

Pleasure of Music Topic of Richmond Hill W. I. Speaker Mrs. McGillivray's Fine Address

Mrs. D. A. McGillivray, in speaking to the members of the Women's Institute at their April meeting, said she was really selling her wares, "Vocal Music in Our Schools." "Music is a personal enjoyment. One only needs to watch children's faces as they sing to learn this. Music is a life long pleasure. Our concert halls are crowded as never before. Our radios carry varied musical programs and our enjoyment of the music depends on our musical education. Music helps us enjoy our leisure time and if we have been taught to read and understand music, and to listen to good music we can fill many leisure hours most profitably."

Mrs. McGillivray believes music in the school helps to develop the spirit of co-operation — each child does his part in creating a pleasing tone, not standing out individually. Supervised musical training develops a taste for the best in music. If a child is brought up on good music he or she does not like the mediocre. Children learn, with practice, to know and recognize the composers when they heard their compositions. This is true education in music.

The Ontario Department of Education, recognizing the many advantages in school music, has outlined courses of music for each grade in Public and High School. The course in High School Music is now acceptable as a subject for entrance to Normal School. It is a subject, the knowledge of which a student keeps long after they leave school and other subjects are forgotten. The Department of Education now issues special certificates for teachers of music in the schools and help with substantial grants. In Richmond Hill this amounts to forty-two per cent in the Public School and sixty-two and a half per cent in the High School of all monies spent for the teaching of music.

Mrs. McGillivray said that parents should never discourage a child as to his musical ability. He may not be able to carry a tune but they all can make some contribution to music. She spoke on the school choir and thought that a child can not afford the time not to be in the school choir. Taking part in all the activities of school helps to prevent the forming of a one-sided individual who may become an unhappy adult. Mrs. McGillivray told of the C.B.C. Broadcasts for the schools, to which the pupils of our public schools listen. These broadcasts give information on the piece being played, how it came to be written and also about the composer. They are entertaining. She found that our children at the beginning of

these broadcasts were not good listeners but as the series developed they developed an interest and now listen more intelligently. She also spoke of the Kindergarten of the air on C.B.C. every day, Monday through Friday, at 10.15 to 10.30 a.m. These are for pre-school age children and are most interesting.

