

CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL

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Every year, from a few days before Christmas to the week following New Year's, a plague of fires rages up and down the country. Many of these fires result from the extra hazards which exist only during the holiday season and from carelessness that would not be tolerated at any other time.

The Tree

Place the freshly cut tree trunk in water and check on the water level once a day. Support the tree well. Don't put it near sources of heat (fireplace, radiators, etc.)

Lighting

Do not use candles on the tree. Check all lighting sets before using for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Be sure the fuse on the electrical circuit is not over 15 amperes.

Decorations and Wrappings

Don't let Christmas wrappings accumulate in the home; place them in your metal covered trash barrel or burn them in your incinerator as soon as possible.

Gifts

Don't set up electric trains or spirit-fueled toys under a Christmas tree. Look for the Underwriters' Laboratories label when buying electrical toys.

And DON'T Forget

Don't allow smoking near the tree, keep matches, lighters and candles away from tiny hands. Have a bucket of water or your garden hose connected to a faucet, within reach of the tree. If fire should strike, first get everyone out of the house and then call the fire department immediately before attempting to fight the fire yourself.

A Happy and Fire Safe Christmas

(GEO. CLAYTON) Sgt.
Fire Prevention Officer,
Markham Township.

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. Manning, Maple 62R24; in Concord, Mrs. Ruth Keffer, AV. 5-2375; and in Edgeley, Mrs. Raymond Stuart, AV. 5-1934.

Maple Notes

We all think of Christmas joy as a truly wonderful thing. For when tiny Jesus was born, All the Angels softly did sing, God led the shepherds, And the wise men by A very bright, beautiful star To where Baby Jesus did lie. Joseph with all his loving grace, Mary and her smiling face, And all the animals large and small, Were all full of joy in one big stall. This little poem, written by eleven-year-old Jane Eleanor Manning, to recite at her Sunday School Christmas concert, expresses the sentiments of all of us at this holy season. To all of you, as you gather 'round the festive board this week with your families, we extend our season's greetings. Dick—"Our Friend" Mr. Dick Wilson drives the bus most of the Maple boys and girls use in going back and forth to Richmond Hill High School, and one of the high points of school year is the breakfast "Dick"

treats his charges to each Christmas. Thursday everyone able to gather at their usual pick-up point an hour early and were ferried over to Richmond Hill and deposited at Town Inn Restaurant for a trencherman breakfast thoroughly and lustily enjoyed by all. Dick was presented with an attractive wool sweater by the students as a token of their esteem. Candelight Service Members of the Canadian Girls in Training and the Explorers took part in an impressive candlelight service of worship last Sunday evening at the Maple United Church. Irene Blakelock led the service. Candelighters were Donna Reid, Carol Saigoon and Nancy Kerriwan. The prayer was taken by Roberta Eitch. Scripture readers were Sandra Gudat, Linda Rose, Sharon Wismer, and Phyllis Torrence. Leader of the C.G.I.T., Miss Betty Jackson told a story appropriate to the season, very beautifully.

Interesting Ideas

Program Suggestion For Women's Institute From District Meeting

by Mrs. R. Stuart

The reports submitted by the convenors of the various committees at the recent Women's Institute Convention showed that a great deal of interesting work is being done by the branches and considerable thought and effort is being made to create programs that are interesting and informative. The Central Convention Area embraces the counties of Dufferin, Durham, Grey North, Centre and West, Ontario, Peel, Peterborough, Victoria and York with a total of 236 branches.

Mrs. Sinclair McLeish, R.R. 3, Caledon, who is the Ontario Convenor of Historical Research and Current Events in her report stated that 144 branches reported that they are compiling Tweedsmuir History Books. Some of the branch convenors prompted participation by the individual member by roll calls—A few which brought good responses were: My Grandfather's Occupation; Bring in an old school picture; Your earliest recollection; Verse from an old autograph album; Something I remember from "on my way to school"; One step toward world peace; An old-fashioned expression; Name of the Governor-General of Canada when you were born; Things I wore as a bride and what I'd like to do when I'm sixty.

