

# Firefighters kept busy until they're needed most

By Valerie Tinline  
Maple Correspondent

Recently, along with two curious friends, I visited the Sherwood Fire Hall, situated just south of Maple on Keele Street.

This was a first for all three of us, as we did not grow up in an era when school tours of such places were arranged and one did not feel free to just drop in to ask questions.

We were cordially welcomed by Acting Captain David Shannon, who gave us a complete tour of the facilities. He explained the function of each of the seven vehicles stationed there and the use of some of the emergency equipment.

There was of course all of the usual gear you'd expect a firefighter to have plus the special things, such as outfits for fighting chemical fires and dealing with deadly gases.

At the start of the tour we were warned that if the alarm sounded, to stand clear — fast. It only takes 18 seconds for the equipment to be on its way. The trucks are ready to go at all times, doors open, boots, coats and helmets ready.

Upon returning from a call, one might think it would be nice to relax a bit, have a coffee, and talk over the action just past. Not so.

The first task is to service and clean the trucks, install dry hoses, wash the ones just used and hang them to dry. Everything must always be in readiness for the next call. The men of Sherwood Hall are proud of their building, and it is right that they should be. Built in 1967, much of the interior construction was completed by the firefighters themselves.

By their efforts, not only do you, the taxpayer, benefit, but the men also have gained a great sense of pride, comradeship and community awareness.

Another project has been the conversion of a Superior Propane truck into a tanker. This piece of equipment would be necessary in this area if the call were to a farm where water was in short supply.

The men have also converted an old pumper into their emergency vehicle. This carries all the extra equipment needed at fires or other disasters and can still be used in its original capacity as well.

The tour continued upstairs to the living quarters, and though they already looked as spotless and shining as the trucks downstairs, the men were engaged in stripping the floors of wax, rewaxing, and cleaning windows.

In previous years, Maple residents were accustomed to hearing a siren in the event of fire. This was to call the volunteer brigade.

Now, with five or six men always on duty at the hall, the call for volunteers is sounded only when more help is needed.

All regular Vaughan firefighters are volunteers in their off-duty hours and respond to the call.

The Vaughan Fire Department could conceivably be called to help with any fire in the Regional Municipality of York, if needed.

They are called to help free accident victims from mangled cars and to wash roads of spilled gasoline or chemicals. They will respond to any emergency situation — provide assistance to a suspected heart attack victim until an ambulance can arrive, aid victims of drowning or conduct search and rescue operations.

With the growth of industry to the south of Sherwood Hall, new and different hazards constantly arise. To be a firefighter is to be constantly learning new techniques.

No two fires are quite alike.

This is no job for the incautious man or for one who feels he can go it alone. The men need and depend on each other.

Fear cannot be a part of a firefighter's makeup, but he has a healthy respect for the dangers involved.

His job is, first, to save lives. And then extinguish the fire. How can you help these men who are ever-ready to help you? Clean your basements, workshops and garages. Get rid of anything that is a potential fire hazard.

Contact the department (832-1134). Talk to the men. They are always glad to instruct you on fire prevention, safety methods and emergency procedures.

Education of the public is the best fire prevention there is. Our Vaughan firefighters have a great interest in their community.

Tours are conducted for young people, church groups or other interested individuals. Fire Prevention classes have been conducted for some of the Maple youngsters.

The young folk at the Villa Hospital, on Bathurst Street are of special interest to these men. They entertain them from time to time with hayrides and parties.

Finally, to clear up a popular misconception about firefighters, they do not sit around, play cards, ping pong or pool all day, waiting for the next fire. They are far too busy and simply don't have time.

Why don't you drop in and visit? You'll be impressed!



(Photo by Hoops)

## Mopping up

It's not all fires, emergencies and excitement for Vaughan Firefighters like Ray Stunden of Richmond Hill. In fact, most of their time is spent keeping the firehall and equipment in good shape.

# Veterans hold parade at Padre Armitage's church

The Veterans of the Old Third Battalion, Toronto Regiment and the Royal Regiment of Canada, and Allied Units will hold their spring regimental parade in St. Stephen's Anglican Church May 4, Padre Ramsay Armitage will officiate.

The scripture lessons will be read by Brigadier Forbes West and Colonel Eric Jones.

The address will be given by the Reverend Captain Norman Ballard D.S.O., O.B.E., who as an officer of the 48th Highlanders was decorated for gallantry in the Italian offensive.

The Evening Telegram of May 20, 1944, under the heading Strike at Rome Gateway, records that Lieutenant Norman Ballard's platoon ran "smack into a large force of the enemy machine gunners".

