

Maple, Concord & Edgeley District

"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. Len Shore, Alpine 7-1150; in Edgeley and Sherwood, Mrs. Raymond Stuart, AV. 5-1934; and in Concord, Mrs. Ruth Keffer, AV. 5-2375.

Maple Notes

Here's a switch - when I was ready to leave for the big city last week, I noticed how bare the streets were here, so left my overshoes at home. Upon arriving in our more southerly metropolis I found myself wide stepping - and over stepping - great quantities of messy snow!

Here's A Birthday Congratulation:

On Saturday, a couple of days before his birthday of February 13, a Monday, - Jim Bloom invited some of his friends over to

help celebrate his 10th birthday with a party and they all had lots of fun - congratulations.

St. Stephen's W. A.

The monthly meeting of St. Stephen's W. A. was held on Wednesday evening, February 8, at the home of Mrs. R. Armitage.

The President, Mrs. C. Reeds opened the meeting with prayer. Following the Scripture reading by Mrs. Amos, the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison.

It was decided by the W. A. that they would supply new gowns for the choir as their next project.

Several members mentioned their intention of attending the Women's World Day of Prayer to be held this year in Zion Lutheran Church.

A chapter from the Study Book "The Way in Africa" was led by Pat MacLachlan.

Saturday, March 18 will be the date for the W. A. annual Rummage Sale. Now is the time to keep this in mind as you will no doubt be thinking about your Spring cleaning shortly.

Refreshments were served and it was noted the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. Bryon.

Community Shower

On Tuesday night, January 31, 1961, bride-elect Madeline Brown was taken completely by surprise when her family, friends and neighbours gathered at the Community Hall to honor her with a shower of gifts.

Dorothy Murchison, Marg Crook, June Wilson, Heather Miller, Carol Espey, Yvonne Rice, Ina Sheppard and Dona Reid had organized the evening with Dorothy and Marg gathering in all the "loot." Seems like Madeline's sister Det Palmer - on hand for any chattering, suggestions etc., was as excited as any bride herself but of much assistance.

The unsuspecting bride-to-be arrived most fetchingly attired in slacks and sweater. In no time at all with the excitement, presentation of a lovely corsage and in due time the traditional "bridal shower hat, Madeline was glowing - as all brides do.

Assisting in opening the gifts were her two sisters Det and Betty. Along with the several gifts from her family, Madeline received kitchen ware, lamps, nest of tables, linens and many more useful as well as ornamental gifts.

Perhaps the highlight for everyone was the Mock Wedding Ceremony in which the "Parson" (Mrs. Lora Wilshire) asked the "Groom" (Marg Crook) if he James William, Maple Motors Leatherdale would take this "tall spindly flower-like woman" etc. and "Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour and keep her in bowing fees at least three nights a week etc.

Then to the bride (Sylvia Gips) - Wilt thou Madeline Ann Elvera Propane Brown etc. - wilt thou promise to wash and polish his stock cars and feed his chickens? etc. and on and on. Space doesn't allow for more but indeed the aforementioned participants along with Cathy Crook as the flower girl and Diane Magee as the boy ring bearer were dressed outrageously and were most hilarious. Surely a night Madeline will long remember and cherish.

Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

Miscellaneous Shower

The relatives of the groom - Jim Leatherdale - held a miscellaneous shower for Madeline Brown, Saturday, February 4, at the home of Mrs. Harold Myers, Whitby, Ontario. Assisting Lorraine Myers was Mrs. Bev. Child, both cousins of Jim. Many lovely gifts were received and much appreciated.

1st Maple "A" Pack

In the month of January, the Cubs of "A" Pack had a skating party on the 18th, after which hot chocolate and do-nuts were served and enjoyed.

On January 28th, the three leaders Betty Rumble, Eva Walton and Dixie Sinclair attended the District Sixers Council in Markham. Sixers attending from "A" Pack were Ken Rumble, Paul Plunkett, Donald Sinclair

Edgeley Socials

W. L.

Historical Research was the theme of the program of the Edgeley Women's Institute meeting held on February 2 at the home of Mrs. Ed. Phillips in Humber Summit.

Mrs. Phillips prepared an excellent program outlining a number of perhaps the less familiar aspects of the history of Edgeley which the meeting found very interesting.