Mottos adaptable to the theme of Historical Research and Current Events were: It matters not how long we live—but how; A wise mind grows like a savings account; Do not waste time looking at your hill—climb it; Take life as you find it but do not leave it so; If in need of a friend—be one; Fretting is like a rocking chair; you can do a great deal of it without getting anywhere; We reap the reward of our grandfather's deeds, our grandchildren will reap the reward of ours.

Miscellaneous activities relating to Historical Research: The West York Executive presented four broadcasts on historical research; Contest naming Prime Ministers of Canada from pictures; trips to Dalziel Pioneer Park, Dale Estate in Brampton, also Montreal and Ottawa; Grandmothers' meetings; Panel discussion on Grandmother; Display at fall fairs on the theme, "Through the Years"; Two 80-year-old former pupils interviewed a 90-year-old former teacher; Exhibits of old articles and prizes for the oldest and most unusual; A reception at King Craft House, King, Ont., to honor Mrs. Jarvis, winner of the Dominion Culture project with her picture "Old House"; Making a mental map of the area at different eras; Sixtieth anniversaries celebrated at Nestleton, Kemble; Clovering, Islay, Vandorf, Nobleton, Lambton Mills and Blount. One district appointed a commission to compile a history of the district W.I.; An historical committee is making a model of H.M.S. Ajax to be placed in the Council Chamber.

Mrs. McLeish reminded the convention that one function of the Standing Committee in Historical Research is to collect and preserve records of the branch and surrounding locality. Relative to this, the editor of the County Guide writes: "Time is the fabric of men's dreams. On its canvas in colors sombre or glowing is recorded the measure of man's achievement. Half a century ago the west was still young, Pioneer farmers were dreaming and planning for a happier future, and striving to create the social and economic tools to achieve it. One convenor says: "Historical Research helps to knit the generations together." A similar idea is expressed in the motto, "The use of history is to give value to the present hour and its destiny," or another which says "The memories of past hardships sweetens today's comforts." We have seen that 144 branches (probably more not reported) are compiling this history in their Tweedsmuir histories. Members active in this part of the work should receive R.R. 4, Peterborough, who is the Area convenor.

considerable effort and time. This resulted in interesting displays at branch meetings. One branch held a "museum for a day." The community hall was filled with exhibits from members and others of antique clothing, furniture and dishes. Tea was served with food made from old recipes. Some branches are working in co-operation with historical societies and museums. This research was also used in papers on the art of making Maple syrup and birch bark canoes.

Rural communities are the strength of the nation; Family tree of the Clubine family who settled on land now owned by Mount Pleasant Cemetery; Chrysler family of motor car fame; Trent Valley canal; Sketch on lives of three charter members; Upper Canada Bible Society; Deposits in the bank of tomorrow; Christmas 1790—first U.E.L. Christmas in Canada; In a Canadian attic; Talk by the convenor on "The Challenge of Historical Research"; History of two black walnut trees, 500 years old, within the city limits of Toronto; Development of rural surveys.

No branches reported success in locating folk lore or music as requested by the Provincial convenor, but had a paper on "Folk lore and folk music" and another institute a paper on "Mennonite folk lore and cooking". Some of the topics which do not seem to come under this committee (unless they were carried on in the locality) were: Development of lace; History of vegetables, David Thomson; Invention of the telephone and its relation to T.V.; Canadian firsts, Lord Beaverbrook.

The second function of the committee is the study of world events of today. Most branches report having current events at one or all meetings and it appears that more stress is being put on this part of the program. "We must not spend too much time dreaming of bygone days in the attic, but must look out at today's events and be prepared to take an intelligent part in them," Mrs. McLeish told the meeting.

Current Events Current Events may be divided into two groups: 1, Headline news—some reported were The St. Lawrence Seaway, Princess Margaret's opening of the Parliament of the West Indies, Sputnik, Election Results.

It was suggested that highlights in the roll call or at intervals in contests and bees. Mrs. McLeish suggested that each membe jot down highlights in the news during the month, then there would be no repetitions and everyone would benefit.

The second group of Current Events deals with world or local trends as in farming, economics, culture, international relations, ships, etc. One branch reported a paper on "Trends in Secondary Education Today."

