

Greece, Korea Aid Appeal by Speaker

In St. John's Memorial Hall on Friday evening, Dr. Lotta Hitchensmanova talked to a very sympathetic and attentive audience about her travels to Greece and Korea. She told of the response of the Canadian people to her appeals through the Unitarian Committee of Canada for help to the war-stricken areas of these countries. Movie films showed shipments of flour, and clothing being gratefully received by the Greek people. The scenery is beautiful there but extremely rugged and the roads almost impassable — hundreds of poor souls walked many hours to receive their 50 lbs. of flour which they carried away on their backs to tudge back to the places they called home.

Many of these so-called homes are only shelters in piles of rubble and ruined buildings, for while reconstruction work is gradually taking place, there are many thousands still homeless. This 50 lbs. of flour will keep a person alive for three months; there has been another crop failure in Greece and the distress is beyond our comprehension.

Work among the children in both Greece and Korea is of prime importance and Dr. Hitchensmanova showed in her movies the splendid work being done to help these children to help themselves. There are ten million homeless people in Korea without shelter, clothing or sufficient food. Much used clothing is still needed; the recent shipments of many quilts from Ontario have helped these poor souls. The quilts required are to be sturdy and dark, as they roll themselves in them to sleep on the ground. Powdered milk has been provided to many children and thus saved lives — made possible through the generous contributions of Canadian citizens. These people are so grateful and in every place Dr. Hitchensmanova visited, they urged her to express their gratefulness to Canadians.

On April 1st, good used clothing is to be shipped from Limehouse Memorial Hall; this drive being sponsored by Limehouse W.I. and Silver-Wood W.I. and it is hoped that anyone having any good, sensible and clean used clothing will kindly get in touch with either of these Institutes. The bond of friendship is strengthened when the people of one country can help the people of another.

During the evening Mrs. W. Cromar gave a clever reading, and solos by Mrs. G. Kidney, accompanied by Mrs. R. H. Wright, and Rev. Alex Calder, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Roughley, were also much enjoyed. Mrs. J. Ellerby, district president of Halton County Women's Institutes was chairman for the evening. Mr. William Kiarade operated the projector. The ladies of the Limehouse W.I. served lunch to all on the program.

CULTURE IN THE COUNTRY

When a bronze plaque commemorating the contribution of the local Women's Institute was unveiled in Richmond Hill Public Library, Angus Mowat, director of libraries for Ontario said that half of the libraries of the province owe their existence to the efforts of Women's Institutes. In many cases an Institute has taken the sole responsibility for getting a library started in the community — and has given regular support through the years. Just now a great number of Institutes are working with their county librarians to have book deposit stations opened where they are needed. A regional library service is just now being opened at Port Arthur with service for the rural areas. In Simcoe County, Silver Maples and Moonstone Institutes have asked for extra winter stations for farming communities where the people have little time for reading during the rest of the year. Richard's Landing Institute, famous for converting the local jail into a library some years ago, has been improving the library service ever since. Now they are raising funds to maintain a Children's Library.

Addresses and discussions on citizenship are popular on Institute programmes. Cloverlea in Simcoe County organized a meeting and invited all the Institutes of the district to hear a speaker on "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights." The convener sent to the United Nations' headquarters at Ottawa for posters and photo spreads, the flags of the United Nations and the United Nations' flag, and the whole programme was so good that another women's organization in a neighbouring town arranged a similar meeting. Mill Creek Institute in Waterloo had a playlet, "Neon-lighting the Declaration of Human Rights," written by their president. Several Institutes report a study of the Declaration of Human Rights; usually they bring in an authority on the subject and have a discussion.

Discussions on various phases of citizenship are popular with the Institutes. A number of branches

are using as a basis for discussion the Canadian Citizenship Branch pamphlets — the citizen as an individual, as a family member, a parent member of the community, the nation and the world. Plattsville reports a panel discussion on education, and Rockwood, a panel on current events, which included something on jury duty for women.

