

Maple, Concord and 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.

Mark Birth Of Our Lord

Officials of the four churches in Maple have outlined their plans for special Christmas services during the next week.

Rev. Dr. Ramsey Armitage of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Keele Street North, announced plans for a special service Christmas eve. Members and friends of the church are invited to join in the singing of Christmas carols, starting at 11:15 p.m.,

following which Holy Communion will be observed.

Holy Communion will be observed again Christmas Day at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend the family church service.

A week from Sunday, members of the girls' auxiliary of St. Stephen's under the leadership of Mrs. Jane Hayes and Mrs. Margaret Smythies will present a

Nativity pageant in the church at 7 p.m.

The junior auxiliary will assist in the background singing. Featured soloists will be Shelley James, Lynda Graham, Myra Bloom and Joan Earnshaw.

On this Sunday, Zion Lutheran Church, Keele Street South, will hold a children's service at 7 p.m., according to Rev. Emil Lange. The

junior department will present a short drama.

On Christmas day, the regular Christmas service will be held in the church at 9:15 a.m. The male choir will sing Christmas carols.

Maple United Church, Keele Street South, will hold their Christmas service Sunday, Rev. Ralph C. Williams has invited the whole church family to attend. The junior

congregation will meet in the Christian Education wing at 11:30 a.m.

The young people will be in charge of a candlelight service Christmas eve.

Christmas services will be conducted by Rev. B. F. Andrews at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Keele St. South, Sunday morning at 10. The Sunday school will participate in a white gift service.



MR. AND MRS. DONALD ROSS GILLIES

Exchange Vows

Teston United Church, decorated artistically with baskets of coloured chrysanthemums was the scene of the wedding of Joan Amanda McMahon daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McMahon, R. R. 2 Woodbridge, to Donald Ross Gillies, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Gillies, R. R. 2 King. Rev. M. R. Jenkinson officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and wore a floor length gown of white organza over taffeta, with pearls and sequins at neck and down the front and back, together with two roses at the back. Her hair was styled in a bouffant veil.

The bride's bouquet was of red sweetheart roses with white Fifi mums and a sprinkle of baby's breath.

The matron of honour was the bride's sister, Mrs. Dianne O'Brien. Bridesmaids were Linda McMahon and Barbara Dion, and the flower girls were Judith and Bonnie McMahon. Matron of honour and bridesmaids were attired in gowns of broadcated material in green, with shoes and hats to match. They carried bronze and yellow mums, and roses backed with gold huckleberry leaves.

The flower girls wore gold broadcated dresses and carried bouquets of yellow sweetheart roses.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Robert Gillies, as best man, with Kenneth O'Brien and Gordon Adams as ushers, who wore white jackets and black pants.

Organ music was played by Mrs. Edith Williamson and Mrs.

Charles Robson singing "The Wedding Prayer" and "O Perfect Love".

The bride's mother wore a brown dress and shoes, with beige hat and gloves, with a corsage of pink roses.

The bridegroom's mother was attired in a peacock blue dress with hat to match, black shoes and her corsage was of pink flowers.

The reception at which 85 guests were present, was held in the Vellore Memorial Hall. The hot turkey supper was catered for by the Teston W.A.

For her going away outfit and tour into the United States, the bride wore a three piece suit of brown, with green hat, gloves, shoes and purse. Her corsage was of bronze and yellow mums. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gillies have taken up residence at 173 Kingslawn Drive, King City.

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This Week's Happenings In Maple

Some Thoughts Re Christmas

When asked, over a cup of coffee with neighbors recently, if we got the same bang out of Christmas now as we did in other years, we had to admit that we were "a slow starter". This early shopping bit with displays and decorations starting on the heels of Halloween leaves me absolutely cold and would tend to make Christmas when it finally did arrive, almost an anti-climax.

However — stand well back for the last couple of weeks because every move then catapults into an excited hodgepodge of Christmas fever.

Further thoughts as to our enjoyment of same has to do with the sharing of preparations with others. Again this year as for the past three years, we've given a hand at decorating the lounges and halls at the Princess Margaret Hospital. Now if you ever needed a shot in the arm of Christmas spirit — try this method to really put you in the mood. Even if you've not thought of yourself as the artistic type you soon feel quite

the master under the pleased and grateful appreciation of patients, staff and visitors alike.

