

School Students Music Contest

Here is the second contest in the series promoted by the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Read the article and keep it if you like. At the end of the seven articles, one of which will be published each week, contestants will be required to answer the questions in writing at an examination held in the schools. Answers to the questions are obvious after reading the article in connection. Read the rules below and watch for the contest article by Christopher Wood, Music Critic and Editor of Canadian Music Magazine and musician, in next week's paper.

SOME MEN WHO HAVE MADE MUSIC

Dr. F. G. Horwood
Strange to say, very few women have become famous as composers of music. Most of the good music to which we listen was written during the last two centuries. Before 1700 most of the instrumental music was written for the harpsichords and clavichords, viols and lutes. The harpsichord resembled a small piano, but its tone was like that of the harp. The clavichord was really a small-sized piano with a very delicate tone. The viol had six strings, and was the forerunner of the violin. The lute was a pear-shaped instrument with many strings, not unlike our mandolin.

The first great composers of the eighteenth century were Bach and Handel, who were both born in Germany in 1685. Bach spent most of his life as a church musician in German cities, and wrote many cantatas for church services, besides organ fugues and sonatas, and works for the orchestra and the clavichord. His music is not always easy to understand, and certainly is not easy to play, but as good music it has never been surpassed. Handel left Germany when he was a young man, and spent the remainder of his life in England, where he was very popular as a composer of operas and oratorios. Operas are plays or dramas set to music, and oratorios are sacred stories set to music. Handel was very fond of the harpsichord, and wrote much music for it, including some variations which later writers have named the "Harmonious Blacksmith".

After the death of Handel and Bach, two other musicians carried on the work of musical composition. These were Haydn and Mozart. They were both Austrians, and both lived for some time in Vienna. Haydn was born in 1732 and lived to be seventy-seven, while Mozart was born in 1756 and died when he was only thirty-five. Haydn was robust and happy—fond of playing pranks, even in some of his music, but Mozart was more serious and delicate. He was also very poor, which perhaps brought about his early death. Both men wrote symphonies, besides inventing a new type of music known as string quartets, written for four stringed instruments, two violins, a viola and a violoncello. A viola resembles a violin but is somewhat larger, and has a lower compass of notes, while the violoncello is a very large violin which is held against the knee while being played.

As a successor to Haydn, Beethoven was born in Germany in 1770. He also lived in Vienna, and is considered by many people to be the greatest of all musicians. He became deaf quite early in life, and many of his best compositions were

written after he was totally deaf. He wrote nine famous symphonies, and compositions for piano, violin and string quartet, as well as an opera and an oratorio. He always carried a sketch book with him on his walking journeys, in which he recorded the themes that occurred to him, and which were later used in his compositions.

Another musician who lived in Vienna was Schubert. He was born in 1797 and died when only thirty-one. He, like Mozart, was poverty stricken, and was forced to sell many of his best compositions for a very small amount of money to keep himself alive. His melodies have never been excelled.

In 1809 two composers were born—Chopin in Poland and Mendelssohn in Germany. Chopin's music is written chiefly for the piano, on which he was an excellent performer. Most piano players are able to play some of his waltzes, nocturnes, mazurkas or polonaises. The last two mentioned are Polish dances. Chopin was delicate and spent much of his life in the island of Corisica. Mendelssohn was very happy and this spirit shows itself in his music. Many of his compositions are well-known, and there comes a day in many peoples' lives when they march down the church aisle to his Wedding March.

Schumann was born in 1810, and besides being a good pianist and a composer, was also a writer on musical subjects. His wife Clara was also a good pianist and was able to carry on his work after his death in an asylum at the age of forty-six. He wrote many beautiful songs, some symphonies and groups of piano pieces.

Other composers who lived after Schumann were Brahms, a rather austere German composer whose music is highly intellectual; Tchaikowski, a Russian who wrote many very popular works for the orchestra; Liszt, the great Hungarian pianist; and Wagner, the originator of a new kind of opera called music drama.

This story would not be complete without the mention of England's greatest composer, Sir Edward Elgar, who died only seven years ago. Elgar was Master of the King's Music, and just before his death wrote a set of pieces of descriptive music known as the "Nursery Suite" for the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. Elgar was almost entirely self-taught, and wrote music for many important occasions.

There are many hundreds of other musicians who cannot be mentioned here, but everyone should know something about those who have written the music we like best.

Questions on Above Article

1. Give the names of any six music composers who lived after 1700.
2. Name the instruments of the string quartet.
3. Name four musicians who lived for some time in Vienna.
4. Name four instruments that were in use before 1700, and name the instruments that now take their place.
5. What great English composer was knighted by the King for his musical services, and became Master of the King's Music until his death in 1934?
6. Write a short essay on the music of the past two centuries, mentioning four important composers for the orchestra.

NEWTONBROOK

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at Newtonbrook United Church Parsonage last Saturday at 4 p.m. when Miss Vera May Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Toronto became the bride of John Burbidge, second youngest son of Mr. David Burbidge of Steele's Ave. East. The bride wore a becoming blue costume with matching accessories and was attended by Miss J. Byers of Toronto. Mr. David Burbidge, brother of the groom, was best man. Only the immediate relatives were present. The happy young couple will reside in Toronto.

