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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Elgin St., Thornhill, Ont.
August 28, 1948

The Editor,
Dear Sir:

For the past six weeks I have been staying in Thornhill with my nephew, Mr. Sargeant, and before returning next Friday to England I feel I must write and thank you all for the grand holiday I have had in Canada. As an English teacher of the deaf I have been shown your schools including Belleville itself, through the kindness of the Ontario Board of Education. We have of course many Schools for the Deaf in England but as far as beauty of situation, marvellous equipment and wonderful classrooms are concerned I have seen none better anywhere.

In addition, may I express my thanks to the people in Thornhill and its environs who have always been so courteous and helpful whenever I have been in any difficulty, whether over Nickels, Dimes or even Bucks, or just how to find my way about the place. In England everywhere is left or right, in Canada, oh those points of the compass, how could I know when I faced North or South, but never have I received anything but courteous helpfulness on the part of Canadians when I made my halting enquiries.

I hope I may come again some day and have another grand holiday in Canada. Thank you all.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Marie L. Hill, B. A.
Birmingham, England.

MAY HAVE MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN AUGUST

Sutton Village elections may be held in the summer months, when non-resident taxpayers are on hand if the Council follows up its resolution, passed at last week's meeting of Council.

Councillor Sellers introduced the idea of a Civic Holiday election in a resolution to ask Ontario Government action to arrange municipal election for first Monday in August.

Discussion found the Councillors present in agreement with having a summer-time election, to give voice to the summer cottagers' votes, as only a few drive to vote in a December or January election.

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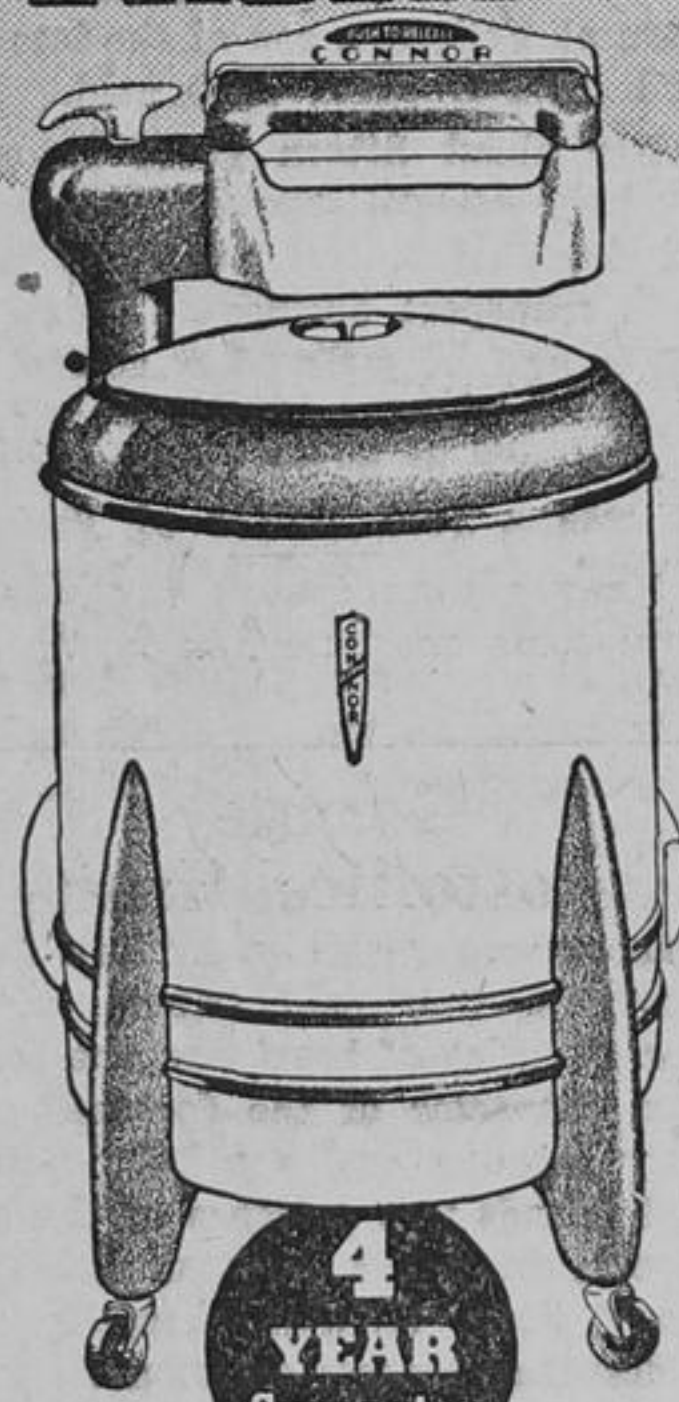
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MAPLE OLD HOME WEEK

There's no place where I'd rather be,
Than in my Home Town
Whether the years have brought me fame
Or failure — yet, in Maple's name
They smile and greet me just the same,
In my Home Town.

In my Home Town,
Please let me live, just for one day,
Let me go back and hear them say
We've missed you since you've been away,
From your Home Town.

The Liberal is happy to join with the Lions Club and citizens of Maple in extending a hearty welcome to visitors during the Old Home Week celebration this week end. There will be a variety of entertainment for all home-coming old-boys and old girls as well as people of the district who will join in the three-day celebration. The Lions have enlisted the whole-hearted cooperation of the people of the community and no effort has been spared to make the big event an outstanding success.

