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.

Maple Notes

It seems that last year so many hockey fans felt that it was getting quite monotonous to have THAT one team always out on top - so, the champs, having the true sportsman's spirit, stepped aside this year to bring about a more competitive league. Also knowing every team gets that added thrill if they win a series on home ice - this same red blooded crew took the Tuesday night game, thereby making it necessary for their adversaries to return home for the Thursday night game where they could accept the — of their fans!! Now how about that!! (surely now, yours truly will get some assistance from you local scribes when you see how you can get away with such stuff by being a correspondent!)

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A 14th Birthday

Jennifer Bloom celebrated her 14th birthday on April 3 as did Leonard Shore - only a few more times.

It's Closer To Work

Ron Lockhart has made that trek over to Richmond Hill, after a long day of styling M'lady's coiffure, for the last time. Last week he moved bag and baggage just across the road from his hair styling salon on Keele St. N. - to the apartment of Blake Yates. By the time those wedding bells ring later on this year, he'll no doubt be climatized!

When Ron entered in the "National Hair Styling Competition" held in the Royal York Hotel recently, he did so for the first time and enjoyed the experience and gained much worthwhile confidence. Yes his model, Pat Davis of Gram St., did make it back from Ottawa in time to offer her top knot for whatever was involved in such a competition. However she wasn't quite sure about walking through the lobby of the Royal York with her hair up in rollers and hair net - but that she did - so as to be ready for the first signal given by the time keeper. From rollers out, brush, style etc., each competitor gamely followed through and the models sat, and sat, bravely not flinching or yelping when, or if, their hairdressers got over enthusiastic. Pat said the clincher came when following the count down, the final minute found the many stylists reaching for the hair spray and swoosh - the whole area was attacked. As this was Ron's first year, he is to be congratulated in staying in there throughout several eliminations.

At the "Boulevard of Beauty" convention it was learned that the style-conscious customer will be wearing her hair high in blonde, red or platinum, in a cockscomb effect. She will have more variety of colour, much of it in brilliant shades.

There now, you know how to be styled and coloured for Easter!

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A Directory, Bulletin Board

Watch for interesting projects springing up and around Maple with the advent of warmer weather.

The glass enclosed bulletin board between Walt Field's and the post office, at Maple's busiest corner, will be worth keeping up with very soon.

Maple Boy Scouts Give Good Advice

Residents of Vaughan Township attending the Fun Fair in George Bailey School at Maple on Saturday received some very worthwhile advice from the exhibit of the 1st Maple Scout Troop. The exhibit shown in the above picture was based on the subject of survival. Scouts tending the exhibit are Steven Shore and Grant Rose.

Easter Services For Maple Folk

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Keele Street South will hold a Good Friday service at 10.00 a.m. with the Rev. S. C. Cooper as the speaker. The Rev. B. F. Andrew will also be in attendance.

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The Rector, the Rev. Dr. Ramsay Armitage and the churchwardens of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Keele Street North, wish all those associated with the church a happy and a blessed Easter.

There will be a service on Good Friday at 10.00 a.m. and on Easter Sunday services will be: Holy Communion at 7.30 and 8.00 a.m. and morning prayer at 11.00 a.m. immediately followed by Easter communion.

The following news item will be of great interest to everybody. Come and put it into effect.

A musical event which will excite the interest of all music lovers will be the organ and choral recital in St. Stephen's Church on April 16th at 8.15 p.m.

The organist who has kindly accepted the invitation to come, bringing with him a group of highly trained choristers, is Mr. Douglas Bodle, organist and choirmaster of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

Mr. Douglas Bodle, when he came to Toronto from Winnipeg some years ago was already acclaimed as one of the outstanding musicians of western Canada. Since that time he has come to be recognized as one of the top-ranking organists in Canada and he will be welcomed by everyone in Maple and in the surrounding communities who are concerned with the arts and particularly in fine music.

