

# Maple, Concord & Edgeley District

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## Maple Notes

**Brief Retirement**  
Having "enjoyed" a brief retirement of less than ten days over the recent holidays, we somehow came to the conclusion that there were "some" readers who looked forward to news of Maple!

Indeed, it was most gratifying — HOWEVER, you are the ones that make the news so how about letting us in on it sometimes? Pick up your phone when you have news of a birthday (the small fry get a kick out of seeing their name in print); if you know of some one who is ill, maybe we can send along a cheery word from their neighbours, when you or your friends enjoy a special get-together, concert, take an interesting trip, or hear tell of someone's special achievement — it all goes to make up Maple Notes. Without YOU contributing it makes for rough going... and no notes!

Incidentally, we met a recent Bloom, who is the mother of five "buds" (ow). She is but one of the many new residents of Maple — be sure you do your part to make them feel welcome to our community.

**A Double Celebration**  
Having enjoyed all the hectic holiday celebrations at the homes of many of their neighbors, Ernie and Aileen Birch waited for an appropriate time — when everyone had a chance to catch their breath — then they had their party.

This really was THE time for the Birchs to celebrate. Besides their enjoyment of their new home and neighbors, Ernie was now able to go back to work following a five week illness and that was surely a good reason for celebrating. All the best Ernie — but take it easy!!!

**Liberalities . . . Dottie Walter**  
When we first heard that Dottie Walter was writing for "The Liberal" and her first column came out, we sort of figured that through a sense of loyalty we should at least give it a glance. For those of you who aren't hep, Dottie is a Maple-ite and also president of a Maple Branch of the Cancer Society, so you can see why I felt a sense of duty.

Well! Following my promised glance, I found myself really reading it and from then on with each issue I found myself right in there as one of her many top fans. You owe it to yourself to enjoy "Liberalities" by Maple's own Dottie — there's a girl with a way with a pen that brightens up any day. See for yourself.

By the way, Dottie and Graham Walter's son Peter is attending Western University this year, taking a course in business administration. Before settling down to said studies, Pete thoroughly enjoyed a two and a half month "college tour" through Europe and the British Isles last summer. It was a sort of last fling before

college responsibilities took over. St. Stephen's W.A.

The January meeting of St. Stephen's W.A. was held Wednesday, January 11, at the home of the president Mrs. C. R. Reeds. The meeting, with 23 members present, was opened by Mrs. Reeds followed by the scripture reading by Mrs. James Martin.

A special prayer was offered by Mrs. Armitage upon the presentation of a scroll and life membership pin to Mrs. H. Bryon by Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Taylor — on behalf of St. Stephen's W.A. Mrs. Bryon, in turn, gave a delightful "thank you" speech.

The business part of the meeting evolved around plans for the W.A. catering for a lunch and for the vestry dinner to take place on January 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Maple Community Hall.

A "thank you" note, from Vaughan Township, was read in appreciation for the refreshments served by the St. Stephen's W.A. on January 9, following the inaugural of council.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

**Lucky Thirteens**  
Friday, the 13th, helped celebrate another 13th occasion — namely the birthday of Bill Hamilton, January 13, who became a teenager on that date. How did you manage to keep it from the school gang and thus escape the accepted treatment? Congratulations, Bill!

**Ballet Anyone?**  
Debbie and Diane McConkey took in the Royal Ballet at O'Keefe Centre with their mother, January 13.

**To Tell of Trip**  
Of interest to many in Maple will be the open meeting of the 1st Maple Boy Scout Ladies' Auxiliary at the Lions Den, Community Hall on Wednesday, January 25, at 8:30 p.m., when Mr. George Robson will be the guest speaker. Mr. Robson is manager of the Shur-Gain Farm and recently was invited by the Czech government to be their guest. That government had bought 28 head of Holsteins from Shur-Gain and George supervised their transportation on a jet cargo plane to Czechoslovakia. On the 25th, he will tell us his impressions and incidents of his trip. The meeting is open to all interested residents of Maple and district. We're sure you'll enjoy George Robson's knack of relating his experiences in a strange country. Everyone welcome. There will be a brief business meeting, so plan on joining us at about 9 p.m.

