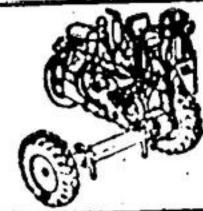
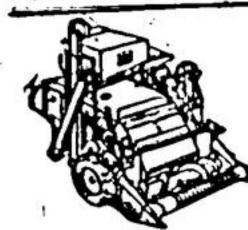
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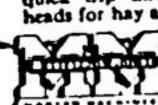
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#### Eleanor Saracuse Speaks To Farm Forum Committee

Halton County Farm Forum commritee met in the Farmers Building, March 31, with Mr S Turner,

Chairman presiding. Eleanor Saracuse, Waterford, duector of Ontario Folk Schools was introduced and gave a thought provoking address on adult education. She related one of her recent experiences at a county farm forum rally in Simcoe County where they enfertained various nationalities to a Pot Luck Supper, and later shared in a discussion program taking as their topic "The Privilege of Being a Good Canadian". In this way each person shared in the opportunity to voice his or her own common, and the exchange of ideas was most impressive. The great need of the time is assuming our share of responsibility in various

organizations, Miss Saracuse said. During the past year a new programine in Leadership Forums has been organized. This is accomplished by calling together representatives from the various county organizations to sit at a round table conference discussing the need of the community and co-ordinata ing the ideas into a one or two-day programme. Last year 10 Leadership Forums were held ucross the province and next year more are

hoped for.

She spoke of the successful Folk School held recently in Halton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Alexander, where seven students and herself, spent a profitable four days. The cheerful atmosphere of the home, the cooperation of students in assisting with the household duties, where many important problems were solved over the kitchen sink, all added to the success of the school: The previous planning of the programme on the chosen theme "Know Halton," where various local leaders were selected to lead discussion, when students as well as visitors joined in discussion. She. commended the local forums for the dinancial assistance they had so generously rendered and the Pinegrove Farm Forum for their hospitality at Norval Hall on Community night. The cooperation, of groups all adds to the success of Adult

Education. Mrs. R. Coulter in reporting for Folk Bohool development in Haltonvoiced her appreciation ... for - the coperation contributed by the for

# Tells Women's Role In Civil Defence

### Radio Forum **Educational Arm** Of Farm Federation

Those who availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the Provincial annual meeting of Farm Radio Forum in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on April 7th returned with renewed spirit of interest and enthusiasin.

Weilington Sutton, Peterborough

\*County, acted as chairman and in presenting his report for the fourteenth annual meeting, urged all to feel free to discuss problems and decide policy for the coming year. "This," he said, "is your meeting and combined individual assistance is the only means of making it a success." He stated that the Farm Forum movement in Ontario is the educational arm of the Federation of Agriculture and the Farm Forum reports help shape the policy of the Federation. With the decline of farm prices there never was a greater need for getting together to dis-

cusa problems In the report of provincial secretary, Chifford Waite, there was a note of sadness as this was his final report as secretary, due to the fact he is leaving to pursue graduate theological study at Emmanuel College. He claimed his two years ussociation had been richly rewarded in human relationships. In that time he came to realize what a wonderful instrument Farm, Forum provides for promoting neighbourliness, creaating community spirit, developing human personality and building an agracultural industry in which thoughtful men and women keep informed so they may more ably take their responsibility in building

a botter Canada. This year the province reports 46 less Forums, than last, albeit bet ter quality forums, spending less time on euchre and giving more serious consideration to farm problems. Local forums are taking a greater interest than ever before in adult education and topics of a national and international nature. Total provincial membership this year was 719 and the total of membership fees received was \$16,000. Many forum people realize that education is often a slow process, but have not given up faith in its effectiveness. He quoted this incidentit a faithful forum member who in bad health continued to take part in the discussion, said these words before he died: "I may not live long enough to see very much change in the farming sctup, but my son and all his young friends will reap the benefit of the movement toward a better deal for farmers in the future, which we older men have helped to sponsor, thro'

forum activities. The season 1953-54 has seen many ership forms were held in the past season and it is anticipated that its heavy nature. many more will be held next fall and winter. A tremendous amount toward Farm Radto Forum. This greate programme of rural-urban understanding is made possible because so many local forums are beconding pullic relations conscious and are inviting special guests to sit down and discuss mutual prob-

He stressed the necessity of a strong county committee as one of the biggest needs in our Farm Forum movement. There will never be virile forums in the province without imaginative and vigorous county committees properly financed and with an active programme, working in close cooperation with the county federation of agriculture.

ums in this work. The spoke of the recent Folk School Council meeting at Cherry Hill farm, which met with the Farm Forum officers in an effort to plan some means of coordination of ideas between the two groups along the lines of education, A very informative panel discussion group, chaired by Rev. Douglas Brydon, Ripley, gave much food for

thought. The secretary reported briefly on the season's Forum activities in the county and bright hopes for the future were expressed. A vote of appreciation was voiced in favour of the outstanding leadership exercised by the past Federation of Agriculture secretary, Mr. R. S., Heatherington in the organization and promotion of Farm Forums in Halton County. - The . secretary was asked to convey these words of gratitude to him by letter.

Plans for summer activities on a county basis were discussed and various ideas were expressed. The planning details to be left with the executive of the county committee. The county secretary, after five years' service, whites to be replaced before the fall season of Farm For-

Major-General Worthington, Civil Defence Co-Ordinator speaking to The National Council of Women.

