

Oak Ridges — Lake Wilcox News

Church News

New hours for Helpmate Information (North Branch) effective immediately will be: drop-in hours 9-12 noon, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Telephone service will be as usual from 9 am to 5 pm at 773-5341. The office is situated in the basement of St. Paul's United Church, South Road, Oak Ridges.

The Brethren in Christ Church will hold regular Sunday services throughout the remainder of the summer. Their motto is "We never close." Sunday school is at 10:30 am, worship service at 11:30 am and evening worship at 7:30 pm. Prayer meeting is Tuesday at 7:45 pm.

Bishop Roy Sider will be present at the evening service August 4. He will give a talk on his recent participation in the International Congress on World Evangelism held in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The seniors will be holding a card party and games evening August 5 at 7:30 pm at the Wheelhouse. Admission is \$1 and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served, sandwiches, home baked cakes and Brownies, etc., which are always delicious! Come out and support these senior members of our community.

Lazy Summer Days?
On these lazy summer days, I'd like nothing better

than to be able to sit in the garden, not moving, not thinking, especially not thinking, and watch the birds and the butterflies. How pleasant it would be to relax placidly, contentedly unmoved by worldly matters.

In fact, what happens if I attempt such a crime against nature is that all the children in the immediate neighborhood descend, armed to the teeth for mock battles in the shrubbery.

Mock battles! The Crusaders themselves would have fled at the very sound of these tender striplings, the sight of them is more than mere mortals can stand. After several days of dodg-

ing missiles and watching for land mines as I hang out laundry, I discover the war has moved to the next block. Relief! Peace again.

I sneak Sylvester-like into the garden, scrutinize my favorite chair for booby traps and settle down contentedly at last with a good humorous book such as "Canajan Eh?" (More about that later).

Then I find that a young man who lives nearby has decided this is the time, THE ONLY TIME, to try out his "machine".

This machine is a cross between a dying Volkswagen and a dead bedstead with assorted wheels and what-nots. Actually it is a masterpiece that Heath Robin-

son and other inventors of the grotesque would have been proud of. And it works, it really does, I can swear to it. And about it! I have watched fascinatedly for hours while it works.

When it first emerged from its cocoon, like some monstrous insect, I was in a "non-thinking" time, so I ignored it. But, little by little it insinuated its presence into my mind which was not difficult as it was at all times visible and/or audible. So I capitulated and decided to think about it.

At first I couldn't imagine what it was. All sorts of things came to mind, but none exactly seemed to be suited. Then one day after watching him carefully driving in and backing out of his garage for more than 20 minutes (I carefully timed him in the interests of science), the answer suddenly dawned on me. It is a mechanical bug-crusher. Of course it's no good for flying bugs, only the kind that crawl around on driveways and can be expected to sit still while being driven over and then reversed over again and again and again.

Having resolved its purpose, I settled contentedly back in my chair — now for the book. I got as far as page 3 when I became aware that the soothing engine reverberations and cheerful crunch of gravel from over yonder had changed somewhat.

"Now, what's he up to?" I asked myself. He's driving in circles on the grass in the "back forty" with flying clouds of dust, last week's grass clippings and doggy items too numerous to mention following his wheels.

While pondering with half a brain on the hidden motive for such a display of wheelsmanship, the other half of my brain works on the possibility of fitting a blade beneath "the machine" and hiring it out as a mammoth grasscutter.

Suddenly it hits me. No, not "the machine," the solution. "Eureka," I shriek

and a grackle drops stone dead from a nearby spruce. Feet up, the corpse regards me solemnly.

I have discovered what he's doing. Illumination floods my befogged brain like the first dawn after a six-month Arctic night. The ideas of grass cutting did it, but he is not cutting grass. No indeed, he is driving it back into the earth so it does not need cutting! Ah, how subtle, how infernally ingenious! Mentally I salute him, at 20 or so he is a genius.

And of course, he's cornered the market in bug-crushers and put an end to grass cutting. Just think, when anyone finds a bug on their driveway that needs crushing or decides to have a rest from cutting grass they have only to call me and I'll pass on the call. At even a couple of dollars an hour he could be a very rich genius quite soon. Just to think where he's headed with such a brain makes mine reel. Sighing, I turn back to the book.

Then I hear the phone ring. It is someone with a news item for this column.

"Good," I say with feeling. "I was wondering what to write about. I was trying to read and..."

"Why don't you read 'Canajan Eh?' she interrupts me. (She always does.)

"That's what I..." "It's ever so funny," she burbles on happily.

"I know I tried to get it from the library," I interrupt her, very quickly.

