

# 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.

## Edgeley Socials

**Fire** Last Saturday evening completely destroyed a house on Jane St. about one mile north of No. 7 Highway. Formerly known as the Wesley Atkinson farm, the house was occupied by the late Mrs. G. E. Lee, but the house was vacant at the time of the fire.

**W. A.** Mrs. Eldon Fierheller was hostess for the November meeting of the Edgeley Women's Association.

The appointment of a nominating committee to bring in a slate of officers to the annual meeting in December was postponed pending the outcome of the special congregational meeting held on November 20.

Mrs. Fred Hendry and Mrs. R. J. Darlington were the Social Committee.

**Late Mrs. George Poole** The community of Edgeley was saddened last week by the passing of Mrs. George Poole. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Harold Davies on November 23rd, and was very largely attended. A large number of beautiful floral tributes was evidence of her high esteem and respect of a large circle of friends and the genuine sympathy of the people of the community for the bereaved family.

Mrs. Poole, who was the former Veda Belle Whitmore was born in Edgeley and received her education at Edgeley Public School. She was a long time member of Edgeley United Church and the Edgeley Women's Association.

Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Woodbridge.

## Children Study Where Forest Grew 150 Years Ago

### Fifty Cents A Month Paid Tuition When Concord Public School Began

(Mrs. M. Gilbert, a member of the staff of MacKillop Public School, Richmond Hill, entertained many readers of "The Liberal" in recent weeks with her vivid description of a motor trip to Alaska, taken by her family during the summer. She returns to the newspaper's pages this week with another article of interest to residents — the story of one of the area's oldest schools — the Concord Public School, founded in 1839. EDITOR.)

A little over 150 years ago, when Ontario began to open up for settlement, Concord was part of a seemingly endless bush. Then the United Empire Loyalists and gradually other settlers came and cleared the forests in order to establish homes and farms. Roads were laid out and wild animals became less numerous.

In 1855 a site a quarter of a mile south was chosen for a new school, which was built in 1866, not of logs, but of brick. This building was used for 34 years. After much repairing and more discussion, it was considered to be gradually becoming unsafe, so it was decided to tear it down.

**New School In 1930** A larger brick school-house with a basement and separate side entrances for boys and girls was built in 1930. The maple trees in the school yard today were planted about this time. The disastrous fire of 1931 destroyed this building and school was held for some months in the church across the road, which was not in use at that time. A new school-house was built in the summer of 1931, and it is the south-east corner of the present building.

**Plaque Honours Trustees** In the fall of '60 all the trustees of S. S. No. 7 Vaughan were honoured by the presentation of a plaque, bearing their names and years of service. This plaque was given by the home and school association on behalf of the community as a token of appreciation for many years of loyal service. On January 1960, the Vaughan Township School Area Board took over administration of all the schools in the township under one board.

**Decendents of Pioneers** A number of pupils attending Concord School today are descendants of the pupils who attended the early log schools of yesteryear. Today's modern school is a far cry from the old log ones, but in them the teaching is much the same — reading, writing, arithmetic and above all, how to become a good Canadian citizen — to each of the 215 pupils on the roll.

**Maple Notes** Having enjoyed a camp-out extra study with, and whether week-end last summer with a group of Scouts at Green, New York, the Scouts of 1st Maple were looking forward to an exchange visit in Maple, over the American Thanksgiving holiday. However the weather down there turned wintry so they cancelled it. This left the king-sized turkey, on the loose, so the leaders, Pat Salmon and Lawrie Wheeler, decided to have their own troop camp out with the turkey. Here again the weather was unco-operative and rained out their plans. With boys being boys, perhaps the biggest disappointment of all is that they didn't get a chance at that turkey!

**Maple United W. M. S.** The November meeting of Maple United Church W.M.S. was held November 21, in the church. Mrs. T. F. Jackson presided with Mrs. G. Watson as pianist.

Mrs. B. Yake gave an inspiring devotional entitled "The Winds of Change," with Mrs. J. Neufeld reading Scripture verses. This was a particularly appropriate devotional for soon the ladies of the W.A. and W.M.S. of the United Church of Canada will be uniting and changing over to a new organization known as the "United Church Women."

**Christmas Fair** Ladies of the Maple United Church held a successful Christmas Fair in the educational centre rooms. Weeks of work and planning are necessary to get ready for this special day in the life of the W.A. A worthwhile sum of money was realized which will be used to further the work of the church.

**Scout Ladies Auxiliary** The 28 members of 1st Maple Boy Scout Ladies Auxiliary, brought 20 guests with them to the meeting in the Lions' Den, Maple Community Hall, on November 22nd.

The ladies each donated a cup and saucer to be used at refreshment time.

Wishing to raise funds for the scouts' and cubs' Christmas party, the program for this evening was in the form of a bake sale.

Much competition was realized by the president trying to take over the speeches and music coming from the main hall where the cattle breeders were having a banquet - but the array of baked goodies disappeared. It was a wonderfully quick way to realize \$42.00.

Lucky prizes were drawn with winners being Mary House, Mary Saltern and Audrey Magee.

