

# Maple, Concord & Edgeley District

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## Maple Notes

**Maple United Church W. M. S.**  
Mrs. H. Davies used the Christmas Story for the Worship period at the December Meeting of Maple United W. M. S. giving another version of it in her own appealing manner.

Tea and fruit cake were served at the close of the meeting by the committee in charge, in a festive setting of Christmas decorations with seasonal music.

**Senior's Christmas Party:**  
The teachers and officers of the entire Maple United Sunday School staff attended the senior department Christmas party, December 16th. The program consisted of the singing of Christmas Carols, a film, a quartette and of course refreshments!

Tonight, Thursday, December 22nd the Junior Department will have their party.

**St. Stephen's W. A.**  
The regular December meeting of St. Stephen's W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. J. T. James with the devotional led by the president Mrs. G. Robson, Mrs. C. Lepper took the scripture reading.

The members discussed the planning of the lunch for the "St. Stephen's Family Christmas Party." This Party will take place, Wednesday, December 28th from 7-9 p.m. at the Maple Community Hall. All Sunday School members and church attendants of St. Stephen's are cordially invited to share in this, your Family Christmas Party.

Following the business discussion the nominating committee conducted the election of officers for the year 1961, as follows:

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Hon. Pres. Mrs. R. Armitage; Pres. Mrs. C. Reeds; Vice Pres. Mrs. C. Kirkland; Sec'y. Mrs. L. Bloom; Treas. Mrs. H. Elkins; Dorcas Sec'y, Mrs. J. Hayes; Little Helper's Sec'y, Mrs. James Martin and Mrs. C. Lepper; Social Services Sec'y, (flowers etc.) Mrs. J. James, and Misses A and L. Miller; Living Message and Bulletin Sec'y, Mrs. A. Wilson.

With the slate of officers completed, a section from the study book, "The Way in Africa" was read by Mrs. James.

The outgoing president Mrs. Robson, then wished the new officers every success in the year 1961 and the season's greetings to all the members.

On behalf of the members the president - elect, Mrs. Reeds gave Mrs. Robson a vote of thanks for her work in the past year.

A delicious lunch was then served.

The next meeting of this W. A. will be Wednesday, January 11, 1961 at the home of Mrs. C. Reeds.

In passing I would like to thank "ex president" Marg Robson for supplying "Maple Notes" so faithfully with news and doings of St. Stephen's W. A. It must have been difficult at times to act as press secretary along with her duties as president. We did appreciate it as did others.

**One Huge Get Well Wish**  
There have been so many of all ages, who have been sick lately, you'll know it's you we mean as we send out one huge get well wish.

**The Girls Did The Celebrating**  
Here we are back at Shur Gain Farm where they have their own little community settlement. A Christmas party is given for the children and last Tuesday, December 13, Mrs. Berit Plunkett had a party for the twelve 'Ladies of Shur Gain'.

**A True Scout Patrol**  
When Scout Master Jack House told each of his Patrols that he expected them to get organized and earn some money so they could get supplies and equipment for their own Patrol - he had no idea what the outcome might be.

Anyone within a given radius of Maple knows what project was taken on by one Scout Patrol. If you haven't been approached by ticket or picked out your tree as yet, you'd better hustle down by Maple Feed Mill. Here if you're lucky you may still be in time to choose your Christmas

Tree. You must admit you will never meet up with such patient and long suffering super salesmen - and at those prices! - every body should have two!

Indeed such initiative and action is to be well commended and we're sure the Bob-o-link Patrol of 1st Maple Boy Scouts with Scouts Doug James, Chris Moore, Glen Saltern, Eric Stevenson, Tom Johnson, Brian Gurnson and their Patrol leader Dave Cullen would wish to thank Al Moore and Alvin Lloyd for their tireless efforts in trucking and supervising etc., on their behalf, and you the residents of Maple and district who rallied round and gave your support.

**St. Andrew's W.A. and W.M.S.**  
The W.A. and W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held their Christmas meeting at the manse on Wednesday evening, December 14, with Mrs. J. Kingsburgh presiding for the business session.

Mrs. A. E. Snyder and Mrs. J. McBratney told of how, with the birth of Christ, love, peace, joy and faith came into the world.

Mrs. J. Cooper gave an inspiring reading of "The Black Madonna" and Mrs. R. Thompson's piano solo delighted everyone. Members and guests enjoyed the singing of Christmas carols. Refreshments completed a delightful evening.

**White Gift Service**  
An evening White Gift Service was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 11. Prior to the service a light supper was served to the children of the Sunday School and their parents by the W.A. and W.M.S. of the church. The children participated in the service by singing Christmas carols. Jon McGinnis read the scripture from Isaiah; Allan Cameron read "Peace on Earth"; Isobel Macdonald recited "White Stars of Christmas Shine"; Joe Scott read "Along the Bethlehem Way"; Janet Scott, John Magee and David Cooper took part in the presentation of white gifts.