ATTENTION TEMPERANCE WORKERS

On March 7th the North York Temperance Federation will hold their regular convention and Oratorical contest at Wesley United church, (4 miles east of Aurora on 4th concession). Committees meet at 3 p.m.; business session of convention at 4 p.m.; supper at 6 o'clock (35 cents per plate). Evening meeting for contest at 7.30 p.m. All times are Standard.

Tell your friends and come and help make this convention a success.

VELLORE EUCHRE AND DANCE
A Euchre and Dance under the auspices of the Vellore Sr. Institute will be held in the Hall at Vellore Friday, February 21st at 8.30 p.m. Gillam's orchestra. Admission 35c. Lunch provided.

The Rexall Birthday Sale ends Saturday, February 22nd. Buy your Drug remedies now and save money. Scotchmer's Drug Store.

Social and Personal

The Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Wrixon attended the marriage of Kenneth Douglas Frisby and Audrey May Richards, at St. Clement's Church, Toronto, on Friday last.

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Professor Robinson of St. Andrew's College will be the speaker at the Lions Club meeting tonight. His subject will be "Yonge Street and its Early History".

On Friday afternoon, March 7th, there will be a showing of pictures in Richmond Hill of power farming with new Ford tractor with Ferguson implements. See details in next week's Liberal.

On Sunday, March 2, Mr. L. Self will show slides on Mission Fields in Western Canada at 8 o'clock in the Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church. The service will be under the auspices of the choir and Young People's Society.

A successful Euchre was held at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Thursday, Feb. 13th, in aid of the Red Cross. Prize winners were: Ladies, Mrs. M. Kroetsch, Mrs. J. O'Neil, Miss E. Deferrari; gentlemen, Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. J. Young playing as gentlemen, Mr. J. Ellis. Door prizes were won by Miss A. Burnett and Miss M. Hayden.

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HOT SUPPER

A Hot Supper will be held in the United Church School Room by the Women's Association, Tuesday, Feb. 25th, at 6 p.m. until all are served. Price 25c. Come and bring your family and friends.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH SOCIAL EVENING TUESDAY NEXT

A congregational social will be held in the basement of the Anglican Church on Tuesday next at 8 p.m. All members and friends are invited to come and meet others and spend a social time. Mr. H. Watford of Silver Stream Farms will entertain the gathering with some of his wonderful moving pictures taken in all parts of the world. Refreshments will be served, and a collection will be taken for new Hymn and Prayer Books.

SEND NEWS IN EARLY

Every week we have to leave out interesting news items because they reach us too late for publication. Send news in as early in the week as possible. If an event happens Saturday or Monday please don't wait until the next Wednesday or Thursday to send it in. We are well equipped to handle last minute news and announcements, but events three or four or five days old, and announcements of coming events do not come under this heading. Your cooperation in this regard will be appreciated and will result in a more newsy home paper.

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RICHVALE SOCIAL CLUB

A Euchre and Dance will be held next Wednesday evening, February 26th by the Social Club in Richvale School, Stop 22A Yonge Street. Olde Tyme and Modern Dancing. Frank M. Falconer and his Weston Legionnaires of Weston will provide music. Euchre starts sharp at 8.15. Good prizes. Money raised for Cigarette Fund for local boys overseas.

WEDDING

ELLIS-FENWICK—On Tues., Feb. 18, 1941, by Rev. H. R. Frey, Aylmer, Ont., June Edith Fenwick, daughter of Mr. Wm. Fenwick and the late Mrs. Fenwick of Owen Sound, Ont., to Graham James Ellis, son of Mr. James C. Ellis and the late Mrs. Ellis of Richmond Hill.

MARRIAGE

PHILIPS-WHITE—At St. Peter's Anglican Church, Toronto, Wednesday, February 19th, Phyllis Mary White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. White of Yongehurst Road, to William Philips of Cornwall, England.

High School Notes

The Inter-school basketball schedule has been drawn up with only three teams competing. Newmarket has dropped out leaving Aurora, Pickering and Richmond Hill. Richmond Hill has played two games, winning from Pickering and losing to Aurora.

A Tea Dance sponsored by Third Form was held last Friday and the proceeds of \$5.00 will be sent to the British War Victims Fund.

There will be no commencement this year but in place it has been suggested that a dance be held.

Aurora girls played here Tuesday and won both junior and senior games. They have no schedule for there are only two teams in the league, so they will confine themselves to exhibition games.

RED CROSS NOTES

Mrs. Jerry Smith is holding a sale of home-made marmalade, tea biscuits and cookies on Saturday, February 22nd, all proceeds in aid of our Red Cross Branch.

The Richmond Hill Red Cross Branch gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$32.89 from the ladies of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the net proceeds of a benefit euchre held on February 13th.