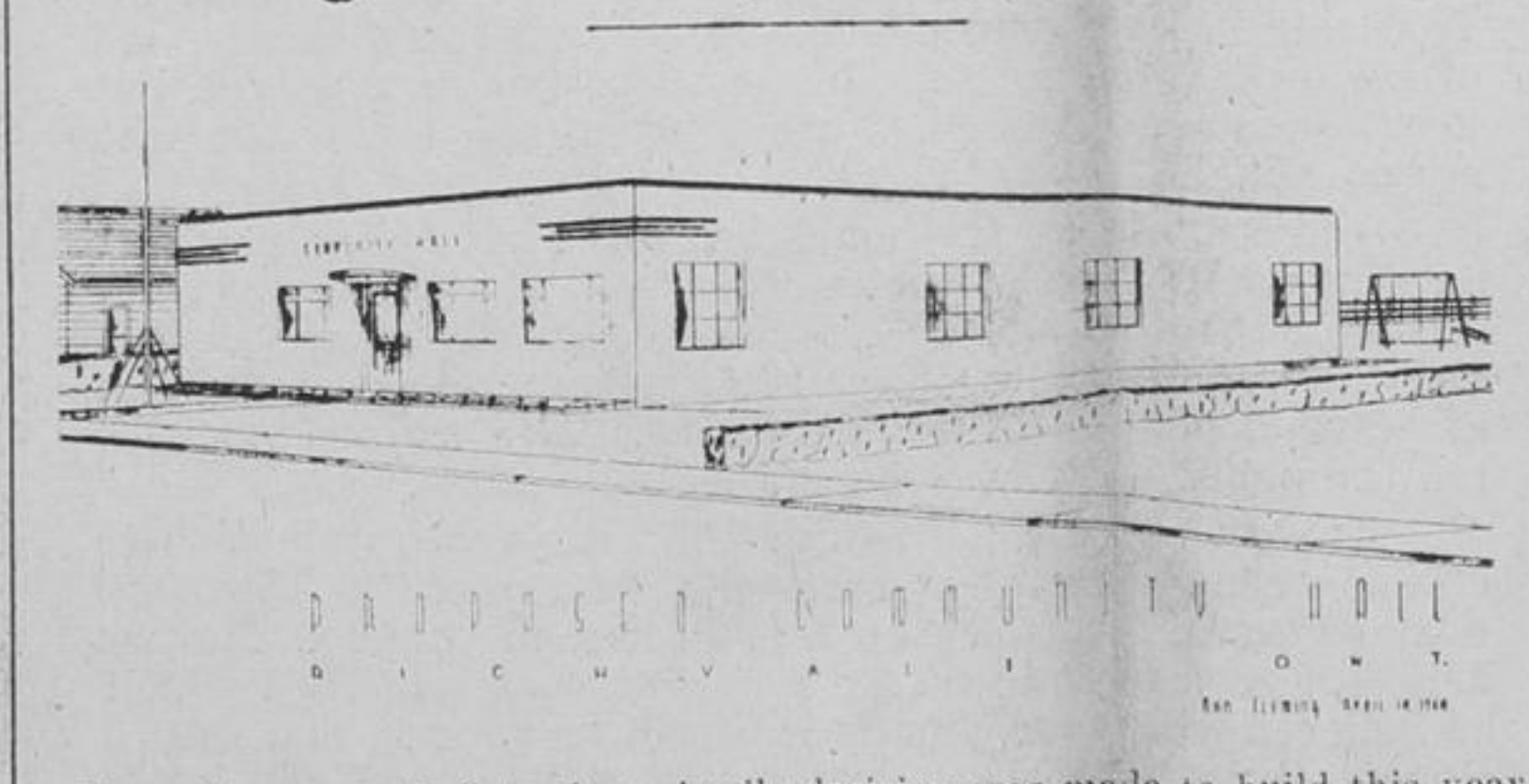
The Department of Education advises that music be taught in every grade for 20 minutes a day. In high school music is compulsory in Grade 9 and optional in other grades. All choir work is after school hours, extra-curricular. In our Richmond Hill schools music, today, is in its infancy but we hope it will develop and grow.

At the request of the local Lions Club Mrs. W. Sayers was appointed as Women's Institute representative to the Finance Committee of the Community Hall project. Mrs. E. Little reported on the Director's meeting held in Toronto. The Women's Institutes are taking up as a project "Children's Aid" and are asking for used children's clothing for this cause. The British Women's Institutes, as a gesture of thanks for the aid given by Ontario Women's Institutes to their British sisters, have sent a donation of books to the Institute Library, which Women's Institutes may have on loan.

Mrs. P. C. Hill addressed the meeting on the "Personal Parcel Service to Great Britain." This was formed by the Ontario Government after Lady Reading had visited Canada to try and obtain extra food for families who need it and who receive no parcels from anyone else. It is an appeal to the individual to be responsible for the systematic sending of parcels overseas to names on the list. Arrangements have been made for a very nominal carrying charge. It was decided to call a public meeting (notice of which you will see elsewhere in this edition) to put this matter before the citizens of Richmond Hill as it was felt this was a community project.

A very interesting musical contest, in which we were asked to name the song after hearing a line taken from the song, was by Mrs. L. Ball. Patsy Ramer rendered two piano solos which were much enjoyed. Mrs. H. MacKay, announced that the speaker for the May meeting will be Dr. Mary Needler, a lecturer at the University of Toronto, who is interested in Community Planning and Community Spirit and who will speak along these lines. The meeting closed by singing the first verse of "The Maple Leaf" and a pleasant half-hour was spent over a friendly cup of tea, hostesses being Mrs. L. Baker and Mrs. F. Davis.

Richvale Community Centre Inaugurated By J. E. Smith, M.P.



