

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.

This Week's Happenings In Maple

School Children Sing Carols
Mark your calendar NOW for next year! If you really had wanted a terrific way to start your day — whether for more Christmas shopping, cake mak-

ing or whatever this season called for — you should have joined the lively singing of Christmas carols in the Vaughan Township Building last week at 8.30 (that's a.m.). As last year, the senior choir (grades 7 and 8) of George Bailey Public School, spiritedly led by Vaughan Schools Music Instructor Hugh Martin, met in the foyer of the township offices and for a half hour sang the old and the new Christmas carols and even Rudolph got in there too.

Joining in with the choir, the staff and a few residents thoroughly enjoyed this way to start their day and get into the real Christmas spirit.

We hope to be able to remind you, the reader, in time next year so many more may join in. Mr. Martin surely has a tremendous faculty of being able to draw the most, musically, from his charges. The youngsters' obvious pleasure in singing, tended to set the pace for everyone's enjoyment.

It was indeed "good".
1st Maple Scouts Say Thanks
Again this year the Scouts of 1st Maple Troop wish to thank all those who supported their Christmas tree selling project. The proceeds will be given over to the building fund. We hope to have more news for you re this fund shortly.

A special thanks is surely due to Al Moore whose time and effort on the scouts' behalf was greatly appreciated. Not only did he permit them to use his seed mill and grounds for their headquarters but he filled in many times to assist — whether going north to load the trees or taking over when help was needed in any and many ways. To volunteer his services at such a busy time really proves "what a good Scout Al is". Scoutmaster Pat Salmon (with use of both his legs this year) was no slouch either and

kept the scouts on their toes in so they would realize approximately \$250.00 toward their new Scout Hall next year. All concerned in Scouting say "Many thanks Al, Pat and the Scouts."
A Reminder
The girls of the G.A. of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, assisted by the J.A., invite you to their Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 30, at 7 pm. at the church.

So Happy New Year
Your "Liberal" representative is so busy thinking of all the resolutions for the New Year — she asks your indulgence until she gets caught up, in the next few issues with the events not mentioned as yet in Maple Notes.

In the meantime, yours truly Toby Shore wishes you and yours all the very best for the New Year.

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Guest speaker at the regular meeting of Maple Women's Institute December 12 was Mrs. Bodker, Mrs. Bodker, who came to Canada from Denmark thirty-five years ago, described life in Denmark.

She was dressed in a Danish costume and showed samples of Danish embroidery, lace-work and silver. The Danish people are an industrious, literate and peace-loving race, she said. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Watson.

A report on an executive meeting at the home of Mrs. Woods was made by Mrs. M. Palmer. The roll call was responded to, by the presentation of Christmas gifts for shut-ins. A discussion of "How We Will Celebrate Our Anniversary in April" followed. Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Smythe demonstrated the techniques they learned in a rug-making course they attended recently. A class is to be held

to join the course will be welcome.
Following Mrs. Bodker's talk, members joined in the singing of Christmas carols.
Next meeting is slated for January 9 at the home of Mrs. H. Stevenson. Mrs. E. Wade and Mrs. G. Orr will be the committee in charge.

Former "Liberal" Reporter
We were most pleased to get the news, along with our Christmas card, that Axel Sjoberg, who worked with us on "The Liberal", was married last August. He and his wife Sheila are happily established in an apartment in Ottawa where "Alec" is working for the Canadian Institute of Surveying. He is also still keenly active in grapho analysis, assisted by his wife who also has her master's in this science. The many acquaintances and friends of former "Liberal" days send along their congratulations to "Alec" and Sheila Sjoberg and hope they will drop in when in our district.

SUTTON . A \$10,000 fire in Sutton recently destroyed a sawmill, stationary equipment and a quantity of lumber.



(STAFF PHOTO)

Songs Of Christmas Sung By George Bailey Choir

The 34-voice George Bailey Public School Choir along with township employees and Maple residents sang carols Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to Christmas in the lobby of the Vaughan Township municipal offices under the direction of Hugh Martin, music supervisor for Vaughan Township schools. Front row, left to right, S. Ames, N. Fraser, B.

