

# Emergency housing registry under way

RICHMOND HILL — York region's emergency housing task force is starting a housing registry for people in need of short-term, emergency accommodation.

The task force, formed last fall under an inter-agency housing committee, is seeking area residents able to offer temporary shelter to people in need.

Anyone interested in offering accommodation is requested to contact the local health unit at 884-1133.

#### Gathering names

Names will be turned over to the Richmond Hill Family Y, and someone from the task force will visit the homes being offered and discuss details of the program.

Michael Crowley, task force chairman, said there is a real need for this kind of service in the region.

From his experience as a probation and parole officer, Crowley said he is aware of instances when a young probationer finds it necessary to move away from his home "even for a brief cooling-off period."

"Within the past few years, enough studies have been done which clearly indicate the need for emergency housing."

"The thrust of this particular committee is proving that residents of this region are as generous and warm-hearted as anywhere else in this

province."

#### Emergency need

Crowley said the task force believes there is a wide range of people needing the temporary accommodation service, including families who have suffered house fire, single parents after marital disputes, Children's Aid Society emergencies, and people discharged from hospitals who do not have families.

"The most important aspect is that this is really an agency referral service. We hope that all persons placed into housing will have either been

clients of some agency worker or else will have to be willing to be assessed by someone from our committee."

Crowley hopes the project will become "an important part of the services offered in York region."

"We can use volunteer help with the project, and I would think that this could become a very rewarding job for someone with a good deal of time and with good administrative skills."

All area agencies who might make use of the registry are being invited to a meeting May 5 at York Central Hospital.



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## Deary heads skateclub

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OAK RIDGES — Bond Lake Skating Club has elected Corey Deary to head its 1976-77 executive.

Other officers named by the group last week are:

Mary Near, past president; Pat LaRiviere, vice-president; Doris Smith, treasurer; Loreen Sayers, secretary; and directors Ursula Sheppard, Mabel Murphy, Dianna Farrell, Joe Watson, Ian McIntyre and Herb Deary.

The executive will meet soon to make plans for schedules and fees for the next season.

#### Canvassers needed

April is Cancer month and canvassers are still needed in the Oak

## oak ridges lake wilcox

Ridges area to help with the drive for funds. Anyone willing to canvass or wanting any information about the cancer society may call Doris Smith at 773-5371.

#### Money, money

The regular hockey season for the NHL has drawn to a close, and with it the various hockey pools.

Oak Ridges Lions expressed thanks to all who bought tickets in the pool and announced a list of the most recent winners.

They are: Brian Cruttenden (\$25); Lou Barton, Earl Carelli, Lou Barton, Louis Sedore, N. McCroney, Sandra Cook, David Lyons, and Mrs. S. Woolley (all \$10); Rodina MacGuen and Sandra Cook (\$50), and Wayne Hough (\$25.)

#### Good Friday busy

Good Friday is a busy day in any church, and St. John's Anglican is no exception.

On Friday morning, Rev. Earl Gerber will be preaching a service in Alliston. The service at St. John's will be at 10:30 a.m., conducted by lay reader Les Eliot, with readings from several members of the congregation.

Easter Sunday will start with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. There will be a

parish breakfast at 9 a.m. and the family service at 10:30 a.m. There will be a dramatic reading presented by four members of the congregation.

#### St. Paul's worship

The final evening in St. Paul's Good Grief series will be Thursday at 8 p.m. At this time there will be a worship celebration affirming hope and victory in the face of death.

On Good Friday at a special service at 11 a.m. St. Paul's will welcome visitors from Temperanceville, Wesley.

The UCW are planning the annual spring rummage sale for May 8 at St. Paul's. There is a need for summer clothing, household articles, toys, books and other goods. If you have just cleaned your closets and are wondering what to do with all the things, just call Freda McQuarry at 773-5316 for pickup.

#### Charter night success

Oak Ridges Lions recently held their 26th chapter night.

Many guests attended, including District governor Bill McDougall, Deputy district governor Tom Goldring, zone chairman Earl Pilkey and Mayor David Schiller of Richmond Hill.

Awards were given for perfect attendance and the highlight was an award for 26 years perfect attendance to Cap Hawman and Kjell Styrmö.

## Penny-wise purchaser

Just because it's a one-cent sale doesn't mean you should throw all caution to the wind. That seems to be on the mind of kindergarten pupil Darla Gee as she carefully considers her purchase at last week's fun fair held by students of Beverley Acres school on Neale Drive. The Fair, organized by the

school to raise money for classroom equipment and special events, included all kinds of sales, puppet plays, haunted houses, fortune telling and lots of treats to eat. The students earned more than \$1,700.

(Photo by Dunlop)

# Cancer society workers make gifts for hospital

## king city

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Members of the King branch of the National Cancer Society prepared more than 300 felt pieces for the diversional therapy unit of Princess Margaret Hospital at a meeting last week at the home of Peggy Mitchell in Kingscross Estates.

The group's next meeting will be May 3.

#### Art on sale

The annual Kingcraft art show and sale starts April 30 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. with wine and cheese.

The sale continues May 1 from 10

a.m. until 4 p.m. and on May 2 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Included in the sale will be works of art, batik, copper enamelling and pottery.

#### Holy Week services

Holy Week Services at All Saints' Anglican Church are as follows:

Wednesday at 10 a.m., Eucharist in the chapel; 7:30 p.m. Eucharist; and 8:15 p.m. last of the film series and a discussion on The Images of Christ.

Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m., the Hour Watch Service, and the Eucharist commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and the stripping of the altar in the church.

