

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 and Sherwood, Mrs. Raymond Stuart, AV. 5-1934.

Concord Socials

Over 70 residents of the Keffer Subdivision attended the first meeting of the new ratepayers' association held last Friday night at Concord Public School. Elected as president of the new association was Mr. Henry Nordin, of Garden Ave. Along with Mrs. George Pinkett, secretary, he will form the nucleus of the association. Mr. Nordin has been given the right to add members to the executive if he deems it advisable.

As the president was out of town, Mr. Ed Hay acted as chairman for the first part of the meeting when the subject discussed was the new C.N.R. marshalling yard. As plans now stand, the yard will be just across Keele St., at the western end of the subdivision. The general feeling among residents is, understandably, an uneasy one for many reasons. Homeowners feel that: (1) Value of their land will decrease; (2) Their children will be endangered; (3) There will be constant noise; (4) The air will be polluted to a certain extent.

Mr. Hay suggested that the residents join in support of the Thornhill Ratepayers Association, whose members are engaging in an active letter-writing campaign to the following people: John Perry, Reeve of Vaughan Township; Mr. Fred Stinson, M.P., and Mr. C. A. Cathers, M.P., Conservative representatives. Federal Government, Mr. Donald Gordon, President of the C.N.R. Any resident who opposes the location of the yards is invited to join in this campaign. Many felt that we

would be "kicking a dead horse", but at least we can say we tried.

The second part of the meeting took the form of a discussion on the flooding caused by improper drainage in the subdivision. Mr. Ernie Backus took over as chairman, as Mr. Hay felt he perhaps did not have as much specific information on the subject. Vaughan Council has been approached by several residents regarding this problem of flooding and the poor road conditions resulting from it. No satisfaction was received from Council regarding these pleas. Another meeting will be held on Friday, March 20, at 7.45 p.m. at the school, and it is hoped that members of the Vaughan Council will be present. Let's have as close to 100 per cent attendance as possible.

Home & School
The March meeting of the Concord Home and School Association was held on Monday, March 9. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. C. A. Wilkinson, director of audio-visual aids for Scarborough Township. Mr. Wilkinson gave each person a list of questions in social studies at the grade 8 level. A film was shown on the Queen opening Parliament, after which those present answered the questions given to them. Mr. Wilkinson also showed a film strip, "The Big, Brown Bear", designed to help junior grades. Each picture had a portion of the story printed beneath it. The speaker illustrated how this helped to teach the child how to recognize new words and how to spell them. Mr. Wilkinson complimented Concord teachers on their use of audio-visual aids, and the association on its act of buying two projectors for the school. Mr. Wilkinson also remarked on the fact that seldom had he seen a school so attractively decorated with art work and visual aids made by the pupils themselves.

The April 13th meeting will be taken over completely by the fathers. This should be a rare sight to see, so don't miss it by any means.

Cubs & Scouts
Just a reminder that next Monday night, March 23, is the night of the euchre and croquinoles sponsored by the mothers' auxiliary of Concord Scouts and Cubs. Refreshments will be served, and there are prizes to be won.

Last February 28, Donny Day, Garden Ave., took second prize at a hobby show for Scouts and Cubs at Richmond Hill. What did Don do to obtain this prize? He baked a cake.

Socials
Robert Baillie celebrated his seventh birthday on March 12. On March 14 he held a party for his friends. Attending were: Randy, Brian and Linda Baillie, Gary and Ruth Ann Snider, Jeffrey and Wesley Boron, Loren Whaley. The children played games and enjoyed a nice lunch prepared by Robert's mother, Mrs. Warren Baillie.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witney and family visited Mrs. Witney's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Bay, Scarborough, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of East Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Matt Stoddart and family on Sunday.

Mr. George Tinker, Kleinburg, visited Mr. John Witney on Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs. H. Antrab, King High Drive.

High scores for the week were: Roy Espey 246, Percy Ash 261, Bernice Cook 256, 258, Margaret Smith 256, Jack Witney 259, Don Mitchell 266, Jim Aston 267.

Team standings: Hornets 102, Wildcats 92, Indians 82, Bruins 87, Tigers 31, Bearcats 80, Lions 74, Cubs 74.

There will be no bowling on Good Friday, March 27.

Location C.N.R. Yards Surprise Edgeley People

By Mrs. Raymond Stuart

Well, the word is out at last, and with the announcement by Mr. Donald Gordon, C.N.R. president, that a double track railway and a marshalling yard will soon be located in the heart of Edgeley, some mixed feelings about it have been expressed.

Although there had been a flurry of land buying activity in the community during the past two weeks, the announcement of the location of the marshalling yard came as a surprise to most residents, who had expected that it would be located farther north.

While some farmers expect that the location of the rail yards will draw industry to the district and thus bring growth and prosperity in its wake, new home-owners, especially in the new subdivision along Keele St., are fearful of a drop in their housing values. Many had moved to this area to enjoy such advantages of suburban living as fresh air and quietness. Now with the prospect of deiseals filling the air with their oily smell and their constant beeping, it seems as though the pleasant life that the suburb has afforded is about to come to an end. But the great writer, Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that civilization pays a price for progress. "For everything that is given, something is taken," Emerson wrote. So pay something we must, it seems.

However, on the brighter side, Mr. Gordon has said that the marshalling yard would be of great benefit to Vaughan Township and other localities in which the railway will be located. He said that it will bring industry and make this area the greatest industrial centre in Canada. And this, together with the promise that the location of the marshalling yard will be such that it will minimize the impact of rail movement on nearby residential users, should make everybody happy in knowing that great things are in store in the near future.

