



### The Little Bitty Seed - a Lenten drama

Young people of King City United Church presented the Lenten drama, "The Little Bitty Seed" at the 10 am service of worship Palm Sunday. Seen above during the dress rehearsal are Gail Oliver, 83 Hamby Avenue; Valerie Munro, 111 Hamby Avenue; Debbie Urry, 2444 King-Vaughan Line; and

Peter Kell, RR 1, King. Others participating were Nancy and Susan Branston, Edie Davidson, Lynne Rossiter, Yvonne Munroe, Brian Love and Gail McPhee; and young-at-heart Gary Hubbard. Joanne Hadwen was at the organ.

(Photo by Hogg)

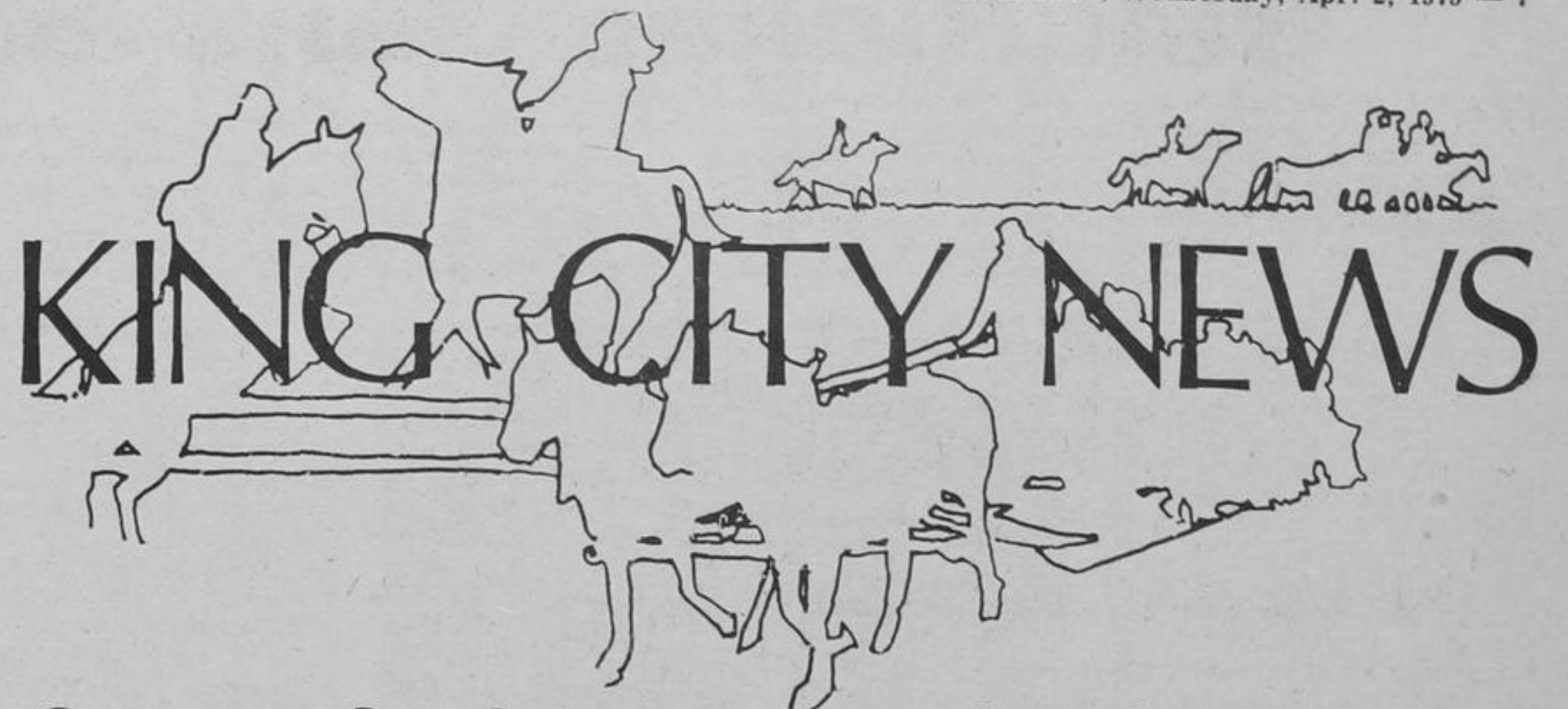
## 4-H dairy club

Larry Sheardown was elected president of the King 4-H Dairy Club at the organizational meeting March 20, with Ray Winter as vice-president, Glenna Atkinson as secretary and Barbara James as reporter.

