

have been met but should requests increase not enough trained leaders would be available.

Conservation Council, 1955, by Mrs. Stewart MacDonald.

Mrs. Macdonald stressed the point that the top soil of our farms is our most priceless possession — it takes 1,000 years to make one inch of top soil. It is well known that many property owners are selling this top soil to be trucked away for lawns or gardens. The Conservation Council is concerned over these derelict farms that are left to grow up to scrub and weeds. A committee was appointed to prepare a resolution in regard to the possibility of salvaging the top soil from the land to be flooded by the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Regional planning is a subject close to the heart of all conservationists. Ontario has about 2½ acres of arable land per capita. This must be maintained or extended as our population grows if our standard of living is to remain high. Surely we should be able to guide our non-agricultural expansion into areas of Ontario not critically needed for agriculture. Without regional planning it may be impossible to protect our highly fertile regions. There are three main steps: recognition of the need; a fact finding survey and an adjustment of policy by units of government. The Conservation Council stands ready to support the proposed procedure because of its simplicity and the hope for wise use of our natural resources.

Ontario Folk School Council by Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard.

Mrs. Maynard attended the annual meeting held at the John Madson Folk School, Unionville. Nine Folk Schools had been held during the season. The goal of Folk Schools should be to enrich rural living. Mr. Alex Sim in an address on "Education for social living" stated that the aim of social education is to create the person who can live constructively with others.

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THREE GATES

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.
These narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer. And the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.

—From the Arabian.

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Radio and Television Evaluation, 1955, by Mrs. D. S. MacNaughton.

The reports received showed careful study and many of them are being sent to those in charge of broadcasting stations. Following is a summary of opinions expressed:

Drama—Full length plays appreciated, short plays in the opinion of many, mediocre.

Music—Time allotted to classical, popular and modern jive music is out of ratio. Lighter classical music with short explanatory notes on interpretation should be given. Organ music, a general request.

Religion—Sacred music and broadcasting of religious drama plays an important part in the life of the listener. C.B.C. devotions do much to strengthen the spiritual needs of many.

History—Historical broadcasting appreciated as are citizens' forums, current events and school programs relating to Canada.

Public Relations—Much appreciation was expressed to stations rendering service to the public in news coverage, road conditions, markets, both farm and industrial.

Agricultural programs are of great benefit to rural people, i.e., selection of good seed grains, vegetables, proper methods of livestock feeding, talks by Agricultural Representatives, Farm Forum and 4-H Club activities.

Home Economics—In the opinion of many this department was poorly organized. Little has been done in programming something of interest to women, hints on kitchen planning, cooking talks, advice on housing. Views in the women's world including F.W.I.O. are enjoyed. There were requests for more on health, grooming, styles, interior decorating, wise buying, information on how to care for new fabrics.

Sports—Unanimous opinion was that sports are well covered both on radio and television.

Education — Trans-Canada Matinee continues to hold a special place. C.B.C. school broadcasts excellent. Some book reviews highbrow but profitable to university students. Series of Medico and March of Medicine give better understanding of problems confronting doctors. There was no criticism of educational programs.

Children's Programs—Reports say these are excellent with the comment that children's interests are better taken care of than adults! Reports ask unanimously that crime and horror stories be taken off both radio and television. Nature stories for children would be a good substitute for cowboy series.

Television—Television is here to stay, it offers the best in Drama and Music; it brings to life new ideas; it brings the world into our living rooms; and tends to a broader outlook toward the world in general. The right kind of programs can do much to mold young lives as well as help adults to live better. Valuable too for retarded children. Requested—more programs designed for older people