Mrs. McLeish said that these trends are better handled as a paper or in panel or group discussions. She thought members should be allowed considerable time in which to collect items relating to the trend to be discussed. As many as possible should be encouraged to contribute to the discussion and conclusions should be listed and compiled in regard to the trend.

Mrs. McLeish stated that she hopes that some of the convenors will consider a program of this type as a means of keeping the members interested and informed on current events and stimulating intelligent news analysis.

In conclusion Mrs. McLeish said that she trusts this report gives due credit to the work in Historical Research for 1957-58 in Central Ontario Area, furnishes ideas for the coming year and helps to clarify the function of this committee.

Next week—A report on Home Economics and Health as submitted by Mrs. W. Clarence Mann, R.R. 4, Peterborough, who is the Area convenor.

Mrs. Meikle Honored

A presentation party was held last Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Muriel Meikle who is leaving the village with her family on December 22nd to make her home in Southampton, Ont.

The event took place at the home of Mrs. K. Kerriwan. The twelve ladies present were neighbours and members of the community and school club of which Mrs. Meikle was vice-president.

A teapot and set of cups and saucers to mark were presented to her by Nancy Kerriwan on behalf of those present.

Mrs. Meikle in three years of residence in Maple has endeared herself to many people and has given valuable services as a member of the library board, and has been very active in the community and school club.

A very enjoyable evening followed and refreshments were served late in the evening by the hostess, assisted by some of those present.

Members of the Maple Lions Club are busy this week distributing Christmas cheer throughout the community.

The Lions Turkey Shoot at S'ur-Gain farm last week drew a crowd of around 125 sharpshooters whose aims were good enough to capture 55 ready for holiday eating turkeys.

Last Saturday night's Christmas dance sponsored by the Lions Club at the Community Hall, fell somewhat short of the usual attendance. With only 90 persons present this making no profit for the club who uses the monthly dance during the fall and winter months to raise money to aid in carrying out its various community services.

It is expected there will be a larger turnout for the January 10th dance, as exams, holiday shopping and extra working hours will be things of the past.

The December meeting of the Maple Women's Institute took place at the home of Mrs. M. Wilson. In keeping with the spirit of the Christmas season the roll call was answered by bringing forward gifts for the shut-ins boxes. The lovely presents will later adorn the trees of people in the community who have been confined to their homes for a number of years.

A committee composed of Mrs. D. Allen, Mrs. M. Palmer, and Mrs. W. Crook was elected to make quilt blocks to be turned in the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Pictures on different localities in Ontario were shown by Mrs. L. Clarke. A contest on jumbled Ontario cities and towns proved

most amusing.

Mrs. N. Payne gave a demonstration on making tartan Christmas trees to be used as table centres.

Well Baby Clinic

Next Well Baby Clinic will be held January 8th at the Maple Community Centre.

At the January meeting Mrs. John Martin will speak on Mental Health. This will take place January 14 at the home of Mrs. A. Snider.

Edgeley

Farm Forum

In a discussion on "Equality for Women" at a recent meeting of the Farm Forum, the Edgeley Forum considered first, the inequalities that both women. The women present listed lack of coordination, sharing or co-operation, money problems and lack of recognition of her capabilities as their most outstanding grievances. They appreciate the fact that in organized groups they seem to be given equal recognition.

Five out of seven women said that they were willing to accept full equality with men—including their responsibilities. The other two intimated that they would do so only in an emergency. The majority said they expect to sacrifice a few of their privileges as women to obtain equality.

In listing the changes they would like to see in order to obtain equality, the Forum cited non-concension and sharing of responsibilities; time and provision made for shared pleasures, such as an evening out with their husbands.

They thought women should show more respect and tolerance for men in public office before they can hope to obtain it themselves.

The Edgeley Farm Forum has accepted the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jackson, former Forum members, to spend a social evening with them at their home in North Toronto during the holidays.

On January 5, the Forum will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. MacLachlan in Maple. On this occasion, the first in a three-week series of discussions on vertical integration will take place. The topic on January 5 is "Who controls the product?" Is the farmer a manager or a laborer?

