

BUTTONVILLE

The pupils of Mrs. Sidney English, Buttonville, presented their Annual Piano Recital at Browns Corners United Church.

An enthusiastic audience of friends and relatives greeted the young artists, a number of whom were performing in public for the first time. Mrs. English welcomed the guests, and announced that the offering taken during the intermission would be given as usual to the Sunday School. The following pupils took part: Howard Allen, Douglas Newson, Fraser Craig, Sandra Burns, Barbara Stewart, Harvey Brown, Blanche McKinney, Beverley Burr, Jeanette Houlihan, Nancy Brown, Dorothy Hooper, Judy Harman, Carole Radford, Sylvia Eastman, Rae Donaldson, Gloria Shenfield, Miss Norma Barkey, Barbara Radford, Yvonne Magee, Heather Burns, Beverley McQuay and Joan Stephenson.

The Rev. E. A. Currey, Minister of the Church, thanked the pupils for their splendid program, and stressed the value of music in the life of the individual, and in the service to the Community. He was pleased to see so many boys taking part, nearly all the great musicians of the past were men. The men are still in the majority in radio work. Following the programme, refreshments were served by Miss Mary Rodick, Rea Scott, Mrs. Norman Reid, Mrs. D. L. Hood, assisted by Doreen Stephenson, Dorothy Hood, Barbara Bruce, Ann Davies, Jocelyn Easton and Marion Hood.

Members and friends of the Buttonville W. I. enjoyed an afternoon of music at the June meeting held at the home of Mrs. Russell Boyington. Mrs. Ken Stots, the new president, presided. It was decided to again enter an exhibit at the Markham Fair and also to present the members of Club Fifteen who finished the course with a silver spoon. An invitation to meet the Victoria Square at their July meeting was accepted. Mrs. A. E. Kennedy was guest speaker for the afternoon and taking as her topic music. She led the members in songs and rounds, and also contributed two piano selections which added interest to her theme. Mrs. Duncan rendered two lovely solos and Mrs. Topham contributed two humorous readings. Mrs. G. Francy gave an interesting account of the History of Tea. The delegates to the district annual, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Baker submitted their reports. Lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Boyington and Mrs. Stots.

RECEIVES MEDAL

The work in biology of Margaret Newton, a former official of the Dominion Department of Agriculture Ruse Research Laboratory, Winnipeg, Man., has recently been recognized by the Royal Society of Canada. Miss Newton, now retired, was the recipient of the Flavelle medal from the Society. Miss Newton is the first woman to be so honoured.

MILK PRODUCTION

January and February milk production in Canada declined 3 per cent in 1948, as compared with the first two months of 1947. Less milk was used for creamery butter and for fluid milk, but greater quantities were processed into ice cream, dairy butter and fluid cream.

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A GREAT LEADER RETIRING

Parliament prorogued last week and in those closing hours of the session which had lasted since December there was a very marked feeling that not only had we come to the end of a parliamentary session but that in a sense we had come to the end of an era. This feeling of course was inspired by the impending retirement of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

Our Prime Minister has the record of having served as the elected head of a democratic government longer than anyone in history. Last April he exceeded the record of British Prime Minister Sir Robert Walpole who until that time held the record for long service.

There is nation-wide, yes world-wide regret that Mr. King is retiring as in this troubled world his great knowledge and experience are of inestimable worth in piloting the ship of state and in meeting world problems. However none will deny that Mr. King now in his seventy-fourth year is right in accepting his physicians advice to relinquish the heavy burden of state leadership.

Mr. King devoted his life to public service, having been first made a cabinet minister in the Laurier government early in the present century. In his day and under his leadership Canada has made mighty strides and has achieved the status of nationhood. History will accord him a place among the great leaders of the world.

It naturally is disturbing to contemplate the retirement of such a figure from the political scene, but Mr. King always has been one to surround himself with able colleagues and leave to them plenty of responsibility. Fortunately surrounding him in the party are many men able and qualified to accept the party leadership and responsibilities of leading the government. This leader will be chosen early next month at a national convention in Ottawa and we are sure whoever is the choice of the convention, he will have for a long time the willing guidance and assistance of the retiring leader who for so many years has served with distinction the people of Canada.

