

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; in Concord, Mrs. Ruth Keffer, AV. 5-2375; and in Edgeley, Mrs. Raymond Stuart, AV. 5-1934.

Edgeley Socials

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Among those who are celebrating a birthday this week are Eddie Young, July 27; also Louise Howden, who is one year old on Wednesday, July 30, and Alf Bagg whose birthday is also July 30. John Stuart is celebrating his birthday, August 1. Happy birthday to you all. We also send belated birthday greetings to Christine Young, who celebrated July 21 as her birthday.

Master Peter Crozier visited last week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Snider.
Mrs. Norman Young returned home last week from Humber Memorial Hospital where she underwent an operation for a ruptured appendix.

Miss Gladys McGivery of St. John, New Brunswick accompanied her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Stuart back to Ontario when they returned on Saturday from their holidays. Miss McGivery is planning to live with the Stuarts and to commence Secondary school studies here in the Fall.

Wheat Harvest
Last week saw the commencement of the wheat harvest in this area. The week before that, Jim Darlington combined a field of barley. It is reported that thus far, the grain yields are good. Hay though is in poor supply, this year's crop being only about half the normal supply and some farmers are planning to use their surplus hay from last year while others are supplementing their stores with purchased hay.

The members of Edgeley Women's Institute decided last week to hold a short course in millinery on Friday, September 5, Monday, September 8 and Tuesday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Paul Snider, R. 2 Maple. This course is a Home Economics Service of the Extension Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and is open to all women of the community. The Edgeley Branch in years past has sponsored a good deal of extensive work with the objective to help people to help themselves. Those who participated were very enthusiastic and pleased with the self direction that is created and the skills that they acquired.

Each participant in the course must be prepared to make a hat during the course. Information regarding detailed requirements and purchasing materials may be obtained from any of the Extension Course committee members, Mrs. Paul Snider, Mrs. C. J. Agnew or Mrs. James Spencer. All who register for this course must be prepared to start work on the first day.

The holding of the course on the dates mentioned necessitated setting ahead the date of the next regular meeting which was to have been held September 4. The new date is August 28 at the home of Mrs. Eldon Fierheller. Mrs. Allan Aitchison, convenor of Home Economics and Health will be in charge of the meeting. Mrs. A. Aitchison, Mrs. G. Keffer and Mrs. G. Mains will be the social committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ash and their children enjoyed a picnic at Lake Simcoe on Sunday and on the way home called on Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wellman at Queensville. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Middleton and Nancy, also their nephew, Glen Middleton.

Wedding bells will be ringing September 6 for Jack Burns of Edgeley and Miss Gail Payne of Weston.

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Large Turnout Enjoys The Vaughan Twp. Sunrise Tour

On Monday, July 21st, the York County Soil and Crop Improvement Association held the 6th annual sunrise tour. Under the organization of W. M. Cockburn, Agricultural Representative for York, the tour got under way at 8:30 a.m. and had an attendance of over 150 members with about 60 cars making up the procession.

The meeting place was at the farm of Mr. Amos Baker where, in small groups, those attending made an inspection of the feed bins equipped with elevator, cleaner and weigh scales. The next visit was to Jim Darlington's at Edgeley where Dr. Huntley of the field husbandry department discussed the variety plots of oats and barley. These included the following oat varieties: Shield, Clintland, Fundy, Glen, Garry and Rodney. The barley varieties include Parkland, Montclair, Brant, York and Herta. These are all new or recent varieties. They also examined Jim's pasture field of timothy and birdsfoot trefoil on a field which was reclaimed recently by under-drainage. A visit to Mel Whitechurch's farm was next, where there was a demonstration of hay baling which was an attachment for applying preservative to the hay as it had been baled. A visit to Shur-Gain Farm revealed some of the finest

corn to be seen, with a number of different varieties on test, planted May 16th. There was a discussion on improved pastures and the tour finished up with a visit to their turkey plant which has a capacity of 65,000 birds per year. At noon lunch was served in the new park at Woodbridge, known as the Boya Conservation Area with over 200 acres. Next was a tour of the park after lunch then at Elder's Mills examination was made of a marvellous crop of barley on a formerly wet field of Gordon McGillivray's which was tiled last year. An interesting half hour was spent at Gilbert Agar's at Nashville where two of the O.A.C. Soils Department staff discussed the soil pits and a discussion on cross section or profile of soils. This was a new feature for such tours. The tour concluded with a visit to the Cold Creek Ranch at Kleinburg where Mr. Glasco has a herd of 50 head of Santa Gertrudis cattle which were originated by crossing the Brahman's and Shorthorn on the King Ranch in Texas. The other 50 head are Santa Gertrudis crossed with Shorthorn and Angus.

