



Vaughan Firemen Turn Over Joslin Fund

Last Thursday, Vaughan Volunteer Fire Department culminated a drive started in July to raise funds for a memorial to their former colleague Herbert Joslin of Maple, killed on duty during an August, 1962 gas explosion. Present for a ceremony to turn over \$2,400 to York Central Hospital Administrator G. C. Chatfield (second from right) for a four bed ward inscribed in the fireman's memory were Vaughan Fire Chief James Davidson (making the presentation) and from left R. Greenfield from Richvale fire hall, Lloyd Palmer of Maple fire hall and George Armstrong of Robinson's Woodbridge fire hall. The three brigades in Vaughan had originally aimed for only \$1,500 for their fund.

Maple, Concord and Edgeley District News

"The Liberal" is always willing to publish items regarding people and events contributed by its readers in Maple, Concord and Edgeley districts. Our representative in Maple is Mrs. Len Shore ALpine 7-1037; in Edgeley and Sherwood, Mrs. Raymond Stuart, AV. 5-1934; and in Concord, Mrs. Ruth Keffer, 285-6805.

The Week's Happenings In Maple

Casa Loma Worth Trip

By all reports, the decorations on and around Toronto's Casa Loma makes a visit to this fairyland of lights a must on your sightseeing schedule. If you haven't taken the family on a tour of Metro to see the beautiful displays of lights, etc., it's high time you made plans for same. It's guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit.

Scout Christmas Trees

Again this year 1st Maple Boy Scouts have freshly cut spruce or scotch pine trees at reasonable prices, at the Maple Seed Mill, just around the corner from Keele on Maple Road. So come on down and pick yours out from the large selection of top quality trees. The Scouts turn the proceeds into their building fund as well as replenishing any immediate equipment required.

Spontaneous Combustion

The brothers Jamieson, Bob and Doug, students in grade 12E R.H.H.S. were contemplating on how sorry they were to be leaving their friends and classmates. With their father transferred to a northern town, they were joining the family at the completion of the first school term. December 5, right out of the blue, it was decided that a party was needed to cushion the leave-taking gloom. With Debby McConkey offering to be hostess at her home, everyone joined in with cartons of pop, snacks and sandwiches and took

over Pine Hill Farm. When the rugs are rolled in Debby's living room, it's a grand ball room! The combination of record player, dancing and food, paved the way for a happy time that will long be remembered by Bob and Doug Jamieson as they become "former residents of Richmond Hill."

Santa Coming To-Night

Maple has finally made it on Santa's travel route! At 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) Santa Claus will visit all his young friends at the Maple Plaza. Helping to make things jolly will be the Brampton Clown Band. Come one, come all and join in the fun.

Senior Resident in Hospital

Mrs. Jennie Watson of 33 Keele Street South, recently suffered a stroke and is in York County Hospital, Newmarket. Mrs. Watson is well known by the older members of this community and she will be pleased to hear from her friends.

White Gift Service

In the Sunday school and the morning church service of the Maple United Church December 15, the junior members and senior members will share in the presenting of gifts to be distributed to those in less fortunate circumstances. This is the annual "White Gift" service. Sunday school is

at 9:45 a.m. with Norman Lund, superintendent. Morning worship with well staffed kindergarten, nursery and primary departments for the small folk, is at 11 a.m. with Rev. Ralph C. Williams. The choir is directed by Mrs. Roy Clegg, organist.

Vesper Service

The traditional vesper service with the C.G.I.T. members conducting the program, will be held December 15 at 7 p.m. in the Maple United Church. C.G.I.T. leaders are Betty Jackson and Lynda Rose.

Reminder - School Concert

As a further program note, about "Scrooges Christmas, an Operetta," to be presented at the George Bailey concert December 16 and 18 in the Maple Community Hall; we've just received a flash from Mrs. D. Tilt and Mrs. M. Wilson that their two grade ones are joining forces to present "Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat," an operetta based on the old nursery rhyme of the same name. Grades 3 and 4 will be directed by their teacher Miss B. Grigor, in two folk dances. Glenn Mullis's grade 6 pupils will be having a special choral part in the program.

