

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.

Illogical, Ill-timed & Short-sighted Edgeley Pioneer Village To Lose Government Grant

A strong protest against the Ontario Government's move to discontinue grants for the purchase and restoration of historic places has been registered by the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The committee unanimously approved a resolution appointing a deputation of three members to call upon Planning and Development Minister W. M. Nickle as soon as possible to protest the government's action.

The committee would include Dr. G. Ross Lord, P. Eng., Authority chairman; Reeve Dorothy Hague of Swansea, chairman of the historic sites advisory board; and C. R. Purcell, chairman of the R.D.H.P. watershed advisory board.

The protest followed a letter received by the Authority from Mr. Nickle which read: "You and the members of your Authority are no doubt aware of the rapid growth of Authorities in recent years, which now have reached a total of twenty-five, six new ones having been established in 1958.

"This rapid growth has necessitated substantially increased grants toward administration and all other types of conservation projects, and such assistance we intend to continue this year. However, there is one type of activity which has been carried on by some Authorities, namely historic sites and pioneer villages, which while important and of great interest to many people is not basically the conservation of natural resources.

"Accordingly, then, I have decided that for this year at least

no grants will be made for the purchasing and restoration of historic places such as pioneer villages and articles of historic value. However, where such historic projects have been commenced it is my opinion that they should be continued, but at the expense of the Authority."

At its meeting, the M.T.R.C.A. executive described the government's action as "illogical," "ill-timed" and "short-sighted."

Mrs. Hague said she was "not prepared to accept this without strong protest, since it has always been my understanding that the provincial government encourages development and restoration of historic sites." She added that the public has become very interested in pioneer history and "this action by the government comes at a very inopportune time."

Other members also voiced protests against the move. W. S. MacDonnell, information and education advisory board chairman, said the Authority's finest piece of public relations work has come out of the annual Pioneer Festival commenced two years ago.

"Several thousand people flock annually to this event and it has been a most valuable means of interesting and educating the public, not only in local pioneer history but also in the overall conservation objectives of the Authority," he stated.

Mr. MacDonnell added that the M.T.R.C.A.'s Pioneer Museum was also a project of great educational interest which attracted thousands of visitors, including school children, every year.

He said, "We should make the strongest possible recommendation for at least a modified pro-

gram of government support."

Dr. Lord suggested that it would be better if the government's plan to withdraw support from this quarter was done gradually over three or four years "so that we would have an opportunity to obtain financial support from outside sources."

"There should be some continuation of government grants on the basis of merit," stated C. R. Purcell.

Hugh M. Griggs, chairman of the Etobicoke-Mimico watershed advisory board, suggested that the government give subsidies to the projects already under development by the Authority.

The largest of these projects is the Edgeley Pioneer Village in North York Township where the M.T.R.C.A. is establishing Ontario's first authentic pioneer community. Located on an 18-acre farm site it will consist, when completed, of about 20 buildings.

"We have put a lot of time, effort and money into this project to date," said Ald. William Davidson, Q.C., chairman of the Humber watershed advisory board.

February Motto Of Vellore Sr. W.I. "Hobbies — Personality Outlets"

The topic for the February meeting of Vellore Sr. Women's Institute was "Hobbies" and the motto, "Hobbies are personality outlets." The response to the roll call was to tell how to use spare time in winter.

Mrs. G. Bridger was program convener. She read an article about the hobby of Mr. E. G. Byrne, a lawyer of Bathurst, New Brunswick. On Miscou Island, he carries on experimental farming with marked success with vegetables and berries.

For Mrs. E. Bryson, Mrs. J. Bryson talked about the recent project of the 4H Club — Working With Wool. She displayed one of the skirts made by the girls and a note book which contained notes on the work with wool, the club story and pictures of patterns.

Mrs. A. Cameron Sr., assisted by Mrs. M. Duff, gave a demonstration on copper tooling. She described the materials and the tools necessary for this work. Mrs. Duff worked on a pattern as Mrs. Cameron explained the operation. Three lovely framed examples of the finished art were on display.

Mrs. J. Murray read a poem entitled "Winter Testament."

District president Mrs. Boddy and district secretary-treasurer Mrs. Hermans were present at the meeting.

Mrs. Boddy explained the Doan House project. She suggested we use a budget system and recommended panel discussions as part of our program.

During the business discussion further plans were made for the bus trip to Toronto next month. The bus will leave from Vellore Memorial Hall at 9:30 a.m.

On behalf of our branch members, the president, Mrs. Bishop, extended best wishes to Mrs. G. Old who is moving to England and tokens of remembrance were given to her.

The meeting was closed by singing "God Save the Queen" and lunch was then served.

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Maple Notes

Friends of Mr. B. Yake of Yake Dry Goods in Maple will be pleased to learn he is expected to be released from Toronto General Hospital shortly, where he has been confined since early in January, due to an operation. Mr. Yake will be convalescing for some time, but everyone hopes he will soon be feeling much improved and able to be about again.

Mrs. Isaac Watson visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dempster of Concord.