Prince, M. Darker, S. MacDonald, J. Earnshaw, S. James, K. Mathewson, L. La Riviere, L. Graham E. Thacker, S. Clagg, S. Tripp and S. Lange. Second row: D. Sinclair, C. McLellan, M. Bloom, S. Mathewson, B. Baker, B. Sinclair, S. Bourke. Third row: K. Fynbo, C. Holmes, T. Goodmakers, I. Miller, B. Palmer, D. Lightheart, L. Lloyd. Back row: R. Chalmers, V. Archibald, D. Reid, A. Boeckner, E. Darker and T. Lord.

New Year's Messages From Maple Ministers

TRAVELLERS - INTO A NEW YEAR

Rev. B. F. Andrew, Minister St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Presbyterian Churches
For those of us who now live in the "suburbs", or "exurbs" as you prefer it, we are more and more aware that we are people on the move. It is also true that a number among us have been able to continue residence in this part of Ontario for several generations, surviving the chance and change that have become part of life in the middle of the 20th century. For one, the place of

residence is a constant threat of change; the others who remain however are compelled to deal with changing times. In any case both are travellers — constant travellers. At the moment we are interested in what can be in store for us in the year 1963.

It seems to me that the first duty of a seasoned traveller is to CHECK HIS BAGGAGE. What are the things we must take with us into the new year? Now one thing we will be taking is memory. And let this be a happy memory. It is vitally important that we store the right things

since our mental health may be affected for good or for ill in future days. The warping of our outlook upon life is self-perversion; or there can be imperceptibly a building up of prejudice and an irrational way of thinking. It is personal disaster if we are not responsive to kind and thoughtful suggestions.

But memory has other functions as well. As one author puts it — the root and stem upon which we will build the plant next year is already formed. We cannot get rid of the past. Inevitably it is upon the past that our tomorrows will be built. It is a good thing that history is part of the school curriculum. We learn how great men became familiar with the available things of their day and proved themselves in some small way masters over events instead of bewailing how they were already victims of

circumstances. Quit you like men, says St. Paul, for we have to do with principalities, powers, things present and things to come. It is a good tradition to take with you that those who are "in Christ" do overcome eventually.

Second, the seasoned traveller PHONES LONG DISTANCE before he sets out. He makes his arrangements with people at the other end of his trip. In the same way, it is just as reasonable for the Christian to check with his Maker and early arrive at an understanding before starting out. It may be that when you have glanced over the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament, you have said to yourself, "This is just plain common sense arrived at out of the trial and error of experience; this is just hard headed thinking." But you cannot read the book of Ecclesiastes without realizing that despite all the many disagreeable elements in life and its disappointments, he knows that God is there — He is the Rock of Ages. And the shelter of that Rock was meant for him too. The story of the Hebrews of the Old Testament tells us that he may have picked up ideas from the many nations in which he lived, moved and had contact. But these had no value for him personally until he checked it out with the Almighty and the Divine purpose, the Covenant relationship, which God meant them to carry out. Unfortunately, it seems to be all too human to try to twist God's purposes to our own convenience. The Reformers tell us that any want of conformity to the law and love of God is sin as well as deliberately breaking that law and love.

In the third place, to live a New Year, one needs NEW POWER. No one wants to make the same mistakes as last year. Some travellers I know are salesmen for furniture firms. At the beginning of December most of these firms have a new catalogue prepared. Some lines of furniture are dropped out, some are modified and changed, new lines may be introduced. New price lists, new descriptive information, new methods of production must be understood and explanations given to customers. In the same way Christians are in constant need of renewal and new power. Some churches are in need of members who are willing to try a new line in the coming year — it may be teaching Sunday school. New worlds of interest can open up. It does not pay to listen to the supercilious who are too easily and "terrifically bored" with everything. No salesman could earn his salt with this attitude.