At this same hospital on December 20, our big day comes around (as it did last year), when we act as assistant to tall, red-and-white costumed Santa Claus, Etobicoke Reeve John MacBeth. I wish everyone had this opportunity to witness the full spirit of Christmas from the standpoint of making sure those less fortunate or those in hospital, those away from home or in any circumstance that would normally tend to make for a bleak Christmas — realize that they are someone special and are remembered in a special way at this season.

Rather than finding Christmas going somewhat stale when we realize our children are another year older and past the stage where we got such a kick out of buying and hiding those unwrappable bulky toys — or perhaps they have left our home for one of their own — why not bone up on that old adage, "It's more blessed to give than to receive". Time is so short this

year but in the coming months look around you. There is such a need for extra willing hands and such a wonderful fulfillment in having given even a little of your time and effort, you realize with satisfaction that the true spirit of Christmas is every bit as alive and working as it seemed to be in other years.

Gifts Via Mental Health Ass'n

Again this year, in this spirit of giving and sharing, many Maple residents received pleasure and gave increased pleasure through the much needed realization of having been remembered by others — to the patients in the mental hospitals and nursing homes throughout York County having been remembered by others — to the patients in the mental hospitals and nursing homes throughout York County.

Under the terrific convesorship of Maple's Mrs. Jennifer Large, this wide spread county gift project was an even more gratifying success than previously. Five hundred and forty pieces of literature were sent out to acquaint communities of their opportunity to "Bring Joy to the World . . . of a Mental Patient".

Boxes were placed in conspicuous spots in local stores and everyone was invited to contribute a suitable unwrapped gift from a variety of suggestions listed on the leaflet. This year the response from church and social groups was appreciated.

Besides the hospital units in York County, there are 13 government approved homes where patients not quite ready to go to their own homes or face the outside world as ye. receive wonderful care.

The 'White Cross Volunteers' numbering 350, go into these homes and take these special boarders out shopping, bowling or on sight-seeing tours and other interesting places. In this way they learn that the big outside world is not as bad as

they had feared. When a 'team' party is to be held, all the feminine attributes come to the fore and the ladies get dressed up, drape themselves with jewelry, to the extreme and even give out with that time worn old feminine phrase when offered a second or third sweet, "I really shouldn't know but they are all just lovely!"

The head of the White Cross Volunteers of York County is Mrs. Claire Moore, AV. 5-3553. Perhaps after the holiday rush you will have that urge to get out and be of service in a voluntary capacity. Give Mrs. Moore a call — you couldn't wish for a more worthwhile project.

For the past weeks these volunteers have been busily sorting and wrapping YOUR gifts so they will be ready to be presented at a Christmas party to a man or woman who needs to know that someone cares.

Brownie Enrollment Night

Maple has an organized 1st Maple Brownie Pack! There was great excitement for six girls, Marlon Boyd, Barbara Walsworth, Margaret Stevenson, Fern Ansell, Lyndra Walsworth and Fern Ansell.

District Commissioner Mrs. A. Knight officiated at this ceremony assisted by the newly appointed leader, Brown Owl (Mrs. W. A.) Shirley Lobralco of 48 Goodman Cres, and assistant leader Tawny Owl (Mrs. J. A.) Thelma Walsworth, 71 Netherford Road.

The 1st Maple Brownie Pack has been meeting on Friday nights at Brown Owl's home. Since this pack is just in the process of getting organized, we expect to hear more of their activities as they grow.

The ladies' auxiliary has been formed with a partial executive elected, President (Mrs. D. C.) Phyllis McMillan; Secret-

ary (Mrs. D. H.) Sandy Sinclair and Treasurer (Mrs. W. H.) Shirley Ansell.

Visitor From England

The sister of John Morris, Miss Lucille Morris, arrived from London, England, November 1st, to spend three months visiting Tess and John in their Maple home.

Miss Morris is a head nurse in a general hospital in London and is enjoying her visit in Canada. She finds much in common to talk about with her neighbour across the road, who is a retired nurse.

First of Series Successful

A most interesting series of programs is being arranged for presentation at St. Stephen's Anglican Church throughout the coming months.

The first in this project, was performed on December 10, in the form of an organ recital. Music of Bach, Handel, as well as modern composers comprised the program and was played by this series' first guest, Fred Chapman who is the organist and choirmaster in this church.

Considering the busy time of year, the committee felt most gratified by the response of the audience and the number who came out to enjoy and relax in a period of good music.

The second of this series will be held on January 7 at 8:15 p.m. at St. Stephen's, when a choir of 10 voices from various Toronto churches will present a choral recital of Epiphany and Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Flynn.