A third grader gave the following definition of a contraction: "A contraction is made by putting two words together to make one word. You leave out some of the letters, but you put in a catastrophe."

## TESTON

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A most important event in the life of the church took place in Teston United Church Tuesday, January 10. The Charter meeting of the King, Teston and Laskay United Churches A.O.T.S. mens club was held. Following a dinner served by members of Teston Women's Association, ceremonies were conducted to install newly elected officers and present the charter to the club. Special guests on hand to take part in these ceremonies were Mr. Wm. Ellis, President of the Provincial Council and Mr. George Williams, and Mr. John Aspin of the York District Council. Sponsoring the new K. T. L. Club was the A.O.T.S. club of Aurora. Its president Mr. Stan Walker took charge of charter and installation ceremonies as follows — Installation of members of new club as a group, Mr. George Williams. Installation of officers of new club, Mr. W. Ellis.

Presentation of club charter, Mr. J. Aspin.  
Prayer, The Rev. John Morris.  
Presentation of gavel to president of new club, Mr. Les Oliver, Vice President Aurora A.O.T.S.

The newly installed officers are:  
Honorary President — Rev. M. R. Jenkinson.  
President — Mr. Al Smith.  
Vice President — Mr. Laurence Scott.  
Secretary — Mr. Roy Robson.  
Treasurer — Mr. Don Barker.  
District Council Representative — Mr. Art Rossiter.  
Chairman of Membership Committee — Mr. Allan Gelatly.  
Chairman of Program Committee — Mr. Laurence Scott.  
Chairman of Project Committee — Mr. George Brown.  
Chairman of Boys & Youth Committee — Mr. W. A. McWilliam.  
Chairman of Education & Stewardship Committee — Mr. Charles Robson.  
Chairman of Publicity & Public Relations — Mr. Henry Sierolawski.  
Chairman of Family Life Committee — Mr. Don Barker.  
Chairman of Finance Committee — Mr. Keith Cambden.

Meetings of this new organization will take place alternately in the Churches of King, Teston and Laskay on the second Tuesday of each month.

Layman's Sunday was observed in the three churches of the King charge Sunday, January 8, with members of the newly formed A.O.T.S. men's club in charge. In Teston United Church Mr. Charles Robson read the invocation and Mr. Keith Cambden led in prayer. The scripture was read by Mr. Don Barker of Laskay and Mr. Al Smith of King City gave the message, telling about the A.O.T.S. clubs.

## Court Shows Clemency Imposes Modest Fine

In Maple's Traffic Court January 11, Magistrate Robert Hirtle went along with the crown in the case of a Toronto man, Bob Sullivan, who had been charged by Vaughan Township Police with failing to report an accident, and imposed the minimum fine. Sullivan could have had his driver's licence and owner's permit suspended which because of his trucking profession would have constituted a severe blow.

Police said that the Sullivan car, badly damaged, was found in a field on the morning of December 23, following a report by the OPP. The car had jumped the road, travelled along a ditch and ploughed into the field after a skidding, lurching run of about two-tenths of a mile, and abandoned. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000. A telephone pole had been smacked by the vehicle.

Accused said: "I work out of Maple for a tank truck transport firm and was driving home to Toronto when a stray dog showed up in my headlights. I twisted the wheel to avoid hitting the animal and lost control of my car. The shoulder of the road was rutted and icy. I took quite a bump on the head and a passerby helped me out of the vehicle and took me home where I went to bed, still in a dazed condition. I never thought to call the doctor or report to the police. In the morning the police contacted me. Magistrate Hirtle said severely: "Didn't you have the common sense to call a doctor?" Accused replied: "I spent two years in hospitals once and just don't like them." Sullivan said the magistrate: "Which do you think is better, a soft warm hospital bed or a cold slab?" Sullivan admitted the hospital was preferable.

At this point the crown said that in view of the circumstances, and because accused was married, with three children, and needed his driver's licence to earn his living it would be satisfied with a mild penalty. "\$10 and \$3 costs or four days," said the magistrate. Sullivan wrote out a cheque, murmured a deferential "thank you" and left.

