

Stately old King homes included in annual tour

By Donna Matthews
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KING — Plans for the annual tour of homes in King Township were announced at a recent luncheon meeting of the York Humane Guild of the Ontario Humane Society.

The tour will take place on June 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds go to the work of the Ontario Humane Society and tickets, at \$5 each, are available from Mildred Wickson at 727-5651 or Mrs. McFaulds at 895-2033.

Houses on the tour include the 80-year-old farmhouse of Mr. and Mrs. J. Comfort. It has been remodelled to retain its outward character and at the same time to bring its wide view of fields and woods indoors.

The kitchen features a large bay window, the upstairs a deck with sweeping view. A spiral staircase in the living-room and four boys' bedrooms of gaiety and color add to the special appeal of this home.

The stately home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mulock in its setting of lawns and trees is noted for its spacious rooms

indoors and wide verandahs on three sides. The elegance of its interior is matched by the rustic beauty of the country road which runs along its south side, one of the prettiest roads in York County.

Lovers of antique cars will envy G. Peckover his collection which includes a 1911 Maxwell, a 1921 Rolls-Royce, a 1937 Pierce-Arrow trailer and an ancient car hoist.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Peckover with its wide open floor plan was designed by the owners to permit free flow of music from their hi-fi, and as a setting for their many art objects.

The Quaker Meeting House has recently been renovated at a cost of \$150,000 to meet modern ideas of comfort and to be useful to the whole community for lectures and meetings. It is still used as a place of worship by the Society of Friends.

Vendelbo Farm, home of Mr. and Mrs. Knud Simonsen, was designed by its owners, uses slate floors, wood ceilings and white walls to show to advantage very colorful Danish pic-

tures, carvings and embroideries.

Also attractive are the circular copper-hooded fireplace, the large round windows lighting the entrance hall, and the special kitchen for young people.

Originally St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church, now Strange House, home of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, was built of field stone in 1860.

Light from the 500 panes in the Tudor windows falls on beautiful antique furniture and on a kitchen counter made from church pews. An old cemetery adjoins the property.

Provident House, the much discussed experimental home to be heated by solar energy, is also on the tour.

An expert will be on hand to answer questions and explain the principles involved in this method of heating.

Lunch is available at King Valley Ski Centre. Here you will find treasure and trivia, flowers, collector's corner, handicrafts, books and sherry. A packed lunch of assorted sandwiches, coleslaw, cakes and tea or coffee will cost \$1.50.



(Photo by Hogg)

Money for Mexico trip

There was a good reason for the Mexican flavor to the recent "jumbo sale" held by Richmond Hill minor pee wee soccer team at Richmond Heights recently. The team will participate in the Mexican International Soccer Tournament in July, and the sale helped raise money for the trip. Other

tournaments coming up for local soccer teams include the Virginia International, Robbie International and Oakville International. Team members pictured are Paul Thomas (left) of Elmwood Drive, and Dave Kenny of Montiel Road.

Hockey dance is May 15

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OAK RIDGES — The local minor hockey association holds its final dance of the season, the president's dance, on May 15 at 8 p.m. at Bond Lake arena in the Lions' Den.

Tickets are \$6 per couple and are available at the door.

Recently, the association held elections for a new executive. They are — president Ray Harris, 1st vice-president Norm Mencil, 2nd vice-president Tom Simpson, Secretary Carolyn Arnold, Treasurer Jim Pearson, Referee and Chief Harry Sanders, hockey league rep Al Robinson, house league convener Tony VanLoon, Ontario minor hockey association convener Ivor Arnold, Ladies' Auxiliary rep Sandy Spensley, registration Bob VanderLinden, membership and telephone Ann McArthur, ways and means Donna Reid, fund raising Mary Harris, Trophy chairman Shirley Smith, publicity and sponsorship Paddy Heveaner, equipment Bonar McKenzie.

Coffee house starts

Young people in the community have started a coffee house which will be in session one night a month. The first Friday night was judged a big success. Keep an eye on this column for the next date.

The coffee house is open to all youths and young adults in the area. For more information, call 884-5348.

Visit St. John's

Today (Wednesday), 10 church army students are visiting St. John's, relaxing on the grounds and praying in preparation for their commissioning service which takes place Friday at 8 p.m. at the Church of the Messiah in Toronto. Rev. Earl Gerber will be conducting the services at York Central Hospital Sunday at 2 p.m. This service for patients is taken in turn by various ministers and priests in the area.

