

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 1263; in Concord, Mrs. L. J. Orr, AV. 5-4295; in Edgeley, Mrs. James Ash, AV. 5-4602; in Downsview-Haviland, Mrs. A. C. Powell, ME1902-2-5795.

Maple Notes

St. Stephens' Church

Something new for the 7 p.m. service began last Saturday at St. Stephens'. The sermon time is now to be used as a confirmation class. Dr. Jennings hopes that all adults who have not been confirmed will make a special effort to be at these services, and that confirmed members will take this opportunity for a refresher course in this important teaching. There is also a special class for younger people held at All Saints Church, King City, at 4 p.m. each Sunday, so that, if it is more convenient for junior members to attend these classes, they will be most welcome.

Saturday afternoon, November 9, the members of St. Stephens' Junior Auxiliary attended the annual diocesan J.A. service in St. James Cathedral, Toronto. The Maple girls all in uniform participated in the white gift service. The Right Rev. G. B. Snell, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto, gave the address. Other officiating clergy were the Very Rev. C. E. Riley, Dean of Toronto, and the Rev. J. A. Coombs. Mrs. Schuyler Snively, President of the Diocesan W.A., presented G. A. pins to girls who had completed the J.A. badge work, and Bishop Snell presented awards won in the Dominion competition. St. Stephens' W.A. met at the Parish Hall on Friday night, November 8, in the form of a bazaar shower, and a good number of aprons as well as other donations were received. However, hand-knit goods are still needed in greater numbers. Mrs. J. Kenley was appointed to head the nominating committee for the new slate of officers to be presented at the next meeting on December 13 at the Parish Hall.

Community & School Club

The Maple Community and School Club met on Wednesday, November 6, and a large group of members and visitors was welcomed, especially the new Grade 1 mothers who attended for the first time. Miss Cameron's room won the attendance vote, and Miss Cameron reported that her class had purchased spring bulbs with the money previously won by the attendance vote. Mrs. E. Hamilton, president, extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. M. Meikle for making up a beautiful attendance pennant, which will hang in the room holding the best school club attendance for the month. Nurse Beckwith of

the York County Health Unit then spoke to the club on communicable diseases in children and how to treat them, and also answered questions put to her by the parents. She then showed a movie entitled "Children's Emotions", which was very interesting. Mrs. Beckwith was thanked for his car, and a so-accidents was enjoyed by all.

Accidents

Two motor accidents occurred during the past week which seriously affected the two Maple cars involved, but fortunately did not cause serious injury to the occupants.

On Monday, November 4, Mr. Bill Weir was involved in a crash in which another car drove into his station wagon from the right side, causing his car to roll over and smash up completely. The station wagon is a complete loss, but both Bill Weir and Mrs. P. Macfarlane, who was a passenger, escaped through the back with only minor bruises.

On the following Wednesday Mrs. R. Thompson, in stopping near Richmond Hill to offer two Maple high school boys a lift, was hit by another car from behind, causing serious damage to her car. Luckily she suffered only a few scratches and bruises, and the six occupants of the other vehicle all stepped out of their badly smashed car with only superficial cuts from a broken windshield.

United Church

All ladies of the United Church are putting on a bazaar, after-noon tea and hot sale at the church parlours on Saturday, November 16 starting at 2 p.m. Proceeds will go to the building fund, and the bazaar will feature aprons, fancy goods, fish pond for the kiddies, touch and take, home made quilts, candies and other stalls.

Nominations

This year the Nominating meeting for Vaughan Township municipal elections will take place at the Maple Community Centre from 7:30 to 8:30 Monday night, November 18. In previous years this meeting was held at Vellore, but the Maple hall will provide more space for the larger turnout evidenced in recent years.

Mrs. Charles King of Brampton was a week-end visitor at the home of Mrs. T. Watson and Mr. Jackson Cook.