Women's Institutes have had a large part in getting music taught in country schools. The campaign still goes on. Recently Beckwith in Lanark County asked their new school board to consider appointing a music teacher for the area. Nasagaweya in Halton had a school music teacher give them a demonstration of how music is taught in schools; they report that "everyone enjoyed learning the fundamentals of music appreciation." And at Tavistock's December meeting, the women heard the story of Handel's life and a record of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

A few years ago the Institutes asked the Women's Institute branch for a course in cultural activities — how to develop a deeper appreciation of literature, music, art, drama, and natural science; how to make a more selective use of radio, films, and television. These courses are now being given here and there over the province.

FARM NEWS

Jersey Breeders Visit Valleyanna, M.-H. Plant

On Thursday, forty four of Halton's Jersey enthusiasts chartered a bus and paid a visit to the noted Valleyanna herd of Joe and Jim Crowthers, near Agincourt. Here they were received by Bert McGrath, manager at Valleyanna.

This herd is made up almost entirely of animals selected and imported direct from Jersey Island. Following an enjoyable and interesting tour at Valleyanna the group travelled on to Toronto where after dinner as guests of the Massey-Harris Co. Ltd. they were taken on a conducted tour of a portion of the huge plant on King St. West. Here among other points of interest they followed the assembly line which turns out Combines at a tremendous rate. The party was received by T. G. McAleese, district manager, Toronto, Branch, and Murt Allison and Mr. Boyd dealers at Georgetown and Milton respectively assisted in guiding the various groups and explaining the many points of interest encountered.

Enroute home, the consensus of opinion among the group seemed to be that while they rather envied the factory workers their short hours and high rate of hourly pay, that when all was said and done, they would still prefer to milk cows for a living.

Unique in the RCAF Training Programme is the Survival Training School which operates in the Northwest Territories, within the Arctic Circle. It is designed to instruct fliers how to survive in the Northland when forced down.

FARM NEWS

"Open Night" Gives View of Night School Progress

The High School at Milton on Tuesday evening attracted a record crowd of approximately 600 on the occasion of the Open Night.

Every room including the auditorium was packed to capacity. Interest in the finished products turned out by the classes in leathercraft, needlecraft, ceramics, weaving, elementary clothing, advanced clothing, children's clothing, smocking, tatting, crocheting, needlepoint, tailoring, shop work, electric welding and oil painting, was so keen that it was with difficulty the spectators made their way from room to room. However, many were heard to comment: "It was worth the effort," and "that is the finest display of any year yet."

A. T. Woodley, chairman of the local committee, expressed appreciation to all who had co-operated

in the effort. "Our night school here in Halton," stated Mr. Woodley, "is the largest night school of its kind in the province and its popularity grows year by year." This year a total of 472 enrolled and owing to lack of accommodation many others had to be refused. Nineteen different courses were conducted which were accommodated in one of eight different halls or buildings in the county town. This involved a staff of 28 on each of the twelve nights during the season.

Due to lack of accommodation the only programme attempted was the fashion parade by the members of the various clothing classes. The auditorium failed to accommodate all who wanted to view the spectacle, but those who were fortunate enough to secure a seat or find standing room, were well repaid for their efforts.

D. L. Minshall of the Community Programme Branch of the Ontario Department of Education, and Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock spoke briefly on behalf

of their respective departments. Both intimated that they were not in a position to state definitely that Milton would be eligible for another night school next winter.

It is rather significant that every part of the county was represented at the night school including all five urban municipalities. Sixty-six per cent of the enrolment was rural, and the other thirty four per cent from some one of the five urban centres, Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitelock stated: "This Adult education programme is the most popular extension project with which I have been connected in my thirty year experience in Agricultural extension work."

Too much credit cannot be given to the members of the local committee, whose initiation and energy made the courses possible. A. T. Woodley who has served as chairman in each of the three years, was assisted this past season by Mrs. G. F. Thompson, Mrs. R. M. Clements, Mrs. Velma Norris, Mrs. Charles Johnson, and Cedric Harrop.