Good Friday at 10:30 a.m., family service in the church. Easter, The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord; 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist; and 10:30 a.m. the Paschal Liturgy; lighting the Easter candle, renewal of baptismal vows and Eucharist of Easter.

#### 'MASKED men' dance

On April 30, MASK (Men, All Saints' King) will hold a steak-inn and dance. Tickets are \$20 a couple, including dinner 6:30 to 8 p.m. and dancing from 8:30 p.m.

Youth of the All Saints' congregation and church school are invited to attend an afternoon of fun and games and films to end with a pot luck supper, April 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Men in the King area are invited to the eighth annual Good Friday breakfast at King City United Church on April 16 at 8:30 a.m. Speaker will be Rev. Bob Rumball, Minister of Toronto

Evangelical Church of the Deaf and a former Ottawa Roughrider pro football player.

This breakfast is sponsored by the K-T-L AOTS men's club. Admission is \$1.50.

Good Friday evening service at King City United has a new format and a new time. At 7:30 p.m. will be a presentation of The Objects of the Cross by church youth.

#### Dates to remember

April 19 — King council meeting at the Township Offices at 7:30 p.m.

April 20 — General meeting of the King City Figure Skating Club in the arena at 8 p.m.

April 20 — Story hour for pre-school children at King Library at 10:30 a.m.

April 21 — Open meeting of the Good Morning Group at All Saints' Anglican Church at 9:45 a.m. Babysitting provided.

April 21 — Annual meeting of Concerned Citizens of King Township with election of new executive at 8 p.m. in King Library.

## Library gets videotapes

KING — What do you think of videotapes?

The King Township public library wants to know, and for the next three months it will have 22 of them on loan from the Central Ontario regional library system.

Videotapes are the means of instant playbacks in TV sports telecasts, the way TV programs are made available to small, distant stations, and a method of having programs used over and over as they are needed in schools and businesses.

The cassettes now in King City include travel, arts, crafts, football, chess and gardening. They vary in length from 15 to 60 minutes.

Bernice Ellis, chief librarian, says all King residents are invited to try the tapes and express their opinions on them.

"This is an experiment," she says. "We believe patrons will find them a good addition to books and magazines as sources of information and enjoyment."

One of the tapes, on gardening, will make a timely addition to the indoor-outdoor gardening display at the library April 21-29.

# Ratepayers advised 'to apply pressure'

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RICHMOND HILL — Last week Ward 3 Ratepayers heard an informal talk by Donald King on municipal government. Having been called in as consultant to municipalities throughout Ontario, there is little King does not know about this subject.

One of the most important points to be remembered, King felt, was that money spent on government operations was taxpayers' money. And taxpayers must have a voice in who spends that money and how it is spent.

The cost per capita in Richmond Hill is ap-

proximately \$230. King said taxpayers must contact their council or trustees if they disagree with how distribution of spending is being made.

A resident pointed out many cities are going bankrupt because of over-spending and asked King for the "cure".

The speaker suggested that perhaps there is not enough co-ordination between region, municipality and the schools. He cited the recent education budget as an example.

King said, in light of inflation, the pupil-teacher ratio should be increased, but he added he was aware of the strength of teachers' unions, and that whatever money was available

would be applied to salaries because of pressure from unions.

Again, King felt taxpayers should apply pressure too, to their local trustees.

King also advocated local directories containing names and addresses of municipal officers, councillors and trustees. Although Richmond Hill has distributed such directories, residents of the town who have Thornhill postal addresses do not receive much of the literature sent.

The Ward 3 Ratepayers executive has three co-chairmen: Susanne Stoner, Fred Robinson and Marion Hohener. Secretary is Ruby Birch and treasurer is Gerry Kneeb.



## Projects on display

Last week was Education Week for York region schools, and part of the activity was a week-long display of arts, crafts and other school projects at Hillcrest Mall. Shown above are two Grade 2 students from Ross Doan

School in Richvale, Michelle LeBlanc and Karen Aylan-Parker. The Flintstone mask was a project of Paul Deeham of St. Paul's School in Newmarket.

(Photo by Dunlop)

provincial Family Benefits district officer.

Mr. Hill was questioned about regulations surrounding the Act, and whether restrictions could be updated.

It was learned that some restraints have been relaxed while others are under review.

Under the present system, to qualify for benefits under the act, a person requires a physician's reference. This reference confirms aid is required because of a physical or mental incapability of competing with society's mainstream.

Aid is available to persons living in family homes, nursing homes or hospitals and institutions.

Basically unchanged Since its inception, the Act has remained unchanged since its inception. However, there have been minor modifications.

A person in a chronic care hospital can earn up to \$60 monthly before deductions are in effect.

As earnings increase, the pension decreases, then ceases altogether.

If employment stops because of accident or illness, even temporary, it is necessary to reapply to the Family Benefits Commission for aid.

Subsequently, there is a six-month waiting period while the application is processed, and during this time, no income comes to the applicant.

Meeting organizers described the turnout as "disappointing," and attributed the relatively small attendance to "a lack of communication between the disabled and various institutions."

According to a P.R.O.D. spokesman, there was also some "lack of initiative on the part of the disabled."

These people, he said, "need a voice" to gain the attention of politicians.

There are indications more meetings are needed, both as formal sessions and as the forum for a pressure group which could convey information to the public and government officials.

P.R.O.D. members are anxious to hear from a much larger group of disabled adults. They want to hear their views, and also hope the public will attend future meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22.

It begins at 7 p.m. at York Central Hospital.