The afternoon of Saturday, April 17th, saw the first step toward the realization of an idea which for many years has been very close to the hearts of the residents of the community of Richvale. On that afternoon Mr. Jack Smith, M.P. for North York, turned the sod with a brightly polished spade and in so doing initiated the constructive phase of the Richvale Community Hall.

Upon the completion of the official ceremony Mr. Bryan Bailey, chairman of the Building Committee, addressed the gathering, and told them of the progress to date with regard to obtaining building materials and also arrangements as to the actual erection of the hall. The afternoon was brought to a pleasant conclusion with the serving of tea to the visitors by the Building Committee and the association's executives and their wives.

Each section of the area is represented as follows: Mr. H. Ward, Garden Ave.; Mr. Leclair, Edgar Ave.; Mr. Millard, Oak Ave.; Mrs. C. Baker, Spruce Ave.; Mr. J. Hertz, Carrville Rd.; Mr. R. F. Masters, Mill Rd.; Mr. E. Lambert, Yonge, Hurst Ave. and Mr. F. Sanderson, Bathurst St. These representatives will be clearing points for information regarding working dates and such. Construction is planned to be completed by the end of summer and from all indications another community centre will be in full swing in the Fall.

Under the direction of their architect, Miss Nan Fleming, the building committee, consisting of Messrs. Bailey, Burnes, Pierce, Valcourt and Mrs. Rasmussen, presented plans and information regarding a suitable structure. The area to be served by the community hall extends from Langstaff to Richmond Hill and is bounded by Yonge and Bathurst Streets. All in this area are welcomed to volunteer their services in the construction of this hall.

Voluntary Labour
The labour will all be voluntary, and a good deal of the material has been donated by or purchased at cost from neighboring industries and merchants. The completed structure will be 65 ft. by 45 ft., consisting of a single storey. Inside will be a forty by forty foot dance floor and auditorium, with several smaller rooms to be used as club-rooms for both children's and adult groups. Eventually it is planned to have a hobby-lobby and kitchen equipment which will be offered to the local school board for use in teaching the domestic sciences. Religious orders will also be welcomed and it is hoped a regular Sunday service may become a possibility.

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Be Safe and Leave Hydro Alone Federated Women's Institute Plan Scholarships For Girls

A near fatal accident occurred on the fifth concession of King Township on Saturday when a man made an unauthorized attempt to operate a Hydro switch on a pole. It appears that Mr. W. C. Hamby, in doing some electrical work in his home, made a faulty installation which, when he closed the service breaker at the meter, caused the transformer fuse to blow at the pole. When the fuse blows, the cutout is so designed that the door falls open and isolates the transformer from the high voltage before serious damage occurs.

Mr. Hamby, believing that all that was necessary to restore service was to close the door, placed a ladder against the pole and attempted to perform the operation himself instead of calling the Hydro office. During some unsuccessful attempts to close the switch, the piece of wood which this man was using came in contact with the live side of the switch which is a potential 2300 volts, and he received enough current through the stick, across his body and through the ladder, to throw him to the ground. Mr. Hamby sustained severe injuries to his back and slight burns to his fingers as a result of his unauthorized attempt to operate Hydro equipment. He was attended by Dr. J. L. Urquhart of Aurora and was treated in the Toronto Western Hospital.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the safety rule to avoid contact with Hydro wires or equipment. One never knows when the wire is carrying a high voltage which can be fatal with only an instant's contact. Any irregularity should be reported to the nearest Hydro office whose staff have the necessary equipment and knowledge required to remedy the defect.

INTERESTING REPORT OF BOARD MEETING OF F.W.I.

At the recent board meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario plans were made for the administration of the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarships to MacDonald Institute, Guelph, we learn from the Ontario Department of Agriculture. These scholarships were made possible through the Adelaide Hoodless Fund, a fiftieth anniversary project which resulted in \$19,000 being presented by the Federated Women's Institutes to the Ontario Agricultural College for scholarship purposes.