The complete proceeds of the Valentine Tea held at the home of Mrs. Alexander on February 14 amounted to \$26.95.

The first shipment of knitted articles since the New Year went to headquarters during the past week. It consisted of 63 prs. of socks, 4 prs. seamen's socks, 6 prs. rifle mitts, 10 prs. two-way mitts, 1 pr. half mitts, 7 prs. whole mitts, 12 helmets, 2 sleeveless sweaters, 4 turtle-neck sweaters, 10 scarfs and 3 afghans.

Quilting is carried on as usual in the Red Cross Work Room on both Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

With The Scouts

For the month of February the Honour Patrol Penant is in the keeping of the Wolf Patrol, P.L. Murray Bowes. The present standing of the Patrols is: Fox 108½, Lynx 102½, Wolf 118, Beaver 111.

The three fellows who passed the Tenderfoot Test last week were invested as Tenderfeet on February 13th. These boys were Jack Taylor, Albert Clark and John Bowen.

The Patrol Leaders Conference at Thornhill next Saturday will be well attended. The advance registration is over 40 and 1st Richmond Hill Troop will have five present. Both the S.M. and A.S.M. will be present at the dinner in the evening. The Conference will be held in the United Church Hall and will be under the guidance of Field Secretary Edgar Jones. Commissioner Clarke Locke will take charge in the evening.

Two more boys were added to the strength of the Troop at the last meeting.

All members of the Troop are now working to obtain the Second Class Badge. It is necessary for a Scout to be of Second Class standing before he can try for Proficiency Badges.

Melvyn Newton and Jack Simser were both confirmed in their rank as Patrol Leaders, and Jim Barker as a Second. Scout Frank Evison was appointed Acting Second of the Beaver Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM

FUREY—In loving memory of our dear uncle and aunt, the late Sgt.-Major William Furey who died in 1936 and his wife Margaret Furey who died in 1939. In life loved and honored; In death remembered.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodcock.

IN MEMORIAM

WHITE—In loving memory of our dear Margaret who passed away two years ago, Feb. 21, 1939. Away in the beautiful hills of God. By the valley of rest so fair, Sometime, some day, we know not when

We will meet our loved one there. But God has helped so well To bear our heavy cross, We cannot Lord, Thy purpose see, But all is well that's done by thee. —Sadly missed by Mom, Dad, brothers Ernest, Billy and Howie, Auntie Mae and Grandad Giles.

KING TOWNSHIP RED CROSS SOCIETY STATEMENT RECEIPTS

Balance forward from 1939	\$ 382.37
From canvass in spring and fall	1728.95
From other organizations under Permit C	166.74
Raised by Branch in various ways	182.60
Donations to Division from King Township and credited to Branch	70.00

EXPENDITURES

Forwarded to Division	\$ 670.00
Purchase of material and postage	1354.46
Cash balance carried forward	506.20

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Supplies forwarded to Division Warehouse by King Township Branch:

First shipment April 3rd, 1940: 744 pair socks, 253 pair pyjamas, 77 quilts, 596 surgical towels, 456 khaki handkerchiefs, 384 pillow cases, 152 washcloths, 84 scarves, 22 sweaters, 10 pair kneecaps, 30 helmets, 42 pair mitts, 6 pair wristlets, 39 new and used blankets donated.

Refugee clothing shipped in August, new, made from clippings, etc., 112 pieces (various).

Clothing for civilian air raid victims forwarded January 16th, 1941, on age Branch quota: 1 coat and hat, 23 dresses, 23 skirts, 7 slips, 23 pullover sweaters, 3 cloth windbreakers, 7 pyjamas, 18 dressing gowns, 4 pr. mitts and gloves, 7 caps, 2 helmets.

The following articles received at Branch store-room not yet checked for shipment: 18 pair socks, 33 handkerchiefs, 1 pair pyjamas, 3 wash cloths, 3 scarves, 2 helmets, 2 pr. rifle mitts, 2 turtle neck tuck-ins.

Hon. President, Mr. T. McMurchy; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Mr. L. Goodfellow, M. Legge, Wm. Barker, C. Walkington; President, Rev. J. McEwen; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. R. Snider, Crawford Wells, Peter Muirhead, Dr. M. K. Dillane; Secretary, Miss T. M. Edgar; Treasurer, Mr. E. Smith; Counsel, Dr. A. F. Kay.

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ROYAL THEATRE AURORA

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
JOHN GARFIELD - BRENDA MARSHALL
MARJORIE RAMBEAU in
"East of the River"
— AND —
DICK POWELL - ELLEN DREW in
"Christmas in July"

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - 22
DENNIS MORGAN - GLORIA DIXON in
"River's End"
— ALSO —
CHARLES COBURN - HELEN BRODERICK in
"Captain is a Lady"

MONDAY & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - 25
BETTE DAVIS - HERBERT MARSHALL in
"The Letter"

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - 27
FRED ASTAIRE - PAULETTE GODDARD in
"Second Chorus"
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LAUREL AND HARDY
"Oliver the 8th"
— ALSO —
"Xmas Under Fire"

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