Mr. Dress-Up performs

Mr. Dress-Up, the favorite TV performer of the young folks, will be in King City Secondary School Friday to perform for his fans.

He will give two performances, one at 4:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Tickets at \$1 for children and \$1.50 for adults. Call now for tickets at 773-4424, 773-4696, 898-2799 or 889-2468. The last number is only for use from 10 to 3 daily.

St. Paul's meeting

The monthly meeting of the UCW will be May 11 at 8 p.m. at the church. The program will be using the new mission study called People and Systems, and this particular meeting will include a

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comparison of Canada and Cuba.

Saturday is the day of the annual spring rummage sale at St. Paul's. The sale will offer toys, books, clothing, and there will also be a sale of home baked goodies. The piece de resistance will be

a draw for a beautiful red and white quilt made to fit a twin bed by the Explorers. These girls are aged 8 to 11. Tickets will be on sale at the time of the sale.

Doors open at 10 a.m. and the sale will end at 1 p.m. Come early for the best bargains.

St. Paul's is planning an auction to be held the first Saturday in June. If you have been spring cleaning and have things that are suitable, call Ken Blyth at 773-5832.

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Rising school costs bring confrontation

By Marion Hohener

THORNHILL — "The confrontation is no longer between teachers and the school board, but teachers and the taxpayers."

So said Alf Stong, MPP for York Centre, at a Thornhill Parents Council meeting last week on "Education costs — can we afford it?"

Stong felt that the parent-taxpayer is becoming increasingly aware of the burden when education takes up more than half the total taxes paid.

Both Stong and Sheila Morrison, secretary of the Parent Action League of Toronto, said they did not think the taxpayer was getting his money's worth.

Both were concerned about the plight of children with learning disabilities, who form some 30 per cent of all pupils.

This serious problem is accentuated when many of these pupils become discouraged and become juvenile delinquents later, Mrs. Morrison said.

She said we are producing illiterates in the present system and advocated a "back to basics" program with more definite guidelines on curriculum being given to teachers.

York County Board of Education Chairm Doug Allen congratulated the Thornhill Parents Council on its efforts and achievements in the past year.

He said he had suggested to the board that an hour be set aside by trustees before each meeting to look ahead and plan for the next five years.

Allen also suggested there should be methods of rewarding good teachers who put extra effort into the cause of good education.

The board, he reported, has deferred decision on both suggestions.

Howard Hunt of E. J. Sands School showed some slides on various ways of fund-raising the school and parents can do to provide "extras" such as gym equipment, cameras, projectors and books for the library.

Many schools, such as Stornaway and Roselawn, have similar fund-raising drives, but Hunt suggests that every school have such a "home and school" association for better communications.

Parents Council Chairman Mike Bailey announced plans for expanding an association throughout York region, so that through parent associations and ratepayer groups, there will be more parent involvement.

Dean Feltham, who will lead the new York County Parents Council, explained it will communicate with smaller associations and councils throughout the county, with the Thornhill Parents Council continuing as before.

Anyone interested may contact Bailey at 889-0891 or Feltham at 889-6794.

Hill bands win festival

NEWMARKET — Two bands from Richmond Hill's Crosby Heights School captured first place in separate competitions in the 16th annual Lions Music Festival here last week.

Winning in the elementary school novice class, for children with less than one year experience, was the Grade 7 entry with 52 members.

Taking first place in the elementary school class for Grade 8 and under, was the group comprised of 48 Grade eight and 20 Grade 7 students.

Conducting the bands was teacher Jim Morrison.

Frank Cofield of How Leonard Publications, Winona, Minnesota, was the judge. He was also composer of the test piece for novice bands, Samba Sauce.

Park to get 4000 trees thanks to Scout project

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KING — Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides will plant 4,000 trees at King Township Centenary Park 5th Concession, north of the 16th Sideroad on May 15.

Local residents have made donations to sponsor the cost of the trees, and anyone interested is invited to attend the planting ceremony. The Rangers and Venturers will be assisting.

Officers elected

The following Concerned Citizens of King executive has been elected for the coming year: Chairman — Ernest Embacher, vice-chairman — David Fidler; treasurer — Mimi Scott; secretary — John Ball; membership chairman — Jean Bowman; telephone chairman — Dora Conover; newsletter editor — John Kudelka; program committee — Harry Parker and Marjorie Samuels; and refreshments — Sue Hally.