The Board was pleased to hear the announcement of Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, that a four-year degree course in Home Economics at the MacDonald Institute would commence this fall. This course will be open to a limited number of girls. Five annual scholarships of \$100 each will be awarded to students taking this course. The scholarships will be regional, giving students throughout Ontario an equal opportunity to win them. Two scholarships are being awarded to girls entering the four-year course this fall, with preference given to daughters of Institute members. The remainder of the fund will be used to provide further scholarships for rural girls.

The scholarship committee for the coming year was named as follows: Mrs. A. Hamilton, Atwood, Mrs. Wm. McEwen, Brampton and Mrs. L. A. R. Fletcher, Provincial President and Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director of the Women's Institute Branch. 50th Anniversary Film
It was announced that the film on the 50th Anniversary celebration will be released for exhibition in May, and that requests for use of the film should be made to Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Miss Anna P. Lewis showed colored slides of her trip to Europe last fall, when she attended the first post-war conference of the Associated Countrywomen of the World. Mrs. Hugh Summers, Past President of the Federated Women's Institutes, and Mrs. William McClure, Brampton, who were delegates to the A.C. W.W. Conference in Holland, presented their reports on that gathering of women of many nations. Mrs. Summers urged exchange visits with

the women of other countries in order to stimulate better feelings between nations.

High Record to Maintain
"We have a high record of achievement to maintain," said Mrs. J. R. Fletcher in her presidential address. "We have a record for unselfish service to uphold. We can be a tremendous power for good because we support actively the finest things in life. Brotherhood and international goodwill are imperative if civilization as we know it, is to survive. We are in a splendid position to bring this about. Through our various organizations, we speak an international language. We have our fingers on the pulse of the world and must do all we can to keep it beating."

"Democracy is coming to realize that there can never be world peace until all people are free. Through the Food and Agriculture organization, it is our duty to see that never again will there be bursting granaries in the Americas and misery and want in European countries. We should never cease in our efforts until rural women all over the world have, in some measure, the privileges that you and I enjoy."

38,600 Ontario Membership W.I.
Miss Anna P. Lewis, in her report expressed appreciation of the fine co-operation of the Institute Women of Ontario. Institute membership in Ontario, she said, now stands at 38,600, with twenty new branches having been established since December 1st, 1947. Reporting on the Co-operative Programme on Home Economics, Miss Lewis said that 930 branch Institutes were having short courses during the year. The Co-operative Programmes were this year styled to meet the needs of the younger women of the Province.

Miss Lewis announced that this summer there will be two distinguished visitors to the Ontario Institutes, Lady Hayworth, chairman of the Cheshire, England, Federation of Women's Institutes, and Mrs. Ida Braine, of Hertfordshire, England. The members decided to pay the affiliation fee of \$25.00 to the Associated Countrywomen of the World for one European country unable to pay the fee. Rev. J. B. Mills, Executive Secretary of the Ontario Trustees and Ratepayers Association, addressed the meeting, requesting the support of the Board in the work of the Association. Miss Lewis was re-appointed as representative on the committee in charge of the radio programme "Kindergarten of the Air."

Relieve Canadian Farm Shortages

IMMIGRATION OF FARM LABOR

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There is also a considerable volume of agricultural labour from Britain which will migrate to the Dominion. The largest proportion of these new settlers, many of whom have already arrived, are being placed on farms through the co-operation of the provincial authorities and the National Employment Service. Immigrants from other countries are brought in under sponsorship programs which are supervised by the Federal government.

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They Had a Wonderful Time At St. Mary's Handicraft Fair

"For Johnny has gone to the Fair, tra la" was the tune of the little ditty that everybody was humming; whistling or singing on their way to the Handicraft Fair on Saturday last.

It was a grand and glorious feeling to know that Old Sol was beaming brightly that day, and a pin could be heard drop as the enormous crowd anxiously waited for His Worship the Reeve, to declare the Fair open to the public.

And what a fair it was, just "super." The Baking Table was mobbed like flies at a jam session, while the kids cornered the Candy stand that was filled with the most delicious fudge that any youngster could buy.

Well satisfied with the delectable purchases carefully put by, and Junior stuffing his belt with candy, the rounds began, for Pa, it was Wagner's woodworks, and what a marvellous display of bowls he had, and what a contraption that machine was. How did Bill ever find time to do it all, but Bill just beamed, for that was a sixty-four dollar question.