Mr. Davie Sinclair spoke on the meaning of the Christmas tree and the gifts. The story "If I Had Not Come" and the carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful" completed the service.

**Zion Lutheran Church News**  
Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School are holding their Christmas Worship Service entitled, "At Thy Cradle I Stand" on Saturday evening, December 24, at 7 p.m.

## Seasonal Thoughts

This is the season when "all should be merry" as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and count our blessings and give thanks that we live in a land of "peace and good will towards men".

As we enjoy festivities with our families and friends, let us take a moment to greet a new neighbour who may as yet feel a stranger in our town, or let those who are remembering a happier Christmas of another year, know we are sharing in their thoughts too.

So here to all of you — and yours — may you have a "SPONTANEOUS MERRY CHRISTMAS"!

## Shur-Gain Maple Turkeys To Cuba For Xmas Fare

The Cuban government has ordered 21,000 turkeys from Shur Gain. (These transactions both took place between these two governments and Shur-Gain direct - not through the Canadian government in any way.)

The specifications are that they, the Cubans, will send the air cargo ships for transporting and that the turkeys are to be complete with their feathers! Now normally the turkeys would be dead, plucked and in storage. You can imagine the "slight" confusion at the turkey farm section of Shur Gain when, so far, because of the very small aircraft made available for transporting, only about 2000 turkeys have departed and the remainder are adding pound after

pound eating the feed supplied them by the Cuban government as they await their turn for Christmas in Cuba.

Usually long before now, before the cold weather has set in Louis Plunkett would have had all his turkeys taken care of and in a 'controlled' cold place. With the recent cold snap and having studied their trails, Louis and his assistants (plus his wife Berit) have been having near nightmares.

Seems turkeys are a temperamental lot and apt to stampee or such at any given whim. If and perish the thought - the heating system should go pfft, our neighbours to the far south might have to settle for JUST the feathers! Lots of luck!

## Councillor Ruth McConkey On Election Night

By Toby Shore

Around 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, 1960, we visited Pine Hill Farm Maple and joined a lively group around a crackling open fire place. In that delightfully appointed living room of that gracious old house, Hugh and Ruth McConkey were hosting a buffet supper for some of their friends who were perhaps more than "a little" interested in the outcome of the days' election.

On the whole our nominee for council seemed most unperturbed as we sat side by side, each in a wonderful old granny rocking chair before the fire, gabbling away and enjoying to the full the huge array of a vast variety of delicious food on our first round of the buffet board.

I tried to listen in on the many conversations from interior decorating, old furniture and houses, new subdivision types along with the headaches that go along with first possession, horses and a higher keyed voice as Judy, preening in her lovely dress assured me, "that was the one she said she would wear to the party" and young Peter resplendent in bright plaid waistcoat and bow tie, overcoming his shyness to let me lift him up, - then lift him down etc., from the high spot he had chosen. Johnnie was quite the quiet gentleman for the most part but did mention that he'd forgotten to take home his tonsils following his recent hospital stay.

I almost found myself wondering why I never wanted a girl particularly, - while watching two such nicely poised young daughters Diane and Debbie around and almost anticipating their Mom's thoughts and wishes before she could put them into words.

It was rather noticeable how Hugh McConkey never stayed in one spot for long - a little excited - maybe? Helen McDermott who had worked so untiringly for Ruth on the phone and with letters, etc. wore her "Go Go Go" pin for Ruth. Patrick Salmon who was a nominee for the school board, kept looking at his watch. He had kept us informed as to when the polls were almost closing, about 10 minutes close closed, so many minutes when since they had closed and finally it was eight o'clock. Olive Seed just then showed me the wish bone she had been carrying around in her pocket for days - and all of a sudden I realized I really was excited!

Hugh had taken some Polaroid pictures so while they were being viewed, Pat and young Diane and I decided we had to be where the action was!

We took off for the Township offices and from there on you know the story. Ruth's family hung in there right to the end - keeping tab on it all, making sure the count was right etc., until finally it was all over and Diane and Debbie joined in the shouting (or perhaps led it) as their mom was named the "First Lady of Vaughan Township."

Then it was back to Pine Hill Farm and the popping of that enormous bottle of champagne while toasts and more toasts were raised to Councillor elect Ruth McConkey, her co-horts, her wonderful family and to all the success and prosperity that Vaughan Township can hold.

Perhaps there was a sizable degree of disappointment we all shared with Pat Salmon but considering his final count we all felt proud of his showing and knew that the next time elections rolled around he'd be right in there pitching.

The press had come along to help wind up the evening in the persons of Alex Sjöberg of the "Liberal", Gerry Huntley of the Globe and Mail and Gerry Barker of the Star.

Deputy-revee elect Jesse Bryson and Mrs. Bryson dropped by and Jesse and Ruth exchanged congratulations while everyone took another round off the buffet table.