Explorers

The Explorers, sponsored by Maple United Church under the leadership of Irene West and assistants Shirley Sherman and Marg Amos, are preparing a program for December 19 in the Christian Education Room with their mothers as special guests. These young girls went out on a special "shell out blitz" last Halloween to collect warm clothing for the little Korean boy the U.C.W. had adopted some months ago. The response was so great, that indeed after arranging for many needed supplies to be sent to Korea, they shared the overflow with the folk at Fred Victor Mission, Toronto.

Curtain Club Christmas

The annual Christmas pantomime, presented by Richmond Hill Curtain Club this year will

be ye olde favorite "Cinderella". The place is their own theatre situated just back in off Yonge Street, rear 25 Yonge Street North; the dates, six evening performances December 27, 28, 29, January 2, 3, 4 with two matinees December 28 and January 4.

WILLOWDALE

The Ontario Municipal Board has approved North York Council's recommendation that the present eight wards of the township be divided into 12 wards containing about the same number of residents.

The chief engineer at the hospital is Earl Thurston of 26 Richmond Street. On the medical staff from Maple are Doctors R. G. Bigford, C. W. Birkett, M. P. Granter and A. W. P. Van Nostrand.

Parties and More Parties

December 19 is 1st Maple Boy Scout Ladies Auxiliary's pleasure to provide a party for the A and B packs of 1st Maple Cubs in the Lions' Den, Community Hall.

Y.C. Hospital

More honors for Maple, junior grade. — The president of the Candy Strippers Junior Auxiliary is Maple's Janie Manning of Dufferin Street.

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TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN \$100 REWARD

The Corporation of the Township of Vaughan will pay a reward of one hundred dollars (\$100), for information, resulting in the arrest and conviction of any person or persons, responsible for the removal of evergreen trees, from private or governmental owned lands, within the Township of Vaughan, without the consent of the owner or Governmental body, having jurisdiction over the said lands.

Maple, Ontario, December 2, 1963. J. W. Davidson, Chief Constable, Township of Vaughan.

Concord Socials

Brownies
A total of 40 Brownies, leaders and mothers visited the Christmas Fairyland at Casa Loma last week. Travelling by bus ("You should have seen our bus, Mummy! Was it ever nice!") to the castle, the children were soon in the fantasy world of the Eucharist Forest, the Fairy Princess and Santa Claus. After a tour of parts of the first and second floors, the

children watched a movie "The Sword and the Stone," and enjoyed a cold drink. On the way home, the children and adults both enjoyed seeing the Christmas decorations in many stores. A special thanks is due Mrs. Isobel Burlington who did a superb job of assembling lunches for everyone, including the bus driver! Thanks also to all the mothers who provided the tasty sandwiches and cookies.

When the group returned to the school, Sherry Barrett thanked everyone responsible for the trip, on behalf of the Brownies.

The Brownie mothers held their Christmas party at president Tori McClymont's home last Thursday evening, with fifteen mothers present. The ladies enjoyed a few games, designed to make them think (but not too hard), a gift exchange and a delicious lunch. During lunch, a few "long time residents" told of a few experiences during the "early days" much to the delight of the rest of the group.

Socials

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chadwick and sons, Pat and Mike, of Barrie, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Witty last Sunday afternoon. The Concord youth group is reminded of the skating party on Friday evening, December 13. All young people are to meet at Mr. Atkinson's home at 7:15 p.m.

WILLOWDALE

A legal technicality is holding up public telephone service in North York Township. The Bell Telephone Company wishes to install public telephone booths at 50 locations in the township but the Bell and North York Township legal departments can't agree.