Ruth's smocking had Ma glued to the spot, until the bright plaid that Mrs. Moore was weaving caught her eye. Oh, to be as clever as those two women! The shrieks of the little girls soon rushed Ma to Don Lena's stand where he was busy making the dinkiest little dolls furniture ever seen.

Around the super duper railway tracks with trains and wonderful gadgets that Lew Sims made for John and David, (lovely guys) and that baseball game had all the Paps playing too—Lew made that also.

Ma simply had to squeeze in somewhere to see what Doug Boyd

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They Cannot See Flowers in Spring

A NOBLE CAUSE FOR ALL WHO CAN SEE

The spring is here again; but they will not see its glories of color in gardens, in valleys, and by the wayside. The beauty of the red-breasted robin is not for them. Daffodil, crocus and tulip will bloom in radiant abundance, but none of this shall they behold. For they live in eternal darkness. They are the blind; the hapless humans for whom a world of ever-changing shade, of grandeur, does not exist.

For them the Canadian Institute for the Blind offers succour; and the Institute is dependent on the warm-hearted, generosity of a kindly public. Social service, employment service, library service and many others, all play a part in helping

blind men and women to help themselves. The Drive in York County will be carried forward from April 19th to May 1st. The objective this year is \$12,000.00. Readers are respectfully but earnestly invited to subscribe to the urgent and needy Cause of the Blind. For purposes of income tax returns, official receipts will be issued for all donations of \$1.00 or more.

Because we believe that every blind person in York County should be given the opportunity to enjoy the best that life has to offer, you are invited to subscribe with a free hand and a warm heart. Mrs. J. E. Smith is acting as Honorary Convener, and she may be reached at 9 Lorne Avenue, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Plan Big Events For Community Hall

Under the enthusiastic leadership provided by the local Lions Club, and with the whole-hearted endorsement and support of village and district organizations and individuals, great strides have been made during the past week in furthering plans for the Richmond Hill and District Community Centre Appeal which will be conducted here from May 10 to 22.

A meeting of the campaign publicity committee, under the chairmanship of Bill Wagner, was held on Tuesday, April 13, when plans for adequately publicizing the appeal were formulated. Efforts are being made to have a well-known coast-to-coast radio program originate from Richmond Hill sometime prior to, or during, the campaign. Invitations to attend the broadcast would be extended to residents of the Village and district, a number of them would be asked to participate in the actual program with the opportunity of winning valuable prizes.

Other methods of informing the general public of the campaign, including newspaper advertisements, radio announcements, posters, billboards ad so on, were discussed at the meeting of the publicity committee, which was attended by Paul Angle, campaign chairman, Doug Boyd, Albert Hill, Howard Jackman, Bill Scandrett and Ken Tomlin. Finance Committee Making Plans

The finance committee, under chairman Bob Little, are making plans to zone the area to be canvassed and appoint team captains and canvassers for the appeal. Members of this committee include Ed. Butlin, Andy Armstrong, Dr. Jim Langstaff, Dunc Channey, Ralph Paris, Norm Bradshaw, P. C. Hill and John Greene.

"A Hall for All" at Richmond Hill is the slogan of the appeal which has as its objective the sum of \$35,000. The money will be used to erect and equip a modern community hall for the use of all clubs, groups and organizations in Richmond Hill and district. When completed, the proposed hall and its facilities will be available to old and young alike, regardless of race, color or creed. It will serve as a place for public meetings, dramatic productions, handicrafts, musical festivals and so on.

Need for such a Community Hall to serve the residents of Richmond Hill and District has long been realized here, and those in charge of the appeal are confident that with the assistance of local groups and organizations, as well as the support of the general public, the objective of \$35,000 will be reached.

LIGHTNING CAUSES HYDRO FAILURE

A prolonged interruption occurred Tuesday afternoon to all consumers fed from the main power line from Toronto to Sutton. The trouble was caused by lightning striking in the vicinity and setting fire to the pole, burning it off near the top.