The Couples' Club of the **Maple United Church will hold** an Easter breakfast at 9.30 a.m. in the Christian Education Rooms. The topic for the Rev. Ralph C. Williams' Good Friday message is "Mary." This service will be held in the church at 10.30 a.m. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Roy Clegg, organist, will sing "God So Loved The World."

On Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. the choir will sing "Open the Gates of the Temple" and Rev. Williams' topic will be "Our Easter Faith."

Zion Lutheran Church, on Keele St. S. and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Richmond Hill will be combining their service on Good Friday at 11.00 a.m. in the observance of Holy Communion - at the Maple Church with pastors Rev. A. E. Meyers and Rev. E. F. Lange participating.

Albert N. Stong

Albert N. Stong of 266 Queen's Drive, Weston, passed away on March 24, 1963, in his 90th year. He was born at Edgeley where he farmed until his retirement 28 years ago.

The funeral which was largely attended by relatives and friends was held from the Ward Funeral Home, Weston, March 27. The service was conducted by Rev. R. E. Spencer of Central United Church, Weston, assisted by Rev. L. M. Hornby of Campbellford. Interment followed in Maple Cemetery. Pallbearers were Messrs. George Constable, Fred Constable, Herb Constable, Robert Burton, Harold Minielly and Syd Hollowood.

The late Mr. Stong is survived by one sister Alda, and two brothers, Wesley and Daniel. He was predeceased by three sisters, Isabella (Mrs. A. Jackson), Maria (Mrs. J. W. Constable) and Mary.

NEWMARKET: Council will prepare a bylaw to prohibit the posting of signs, posters and other advertising media on town-owned trees and property. Some trees, it is claimed, carry as many as 15 signs.

But God Was There!

BY REV. B. F. ANDREW, ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"But we trusted that - - - : and beside all this, today is the third day since -." - Luke 24.21.

Reading the Gospel story this way, sounds a little like a news caption to a story of some recent event. Tragedy, heart-break, human chaos - these make up the items of news day after day, year after year. The sum total of human effort left to itself, for itself, can only add up to these words, "But we trusted that -" Or, "Just when we thought we were getting along so well, then all this hit us and now look at the mess." Or, "All that we had planned seemed so clever; nothing wrong with it; we were making money and now this." Everything seems to end up in stupid mediocrity.

All this happened three days ago, What now?

BUT GOD WAS THERE.

Yes, God has a gracious way of waiting for us to find our feet. In the midst of the noisy whirl of the day, the buzzing distractions, the exacting nature of our tasks, He is there. We know He is there for His original followers, the saints of God of whose company we belong, joyfully left us the heartening message. They too found life had its series of shocks, life rudely shook them with its unusual astonishments. Yet, God was there.

Because God was there, the broken things of life are given a Master touch. Kipling in his poem, L'Envoi, has this thought beautifully expressed -

When Earth's last picture is painted,
And the tubes are all twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded
And the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it -
Lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all Good Workmen
Shall set us to work anew!

And God was there. Daily the thought crosses our mind - "As in Adam all die". Whatever little bit of glory we cherish, and we do work so hard at glamorizing our feeble efforts, still we must die. But in Christ all will be made alive. Surely his glory is for us the last and the best. May God in his mercy quietly touch you, reach you and bless you, so that you too can say, "Yes, God was there," Easter-tide 1963.

Maple CCS Tea

Push-off of the Maple branch of the Canadian Cancer Society's annual campaign was April 1st.

Many who had previously canvassed as volunteers, and who will again this year, met in the Maple United Church parlour to hear the latest programme regarding our local services and objectives. The minister of the United Church, the Rev. R. C. Williams offered prayer. Vice President Pat Davis presided. The ladies were introduced to the Maple branch executive.

Campaign chairman for Maple branch is Eleanor Hamilton and our newest recruit, co-chairman Shirley Cleworth.

Mrs. Vi Minns, of Woodbridge branch of the C.C.S. is the campaign chairman for Maple-Wood unit and she was welcomed as special guest and in turn gave a welcome to all the canvassers.

