

Oak Ridges couple celebrate December 5

Residents of this area since 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary Friday

64 years of marriage going strong

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Sixty four years ago this December 5th, was a very special day for a very special couple. That was the day that Miss Rose Ibbotson and Mr. Frank Bell set off in a hack pulled by two bay horses decorated with white ribbons to the home of the Rev. Dr. Graham to play the starring roles in a wedding that was to last until now.

The bride wore an Alice blue dress and the groom was attired in his finest. The fashions, of course were much different, but I'll bet they made a handsome couple.

After shifting around for awhile, Mr. and Mrs. Bell moved to the CFRB Sideroad in our area to take up farming in 1920. They lived there for 17 years and then moved to the King Sideroad in Oak Ridges where they are still living.

They have two daughters Audrey Boyle and Madelon Ferguson, both of whom still live in Oak Ridges. The Bells have four grandsons and five great grandchildren.

Congratulations to you both, and may you celebrate many more.

Roberts memorial

All the members of the Wheelhouse gathered along with many friends and area residents for a very special occasion November 25. This was the presentation of a beautiful silver tray by Albert Munro and his wife, Mabel, in honor of his mother, Mrs. Mary Roberts, who passed away recently.

Mrs. Roberts was a long time resident of Oak Ridges, a member of Our Lady's Guild and an active member of the Wheelhouse Club. She took great pride in her lovely rock garden and could always be seen outside tending to her flowers. This tray will occupy a place of honor in the Wheelhouse.

School news

Please be advised that both Lake Wilcox and Oak Ridges Public Schools will have no classes December 5. This is the day the teachers will be interviewing the parents and handing out report cards.

Lake Wilcox Public School has planned its Christmas program for December 11, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. All pupils in the school are involved, either with singing, plays or displays. There will be free refreshments. There will be a fishpond for the boys and girls at a charge of 25 cents. The pupils are selling Christmas puddings at \$1.75 now and \$1.90 the night of the 11th. There will also be a Christmas draw. Tickets are 50 cents each or three for \$1. All proceeds will go to elective programs.

Oak Ridges Public School has planned its Christmas concert for Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. If the weather is really bad, the program will be on the 18. The students have a great selection planned for your enjoyment.

There will be performances by the different choirs in the school, skits from several classes, dramatic performances and even carols including the audience.

Both of these programs are the results of hard work by your children. They want everything just right for their parents and friends, so come on out and join in the fun.

Skating club

The 6th is fast approaching, and that is the night of the big Christmas dance. The tickets are \$10. per couple and are available from any member of the executive or by calling 773-5564. This dinner-dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lions' Den at Bond Lake Arena. The music will be provided by a disc-jockey and liquid refreshments will of course, be extra.

It sounds like a real good time is in store for you, so come on out and join in the fun.

Library notes

The December schedule for the Charles Connor Library is a busy one. Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 will be pre-school story times at 2 p.m. Dec. 11 there will be a special Christmas Concert by the Nostalgia. This group is just wonderful. This is a special family evening, so bring the children, they will really enjoy it. Librarian Josie Fleming would like to extend a special invitation to the youngsters of the Wheelhouse and all people who are young at heart. Coffee will be served to warm you up before

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the evening is over.

Dec. 17 is Christmas story time for pre-schoolers at the usual time. Dec. 20 there will be a Crafty Christmas Crafts program for 7 to 12 years olds from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register in advance for this program as enough materials must be secured.

Christmas week will be busy too. On the 23rd there will be a puppet show at 2 p.m. for children of all ages. On the 27th there will be a movie for children of all ages. The time for this is 2 p.m.

Seniors

The seniors are having a Christmas craft and bake sale at the Wheelhouse from 12 to 4 p.m. December 6. Now is the chance to pick up that special gift or a supply of very special goodies. After all, these ladies have been making goodies a lot longer than we have. The Christmas dinner for the seniors will be at St. Paul's United Church Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. This dinner is for members only and you must call Mrs. Hinson at 773-5394 to be included.

On the 18th, there will be a Christmas party for the seniors at the Wheelhouse. This again is for members only and each member is to bring a gift

valued at \$2.00 Please call Mrs. Hinson to be included in this party.

St. Paul's United

Thanks to all who helped to make the bazaar a huge success. The winner of the rug, made and donated by Mrs. R. Perry of Oak Ridges, was Mrs. Jan Thomas of Newman Ave., Lake Wilcox.

There will be a service of lessons and carols December 21. In the evening there will be a pageant in song presented by the young people.

Christmas Eve there will be a special service at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join the congregation for these special services in keeping with the true spirit of Christmas.