The next meeting will be held April 23 with the members learning how to select a calf under the leadership of Arnold Winter and Glenn Atkinson.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Dennis Martin 895-4519.

"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 Mathews, 832-1579; and for Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox please call Janet Russell at 773-4105.



## Cancer Society canvassing in April

### Rummage sale

Now is your chance to begin your spring cleaning and to help the ladies of All Saint's Anglican with your donations to their rummage sale April 5 at 10 am in the auditorium. If you need a pick-up, call 832-1579 or 833-5455; otherwise please leave rummage in the room across from the kitchen.

### \$1,000 donated in Lent program

On the first day of Sacred Heart's Share Lent Program donations totaled \$1,000. This figure exceeds last year's by \$320.

The men of Sacred Heart Parish will gather together this weekend for a Parish Retreat at Marylake under the guidance of the Augustinian Fathers. For more information please call Hank Pynenburg at 833-5274.

Nomination ballots for the Church Women's League should be placed in the box at the back of the church.

### Remember prisoner

From the list of prisoners received from Amnesty International the people of King City United are asked to remember Nikolai Kabys, imprisoned for his faith in 1973 and serving a three year sentence in a strict regulation prison. Nikolai is 49 years old and has six dependents. This is his second term of imprisonment. Recently Mr. and Mrs. William Pollock received an acknowledgement of receipt form for the Christmas card they sent Nikolai.

## Norm's reflections — Somebody loves you

By Norman Matthews

"You're nobody 'till somebody loves you" has been a swan song for a long time, but maybe it's out of context in our complex, modern world. I think that a truer statement would read "you're nobody 'till you're on someone's mailing list!"

Can you really imagine living today and only receiving mail consisting of letters from a relative or unpaid bills? Of course not! If you haven't received a sales blurb from a local real estate office, a "personal" form letter from your MPP, or a sales offer from a record or book club, you're a nobody.

Maybe you've been fortunate to belong to a club or association, and as such

receive their notices and newsletters. But this kind of mail is usually welcome, almost like getting a letter from a relative or good friend.

To your home that makes you a recognized member of society. It means that you qualify. Someone, somewhere, thinks of you as an intelligent human being, capable of reading their writings and making the correct decision about purchasing that latest newfangled gadget, encyclopedia, or property in Florida.

No, it's the unsolicited kind of mail being delivered

But all said and done, in spite of the amount of mail that manages to go through, (in spite of the Public Service Alliance) it does give a welcome change to all those bills, bills, bills.

My latest unsolicited piece of mail, addressed to me personally in handwriting, was a letter from Mother Bell informing me of an adjustment they have to make in our billing rate. Apparently a recent field survey was conducted in our area which determined that we should be paying for three-one quarter "extra exchange mileage" instead of only two-one quarter

miles. All the polite words excepted, it means an additional \$.85 per month on my phone bill.

Give me the garbage mail; the kind most people in King deposit in the trash can located in the post office without reading. Maybe some fresh direct mailings are needed though. How about a monthly personally addressed message from the Mayor, or a prayer semi-monthly from a local minister, priest or rabbi. Or how about Hardy's Medical Message to each homeowner; Pollis' Historical Happenings; Larsen's Spring Fashions;

Unterlander's Carburator, Clutch and Condenser News; Bernice's Library Lingo; Keffer's Arena Articles; or Crawford Wells' Weekly Specials.

You folks haven't begun to churn out your share of those mail box stuffings that delight us homeowners (or tenants). Once you add our name to your mailing lists we'll be able to hold our heads high in the ranks of paper folders and garbage fillers, with our theme song being "everybody loves somebody sometime". We'll be able to say we've made it, we're a success, we're on somebody's mailing list.

