

Maple, Concord & Edgeley District News

"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, 285-4040.

Maple Notes

Unsettled Calm
Perhaps to those who were not at home during "the blast", it would seem that life and things in general were pretty well settling down to near normal. However to those residents more involved, it is only now that they have stopped to let out their breath, that they are realizing the effects of that night on their nervous systems. Our local doctors, Dr. R. A. Begford, Dr. Charles Birkett and Dr. Peter Van Nest, are treating several men, women and children who have suffered from a nervous reaction — which is indeed understandable. It is not only the 'humans' who are suffering but we understand the veterinarians in our district have been called on to treat many dogs who have suffered (really) nervous break downs because of the blast. In fact some dogs had to be destroyed because they have turned on their own masters. Dogs seemingly have a more

sensitive nervous system than humans. Cats evidently got by in better shape although some disappeared and haven't returned as yet. So give your pet an extra pat — it's been tough on him too!

Delayed Report
Lowell House DID call me to tell me about his father's 90th birthday and we're sorry it kind of got put aside in the excitement — it was August 4 too!

Mr. Fred House, a United Empire Loyalist from the Niagara district, was born August 4, 1872 on the banks of Niagara Falls. He lives with his son and daughter-in-law, Lowell and Mary House on Sherwood Side Road, enjoying good health and taking an interest in the garden and cutting the grass. This summer he went camping along with the family to Honey Harbour when he tented out at Morreau Landing, Maccey's Bay. Lowell and Mary held a birthday party for him on his

birthday with guests from Columbus, Ohio, Buffalo, N.Y., St. Catharines, Hamilton and several other local friends and family. Indeed the only part of the celebration that wasn't planned was the "finale" that went off with such a bang. When propane exploded, the men left the party immediately to offer their services where necessary. We in Maple extend continued health and happiness to one of our senior citizens, Mr. Fred House.

Abrupt Ending to Holiday
When the Thompsons heard word of the explosion, they cut short their holiday and came on home but fortunately found their house and property unharmed. Ray and Ilse Thompson, David and Judy, in their two and a half weeks of camping, had covered a distance of 2500 miles in their small European car with all their equipment. They spent five days visiting in St. Paul, Minn. with Ilse's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jacob having travelled via

Detroit and Chicago and returned through Wisconsin and north Michigan to Ottawa. In Ottawa they stayed with their friends Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cooper and their five children. It was here that they heard about the blast and returned home.

During their travels they had camped out almost every night. They had stopped at thirteen different Provincial, State and National Forest Camps.

Travelling with only a minimum of equipment, including their 9 x 9 x 7 tourist tent, they had a grand time through very good weather and cooked their own meals outdoors.

David and Judy had fun swimming, exploring and had nature training throughout their holidays.

The general consensus of the Thompson family is that "travelling and camping, along with visits with friends, is a wonderful way to spend a holiday."

Apprehension
Maple folk are still tense and the sound of a fire siren is enough to send cold chills along everyone's spine.

On August 17 when the fire engine was out, the "old Rumble barn" west of Keele Street North, burst into flames. A two year old crop of hay was in the 51 year old barn and urged on by a strong wind, it was burning furiously within minutes. The Richvale fire Department answered the alarm but by then it had a tremendous start. The wind blew parts of the roofing over a wide area amid the billows of dense black smoke. Norman Lund of Maple Road raced home from the Township office to find his wife Zelma armed with a hose and they were able to stamp out burning fragments on their lawn. Across the road on the south side, sparks landed on Dick and Olive Seeds house's roof. This is one of the few houses with wooden shingles and in no time a section was ablaze. A motorist stopped to lend a hand and a neighbor, Mr. Bone gave his hose to add as an extension. The Woodbridge fire Brigade arrived and put out the flame but only after a large hole was burned through the roof. (The next day, being very sensitive re sparks, Dick had his barbecue so well shielded for protection, the meat had to fight its way to get near enough to the heat to get barbecued!). A fireman from Richvale was

injured and taken by ambulance to Branson Hospital. Maple Brigade joined forces on their return and Keele St. north was blocked to traffic for 7 hours. The barn and surrounding pens were completely destroyed but nearby homes were well protected. The hay was soaked but all realized it would smoulder for a few days. On both Saturday and Sunday the firemen were called back because of flare ups to re-soak the hay.