The March meeting of Vellore Senior Women's Institute took the form of a bus trip to Toronto. Thirty-six ladies met at Vellore Memorial Hall and boarded the bus which left at 9.30 a.m.

The first stop was at Christie's Bakery. It was most interesting to watch the bread-making process. On leaving, each lady was given a bag containing a loaf of bread and a jelly roll cake. Needless to say they were both delicious. Lunch was enjoyed at Pickfair Restaurant.

Borden's Dairy was the next point of call. First, a film was shown depicting the handling of milk during the past hundred years. After this, we were taken out on a gallery from which we could look down on the machines as they were being operated. At this point bottles were being filled with milk. On returning to the room where the film had been shown, Borden's food products were the subject of discussion. After this, dainty refreshments were served.

The next call was at the new Imperial Oil Building on St. Clair Ave. West. We were taken up to the 21st floor from which a splendid view of the city can be seen — the guide pointing out buildings of special interest. On returning to the main entrance, the mural on the walls was explained. This illustrated the past, present and future of oil.

Very fortunately, the weather condition was ideal for the trip and each participant expressed pleasure in the day's outing.

The April meeting will be held as usual at Vellore Memorial Hall featuring besides the programme, payment of fees and election of officers.

There has been unanimous approval of the regional flood control and water conservation program proposed by the Metropolitan Toronto & Region Conservation Authority by the nine municipalities already approached on the subject by MTRCA officials.

The remaining 14 municipalities including Metro Toronto are presently being approached by the authority regarding their approval of the program.

According to Grant Henderson, Woodbridge, chairman of the flood and pollution control advisory board, the following municipalities have agreed to pay their share of the cost in carrying out the \$35,000,000 project: Brampton, Stouffville, Woodbridge, Bolton, Ajax and the Townships of Albion, Toronto-Gore, Vaughan and Uxbridge.

The program would involve the construction of 13 multi-purpose dams on the watersheds, improvements to the stream channels and acquisition of 7,600 acres of flood-prone land.

If the program is approved by municipal, provincial and federal authorities, the cost will be borne over a 10-year period with Ottawa and Queen's Park each paying 37½% and the municipalities paying the remaining 25 per cent. The municipalities' share — \$5,651,900 — would be divided among them in proportion to the benefits received.

Dr. G. Ross Lord, authority chairman, has estimated that the cost benefit ratio of the program would be \$1.58 for every dollar spent, in addition to all of the other intangible benefits such as conservation, recreation and pollution control.

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The same board and officers were appointed except Mr. Andrew Snider as chairman of the village trustees replaced Mr. Kirby Brock and was appointed vice-chairman of the board. Regular, well attended meetings of the board have been held each month except in July and August.

During the spring Mr. Thompson resigned as secretary-treasurer and from the board. He was replaced by Mrs. Martin Cleworth by the Maple School Board. Mrs. Meikle was appointed secretary and Mrs. Kingsburgh appointed treasurer. In December, as Mrs. Meikle was leaving the village she resigned from the board and her office, being replaced by Mrs. W. J. Davis by the village trustees.

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Maple Trustees Strike Mill Rate

Maple Village Trustees met March 17 in the Vaughan Council Chambers with Chairman John Neufeld, Andrew Snider, Jack Yorke and Clerk James MacDonald. The Clerk of the Village was requested to write to the Department of Highways for permission to establish a 25 m.p.h. speed limit in the village area within the village.

The Trustees struck the mill rate for 1959 at 7 mills. The trustees went on record as opposed to the railway spur of the C.N.R. marshalling yard. Their decision was based on the fact that it touches the village boundaries on the south and west sides.

WOODBRIDGE: Council voted the sum of \$5,600 to the Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton. This money is to be the final payment of a \$7,500 grant to the hospital, which council approved some time ago. Last year a one mill levy was assessed and \$1,900 received which was turned over to the hospital. This together with the \$5,600 which council has just approved makes up the \$7,500, promised to the hospital.

Ladies Of Vellore Senior W.I. Enjoy Bus Trip & Tour Of City

by Mrs. Mabel Snider

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Maple Notes

Piano Recital
The piano pupils of Mr. Raymond R. Thompson, A.R.C.T., held their first recital last Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, in Maplegrove Subdivision.

Ten children and fourteen adults were accommodated in the living room and provided an appreciative audience.

Piano solos were performed by Nancy Kerrigan, Robin and Kirby Brock, Lynda Cooper, Beverley Taylor, Douglas James and Karen Jacob. Kirby Brock and Douglas James also played a piano duet.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson played some original works for piano

duet and for two pianos. To conclude the program Mr. Thompson performed three pieces by Bach, Beethoven, and MacDowell. After which Mr. Thompson was thanked on behalf of the parents by Mr. R. T. James.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Thompson with the assistance of the girl pupils present.

Attend Easter Play
The Girls' Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Anglican Church attended the "Easter Story" at the Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Square, Toronto, on Friday evening.

Nineteen persons journeyed to Toronto to see Mrs. Franks' play which was in its 12th year of presentation.

Land Acquisition — Is Farm Forum Topic

On Monday evening, March 9 the Farm Forums discussed land acquisition and its implications.

The Edgeley Farm Forum members have had experiences with property easements with the Bell Telephone Co. and these were quite favorable, but not so favorable with highways. Every farmer was approached individually and was not offered equal valuation in the same locality.

The federation of agriculture can hold meetings to publicize the fact that they can help farmers to obtain a just settlement.

To further assist farmers in obtaining satisfactory settlement of acquisition problems, the Edgeley Forum recommended that the farmers do not commit themselves as to price before getting together to discuss their problems.

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