

School Students Music Contest

OPENING ARTICLE BY SIR ERNEST MacMILLAN

(The following article by Sir Ernest MacMillan is not included in the Music Contest for school children promoted by the Toronto Conservatory of Music, but is presented as an introduction to the contest. The first contest questions will appear in next week's paper and will be written by Mr. G. D. Atkinson, leader of Sherbourne St. United Church choir in Toronto.)

SCHOOL LIFE AND MUSIC
Music as a subject of education is very much in the air at present; we meet it on all sides. I think it is now realized that music is something more than an elegant accomplishment — it is also a very valuable mental and even moral discipline, and therefore we must ensure to our young people the best opportunities possible in the pursuance of their musical studies. Furthermore it is a serious art and, as such, one of the chief means of human self-expression.

Somewhere in the backwaters of our educational life there may remain a few of those quaint survivals of a past age who see nothing but the vocational side of education. For the most part, however, these highly exclusive traditionalists have been shamed into concealing their prejudices, and betray themselves only occasionally by implications in some of their public utterances.

Music, like every other subject, has its vocational side, but this aspect most of our young folks may well be encouraged to ignore until their yearning for a musical career

has become overwhelming, and their ability has demonstrated itself beyond dispute in the eyes of those best qualified to judge. For the exceptionally gifted, time should be allowed that their talents may be developed to the full with as little loss as possible to their general education. School music should be one of their chief means of building intelligent audiences for the future: of enabling thousands upon thousands of young people to form friendships with the great composers; of sharpening their receptive and analytical aural faculties, and of bringing keen joy into those leisure hours which, economists tell us, future years will bestow in more abundant measure. Music is not primarily something that you do — it is something that you live, and for that reason active participation in music making for its own sake is greatly to be desired.

One of the most tragic features of nineteenth century civilization was its indifference to music. The hard-headed business man of the past surrounded himself with a protective wall against emotional expression, and relaxed only in rare moments; in those moments he was apt to become either maudlin or excessively boisterous; frequently both. The serious study of music was considered something for long-haired foreigners and women. Neither Pecksniff nor Babbit had a place for such frills. Well, the whole world now knows where Pecksniffery lead. The treasures, stratagems and spoils of "big business" have come within an ace of capsizing our whole civilization. Mankind's perceptive faculties for the finer things of life must, if they are to survive, be given a chance to function, and to function throughout the whole community. The arts are emphatically not a luxury — though, of course, they may become so. They are the natural expression of sensitive and cultivated human minds and like religion are more fundamental than many of our cherished political and economic institutions.

Therefore, whatever place we give music in our educational scheme (and to deny it any place is simply to proclaim oneself an ignorant, not of music, but of education) it should not be given a grudging admission and isolated from other subjects, but be linked up with history, literature, languages, and even mathematics. Music should certainly not be ridden to death as this or that teacher's individual hobby, but every teacher should realize that it is unnatural to ignore it. Why, for instance, should simple arithmetical divisions be applied only to space and not also to time? Why should the rhythm of music not be associated naturally and at an early stage with the accent of poetry? Why should the study of History ignore music or neglect the opportunities it presents of strengthening the historical imagination? Think of the reality of a geography lesson if each country were associated with one or two folk-songs! They often teach a good deal about imports and exports which are often dull to read about. Sea-chanteys frequently tell us a good deal about cargoes! Looking back on my school days I can think of no subject into which some music might not with advantage have been infused.

RULES

1. Students attending High, Public and Separate schools from York Mills to Richmond Hill are eligible.
2. Applications must be made by the end of the fifth article through music teachers in the schools. Rural teachers may obtain application forms by applying to the office of this paper.
3. Each article will contain six questions. Public School pupils may answer any three questions of each series, High School pupils will be required to answer all six.
4. All contestants will be required to write this contest at examination centres which will be specified later.
5. Answers will be submitted to judges appointed by the committee in charge of this contest. Decision of the judges will be final.

Further information may be obtained from the following members of the committee in charge: In Lansing, Miss Edythe Lewis; Willowdale, Mrs. John Harrison; Thornhill, Miss Lorraine Davidson; Richmond Hill, Miss Lola Jones.

RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, Feb. 9th
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
2.45 p.m.—Sunday School.
8 p.m.—Y.P.S. meeting.

Social and Personal

Mrs. J. W. Loveys of Toronto is a visitor at the United Church Parsonage this week.

The Richmond Hill Presbyterian Y.P.S. will hold a Skating Carnival Thursday evening, February 13th.

There will be a euchre in St. Mary's R.C. Parish Hall Thursday evening, February 13th.

Pilot Officer J. F. Heard who has been stationed at Rivers, Manitoba, this week took up new duties with the R.C.A.F. in Ontario.

