

# Bond Lake skaters charming, skillful

By Millie Stewart

OAK RIDGES — Bond Lake Arena was the scene of last week's annual skating show, this year called Parade of Badges where the 100-plus members of Bond Lake Skating Club showed their skills.

Starting with the junior-beginners, two of whom are only three years old, all the badges were represented.

Following the little ones were the stroking, elementary, basic, novice-one, novice-two, figure and free style, free style-two, senior dance and intermediate and senior dance pairs.

Several club members excelled in solo performances. Debbie Ash performed beautifully as the first soloist of the evening, and Cindy Smith turned on the charm in her flawless performance. Penny Seymour, tall and graceful, put her whole self into her performance. Adult members of the club danced an impressive program of the Dutch Waltz, along with Intermediate B and some senior skaters.

Guest skaters thrilled the assembly

with their talent and skills. Peter Melon of the Stouffville club performed some fantastic jumps, and Louise Kirovac from the Upper Canada club was a vision in pink as she whirled and jumped her way through a magnificent performance.

Carla Holdsworth, from the King City club, is a petite young lady, but there is nothing tiny about her skating. She may some day be a giant in the skating world.

Herb Deary Jr. of the Richmond Hill club is an Oak Ridges boy. His per-

formance of the Mexican Hat dance on ice was a delight to watch.

Deary and Carla Holdsworth glided around the ice as one, in another crowd-pleasing performance.

During the finale, flowers were presented to the instructors by some very tiny skaters. These little tots were amazing in their ability to smile, let alone stay a wake, after 9 p.m.

Mary Near received flowers and an ovation from the audience, and from the skaters themselves, for the superb job she has done as club president.



## Fire strikes garage

Garage, and the Cadillac inside it, both suffered heavy damage in a weekend fire at the Alfred McBride residence on McBride Avenue, King City. King's volunteer fire department was on the

scene quickly and contained the fire before it became a threat to adjacent homes. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

# Century-old residents entertained on birthday

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KING — Ninety-nine year-old Mina McConnell blew out the candles at a recent birthday party given by York Manor Women's Auxiliary for residents.

Mary Patterson, who will be 102 this weekend, was present, along with Emily Shanks, 91, and Josephine Cameron, 90.

Corsages were pinned on the ladies by birthday convener Eva Druery.

Other York Manor residents celebrating March birthdays were Gertrude Brush, Sarah Law, Beulah Cuttine, Edith Garside, William Andrews, Iona Hurst, Elizabeth Johnson, Melville Atkinson, George Spence, Bertha Milne, Harry Price, Dora Adams and Helen Spafford.

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The Trinity United Church, Newmarket, UCW group entertained with a singsong, skits and poems.

### It's soccer time

The proposal of a soccer team for King City was well received with a registration of more than 90 children. Anyone still interested may contact Harry Bishop at 833-5785.

### Retreat at Marylake

Men of Sacred Heart Parish will go on a retreat at Marylake, March 26 to 28. For reservations call Hank Pynenburg at 833-5274.

If you wish a Holy Mass celebrated in your home during Lent, contact Alan Quesnelle at 727-8516.

The Good Friday service at King City United will be at 7:30 p.m., April 16.

This Sunday morning at All Saints' the congregation will celebrate Mothering Sunday with the serving of the traditional Simnel Cake following the service.

Lenten film at All Saints' on March 31 is entitled Responding to Christ as Word. Everyone is welcome.

### Ice Review coming

Community residents are invited to the King City Arena on March 31 to see the results of a year of figure skating lessons. The club presents its review, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$1 for adults; 50 cents for children over five. Children under five are admitted free.

# New centre limited by budget

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RICHMOND HILL — Ward Three steering committee members went away disappointed from a meeting last week with their community centre representative, John Stevenson.

Stevenson reported that town budget restraint means the centre will not have all the facilities residents may have expected.

The open swimming pool will remain unheated for at least a year, he said,

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and there will be no skating arena or library centre.

Committee members also questioned the high costs of the day care centre. They recognized a definite need for day care but fear the high cost may prevent those in greatest need from using the facilities.

The community centre has a connecting way with the new separate

school and with the proposed secondary school to be built nearby. These schools will be able to use the centre's all-purpose room, equipped with a stage and suitable for other recreation uses.

The committee also expressed an interest in having transit service for the centre to make it more accessible for all residents.

There was also some objection to the occasional use of Richvale Community Centre as the centre's name. Ward Three residents pointed out the entire town is financing the centre, and suggested the Richvale title was too restrictive.

