

Oak Ridges — Lake Wilcox News

Special Christmas church services

Church news

St. John's Anglican will hold a family Eucharist Communion service December 29 at 10:30 am. Children who are not yet confirmed may come to the communion rail with their families and receive a blessing.

A New Year's Eve party and Watch Night service is planned for December 31 at St. John's. The party will begin around 10 pm and the Watch Night service at midnight, followed by a buffet. People are asked to bring a contribution of food for the buffet.

At the Brethren in Christ Church a Watch Night service will begin at 9 pm December 31 and continue until after midnight. Refreshments will be served after the service which will consist of readings, testimonies and special singing.

Cancer society

The local branch of the Cancer Society met at the home of Mrs. Rudi Arit December 17 to wrap Christmas gifts for patients in this area. A good turnout was reported by President Doris Smith. Anyone wishing to donate in

memoriams should contact Mrs. Smith at 773-5371.

Lions club

A new member, Joe Taylor, was inducted December 17 by Zone Chairman Tom Goldring, member of the Markham-Unionville Lions.

Seniors

The seniors had a good turnout at their Christmas party December 12 at The Wheelhouse. After the traditional dinner, with all the trimmings, members of the St. Paul's Youth Group entertained. Eric Findeisen supplied the music with his accordion.

Gifts were piled under the Christmas tree and distributed by Santa, ably impersonated by Ken Blyth.

"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.

At their last business meeting the seniors elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. Some officers were elected for a second term. The slate for 1975 is: President Mrs. Dorothy Barnsdale, Vice-President Mrs. Sarah Hinson, Treasurer Mrs. Gert Connor, Secretary Mrs. Gladys Gardiner, Recording

Secretary Carl Hall, Social Convener Mrs. Mary

Brown, Publicity Captain Ed Hawman.

The next business meeting will be held January 13.

Library

The Wildwood Branch of the Richmond Hill Library System is having a Laurel and Hardy film festival December 27 at 2 pm. Free tickets are available at the Library. All ages are welcome.

Donna's bits and pieces

Norm and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our readers for their many kindnesses during the past year. Please keep your news coming in, without YOU there would be no column!

Two IGA stores, in Woodbridge and King City, were broken into December 5 and 6. Cartons of cigarettes and cash were taken. Loss at the Woodbridge Store totalled \$2,275, while King City reported a loss of \$700.

We are saddened to report the death of John Wilbert (Wib) Burns of King City.

He passed away December 15 at York Central Hospital.

A prayer for the New Year... "God grant me serenity to accept things I cannot change and the courage to change things I can — and the wisdom to know the difference!"

Here's just the thing to warm you up after skiing or tobogganing. Mulled Wine — Take 2 cups dry red wine to 1 cup water. Add ½ cup sugar, lemon slices stuffed with a few cloves and cinnamon sticks. Simmer (not boil) for 15 minutes. Good drinking and have a safe and merry Christmas.



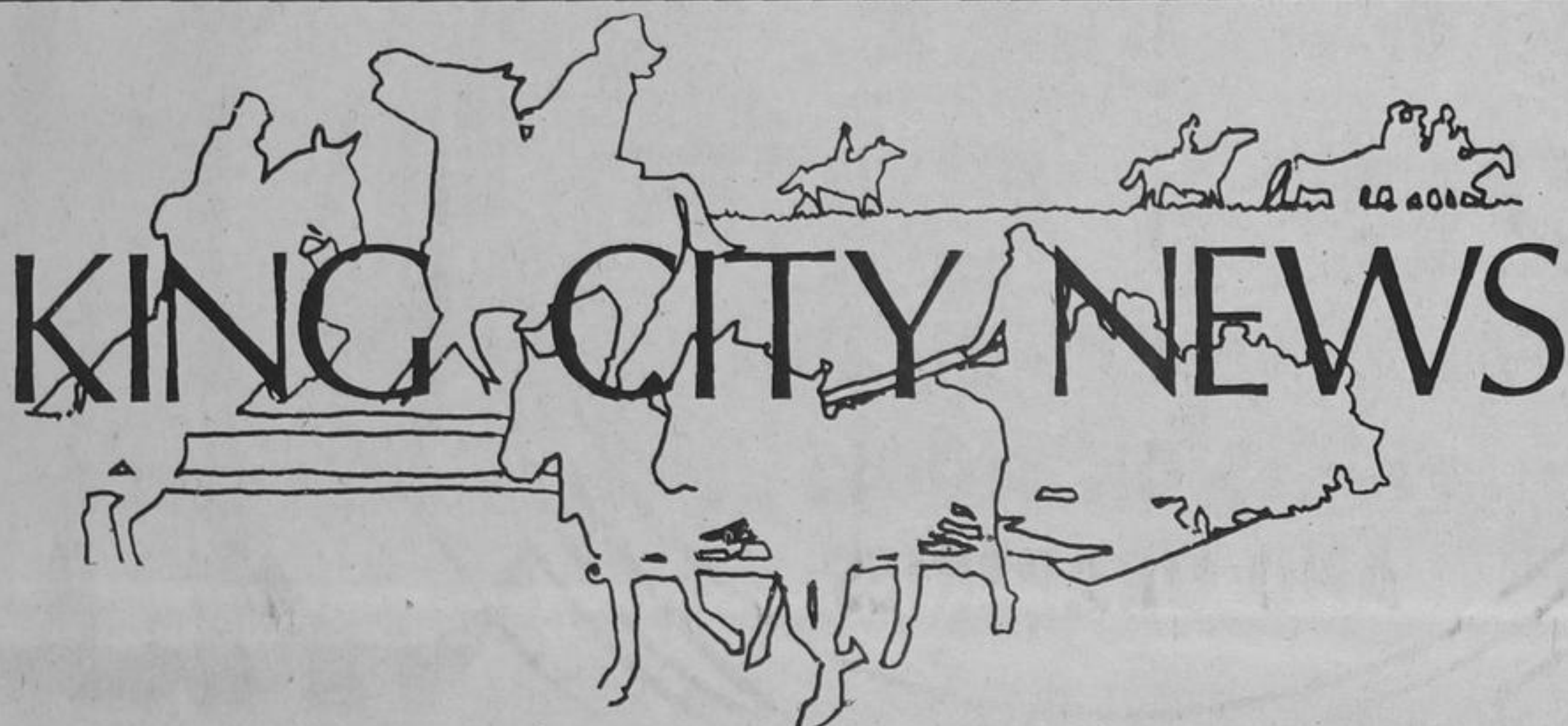
(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Pooh a cheery friend for children in hospital