"Oh, you'd have to order it," she says chucklin. "It's very popular."

"I found that out," I explain.

"Oh yes, its always out," she laughs. Despairing, I give up, wish her a happy summer, plead that the dog just ate half the laundry, the oven is smoking (filter tips), my two-year-old is investigating the fuse box and hang up. Such a happy soul she is, I'm glad she calls me once in a blue moon.

Before I get interrupted again, let me say something

about the book which is just great for summer reading. "Canajan Eh?" by Mark Orkin (a Winnipeg-born lawyer) is a dictionary or glossary of Canajan. It's not English and not "Mare Can", its Canajan, the language spoken from Beezee to Noophunlund. From A to Z, it's hilarious.

For instance: Arsey Em Pee: A para-military police body combining the most distinctive features of the army (red coats), the civil service (red hunting) and politics (red herring). Also known as "The Mounties".

In another few months it will be winter: the principal Canajan season, immediately preceding summer.

Lastly there's "Zarrite": interrogative response to an affirmative verbal statement often indicating mild disbelief. As in: "Susan, like ud reely gopher you?" "Zarrite?"

The book is just full of such beauties and although Woodwood Branch Library doesn't have their own copy yet, it can be ordered easily from Richmond Hill or Richvale.

Help Needed

As King City Correspondent Donna Matthews noted in her column recently finding news for these columns in the summer is very difficult. Everytime the phone rings I hopefully gather up my pen and notepad only to find five out of six calls are for my eight-year-old.

Despairing, I call people and hear, "Mummy went out this afternoon." "Oh, when do you expect her back?" I enquire of the 10-year-old I'm talking to.

"Sunday afternoon! Humph! No news there. Maybe when they get back they'll tell me about their trip in two or three lines. If I remember to call, that is."

I hear people in the post office all the time saying, "No news is good news." But not for me, it isn't.

If anybody has caught any large fish lately, I'd be pleased to hear about it. Anything larger than a three-inch sunfish or a six-

William Hodgson MLA

Conservation Areas In Hill Benefit From Provincial Grants

A ground development program which will include levelling and grading will be carried out by Metro Conservation Authority this year in the Oak Ridges Conservation Area and William Hodgson, MLA, York North, has announced a provincial grant of \$1,312.50 to cover 50% of the cost of this work.

This area comprises some 10 acres of floodplain land known as part of Lot 65, Concession 1, Township of King, which has been of concern to residents of the area for many years. The land, which is poorly drained, lies to the west of Yonge Street and is traversed by the east branch of the Humber River which rises in the Lake Wilcox area.

Mr. Hodgson also announces a provincial grant of \$1,995 to the Metro Conservation Authority for work to be undertaken this year at the Lake St. George Conservation Area. This area contains some 319 acres in Richmond Hill, northeast of Lake Wilcox. A 25 acre Kettle Lake with about 50 acres of woodland surrounding it, makes this a most picturesque spot.

This year the authority plans reforestation plantings, perimeter fencing, turf improvement woodlot improvement, construction of a ser-