Lastly, the traveller must frequently REPORT BACK TO THE FIRM. The boys in the home factory depend on new orders to keep the wheels turning. The Book of Job is an excellent illustration which shows it is not always easy to report back to the actual world in which you

live, what you have learned in the presence of God's Word. At the moment most of our Ontario furniture firms are preparing for the furniture show which takes place in the middle of January at the exhibition grounds. They must display their wares that the public can see and examine. So it is with the Christian faith.

Then again there will come a day when the last report will be made to HEADQUARTERS. One thing we cannot ignore — "As in Adam all die." The final reports must be prepared. It is well to keep in mind when starting out. Now read Psalm 121 which concludes with the following words — "The Lord shall preserve Thy going out and Thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore."

A YEAR FAMOUS FOR BELIEVING

Rev. Emil F. Lange
Pastor Zion Lutheran Church
The passing of the Old Year and the ushering in of a New Year is something like the celebration of our birthday. It stands constantly as a reminder of how quickly the precious moments of our lives pass by. They are here one moment and almost as quickly have passed on into eternity. We can never hope to bring them back again. While we live in the world we may use these moments God has given to us, but once they have passed we can never expect their return.

Nevertheless, such a concept of time will have no reality for us unless we see ourselves in a living relationship with the Divine as the Author of our lives and the Filler of our hopes. Moments have real meaning as they are lived out by faith in God and as they then work themselves out in conscious service to our fellowmen. For this we will have ample opportunity during the New Year but if we waste those moments we shall never be able to recall lost opportunities. We have a purpose for living when our hope for a blessed future lies with God. As we accept Him and believe the promises He has given to all men we will be able to confidently enter the unknown future of another year to make our lives count for eternity.

William Romain, an outstanding leader in the Church of England in the eighteenth century always ascended the pulpit on the first day of the New Year, greeted his congregation with the beautiful

A WORD FOR THE NEW YEAR

Rev. Ramsey Armitage
Pastor of St. Stephen's Anglican Church

Right around the world greetings will be exchanged and we shall say to each other in friendly fashion: "Happy New Year."

We shall head our letters, "The New Year 1963". Here we have a fresh beginning.

Here we have a new chapter.

As someone once wrote it in a singing verse: "Here's a clean year, A white year, Reach your hand and take it, You are the Builder."

And no one else can make it." In one sense that is true. There is challenge in that line: "You are the Builder." Jesus, our Lord, the greatest Teacher of all said: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate." We have each one our part and our task and no one else can do it.

"You are the Builder." The Bible which is the Book of Life tells us to redeem the time and to buy up our opportunities.

But it also reminds us that the arm of flesh will fail us if we trust in ourselves alone. So it is that as the New Year begins we carry over into it the message and the meaning and the power of Christmas when God himself came into our human life with all his power and blessing.

"Here's a clean year, A white year, Reach your hand and take it, You are the Builder, And no one else can make it." So are we called in Christ to be "Builders together with God."