Telegram War Correspondent Major Bert Wemp D.F.C. told how a company of the 48th Highlanders broke and out flanked the Hitler line.

In the middle of that engagement, ammunition gone and facing 20 machine gunners, Lieutenant Ballard charged four snipes, forced them to surrender and, with his platoon coming on, captured the strongly fortified machine gun entrenchments.



Norman Ballard

# Scouts, Cubs honor past leaders

Maple Scouts and Cubs held their annual father and son banquet last Thursday night.

Special presentations were made to past leaders Muriel VanVugt, Charlie Wilmot, Ron Wilson, Dave Brown and Ian Ferguson, in recognition of their efforts on behalf of

Scouting in Maple.

Within the next two weeks you may be approached by Scouts or Cubs to sponsor them in the Tree Canada Project. Based on the idea of a walkathon, it differs in that sponsors will help the boys in the planting of 10,000 trees in Cold Creek Conservation Area, a truly worthy project.



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# Maple Ratepayers expand executive

The board of directors of Maple Ratepayers Association incorporated was expanded to eight at the annual meeting, held in St. Stephen's Parish Hall April 15.

Five directors, Roy Connolly, Keele Street, Roy Hawkins, Netherford Road, Ian West, Weller Crescent, Beryl Ward, Weller Crescent and Bill King, Keele Street, were on the previous board. The three new members are Ray Preisberg, Lancer Drive, Lorna Butler, Netherford Road and Judy Price, Ontario Street.

The executive for the coming year are: Roy Hawkins, chairman, Ian West, Vice-chairman, Ray Preisberg, secretary, and Judy Price, treasurer.

A detailed report was given by the Maple Against Dumping sub-committee co-chairmen John Becker, Keele Street, and Tom Connolly. The implication of the proposed extensive garbage operations were discussed at length.

A motion renewing the resolve of the membership to oppose the expansion of landfill operations was passed. Annual membership in the local ratepayers' group is \$1 per person and can be arranged by phoning the Treasurer Judy Price (832-1582).

# Maple United holds auction

The place to be Wednesday evening of next week will be in the Christian Education rooms of Maple United Church. Here Bruce Murchison will hold sway as auctioneer at the annual auction sale.

The sale starts at 6:30 pm, but the doors will be open at 5:30 pm for inspection of the sale items. The members of the C.G.I.T. will operate a refreshment booth with hot dogs, donuts and beverages.

# Odd prizes at Nifty 50s dance

The Nifty Fifty's Dance is happening this Saturday in the Maple Arena at 8 pm. Come dressed as you did in the "fiftys" and get "In The Mood".

There'll be lots of prizes such as one half hour's free flight for three from Maple Air Services Ltd., one hour's plumbing service from Walter Long, Weller Crescent, a gift certificate from LaRiviera Coiffure, just to mention a few. The buffet will be provided by Manfred Haas of the Maple European Delicatessen, who is well known for his tasteful tantalizing spreads.

The proceeds from the dance will go to Maple Minor Hockey Association and the Nordjamb Advisory Committee.

An extra attraction will be the drawing of the name of the winner of a Jackass. This draw is one of the projects to raise funds to send eight Maple Scouts and Venturers to Norway and has caused much amusement.

The winner will receive a baby Jackass when he is old enough to leave his mother. For tickets call 832-1204, 832-1057, or 832-2055.

# Valerie's Maple Notes

Maple Guides and Brownies go door-to-door selling Girl Guide Cookies Saturdays.

Open house at Joseph A. Gibson School will be tonight from 7:30-9 pm. The event had been scheduled for Thursday evening, but has been moved ahead so that it will not conflict with the hockey award evening.

Welcome home, Jim and Alice Darlington, Netherford Road after a most fascinating trip to China.

Friends of Ernie Amos RR 1 Maple will be happy to know that he is at last home from Sunnybrook Hospital.

Happiness is having a long enough stretch of road without pot holes to play road hockey in the spring.

Speaking of hockey, don't forget the Maple Minor Hockey annual meeting Sunday at 2 pm in Maple Community Centre.

# Penny-Wise Sale nets \$600

The recent Penny-Wise Sale in Vellore Hall, Weston Road, organized by HELP information and referral service, was a great success.

The \$600 in profits earned was double the amount earned at the last sale in October 1974.

# Edgeley WI elects executive

Mrs. James Darlington was elected the new president of the Edgeley Women's Institute April 10 at the annual meeting held at the home of Mrs. Earl Jackson, past president, April 10.

