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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson and daughter Jean



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson and seven-year-old daughter, Jean come to Maplewood from the East, Mr. Jackson having been in educational work in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. He attended Washington Missionary College, Kutztown State Teachers' College, and Boston University. At the present time he is attending the University of Minnesota preparatory to teaching Mathematics at Maplewood this fall. He will also supervise the Maintenance Dept.

Acting Dean of Girls for the summer, Mrs. Jackson will be Director of Foods when school opens.

Maplewood Academy is fortunate to secure the services of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson with experience both in public work and denominational school work.

THE YOUTH'S CONGRESS

To all young people in Minnesota. Remember Aug. 18-20 will be the great Northern Union Youth's Congress. Come and share your faith with the many other young people who will be present from all over the four states of this union.

MISS ALICE J. DUFFIE

Miss Alice Duffie is a native of Michigan. She comes from a missionary family, for both her brother and sister are missionaries in South America.

Miss Duffie is a registered nurse. In college she was an honor student. She has a major in Nursing Education and a minor in Biology.

Besides being dean of girls, Miss Duffie will teach Physical Education and Health, and keep an eye on the health of each student.



Drops From The Chalice

The sun is setting in the west on Friday evening, the summer workers of Maplewood gather in the girls' parlor for evening worship, with Mrs. Jackson, the summer Dean for boys and girls, leading out.

Along with nature breaking forth in full glory on Sabbath morning comes the Sabbath school, with a miniature symphonette playing our Sabbath music as we quietly enter the church at 9:45. We are pleased that Cecil Conquest Jr., has gathered together this symphonette for our enjoyment in the Sabbath school this summer.

Under the direction of Mrs. Dean Torkelsen we have had a summer choir for a few Sabbaths, which has also been greatly enjoyed by the church members. We enjoyed the special numbers given at our church services by Wilma and Cecil Conquest, Mrs. Dean Torkelsen, Mrs. John Herr, and Mrs. Ben Herr as well as others.

The church service is a time when we can come together to worship God, and listen to His servants as they bring to us messages from God. Some of those leading out in these spiritual feasts this summer are Elder Dyre Dyresen, Mr. C. L. Conquest and Richard Jackson.

As the sun sets again in the west we gather once more to thank our Heavenly Father for creating the Sabbath—A day of rest, and remembrance of Him as our Creator.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

On the beautiful Sabbath afternoon of June 11, a group of students left Maplewood Academy with Elder Dyresen and Mr. Stone to attend the Youth Rally held at Willmar. The rally was directed by Elder Lien, Missionary Volunteer Secretary for Minnesota. Elder Kirk of Minneapolis had charge of the music.

Several selections were given by Maplewood students.

After the last meeting, everyone was invited to attend supper at the Willmar auditorium. They returned home early in the evening. The Youth Rally was enjoyed by all.

—Marilyn Simpson

Maplewood Opens Its Doors

Maplewood Academy opens its doors September 6 to begin its forty-sixth school year.

Get your reservations in early. It appears that many will be here September 6 and that Maplewood will be full.

The school catalog is ready and if you have not received one, just address the Academy and one will be placed in the mail immediately. Kindly read this catalog very carefully as it is completely new.

A NATIVE MINNESOTAN ROBERT E. FIRTH

A native Minnesotan and a former graduate of Maplewood, Mr. Robert E. Firth will teach the Commercial subjects and be Accountant at Maplewood this fall. He comes from Lincoln, Nebraska where he has been teaching part time at Union College while taking graduate work at the University of Nebraska. A graduate of Union College with a B. A. degree, Mr. Firth will complete an M. A. degree, in the field of Economics during next summer.

Mr. Firth is a veteran of World War II. He comes to Maplewood with a fine scholastic record and a good deal of experience in the field of Business.

Mr. and Mrs. Firth, and two-year-old son will be on the campus during the month of August prior to the opening of school.



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REPUTATION:

What is more important than reputation? Yes, character is by far more important. But have you ever thought of the fact that most people do not investigate to find out whether what "they say" about you is true or not? Particularly is that true when what is heard is something rather questionable—a nice juicy piece of gossip! How people love to talk and spread it a little farther. Just so your reputation can be ruined with many people, though your character may be quite good; perhaps just through a careless remark or action, on the part of someone.