The meeting begins at 8:30 by listening first to a half-hour Trans Canada broadcast which is followed by a discussion period in each local Forum across the nation. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

Concord Socials

With the Christmas season upon us most organizations have been celebrating with parties or concerts.

Concord Public School held its annual concert at Maple Community hall this year. The youngsters "played" to a full house, performing with the ease of experienced actors and singers. The junior grades made up the first half of the programme with the singing of Christmas songs. The senior grades gave two plays, grades 5 and 6 doing a mock wedding. The teachers deserve a great deal of praise for this year's concert. It was well rehearsed as was evident by the excellent performance of all grades.

Cubs and Scouts The Scout and Cub groups of Concord held their annual Christmas party on Wednesday evening, December 10, at the school. Parents, brothers and sisters of the boys attended the party. The leaders were presented with tie clips with the scout emblem, and the cub pack was presented with its wolf's head from the Group Committee. The boys were presented with gifts from the mothers auxiliary. Everyone enjoyed singing carols and eating a lunch provided by the mothers.

Brownies On November 27, two new Brownies were enrolled into the First Concord Brownie Pack. Andrea Sharp and Gail Morrison received their enrolment pins. On December 4, Madame Commissioner visited the pack and presented Brown Owl with her

Campers' License and Pin which she had earned this year.

The girls held their Christmas party on December 18. Entertainment consisted of a skit presented by each six and carol singing, after which the girls enjoyed a little lunch.

Guides On December 16, four new Guides were enrolled, Barbara Orr, Elsie Neva, Donna Sharp and Betty-Jean Salmon received their Tenderfoot pins. This was also the night of the Guides' Christmas party to which they invited their mothers. After the enrolment ceremony, the girls played a few games. Lunch followed, during which Penny Connelly played Santa and gave out the gifts which each girl had bought for someone whose name she had drawn at an earlier meeting. Carol singing followed, and the meeting closed with Taps.

Social Several lucky souls of Concord are spending Christmas out of town this year. The Gilberts are visiting relatives in Alberta, and the Saunders family has gone to Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thompson and family have gone to the sunny southland of Florida.

Zion Lutheran Church, Sherwood, held its annual Christmas concert, Sunday, December 21, at the church, with each class, from tots to teens, doing its part to make the concert enjoyable. The children of the Sunday School each received gifts and candy from under the giant Christmas tree.

Pupils & Parents Enjoy The Patterson School Christmas Concert

Thursday evening last was a gala occasion at Patterson Public School when parents and friends gathered to hear the pupils in their annual Christmas concert.

The evening began with a song of welcome, followed by Marjorie Stephenson giving a word of explanation. Two songs, "Santa's Laughing Song" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" were then sung. Poems were recited by Rosalie Stephenson, Debbie Goodier, Patsy Savage and Vincent Lind. A play, "Santa on Trial," had the following cast: Carol McKeown, Jack Waller, Jean Pike, Jolly Goodier, Sharon Wright, Audrey Stephenson, Ron Weir, Vivaine Terry, Martin Aston, and Charlene McKeown.

During intermission the audience sang carols. Pupils from grades 3 to 8 were greatly enjoyed in choral speaking. Poems by Heather Hepburn and Christine Geary followed. Next on the program was a choir from grades 1 and 2. A duet was sung by Debbie Goodier and

Nicky Crampton. A playlet, "Patience and Prudence" was given next, followed by a girls' drill by grades five to eight. Boys from grades 7 and 8 also performed a drill.

Jean Pike gave a piano solo, Brenda Pemberton read a poem, Jolly Goodier also played a piano solo.

The concluding act featured the entire school as the cast of The Christmas Book. Mrs. E. Pike was pianist. Miss Hilliard is the teacher.

Attending the little one-room school are Vincent Lund, Patsy Savage, Christine George, Rosalie Stephenson, John Mitchell, Debbie Goodier, Robin Aston, Ricky Lund, Virginia Redmeier, Hugh Redmeier, Nicky Crampton, John Weir, Mimi Walter, Cici Walter, Diana Robson, Winnie Terry, Brenda Pemberton, Gordon Wright, David Crampton, Martin Aston, Valerie Stephenson, Carol Weir, Vivienne Terry, Ron Weir and Charlene McKeown.

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