SCARBOROUGH

A decision to cancel the elementary school dental inspection programme will be reconsidered at the December meeting of the Scarborough Board of Health. In October the board voted to cancel the programme next June and fire the \$11,000-a-year township public health dentist.

Maple Lions Den Doings

Turkey Shoot
There were several local sharpshooters at Shur-Gain Farms last Saturday, who solved their festive problem by taking home the bird for the freezer.

Maple Lions again sponsored this annual turkey shoot and the committee in charge provided protection from the December cold by pitching a large tent. Inside a heater warmed chilled trigger fingers.

Lake Joseph Fund

Following the blitz sale of light bulbs by the Lions, the club added to the proceeds and a donation of \$250 was sent to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. This is to be used towards the Lake Joseph Fund which supports a summer camp for the blind.

Lions and Their Cubs

Tonight, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. the Lions are inviting their cub offspring — or borrowing one from a neighbour — to dinner in the Lions' Den, Community Hall. This is an annual event and looked forward to by both fathers and sons.

Pledge to Y.C.H.

In the Maple Lions' pledge to furnished a three bed ward in York Central Hospital there is an added clause which states the club will be responsible for the maintenance of same, for over a period of five years.

Take for instance

the wearing of a rabbit's foot which is supposed to bring the wearer good luck as is the finding of a four leaf clover. Various and numerous charms are worn by a large segment of the population in the belief that they will protect them against hexes and other harm.

Treat Friday The 13th "Like Any Other Day"

BY MRS. R. STUART

This week we have a day that is fearfully known as Friday the 13th.

This coincidence of the sixth day of the week with the number 13 usually occurs twice within a twelve month period, although it occasionally occurs only once and sometimes three times a year.

A common superstition in the present day western society is the belief that misfortune will strike one on Friday 13.

In tracing the origin of this belief, no clues could be found as to why Friday 13 is considered such an unlucky day. Like so many other superstitions, the belief may be based on nothing more than ignorance or fear which involves peculiar attitudes toward nature, many material things, and the supernatural and God.

On the other hand we cannot forget that since the beginning of the Christmas era, Friday has always been regarded as a black day as it was on a Friday that our Lord was crucified. Also, there was in Christ's ministerial body, 13 members - Christ himself and his twelve Apostles.

It is most unchristian to show faith in superstition, yet at various times and places and circumstances, superstitious beliefs are brought to the fore and aired, discussed, believed in and followed in this present-day, supposedly enlightened civilized part of the world.

Take for instance the wearing of a rabbit's foot which is supposed to bring the wearer good luck as is the finding of a four leaf

And who hasn't

sometime or other been cautioned about black cats crossing the road, throwing salt over the left shoulder, breaking a mirror, knocking on wood, raising an umbrella in the house, whistling aboard ship and many, many others too numerous to mention.

There is hardly any of us who has not helped to perpetuate superstitions. Just think about building owners or lessees who do not allow unlucky 13 to be used as an address or as the floor or room numbers on their property, not because they, themselves, may be superstitious, but more than likely because they know that a great many human beings are, and would refuse to be in any way associated with the supposedly unlucky number.

And who has not heard about or even known travellers who would not think of journeying on the 13th day of the month. Then there is the old saying "never commence a new task on a Friday," especially if it is Friday 13 as it is then doubly unlucky to do so.

The time has surely come for enlightened folk of this day and age to put away all their superstitions and not allow them to become such a strong influence in their lives, and there is no better time and place to begin regarding Friday as a day just like any other day.

110-Year-Old

Bake Oven Bought For Pioneer Site

A 110-year-old bake oven has been acquired by the Metropolitan and Region Conservation Authority for its Pioneer Village. The oven was until recently situated on the farm of Bruce Naylor in Vaughan Township.

The Authority acquired the oven from Mr. Naylor through a donation made by Canada Bread Ltd. to the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation. The bake oven was built about 1850 by Alexander Cameron and is one of the few remaining in Southern Ontario.

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