

Maple, Concord & Edgeley Districts

The Liberal is always willing to publish interesting items regarding people and events contributed by its readers in Maple, Concord & Edgeley districts. Our representative in Maple is Mrs. R. Thompson Maple 126J; Edgeley, Mrs. Raymond Stuart, AV. 5-1934.

Maple Socials

United Church W. A.
The W. A. of Maple United Church held their monthly meeting on March 27th at the Church Sunday School room. Mrs. E. Hemphill presided. Miss Mary Evans was in charge of the program for the month, assisted by Mrs. A. Boves and her days. Mrs. Bruce Keffer gave the devotional and was assisted by Mrs. E. Evans. Her subject was "Penitence". Then followed two piano accordion selections by Tim Weir, after which Mr. Pugh of the Bell Telephone Co. showed two slides, illustrating by means of puppets the operation of two party lines and telephone courtesy. Lunch being served by the committee in charge completed the evening.

Cancer Group
The Maple Welfare Group of the Canadian Cancer Society are holding a Daffodil Tea at the Maple Community Centre on Monday, April 9th at 2:45 p.m. At 3 p.m. Mr. Percy Bone, well-known florist, will demonstrate arrangements with flowering bulbs. Mrs. C. Rostance of the Toronto Cancer Society headquarters will present 12 membership pins to the members of the Maple committee. A collection will be taken at the door, and it is hoped that everyone, who can, will attend this tea and also thereby help a very worthy cause.

The Lucky Draw for a child's wagon in McCowan's I. G. A. Market sponsored by Dare's Saccus was made at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 31st by Mr. Harry Cooper. David Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Maple, is now the proud owner of a new wagon.

Happy birthday to Dugald McDonald whose birthday was on March 31.

W. I.
The Maple Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Donald Allen on Wednesday, April 11th. Chief item of business at this meeting will be the election of a new slate of officers for the coming year.

Social Notes
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crook, Katherine and Ronald spent the Easter weekend with Mr. Crook's sister at Kingston.
Mr. Dugald McCowan, who is at present recuperating from illness, was visited by his brother Hugh from Sudbury over the weekend.
Mrs. W. A. Weir is at present in Toronto General Hospital, where she underwent an operation on her foot this week. She expects to be back home in a few days, but will be confined to bed for several weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.
Grade 1 pupils at the George Bailey school were let off early last Friday as their teacher, Mrs. Hy Lauson, attended the hospital where her husband underwent an operation the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Lauson live at Richmond Hill, and Mrs. Lauson's pupils hope that her husband will soon be better.
Mrs. A. H. Johnson returned last week from a two-week holiday in Florida.

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At Easter Services

Rev. A. G. Donald Stresses Challenge Of Living Lord

The Holy Easter season was fittingly observed in all the churches of the Maple Church of the United Church of Canada on Sunday, Rev. A. G. Donald occupying the pulpit and preaching to exceptionally large congregations on the theme, "The Challenge of Easter". Preaching from the text, Acts 5 and 30 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom ye slew and hanged on a tree, Him hath God exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour" Mr. Donald challenged his hearers with the fact that it was not a dead King but a living Lord whom true Christians worship today, and that the living Christ commissions for service in this generation, even as He did in the days of the first Apostles, and throughout all the intervening years. Easter's ultimatum is that statesmen and captains of industry, employers and

employees, those who sell and those who buy, men and women in every walk of life must realize that the risen Jesus is anxious to light the fires of passion and enthusiasm for God's Kingdom in their hearts, so that they can go everywhere with this flaming crest upon their breasts. "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us".

Special Easter music was given by the choirs in all the churches and at Edgeley, new choir gowns, purchased by the Women's Association were dedicated and worn for the first time. Next Sunday, Rev. C. E. Fockler of Markham, formerly minister on the Maple charge will conduct a united service for Hope and Maple in the Maple Church at 11:30 a.m. and at Edgeley at 2:30 p.m.

N.Y. Board Of Education May Close Elia School

The Board of Education for North York is considering closing Elia School at the end of the school term next June. In the fast-growing community, it is felt that the education needs of the children would be better served elsewhere, perhaps at the new Beverley Hills School in Downsview.

First Building Early 1800's
The first school was built in the early 1800's by the settlers in the district. In 1839 when the townships were laid out in school sections, Elia, along with Edgeley and Emery, became school centres. At first the teaching was in German, but gradually merged into English.

The present solid brick building, 35 ft by 50 ft, replaces a former frame building situated on the west side of Keele St. and now occupied by the Macklem family.

The old school was declared inadequate in 1972 by the inspector Mr. Jas. Hodgson, and he instructed the Trustees to secure a new site and erect a new building as soon as possible. The trustees, Abraham Hoover, Wm. Jackson and Jacob Snider purchased land from William Jackson, who loaned money in the sums of \$812.00 and \$56.00 for erection of the new school. This money was paid off in three years by direct taxation on property in the section. The construction was under the supervision of John Riddell, a local builder

who, along with his sons, built various schools, churches and farm buildings in the surrounding community.