**Honestly Tried**  
A Beeton man, William Watson, charged by Vaughan Township Police with speeding 60 miles an hour in the 45-mile zone between Richvale and Richmond Hill, pleaded not guilty, put up a spirited defense, but lost out and paid \$10 and \$1.50 costs. Watson who was stopped on the highway on December last felt (1) that he honestly didn't think he was travelling too fast (2) that there could have been something the matter with (a) the police cruiser's speedometer or (b) his own; (3) that the icy conditions could have had a negative influence on the mechanics of the speedometer and (4) that it was possible the police cruiser's speedometer had not been checked (a) recently or (b) properly. "I honestly don't think I was going 60 miles an hour. Your Worship," he concluded. His Worship apparently honestly felt that he was brought down a conviction.

Three speeding cases involving as many young persons who had previously been found guilty by Magistrate P. Kelley and ordered to report to the traffic court clinic were held over until March 1 for the magistrate (who is recovering from an operation) to deal with. Magistrate Hirtle told Elizabeth Smith, a Toronto university student who was stopped by King City Police for doing 62 miles an hour in a 30 mile zone and who failed to appear at the clinic: "This is a serious business. Failure to appear in the clinic may jeopardize your chance to continue driving." Paul Cheatam of King City was commended on the report the clinic had made out on his behalf while Gordon Etter, of King Township, told the court he would be advised that at bench warrants had been taken out for him. If he fails to appear a second time the warrant will be executed.

## New Vaughan Council Procedural By-Law

By-law 2527, "to make and establish rules and regulations to govern the procedure of meetings of the Council of Vaughan Township," formally moved and carried at the township's inaugural meeting on Monday, represents a new approach to an old problem. While it is a 'first' for Vaughan, a similar by-law is in effect in various municipalities in the county and beyond. The difference between the standard by-law of this nature and Vaughan's, with bits and pieces taken from other such by-laws to fit the specific needs of Vaughan. It is designed to facilitate the work of council, to provide each committee chairman with all sides of a story and enable that committee chairman to bring in considered recommendations to council. In this way council will be fully armed; they will know exactly what is coming up. At the same time it will in no sense cut off delegations or arguments of interested parties.

**What It Does**  
An illustration of what the by-law is intended to do is the following hypothetical case. Mr. Doaks is convinced that he is being persecuted by the waterworks department. Having duly

simmered, stewed and brooded, he bursts in on council demanding his rights. His complaint is directed to the chairman of the waterworks committee who, in committee, studies both sides of the question, that of Mr. Doaks and the waterworks department personnel. Having reached a decision, the chairman (in this case Mrs. Ruth McConkey) sums up the case and makes her recommendation. This is forwarded to the clerk's office who adds it to the upcoming agenda. When council meets the members have all the facts at hand and can either accept or reject the recommendation. As a general rule the recommendations will be accepted inasmuch as all members of council who sit on all committees along with the chairman will have helped formulate the recommendation.

It also means that each councillor will have received a considered report of the grievance several days in advance of the regular meeting.

Formerly, a last-minute beef by an individual or group meant that council received only the one version which meant extracurricular work for the committee affected to secure the other side of the story. Thus, one part of the new by-law will obviate much time-consuming argument, debate and conjecture. The time saved will be put to good use carrying out other matters of township business.

Clause 14 of the by-law states: "Prior to each regular meeting, the clerk shall prepare an agenda or statement to be known as 'The Order of Business' of all the business to be brought before the council at such meeting; and to enable the clerk to do so, all documents intended to be submitted to the council shall be placed in his hands not later than 12 o'clock noon on Friday preceding the regular meeting of the council, and the business of the council shall be preceded with according to its place in the aforementioned order." Clause 15 states: "The reeve or the clerk may at any time prior to the preparation of the 'Order of Business' refer any letter, inquiry, question, complaint or matter to a standing or special committee for a report on recommendation but the council shall be advised accordingly of such reference at its next meeting."