Other suggestions for the centre were possible inclusion of a coffee shop and ramps for wheelchairs.

### Mosquitoes Feared

Many South Richmond Hill residents have expressed concern over the possibility of encephalitis-carrying mosquitoes in the area this summer.

Several low-lying areas, holding stagnant water, are seen as likely breeding grounds.

Although York region health officials have initially turned down a proposed mosquito control program, they suggested concerned residents in possibly hazardous areas may contact their local councillors.

# Day camp proposed

KING — A summer day camp with a daily registration of 300 children has been proposed for the 73-acre King Valley Ski Centre.

It would require a change in the original 1970 agreement — between Pam-Pete Investments and the township which allows only for the operation of a ski club.

No summer operations, other than a restaurant, are permitted.

B. Bender, leasee from Pam-Pete and one of the proponents of the day camp, said a condition of the lease was that it was up to him to obtain approval to operate a day camp from the necessary authorities.

After finding there were no complaints from the ministry of environment, regional health unit and King planning department, B. Bender and S. Bender received a permit to build a pool in 1975.

There was no further correspondence until early 1976 when there was an application for a second pool.

It was at this time B. Bender learned of the agreement restricting the site to winter uses and that the owner had assumed Bender had obtained all required approvals.

A planning report will be obtained and the opinion of area residents will be sought.

Council's planning and building committee will then make a recommendation to council.

# Township sets interim levy

KING — The Interim York regional levy for King has been set at \$271,207 and is due in two instalments, April 30 and June 30.

King treasurer George Novakovich said the interim levy could be met on time without borrowing funds.

It can be as much as 50 per cent of the previous year's net levy, which for King Township was \$542,414.

## civic corner

RICHMOND HILL — The following meetings of civic interest have been scheduled during the next two weeks.

Monday, March 29, 7 p.m. — Council chambers — committee of the whole.

Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. — Council chambers — Parks and recreation committee meeting.

Thursday, April 1, 8 a.m. — Office of the commissioner of works engineering committee.

Monday, April 5, 7:15 p.m. Council chambers — regular council meeting.

Tuesday, April 6, 4 p.m. — Deputy Treasurer's Office — finance committee.

Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m. — Committee room "B" — By-laws, procedures, fire and personnel committee.

# New project seeking jobs for retarded

By Margaret Lade

## Special problems

RICHMOND HILL — A pilot project designed to assist retarded adults in finding a place in the day-to-day life of the community is being introduced in York region.

Dubbed Project Plug-In, the plan is to help the mentally handicapped in finding, and keeping, full time jobs in normal work situations.

The program is being planned, administered and supervised through joint efforts of associations for the mentally retarded in York Centre, Newmarket and Sutton in co-operation with Daybreak, a private residence for mentally retarded adults, and Pine Ridge, the provincial facility in Aurora for retarded men.

The provincial ministry of community and social services agreed to provide funds for the project for one year.

### 2 job workers

The program will begin with the hiring of two job stabilization workers. Their first concern will be to locate jobs for people they consider capable of functioning in normal full-time jobs.

In the past, the handicapped have failed in competitive employment, not because of any lack of desire or ability to do the job, says Sil Steffan, executive director of the York Central Association, but for a number of reasons which to a normal person would be only minor difficulties.

To a handicapped person commonplace situations present real problems — relations with other staff, interpretation of a supervisor's instructions, slowness in getting production rates up, understanding personnel policies and rules.

Getting the supervisor to understand the person for example and to give instructions in a manner understandable to the handicapped can become an insurmountable stumbling block.

This is where the job stabilization worker "plugs in", says Steffan.

At no charge to the employer, this worker accompanies the handicapped person to the job and lends a hand in any way necessary to stabilize the person in the job.

The stabilization worker would remain as long as was necessary, a few days, weeks or months, gradually drawing back while acting as a resource person for both employer and employee in any emergency situation.

### Chance to compete

Directors of the various facilities involved emphasize the handicapped person is not asking the employer to give special consideration or to accept inferior work.

All he wants is to be allowed to try to compete in a normal job situation, giving the employer an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

And now that the machinery has been set up, the agencies are looking for employers who are willing to cooperate in the plan.

Any such employer, or any person who knows of a company who might provide opportunities for the handicapped worker can get further information by contacting Stephen Newroth at Daybreak, 884-3454; William Fraser at Pine Ridge, 727-4291, or Sil Steffan at YCAMR, 884-9110.