St. John's Anglican

The ACW will have their monthly meeting December 3 at 8 p.m. in the upper room of St. John's.

Sunday, the 7th, brings a family service preceded by a hymn sing at 10:15. There will be special music at the service and the message will be geared to the children.

Our Lady's Guild

Please don't forget the New Year's Dance at Our Lady of the Annunciation School. Tickets are \$15 per couple and are available from any member of the Guild or by calling 773-5873.

Hill civic corner

The following meetings of civic interest have been scheduled for the next two weeks in Richmond Hill:

- Dec 3, 7 p.m. — Committee Room "A" — Parks & Recreation Committee
- Committee Room "B" — By-Laws, Procedures, Fire and Personnel Committee
- Items include:
 - a) Revised By-law to regulate setting of Fires
 - b) Fire Department 1976 Program Status
- Dec 3, 8 p.m. — Council Chambers — Engineering Committee
- Dec 4, 9 a.m. — Works Commissioner's Office — Engineering Committee
- Items include:
 - a) Procedures for Parking Restriction Surveys
 - b) Local Transit Review
 - c) Report on Sanitary Sewers for North and South Richvale
- Dec 4, 7 p.m. — Council Chambers — Parks & Recreation Committee
- Items include:
 - a) Community Use of Schools
 - b) 1976 Grants to Organizations
 - c) Centennial Pool Operation
- Dec 8, 8 p.m. — Council Chambers — Public Meeting re: Property Standards
- Dec 10, 7:30 p.m. — Council Chambers — Planning Committee
- Committee Room "B" — Civic Improvement Committee
- Dec 11, 7:30 p.m. — Committee Room "B" — Social Planning Council
- Dec 15, 7:15 p.m. — Council Chambers — Regular Council Meeting
- Dec 16, 4 p.m. — Treasurer's Office — Finance Committee
- Dec 17, 7 p.m. — Committee Room "B" — By-laws, Procedures, Fire & Personnel Committee.

King employees get the bird

King Township employees will get Christmas turkeys, a long standing custom, again this year, council has decided. "This may be the last time," commented Councillor Bill Long.

The decision came after council discussed budget guidelines for 1976.

Hold the line

In submitting budget guidelines for 1976, King Township Council's finance chairman David Harper urged council to maintain the municipal mill rate at its present level, limit staff increases to 10 percent and keep council salaries as they stand.

At least two council members said they'd like to see their salaries increased next year. They now receive an annual salary of \$4,666.

Councillor Bill Long felt council members should get the same 10 percent increase proposed for staff to keep pace with inflation. Councillor Doug Brookes added, "While I'm not interested in getting more money, I don't want to lose any either."

"It behooves us to set an example and direction," stated Mayor Margaret Britnell. "We are going to have to set priorities and stick to them."

Several councillors, however, warned that a hold-the-line budget could result in a cutback of services.

Presents life membership

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The Afternoon Unit of the UCW met for its November meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Hutchinson November 20. Unit leader Mrs. Wilfred James was in charge and led in devotions. During the program, Mrs. Arthur Thomson presented her mother Mrs. D. McMurray of Calgary with a life membership pin, and a life membership in her own United Church Women of her church in Calgary.

The UCW met in the schoolroom of the church November 27, with president Mrs. William Skerratt in charge. Election of officers was held as follows: President, Mrs. Fred Hare, Secretary, Mrs. Norman Hearsom, Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Beynon, Supply Secretary Mrs. Wilfred James. Social Conveners Mrs. William Skerratt and Mrs. Everett Phillips, Pianist Mrs. Arthur Thomson.

Mrs. Wilfred James, Mrs. Arthur Thomson and Mrs. Ewart Jennings took part in a work play on "Advent" followed by a discussion on "what preparations I make for Christmas."

Neighborhood Notes
Emmerson Jennings of Kingston visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings, after attending the funeral of his cousin, Mr. Bruce Cain of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jennings spent a few days last week visiting friends in Peterboro and Kingston.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hearsom who were married in Temperanceville United Church November 16. The happy young couple are making their

Preserve trees

The new King Estate Residential 2 Bylaw, now being prepared will encourage developers to use the terrain rather than destroy it. Rather than cut down trees, flatten hills and fill in valleys for houses the zoning bylaw will tighten existing restrictions to preserve the landscape of rural areas.

Developers will be required to leave trees where they are wherever it is possible.

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Blood donor clinic Dec. 17

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A Blood Donor Clinic will be held at King City United Church December 17, 1:30 to 4 p.m. 6 to 8:30 p.m.

During the winter months the need for blood increases. The holiday season brings with it an increase in accidents. You can help prevent a blood shortage this holiday season. All it takes is a half hour at the clinic. An important reminder — No aspirin for 24 hours before donating blood.