In short the 40-clause by-law will streamline the mechanics of committees, council procedure and will govern the time allowed for debate, with the over-all view of securing the maximum in work and fairness with a minimum of overlapping, friction and time.

**MARKHAM** — The new 'road block' idea inaugurated by the Metro police, resulted in some 80 charges against as many drivers stopped in the Markham Village area during the one-week Christmas-New Year holiday.

**Notice To Creditors AND OTHERS**  
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DATED at Richmond Hill this 5th day of January, 1961.

Janet S. Cooper, and Harold Black, Executors, by Stuart P. Parker, Q.C., Solicitor,  
7 Dufrain Street, Richmond Hill, Ont.

## First Impressions Of A Council Inaugural

By Toby Shore

Perhaps I'll never have the answer for why I have just never attended any township council meetings — for sure that is. When we first moved to Maple and I was at least a little more agile, I bowled Monday nights. Following my original involvement with "Maple Notes", I had to get my copy out on Monday nights — after that well, I just don't know.

When January 9, 1961, came round and time for the "Inaugural" at Vaughan Township Offices, I took off across the road to see what took place on just such an occasion.

Upon entering (a wee bit late) I noted it looked like a full house with several standing around the lobby. Finding a vacant chair I was in seconds deeply interested in the procedure. The reeve, deputy-reeve and three council members seemed fairly relaxed behind their impressive council desk with their shiny new nameplates before them.

At a glance you could tell that this year something new had been added and everyone, but more especially the males, were saying, "Give 'a difference!" By now you have no doubt guessed I'm speaking of Vaughan's first lady — Councillor Ruth McConkey. Not to take anything away from the immaculately attired male members, but because no doubt the girls of Maple, not in attendance, would be interested as always in the fashion angle — here's how our Councillor McConkey was attired:

The overall effect was like a herald of spring. Her dress was a two-piece style of silver-green

shantung with a shoulder cape jacket. A green, gold and scarlet brocade turban trimmed with velvet sat perkily on her head. (Here's an aside note, hubby Hugh had picked this one up, as it often his delight, on a recent U.S. trip).

Her shoes were shantung, tinted green to match her dress, semi-long gloves in natural shade completed her costume. Setting off the costume and spring effect was the beautiful white corsage Mrs. McConkey was wearing.

Having noticed that since and including, nomination night, she had been wearing a white corsage at each public council appearance, we asked her if there was any particular reason or sentimental attachment for wearing a white corsage. Here again, her husband, who is her most ardent supporter in her new venture, came into the picture — Hugh presents the all-white corsages to her each meeting mainly because he thinks they are 'just right' for her!

Getting back to the over-all impressions, we were quite impressed by the know-how and easily handled manner the Township Clerk, James McDonald, kept everything running like a well oiled machine. He seemed to be in command at all times and because of same must really be appreciated by all branches of the council and especially the new members.

Here's something else only a woman would have thought of — Councillor McConkey had brought along her own Bible to be sworn in upon and had asked each member to sign his name on the fly leaf. With the date, occasion and signatures she thought in later years her children might like to have it.

One other thing I found most interesting was, that after having read the names of so many men — who while working for the township and had been written up in the regular council meetings — I now saw in person for the first time — now I had the name and the image together and it is much better that way!

As many times as I've been regaled with story after story of the Maple Trustee Chairman, Frank Robson, perhaps a highlight of the whole evening was to find Frank, in his acceptance speech, at a loss for words!

Later, during the refreshment period, we had the opportunity to speak with Councillor Maurice Windatt. Mr. Windatt at the moment was feeling somewhat alone in the predominantly Maple

crowd but before the close of the evening, because of his friendly manner and desire to meet everyone possible, we know that when the next council meeting comes round, he will feel completely among friends.

The W.A. of St. Stephen's Anglican Church were hostesses and served delightful refreshments. Here once again the ladies stole the show when the chitly attired Reeve's wife, Mrs. Rutherford, and Councillor Keffer's wife, poured tea from the silver service and the coffee from a beautiful old brass coffee urn.