In the same manner the reputation of your school can also be ruined, by you and by other fellow associates. Webster says—Reputation is the good name or standing—the general opinion, good or bad, held of a person or thing. Careless remarks are so easily made, and so quickly spread—like the autumn leaves. It is no wonder that James says, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things, Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" Yes, the speech is exceedingly important. Oh, that what we say was not so important! We would, indeed, be better off. We sincerely believe in Christian education, don't we? We know that it is ordained of God, and so far superior to unchristian education, for it fits us for eternity. We also know that Satan works harder in Christian schools than probably anywhere else, so consequently we have upheavels and distress at times, but are we going to blame the school, and rapidly spread the story that the school is no good? As we think it through we know that we must uphold the hands of the leaders, and above all be loyal to God, and to Christian education, for where would we be without it. So remember, students, teachers, parents, and patrons to BOOST for Maplewood and Christian Education. Your words have a much greater influence than you can possibly realize!

—M. Z.

Attention Boosters

Freshmen!

Come on Freshmen! Let's get busy and write Booster Club letters. We don't want the other classes to get ahead of us. Just tell those you are writing to about our religions, social, and mental activities and all the fun we have at Maplewood.

Get busy Freshmen! Write Booster Club letters for Maplewood.

Laurell Peterson

Calling All Sophomores

Hi there all ye fellow classmen! Have you been busy writing letters boasting for Maplewood this summer and getting kids to come back to school with you next fall? Yes, we know this is summer vacation, but don't forget good old Maplewood back here waiting for you, so if you haven't gotten busy yet, you had better start IMMEDIATELY, because it's only about a month and a half before school starts again. By the way—you haven't forgotten we, the Sophomores, want to sit at the Honor Table next fall at the Booster Club banquet. JUST WORK HARD and WE'LL MAKE IT!

—Norma Jean Carter

Hello Fellow Classmates!

Are you doing your best in boosting for Maplewood? Remember the Junior class is going to sit at the Honor Table, aren't we? Well, I know you would work if you thought you'd get to sit there. The Seniors and Sophomores think they will be the ones to sit at the Honor Table, but let's fool them. The thing to do right away is to think of all the young people in your district that should be at Maplewood then either ask them or write them a letter for their pre-application and then keep boosting them so that they will be at Maplewood next fall. So hurry now and boost because you have only a short time left.

Shirley Christensen

SENIORS! Do you realize that our summer vacation is at its close, and that school begins in six weeks? Has it ever entered your mind that you're supposed to be using all of your spare time boosting dear old Maplewood? Have you ever gone to your friend's house, or have you talked to the boys in your community, whom you know should be sending their pre-applications to Maplewood for this coming year?

Please don't forget, fellow classmates, that we're planning to sit at the Honor Table, aren't we? Why, we just can't let the Juniors or lower classmen steal that honor away from us.

No s rree.

Fonda Conquest

Bindery News

When you hear noises, laughter, talk and machines going, then you know you are in the bindery. Even if we have a few missing, we manage to get the books out, and have fun,—yes, fun, at the same time.

We have a very efficient, as well as kind, salesman. He goes on the road to different towns to pick up books for his workers to bind. This is Mr. Leland Torkelson. He brings just boxes upon boxes of books, so we surely have enough books to keep busy. We are filling up the halls and all the space we can find. We are very thankkkful that the Lord has provided us this work.

The checking-in department has been taken over by Mildred Russell. From there the books are ready to go to the sanding room where Jim Bennington, a brand-new student, spends most of his time getting the books ready for the menders. The mending department consists of Marylin Simpson, Barbara Kelstrom and Mrs. Carlson. The books are perforated by Luella Carlson and Vivian Larson, then passed carefully on to the sewers. Donna Esping, Mary Ann Amundson, Margaret Byer, Barbara Fish, Ramona Roberts and Clair Barnhart sew to their hearts content.

Arlene Seha and Doris Godfrey spend their working hours in the 'End' sheeting department, getting books ready for the trimmer. Here Don Daily puts his physical powers to work trimming them with care. Norman Franklin is nearby and the backing of the books is done by this small, but efficient boy, so Lowell Bean can get the books boarded, and passed on to the cover-making department.