The fact that there were still 49 cars in the tour at Agar's at Nashville indicates the keen interest which was maintained by everyone.

Study Bees Dalziel Pioneer Museum

By Doris M. Fitzgerald

Down through the centuries two characteristics have remained constant — the industry of the bees, and man's interest in them. The modern frame hive, developed after years of experimenting, is far removed from the skep as a log cabin from a skyscraper apartment. It can be opened from time to time to permit observation of the health, and progress of the colony, and to forestall unnecessary swarming. A number of supers, each containing additional frames to be filled with honey, can also be added, like top stories, to the hive. Without changing their habits, the bees have accepted these innovations, and only work harder to fill the extra space with nectar.

The live in the Museum belongs to Mr. Sam G. Hamby, vice-principal of Allenby Public School, Toronto, and a member of York County Beekeepers Assn. Formerly set up in Allenby School for the benefit of the pupils it was moved with the consent of the Agriculture Department of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, to permit its use in such instances to ensure that the colony is healthy and will not infect bees in the new locality. As insects were in his course of teaching Mr. Hamby decided to concentrate upon bees because they are the most useful to mankind.

Arranged around the observation hive are some beekeeper's equipment of the pioneer era, including two straw skeps, one of which is said to have belonged to David Willson of Sharon Temple fame. Bees whose natural home was a hollow tree found the skep

an entirely satisfactory substitute, but to the beekeeper it presented problems when the time came to remove the honey. The modern frame hive, developed after years of experimenting, is far removed from the skep as a log cabin from a skyscraper apartment. It can be opened from time to time to permit observation of the health, and progress of the colony, and to forestall unnecessary swarming. A number of supers, each containing additional frames to be filled with honey, can also be added, like top stories, to the hive. Without changing their habits, the bees have accepted these innovations, and only work harder to fill the extra space with nectar.

First Birthday Maple Public Library

By MURIEL MEIKLE
Maple Public Library opened its door last July. It seems fitting now, at the end of the first year, to offer a report of the public library's inception and progress.

During the fall of 1956, ladies prepared and circulated a petition for the establishing of a public library in Maple. This was presented to Vaughan Township Council according to the regulations of the Public Libraries Act. The council prepared a by-law which was submitted to the ratepayers of the Police Village of Maple. The resulting vote approved the by-law by a substantial majority. The school trustees of Maple and of Hope, and the village trustees of Maple were each requested to appoint two members to the Maple Library Board to serve a two-year period. These, together with the chairman of the village trustees, constitute the board. During the first year, these were Mr. W. MacLachlan, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. C. Dyson, Mr. W. Drinkwater, Mr. J. Holmes and Mrs. M. Meikle, with Mr. K. Brock, chairman of the village trustees.

Mr. Angus Mowatt, Director of Public Libraries for the Province of Ontario attended an early board meeting and explained the operation of the Public Libraries Act and assisted in developing a budget for the year. It was decided to request a grant locally of \$1.00 per capita (\$850.00), a grant of \$400.00 would be available from the Ontario Government. These grants were later approved and paid to the board.

Mrs. James Kingsburgh of Maple was appointed Librarian in June last year and immediately set to work on the big task of cataloguing the books donated by the department, the Don Conservation Authority, King Library and many generous friends. As soon as money became available, new books were bought and advantage taken of the department's lending scheme. The library opened first in the Lions' Club Room in the Community Hall but in December moved to premises of its own in Mr. Mel White's building in the centre of town. This has proved a most convenient location and the circulation of books has grown apace.

The library opens six hours a week in three two-hour periods, timed to be convenient to as many people as possible. Friday night seems to be a favourite time and 64 books were borrowed in the last Friday opening period. There are now almost 2,000

books on the shelves (covered by insurance, by the way). In buying new books, the librarian has tried to keep a happy blend of classics and modern literature and to cater to the diverse tastes of the borrowers. Canadian authors are well represented, and every few months some of the very latest best-sellers are bought hot from the printer. Children have proved to be enthusiastic patrons. They come racing along the half-mile of sidewalk from the school on Tuesday afternoons to get to the library before 4:30 closing and many of them are back again on Friday evening to change their books.

During the first year of operation, experience has been gained, and it is hoped that the library will develop into a real asset to the community.

Maple Trustees Discuss Water With Vaughan

Trustees Andrew Snider and John Neufeld of Maple Village Board of Trustees attended Monday's Vaughan Township Council meeting to ascertain what disposition the municipality intended to make of the well and water-main which is part of the proposed Grant plan of subdivision in Maple in the eventuality Maple village becomes incorporated.

