

southern york region
scheduled events

Liberation for witches

DOWNSVIEW — "Woman: The Past" is the title of a York University public lecture series of a York University faculty of arts and colleges at Vanier College dining room in York's Keele St. campus Wednesday nights at 7:45 o'clock. Speakers are faculty members. Starting March 2 the topics are "Sappho and Her Poetry", "Images of Mary Magdalene in the Middle Ages", "The Persecution of the Witch", "Priscilla Wakefield (1751-1832)", Kate Chopin and "Emily Carr". Lectures are free.

Housewives' break

KING — Yoga, hands-on experience, ice skating, trail hike photography, cross country skiing, group discussion are choices for the Housewives' Winter Break at King campus of Seneca College Tuesday starting at 9 a.m. Registration is \$3 and the same for day care fee. For transportation or financial assistance information call Irma Melville, women's advisory at 491-5050, ext. 418. The May Spring Break was attended by 300 women.

Women's Ryerson day

TORONTO — Women's Information Day is being held Monday from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in the learning resource centre, 350 Victoria St. For information call Open College at 595-5273. Hear about opportunities in education, career and training programs, volunteer work and personal development. Register for workshops from 9 to 10 a.m.

York North nomination

AURORA — The York North nomination meeting to pick a provincial Liberal candidate will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at Aurora High School, Wellington St. W. John Ferris, MPP for London South and the Liberal Education Critic will be the guest speaker.

Parents and teens

RICHMOND HILL — "Different Approaches-Different Kids" is the title chosen by school board attendance counsellor Dave Porter for the fourth and last lecture in the Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services series at 8 p.m. Monday on the theme "Parents and Teenagers in the 70's" at Hillcrest Mall auditorium. Admission \$1.50.

Hadassah concert

WILLOWDALE — The Adenahanesse chapter of Hadassah will present a children's concert "If Snowflakes Fell in Flavours". The concert will take place Mar. 13 at Seneca College, Minkler Auditorium, 1750 Finch Ave. Shows are at 1 and 3 p.m. and tickets are \$2. For advance tickets or information call 445-7372 or 493-1582.

Last nursing seminar

SCARBOROUGH — "Improving Communication in Health Care" will be the topic of the sixth and last one-day seminar in the series of nursing personnel being presented by Centennial College at the Holiday Inn, Don Valley Parkway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10. For workshop details call Debby Banks at the college, 694-3241, ext. 256.

Starting Lenten journey from the churches

By Keith Knill
St. Paul's United
Church
Oak Ridges

This day is the beginning of Lent!

Yes, we are called to travel again that road to Jerusalem with its struggle, our dark spiritual Odyssey, our battle with death and life, with despair and hope.

If our faith is to be real, this journey must also be experienced by us. And so it is! It is experienced in the burdens and hurts buried deeply within us, the broken relationships we want so much to heal, our life journey which takes us round and round in circles without direction or obvious purpose, moral decadence, hunger, violence, lovelessness.

Why? This question looms before us. Our God of love, if all-powerful and all-knowing, must also be the god of cancer and earthquake, insensitive to the human cries of His children.

Albert Camus, confronted with evil, raised afresh this paradox: Is

World day of prayer

THORNHILL — Mrs. Lillian Stephens will be the speaker at the Thornhill world day of prayer service Friday of next week at 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Brooke St.

Mrs. Stephens is the widow of Dr. Overton Stephens who wrote the book "Today is All You Have".

The world day of prayer, for more than 50 years, has been an occasion when people in 170 countries join for an hour to celebrate a common theme.

"Love in Action" is the title of this year's service prepared by Christian women of East Germany.

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from the churches



Rev. Keith Knill
... dark spiritual Odyssey

God all-powerful yet malevolent, or a benevolent but sterile Being?

Evil is real. It dismisses the reality of evil. Its presence is too obvious and terrible. Yet if God is genuinely loving and all-powerful, how could He permit senseless and grinding suffering?

I am convinced the way out of this appalling dilemma is through a radical rethinking of God's nature and his relationship to the world.

Traditionally, God has been considered sheer power, the actual cause of everything that happens.

He has been worshipped as "absolute Being", or as inexhaustible, above and beyond relationships.

Accordingly, all creation becomes irrelevant.

Of course, we make decisions; nature continues to function in its at times unpredictable ways (when say a quantum of energy jumps this way rather than that).

We're insignificant. Yet with our traditional concept of God, human decisions and creation are reduced to the insignificant.

God directs and controls all! But nobody

really believes this, however they may talk. We know our decisions and actions count and make a difference. The Incarnation most emphatically says this.

In my opinion, all such understandings of God have begun in the wrong place. Fundamental to our Christian faith is not a power struggle, but "the deepest insights given in love".

At this moment, we affirm: God was in Christ. In the total person and event of Jesus Christ, there is the unveiling of God as "love".

If our faith does not say this, it says nothing at all. God is love. God is revealed as love.

In other words, God's power is qualified by his nature as a 'loving Father'.

So He moves in the world not as an absolute, powerful agent, but as an invitation, a Presence, evoking love and justice and righteousness from His people.

"God so loved the world"; He has entered into relationship with His creation and has accepted the limitations of being human.

God is not responsible for the evil of the world, either directly or permissively. Evil is a brute fact.