The roll call was in keeping with the theme of the program.

and Keith Mathewson. Along with the games and skits presented, "A" Pack, having been asked by the District leaders, had the honor of presenting a skit.

All in all the 98 Cubs and about 30 leaders all agreed it was an afternoon well spent.

Second Chance

Tonight, Thursday, February 16, is your last chance to see "The Masters of the Congo Jungle" and "Universe". Last month many Maple folk, of all ages, saw these films and because of the many wishing to see them, they have been brought back to the Richmond Hill Naturalists. Take your children as young and old ready to enjoy enjoyment and education - it's a MUST.

"Cotton Magic"

With only a couple of days to go, "Cotton Magic" is poised and ready - that can be said of the models as well now that Pat Davis answered an S.O.S. and lent her professional knowledge as to proper styling and gracious "piroettes".

The fashion commentator, Marjorie Chadwick, is no stranger to this district as she has assisted in many shows in local shopping centres as well as the Scout Ladies' Auxiliary Fashion Show here in Maple last February. Besides her work in fashion shows, Miss Chadwick is an experienced radio commentator and because of her pleasing personality she has the wonderful knack of making all participants feel at ease - which ensures the success of any show.

Come Saturday, February 18, at 3 p.m., we hope to see you all at "Cotton Magic" sharing in making a junior park in Maple a reality - thanks to the foresight of Normale Community Club - (See Coming Events).

Double Celebration

The Jackson twins, Rick and Lynne celebrated their 16th birthday with a theatre party for some of their friends - their birthday date being Friday, February 10.

Women's Service Conference

At a recent Women's Service Conference of the Ontario division of the Canadian Cancer Society held at the Lord Simcoe Hotel, Maple Branch was represented by Mrs. Pat James and the Maple-Wood Unit sent Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton to represent the unit.

A most enlightening panel discussion was held following the annual dinner. Taking part in the discussion were doctors who were leaders in the field of neuro-surgery, radiotherapy, research, medicine and surgery for cancer. TV personality Fred Davis was moderator.

At Home

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Andrew will be at home at the Presbyterian Manse, Keele Street N., Maple, Saturday afternoon and evening, February 18.

Winter Carnival

Mary Ellen Hamilton had a gala time over last week-end in Barrie. Not only did she take in the terrific Barrie Winter Carnival but had a grand reunion with former Mapleite Bobbie Deitch where she was a house guest.

A Pen Pal

If you read the letter in this week's "Letters to the Editor" column from little Rhona Mickelson and remember Mona Robertson telling the story some weeks ago of how she was injured in an accident over three years ago, you will no doubt take time out to have your youngster or yourself write a cheery card to little Rhona. She so enjoys getting mail and her aunt, Mrs. Russell Noble who lives here in Maple will appreciate it too and is able to verify the joy her little six year old niece experiences upon receiving same. Take a minute and drop her a card at 162 Kimberly Drive, San Antonio 27, Texas.

Calling All Scouts and Cubs

A reminder to all Scouts and Cubs - don't forget to invite your dad (or another guest) to go with you to the Father and Son Banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Hall, on Tuesday, February 21.

\$100 Million Project-

CNR Marshalling Yard Effects Great Change

BY ALEX SJOBERG

That profound changes economically, socially and culturally will follow in the wake of the upcoming CNR Marshalling Yard in Vaughan Township is not generally realized. While the mammoth project will mean a new and needed source of assessment income for the township, it will also mean about 2,000 permanent new employees, of whom hundreds will sooner or later establish homes in Vaughan.

But that is only part of the story which will see the great railroad spend in labour, construction and equipment at least \$100 million and not \$83 million as formerly estimated. Of the \$100 million some \$45 million will be spent on the yard, tracks and buildings. The yard will also mean an influx of new industry, probably several hundred plants eventually, and in turn these plants will have a spectacular effect relative to residential and commercial real estate value. Already one area farmer is asking \$150,000 for his 100 acres. More schools will inevitably spring up. Social and cultural patterns will change. It is quite possible a decade from now a person returning to Vaughan after a ten-year absence will be quite at a loss to recognize the area.

The marshalling yard itself is, physically, comprised of 20 farms. It is roughly three-quarters of a mile wide and four miles long, and covers 1800 acres. It stretches from a line 1300 feet east of Steeles Avenue on the south to Sherwood Sideroad at the edge of Maple on the north. Its eastern boundary is Keele Street and its western boundary an imaginary line midway between Keele and Jane Streets. In the past year buildings and barns and sheds from the original 20 farms have been moved off the land and some 30 acres of second-growth bush cleared away.