The chief attraction of the celebration however, will be the gathering together of former residents, the renewing of old acquaintances and old friendships. Happy happenings of days gone by will be recalled, old acquaintances will be renewed, old haunts will be visited and of course there will be new friendships made as old friends visit the Home Town. Former residents will visit the old school where they first learned the three R's, and also the church and the Sunday School. Old boys will call on old neighbours and they will visit spots which have changed and where the familiar faces no longer can be seen. They will visit the cemetery where there are hallowed memories of a generation which has served well and passed on.

Maple is a charming and hospitable community at any time and we are very sure the latch key will be found dangling on the outside of every home this coming week end. Citizens of Maple are truly anxious to greet all home-comers and visitors and we know they will make the days enjoyable and memorable.

LANGSTAFF

A shower was held in the beautiful gardens of Mrs. W. Little, Garden Ave., in honour of Miss Colleen Allen, bride-to-be of Mr. A. Jones, Garden Ave., Langstaff. The trees were decorated with pink and white flowers. A decorated wheel-barrow held the attractive and numerous gifts. About 45 friends and neighbours were present. After Colleen graciously thanked everyone for their kindness. Mrs. Little was assisted by Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Boyes, who served, delightful refreshments from a gaily decorated table. Everyone had a lovely time.

A surprise party in honour of Mr. Herb Foster, who has been acting as pastor of Langstaff Baptist church during the summer months, was held in the garden of the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. LeRiche, Garden Ave. last Friday evening. Approximately seventy friends gathered to say farewell and present Mr. Foster with a set of text books necessary for his studies when he returns to Texas on Monday. Mr. Elwood McLean made the presentation on behalf of the congregation. The party opened with prayer and a hymn. Several musical numbers and a reading on the life of Herb, composed by Mrs. Marritt of Richmond Hill, and read by Mrs. Don Marritt, contributed to a very happy evening. An especial feature of the delicious lunch provided was the cake, baked by Mrs. LeRiche in the form of an open Bible with a verse of Scripture inscribed on its surface.

In view of the fact that it was Mr. Herb Foster's last Sunday at the Baptist Church here, open session was held on Sunday morning last.

Birthday greetings were extended to Gwen Carter, and a duet was rendered by Misses Dorothy Spencely and Mabel Baker.

Comparing the rich young man of Luke's Gospel, who put his wealth first, with the prophet Daniel of Old Testament fame, who put Christ first, Mr. Foster petitioned his listeners to remain loyal to Christ.

Attendance was 93.
On Sunday evening, Miss Ruth McGarity was soloist at the Baptist Church here. Next Sunday Rev. Albert Jones will conduct the Bible class in the morning and preach in the evening. Mr. Stan Carter will be soloist.

SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME ABROAD

Europe in the next three years may buy less food from the United States and Canada and more from other countries. Purchases of North American farm machinery and fertilizers will steadily decline.

Despite substantial restoration of pre-war crop averages by 1950, and of most kinds of livestock except horses, Europe will not be producing as much meat and livestock products then as it produced before the war. Because of the increase in population Europeans will not be fed as well on the average as pre-war.

These statements highlight a report on "European Programs of Agricultural Reconstruction and Development" just issued by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and based on a study by the FAO staff of all available plans and programs of European countries.

MAPLE

Stage All Set For Old Home Week
The welcome sign is out in Maple this coming week end when this community will welcome hundreds of old boys and girls and visitors from all sections of the district. The big three day program gets under way Friday when there will be dancing, games, and many novel features. Lucky draw prizes include a washing machine, chesterfield, C.C.M. bicycle, and other attractive offerings. Saturday there will be a parade, a sports program, in addition to the bazaar and dancing. The lucky draw prizes will include a radio, pair car tires and Silex coffee maker. Sunday afternoon there will be a community church service in the afternoon with Sidney Lambert as the guest speaker, a joint community choir and Salvation Army Band. All roads lead to Maple for Old Home Week celebration Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. George Crook, Jack and wife and son, Kenneth, Roy and Douglas and Jim Watson enjoyed a motor trip recently to Niagara Falls.

Mrs. J. A. Prentice of Collingwood was a week end visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. F. Jackson and family.

A farewell party was given last Thursday, August 26, at the home of Mrs. Webb, for Mrs. John MacLeod, whose husband, John MacLeod, has been the gardener at Don Head Farms for 15 years, first for the late John Patterson and later for Mr. Reidelmeier, the present owner. They were presented with silver candlesticks and some very beautiful pieces of china.

All three Maple churches will observe their regular worship service on September 5, in order that any "Old Home" visitors who desire may have the opportunity to once again worship in their former church home. In the afternoon all are invited to the Park to hear Rev. Sidney Lambert of Christie St. Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrick enjoyed a week's vacation in North Bay, the guests of Mr. Lorne Rothwell.

Mr. William Oliver and Isobel had a very delightful boat trip recently on S. S. Manitoulin, out of Owen Sound. Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Robson spent the week end in Midland.

Don't forget to be on hand to help the restaurant service in the community hall for the "Old Home" visitors. The organizations in charge are asking for a donation of pies from local housewives, all other food-stuffs to be purchased by the different committees. Maple women have always responded generously when asked to bake pies for street dances, jamborees, etc., and the response to this request will be no less generous.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kerswill are enjoying a trip to the Canadian West.

Irate Parent: "Son, who is the wild woman I hear that you are running around with?"

Son: "Aw, dad, she ain't wild, anybody can pet her."

Robinson Crusoe should have been happy on that island. He didn't have to worry about selecting a place to spend his vacation.

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