New School 1874
The school was completed in 1874, but apparently not officially opened until 1875.
\$400. Per Annum
The teacher of that year was Jacob Hoover and he was paid a salary of \$400 per annum by the trustees of 1875, William Jackson, Jacob Snider and John Boynton. By way of comparison, in more recent times, a board of trustees, Dr. Charles Williams, Mr. Floyd Heide and Mr. Lawrence Thomson contracted for a teacher at a salary of \$3200. per annum.

Good Repair
The building is still in a good state of repair. Since the beginning, extra land has been acquired for playgrounds and has often been used for league games. Elia school was one of the few remaining rural schools in North York Township with a school board of trustees elected on municipal election day for a period of three years. A secretary-treasurer was hired by the Board of Business Administrators. The last secretary, J. James Buchanan, served in that capacity for 17 years.

In January 1954, that set up was dissolved when the Metropolitan School Board took over control of all schools in the area.

Vaughan Federation Favours Workmen's Compensation-Farm

Among the business items discussed at a meeting of the Vaughan Federation of Agriculture held in Edgeley Community Hall on Wednesday evening, March 28, was a resolution drafted by Paul Snider and W. MacLachlan of the Edgeley Farm Forum, making the Workmen's Compensation Act more applicable to farmers.

Present Awards To 4H Girls

Mrs. Charles Agnew of Edgeley, president of York County Women's Institutes, presented certificates of achievement to girls completing their units at the York County 4-H Club Achievement Day held recently in Newmarket. Two girls, completing 12 projects, received Provincial honor certificates.

"Cotton Accessories for the Club Girl's Bedroom" was the project completed and the girls exhibited their record books, dresser scarves, decorated waste paper baskets, bedspreads, etc., with the girls commenting on each exhibit. Attractive exhibits were set up on "Before and After" redecorating projects showing how durable and colorful cotton fabric accessories can be used in the bedroom to make it bright and attractive. Six Edgeley and Concord girls were visitors at the demonstration. They were Dianne Pierheller, Dianne Gilbert, Janice Boake, Margaret Hendry, June Spearing and Karen Whaley, members of the newly formed Edgeley 4-H Homemaking Club. As observers, they met and discussed with other 4-H Club members, the essentials of a strong and active organization. Mrs. Mabel Borgstrum, York County Home Economist, was in charge of the day.

Jim Spencer, president of the Vaughan Federation, on behalf of Edgeley Farm Forum presented the resolution to the Federation membership who approved it. The resolution is as follows: "The Farmers of Ontario are impressed with the protection and benefits to employers and employees coming under the Workmen's Compensation Act, as it is operated by the board in Ontario.

Whereas, a great number of farms in Ontario are operated by the farm family without the assistance of very much hired labor, and
Whereas, over the years there has been developed the practice of farmers in a neighborhood assisting each other when extra help is needed without an exchange of money, it is therefore resolved that the Workmen's Compensation Board of Ontario be requested to make such provisions that are necessary to apply the protection and benefits of the act to the operations of farms under the customs and practices that are at present in effect in Ontario."

New Teacher For Maple School

Effective next September the George Bailey Public School will welcome a fifth teacher, Wallace McLay, who comes from Warton. Mr. McLay is presently completing his studies at the Stratford Teacher's College and intends to take up residence in Maple when his teaching duties begin.

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Set Subdivision Policy

Maple Trustees Agree To Keep Development Within Village Limits

Meeting with Vaughan Township Planning Director J. Swalm on the afternoon of March 28, Maple Trustees agreed on a policy regarding development in the village for the present time. The Trustees agreed unanimously that for the present, development at Maple should be confined within the actual village limits. It was decided that the Trustees should set some definite policy regarding expansion and development in view of the fact that potential developers owning property to the south of the village have made some inquiries regarding development possibilities.

It was the general consensus of opinion that development bordering Maple but not within the actual limits would present problems and the Trustees agreed that in the interest of good planning it was better to fill out the present core before permitting spotted developments around the village.

Proposed Development
One of the main topics around which the discussion hinged and one which resulted in a general policy for future development

Concord Home & School

The April meeting of the Concord Home and School Association will be held Monday evening, April 9 in the school, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. E. M. Makay, assistant general manager of the Ontario Safety League, speaking on Traffic Safety. A representative from Vaughan Township Police Dept. will also be present. A film entitled "Chain Reaction" will be shown. This is Safety month in Canada and Ontario so plan to attend this important meeting. Lunch served by Grade 7 mothers.

Federation Plans Township Rd. Signs

A budget toward the cost of township road signs was voted at a meeting of the Vaughan Federation of Agriculture on Wednesday night, March 28, in Edgeley Community Hall. Between 55 and 60 signs would be required to properly cover the township. Federation president Jim Spencer stated, Mrs. R. J. Darlington moved that the Federation approach a local commercial artist for an estimate. Township council has granted the Federation permission to erect the signs well back from the roadway so that they will not interfere with roadside maintenance machinery.