In speaking of the challenge before the canvassers in the next few weeks, Mrs. Minns said that cancer had become the greatest challenge of all times and it would be because of, and through, canvassers efforts that money would be raised for the research so necessary to meet this challenge.

In closing, the unit campaign chairman said, "Maple branch has always had a fantastically good campaign with team effort headed by good organization at the top. More bodies are needed to do more work, to give more money. You are those bodies."

Branch campaign chairman, Eleanor Hamilton introduced a visitor from the northern section of Manitoba who had come to the tea to demonstrate how she goes about this business of door to door canvassing.

Mrs. Hamilton listed the names of the captains and their zones and then spoke about the importance of effectual canvassing towards the 1963 quota of $3,500.00 for Maple branch.

"Let us hope and pray that cancer will be the next foe to be defeated. I am sure with your help and God's help we will meet our quota of $3,500.00 in the forthcoming campaign."

Maple Branch of
MAPLE-WOOD UNIT
of Canadian Cancer Society

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Cancer Society Canvassers Tea

Mrs. Velma Rutherford, chairman of the Maple branch of the Canadian Cancer Society left and Mrs. Betty Bigford, treasurer, are shown at the tea table of volunteer canvassers' tea held by the Maple branch of the Canadian Cancer Society last week in the Maple United Church.

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Vaughan School Area Board

Hear Committee Opposing Oral French

A brief prepared by a committee of ratepayers in Vaughan Township who oppose the introduction of Oral French into grade 5 of the township's public schools in September was considered at a committee meeting of Vaughan Township School Area Board Thursday evening.

A copy of the brief which has been forwarded to the minister of education, was sent to the school board with the information that a petition is being circulated with the intention of presenting it at the April 11th meeting of the board. The meeting between the board and the committee to discuss the brief was held at the invitation of the board's chairman, Sam Kaiser.

Mr. J. Darlington acted as spokesman for the committee for the first hour, his duties being taken over by Mr. George Snider, when he had to leave.

Members of the board took exception to the committee's statement in the brief that rural one-and two-room schools were being discriminated against. The committee went on to outline problems in existence in smaller schools of the area, namely Edgeley, Old Pine Grove and Lower Ninth, which they feel are of prime importance and should be taken care of before the introduction of Oral French.

Mrs. H. L. Snider, secretary of the committee, stated that conditions in some schools are appalling. She described conditions at Old Pine Grove where there is one wash basin for over 60 children, accessible through the girls' cloakroom on the ground floor with the toilets located in the basement. "Yet, she said, "the school board considers Oral French expense in preference to correcting these conditions."

Chairman Kaiser explained the delay in correcting conditions at Old Pine Grove was due to expropriation plans of the Village of Woodbridge which had been hanging fire for years, so that the board did not know whether they would continue to be responsible for this school. He pointed out that the problems named by the committee had been inherited three years ago from individual school boards. "When problems come up, they are dealt with by this board. The board came into existence on January 1, 1960, and on January 18 your present chairman asked the Health Unit to inspect the Lower Ninth school, which was condemned. In the basement room of this school the windows were nailed shut and had been for some time. In case of fire there was no way out for the children but through a door beside the furnace. We also put a new roof on this school. Has this school been neglected? It has cost us $5,000. You tell us we neglected this school, I resent this."

Trustee Warren Baillie reported that plans are well advanced to secure a satisfactory supply of water at Edgeley School. Referring to conditions in other schools, he stated emphatically, "If these things are not corrected I do not intend to remain on the board.

Answering a charge in the brief that both Inspector D. R. MacDonald and Superintendent J. A. Gibson expressed the view the program should not be implemented, Mr. MacDonald said it has definite value as an enrichment for the pupils. He said his main thought was "Can we afford it at this time, but the decision was entirely up to the board." Superintendent Gibson said he had felt that there were other things that might take precedence, but some things that we thought were going to be neglected are being looked after too. This board is accomplishing things that no other board has."

Chairman Kaiser admitted the correctness of a clause of the brief which read "A grant from the department can be procured for a teacher who is qualified to teach Oral French, but since Vaughan Township is already spending every cent available from grants on existing commitments, they cannot qualify for a higher grant." But Inspector Gibson pointed out there are indications that a grant may be available in 1964.

