

## The Nobleton Public Library

The idea of a public library for Nobleton had been in the minds of many of the citizens for some time. In the fall of 1965, the Nobleton Lions Club, under president Walter Barker, undertook the library as their project for 1966.

In October of 1965, the Village Trustees passed a resolution allotting the land next to the fire hall for the new library building. The Lions Club held their annual car draw to obtain funds, this being so successful that construction began in the spring of 1966. The building took shape slowly but steadily to completion in the fall of that year. The architectural design was donated by Ray Shupe of Nobleton while the construction was supervised by Harold Pearson. Much assistance was donated by Walter Barker. In the fall of 1966 the interior finishings, shelves etc. were completed by Harold Pearson and his sons.

Meanwhile, the club named a library committee consisting of three members of the Lions Club and a village trustee. Named to the committee were Lions John Pickard, Dr. David Harper and Donald Garden. Lyman Copithorn represented the trustees. The local library appealed to the Provincial Library Service for assistance, which was given in the form of information, pamphlets etc. The financial aid could only be given to a library registered under the provisions of the Provincial Library Act. The committee decided to register as an Association Library. This involved a petition signed by ten responsible citizens and registered in the County seat. An Association was formed late in 1966. The initial ten members were: Mrs. H. Pillage, Mrs. D. Brown, Mrs. K. Goodfellow, Mrs. K. Holychuk, Mr. Lyman Copithorn, Mrs. A. Biggs, Mr. John Pickard, Mr. John Bragg, Mr. Donald Garden and Dr. David Harper.

The Library Board held its first meeting on Monday, November 28, 1966. The chairman, secretary and treasurer were elected. The chairman was Donald Garden, secretary Mrs. Ken Goodfellow and the treasurer Mr. John Pickard. The first concern of the Board was the new legislation to take effect on the first of January, 1967, which would abolish all association libraries causing the township board to be the smallest unit to exist under the Public Library Act. The choice was to exist alone without provincial grants or to request the township to take over whereby provincial grants would be available.

The new King Township Library Board was established on the 28th of December 1966 and three libraries comprised the new system - King City, Schomberg and Nobleton. Mrs. Holychuk and Mr. Garden represented Nobleton on this Board.