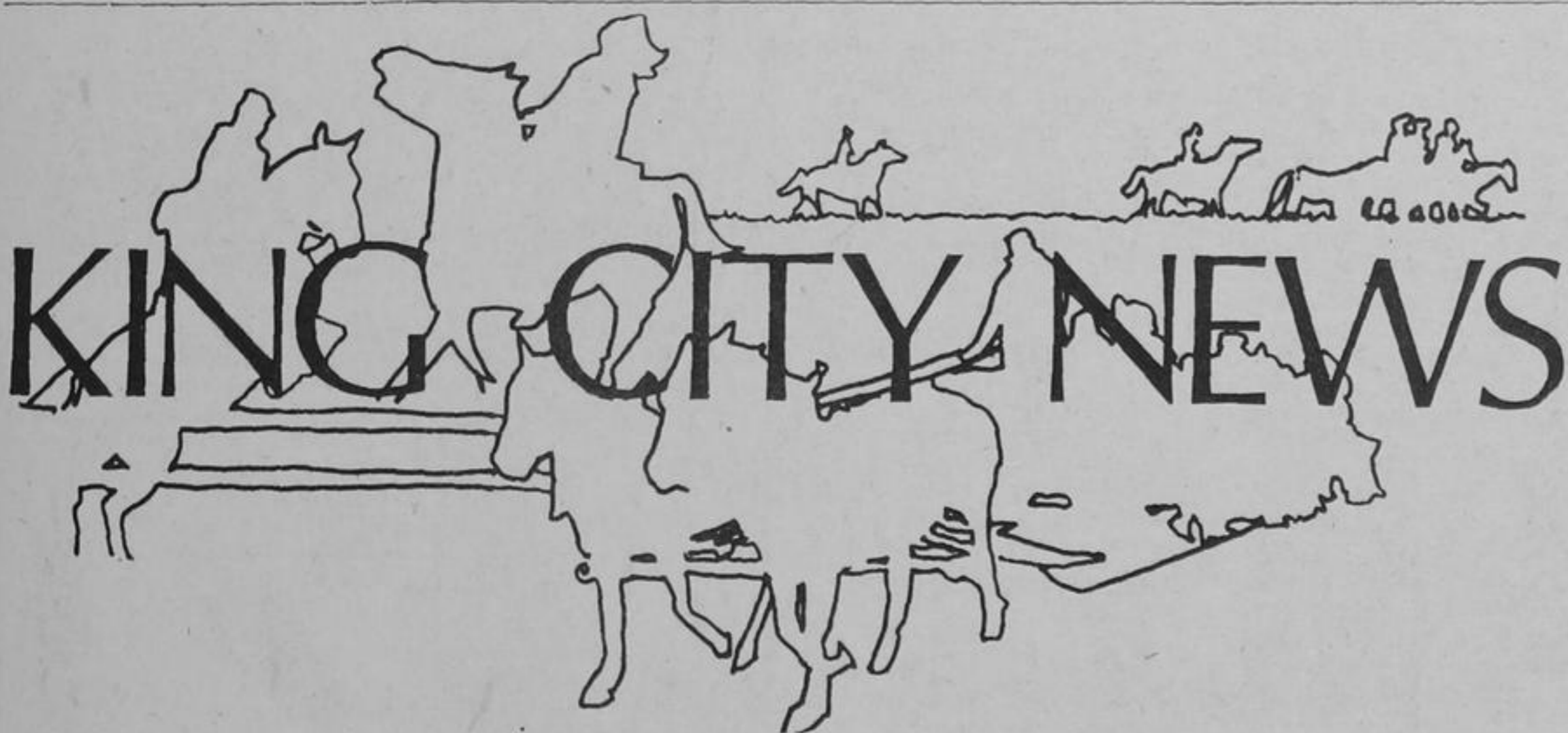
vice road and other general development work. Other grants to the Metro Conservation Authority announced by Mr. Hodgson include \$7,360 for the Cold Creek Conservation Area. This area is comprised of 455 acres of land in King Township and proposed work for this year includes planting of landscape trees and wildlife shrub, reforestation, woodlot management, construction of additional parking facilities, improvements to superintendent's residence, construction of a pond and other general development work.

For the Humber Trails Conservation Area, comprised of some 50 acres of land on the upper Humber River in King Township and Vaughan Town, the provincial grant is \$2,415. This year's development program will include a woodlot management program and perimeter fencing.

A grant of \$1,837.50 is being provided for the Nashville Conservation Area, 588 acres in King Township and Vaughan Township. This year's program includes installation of a water service and other minor development.

The largest grant is for the Black Creek Conservation area in the amount of \$35,863. Work there will include the planting of landscape trees, installation of hydro services, nature trail development and woodlot management, erection of signs and other general development work.

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Church News

From Sacred Heart 1975 has been proclaimed by Pope Paul as a "Holy Year". It is to start in Rome with Christmas Eve 1974; the rest of the world has been invited to share in the spiritual benefits by making 1974 a special year of preparation. This is a "first" in the 675-year history of a Holy Year. Previously, such benefits were granted to the local churches only after the Holy Year, to those who were unable to go to Rome for the Holy Year itself.

Today, we are living a unique period in the history of mankind; it is not by chance that Pope Paul has singled out the local churches in this way. For one of the declared purposes of the Holy is reconciliation. All of us are conscious of the differences which have tended to divide us. It stands to reason that before we can try to observe the Holy Year on a worldwide scale, it is desirable that the division within the local Catholic communities be healed first. From the outset, emphasis has been placed on the dual theme of Faith and Reconciliation. Pope Paul expressed it: "Man must be renewed from within in a kind process of rebirth".

Banns of Matrimony were published in Sacred Heart Parish July 21 between William M. Snoeks of St. Margaret's Parish and Suzanne E. Groves of Sacred Heart Church.

According to the Rev. Neville Bishop of All Saint's Anglican a "Festival of Banners" from many churches has been planned for November 1975. These banners will be on display at All Saint's and includes one from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Nobleton.

Communion was celebrated at King City United, July 21. As of August 4 the joint congregation of All Saint's and King City United will worship in All Saint's Church at 10 am.