Roses on sale

The men's club of King City United Church is taking orders for cut roses or

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rose bushes to be delivered May 8 for Mother's Day. Proceeds will go to provide needy children a visit to Camp Big canoe.

Contact Ross Urry at 833-6890 or Lawrence Scott at 833-5188.

Dates to remember

May 7 — Tickets are still available to see Mr. Dress-up at King Secondary School. Performances at 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sponsored by York Central Hospital Auxiliary, Oak Ridges Branch. Call 773-4696 for tickets.

May 8 — Dance at the King Community Centre sponsored by King Scouts to finance trip to Holland. Call 833-5839.

May 10 — King committee meeting at the Township Offices at 1 p.m.

May 12 — Good Morning Group meets at All Saints' Anglican Church at 9:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Christopher Nichols, professor from York University, speaking on Creation versus the Evolution.

May 15 — Sacred Heart Ladies (CWL) present their May Dance at Schomberg Community Centre. Tickets are \$10 couple. Call 833-5821.

May 13 — Guest speaker at the regular meeting of King Township Historical Society in King library will be Dr. Scott of the Royal Ontario Museum.

Fashion show May 27

The United Church Women of King City United will sponsor a fashion show on May 27. Dessert and coffee will be at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 7:45 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 and available from Joyce Glass at 833-5605 or Marilyn Munroe at 833-6606. Proceeds go to UCW projects.

civic corner

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

Wednesday, May 5, 7 p.m. — Council chambers — by laws, procedures, fire & personnel committee.

Thursday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. — Council chambers — parks & recreation committee.

Thursday, May 6, 8 a.m. — Office of the commissioner of works, engineering committee meeting.

Tuesday, May 11, 8 p.m. — Council chambers — Lake Wilcox committee meeting.

Wednesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. — Council chambers, planning committee meeting.

Monday, May 17, 7:15 p.m. — Council chambers — regular council meeting.

Wednesday, May 19, 7 p.m. — Committee room "B" — by-laws procedures, fire & personnel committee.

high news

By Kim Hughes
and Janet Robbins

RICHMOND HILL — Flash! A column reborn.

This week Richmond Hill High School is opening a column to be known as "High News". We hope to report on all aspects of school activities, including sports events, academic activities and all the humorous, everyday occurrences that make school life what it is — the best years of our lives.

RHHS's production of George Orwell's *Animal Farm* terminated the drama club's activities for the year. All actors can finally relax after a hectic four months of preparation for the play which ran April 21 - 24.

Orwell, also the author of 1984 was concerned with the dangers of revolution and horrors of totalitarianism. This concern was present in Nelson Bond's adaptation of *Animal Farm*.

The play is a political satire, a fable in which animals revolt against their master only to find themselves in a far worse position with their supposed equality. Orwell intended *Animal Farm* to be a commentary on the Russian communist experiment and other utopian quests.

The cast, consisting of Martha Buell, Dom Caruso, Laurie Hutchinson, Peter

The math department organized an all-day trip to Waterloo University.

Last Friday, senior students went to hear a 45-minute talk on the basics of computer language and key punching and they spent the remainder of the day working with computers. This trip also enabled students to see the university and become aware of its various programs.

The RHHS lacrosse team, last year's York County champions, got off to a fine start by winning 4-1 over Newmarket. The game was played on April 22 in Newmarket. The team, coached by Don Flemming, hopes to repeat last year's success.

Hyland antique market has final sale Sunday

RICHMOND HILL — The popular Hyland Antique Market will hold its last sale until next September Sunday at Hillcrest Mall.

The market has antiques, furniture

and various collectors' items from 55 dealers.

It runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is 75 cents.

It's not necessarily an election preview, but Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller (left) and Councillor Bill Corcoran (right) will be opponents Saturday in a race where everybody will win. The Oak Ridges Lions Club is staging a 20-mile bike-athon to raise funds for various local charities. Valerie Vogel (centre) will ride for the First Oak

Ridges Scouts, where she is assistant Cubmaster. Also shown are Lions President Joe Tanzos and bike-athon chairman Ed Hawman. Half of each rider's pledge will be donated to the charity of his choice, and the balance goes to the Lions' community work.

They're winners all