.The role of women in civil defence is no different from that of men, with the possible exception that women have a greater responsibility in protecting the home and the family. Furthermore, I would suggest that women are more consclous of disaster and by sympathetic instinct, more roady to render ald where aid is needed. . .

There is unother even more important factor which relates to disaster - whether this disaster occurs from natural or man made causes in the form of acrial or other types of bombardment in the population. This disaster, respects nothing. Political boundaries, or even political parties\_make no difference. Rich or poor; young or old men or women or children, it is all the same to-

To maintain peace in the world, as it is today, demands a heavy price the price of preparedness because

no aggressor nation will dare attack unless it is reasonably sure to win and to win, our home front must be knocked out. This porparation, we call civil defence must be carefully carried out. It requires time, but, above all else, it requires the acceptance of responsibility at every level of government and of as many of its citizens us is possible. We must also remember that the modern concept of war in the ininds of the aggressor is a sudden and fearful onslaught and we have plenty of experiences to tell us that.

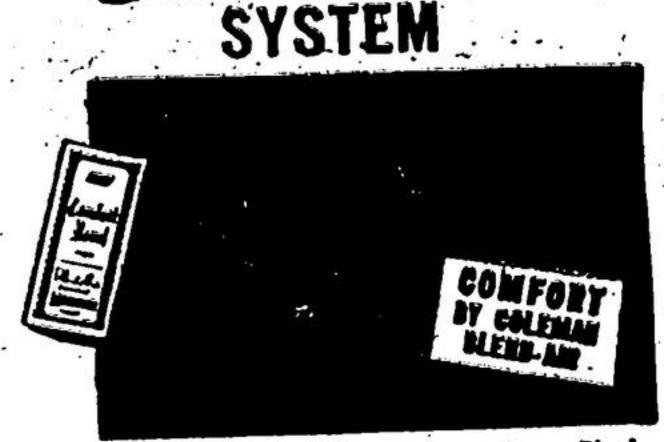
Now, what of the women? What can they do? First of all, there are many women who simply have not got the time to take any special training, but they can serve in their own homes by learning something about the dangers and what they can do in their homes should desarter fall, and one of the most important things, in my humble opinion is household fire prevention, which is so lax in this country of ours. It is also something that will serve equally well in posce, as in war. They can learn what they should do and what their children should do in the event of attack. If they are in individual dwellings of their own they can provide themselves with a simple and not costly shelter in the basement and, if they live in an aparment block, they can find out from the owner about a shelter. I also would suggest that these simple things should be common knowedge to all women in this country.

These women who may have a little time that they can devote to taking some part in civil defence organization - there is a place for them right now, if there is a civil defence organization in the community in which they reside. I would like to say that the Deputy Chief Wurden of the City of Winnipeg is a very capable and gracious lady and she is doing a great job. Here, in this service, we renew developments by which rural quire at least fifty per cent or people stand to benefit. Two of more of the personnel to be women. these are the close integration of It might interest you ladies to know the Folk School programme with that, in some parts of Canada, the arm Forums, and the Ontario Ru- women have actually joined the rid Leadership Forms. Nine leads rescue service, which is looked upon as a man's job entirely because of

The Canadian Civil Defence College, now established at Amprior, of good will exists in this province caters to women students. Special accommodation has been provided with certain amenities and it is our intention to bring in as many women as possible and train them for key positions. If the quotas are fitted by too many men, we intrud to put on certain restrictions so as to ensure the attendance of

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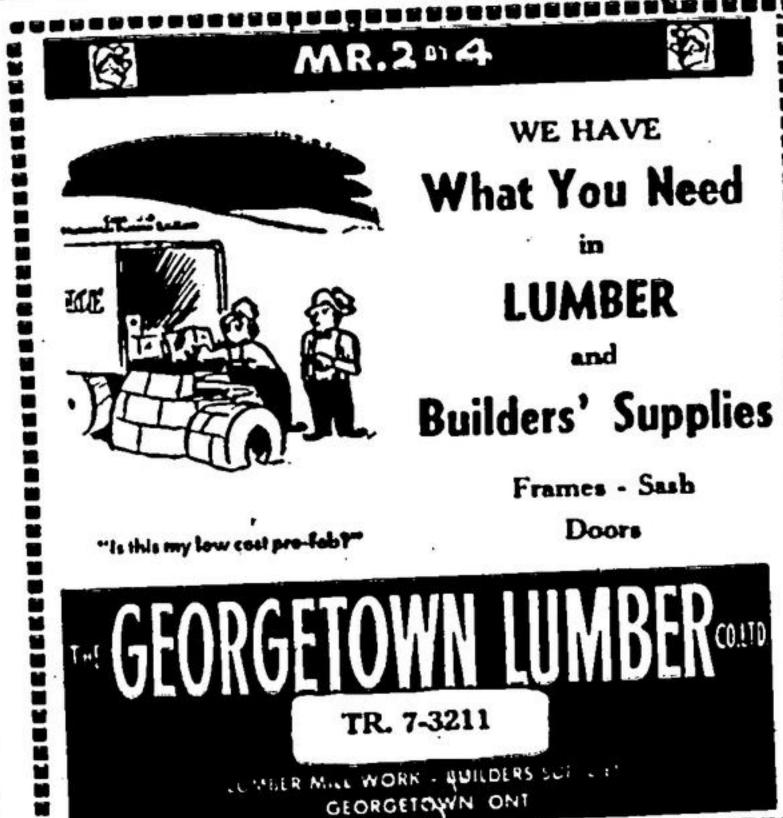
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