The auxiliary is planning a Christmas party for the scouts and cubs on December 12, in the Lions' Den. Parents will please note that Tuesday of that week will be the only meeting night for both 'A' and 'B' packs.

Not to be outdone the "mothers" will be having their Christmas party the following night, December 13, at the home of Brigitta Weidentelder, 22 Clemson Crescent in Normale Subdivision. Each member is especially invited to come and bring a small parcel (.50c) with them.

**Women's Institute** The hostess for Maple Women's Institute's regular meeting was Mrs. E. Harris of King City. The Citizenship and Education Conventor, Mrs. B. Andrews, was in charge.

Mrs. Scott, a teacher of the special class for King Schools, explained how an I.Q. test is given to determine what subjects the children need to have

## CONCORD SOCIALS

**Sympathy** Friends were saddened last week at the death of Mrs. George Poole, who had recently suffered a severe heart attack and had been at Branson Hospital for two weeks prior to her death. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Poole and his family.

Sympathy is extended to the Warren Bone family on the recent passing of Mrs. Bone's father, Mr. Lawrence Keffer, R. R. 1, Maple. Mr. Keffer had been in Branson Hospital for several months.

**Home and School** The monthly executive meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Witty, Dufferin Street. Results of the games night were announced and plans for future meetings were made. The next regular meeting will be on December 11 and a special Christmas meeting is planned with some of the children taking part.

**A Stitch In Time** Eldest daughter Heather was the "big wheel" around this house for a couple of days when she required three stitches for a cut chin. Then last week-end cousin Geoffrey Orr came home with fifteen stitches closing a bad cut over his left eye, caused when he was hit by a hockey puck. As we said last week, hockey is a great game!

Mr. Alec Russell, Baldwin Ave., is at home recovering from an accident. While driving his large, fully loaded transport truck near Woodstock, he was struck by an oncoming car causing the truck to roll over. A passenger in the oncoming car was killed, although, as so often happens the driver came out in better shape than anyone else. Mr. Russell suffered deep body cuts and an injured back.

**Original Names, Again!** As I drove into the Witty's Lane last week, I noticed their large sign "Elderkerk" at the entrance. As soon as there was a lull in the conversation at the h. and s. executive meeting, I asked where the name had originated. The explanation was that Mr. Witty was born at Elder's Mills and Mrs. Witty in Kent County, England. They hit upon a "Witty" idea and put the names together!

**Gold Cord Ceremony Is Held At Concord 2nd In Watt Family** The first Gold Cord ceremony to be held in Concord was held on November 21, at the school. Chief participant was Linda Watt, a member of the Concord Guide Company. She is the second member of her family to receive this highest Guiding award.

Her older sister, Vicki, received her Gold Cord last year. Captain Mrs. Whaley gave a brief history of Linda's accomplishments as a guide. Division Commissioner, Mrs. P. T. McTaggart-Cowan, gave a report of the final challenge which Linda performed to receive her award and placed Linda's cord on her uniform and presented her with a pin.

Linda had invited some special guests for the evening, including her mother, Mrs. R. Watt, her aunt, Miss Paterson from Scotland, and her sisters Mrs. Jim Murray (Nancy) and Vicki.

District Commissioners who attended were Mrs. Jewitt, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Ford. Two former guides with whom Linda had been associated were also present, Mrs. Bailie and Mrs. D. Keffer. Mrs. Pat Smith, president of the mothers' group was also present. The brownies and their leaders were special guests.

Miss Norma Davis, also a Gold Cord Guide from Thornhill District, showed excellent slides taken during her summer visit to the Girl Guide Cabana in Mexico.

A special gold cord cake was provided by the mothers group. Linda had the honour of cutting the cake.

An enthusiastic guide since her tenderfoot days, Linda does not mind to say her guiding life just because she goes as far as she can go as a girl guide. She is taking a special cadet course by correspondence. An innovation in the guide movement, this course has been set up as a means of providing girls like Linda with a continuous course in guiding until they can take their places as Lieutenants and Captains when they are of age.

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## Ladies Night Of Vaughan Lodge Was Well-attended Maple Event

The annual Ladies Night of Vaughan Lodge No. 54, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the new wing of Maple United Church. The event was attended by more than 150 persons.

Presiding over the gathering was the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Coulson Malloy, who proved to be an ideal toastmaster.

A turkey supper was served by the ladies of the church. The toast to "The Ladies" was proposed by the Senior Warden, Bro. Stewart Diceman and responded to by Mrs. Matheson.

A bouquet of roses was presented to Mrs. Malloy, wife of the Wor. Master, who made a suitable acknowledgement.

To Wor. Bro. Dr. Reeds was delegated the chairmanship of the evening's entertainment which was interspersed with stories by the chairman. Entertainment included vocal numbers by the Foster Sisters of Nashville, Scottish dances by Miss Sheena McDonald, who was accompanied on the bagpipes by the Rev. B. F. (Biff) Andrew, minister of Maple Presbyterian Church.

Piano solos by Miss Marie Malloy, daughter of the Worshipful Master, and humorous elocution numbers "Little Miss Mischief" and "Peggy's Halloween" were rendered by Miss Helen Payne.

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