Vellore 100 Years Ago

The first schoolhouse at Vellore was built about 1839 of log construction. One of the earlier teachers was Alexander Muir, author of "The Maple Leaf Forever". Incidentally, Mr. Muir was a cousin of my grandmother, whose maiden name was "Grace Muir." A goodly number of our forefathers attended this school.

The Township of Vellore was created in 1845. The whole township went there to vote — in those days it was "Males' only. The hall was open for three days. John A. McDonald was returning officer or poll clerk. Each man came into the hall, said who he was voting for and the clerk marked it down. This was called Open Voting.

The blacksmith's shop, north of the school, was built, owned and operated by Mr. Henry Franks whose daughter, Miss Nellie Franks, was one of the earlier teachers at S. S. No. 9 (Vellore).

Fuel for blacksmithing was made in Cameron's field opposite the town hall. There they built or piled up, large pine logs covered with earth, which were then burned, to make charcoal.

Mr. J. J. Cameron purchased the blacksmith shop from Mr. Franks and continued the business. Some years later in 1889, Mr. Cameron bought an old church (St. Paul's), moved it to the north side of the blacksmith shop and converted it into a carriage shop. This shop became the home of the famous Cameron Carts, known all over Ontario. These carts were very much in demand.

The upstairs of the shop was used as a paint shop with a platform built into the front having a sloping incline used to take the cars up and down for painting. This upstairs room was also used as a practise room for the Vellore Band, led by Mr. Abe Carley in the late 80's and 90's and the band was a great attraction at garden parties etc., until Mr. Carley left Vellore and the band "gave up its last toot".

Here are two marriages recorded in the Presbyterian Church register: Samuel McDonald and Elizabeth McNeil, October 4, 1866. Jno. A. McDonald and Christina Malloy, May 30, 1867, by Rev. Wm. Aitken, father of Lord Beaverbrook. Witnesses were Donald McDonald and John Dalziel. Up to this time few marriages were witnessed by women. Now it is quite common.

Samuel McDonald (my uncle) bought two acres of land off the farm of Mr. Line, now owned by John A. McNeil. Uncle Sam hired Robert Cunningham to dig out the stumps, as the two acres were filled with them.

Robert Cunningham had just arrived from Ireland and this was his first job in Canada. In 1862 Uncle Samuel McDonald built a shop and started a woodwork business, which he carried on until 1880, he then sold out to a family named Murphy and went farming.

The Murphys did not have the shop open for business but Tom Murphy was the town barber and cut hair for ten cents. Later the price was raised to the magnificent sum of 15c.

In 1895 the shop again changed hands and was bought by Mr. Brown who reopened it for a while before selling it to Mr. Jas. O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor at one time owned the farm now occupied by Jack Windas. He also ran a community threshing outfit with a small steam engine drawn by horses.

Again the shop was sold, this time to Mr. Jack Carley but stood in idleness for years until Nelson Kerr bought it and renovated it into an up-to-date garage run by one of our local boys, Wib Harrison, until it was burned several years ago.

Now, regarding the store. Uncle John A. McDonald bought a quarter acre from Uncle Sam and built and started a general store about the year 1863. Matches (the old sulphur variety) were sold in wooden boxes; canned soups and canned vegetables were unknown.

Coal oil (Canadian and American) usually came from the same barrel. Vinegar, Molasses, syrup, white and brown sugar, oatmeal and herring were all sold by bulk from barrels.

The women and girls of the neighbourhood spun yarn and knitted socks; large over-socks, as well as inner ones; also mitts to be sold to hired men and lumberjacks. Mrs. Malcolm Malloy

was the champion knitter. She had more patterns than any of the other women at Vellore.

Charlie and Douglas bought the store from John A. followed in succession by Robert Cathcart, Bert Hewill (who carried on a flourishing business going to town each Friday with a big sorrel horse); Mr. Gray, Wm. Craib and Milton McDonald.

Mail was first brought to Vellore by Mr. J. Kupert from Richmond Hill, later just from Maple; then Mr. W. Wilson, followed by Mr. Bob Rumble and Mr. J. Shunk, the Post Office being in the store.