Repair crews were immediately dispatched to the scene and temporary repairs were made to restore service at the earliest possible moment.

Farm Improvements Millions in Loans

MILLIONS LOANED FARM IMPROVEMENTS

Since the Farm Improvement Loans Act came into force in 1945 the chartered banks had made up to the end of 1947 a total of 39,387 loans to the amount of \$31,381,742 with no losses to the Dominion Government.

During 1947 loans were made to 22,046 farmers for a total of \$18,160,821, an increase of 59 millions over 1946 and \$16 millions more than in the months the Act operated in 1945.

Eighty-three per cent of all loans made in 1947 were for the purchase of farm implements. These loans totalled \$15,211,231. The report made to the House of Commons on March 22nd by Hon. Douglas Abbot, Minister of Finance, stated that 39 per cent of all tractors and combines sold in Canada were financed under the Act. These loans, together with regular bank loans, are responsible for a major change in recent years in the traditional method of financing farm implements purchases and suggested that this change "should find reflection in distribution costs and hence in the price of farm implements."

More than 1.5 million dollars was loaned under the Act for farm buildings in 1947, of which 32% was for new farm homes. The amount represented for the erection of new farm dwellings exceeded \$488,000 through 387 loans.

Loans for the construction of farm utility buildings in 1947, however, were twice the number as those for new homes. Almost 900 loans were made to the amount of \$850,000 for the construction of new barns, sheds and various other types of farm utility buildings.

The report also stated that one of the primary objectives of the Farm Improvement Loans Act has been to make available to farmers and land settlers funds for their use in developing new agricultural areas. Last year farmers throughout Canada secured 1,356 loans to an amount of \$522,344 for the purpose of clearing and breaking new land. As a result of these loans, 68,693 acres of new land were sown to crops.

Since March, 1945, a total of 2,462 loans have been made amounting to \$910,500 for the purpose of clearing and reaking 123,860 acres of new land.

Farmers in Alberta borrowed the most in 1947 under the Act—\$6,537,872. Those in Saskatchewan were a close second with \$6,464,263; Manitoba was third with \$2,518,830 and Ontario fourth with \$1,845,830.

Spring Days Are Dangerous Days

THE TERRIBLE TOLL OF FOREST FIRES

The Department of Lands and Forests is beginning an all-out drive to prevent spring forest fires this year. This is a concerted effort to remind the people of the Province of the imminence of the fire hazard period and the need there is for special care while in the forest area. The annual less by fire and the costs of prevention are extremely heavy. As the majority of these fires are caused by human carelessness, the co-operation of the public is of vital importance.

Every year after the snow has gone, but before the green growth has developed, the south slopes of hills dry out very quickly, and the grass, twigs, slash and accumulated debris become like tinder. This invariably causes a dangerous spring hazard in many parts of the Province. From precipitation records of the past winter it now appears that the hazard could become general.

The symptoms are high temperatures, low humidity and a strong south-west wind. This condition invariably builds up to a climax between May 15th and June 15th. According to the Department's records over the past years, the period between May 20th and May 26th brings the fire peak. It is significant that this period embraces the May 24th holidays when many people are away on the first of the season's fishing trips, opening summer cottages or otherwise travelling in the woods. The first spring days in the woods are exhilarating, and it may be that this induces carelessness on the part of the public. The implication is obvious.

The main causes of spring fires are brush burning, smoking in the bush and campfires left unattended or not properly extinguished. The public should realize that one lighted match carelessly tossed away or cigar or cigarette butt carelessly cast aside may cause a holocaust of and death destruction.

FOOD FOR BRITAIN

Richmond Hill Council has received a communication from the Personal Parcel Service Committee of the Ontario Government, requesting that the people of Richmond Hill and vicinity join with them in extending immediate help to the people of Gt. Britain in the form of personal food parcels. Details of this project will be discussed at a public meeting to be held in the Municipal Building on Monday evening, April 26th, at 8.15 p.m.

The need is great; the time is short; the opportunity to help is yours. Come to the meeting.

"SALADA" TEA BAGS

So handy