Mr. Albert Williams of Moose Jaw, Sask., formerly of Edgeley, is visiting his sister Mrs. Oscar Wylie, Claireville.

The Presbyterian Girls' auxiliary will hold the next meeting at the home of Miss Eleanor Barker, on Tuesday evening, February 11th.

Dr. Archer Wallace will give an illustrated lecture at the United Church Tuesday evening, February 18th. His subject: "Memories of the Motherland".

Bernard O'Keefe, British War Guest and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. C. Patrick is improving satisfactorily since undergoing an operation for appendicitis recently.

Mrs. Alexander, Arnold Street, has arranged to have a Valentine Tea at her home Friday afternoon, February 14th, from three to five o'clock. A silver collection will be taken and given to aid the work of the Red Cross. — Everyone welcome.

His parents have received word from Leading Aircraftman James Butler that he is now attached to a British Fighter Squadron on active service in the Battle of Britain. He is billeted in a private house near the airdrome and the third night he was there the house next door was wrecked by a bomb. He speaks very highly of the treatment given Canadians by the people of Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Smith and year old son Richard arrived in Richmond Hill last Sunday from Australia and are visiting with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Tyndall, Roseview Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were in Australia for the past two years, where Mr. Smith has been engaged in architectural work for the West Australian government. The home trip taking five weeks was uneventful. They landed at Los Angeles and came home via Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Smith agree that the Australians are a great people and are wholehearted and determined in their war effort. However they both are very glad to be back in Canada, especially at this time when Japan's ambitions in the far east cause considerable concern and may have far-reaching effects in Australia.

UNITED CHURCH W.A.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church will be held in the School Room on Tuesday, February 11th at 3 p.m. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

RICHVALE SOCIAL CLUB

Weekly Dance and Euchre is being held every Wednesday evening by the Richvale Social Club in Richvale School, Stop 22A Yonge Street. Olde Tyme and Modern Dancing. Frank M. Falconer, C.N.E. Silver Medalist and his Weston Legionnaires of Weston provide music. Euchre starts at 8.15 sharp. Good prizes.

Prize winners last Wednesday evening were: Ladies, Mrs. W. Norris, Mrs. Joe Taylor, Esther Morris; gentlemen, G. Huestis, W. Norris, R. Ball.

Talking PICTURES

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"THE INVISIBLE MAN RETURNS"

With Sir Cedric Hardwick and Nan Grey
Added Shorts

Masonic Hall
Richmond Hill
Monday, FEB. 10

8 p.m. D.S.T.
Adults 25c. Children 15c.

RED CROSS NOTES

The Society is endeavouring to raise money during the next six weeks by a "talent" method. It is hoped that as many as possible will try to take part in this project. For further information please contact Mrs. Duncan Chamney, convenor.

By courtesy of the Davies Dry Goods store there will be on display in their window over the week-end, two afghans made by members of the Richmond Hill Red Cross Society. Since afghans are urgently needed for use on submarines any persons having on hand scraps of 4-ply wool are asked to knit them into 6-inch blocks and turn them into the Red Cross Room where they will be made into afghans.

Financial Statement, Richmond Hill Red Cross

Jan. 1, 1940, cash on hand	\$ 221.10
Donations & Subscriptions	726.08
Bridge Club receipts	85.55
Leap Year Dance receipts	119.05
Permanent Wave Draw receipts	15.65
Baking Sale receipts	64.05
Richmond Hill Fair Booth receipts	147.08
Talent Bags receipts	135.53
Tag Day receipts	115.50
Sale of work, used stamps, etc.	2.31
Special Fall Campaign	1798.02
	3429.92
Donations in kind	183.84
	\$3613.76

EXPENDITURES

Canadian Red Cross	\$1165.50
Canadian Red Cross Supplies	241.16
Leap Year Dance expenses	22.56
Purchases of wool and sewing materials	1025.47
Purchases of supplies	66.39
Richmond Hill Agricultural Society, rent of booth May 24th	8.00
Rents of Masonic Hall, Glee Club	4.00
Printing and Stationery	19.84
Sundry expenses	2.80
Postage for overseas boxes, stamps, etc.	29.16
	2594.88
Cash in bank, Dec. 31, 1940	835.04
	3429.92
Donations in kind	183.84
	\$3613.76

With The Scouts

At the Court of Honour meeting of Troop held at the conclusion of the regular meeting, January 23rd, the continued absence of Patrol Leaders Derek Andrews and Alex Paterson without notice officially to the Scoutmaster was accepted as evidence of their desire to resign from the Troop. It was decided that temporarily no Troop Leader should be appointed, as the Troop would continue to honour Ted Healey in this capacity. The following promotions and acting appointments were made. To be second of Wolf Patrol, A/Second Bill Bowdery. To be A/P.L. Lynx Patrol, Second, Mel Newton. To be A/P.L. Beaver Patrol, A/Second Jack Simser. To be A/Second Lynx Patrol, Scout Jim Barker. To be Troop Scribe, P.L. Dick Baker. To be Troop Treasurer, Asst. Scoutmaster A. Bull; To be Captain of hockey teams, Scout Jack Taylor.