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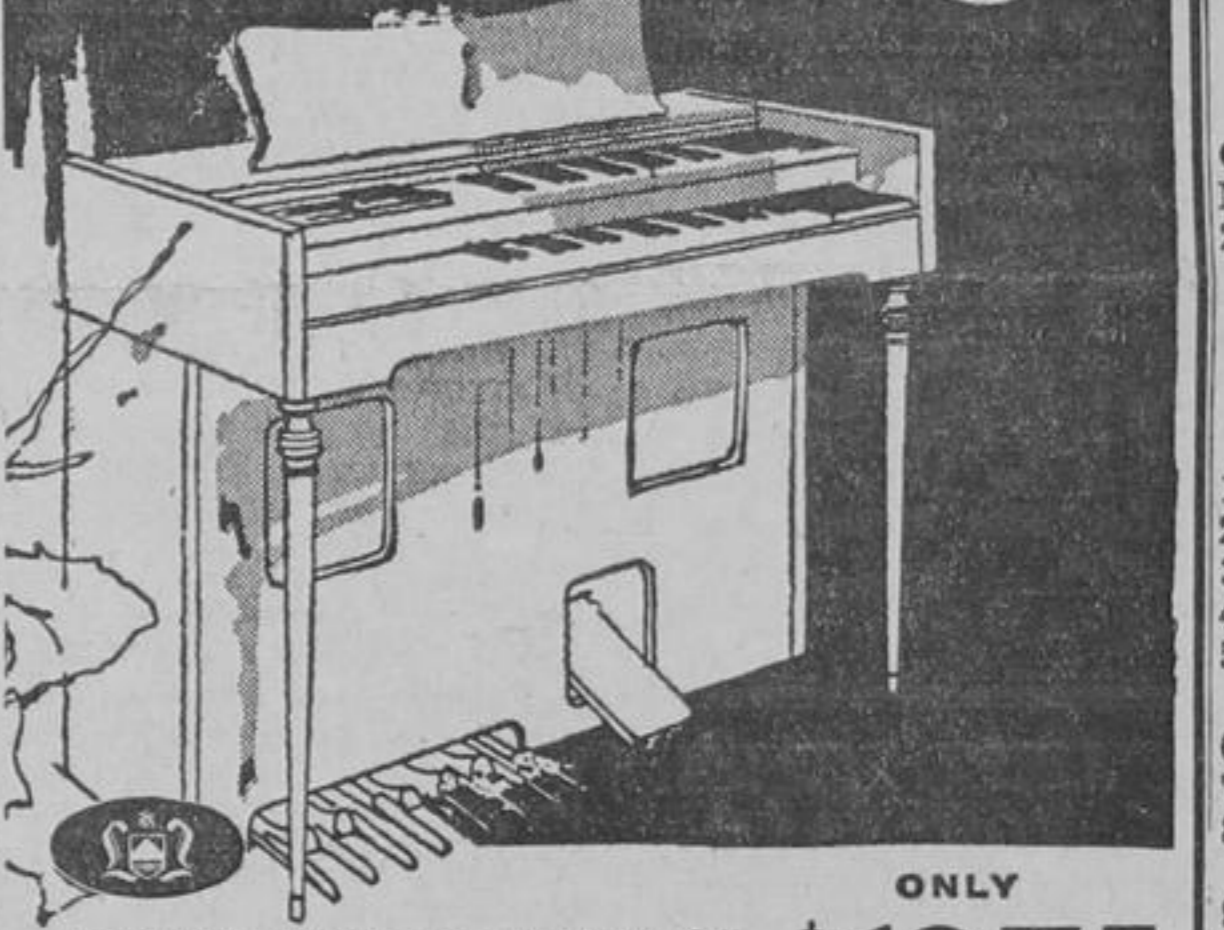
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Edgeley Socials

Yuletide
Christmas time was a jolly time for many in the community as they were reunited with relatives or friends for the festive day.

Getting ready for Christmas kept Mr. and Mrs. Darlington and family busy.

On Sunday last Miss Helen Kingston and Miss Verna Kingston of Burlington and Miss J. Clements of Toronto, also Mr. and Mrs. Jim Darlington of Alliston enjoyed a family get-together at the Darlington home.

On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Darlington had dinner in Woodbridge with Mr. Darlington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Darlington.

Neighbourhood Notes
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boake and family spent Christmas in Weston with Mr. Boake's brother, Mr. Allen Boake and Mrs. Boake.

On Boxing Day, Cam and Bea held open house for their family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bodker had their family all home on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Avery had their usual Christmas Eve party. The Avery brothers and sisters and their families have kept this party up all their lives.

On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cook and daughters Lynda and Sharon and Mrs. Avery's mother, Mrs. Sarah Peterman were dinner guests on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tomkow spent Christmas at home with their son, Ken, and are looking forward to New Year's and a visit from their son Tommy and his wife and children Pamela and Melody.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. John Young were home for Christmas but the day was not so merry because of the recent serious illness of their son Eddie, who has been a patient in St. Michael's Hospital. We understand that Eddie is improving though, and that is a very fine gift for his family and friends.