Heart of the CNR plan is a \$42 million 'hump' yard, an engineering marvel that will use radar, television & electronic brains to sort out freight cars at a peak rate of 6,000 cars every 24 hours. A few years hence 12 miles of surfaced roads will run throughout the yard's borders for use of crews and light vehicular traffic. There will be 162 miles of 120 of which will be used for marshalling purposes.

The shape of things to come can already be seen in three CNR-built overhead crossings slated to get underway this year. One will cross Highway 400 and Steeles Avenue, a second will run about 400 yards about midway between Jane and Keele to just below Keele Street and the third will overlook the corners of Keele Street just north of Steeles Avenue. It is understood that the CNR hopes to complete these projects by the end of the summer. Highway No. 100 just west of Keele Street will be moved back 100 feet to the north and a 500-foot long elevated bridge for motor traffic added. Eventually 13 tracks leading into the yard will run under this big overhead bridge. Marshalling yard tracks and buildings will cover 900 acres. Since last June, when the CNR was given the go-ahead signal by the Canadian Government, a great deal of work has been done towards spring construction.

Industrially it is likely that a series of plants will face Keele Street running from Steeles Avenue to just south of the Maple outskirts and north and south along the western boundary. If you can picture immensely long combs laid back to back along the eastern & western boundaries with the teeth of the combs facing outward, and each tooth representing a plant you will have some idea of what is materializing. Services for those industries will be the continuing concern of Vaughan with the costs, running into the millions, charged back to the developers or the industries.

A few weeks ago Vaughan Township Council decided to hold up draft approvals covering four subdivision parcels on which were projected 3,500 homes. The township pointed out that until such time as commercial and industrial assessment balanced assessment it would be the height of folly to allow much more residential construction in Vaughan. Council was particularly mindful of the tremendous financial outlay more homes could represent in terms of new schools alone. In the light of these facts it might not be too far fetched to suggest that the CNR Marshalling Yard and subsequent related industrial and commercial growth will play a big part in deciding the township's future subdivision policy.

One Act Play Dominion Drama Festival

It's never too late to try your hand at anything, says budding playwright Mrs. George Foster of Nashville. She adds that creative inspiration isn't something that can always be controlled at will and turned on like a tap at any given moment. She should know, because she had practically raised the bigger part of a five-daughter family before she wrote a one act comedy, "Oh, Mother" which has been entered in the Dominion Drama Festival. "I wrote the play in about a day and a half," she said wonderingly, "but the idea for the play, and the plot, characters and dialogue floated around in my mind quite a while before it was put down on paper." The prize-winning play is based on the idea of teenagers bringing up their parents.

There is no doubt that the playwright drew heavily on her experiences as a mother. Her daughters range in age from 15 (Marlene) to six (Shirley). In between are Joyce, 14, Carol, 13 and

Lorraine, 9. Better known as the 'singing Foster girls', the five-member harmonizing group is well known throughout Vaughan and beyond. The girls have performed at any number of church affairs, socials, teas, and have appeared on television and radio.

Of primary importance in getting started in the playwrighting business is the question of getting born, said Mrs. Foster, adding that in her case this event occurred near London, Ontario. The Foster family came to Nashville ten years ago and until she turned out her comedy said her creativeness was given over to being the busy wife of a farmer, a mother, and helping to program church affairs.

In order to reach the Dominion Festival, "Oh, Mother" was a prize-winner on the district and provincial levels. The results of the Dominion Festival will be made known sometime in June, in Vancouver. But win, lose or place, Mrs. Foster says the real fun was in translating some of life's experiences into a play.

St. Stephen's Anglican Vestry Meeting

The annual Vestry Meeting of St. Stephen's Anglican Church was held at Maple Community Hall on Monday, January 30, 1961.

As last year, the meeting was preceded by a Congregational Supper at which there were one hundred and ten present, sixty of whom were adults.

Mrs. G. Miller expressed the gratitude of the congregation for the kindness, generosity and hospitality shown by Dr. and Mrs. Armitage since their coming to Maple in September 1959, and Mrs. Armitage was presented with a bouquet of red carnations by Mrs. C. Reeds as a token of appreciation.