Beulah Carlson, Leberta Howe, Rilla Franklin and Maxine Mickelson really work hard putting those covers on, and gluing the backs. From here the books are put in shelves where they wait for Shirley Christensen and Fonda Conquest to stamp them.

We notice that Shirley Hansen is busy filing presses and also looking for mistakes. This is done in the casing-in department.

From there you see Mrs. Torkelson unloading presses so she can pack and ship the books. After she gets the books packed, Merlin Reeder is there ready to tie them up and send them out.

Oh, yes—also our little lady, Betty Christensen is busy typing office records and bills.

"Oh! What about our boss?" you would ask. He is always ready to help someone that needs him, and he's Mr. Haughey.

After they are all through, the books are "bound to wear."

One June 25 at a lovely wedding ceremony in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Miss Delores Owens was united in marriage to Mr. Jay Sloan of Berrien Springs.

Faculty Personalities



Miss Hartzell is a graduate of Maplewood Academy and Union College. She has spent many years here at Maplewood teaching English, art, and at present, Home Economics II. Miss Hartzell has been an artist all her life. When she was young, she used her artistic abilities on the white plaster behind the door. She didn't really begin to use this talent extensively until she reached the age of eighteen. Since then she has done much in this field.

Her parents live in Montevideo, Minnesota, but after spending so many years here at Maplewood, I am sure she considers Hutchinson her home.

Her deeply spiritual nature gives her power to rise above human frailties and handicaps.

—Ladelle Peterson

Honor Roll

For Period Ending
November 24, 1950

Dick Johnson
Dorla Roberts
Laurell Peterson
Clair Barnhart
Diane Johnson
Glen Roberts
Iris Hanson
Donna Burghart
Carol Sandgren
Ben Steiner
Marjorie Ward
Norma Jean Carter
Jeanne Carle
Shirley Christensen
Kenneth Dedeker
Douglas Hill
Jerome Bray
Mary Lou Anderson
Joyce Kaldahl
Marguerite Olson
Beverly Ward
Yvonne Engberg

HONORABLE MENTION

Barbara Fish
Charles Hanson
Margaret Neisner
Marcia Peterson
Lila Wenzel

Maplewood Academy
Hutchinson, Minn.
December 17, 1950

Dear Janet:

I'm sure that if you had been here the evening of November 18, you would still remember it, especially if you associated it with the group of visitors we had from Union College that weekend.

I always wish that you were here and even more that night as I know you would have liked the program.

A ladies' trio—Alice Tyler, Bergitta Peterson, and Lavina Tibbets sang "I Love a Parade," "Serande," "Into the Dawn with You," and "Come to the Fair." You may remember that one of the girls, Bergitta Peterson, was here for Music Festival two years ago.

Have you ever read this?—"Bobby Shaftoe has gone to sea, Silver buckles on his knee He'll come back and marry me Pretty Bobby Shaftoe."

Gerry Thompson gave a reading about this little boy and how he went to sea—in a flood. Then he gave a reading about poor "Minnie at the Rink." Just by the title you can guess that she had a hard time trying to learn to skate. Her "finances" was an athletic fellow, and she was going to show him that she could do something, too. Well, she didn't succeed! We applauded that reading loud and long, and he came back with another reading about a little boy who had to speak a piece, "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Maybe you have already heard how and when he said his piece he carried out his mother's instructions about the right gestures he should make. Norman Doss also gave a reading called "Guarding the Wire."

Lavina Tibbets played two piano solos, "Danza Lu Mi" by Lecuana and "Prelude" by Rachmaninoff.

I know you would have wanted to hear Velma Johnson play the violin. When she had finished playing "Czardis," we all wanted more. She also played "Ballade et Polonaise" and two Spanish dances.

We all left chapel, wishing that the group of talented young people would come to Maplewood again, but more often.

Your friend,
Verna Nordin

Chapel Chats

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used in the Inter-American Division program at General Conference.

On Wednesday, December 6, the Student Association had a very interesting chapel period. They read us a few stories about old Maplewood, and some of the saying and jokes that went around then. They also showed us slides showing how Maplewood looked a few years back.