## Canadian tests are made in States

By Janet Russell

Forty people, including parents, teachers and two members of the York County Board of Education, turned out for the Oak Ridges Home and School meeting March 12.

President Bob Dion of the association turned the meeting over to a panel which had been selected to discuss the topic of board testing and which was composed of Guidance Officer Bob McCullough (York County Board of Education), Sheelagh Jeffreys and Sheri Robinson (parents), Bill Jay and Pat Andrews (teacher) Testing Co-ordinator Joe Murphy and Carol Kanitz (parent).

The testing co-ordinator began by explaining all children in grades 2, 4, 6 and 8 in the whole county will be tested this year, with the exception of children in special education classes, who are not usually tested. To give the audience and panel an idea of what the tests look like he passed out copies of the modern mathematics supplement to the Canadian Tests of Basic Skills — multi-level edition for grades 3-8.

Measures basic skills He also jokingly said that everyone was to try Test X. Amidst groans of dismay from the audience, everybody looked at it.

While we were looking at it, he went on to explain the objective of the test is to measure the basic skills of the children such as vocabulary, reading comprehension, mathematical comprehension, organizational skills, etc.

He cautioned against possible misuse of the tests in that they are not perfect and ought not to be used to "label" pupils.

The guidance officer told the audience such a diagnostic test can help by finding out exactly where a student might have a problem.

He added there is money available on a limited basis

for a remedial program if one should be deemed necessary.

Made in U.S.A. Then the discussion was opened for questions. It was pointed out by a parent that it had been noticed the part of the test handed out originated in the U.S.A.

Had the whole test come from the State University of Iowa? Yes, it had. Some discussion on this point followed.

(I asked Mr. Murphy afterwards about this and was told that the tests were converted for use in this country by inclusion of Canadian content and curriculum by a group of educators from across Canada.)

It was then asked if other school boards use this test and is it standardized.

Mr. Murphy replied that the Metro Separate School Board and Halton County School Board are among the boards which use the test and it is the same across Canada. (Note: York Region Roman Catholic School Board also uses it.)

Not nationwide However, by the way the answer was worded it was unclear to many members of the audience whether every school board in Ontario or the whole of Canada used the test, or just those mentioned. It was only after more questioning that it became clear it was not used exclusively throughout the country.

Another concern of parents was what happens to the results of the test and do

they go with the students throughout their school life.

Available to parents Principal Ed Burlew answered that the scores are kept in the students' file (called the OSR card) and does remain on permanent record throughout the school life of the student.

(The Ontario Students' Record Card is available for parents to look at their children's scores. The test results are printed in computer code so parents will need to have the principal translate them.)

Answering further questioning Joe Murphy said students' records are destroyed three years after they leave high school to safeguard their interests. He cited an instance of an employer refusing to hire someone who had repeated a grade.

A supplement Another member of the audience asked what the teaching staff thought of the test. Bill Jay answered that personally he regarded the results as a supplement of his own evaluation of the students.

It was then asked if each teacher's evaluation of a child stayed with the child all the way through school, which received an affirmative answer.

The next question was if the tests are really necessary. Mr. Murphy pointed out the primary goal is to find out any deficiencies in given areas or subjects, to point out where a problem might be.

It was also mentioned that last year elementary school students in grades 2, 4, 6 and 8 in York County were tested and found to be below the national average established in 1966.

Mr. Murphy said the latest average was above the 1973 test results, "which shows that the level of education fluctuates".

## Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox April Calendar

- 3 — 1:30 pm Time Out—Take-A-Break, St. Paul's 7:30 pm Bible study, St. Paul's manse, 36 Elm Grove
- 4 — Oak Ridges Public School public speaking contest
- 5 — 6 pm, Oak Ridges Lions Charter Night "Lions Den"
- 6 — Daffodil Sunday 10:30 am St. Paul's United, guest speaker Rev. Huer 10:30 am St. John's Anglican family service, coffee hour after 7-7:15 pm Mass at St. Joseph's Chapel in celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of the Annunciation School. Followed by family bingo 7:45 pm young people's Bible study fellowship at St. John's rectory
- 8 — 1:30 pm Seniors' business meeting, Wheelhouse 7 pm Lions meet in "Lions Den" 7-9:30 pm youth program at Lake Wilcox Public School 8 pm UCW annual friendship night at St. Paul's United 9 — 10 am mid-week fellowship and communion at St. John's Anglican 1:30 pm euchre, Wheelhouse 8 pm ACW upper room parish hall 8 pm Ladies Scouting Auxiliary, Doris MacAdams, Bond Crescent
- 10 — 1:30 pm Time Out—Take-A-Break, St. Paul's 7:30 pm Bible study, St. Paul's manse 13 — 10:30 am Brethren in Christ Church, guest speaker Rev. Roy Sider 14 — "It's Your Choice" monthly program for women, Wildwood Branch Library 1:30 pm 7:45 pm young people's Bible study and fellowship St. John's rectory 15 — 1:30 pm Time Out—Take-A-Break, St. Paul's 7-9:30 pm youth program, Lake Wilcox P.S. 16 — 10 am Mid Week Fellowship and Communion St. John's 5 pm Rev. Earl Gerber will celebrate communion at Daybreak 8 pm annual meeting and elections, Bond Lake Skating Club, Lions Den 17 — 7:30 pm Bible study, St. Paul's manse 19 — 10-2 pm rummage and bake sale St. Paul's 21 — 7:45 pm young people's Bible study and fellowship, St. John's rectory 22 — 1:30 pm Seniors business meeting, Wheelhouse 7 pm Lions meeting Lions Den 7-9:30 pm youth program Lake Wilcox P.S. 23 — 10 am Midweek fellowship and communion St. John's 1:30 pm euchre Wheelhouse 24 — 1:30 pm Time Out—Take-A-Break, St. Paul's 7:30 pm Bible Study St. Paul's manse 26 — 2 pm film program for children of all ages, Wildwood Library 28 — 7:30 pm euchre Wheelhouse 7:45 pm young people's Bible study and fellowship, St. John's rectory 29 — 7-9:30 pm youth program Lake Wilcox P.S. 30 — 10 am Midweek fellowship and communion St. John's 8 pm Marriage preparation classes, upper room parish hall, St. John's.

## Soccer players

Boys and girls from 6 to 18 years in this area wishing to play soccer may register with the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association. Registration will be held April 6 and 13 from 9 am to 1 pm at Bayview Secondary School, Richmond Hill.

The registration fee is \$15 per player, with a \$25 family maximum for two or more players. Please bring proof of age and small photograph. Children should be accompanied by parents.

The association's home field is in Richmond Hill and they play interlocking games with Aurora.

## Donna's bits and pieces

Happy birthday today to Richard Bishop, son of Harry and Judith Bishop of McBride Avenue. Richard is now seven years old.

Figure Skating Ice Review 75 tonight at King City Community Centre. 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Saturday afternoon, 2 pm at the King Library, Alex Millar, AOCA, OSA, CGP, will open the showing of the oils, batiks and prints of Alfred Muma. Refreshments.

Gossip is what may be called Ear Pollution. King Council meeting at the Township Offices at 1 pm.

Happy birthday to our youngest daughter Sari who will be 10 years old April 3.

Cancer Society, King Branch meeting at the home of Lynda Ferguson, Laskay, April 7.

General meeting of the King City Players Club

Club at the arena, April 7, 8 p.m. CWL meeting, April 8 at Sacred Heart School. Election of officers.

Women's Institute meeting at the home of Doris Willoughby, April 8.

Paul Champagne, local lawyer, will speak to the ladies of the Good Morning Group, April 9 at All Saint's

Anglican Church, 9:30 am. Non-members are welcome. Admission is \$1, which includes coffee and babysitting. Mr. Champagne will speak on the subject of "Wills".

Get well wishes to Mrs. Raymond Burt, Alice Patterson, Mrs. Eleanor Scott, and Nell Tuck.

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