And God responds to it by identifying with the world, by eliciting goodness and courage, above all the response of self-sacrificial love, and by bearing the pain and anguish of suffering.

This is the message of the cross as seen in the light of the resurrection. Love can and will conquer by endurance and pain.

God's love is consistent. He will not meet injustice with injustice; rather, He will suffer injustice away in love.

1944 atrocity Poland 1944! A young Jewish boy kicked and struggled desperately as he hung on the gallows for a half hour before dying, publicly executed by occupying forces.

A voice in the crowd murmured: "And where is this God of love? Where is He now?"

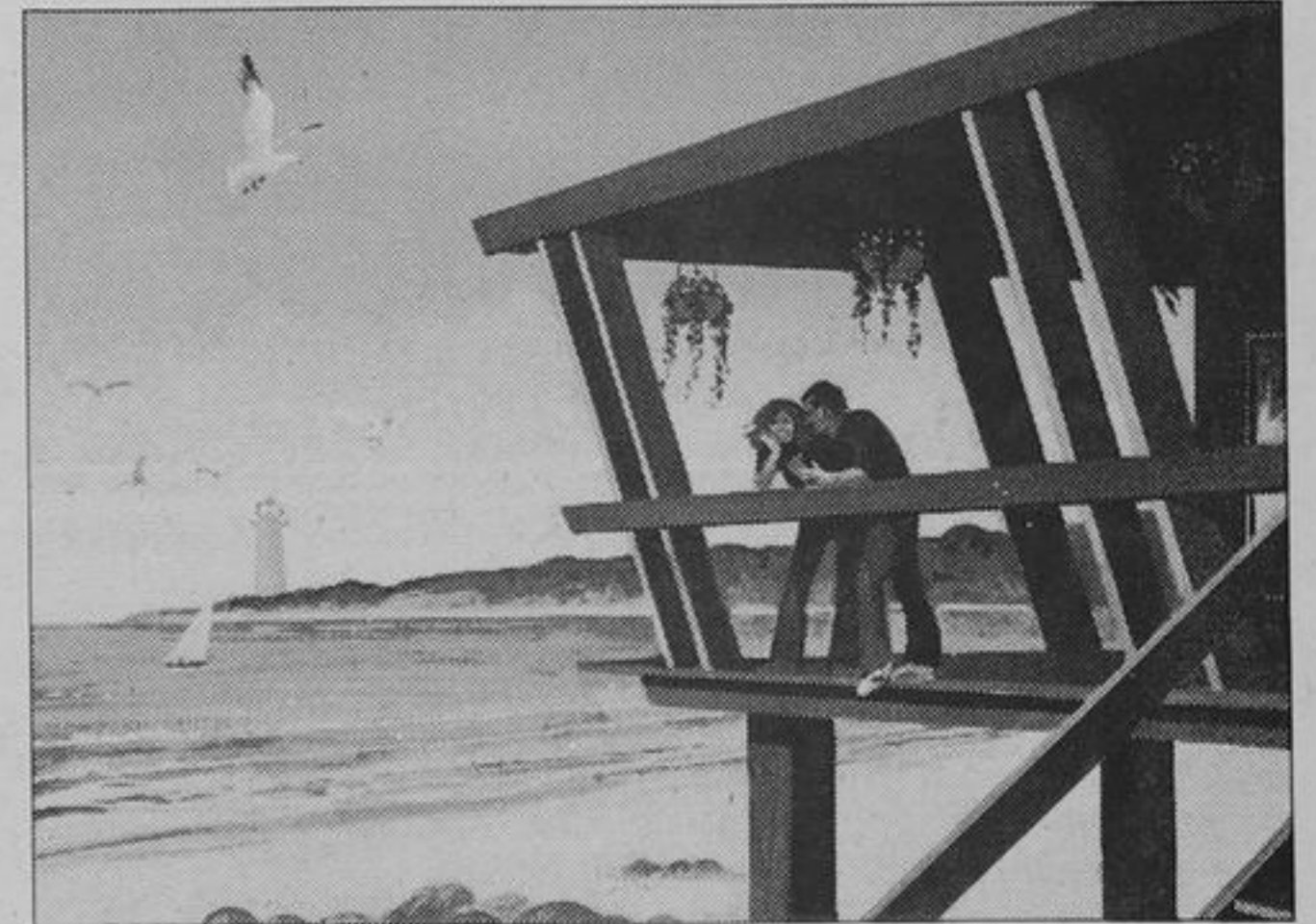
Another answered: "He's there! He's on the gallows with that boy". This is God's response to evil and suffering.

This is the centrality of God's love — not sen-

timental, or cheap, or conditional, but the strongest and most real of all realities, making demands of us, yet always present in any and every situation.

We are called to share in this love, this life. May you experience something of His love in your Lenten travels.

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10:00 a.m. Eucharist and Bible Study
12:15 p.m. Eucharist
8:00 p.m. Bible Study

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9:30 a.m. - The Lord's Supper
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11:00 a.m. - Sunday School
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7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
TUESDAY
8:00 p.m. - Bible School and Prayer.

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LENT I
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 11:00 a.m.
(Children in Church with Parents)
Presbyterians 12:15 p.m.
(Evening Prayers discontinued in favour of Ecumenical Service this week at Thornhill Baptist Church)
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