Yes, all in all it had been quite an evening - this election to council of the first woman in Vaughan Township, Mrs. Ruth McConkey, housewife, Maple.

## Shur-Gain Cattle To Czechoslovakia

Last Thursday, December 15, George Robson of Shur-Gain Farm, Maple took off for Czechoslovakia in a D.L.M. air cargo ship as a guest of that government. In the cargo ship were 28 "high grade, disease free" holstein cattle that the Czechoslovakian government had bought from Shur Gain Farm and George Robson was setting out with them in his care.

## Vaughan Lodge Installation

The installation ceremonies of Vaughan Lodge No. 54, A. F. and A. M. was held in Maple Masonic Lodge, Tuesday, December 13. This impressive ceremony was conducted by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Cameron P.D.D.G.M. of District 7 - a past master of the Vaughan Lodge, assisted by many present Grand Lodge officers, including Dist. Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Howard Gahagan of Toronto District 7 and past Masters of the Lodge.

Among those present was V.V. Bro. Russell Rumble who was Master of the Lodge in 1918 and he came wearing the regalia of a Grand Standard Bearer to which office he had been appointed last July by the Grand Master.

This grand old lodge, which has been looked upon so favorably in this district, was formed in 1854 and now enters its hundred and seventh year! The first Master was W. Bro. Jas. Woods followed by 88 Masters presiding over its affairs throughout these years.

While it is now customary for a Master to serve only one year, seventy-five to a hundred years in office for two or three years in order to fulfill their duties as worshipful master. The longer period was deemed necessary because of distances to be travelled, often on foot or horse back in those early days and

also because of the difficulties or lack of communications.

The following officers were installed in the various offices: W. M. Bro. Coulson Malloy, I.P.M. W. Bro. Gordon Watson, Sr. W. Bro. Stewart Diceman, Jr. W. Bro. W. Skidmore; Chap. Bro. Harold Ambrose; Treas. W. Bro. H. C. H. Miller; Sect. W. Bro. Wm. Hollowell; D. of C. W. Bro. Norman Payne; Sr. D. Bro. Chas. Rose; Jr. D. Bro. James Jones; I.G. Bro. Ed. Green; S.S.

Bro. Harry Rumble; J. S. Bro. Wm. J. Wilson; Ass't. Sect. Bro. Thomas Couper; Tyler V. W. Bro. Frank Elliott; Organist, Bro. John V. Ison.

The members of Vaughan Lodge and representatives from lodges of Thornberry, Uxbridge, Oakville and many others enjoyed the delicious dinner served by the ladies of the lodge under the guidance of Mrs. Stewart Diceman. A large "Thanks" to all.

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A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers

Nothing could have been more exciting to the youngsters of Temperanceville Sunday School than to have Santa spend such a lovely evening with them as he did on Saturday, December 17th. The children and most of the guests had just finished a very scrumptious and plentiful pot luck supper when the arrival of dear Old St. Nick was announced. The jingling of sleigh bells was heard and sure enough Santa quietly entered the crowded Sunday School rooms. Oh, how delighted were the children. As Santa approached the Christmas tree and was seated near the happy little faces with big eyes full of wonder watched his every movement. Then the big moment arrived, each child was given the opportunity of sitting on Santa's knee and telling him what they would like for Christmas.

As the parents watched it was a beautiful sight and one which will remain in our thoughts as a highlight of our children's childhood. The gifts were then given. Santa left behind contentment and happiness which comes only from sharing. Simple as Temperanceville Sunday School party was, it proved to be one of the happiest we have ever had.

God bless you all and have a very Merry Christmas.

**Sunday School**  
On Sunday, December 18, the whole Sunday School met together to enjoy an informal Sunday School session. The four Mitchell children, Janet, Karen, Hughie and Marlene, favoured with a Dutch song. Little Robby Prentice and Glennie Kilcup sang. The "Littlest Camel Kneel" with commentary and music by record was then shown the children. This is a very sweet Christmas story and was greatly enjoyed by all. The class awards were given out by the teachers. The junior beginners class with Roberta Wilson as teacher, were won by Chris Jennings.

Senior beginners winners (teacher Audrey Herrema) were Jimmy Paxton and Kenny Lloyd, junior primary (teacher Judith Paxton) by Kathie Macklin, Philip Ward and David Pike, senior primary (teacher Mrs. Wells), by Jim and John Jennings and Donald Collins. Mrs. Macklin's juniors by Cathie Kilcup and Nancy Jennings. The junior boys (teacher Bill Mitchell), awards won by Wayne Paxton and Douglas Ward.

The children were asked to make a special effort to come to church on Christmas Day as there will be junior congregation but no Sunday School.

The Christmas Day Church Service at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Kennedy will be delivering a special address.

**NEWMARKET** — Council will ask York County Council to raise some \$800,000 for a new 20-room high school in East Gwillimbury.