The following is the guidelines for the selection of donors. The minimum age for males with parental consent is 17; for females 18. Maximum age is 65. Minimum weight is 110 lbs. Minimum haemoglobin: 12.5 gm. or 85 percent. Last donation not less than three months previously.

You may not give during pregnancy and not earlier than six months after delivery; not earlier than nine months after delivery if nursing baby.

You may not give after surgery for a length of time to be determined by the Red Cross nurse.

You may not give if you have had colds, flu or boils, until at least one week after recovery (depending upon severity).

You may not give if you have an open sore.

You may not give if you have taken any headache remedies or any drugs containing acetylsalicylic acid in less than 24 hours.

You may not give if you have taken any other drug.

Please consult the registered nurse to see if you may donate.

Your donation cannot be accepted if you have had hepatitis or jaundice, heart disease, epilepsy, stroke or cancer.

However, volunteers can always be used. If you can't give your blood, give your time.

The reason why you cannot donate blood when you have taken a headache remedy is that the platelets (the cells that help blood to clot) lose their function after taking a headache remedy or drug containing acetylsalicylic acid. That is — they don't stick together.

Figure skating club

Don't forget to order your Christmas cake from members of King City Figure Skating Club. This delicious cake sells for \$2.50 (gift-wrapped). Please call Mrs. Kathleen Phillips at 833-5426.

Cubs, beavers scouts

The Cubs, Beavers and Scouts will be out canvassing King selling mixed nuts this coming Saturday. Do your part by supporting them.

Hanukkah

On the evening of November 28th we came to the first of eight successive ceremonies that mark Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights, a Jewish holiday. It is a movable feast, lasting eight days, being tied to the ancient Hebrew calendar, which is lunar and therefore different



from the Christian solar calendar. But Hanukkah more or less parallels the Christmas season.

Each night of the eight is an occasion for gaiety and joy. Jewish tradition frowns on fasting and mourning at this time. It is a family celebration. There are gifts for the children. In some homes each child receives a small present on each successive night. Sometimes it is simply a few small coins, "Hanukkah gelt" to jingle.

There are nuts to much and special food, notably the delicious crusty brown latkes — potato or cheese pancakes — eaten sizzling hot from the frying pan. There are traditional blessings and chants. Songs are sung, including always "Maaz Tzur" — "Rock of Ages".

And of course there are the twinkling candles. The nine-branched Menorah, brass or silver, has been given a fine polish. The first candle is set in place. Then the Shamosh, the helping candle, perched higher in the Menorah than the others, is lighted, usually by the father of the family. The first candle then is kindled from the shamosh and each night another candle is added, until, on the evening of December 6, all candles are shedding warmth and light on the family circle.

The Festival of Hanukkah commemorates a triumph of courage and faith in the long struggle for religious freedom. Judea, a tiny country, was under the yoke of Syria when a new king ascended the throne. Antiochus Epiphanes was determined to convert all his subjects to the pagan Greek religion. By his decree, any Jew found observing the Jewish Law in any form or manner would be put to death.

Thus began a struggle against tyranny, which was relentless and seemingly hopeless. But after about three years of fighting, victory came for the Jews in 165 B.C., under the leadership of Judah Maccabee. An astonishing victory against overwhelming odds.

Hanukkah means "dedication", specifically the dedication of the new altar in the ancient temple at Jerusalem to replace the pagan altar erected by Antiochus. It was the accolade to their victory on that long-ago day.

But there was a problem. The Temple itself was a shambles and the sacred oil for the altar had been defiled, except for one small jug. Although it was not nearly enough to keep the lamp burning until new oil could be prepared and sanctified, it was lighted anyway. And then a miracle occurred. The lamp continued to flame for eight, incredible days, time enough and to spare to allow it to be replenished properly. It is this event that is symbolized in Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights.

Jewish people have never forgotten, and the memory is revived each year so that their children may know of that great moment in their turbulent history.

Donna's bits & pieces

December 1 was the 24th Wedding Anniversary of Lorne & Vada Brown of Hollingsworth Cres.

Enjoy an evening of euchre at the Women's Institute Hall in Laskay December 5 at 8 p.m.

Charity is not just giving a dog a bone. It is giving a dog a bone when you are as hungry as the dog.