Township of Vaughan

PROCLAMATION BOXING DAY

It is hereby proclaimed that **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1962** will be observed as Boxing Day for the Township of Vaughan.

Citizens are hereby requested to govern themselves accordingly.

J. M. McDONALD ALBERT RUTHERFORD
Clerk Reeve

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Concord Socials

Special Birthday

A belated but sincere birthday greeting goes out this week to Mrs. Annie Snider whose birthday is December 10. Mrs. Snider invited her family and friends — about forty people in all — to Summit View for dinner. All the ladies present, from Miss Maggie Keffer down to Nancy Snider aged one and a half, were delighted to receive corsages from their hostess. Mrs. Snider's family gave her a "grandmother bracelet" which she dearly wanted. A rather unique method was used to present the gift. The bracelet was placed inside a "cookie castle", made by daughters-in-law Jean and Evelyn Snider and assorted young helpers. Anyone who has the December issue of McCall's magazine will know exactly what the cookie castle is like. After the birthday dinner, with cake of course, the group watched movies shown by Campbell Snider, some of which dated back to 1938. These were enjoyed greatly by the guests, many of whom were in the movies.

Home and School

One of the nicest Christmas programs ever was held at Concord School last week. The junior choir entertained with several carols. Directed by Mr. Richardson who also accompanied them at the piano, the "little lads" gave a wonderful performance. I predict a first place junior choir from Concord next spring in the Vaughan Township music festival. The audience (why isn't it always this crowded) sang several carols also, led by Mrs. Boggs and accompanied again by Mr. Richardson.

Mr. McWhirter's class presented two plays, "The Gift of the Magi" and "Packing". The latter was a comedy, but unfortunately the other play drew just about as many laughs. It was the tender story of the poor young couple, who, desperate for something to give each other for Christmas, each sold their most precious possession, the wife's hair sold to buy a watch chain — the husband's watch sold to buy combs for his wife's beautiful hair. Monica Jendrasch ran into difficulties when, after buying Tina Voigt's blonde tresses, she could barely cut through the separated and "uffed up" binder twine of which the wig was made. Naturally she received a good round of applause when finished.

After the plays, the special speaker for the evening, Rev. E. Lange showed several most interesting slides taken during the six years when he and his family were in India as Lutheran missionaries. Pastor Lange centred the theme of the slides around home, school and Christmas in India, giving a wonderfully descriptive commentary along with the pictures. This presentation was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by everyone present.

Refreshments were served in Mrs. Bogg's room at the close of the meeting.

Church News

Zion Lutheran Church is presenting its Christmas program on Sunday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m. This year's presentation is a pantomime, "The Story of Christmas". Don't forget, also, to watch "Country Calendar" at 1:30 p.m., Channel 6 on the same day. As was previously reported, Zion Church and some of its members are taking part in this program.

The women's organization, United Lutheran Church Women, held its last meeting under that name recently at the home of Mrs. Roy Keffer, Thornhill. The constitution of the new organization, Lutheran Church Women, was adopted and elections were held. Following are the results: President, Mrs. Roy Keffer; vice-president, Mrs. Doug Keffer; secretary, Mrs. Eric Winter.