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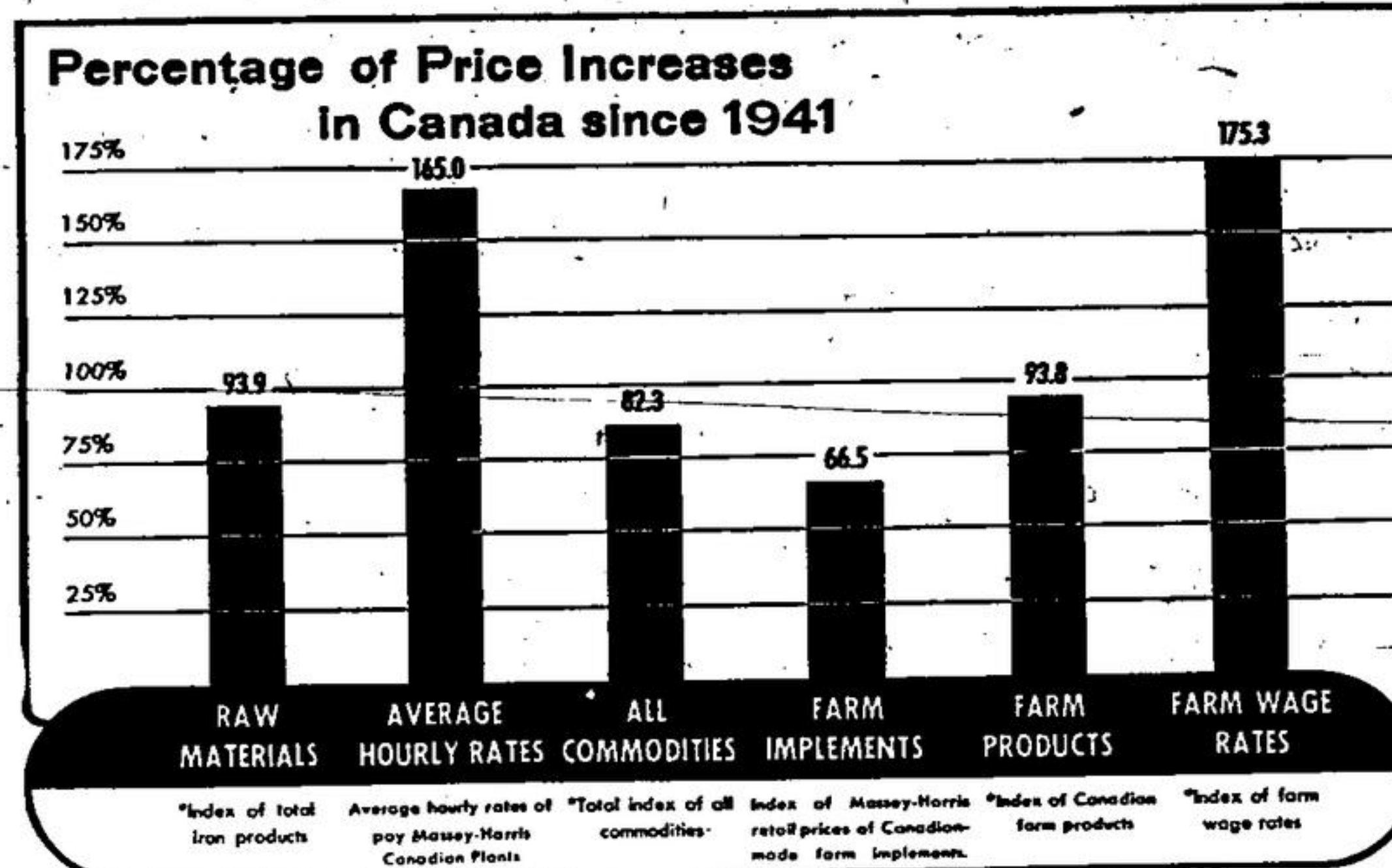
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