World Day of Prayer
On Friday, the ladies of Maple and the surrounding area joined in prayer with other women throughout the world to observe the day set aside as a World Day of Prayer for Peace and for Thanksgiving.

The service took place in St. Stephen's Anglican Church, with Mrs. W. B. Jennings, the wife of the rector, opening the service of worship. Mrs. H. Jackson of Maple United Church and Mrs. R. Percival of Zion Lutheran Church, in turn conducted the prayers for penitence and assurance with the congregation responding.

Mrs. J. Kingsburgh of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church led in the service of consecration and intercession with prayers for the Queen and the Commonwealth leaders given by Mrs. H. Constable.

Petitions for peace, justice and righteousness throughout the world were given by Mrs. C. Dyson; for the victims of war, persecution, and the suffering of the needy by Mrs. R. Keffer. For family life, youth and Christian leadership by Mrs. James Martin; for the Church in all its man-

Concord Socials

An executive meeting was held on Wednesday, February 11, at the home of Mrs. Fred Orr, Gardiner Avenue, where the ladies made further plans for the banquet, February 27.

Concord School
An old-fashioned touch was added to St. Valentine's Day at Concord Public School when the four higher grades held a box social. The young ladies were responsible for providing a lunch for two in a box enticingly decorated to command a high price. Hearts in flowers was the theme of the day, and many boxes were beautifully done up in red and white in accordance with the day. Many a girl's heart was a flutter as the bidding sometimes went as high as a dollar or more! There are a lot of poor boys around Concord this week but the Junior Red Cross benefited greatly by the event.

Group Committee
The men's group committee of Concord Cubs and Scouts met last Friday night at the home of Mr. Harry Kentner, Hillside Avenue, and plans were completed for the coming father and son banquet. The banquet will be held this year at Maple Community Hall on Friday, February 27.

Some of the fathers suggested that the Scouts have a bottle pickup, that is, the boys would collect all unwanted beverage and milk bottles in the neighbourhood and keep the refund from them. This was apparently done in Maple recently and proved very successful. Nothing definite was decided about having a pickup in Concord. The men also discussed their coming elections.

Edgeley Socials

Farm Forum
The high cost of farm machinery was discussed in the Farm Forums on Monday evening, February 9. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keffer, the Edgeley Farm Forum findings indicated that the members think their investment in farm equipment and costs of its operations too high. To best meet this problem, the Forum decided that co-operative ownership could work with a father-son or brother agreement. Greater versatility in the use of equipment on the farm was also suggested as another way to meet the problem. Custom work, by having a working agreement with a neighbour whereby each man owns and services his own machines, especially in a good working set-up such as one man owning a baler and the other a combine, should help to solve some of the problems, providing it is a strictly business agreement.

Some Forum members thought it would be a good thing to ask governments to institute licensing of dealers and testing regulations but others thought we do not need this in Ontario because dealers are controlled by the companies they represent.

WILLOWDALE: School Board Trustee Mrs. J. Pearce has objected to the board's practice of not spreading their business around among more than one firm.

Concord H. & S. Annual Dance Fri. Bayview Ave. Included In County Road Program

Friday February 20th is the night of the big dance, an annual social event with the Concord Home and School Association. The place is the Maple Community Hall and tickets may be bought at the door or from any member of the executive. Mr. Knight, at AV. 5-1034, can answer any questions. The tickets entitle the holder (whether present at the dance or not) to a chance to win an attractive clock-radio. There will also be several other lucky prizes.

While not intended primarily as a money-raising event, the committee has gone to considerable expense to make the dance a success, and it is hoped that the community will give its full support. The Jolly Miller Orchestra will be on hand to keep things lively, and there will be both square dancing and modern.

The Home and School Association at Concord has, as usual, provided a very interesting bill-of-fare this season. The meetings have all been lively and informative, the annual games night was a great success, both socially and financially, and a real, old-fashioned Christmas concert was enjoyed by the entire school population and their parents in December. With the proceeds from these events, the Association purchased a film strip projector for the school. It is hoped that the dance will raise enough to finance the bus to take the children for the swimming lessons next summer, as well as the school picnic and other expenses.

The February 9th meeting of the Concord Home and School Association was well attended. Mr. Knight introduced Mr. John Perry, Reeve of Vaughan Township, who outlined the civil defense plans for York County. A film "The Waking Point" was viewed with interest and Mr. Perry then introduced Mr. R. Grant, civil defense co-ordinator of Markham Township. Mr. Grant made a few general observations on the need for civil defense and then, possibly to his regret, invited questions from the audience. Aroused just as much by Mr. Grant's assumption that an atomic war is inevitable, as by the evident lack of precise information as to how to cope with it, there was a spirited exchange. Mr. Grant admitted that Civil Defense was just in the planning stage and stated that by next fall there would be ready to "instruct our instructors" in civil defense measures. The meeting adjourned for refreshments, where the discussion was continued for some time. Watch for a future meeting arising out of this urgent question.

Maple Notes

ifold forms of activity by Mrs. G. Matheson.

Mrs. Percival introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Earl Cronmiller, wife of the minister of St. Phillip's Lutheran Church in Toronto. Mrs. Cronmiller gave a moving address on Prayer and Its Various Aspects.