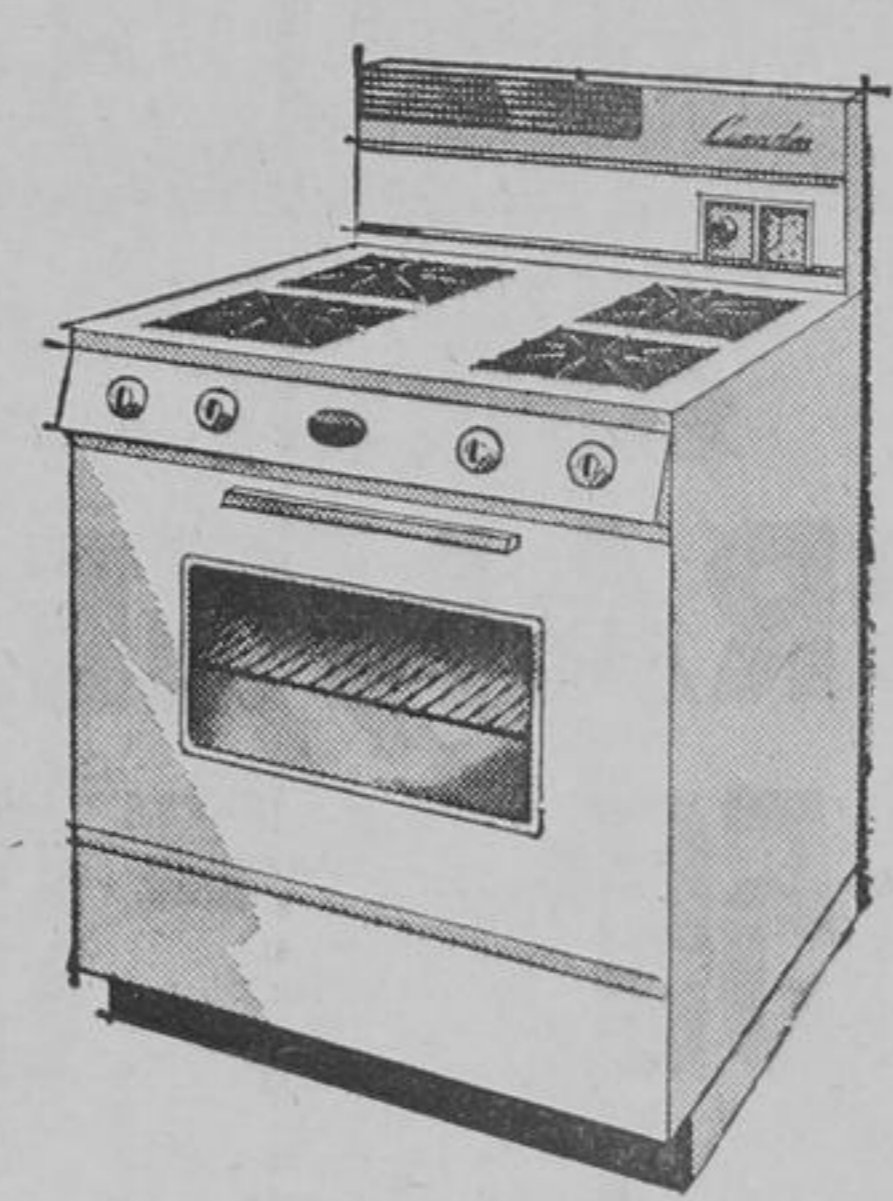
Edgeley Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Avery were in Samia for a few days last week and attended the wedding of Miss Grace Clarke and Mr. Meldron Brown. Miss Clarke is Mr. Avery's niece. Mr. and Mrs. Avery returned home on Sunday for Mrs. Peterman's party. It was really winter down there.

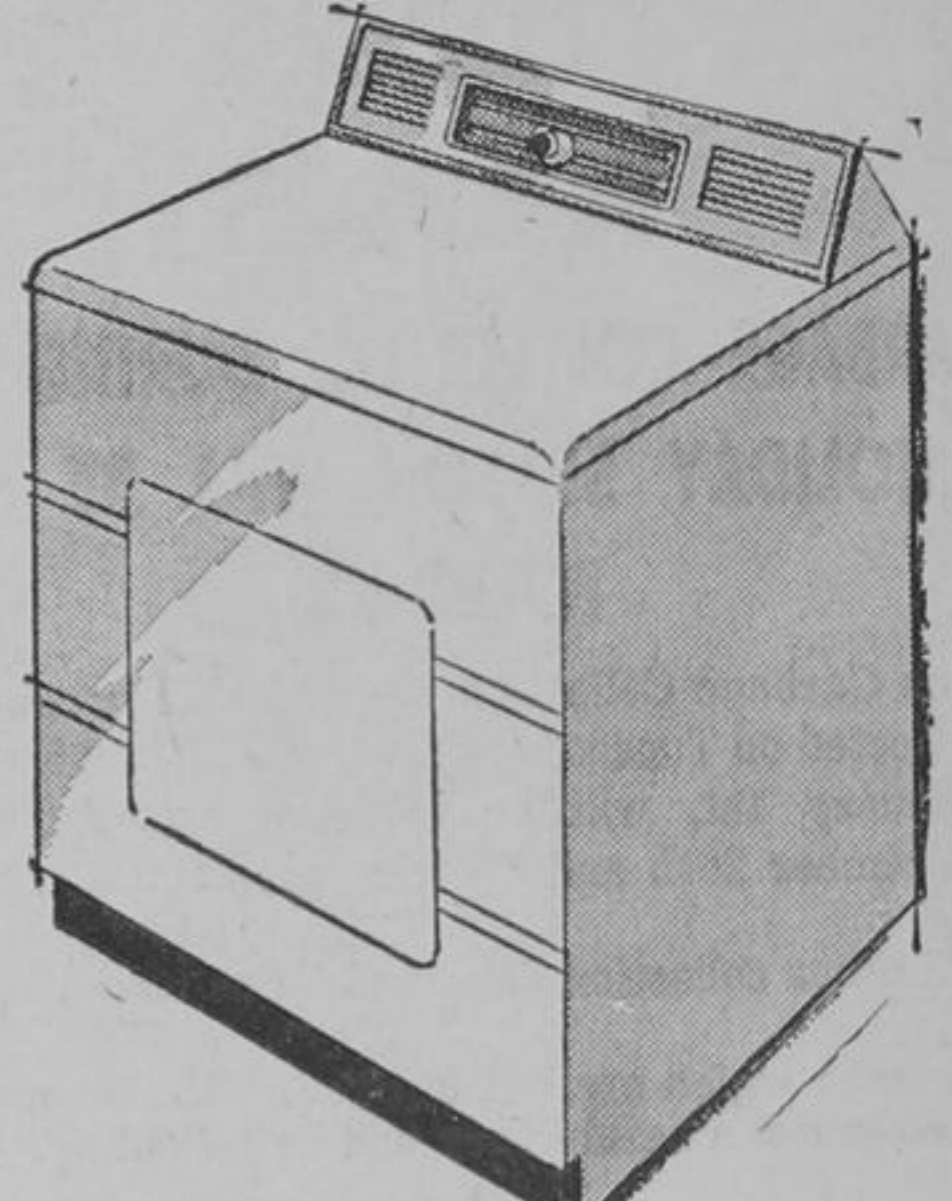
Mrs. Alf Bagg, Mr. James Hallawell and his daughters, Mrs. John Martin and Mrs. Jack Vallant, motored to Galt last week to visit friends.