Theatre Aurora
The new executive of Theatre Aurora, elected in June, is President Harry Shaw, Vice-President Jim Stanbury, Secretary Julie Wood, Treasurer Murray Hallatt, Director of Productions Peggy Trusler, Executive Producer Teri Hallatt, Membership Secretary Judy Rodger, Social Convener Nancy Dick, Building Convener Phil Knibbs, Past President Craig Kamcke.

Generally the monthly meetings will be held during the last week of each month, at the South End Community Centre. The first one is July 31 and will be a working night at the building. Refreshments will be served. For the August meeting members are requested to bring records of musical shows so that everyone will have a chance to listen to what's available.

Thelma Wrixon has cast "Charley's Aunt" and the following persons are taking part: Janet Baker-Pearce, Gillian Ball, Cy Buck, Frank Buck, Andy Foot, Mike Heptinstall, Ken Lloyd, Margaret Mason, Don Wilson, and Julie Wood.

Dates for shows have already been announced. "Charley's Aunt" will be performed at the South End Community Centre October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26.

"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.

The second play opens January 16, and runs 17, 18, and 23-25. The musical, which will be staged at St. Andrew's College, gets the winter break slot - mid-March, early April, or somewhere in between. The last play, at the South End Community Centre, is scheduled for May 29, 30, 31, June 5, 6, and 7.

At The Library
"In Praise of Our Countryside" is the name chosen by a newly formed group of artists in King Township for a special exhibition of township landscapes to be held in the King Township Public Library, King City, in October. The project has been initiated by local artists who recently studied under John Hall, OSA, CSGA, visiting artist at Seneca College.

Mr. Hall, who is associate professor of architecture at the University of Toronto and who lives in King Township, shares with the artists who worked with him a love of the hills and roads of King and a concern for the many forms of encroachment that threaten their beauty. It is hoped that in encouraging artists from all areas to come out and paint the roads of King that public concern for the quality of the countryside will be increased.

Mrs. Helen Bird and Mrs. Susan Hally are members of the group who are planning the exhibition with Mr. Hall. Painting will go on all week and every Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock they will meet with the other artists in the library in King City where they will discuss their progress and problems over a cup of coffee.

Entry forms for the "In Praise of our Countryside" exhibition will be available at the library in August. Up to three entries by one artist will be accepted in any medium. The minimum size of the pictures will be 16 inches on the shortest dimension of the frame or mat. Selection will be made by a hanging committee with artistic quality and appropriateness to the purpose of the exhibition in mind. It is hoped that the pictures will portray many different aspects of the views appreciated by travellers along the roads of King.

There is a summer exhibition in the Gallery Room of the King Library right now which features many of the artists active in the "In Praise" project. The library is open from 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday and evenings 7 to 9 pm Monday through Thursday.

Donna's Bits & Pieces
Council meeting, August 6, 1 pm at the Township Offices.

Watch for the full moon August 2.

Heather MacDonald, daughter of Brian and Sandy MacDonald, celebrates her fifth birthday August 2.

I really should have taken all my children up to the doctor's office for a tetanus shot before the holidays. I've made two separate trips this past week. Once because Rebecca cut her foot at Boyd Park on a broken beer bottle and once because Sarena scratched her forehead on a piece of rusty barbed wire.

Happy birthday to nine year old Tim Moore of Humber Crescent August 5.

Kurt and Joy Larsen of Kingscross enjoyed a combined business/pleasure trip to Calgary. Three grandchildren of Earl Scott of Jane Street were baptized July 21. The ceremony was conducted in Laskay Hall by the Rev. Martin Jenkinson of Teston United and more than 75 friends and relatives attended. The children were Me-

lanie Margaret, daughter of Carolyn and William Hilcock with Miss Susan Jamieson standing as the baby's sponsor; Clayton Lewis, son of Donna and Peter Scott; and Daniel Brent, son of Maureen and John Scott. A cold buffet luncheon was served afterwards in the hall. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hicks of Berrie, grandparents of Daniel Scott; and Mr. and Mrs. Les S'oyan of Kleinburg, grandparents of Clayton Scott.

Miss Eleanor MacDonald, who celebrated her ninth birthday August 24 was hostess at a slumber party for

friends, Judy Ballard, Elizabeth Bishop and Sari Matthews. A lot of giggling and very little sleep!

A man rarely succeeds at anything unless he has fun doing it.

Sylvia fans! The Ian Tyson Sylvia fans! The Ian Tyson Show in concert featuring Ian and Sylvia Tyson and the Great Speckled Bird will appear at the Aurora Community Centre August 14 at 8 pm. For further information please call 727-8123.

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