

Maple seniors sing and laugh for Christmas

By Louise Couper

At a Christmas program for the Maple senior citizens last week, there were readings, recitations, carols, contests and a humorous skit by two local ministers.

This was a return performance for Stanley Snowden, minister of Maple United Church and George French of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

They presented a skit about two character farmers, Ike McSweeney and Abe Perkins, preparing for their own Christmas.

Both men are good actors and the audience enjoyed their good-natured kidding immensely. Many said they hope the ministers will return.

Margaret Jackson read two amusing old newspaper clippings and Pearl Brown recited a modern version of *The Night Before Christmas*.

Contests were organized by Jean Downing and Louise Cooper. Mrs. Downing also read from the ever-popular *Ideals* publication and lead the carol sing, while Eveline Keffer played the piano.

A bus-load of Vaughan seniors travelled to Simcoe for a tour of the Christmas Panorama, a display of some sixty light units — Santas, Christmas trees, poinsettias, crosses, an open Bible and even a Union Jack in lights.

The light show was begun in 1958 with only six units but with the expansion it has become a major tourist attraction. Over half a million people have visited it to date, it is estimated.

As well as the people from Maple, there were others from King City, Richmond Hill, Kleinburg and Woodbridge.

While the seniors have been having fun, they have not forgotten their friends who have not been well enough to join them, including Roly Keffer and Flossie Puterbaugh.

The Maple club will meet December 23, but not December 30.



(Photo by Daw)

Ecumenical Hee Haw

Vaughan senior citizens, holding their annual Christmas program in Maple, were treated to some light entertainment by two local ministers. Dressed in wigs and overalls are

George French of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Maple, and Stanley Snowden of Maple United Church.

King council swamped again

King Township Council was literally "swamped" by one part of its agenda Monday night of last week during its last meeting of the year.

That part was the discussion over whether or not Pottageville Swamp should be called Pottageville Marsh.

Councillor Stan Kuniski thought the name marsh had a nicer ring to it than swamp.

Mayor Margaret Britnell observed that a swamp contained a "lot of living things. The word swamp is certainly not a derogatory term," she said.

Councillor Ben Rough, who was making his last official appearance as a councillor, wondered what

people would say if we "called Holland Marsh, Holland Swamp?"

Grips his pipe

This caused Councillor Jack Van Luyk, a member of that ward for a number of years, to grip his pipe somewhat convulsively and gasp. But he said nothing.

Mayor Britnell then asked just "what is the difference between a swamp and a marsh?"

"Malignancy," commented Councillor Rough.

Another member suggested a "marsh moves and a swamp doesn't".

"Look it up in the dictionary," continued Mr. Rough.

Puffs his pipe
Councillor Van Luyk had the definitive answer.

"A swamp is not necessarily a marsh. That's the difference," he said and sat back and puffed on his pipe.

Councillor Bill Long felt "we should get out of this muck before we go down for the third time".

Swamp sale

The subject came up as council considered a letter from the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority requesting the return of the \$25 submitted as an option to purchase the Pottageville Swamp as the transaction couldn't be completed in 1974.

Council approved the request. The authority will resubmit the money in 1975 if the sale can be finalized during the year.

Region RC board inaugural

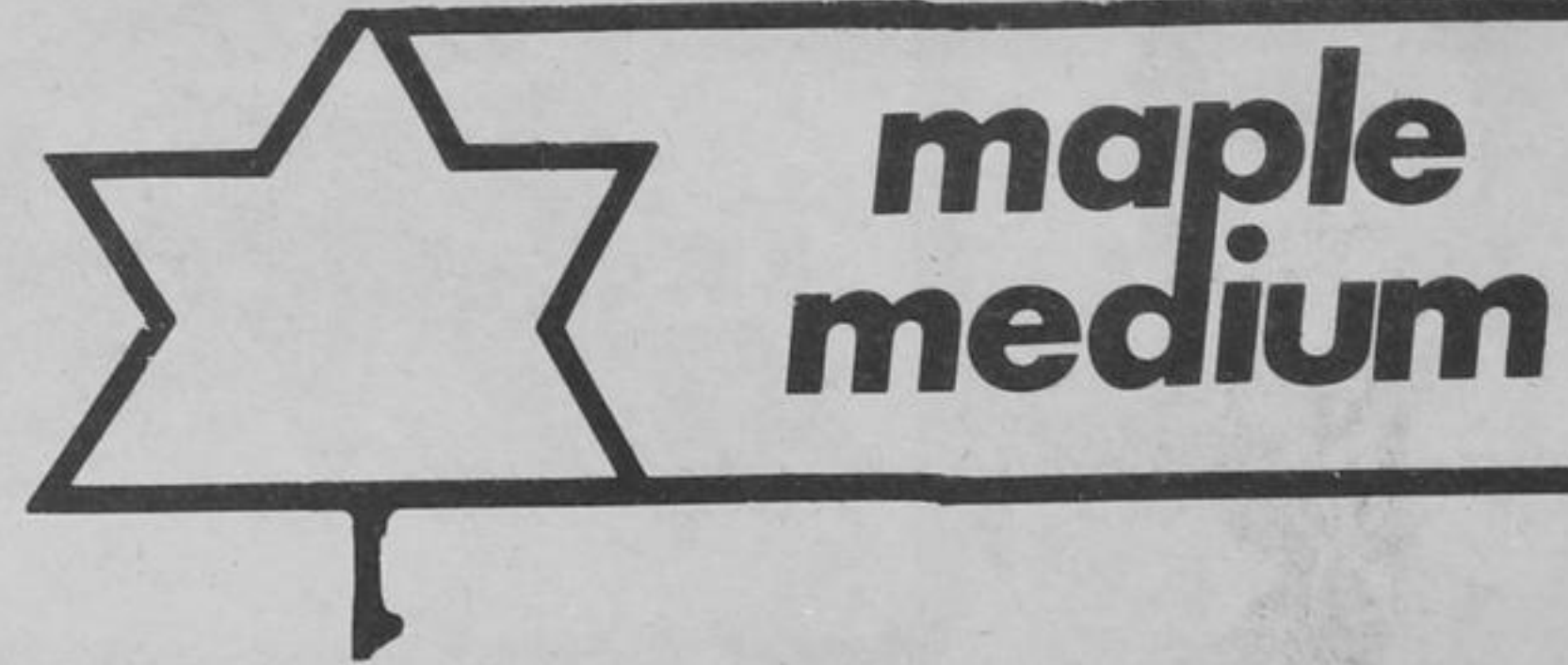
The 1975 inaugural meeting of the York Region Roman Catholic School board will be held January 7 at Our Lady Queen of the World Church on Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill. A special mass will precede the meeting.