All in all we found it a most impressive and interesting evening and would urge one and all to sit in on a few council meetings — you'll find your interest in local affairs greatly increased. Your support of your elected members would be much appreciated — some issue soon we will give you a rough idea of the many hours these representatives of Vaughan Township put in on your behalf.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The local primary hydro line will be rerouted from the westend sub-station, north on Fairview Avenue, and along Harold Street to Edward, and from there come back south down Edward to rejoin the primary line at Main Street.

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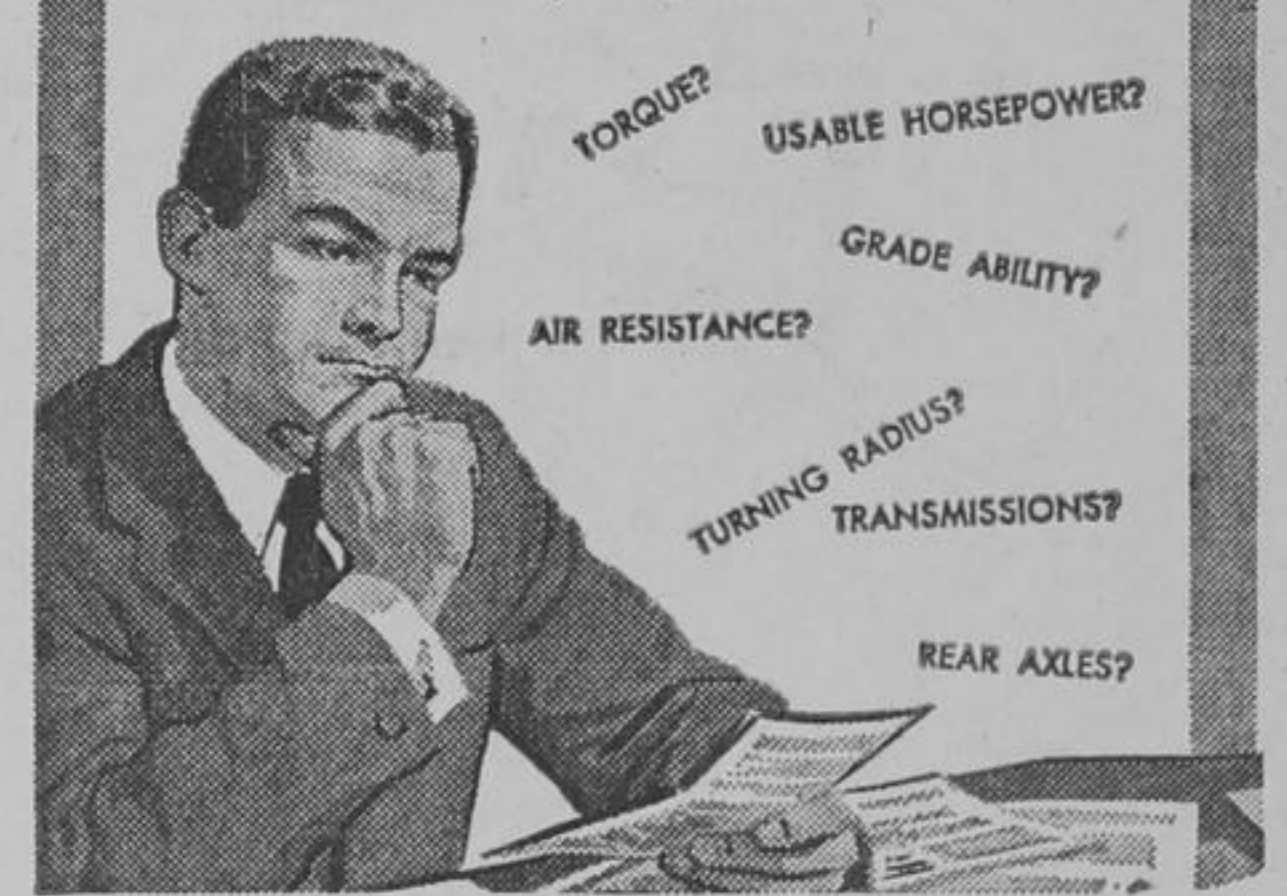
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