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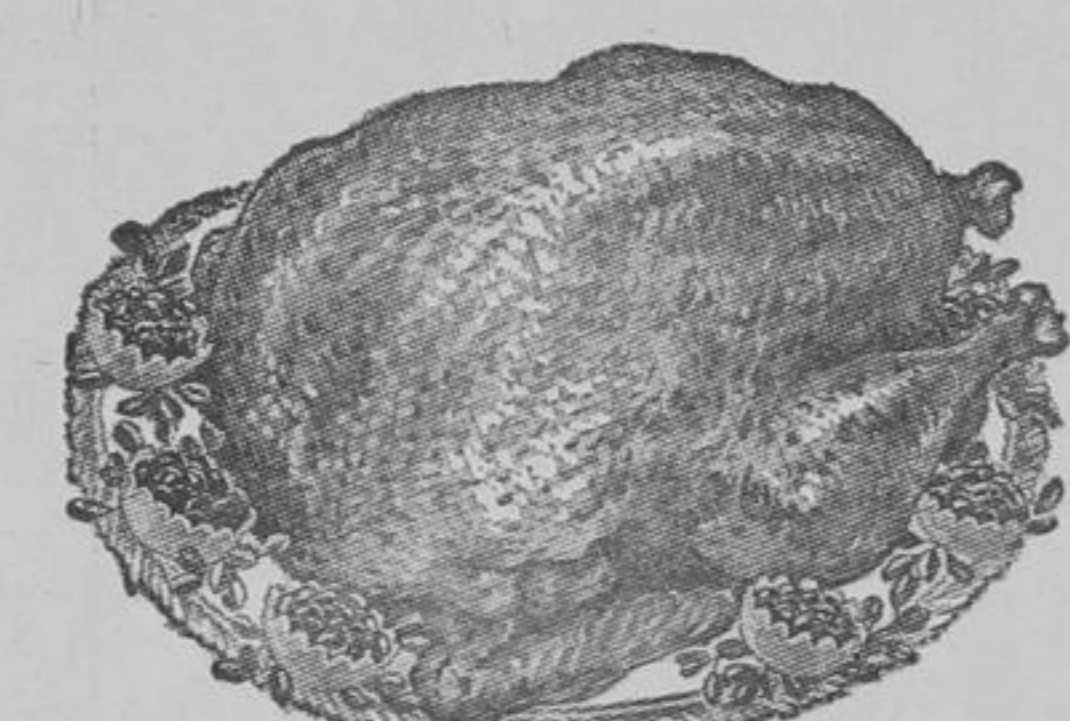


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