This barn has been a source of worry for several in the immediate vicinity because the children played there, using the big rope to swing across from one loft to the other to land in the hay. As any adult who remembers their youth when they played in their old farm barn, realizes the lure of a barn, the danger of a probable fire — it is a great sense of relief that that has gone and no children were hurt.

Sympathy Extended
In Mr. Roy Sheir, who suddenly collapsed and died while cutting his lawn at his home on Carmichael Ave., Toronto on August 17, Mr. Arthur Wells has lost a close friend of many years.

Mr. Sheir was known to several here in Maple and was respected and liked by them.

During many a holiday and trips to Florida, the Wells and Sheirs had enjoyed each other's company and friendship through the years.

A Ray of Sunshine
While sorting through the attic at her home, Joan (Jo) Joslin came across her cat "Mac". He had disappeared two weeks ago (understandably) and hadn't been seen since and she was naturally concerned. However because Mac is a mighty hunter he had foraged for himself and hid out in the attic. To double check he is all right, Mac is enjoying a few days of motel treatment at the vet's, where Dr. Ripley is checking him — and a ray of sunshine came through for Jo.

Postscript
Bruce and Dorothy Murchison found their spaniel, "Boots" in a field behind the township offices.

Mrs. Bryce, mail carrier on RR 1 Maple is a patient in St. Michael's Hospital and Clara Baker and Sally Lloyd of Teston are going to look after the route until her return.

Concord Socials

Birthday
Mrs. John Ash, Highway 7, celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday recently. Members of her family gathered at her son Percy's for the occasion. Mrs. Eva Ash served tea in a china tea set over one hundred years old. The set was a gift to Mrs. Ash Sr.'s mother on her wedding day 109 years ago.

Another Accident
Within a few months the intersection of Dufferin Street and Highway 7 has been the scene of another fatal accident. Earlier this year Pat McCloskey was killed as he crossed the intersection, and last Friday Edward Vance of Woodbridge was fatally injured when his truck was involved in an accident. It would seem that, possibly, traffic lights should be installed.

Socials
Mrs. Bert Witty broke her wrist recently while "helping" her husband clear some branches from trees overhanging the barn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Witty are now wondering whether her assistance was such a good idea after all.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halliwell and children of Ohio have been visiting Mr. Halliwell's father and brother, Messrs. J. and Bill Halliwell, Concord, as well as relatives of Mrs. Halliwell's in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Keffer accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hailes on a trip down the Trent Canal from Bobcaygeon to Trenton recently. According to the group, it was a very interesting, and at times exciting trip.

U.L.C.W. Picnic
Over thirty people attended a picnic at the summer home of Mrs. J. Keffer, Cedar Harbour, Lake Simcoe, last Saturday. Mostly members of the U.L.C.W., Zion Lutheran Church, the group met for lunch at noon, after which they enjoyed swimming and boating, and just plain relaxing.

Roy and Pat Smith and family are having a double kind of holiday this year. They are vis-

iting Roy's sister in Washington, D.C. and upon their return will stop only to change clothes before leaving for Muskoka on a camping holiday. Oh, yes, they'll also pick up Donna Thomson as company for Diane.

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Edgeley Socials

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Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Lambert and their daughter, Carol, of New York, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Avery during the August 25 weekend. The Lamberts are holidaying at their cottage in Northern Ontario.

Miss Judy Bodker has passed her Grade XIII exams and on August 28 will commence her studies as a nurse-in-training at the Wellesley Hospital in Toronto. Her many friends wish Judy much happiness and success in her chosen career.

County Representative
Miss Helen Spencer of the Edgeley 4-H Homemaking Club is one of the girls chosen to represent York County at this year's 4-H program at the CNE. The girls will be the guests of the Department of Agriculture and will take part in the numerous 4-H Club activities at the fair.

Items Pioneer Village Go to Ex
Those from this area who visit the Better Living Centre at the Canadian National Exhibition are apt to stop short in their tracks and exclaim, "My, that looks familiar!" And, in fact, it is, because in one section, the village's unique collection affords the "Ex" visitors an opportunity to see the type of dolls and toys which delighted 19th century children.

Over in the Queen Elizabeth Building, the second display consists of furniture from the master bedroom and from the

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Fire Levels Barn

Fire last Friday completely destroyed this unused barn on the Jarrett Estate, Keele Street, Maple. Vaughan Township Fire Chief James Davidson said the blaze was started by children playing with matches. It took firemen over an hour to bring the flames under control. (Photo by T. White)

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