# Roads Budget is \$725,139

KING — Council has adopted proposed 1976 highway expenditures of \$725,139, of which \$285,690 is for maintenance and \$439,449 is for construction and improvement.



Forrest Anne Lenney  
... Grade 8, Roselawn



Diane Peart  
... Grade 6, Beverley Acres



Karen Jones  
... Grade 7, Roselawn

# Essay contest winners named

Three students from two local schools have been named first-place winners in a Canadian heritage essay contest sponsored by Richmond Hill Kinsmen. They are Diane Peart, Grade 6, Beverley Acres

School; Karen Jones, Grade 7, and Forrest Anne Lenney, Grade 8, of Roselawn School. Second place winners, Grades 6 to 8 respectively, were Lou-Anne Bennie, Julie Mari and Doreen Lee. Third place winners

in each grade were Denise Parker, Suzie McWatt and Kim Robertson. The contest, entered by 30 students, was sponsored during last month's Heritage Day observance in Richmond Hill.

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# Mr. Dress-Up coming to visit

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OAK RIDGES — Mr. Dress-Up is coming again.

The long-time CBC-TV star, a favorite of kids across Canada, will put on a show May 7 in King City, sponsored by the Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox branch of York Central Hospital Auxiliary.

There will be an afternoon performance at 4:30 and a repeat at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$1 for children under 16 and \$1.50 for those over 16, may be ordered by phoning 773-4696, 773-4424, 898-2799 or 889-2465.

Mr. Dress-Up, Ernie Coombs in real life, was a big hit with the children in a similar show last year.

Proceeds are used for hospital projects.

### Dart champs win

The seniors and the Lions met for the annual dart tournament at the Wheelhouse Club last week.

I wasn't there to see the action, but I'm told there are some mighty fine dart players in the neighborhood.

Cap Hawman holds a rather different position. He is both a senior and a Lion; however, he did win the trophy for the highest score. I don't know whether he won it as a senior or not.

The Lions didn't do too badly. Ken Hughes won the trophy for second highest score.

The seniors hold the title for another year, but the challenge is out for next year. So the Lions are given lots of time to sharpen up the eye.

### Death series continues

The third in the Good Grief series, Some Practical Concerns, will be held at St. Paul's United Church April 1 at 8 p.m. There will be guests from the memorial society, the Canada Pension office, a funeral home representative and a lawyer.

### Cooking show planned

The feast of Our Lady of the Annunciation is actually March 25, but due to school holidays, celebrations will be held on March 31. All the parish is invited to a special Mass to be held at 7 p.m. at the school.

Our Lady's Guild is one of the co-sponsors of a cooking show to be held in April in the Blue Flame Room in Rich-

mond Hill. Tickets are \$1.50 and are available from any guild member or by calling 773-5873.

### Club 99 races

Members of Club 99 and their families enjoyed a special day recently. There were races for everyone and after the events were over, there were refreshments at the home of Jack Starr.

Winners in the races were: Slide-a-boggan for under six: first — Troy Ryman, second — Tracey Ryman and third — Catrila Parker. The same races for 7½ to 12 year olds: first — Shawn Raven, second — Kerri Mottershall and third — Bradley Watt.

Six and under with an adult: first — Jeffrey Wright, second — Catrina Parker and third — Steven Barker. Ten and over with adult: first — Brad Watt, second — Gary Stiver and third — Kerri Mottershall.

Mother and child: first — Bev Carson and Sherry, second — Mrs. Green and Johnny and third — Mrs. Eileen Barker and Steven. In the fathers' event, the winners were: first — Rick Mottershall, second — Rick Newstead and third — Larry Wright.

Results of the snowmobile relay races: nine and ten-year olds: first — Mike Crock and second — Robbie Parker. Eleven to 13 years: first — Allan Laing, second — Gord Raven and third — Ken Carruthers. In the 14 to 16 year-old race, the winners were: first — Allan Laing and second — Steven Wallace.

In the ladies race, the victors were: first — Linda Newstead, second — Dianne Wright and third — Joan Hooper.

### Banquet for Cubs

Cubs and their fathers will carry on an old tradition again this year, with the annual banquet April 5 in the Lions Den at Bond Lake Arena at 7 p.m.

There will be no April meeting of the Scout and Cubs Ladies' Auxiliary.

### Canvassers wanted

Canvassers are needed to assist in the April drive for the Cancer Society. If you would like to help, call 773-5371.