Judging from the happy expressions on their faces, it is hard to believe that Julia Millar, 4, (left) of Banner Lane, King City, and Debbie Steckley, 4, of South Taylor Mills Road, Richmond Hill, are patients in York Central Hospital.

The pediatrics department in the hospital's new Langstaff

Wing has been gaily decorated for Christmas by the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill, and to make their stay more pleasant, the children now have a giant Pooh bear, a gift from Sears in Hillcrest Mall, to play with (or on). Pictured with the children is Sears Manager Dave Youmans.



Christmas in the village churches

By Donna Matthews
King correspondent

Church news

Christmas services are as follows: Sacred Heart — Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 12; Christmas Mass on Christmas Day at 10:15 am; King United holds a Family Service Christmas Eve at 7:30 pm.; All Saint's Solemn Eucharist begins with Carol Singing on Christmas Eve at 11 pm with the Eucharist at 11:30 pm.

The Family Eucharist is celebrated Christmas Day at 10 am. The children are invited to bring their favourite gift from Santa. No special Christmas Eve or Day service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

All Saints presented a Festival of Carols and Lessons at their Service of the Lighting of the Candles December 15. Each person in the congregation lights their candle from their neighbor until the whole

church glows with the soft candlelight.

The first lesson was read by the Rev. Bruce Mutch, followed the traditional carol "People Look East" sung by the visiting choir from St. Theodore's of Canterbury in Willowdale under the direction of James Mitchell.

The second lesson, in which the Prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem, was read by Mrs. John Mitchell. The third lesson told of the Angel Gabriel saluting the Blessed Virgin Mary and was read by Christopher Ballard.

In the fourth lesson, read by Clifford Lloyd, St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus. James Leonard left the organ to read the fifth lesson in which St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. At this point St. Theodore's Choir led the congregation in the singing of "Away In A Manger" to a Normandy Melody.

Bob Wheeler read the sixth lesson telling how the wise men are led by the star to Jesus. The junior choir of All Saints then sang "I Saw Three Kings".

The rector of All Saints read the seventh and final lesson of St. John unfolding the great mystery of the Incarnation, followed by St. Theodore's choir singing "In Dulci Jubilo". During devotions St. Theodore's choir sang a motet by Dr. Healey Willan entitled "I Beheld Her".

Refreshments were served in the auditorium following this traditional service.

Altarboys at Sacred Heart during the week of December 15th were John and Karl Kohnen, Casey and Phil VandenHeuvel, Robert Gross and Paul Furguele.

Prayers were asked for Mrs. Peter Molevelt at North York Hospital, John

Jones at Sunnybrook Hospital and for Ann Lawlor and Bill Hermer.

Theatre Aurora

The last newsletter of the year, edited and written by Rose Dyson has just been received. Judy Rodgers reports that memberships have increased to 60.

There has been one change in the cast of "The Odd Couple" scheduled for January 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at the Factory Theatre on Henderson Drive in Aurora. Rick Wood had to drop out and Ron Wallace has taken his place.

