



Cancer Society needs drivers

One of the many activities of the Cancer Society is the transportation of cancer patients to and from their homes to treatment centers.

The Maple Branch is most urgently in need of volunteer drivers, who would be able to help out in this much needed service.

If you can help, even once in a while, please call Mrs. Muriel Rose immediately at 832-1443.

This appeal is not only directed to women in the area, men who have retired might be interested in helping.

It is with regret that we learned of the passing of Frank Guttridge of Ryder Road. His neighbours and friends and those who were associated with minor ball activities in the area will miss his dedicated efforts on behalf of the young people of Maple. The sympathy of the community is extended to his wife Beverly and children Frank and Helen.

York Regional Symphony will hold a concert at St. Andrew's College in Aurora, January 24 at 8 pm.

The program will be under the direction of Clifford Poole and will feature the works of Beethoven, Saint-Saens and Bach. Featured artists will be 14-year-old Chia-Yue Chou, Coleen Farrier and Diane Werner. For further information call Ilsa Thompson (832-1205).

A welcome visitor to Maple is Keith Mason a member of the 6th Solihull Scouts of England. The troop spent three weeks in August of 1973 visiting in the Maple area.

Keith is the first of many boys who hope to return and renew friendships made on their previous visit.

With him, Keith brought a bundle of letters from some of the other scouts to deliver to friends and the families who billeted the English Scouts.

He is staying with the Jellisons, with whom he stayed last time, and plans to remain for a month.

School news
A most interesting guidance night was held at George Bailey School January 14. Representatives of the various high schools in the area were present to explain to the grade 8 students and their parents, the various courses and options available at their schools.

It was a well-attended session and Russell Urquhart, principal of the school, wished to thank those parents who took the time to

attend and who showed so much interest in the various possibilities presented to their children.

York County Board of Education Trustee Donald Cameron also attended the meeting, chatted with parents and offered to be of help in any way he could.

Option cards are expected to be completed by the students by January 24 excepting those for Thornlea High School, which must be completed some time in April.

The school is looking for a volunteer to assist Erna Fynbo catalogue new books which have arrived for the library. Please call the school if you can help (832-1451).

Parents please note that there will be a professional development day February 17 and also March 18. Winter break starts March 21.

Morris Jacobs is beginning a dramatic art group. Those interested will meet at the school Saturday mornings. Jacobs is just one of the teachers at George Bailey who spends his own free time with his students. Some attend minor hockey games and ball games at night or on weekends to cheer their students on. This is much appreciated by both students and parents.

John Eschbach, one of the school custodians, has the children who stay at school for lunch, collect their left over sandwiches and crusts. Instead of dumping them in the garbage he places them on the fence by the staff parking lot and it is not long before they are eaten by the ever-hungry birds. Another bird fancier on the custodial staff — Norman Bownen raises pigeons for racing and showing.

Ladies Bowling
This week Marg Dowdall had high single 252 and Det Palmer high triple of 618. Tied for the second week in the high average slot are Audrey Ross and Det Palmer with 201. Standings: Plums 21; Peaches 19; Bananas, 18; Apples, 17; Oranges, 13; Cherries, 12; Pears, 10; and Grapes, 2.

MARC
A new activity begins Wednesday February 5. Open bowling for teenagers and families at the Maple Community Center from 7-9 pm. Fee is 50 cents per game. All are welcome.

If you are interested in the bridge lessons mentioned in an earlier column, please call Carol Flynn without delay (832-2666).



(Photo by Elbert)

Caught with their tents down

Trying a new tent out for size are Lloyd Howard and Tony Legere of the 1st Maple Scout Troop. The boys practiced putting the tents up at their regular meeting last week, in preparation for a weekend

outing at Camp Hiljack, on the King-Vaughan Township Line. Troop Leader Ross Garratt took along 17 boys.

Concord News

Winter temperatures may be running chill, but enthusiasm is running high in Concord as citizens organize themselves to turn the abandoned Concord Public School into a community centre.

Encouraged by the progressive attitude of Vaughan Town Council members who have formed a committee to negotiate the school's purchase from the York County Board of Education, a volunteer "committee of seven" Concordians will present a comprehensive brief to council later this month outlining the need for the centre.

Response to an earlier questionnaire reveals a multitude of activities wanted in Concord.

At present, people in the community must travel afar for recreational and community facilities available within walking distance to other regional citizens. As a result, many of the 900 Concord residents have been missing out on what

others consider their taxpayers' right.

Vaughan Mayor Garnett Williams, Regional Councillor David Fraser who lives in Concord, and Vaughan recreational director Barry Young are members of the committee of council working towards the outright purchase of the school.

A senior citizens' group, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, (669-2011), plus a youth group, headed by Steve Price (669-2095) and Linda McCauley (669-2173), are newly formed to gather names and suggestions from those interested.

"We want to hear from everybody in Concord right away," said volunteer committee chairman Mrs. Pat Kemp. "Enthusiasm is running high for our community centre, but we are a small community and it will take the support of everyone to reach our goal," she said.

Mrs. Kemp can be contacted at 669-2803.

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A special small town
By Valerie Tinline
Maple Correspondent

In an era where small towns in the immediate radius of Metro Toronto lose their identity and become just part of the suburbs, the village of Maple has, so far, been able to retain its small town atmosphere.

Surrounded and sliced by four lane traffic arteries, Maple is, to its residents, a special place.

While the town has changed constantly since its beginnings, and more so during the past fifteen years, the spirit of the town remains the same. Neighbor cares about neighbor and also about the fellow on the other side of town.

We have an abundance of people concerned about their community and the quality of life in it. These people do not sit back, they become involved.

Maple's three churches, each lovely in its own way, are very much alive. To many they provide strength, fellowship and activity.

The local merchants are a friendly lot, always willing to do just a little bit more for their customers.

Can Maple retain its small town flavor much longer. Or will it, like many other places, be swallowed up? Many of the townfolk hope not.

Only time and the decisions of local and provincial government can answer that difficult question.

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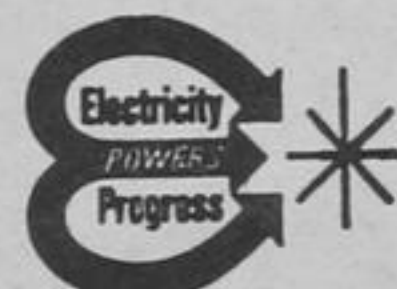
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