Miss Breech had a piano recital on Monday, December 11. Shirley Goike, Judy Verlo, Clifford Burgeson, and Dick Johnson played for us, after which Miss Breech told us a few music jokes.

Roger Branson

Senior Personalities

Lois Thulin—

Lois, better known as "Tillie," came here from Granite Falls, Minnesota. She has been here four years and has acquired the ability to enjoy it. She has blue eyes and brown hair, which she keeps quite short and curled. She likes to eat poppy-seed rolls with lots of butter on them and ice cream, that is, any kind but chocolate. She works for Mrs. Link, who knows how to fry eggs so that they are really delicious. She plays clarinet in the Symphonette. She is fire-chief in the girls' dormitory. She likes all the different kinds of sports, especially basketball and tumbling. She doesn't like to get up at 6:30 in the morning and try to drag her feet to worship. Her ideal situation is to be all through with her education and working at a career that she enjoys making a lot of money. Her most prized possession is her roommate, Mary Lou! She intends to go to college, but as to what her career will be leaves her completely bewildered.

Mary Lou Anderson—

Mary Lou came here as a freshman three years ago. Her home town is Maple Plain, Minnesota, where her father is mayor. She has brown hair and blue eyes. She likes to eat good food. She especially likes Spanish and Glorified rice. She likes to sing and is in the choir and Madrigal. She likes to "scream" at basketball games, and sit in a big chair, eat wheat-thins, and watch television. She greatly dislikes people who disturb her while praying and people that "beat around the bush." She wants to be well on her way in her career before any other "subject" enters her life. She wants to be a doctor and specialize on brain conditions.

Orville Bleuer:

Orville comes to us from Cambridge, Minnesota. He has been here for four years. He likes ice cream. He is sports editor for the NORTHERNER and leader of the Seminar. His favorite indoor game is ping pong. Although he doesn't participate in baseball and basketball, his favorite baseball team is New York Yankees. His favorite basketball team is the Minneapolis Lakers. His jobs are night watch and grading papers.

Marilyn Simpson—

This senior girl, whose nickname is "Simp," comes to us from Mankato, Minnesota, and is happy with the thought of graduating but doesn't want to leave Maplewood. She plans to attend Union College, but hasn't decided what she is going to do for her life work, although she is thinking about majoring in Home Economics. She likes winter and its many sports although roller skating and basketball are her favorite sports. She claims apple pie as her "most-liked" food and she's peeved by slow people.

Douglas Hill—

Douglas Hill and Maplewood became mutually acquainted four years ago when "Doug" came here from Stillwater, Minnesota. Sports in general interest "Doug," but basketball tops the list. His musical ability is expressed by his presence in the Symphonette, Madrigals, and the choir. The bakery claims him as "Chief Baker." As for his favorite pastime, all will agree its teasing. That's how we know "Doug"—good natured with a word for all. Although he is undecided as to what he will do after he graduates, we know by his ambition he will succeed.

Pet Peeves and Ambitions

Rachel Blom: Roger Branson in Denom. and English III. To get my roommate out of bed before 6:00 a.m.

Norma Carter: People who think they are something. Teacher or stenographer.

Ted Burgeson: Fickle women. Doctor.

Yvonne Engberg: People who eat my food without asking me first. To grow up.

Russel Firth: People who brag. To keep Spitzzy from licking my face in the mornings.

Roger Branson: Apple polishers. To be able to sleep until the first class bell, then make it to class.

Lois Daniels: People who think they're getting away with something. To get Bobby a rag.

Barbara Barnort: Half open drawers. To learn how to knit when I'm 90.

Sally Nelson: Cats by my bed. To own a clarinet again.

Peggy Olson: When people say they have something to tell you, but won't. Nurse or doctor.

Bruce McKellip: "Doug" talking too much on the basketball court. To learn valence in Chemistry (take a bow, Mr. Gilbert).

Sue Olson: People who jump to conclusions. Pediatrician.

Daryl Coberly: Geometry. Ministry.

Mary Lou Anderson: Unfaithful people. Keeping track of all my husbands!!!

Donna Burghart: "Hey, Burgy." during study period. To be an intelligent housewife.