Tickets are now available for this production at 727-3617 or 727-9064. Opening night, January 9, will end with a wine and cheese party, and tickets for this performance will be \$3.50. Other nights, tickets will be the usual \$2.50 and \$1.25.

The Theatre Aurora executive has decided to use a portion of their Theatre Ontario Grant for a series of acting workshops. The dates are January 29, February

12, and 26. It is hoped to have experts in voice, movement and improvisation.

Dates to remember — February 8, a cabaret is planned, to be held at the Factory Theatre. This is being organized by Cy Buck.

February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 8 — Full length feature movies will be shown at the Factory Theatre. Available for viewing by the public in general and not just club members, they will be popular and non-blue. More information later.

Students entertain RC board

A group of young musicians from grades 7 and 8 of Notre Dame School in Newmarket presented a demonstration of their talents at the December 3 meeting of the York Region Roman Catholic School Board.

Under the direction of Music Education Consultant Jack West the band presented several selections, to the evident enjoyment of the trustees and the members of the band.

This instrumental music program was begun last year in Notre Dame with the parents renting the instruments.

A similar program is now underway in St. Joseph's School, Aurora.

Accompanying the band was Sister Patricia who is active in the choir and instrumental music programs at Notre Dame and St. Joseph's.

Superintendent John Zupancic suggested it would be possible to introduce instrumental music to all schools in the system over a period of time on the same basis, with the parents renting their child's instrument.

Chairman John McDiarmid complimented the young people on their performance and their interest in music.

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A winter's trek to Ward's Island

By Donna M. Matthews
King correspondent

What were four people from King City area doing on an icebreaker, crossing the choppy surface of Lake Ontario, in the darkness of the evening of December 15?

Probably out of their minds, but it all began with an invitation to my sister Carol's cocktail party. And she lives on Ward's Island along with 750 other residents who refuse to be evicted.

As is our usual custom, Norm and I invited someone from our area to go with us and we were pleased this year to be accompanied by Ben and Wendy Lorenz. We parked in a lot on the north side of the Lakeshore and then endured what must be the windiest corridor (between the new Harbour Square buildings) in Canada.

A boat ride heavy with the smell of diesel oil, took us and several other interesting characters to Ward's where we disembarked and wandered across the park with other party guests to my sister's island home.

One thing about this way of life, your guests only arrive when the boat does. For the next hour or so, we munched our way through sausage rolls, cheese, shrimps, marinated mushrooms, pineapple meat balls, candies and nuts; washed down by a choice of hot mulled wine or spiked eggnog.

In between chewing and drinking, we enjoyed friendly conversations with people from a variety of walks of life, a neighbor who was very proud of her twin endorsements (and let us know it) and my mother, Mrs. Harry Walwyn. I believe Norm and Ben particularly enjoyed "talking" with the neighbor.

Finally the time came to bundle up and venture forth on the return trip across the harbor.

Although not particularly hungry, we went for a late supper at the Old Spaghetti Factory located on the Esplanade behind O'Keefe Centre. (And I wish we hadn't!)

At the front of the restaurant we were informed there was a half hour wait before we could be

seated and asked if we would sit in the bar until our table was available. (We later found out that there were plenty of tables available in the restaurant, but an apparent lack of waiters.)

We ordered some drinks and Ben Lorenz was quite surprised when a Stinger (brandy and creme de menthe) was served when he had in fact ordered a Scotch on the rocks. The look on his face when he took his first taste was priceless!

We all ordered the "spaghetti with burnt butter and mizithra cheese a la Homer", costing \$1.95 per plate, which they maintain sustained Homer while he composed the Iliad. It must take an acquired taste to enjoy this dish, for we found it very unappetizing and lacking. Ben felt that we were just conditioned to having spaghetti with meat sauce and that was possible. On the other hand, we didn't enjoy it at all.

The Spaghetti Factory's decor is fascinating and perhaps Sunday evening is one of their off times. There are bed ends made into benches, treadle sewing

machines converted into tables, old lamps and statues everywhere, lots of stained glass windows, and a Toronto Railway Company Dining Car built in 1902.

But the atmosphere is destroyed slightly by the un-Italian Chinese waitress serving us. Three of us ordered tea, and one of us coffee. The waiter returned with three coffee and one tea, explaining with some pride that we had been served the "last tea bag in the building".

Ben suggested he bring more hot water and that we could then "share" the tea-bag. Believe it or not, the waiter thought that we were serious.

Total cost for the meal for four was below \$10, and the experience of seeing the place was well worth it. But if we go again, we'll try good, old-fashioned spaghetti with meat balls. Hopefully it'll be served by an Italian named Antonio, Luigi who'll have a black mustache and a white apron. To the Factory we say — "Whatsa matter for you, eh?"