King's Recreation Director Has Simple Philosophy

By FRED SIMPSON

Twenty-year-old Marion Iliohan is her own best example when she states her philosophy about recreation is to avoid letting it become "big business or over-organized" in King Township.

Miss Iliohan is King's first recreation co-ordinator and if she wore "office" hats she would be wearing a number of different ones for each of her

She's alone. "I'm my own public relations officer, secretary, advertiser, guest speaker, and so on," she was saying the other day in her small-but-bright cubicle at the King Township municipal of-

positions.

She enjoys it but does admit that she gets tough with her secretary sometimes when she

doesn't do things right. She talks to herself. Not really. Miss Iliohan, more or less,

created her own "position" as co-ordinator a year ago when she convinced members of the township's recreation committee there was a need for her in that field.

SCHOMBERG START "I was a playground supervisor at Schomberg (where she was born) and there was four weeks left before I went back to school," she said.

So she approached the com-

mittee and suggested the idea of co-ordinating some recreational activities in the municipality and in particular taking up a survey to find out the needs if any.

She was already attending Humber College on a recreation course and it all worked in with her plans. NEED PROVEN

What the survey did was convince the committee a full-time co-ordinator was a necessity and Miss Iliohan just happened to be available for the job.

"So here I am," she said. "It's a year later and I'm still doing things by trial and error. But I feel I'm accomplishing what I set out to do."

Miss Iliohan admits the job has entailed more than she originally envisaged, such as a lot of paper work as well as "running" around the municipality and making speeches two or three times a week to groups who are interested.

"I'm basically a shy person," she said, "but I do enjoy getting out and talking to all kinds of people and explaining what my purpose is."

MAINLY CO-ORDINATION That purpose is mainly of a co-ordinating or advisory position working in conjunction with the committee which "has been very co-operative with me and lets me work out my own Her major achievement to

date has been a recent survey of the township's needs in recreation which has just been released and contains six fullscap pages of concise commen-

"I could have easily written 40 pages," she said, "but I wanted to keep it down to a minimum, keep it simple, so people wouldn't have to wade through pages of dull statis-



MARION ILIOHAN

Miss Iliohan is a native of the township and figures this initially helped her to understand the type of disparate municipality her township is.

RECREATION PHILOSOPHY

Her philosophy? "I realize that King is different from other places and for that reason I am considered a recreation co-ordinator. My philosophy of recreation here is that such programming and planning has to be co-ordinated between the people of the communities and the recreation department.

"If the call is present for an activity, and if the resources and facilities available, then institute a program. This is what is happening now with the programs that we are offering and they are quite successful considering recreation is new to the residents of King Township."

She further states that "recreation, in many areas, has become big business and overorganized. And in my mind this should not happen in King Township as it is a beautiful and peaceful township and rural.

SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE "I feel recreation in King should be flexible so people are given the opportunity to do things other than take their children to hockey, figure skating, baseball and the like.

"These activities are not for everyone. Young and old alike enjoy doing something that is more relaxed or should I say not as highly organized. Society today is highly competitive, so why should you have to compete when you are participating in recreation?"

Miss Iliohan observed also that "there are many new people moving into King with new ideas and thoughts. People are becoming increasingly aware of what is happening to society with advanced technology and automation. They are beginning to realize they have to get out and do things for themselves and out of the norm of what is usually considered part of being a homeowner and par-

MUST RE-CREATE "They are realizing that they have to re-create intellectually. emotionally, socially and culturally away from the home, with their family and friends, and if I may use an example,

the ever-popular television." Miss Iliohan is readily available to anyone wanting to obtain additional information or who has ideas for some recreation program.

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Good Morning Group Learns

About Children's Aid Society

Many members of the province's 50 Children's Aid

GMG gathered on the morn- Societies. The Children's Aid

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he Children's Aid Society. or abandoned in the streets. t was a very moving and The movement spread

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even encouraged to break Mrs. Taylor answered queries

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The Child Welfare Branch because that most persons, of the Ministry of Communi- wrongly she believes, think y and Social Services is that that girls are easier to raise part of the government re- and of course girls do not

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After the film which sti-

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Foster parents for teenagers

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Sunday at 10:30 am there The junior young people coffee house in Richvale ings go to Sally Strowbridge, Community News

ed this outdoor event.

This week birthday greet- 27.

who will be nine February 23: to Louise Wiley who will Kevin Jefferson of the 1st be 10, to Marnie Ashton who Sunday the 1st Jefferson lowship will meet February Jefferson Cub Pack took a will be nine, and to Steven first place ribbon and won a Blumenthal who will be eaders attended the service A penitential service will hiker's pack February 16 at eight, February 25; to Mich-Morning Prayer at St. be held in St. John's Ash the annual Sixer and Sec- elle Martin who will be nine ohn's for their annual Wednesday at 8 pm. The onds' Day at Grace Anglican and to Corrine Nicoloff who hurch parade. The first regular mid-week fellowship Church, Markham. David will be 12 February 26; and Nelson. Russ Ransome and to Glen Gadsby who will be Richard Gibson also attend- eight and to Michael O'Donnell who will be 12 February

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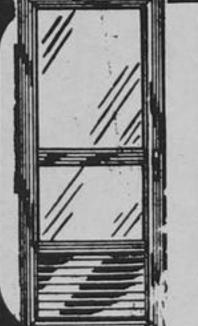
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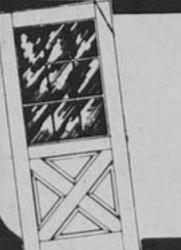
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