During the regime of Mr. W. Craib, the route was changed and mail was redirected via Woodbridge; finally rural routes were established and Vellore ceased to be a post office.

There were two Mr. Franks at Vellore in the early days. Harry ran the blacksmith shop and Peter P. owned and ran the farm now occupied by Mrs. H. Casseley. Peter Franks sold the farm to (Big) John McKinnon who was made Justice of the Peace by Jno. A. McDonald and proudly held the title to the end of his days. Frank Lovett was known as Mayor of the town, later Mr. Wm. Bates held that honor.

On the Frank's farm, in the field opposite the store comprising about 10 acres of wheat, Frank Hunt waded a bet that he could cradle the wheat between sunrise and sunset. He won the bet. He had a man at each end to give him a sharpened cradle, a drink and eats.

There was a wooden sidewalk between the store and the wood-workshop, about 75 feet long. This was the only sidewalk the old town ever boasted. Halfway down the sidewalk there was a set of weigh scales, very highly prized and much patronized by the farmers for weighing hay, cattle, hogs, etc. Here it was that the seven farmer sons of Tom Jarrett were weighed — total weight 1,400 lbs.

Opposite McNeil's gateway an old house on the Franks farm, now demolished, was of particular interest. Here John Franks, father of Henry and Peter spent the last years of his life with his daughter Lizzie. The Franks were the first settlers in the community and their's was the first farm house to be built at Vellore. Here Lizzie was born the day the rebels came up the Sixth in 1837.

Lizzie Frank lived to be very old, going to live with her sister Mrs. Abel on the death of her father. She was buried in Maple Cemetery — the casket was opened at the graveside, as a number of old friends had gathered. To the surprise of many she was laid out in a beautiful hand embroidered shroud made while she cared for her father at Vellore. Her niece and nephew told of the care she took of this treasured garment.

While living at Vellore, Lizzie Franks attended St. Paul's church and sang in the choir. Her grandfather, Peter Franks, died in this house in 1855, at the age of 91 years. He is buried at Richmond Hill. His wife died in 1837, aged 77 years.

Four generations of the Franks family lived at Vellore. (The foregoing article was taken from an address given at the Vellore W.I. by Mrs. James Brownlee. — Editor)

Ron Lockhart Off To Whitehorse

Ronald Lockhart has recently completed his training course in Radar and Communications with the RCAF in Clinton and is now spending his leave at his home on Jane St. north of Teston. Ron will leave next week for Whitehorse, Yukon, where he will be stationed for the next two years.

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Edgeley Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ash and Mr. Jack Bonner spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Sid. Stokes of Willowdale.

Several ladies from Edgeley attended the Vellore Women's Institute bazaar on Saturday. Those attending were Mrs. Jas. Darlington, Mrs. Bert Peelar, Mrs. Eldon Fierheller, Mrs. Homer Whitmore and Mrs. Cam Boake.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ash and Mrs. Jack Bonner had dinner on Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Keffer and family of Concord.

Student teachers Miss Mary Fleck and Miss Elizabeth Garner visited Edgeley school last week. They stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendry while in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendry entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hunter on Saturday evening.

Donna-Lyn Ash celebrated her first birthday on November 9. Attending her party were Mrs. Chas. Ash, Mrs. John Ash of Concord, Mrs. David Barton and Bonnie, Mrs. Jack Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Middleton, Misses Gretta and Nancy Middleton of Carrville and Mrs. Alex Hunter.

Mrs. Percy Ash, Concord and Mrs. Gale Darling, Willowdale had lunch on Monday with Mrs. Chas. Ash.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hunter and sons John and Paul visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bagg and Norma Jean Bagg of Alliston.

Mrs. Ewart Burns spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hal Burns and baby Hal of Detroit.