It was Christmas at home for Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boehm and their family of Jane Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Usher and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook, Dwight and Joanne also spent Christmas at home.

is returning to Canada soon after Christmas. This is his first visit home since he came to Canada two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stuart and Beverly Ann enjoyed Christmas day at the home of John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hunter and sons, John and Paul spent Christmas day with Mrs. Hunter's sister, Mrs. Herb Corbett of Weston.

On New Year's day, Mr. and Mrs. Jagger Oldham of Mount Albert will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and family.

A family reunion on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Fierheller and family, included Mr. and Mrs. Homer Whitmore of Edgeley, Mrs. Harry Fierheller of Richmond Hill and Mrs. Gibson of Orono.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Burns spent Christmas at home. Mrs. Burns' mother, Mrs. Lynn went to Burlington to be with her son Roy on Christmas day.

Mr. Burns and his daughter-in-law, Gail, will be celebrating their birthdays jointly at a family get-together at the Ewart Burns' home on New Year's day.

The Edgeley Public School Christmas concert was held on Wednesday evening of last week in the Edgeley Community Hall. Pupils and teachers merit much praise for the fine quality of the concert which concluded with a visit from Santa.

Old-fashioned Christmas

The old-fashioned Christmas spirit was captured last weekend when the Pioneer Village was the scene of many winter-time activities. And even the weather co-operated with its snowy and wintry atmosphere.

There was skating on the old farm pond and horse-drawn sleigh rides for the delight of the general public. The lower parking lot is flooded for skating and the facilities of the park are free of charge on weekends between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The only charge is the nominal 50 cent parking fee for cars in the Pioneer Village grounds.

Last winter many people crowded the hills on their toboggans and children learned to ski on the low hills in the village.

The growth of the city has not taken winter fun further away into the country. It can be enjoyed now, as it was 100 years ago, right here in the Pioneer Village.

Happy New Year to you allyear.

Installation At Vaughan Lodge

The Masons of Vaughan Lodge No. 54, G.R.C., installed their 1963 officers at a most impressive ceremony recently in the Masonic Hall, Maple.

Under the direction of Right Worshipful Brother Archie Cameron, installing master, assisted by many present and past grand lodge officers, the solemn and serious duties were performed according to the lodge's ancient constitution.

The most worshipful, the grand master was represented by Right Worshipful Brother M. Fleuring, D.D.G.M. as well as V. Wor. Bro. R. Jennings, V. Wor. Bro. P. Savage, and V. Wor. Bro. T. R. McCartney, grand stewards of grand lodge.

Vaughan Lodge has had a long and successful existence, being instituted in 1854, about the same time as the present Grand Lodge of Canada was formed. The past two years have been most happy and successful and 1963 is looked forward to in anticipation of another successful year. Truly, these could be called "The Golden Sixties" in Vaughan Lodge.

The officers who will guide the destinies through 1963 are: Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Skidmore; I.P.M., Wor. Bro. S. Diceman; Senior Warden, Bro. C. Rose; Junior Warden, Bro. J. Jones; D. of C., Wor. Bro. C. Mallory; Chaplain, Bro. H. Ambrose; Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. Hollowell; Assistant Secretary, Bro. D. Elliott; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. C. Miller; Senior Deacon, Bro. H. Rumble; Junior Deacon, Bro. W. Wilson; S. S., Bro. A. Mitchell; Junior S., Bro. G. Madill; I. G., Bro. T. Couper; Tyler, Wor. Bro. G. Watson; Organist, Bro. J. Ison.

A very sumptuous banquet was provided by the ladies of the lodge, under the very capable leadership of the Junior Warden's lady, Mrs. C. Rose. The usual toasts were honoured, as well as a presentation of lovely flowers to Mrs. Rose on behalf of the lodge, for the excellent manner in which refreshments have been served throughout the