Rev. Father Francis Robinson, a trustee, is the priest in charge at Our Lady Queen of the World.

In previous years, the inaugural has been held in the board room, located in the office building behind St. Mary Immaculate Church

on Dunlop Street, but space there is very limited. Parking there also poses a problem.

A more northern location was considered but the majority of trustees favored Richmond Hill as it is the centre of the largest population.



Local rock group, Sideroad at teen dance January 3

By Valerie Tinline
Maple correspondent

Friday, January 3, there will be a dance in the arena for the young people. It will be in the Maple Community Center from 8:30 to 11:30 pm.

The music will be provided by "The Sideroad" a group of teenage Maple musicians. This group evolved in the spring of 1973 and comprises Paul McDonald on drums, Doug Lippay, rhythm guitar, A.J. Smitheram, lead guitar, and Rob Horner, bass guitar.

Singing for the group is Chris Becker who also plays acoustic guitar. Chris has recently composed two folk tunes, *Blind Man* and *Flying So High*, which she has recorded as part of an album with accompaniment by Paul McDonald and A.J. Smitheram.

While these young people are basically a rock group they plan to diversify and add other types of music to their repertoire and thereby increase their booking potential.

Another Christmas is here. To our younger folk it is a time of excitement and expectation. To those of us who are a bit older it is that too, but also a time of reflection. Memories of past Christmases flood back, most of them happy, perhaps a few sad. This is part of Christmas. A happy day to all.

Merry Christmas to the 2nd Maple Guides, who so gaily went a-caroling through the neighborhood Thursday evening of last week, just to spread good cheer.

Christmas Eve

Don't forget the joint United and Presbyterian church service, to be held Christmas Eve at 8 pm, in Maple United Church.

At 11 pm, the same evening in St. Stephen's Anglican, there will be carols and Holy Communion. All are welcome to attend both services.

Thanks

On behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Dr. Ramsay Armitage would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Haas, of the European Delicatessen, and John Perry and his staff, at Perry's Pharmacy and all those who

donated, for the marvelous array of gifts which has been collected in both stores. These gifts have been distributed to those who are in hospital for Christmas.

The students and staff of Joseph A. Gibson School wish to thank the Town of Vaughan Recreation Department for the use of the Maple Arena for the last three Friday mornings. It was much appreciated.

Thanks to the same department, as expressed by those at George Bailey School. The students and teachers, Brenda Walton, Elaine Tsiamas and Ed Murphy all enjoyed their afternoon of skating at the arena December 18.

Maple Lions

The Maple Lions will be holding their usual New Year's Party at the Maple Community Center. Dancing starts at 9 pm and a buffet will be served at 1 am. There is a limited number of tickets available. Call Ken Kennedy at 832-1408.

Brownies

Cheryl King reports that the Maple Brownies held their Christmas Party Monday December 16 at Joseph A. Gibson School. After playing *Mush and Igloo* and exchanging gifts, refreshments were served. To end the festivities the girls joined in the singing of Christmas carols.

An apology

Apologies are in order to Kathryn Coward. I mistakenly gave Chris Brown credit for both the compiling of the 2nd Maple Guide Company Chronicle and for the write-up of Second Maple Guide activities which appeared in the December 17 edition of *The Liberal*. While Chris Brown deserves credit for her work on the Chronicle Kathryn Coward deserves credit for the write up which appeared in *The Liberal*. Kathryn did a fine job and is a good sport.

Ladies bowling

Last week Sharon Groundsell scored a high single of 314 while Audrey Ross had a high triple of 669. Det Palmer is still in the high average slot with 201. The Apples took this series with 38 points. The Oranges totalled 32, Pears, 26, Bananas, 26, Plums, 24, Cherries, 21, Grapes, 15 and Peaches, 14.

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