A Patrol Leaders' conference and training course is to be held by Boy Scouts Association all day on a Saturday in February. All Patrol Leaders of the Troop have signified their intention to attend.

A competition is to be conducted during the six months January to June through the North Yonge district of the Boy Scouts Association to pick out the two best Scouts. All boys can compete in this competition. The best all round Scout from the Troop will be selected in June to attend the final test when one boy from each Troop will attend.

RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN Y.P.S.
SKATING CARNIVAL
Tuesday, Feb. 11
NOVELTIES and PRIZES
SKATING 8 P.M.
TICKET 25c.

To the Citizens of Richmond Hill

As you are well aware the battle for Canada is being fought in England. Our soldiers, sailors and airmen are in the thick of the fight assisting in the struggle to preserve your freedom. They need our fullest support. The most effective manner in which you can assist is by your regular lending to Canada through the purchase of War Savings Certificates. In the near future War Savings workers will call on you to give you the opportunity of enlisting as regular war savers. The need for funds to finance our war effort is tremendous and urgent. It is your patriotic duty to contribute to this purpose regularly and to the limit of your ability. This you may do through the purchase of War Savings Certificates by means of the Bank Pledge or Honor Pledge.

Kindly receive the War Savings workers as you would wish to be received were you in their position. The workers give their time voluntarily as part of their war work. Your very hearty co-operation is anticipated.

J. P. WILSON,
Chairman War Savings Campaign Committee.

VALENTINE GREETINGS BY TELEGRAPH

Time marches on: Seems but yesterday that the penny Valentine, with its funny lace and frills, was quite the thing. Not so to-day. Valentines have been modernized. Now it's Valentine Greetings by telegraph, "as modern as tomorrow". Exceptionally low rates, both for domestic and cable greetings. Phone Canadian National Telegraphs for their list of fixed texts, suitable for this occasion.

TESTON UNITED CHURCH 1940 REPORT

The annual meeting of the congregation of Teston Church was well attended and following a good supper was the procedure to the business of the church. The pastor recorded 11 marriages and 11 funerals during the year on this circuit. The attendance at the church services was most encouraging, although many of the young people now working in the city, it is a pleasure to see them returning for Sunday service.

Forrest Oliver and Ernest Carson were elected to the Board of Session. William Windas and Cecil Heise were elected to the Board of Managers.

Miss Mary Carson was appointed Superintendent of the Sunday School and a special effort is being made to stimulate this work.

Wesley Clarkson was reappointed Church Treasurer and Wil Peterman is Treasurer of the Mission Funds.

The mortgage on the church has been reduced to \$400 and it is hoped to liquidate this very soon.

There is no record here of the war activities but the women are ceaseless in their knitting and sewing. All their war work is through the Women's Institute and Red Cross organizations.

The total sum of monies raised by the various organizations was \$1600 and this represents an immense amount of time and labor from a small group of enthusiastic people. A hearty vote of appreciation was extended to the minister, Rev. Douglas Davis.

BIRTH

HARDING — Elmore and Bertha Harding wish to announce the arrival of a baby sister for Dorothy Mae at Richmond Hill on Friday, January 31st, 1941 (Barbara Gail).

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CHURCH AUDITORIUM

41 Chatsworth Drive (near Yonge Street)

on Sunday Afternoon, February 9th, at 4.00 o'clock

(Doors open at 3.30 o'clock)

This Lecture will be radiocast over Station C.B.L.



SHOWS START AT 7.30 P.M. AND 9.30 P.M. D.S.T.

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
REX HARRISON - MARGARET LOCKWOOD in
"THE NIGHT TRAIN TO MUNICH"

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - 8

WM. BOYD - RUSSELL HAYDEN in

"STAGE COACH WAR"

JUDY CANOVA - ALLAN MOWBRAY in

"SCATTER BRAIN"

MONDAY & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 11

JOAN BENNETT - FRANCIS LEDERER in

"I MARRIED A NAZI"

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - 13

TYRONE POWER - LINDA DARNELL in

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Other sizes also reduced

Tire Pumps, reg. 85c., now .. 52c.
Reliners all sizes (car) .. 70c.

20% reduction on Mufflers and Oil Pipes, Exhaust Pipes, Gaskets and Fan Belts

Ford 1935-36 Radiator Grilles, reg. \$12.00 \$9.50
1 gallon motor oil for your old battery