In addition to the well-chosen hymns, special music was provided by Mrs. J. Yorke, who sang very beautifully "Teach Me To Pray", accompanied by the organist, Mrs. R. H. Markham.

Serving as ushers for the afternoon were Mrs. G. Robson and Mrs. J. James.

Attend Presbyterial
An inspirational annual meeting of the Toronto West Presbyterial of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in High Park Presbyterian Church on last Thursday. Mrs. W. J. Agar, well-known Vaughan township resident, presided at the three sessions.


Addresses were made by the Rev. Robert Manning on the missionary spirit, and Rev. Moore Gardon on Formosa. Miss Ada Adams told of her recent trip to Japan as a delegate to the Christian Education Conference. Greetings from High Park Church were brought by Mrs. Robert Manning, second vice-president of the Presbyterial.

Among the local ladies attending were Mrs. Albert Rutherford, president of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Vaughan, and Mrs. Nelson Kerr, Mrs. Alex Bishop, Mrs. Alex McNeil and Mrs. A. McNeil.

Mrs. H. C. Bailey, a former resident of Maple, is a patient in the Women's College Hospital,

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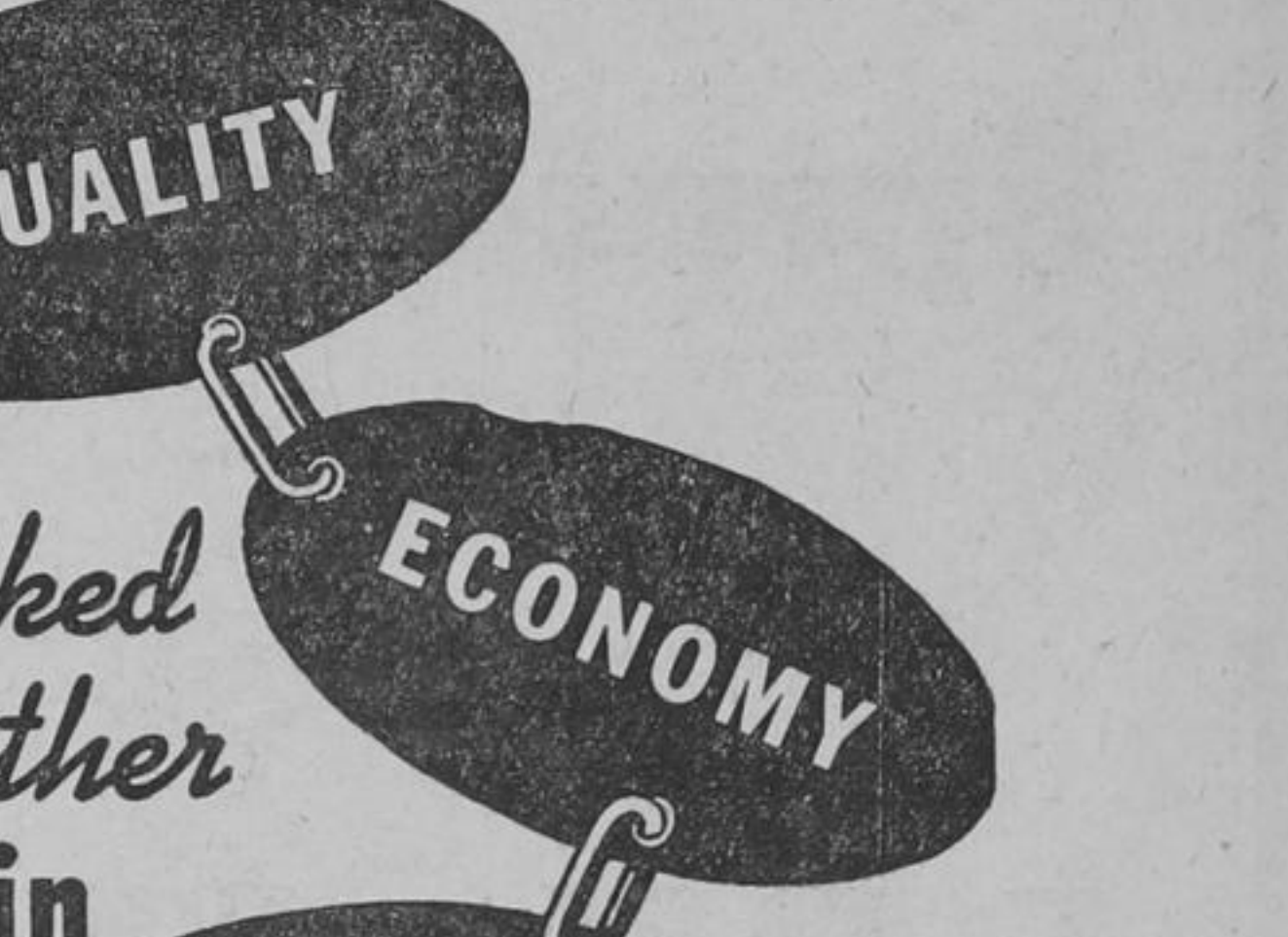
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