Concord Socials

Bowling

On Friday night, November 8, Concord pulled away to quite a lead, 31 points to Edgeley's 25. The Concord players were really on the beam. Jim Atkin 270 and 218-571, and Warren Bailey had 515 for three games. Fred Rumney got 201. Kathleen Keffer won the tickets for the low second game.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, No. 7 Highway recently entertained 40 neighbors and friends. Everyone had a most enjoyable time playing cards and refreshments were served.

Twenty-two guests attended a party at the home of Mr. John Witney on November 9. John was celebrating his 28th birthday. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Vellore Bazaar Huge Success

The Vellore Women's Institute met on November 5. The motto, "Character Like Embroidery is made Stitch by Stitch" was taken by Mrs. Ila Farr. Final arrangements were made for the bazaar on November 9, and it was decided to purchase some new chairs for the Vellore Community Hall. The guest speaker was Miss J. Miller from the Westford branch, who had gone to Ceylon on her own to attend the A.C.W.W. Conference there. Miss Miller talked about her trip, the conference and life in Ceylon. Mrs. J. Murray also gave a brief talk on current events.

The annual bazaar on November 9, was a resounding success with everything sold within half an hour.

Mrs. F. Constable, as official delegate from Vellore, and Mrs. N. Kerr attended the W.I. district convention at the Royal York Hotel on November 6, 7 and 8, and found all of it extremely interesting and uplifting. Among the speakers were Dr. Margaret Nix from McGill University, Montreal, Dr. Marian Hilliard of the Toronto Women's College Hospital and Miss Ethel Chapman of the Department of Agriculture.

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When the salad is the main item on the menu it must have within it all the essential elements of a meal. In order to satisfy the appetite and provide body building material, a main course salad should contain one of the following protein foods: Poultry, meat, egg or cheese.

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And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law. The last day for appeals is the 18th day of November, 1957.

DATED at Richmond Hill, this 4th day of November, 1957.

RUSSELL LYNETT
Clerk, Richmond Hill

Township Of Vaughan Farm Numbering System

At a meeting of the Vaughan Township Federation of Agriculture held in January 1956, guest speaker James Davidson, newly appointed Vaughan Fire Chief, spoke on "Fires on the Farm."

At the conclusion of Chief Davidson's address, the question was asked "What can be done to more clearly identify the location of a fire and help speed the fire truck to the scene?"

During the following months many meetings were held and ideas advanced and worked out between the Fire Chief; former Planning Director Jim Swalm, and the federation executive until the final plan was evolved in which a map of Vaughan Township plays a big part.

This map, which is being distributed to every rural resident, is a photographic copy of the main map in the fire hall and police headquarters.

The first number designates the concession and the number following is the multiple of the Lot number.

The accompanying card gives the location number and the telephone exchange for direct calling in case of emergency.

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Clear concise information is most important and may save a house or a life — and "The house you save may be your own."

The federation of agriculture represents practically all farm organizations and a large majority of farmers. It is supported by membership fees paid with farmers' taxes, a share of this money is retained to make such public service projects as this possible.

The opportunity is provided at this level for individual farmers to take part in federation work and present their ideas at local meetings. At the county level representation from the townships add to the directorate along with representatives from the Women's Institutes, junior farmers and commodity groups. At this level more service is provided to those farmers or groups that request it.

As an example, last spring when the pipe line route was surveyed a number of meetings were held to help the farmer get a more equitable settlement for the right of way.

Also, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture is responsible for obtaining legislation to assist the farmers in marketing and does an overall liaison job with the commodity groups and marketing agencies after which the Canadian Federation of Agriculture takes over at Federal level and presents the farmers' problems to the Federal Government.

In the near future teams made up of federation members and Vellore Junior Farmers and Institute will be delivering these maps and cards to each door and nailing up the numbers at each gate. If you have no post at your laneway you are asked to put in a suitable one immediately.

BOLTON: "Exercise Fish" was carried out in the waters of Heart Lake recently when the lake was chemically treated with insecticide, to eliminate coarse fish such as sunfish and bullheads. The lake will be stocked with large mouth bass later.

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