Donna Carlson: When the alarm doesn't go off. Be able to concentrate in Chemistry class.

Lila Wenzel: Too few basketball games. To behave in Bookkeeping class.

Dorla Robert: People who read other people's letters. To be a mailcarrier.

Mrs. Rennie: People that get up early Sabbath morning and wake everybody else. To own a St. Bernard dog someday.

—Roger Branson

:- CAMPUS CHATTER :-

As the students were leaving bookkeeping class one day, Mary Lou said, "I have a sliver in my finger." Mr. Firth was right there with an answer, "Did you scratch your head?"

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The Medical Cadet uniforms are here now and the corps looks very sharp. They have stepped up the spirit and smartness of the corps greatly. We have also received our cap insignias and have had our first "Uniform Day."

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We have a weather prophet in our midst. He is "Baldy," Richard Hanson. He prophesied that it would snow on Nov. 8, and it did! He has prophesied more snow at various times since then and he has nearly always been correct in his prophecy when it would come. He says, "More snow in December, besides what we have already."

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Everybody noticed a strange odor in the building one day. Several people asked what had died—Then our firemen traced the odor of coal gas and discovered that the coal bin was on fire. No casualties.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Anderson of College Place, Washington, visited Miss Larsen on December 11. They were on their way home after a visit in Wisconsin.

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Mrs. M. J. Levine has returned to her home in Minneapolis after an extended visit with Mrs. Link.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bennington came out the night before boys' Open House and fixed Jim's room for him.

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Mrs. Syvertson and her son, Calvin, came up to help Carl get his room ready for Open House.

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It's surprising! Some of the boys clean their rooms once a year—(just before Open House), whether they need it not.

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Mr. C. J. Blom of Middle River spent several days at Maplewood recently putting in a new furnace at the farm manager's house.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rankin spent Thanksgiving vacation visiting relatives and friends at Des Moines, Iowa.

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The faculty enjoyed a Christmas banquet in the dining hall on Thursday evening, December 7. One of the highlights of the evening's entertainment was the carols sung by the Madrigals, who came in and serenaded the group during the dinner.

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Mrs. Milo Hill and Cherie have gone to visit Mrs. Hill's mother at Elm Creek, Nebraska, for a few weeks before the holidays. Mrs. Dyresen and children are visiting the parental home at Broadview Academy in La Grange, Illinois. The two lonely professors are "batching it" these days.

There have been some meetings behind closed doors lately. The rumors are that the seniors have organized and that they are going to have their "Coming out" next Tuesday in chapel. What? We have chapel on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but anything can happen!

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Several of the girls have a new job now. The Medical Cadets have their new uniforms and by strange coincidence, some of them have found their way to the other side of the house. Apparently the boys think that the girls have more natural ability for ironing shirts and for sewing on insignias.

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Irene Julius was working in the bindery when she received her corsage for Boys' Open House in the evening. It was suggested that she put it in the pop machine for safe keeping, but when Mr. Haughey suggested that it might come out when the nickels were put in, she decided that it would be safer to take it to the refrigerator in the kitchen.

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If we keep on having snow at the rate we've been having it lately, the maintenance department won't need to worry about running out of business. (The boys in that department have to shovel snow.)

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If you had entered the girls' parlor last Friday evening, you would have come upon a very pretty scene. The ceiling lights were off, but there were several candles lit and the Christmas tree lights were on. You probably would have seen a girl playing carols softly on the piano, a girl sitting on a chair near the tree, quietly reading a story with three or four others grouped around her listening, another girl near the tree reading her Sabbath school lesson, and several others sitting around with books of their own choosing. What a lovely way to spend the first hours of the Sabbath!

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Several junior girls were missing from our dining room a few evenings ago. Where had they gone? To C. E. Christensen's for supper. Mr. Christensen is their Sabbath school teacher.

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You can tell Christmas is coming by all the parties that are being planned. The girls' club is going to have one, and so are several of the departments, such as the kitchen and the bindery.

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What would you say if someone asked you if "Day-glo" shoe strings shine in the dark? LaVerle decided to find out and as a result, she was locked in her closet for a while. Better luck next time!