Kingcraft Studio Sale this Saturday features the Christmas Tree with hand-crafted decorations. 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

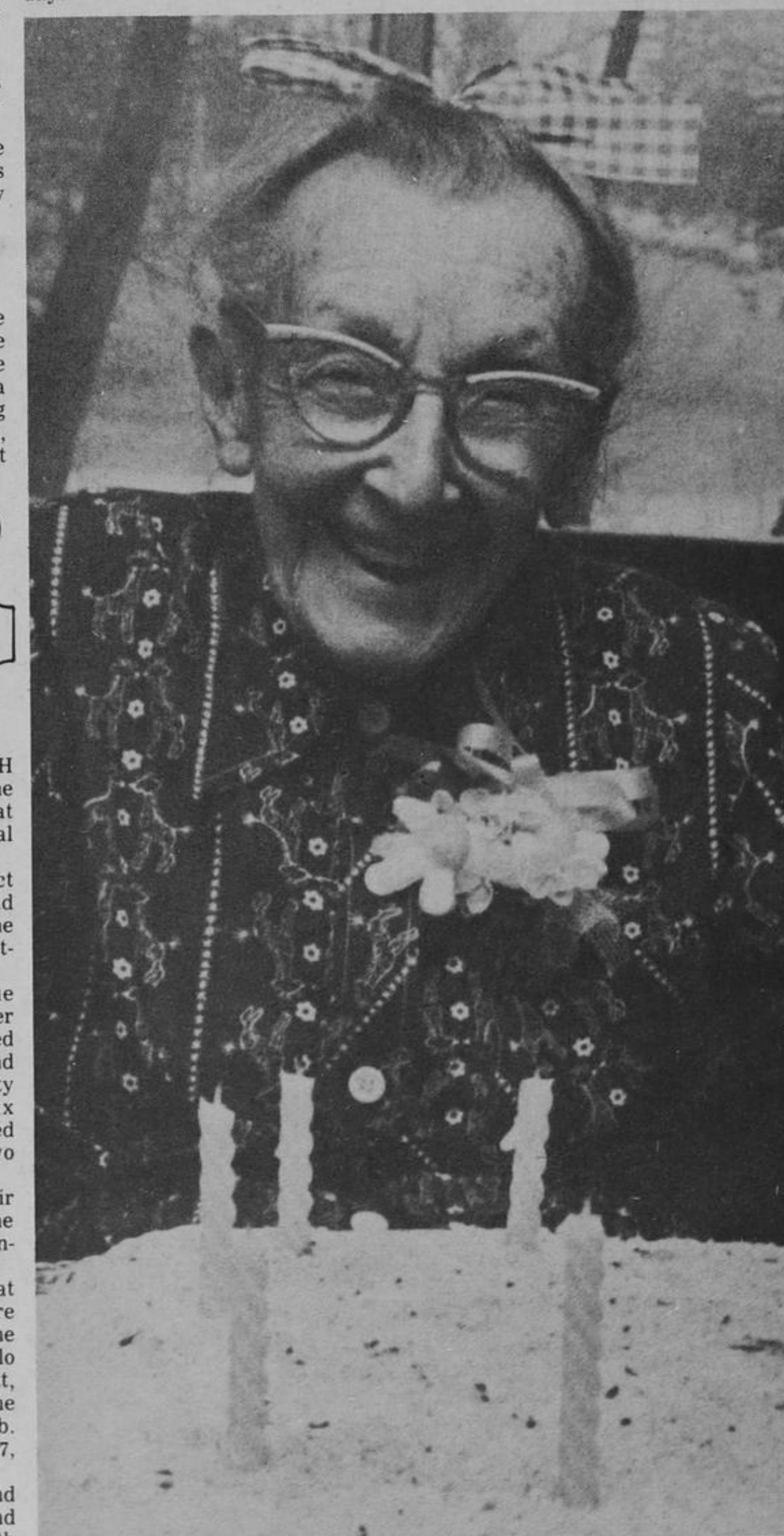
King Branch of the Women's Institute meets at the home of Mrs. Aleida McBride December 9.

Mrs. Kirstine of York Regional Health Unit will speak to the Good Morning Group December 10 at 9:30 a.m. Her subject will be the pre-school assessment program. Non-members fee is \$1 which includes babysitting and coffee. Come along to All Saints' and meet your neighbors. Doctor's Lane entrance.

I took a break from routine last weekend, left the family to fend for themselves and took a bus to Arnprior to visit good friends Roma and Rose Laviolette. During the stopover in Ottawa, I spoke with Mary Elkerkin who asked to be remembered to their many friends in King. I had a relaxing weekend, without anymore saying M O M!

Library news

Open house will be held at the King Twp. Central Library, King City, this Saturday at 2 p.m. for the opening of an exhibition of James Lumbers' paintings of wildlife.



(Photo by Hogg)

97 years young

Miss Isabelle McArthur blew out all the candles on her birthday cake at the Willow Nursing Home, Yonge Street North, November 18.