physical way has been poor. Members' attendance at dances is also down from last year. The committee feels that members may be a little shy or may not realize the problems encountered by the club.

If you feel you can help with some of the events coming up please contact Brenda Neil at 773-4378 or Mary Near at 773-4050.

The carnival is just over a month away and if all members could do their part they could raise some money on an event normally considered part of the skating season and not a fund-raising venture.

Another fund-raising effort coming up is selling tickets for the Ontario Sports Lottery, starting March 15. The club receives 40c for each ticket sold, so be sure to get some books from Brenda and SELL! SELL! SELL!

The club is holding a St. Patrick's Dance March 16 and is hoping the members will come out 100% strong and enjoy themselves.

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TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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Church News
The Couples Club held their Valentine Party at the Vandorf Hall on February 9. There were 40 persons on hand to enjoy the fun evening, with square and round dancing, games and refreshments. Music for the square dances was supplied by the Rev. Arthur Thomson, Bill Morley and Ann Phillips at the piano. The Morley family played for round dances, as well as some records. Convenors for the event were Ken and Helen Holtz, Bill and Margaret Morley, Stuart and Helen Burnett, Ralph and Aida Carr, and Everett and Ann Phillips. Wilbert Jennings did the "Calling". Many thanks to all who worked to make this a real fun night. Announcement was made that Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Burnett had welcomed twin grandchildren to their family during the week. Congratulations.

The Evening Unit of the UCW went to York Manor this week for their meeting, and after visiting with the residents, returned to the home of Kathie Prentice for business and a cup of tea. Ten tables of players enjoyed the euchre held at the church school room on Feb. 13. Prize winners were ladies: 1st, Ann Hutchinson; 2nd, Leona Dickson; 3rd, Shirley McLean; gentlemen: 1st Wilbert Jennings; 2nd, William Orr, and 3rd, Ed Dickson; travelling prize was won by Evelyn Jennings.

Convenors were Margaret James and Edna Hearsome. The next euchre will be held on February 27, at 8:00 pm.

The Afternoon Unit of the UCW will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Hare on February 21, at 2:00 pm.

Neighborhood Notes
Hugh Orser has returned home after spending some time with his sister in Powell River, British Columbia.

Mrs. Wilfred James spent Wednesday of this week visiting with Mrs. Lance Beath Toronto.

The 4H Homemaking Clubs are well into their project, "The Club Girl Entertains" with twenty-three girls participating in the two clubs.

Mrs. Frank Bell and Mrs. Audrey Boyle visited with Norman Rumble at Elmwood Manor during the week.

TOWNSHIP OF KING TENDERS FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

in KING CITY AREA and SCHOMBERG-LLOYDTOWN

Sealed tenders plainly marked as to contents will be received by the undersigned until 4 pm Monday, February 25, 1974, for a municipal garbage collection in the communities of King City and Schomberg-Lloydtown.

Specifications and tender documents can be obtained from the municipal office on King City Sideroad just west of Highway 400 and returned by 4 pm Monday, February 25, 1974.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

H. G. ROSE, Clerk,
Township of King
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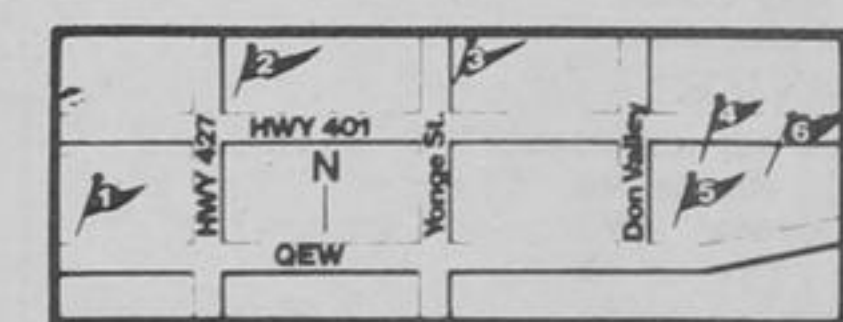
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REZONING
A public meeting, one in a series of five to be held in King Township, will take place, February 28 in the King Arena Hall. The meetings have been announced by the King Township planning technician and apparently are to obtain public comments and input regarding the proposed Comprehensive Zoning By-Law which will (if approved) implement the township's official plan.

Women's Institute
The King Branch Women's Institute held their regular meeting February 12 at the home of Mrs. Ross Walker. Mrs. Verdun Gordon read a poem entitled "I Am a Canadian" and Mrs. Allan Gelatly conducted two quizzes — "Canadian Facts" and "Canadians in History" and one on Valentines.

Mrs. Bruce Hall showed slides of her trip to Aruba in the Dutch West Indies. Next meeting of the WI will be March 12.

World Day of Prayer
In co-operation with the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada the World Day of Prayer Service in King

All men of Sacred Heart parish are invited to a retreat at Marylake from March 29 to 31 and are asked to contact Hank Pynenburg for further information. The retreat master will be Father Cyril Smetana, a member of the Augustinian Community.

The election of members to this year's Sacred Heart Parish Council will take place soon and parishioners are asked to seriously consider the candidates whose names were published in last Sunday's bulletin and vote!

In our write-up last week about the CWL Public Speaking Contest, we forgot to give our congratulations to runner-up winners Sandra Philips (second) and Anne Pynenburg (third).

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TEMPERANCEVILLE
Temperanceville was called "Love's Corner" until 1877, and we had a town called King Creek started by Christopher Stokes with the opening of a post office in 1866.

At this point Mrs. Gillham stopped to reflect "I get so carried away, I often miss something!"

At one time in history, all of Temperanceville was in King Township, but only the west side of the town remains in King now.

Snowball (Dufferin and the Aurora Sideroad) was started in 1849 as "Coat's Corners", named after James Coats who had a blacksmith shop there.

Aurora was known as Macell's Corners and was renamed in 1854.

GLENVILLE
A town called Glenville once existed on Highway 9; a place where water gave power to the flour and lumber mills in the wooded valley, and where a new felt hat cost one sheep skin. The Holland Marsh was of great interest to William Day who saw the agricultural possibilities of the land.

LASKAY
Joseph Baldwin named the Town of Laskay and along

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