The first vice president will be Mrs. A. Cook and the second vice Mrs. Peggy Riordon. Secretary-treasurer Mrs. A. Brolley will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Agnew. Mrs. Joseph Snider will be district director with Mrs. Earl Jackson as alternate. Mrs. Snider will also serve as public relations officer and Mrs. Agnew will be curator of the Tweed-smuir History.

Chairman of the standing committees will be: agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. A. Cook; citizenship and world affairs, Mrs. Doris Beanland; education and world affairs, Mrs. A. Aitchison; family and consumer affairs, Mrs. Dorothy Malin; resolutions, Mrs. Charles Boake; directors, Mrs. John Spencer, Mrs. Charles Summerfeldt and Mrs. A. Aitchison.

Delegates to the district annual, county rally and area convention were chosen.

Mrs. Cook expressed the appreciation of the members to Mrs. Jackson for her three years of service as president and for entertaining for the evening.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Brolley, Lippincott Street, Weston.



# Notice of Application to The Ontario Municipal Board by The Corporation of The Town of Vaughan

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of The Town of Vaughan intends to apply to The Ontario Municipal Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 35 of The Planning Act for approval of By-law Number 35-75 passed on the 17th day of March, 1975. A copy of the by-law is furnished herewith. A note giving an explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law and stating the lands affected thereby is also furnished herewith.

Any person interested may, within fourteen (14) days after the date of this notice send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Vaughan notice of his objection to approval of the said by-law, together with a statement of the grounds of such objection.

Any person wishing to support the application for approval of the by-law may within fourteen (14) days after the date of this notice send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Vaughan notice of his support of approval of the said by-law together with a request for notice of any hearing that may be held giving also the name and address to which such notice should be given.

The Ontario Municipal Board may approve of the said by-law but before doing so it may appoint a time and place when any objection to the by-law will be considered. Notice of any hearing that may be held will be given only to persons who have filed an objection or notice of support and who have left with or delivered to the Clerk undersigned, the address to which notice of hearing is to be sent.

The last date for filing objections will be May 14th, 1975.

DATED at the Town of Vaughan this 23rd day of April, 1975.

F. G. Jackman,  
Clerk, Town of Vaughan,  
Maple, Ontario.

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF VAUGHAN BY-LAW NUMBER 35-75 A By-law to amend Township of Vaughan By-law Number 2961 as amended.

WHEREAS the lands affected by this by-law are now situate in the Municipality of The Town of Vaughan but by virtue of the Regional Municipality of York Act, 1970, remain subject to the provisions of Township of Vaughan By-law Number 2961, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the matters herein set out are conformity with the Vaughan Official Plan which is approved and in force at this time;

AND WHEREAS there has been no amendment to the Vaughan Official Plan proposed by the Council but not approved at this time with which the matters herein set out are not in conformity;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT Township of Vaughan By-law Number 2961 as amended, be and it is hereby further amended by:

(a) Deleting the words "operated in connection with" in Section 4(2) (c) and by substituting therefore the words "accessory to".

(b) Deleting the words "operated in connection with" in Section 5(2) (c) and by substituting therefore the words "accessory to".

READ A FIRST and SECOND time this 17th day of March, 1975.

"G. A. Williams" MAYOR

"F. G. Jackman" CLERK

READ A THIRD time and finally passed this 17th day of March, 1975.

"G. A. Williams" MAYOR

"F. G. Jackman" CLERK

### SUMMARY TO BY-LAW NUMBER 35-75

The by-law affects all of the lands in the Town of Vaughan which are within the area designated in By-law Number 2961. The purpose of the by-law is to change the text to make it clear that a retail or wholesale outlet is only permitted in an Industrial Zone if it is accessory to a manufacturing, processing or wholesale use.

**2nd Public Meeting**  
with  
**Thornhill Ward 1 Councillor**  
**Peter Grosskurth**  
All residents are encouraged to attend  
and discuss community concerns.  
**Thornhill Community Centre**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 28th, 1975 - 8 p.m.**  
John & Bayview



**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF VAUGHAN**

At 12:01 a.m., on Thursday, May 1st, 1975, the police station presently located at 2160 Highway No. 7, Concord, will close and cease to operate as a police station.

The closing of this station will not in any manner reduce or otherwise impair the police service to you or your community.

The same telephone number that you have been using in the past to call the police will remain in service.

When you need the police or wish to speak to a police officer please do so by dialing the same telephone number that you are accustomed to using.

The closing of the Concord police station is due to the expiration of the lease on that property. The Regional Municipality of York is presently constructing a new police station which will be located on Major Mackenzie Drive and the Force is expected to take occupancy at the end of August this year.

Yours truly,  
*Bruce Crawford*  
**Bruce Crawford,**  
Chief of Police