Mr. Snider wanted to know if the system would then be turned over to Maple. Deputy-reeve Robert Kirk stated, "I don't see why there should be any concern. This well is being asked by the township for Maple village whether incorporated or otherwise. It's going to be part and parcel of Maple village."

Mr. Neufeld said he didn't want it said in the future the trustees didn't do anything to find out the details concerning the waterworks.

It was stated that the cost of the well and a 12-inch main down the main street was to be paid by the developer. The proposed subdivision is to be located just beyond the new subdivision near Maple sited on Lot 19. Two hundred houses on average 10,000 foot square lots are planned. Fifty houses built per year is to be the limit.

Meredith Subdivision
The township also expects to benefit from the Meredith subdivision in the southern part of the first concession. The municipality plans to assume the additional cost for larger mains than actually required by the subdivision to get water in and this will serve Scott township water. The cost is expected to be \$2,500.00.

To help a drainage problem already in existence in the same area, the subdivider will install larger pipes, from 30 to 48 inches, than necessary and the township will pay \$5,500.00 additional.

Councillor E. W. Anstey of the Water Committee stated, "This money could come out of the per capita of \$8,000.00. If we had to do this work from the start it would cost more."

The approved plans for the Meredith Subdivision call for gravel asphalt roads. Reeve John Perry commented, "We couldn't have a subdivision now in the front end without paved roads. Doing it later on local improvement means a charge on the

NORTH YORK: On recommendation of its traffic co-ordinator, North York Township Council has designated two more sections of Dufferin Street as a through street.

STOUFFVILLE: Town council has approved a \$50,000.00 debenture issue for the local public utilities commission. The money is to be used for the erection of a new administration building. The commission administers both hydro and water.

VANDORF: Provincial police are on the lookout for two stolen cars. The two cars were stolen last week, one from Musselman's Lake and the other from Lake Wilcox. Both were stolen the same day.

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Dairy Princess Contest To Be Held Next Monday

York County's Dairy Princess will be chosen from among eight pretty, young York County ladies at Glenville Farms on Monday, August 4th at 4:30 p.m.

Eight entries have been received from young farm ladies to take part in the Dairy Princess Contest in York County. The winner will then go on to the C.N.E. and take part in the Dairy Queen competition. The prize winner from the C.N.E. will receive an all-expense trip to England via Pan American Airways. The contest is run through the efforts of the Milk Producers Co-ordinating Board, the C.N.E. and a Toronto daily.

The county contest is put on by the milk and cream producers in the county assisted by the federation of agriculture and the junior farmers. Prize money for the local contest is being provided by the milk and cream pro-

ducers organizations in the county.

York County contestants will make a short appearance on stage in the evening at the Queensville Sports Day, they will be judged at this time for appearance and presentation.

On Monday they will show their ability to operate milking machines and milk cows at the Glenville Farms of J. H. Crang (1 mile west of Yonge St. and half a mile north of Davis Drive).

An invitation is extended by Ken Rogers, Chairman of the contest committee, to anyone who wishes to attend and see these Milk Maids at the Queensville Sports Day, August 2nd or at the milking contest at Glenville Farms on August 4th. Miss Beverly Burr of Gormley was the York County Dairy Princess last year.

June Record Month Building For Township Of North York

Building in North York Township set two new records last month which will set a lot of beating, according to Chief Building Inspector J. G. Quinell. The department was inundated with requests for permits which reached the new record of \$17,168,310 for a single month. It was \$10,000,000 more than for June 1957, and an increase of nearly 12 million dollars over June 1956. Three hundred and seventy-eight permits were issued for 881 units.

Permits for dwellings of course topped the list with 413 single family units totalling \$5,477,859. 267 semi-detached units reached the \$4,714,400 mark with 18 apartment buildings accounting for \$2,849,000. Eleven industrial permits amounted to \$1,406,000 with permits for 3 schools \$1,055,120.

The tremendous sixth month development pushed the amount of the permits issued from Jan. 1st to June 30th, 1958, to an all time record of \$56,335,336, nearly

\$24,000,000 more than for the same period last year. It is \$12,000,000 more than for the same period in 1956 — also a year when records were broken.

The percentage summary for June shows residential development 78.79 per cent, industrial and commercial 11.42 per cent and miscellaneous permits such as schools, churches, etc., 11.79 per cent.

June permit fees amounted to \$32,755.25 the report showed.

Maple Notes

Thomas Pollock of Whitby visited with his mother, Mrs. K. J. Pollock at Maple for two weeks recently.

The reason for slow progress along the Richmond Road from Maple is the widening of the same by the Toronto and Yorks Road Commission, all the way from Maple to Richmond Hill.