Back in '40

The cantata, "Childe Jesus," under the direction of Adrian Lauritzen was presented in the Academy chapel on December 15, 1940. The chorus of 47 voices was assisted by soloists and group singers.

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In the list of class officers for 1940, we find the name of Robert Edwards as president of the Junior class. "Bob" is now first tenor with the Kings' Heralds on the Voice of Prophecy program.

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The fall Week of Prayer was conducted by Elder G. E. Hutches in December, 1940.

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The Senior class presented a Christmas candlelight program as their "coming-out" on December 9 at six o'clock in the morning. The program was followed by a special candlelight breakfast.

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The first expression recital of the year was presented Saturday night, December 7. The dramatic readings included "A Forgotten Witness" and "The Wood-gatherer of Versailles."

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The laundry and the bindery workers had Christmas parties with gift exchanges on December 16, 1940.

Merry Christmas, "Mousie"

The story begins as a mouse climbs up a cheese box and calls for silence. After all the mice have quieted, he begins like this:

"Well, folks, I've come to report on the human world. I've never seen such confusion in all my life. Why, there has been more food left for me to eat! I was so stuffed a little bit ago, I could hardly climb up on this cheese box. I've seen so many pieces of paper, I'm beginning to wonder if this has suddenly become a confetti factory. All the girls' rooms are so messy. In one girl's room I heard a conversation that went something like this—

"Try to feature, if you can," said the book to the bed, upon which it had been thrown, "I've been tossed around and not opened for at least a week." The bed coolly replied, "That's nothing, I haven't been slept in for three days. Why, you should see some of the things they pile on me. It feels as though they've emptied every drawer, and I'm positive the closet is bare. I suppose they've forgotten what I look like."

"Well," said the book, "at least you've been used. Why, I hardly can tell if I'm still existing, except for being in classes for hours."

"You shouldn't complain," commented a towel, "I've been on this chair for so long that I can't remember where my proper place is."

"I'm telling you, I've never seen anything like it; but that isn't my purpose in calling you together.

(Next Column, Please)

Sports Roundup

On Saturday night, December 9, Elder Kirk came to Maplewood and presented a program in the chapel.

Immediately after the program Mr. Gilbert announced that Elder Kirk had brought with him several fellows who would like to play some basketball with us. We all went out to the gymnasium and watched a very exciting basketball game. After a few warm-up shots, they started the game. At the end of the first quarter the score was 11-10, with the "Leafers" leading. At half-time the score was tied at 16, but in the third quarter the "Loggers" outscored the "Leafers" 8-4, to lead 24-20. With this advantage they managed to stay out in front and win 35-30. The referees were Edwin Bleuer, Bruce McKellip, and Richard Thompson.

We all enjoyed the game very much. We are looking forward to the time when Roger and Art Frazer will bring their brothers with them and furnish us some more entertainment.

LEAFERS

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Jerome Bray, f	3	0	4	6
Arthur Frazer f	5	0	1	10
Roger Frazer c	3	0	3	6
Ted Burgeson g	2	0	2	4
W. Fankhanel g	2	0	1	4

Total

LOGGERS

	fg	ft	pf	tp
David Hensel, f	2	1	0	5
Jim Russell, f	1	1	1	3
Don Coppess, c	2	0	1	4
Douglas Hill, g	5	2	3	12
Kenny Dedeker, g	4	3	1	11

Total

My idea is to have what the humans are having. I've never heard or seen people who were so happy. I heard them say something about Christmas, so I imagine that is what it is. I'd give anything to see us all that happy."

"We want to be happy, too," the rest of the mice cried. "What can we do?"

"Well," said the speaker, "They have trees put up in their rooms with lots of shiny stuff on the branches and many wrapped-up boxes underneath it."

"We can soon have a tree here," another mouse replied, "and it won't take much time to get some trimmings either."

The mice hurried away and soon were back with a tree. In a few minutes it was trimmed and presents were heaped high beneath it.

That night as the mice gathered around the tree and sang carols, their minds were filled with peace and contentment.

The moral of this story?

Let the mice have a good Christmas.

Two Mice Agents.

Elder Dyresen showed us a Bible study film on Wednesday, December 13. We all learned how each of us can give a Bible study with these films, even with little preparation.