Grade 5 Best

Mrs. Snider asked why the subject is being started in grade 5. Trustee Jolliffe reported that the best advice available recommended starting at that level rather than grade 8 so that the high school board will have four years warning to prepare to accept these children into their program. He reported that the earlier a child begins the study of a second language the easier it is to learn. Mrs. Snider reported an educator in the township as saying, "Vaughan is putting the icing on the cake before we have the cake."

The committee claimed that the taxpayers were misled by the meeting held at Maple, the purpose of which was to acquaint taxpayers with a proposed plan to introduce Oral French into public schools, and to obtain the feeling of those present on the subject. They claim that the feeling expressed at that meeting was ignored when the board made their decision on the subject. Milton Savage, former trustee, claimed these in favor and against at this meeting should have been counted. Members of the board admitted those opposed had had a slight margin, but not the two-to-one proportion claimed by the committee.

Mrs. Snider pointed out that approximately 340 children in grade 5 in the township will be receiving instruction in Oral French in September at an approximate cost of $41 per pupil. "Urban schools, she claimed could teach three times as many for the same money, and the board's plan is not economically sound. Other things, such as libraries, reference books and scientific equipment are desperately needed. Are we attempting something for which we are not ready? The concern of this committee is to raise the standard of teaching of the basic subjects to the very best standard possible when it would be time to think about Oral French. Are the benefits sufficient to warrant this cost at this time when our schools need so many other things?"

Answering a charge by Trustee Wells that this was the first organized opposition the board had heard, Mrs. Black of Jefferson stated that the ratepayers from that area had not wanted to jeopardize their chances of securing desperately needed transportation for their children by taking a stand in opposition to the introduction of Oral French. Mrs. Snider said that she had followed the progress of discussion by the board and had no idea the board was giving serious consideration to introducing it.

Mrs. Snider also severely criticized the board for accepting the assurance of a small pressure group from Thornhill that they had contacted all schools in the township, and that a large percentage of parents were in favour of the project. When asked how she expected the board to find out the feeling of the ratepayers, Mrs. Snider said, "Do as this committee is doing, go out and talk to the people."

Mr. W. Stephens, former reeve of Etobicoke, now a resident on a 100-acre farm on No. 7 highway, said "The word discrimination may be a little strong, but the people suffering these conditions, may feel they are being discriminated against." He proposed that the board should allow Oral French to be introduced only in the Thornhill area on a pay-yourself basis. He stated that a petition bearing names of ratepayers from every section of the township who are opposed to the introduction of Oral French at this time will be presented to the April 11th meeting of the board. Both Trustees Wells and Jolliffe expressed regret that previous commitments will not permit them to attend this meeting. A suggestion that the regular meeting be postponed a week, was refused by Chairman Kaiser, who said that the public is accustomed to the meeting being held on the second Tuesday of each month and it should not be postponed.

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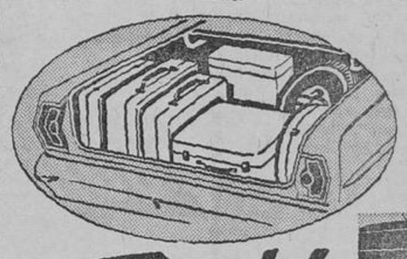
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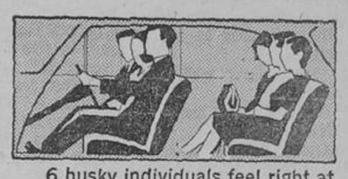
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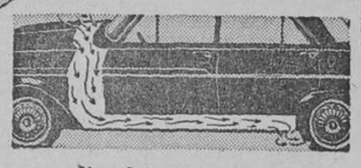
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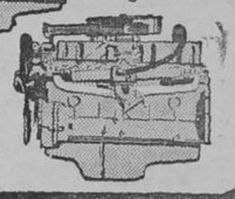

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