During the business session of the evening the children were shown films by Mr. R. Rouse. Dr. Armitage opened the meeting with a prayer. The business session followed.

These are the officers elected to stand office for 1961 - as follows:

Rector's Warden - Dr. C. Reeds; People's Warden - Mr. G. Miller; Lay Representative to Synod - Mr. J. M. Glen; Chairman of Advisory Council - Mr. M. B. Jackson; 4 Additional Advisory Council Members - Mr. E. Thurston, Mr. C.M. Glen, Mr. J. Perry, Mr. R. Cringan; Chairman of Sidesmen - Mr. H. Peers; Assistant Chairman - Mr. S. Becham; Treasurer - Mr. H. Bryan; Envelope Secretary - Mrs. H. Bryan; Five Additional Members to Great Chapter of the Deane - Mr. E. Thurston, Mr. J. Perry, Mr. H. Peers, Mr. S. Becham; Archdeacon's Tribunal - Mr. C. Lepper; Auditors - Mr. B. Hayes, Mr. H. Elkins; Chairman of Visitation Committee - Mr. J. James; Chairman of Building Commit-

Concord News

Lack of Water

From various reports it seems that the only item that can't be used like water these days is water itself. Vaughan Blvd. is as dry as the Sahara and some people have to bring home the water as well as the bacon at night. I guess the diaper services and laundromats are doing a roaring business.

Cubs & Scouts

The cub and scout mother's auxiliary executive met on Wednesday, February 8 at the home of Mrs. Fred Orr. Plans for the father and son banquet and the rummage sale were made.

U.L.C.W.

The U.L.C.W. of Zion Lutheran Church met on Wednesday evening February 8 at the home of Mrs. J. Keffer, Hillside Ave., Fourteen members were present and the president, Mrs. Roy Keffer presided. Mrs. Helene Winter was in charge of the educational part of the meeting and the subject was "The Holy Spirit." It was decided that the ladies would try to get the special film strip telling the story of the first hundred years of the Canada Synod, and to show it at their March meeting.

Socials

Birthday greetings this week to Barbara Orr who will be fourteen on February 17.

Leslie Knight and Heather Keffer attended a birthday party for Carol Needer, Thornhill, one of their classmates at Thornhill Public School. Judging by what the girls brought home, it was pretty hard to tell just who was celebrating the birthday, little Carol or her guests.

It's getting so that many of us mothers of small children are just about ready to head for California or other parts unknown. Almost everyone I speak to has one or two children in bed with some virus or other. Say girls, maybe if we mixed all our prescriptions together we'd find a cure-all.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Gilbert, Vaughan Blvd., have had visitors recently, namely Mrs. Gilbert's mom and dad, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ostrom arrived on January 25 after a three hour and five minute jet flight from Calgary.

While here the Ostroms celebrated their Golden Wedding on February 3rd. Attending the anniversary dinner at the Gilberts were Mr. Gilbert's sister and brother-in-law from Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephens, Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Slater, Calgary. A bouquet of fifty yellow roses was given to Mr. and Mrs. Ostrom by their grandchildren. They also received an anniversary clock. When they return to Carleton Place, Ontario, the Ostroms will be saying good-bye to a half century of farming. Once they have settled in a new home their family intends to give them a kitchen suite as part of their golden anniversary gifts. On Sunday, February 5 the Gilberts and Ostroms went to Niagara Falls for a sort of "second honeymoon" trip. By the time this is printed they will have returned home. The visit was Mrs. Ostrom's first trip east, and Mr. Ostrom was here once before, about ten years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allen, formerly of Concord and now residing in Guelph, visited Concord on Sunday, February 5 and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lou Berta. Mrs. Alf Bagg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Keffer and Carole recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Symons & family, Port Hope.

My neighbour, Mrs. Harry Medensky, recently told me that she and Harry had taken their young son, Mark for his first plane ride. Nothing much you understand, just down to Ottawa for lunch & then back home. They visited the aircraft museum while in Ottawa. By the way, Harry is a TCA employee so we expect to hear of several of these little one-day jaunts in future.

Many thanks to those who have called me with news. Any item however small, is really appreciated.

Just remembered that little Beth Voigt has just parted company with her tonsils. Hope she feels better soon, her friends at school miss her.

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