Good Attendance On Easter Sunday

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church welcomed a number of visitors to its morning service, which was conducted by Rev. C. H. Bowman. The choir under the direction of Dr. J. J. Sheppard sang three Easter numbers, "He is Risen" by Simper, "With a Voice of Singing" by Shaw and "King of Kings" by Simper. St. Stephen's Anglican Church held a 8 a.m. Communion Service conducted by Rev. D. C. H. Michell and also a morning prayer service with a very large congregation led by Rev. Thomas Robinson. There was also the usual evening prayer service at 7 p.m.

Community Service

A community Good Friday service was held in Maple United Church on Friday morning, the congregations of St. Andrew's Presbyterian and Maple United co-operating in commemorating the death of Jesus Christ. Rev. C. E. Bowman of St. Andrews was in charge of the service and the guest preacher was Rev. C. G. Higginson, minister of Richmond Hill United Church who had exchanged pulpits for the occasion with Rev. A. G. Donald. Mr. Higginson's subject was "Paul and the Cross" and his text was Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter five and verse seven. "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." The choir of Maple United church under the direction of Mrs. Roy Clegg led in the service of praise and were eard in an anthem number.

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Trustee Brock questioned the possibility of securing water from a new subdivision, but it was pointed out that in such instances an iron-bound agreement should be made to avoid a subdivider developing a well to meet only the needs of his own development and possibly jeopardizing present domestic sources. In such an instance, the village would be obliged to float debentures and go into heavy debt to further develop the water supply.

Set Policy
As a result of the discussion on the Freedman-Greenstein development, the Trustees reached a number of conclusions which will likely become part of standard agreement for subdivision in the village. It was agreed that the subdivider should provide paved roads with gutter and curb in addition to storm sewers. Street lights would also be required. In the case of this particular property the Trustees felt that they would have to insist on a well developed to half a million gallons daily capacity along with lots of 10,000 square feet area. It was further decided that the developer should change the position of the land to be deeded to the township so that it would about the community centre property making it more useful. A deletion of the commercial area was also agreed on.

Concluding the discussion, Trustee Chairman Kirby Brock stressed that while such regulations on development might appear on the surface to be rather stringent, they were necessary in order that, as the village developed and services became more and more necessary, the high cost of extending them over the whole village would not have to be borne by taxpayers.

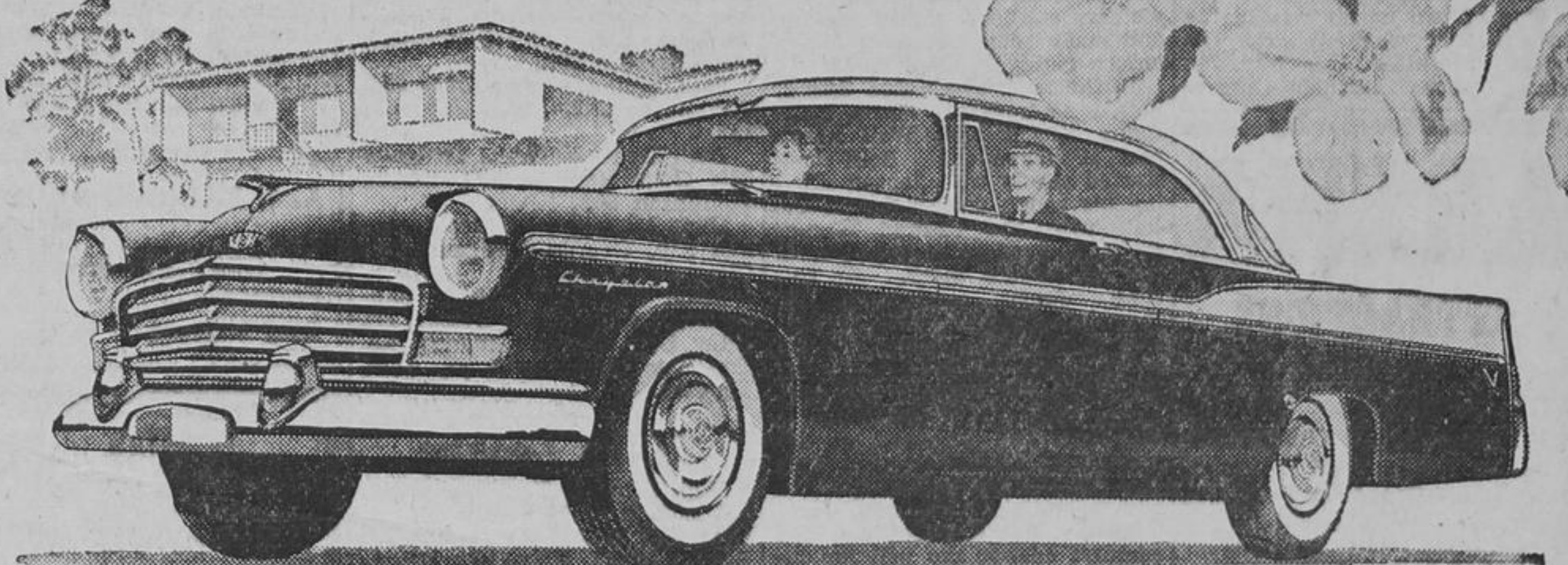
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