NOT A MAGIC WAND

The nationalization of the British coal mines was one of the first items in the Labor Government program to socialize industry and make everybody happy and prosperous. With the mines removed from private enterprise the miners would be more contented and there would be more and cheaper coal. But it has not so panned out. Commenting on the result of the experiment, the Manchester Guardian says: "The Labor leaders will be strongly tempted to blind themselves to the truth about coal. In their own interests they must resist the temptation. The truth is unpleasant. . . . To pretend that little or nothing is wrong will merely make people pay more attention to the most irresponsible of the Tory criticisms. The truth is that Sir Charles Reid is right; the nationalized coal industry has done badly so far, and there is no prospect that with the present organization it will do better in the future."

Insisting that it is essential "quickly to get more coal more cheaply," the Guardian says: "At present we are getting — from a larger labor force and after much investment in new machinery — 7 per cent more coal than we were doing a year ago; the total cost is 24 per cent higher. The real efficiency of the coal mine's part in our national effort has fallen. In spite of all the special attention they have had — better machinery, improvements in working conditions, every help in recruiting labor — the mines have done less well than many, if not most private industries."

While supporting the idea of nationalization of the mines, the Guardian contends that it can only succeed "if the Labor Party will really learn that nationalization is not a magic word."

Premier McNair of New Brunswick has the proud distinction of heading the only provincial government which improved its position on an appeal to the electors in 1948. Both the Ontario Conservative Government and the Saskatchewan socialist government suffered losses which did serious damage to the prestige of their leaders and their parties.

With 5 members elected by acclamation where they could technically claim 100% of the vote, the Liberals in N.B. received 57% of the votes cast, an increase of 7% over 1944. The Conservative party received 31 per cent, a loss of over 9 per cent since 1944. The C.C.F. failed to elect a single member and many of the party candidates forfeited deposits.

GORMLEY NEWS ITEMS

Our sympathy is extended at this time to Mrs. John Bond and her family on the death of Mr. Bond on Monday of this week after a prolonged illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watt and baby, Lynda, are holidaying for two weeks in a cottage near Brechin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones and Garry have moved to Gormley temporarily. They are awaiting completion of their new home.

Mrs. Helen Henry spent the holiday week end with relatives in London.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heise on their marriage last Friday in the Bible School at Fort Erie. The reception was held at the home of Mrs. Heise's sister, Mrs. Leo Beards of Ridgeway. Mrs. Heise was the former Miss Verna Climenhage of Saskatchewan. A shower was held in their honour on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heise.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanfield and family moved to their new home in Guelph last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fritz of Vineyard called on Rev. and Mrs. Barley on Sunday.

Mrs. Brillinger and daughter of Toronto spent last week end with Mrs. Levi Hoover and Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brillinger visited Mr. and Mrs. Abe Sheffer of

Bethesda on Sunday.
Rev. and Mrs. Charles McKinney and Patsy of Garden City, Michigan, called on a number of their friends here last Tuesday.

Mrs. E. Mackenzie of Toronto is spending this week with Mrs. R. Brillinger.

Visitors in the Brillinger home last Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. John Petrie of Toronto.

Mrs. Allan Hoover, David, Keith and Paul are spending this week at the Stayner Camp Meeting. A number of other local young people are also attending. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hoover visited among relatives here last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Beryl Cook spent several weeks recently with her sister in Aurora.

TAKE IT EASY

National health experts have known for a long time that recreation is a vital need for all Canadians. Recreation means spare time activities such as evening and week-end play and a complete holiday each year. Most employers now realize that annual vacations help make more satisfied and more efficient workers but many professional and technical workers neglect to find time to relax completely at least once a year. In order to work efficiently it is necessary to rest adequately.

DEATH
MEGDONAL — At the Queen Elizabeth hospital, Toronto, Tuesday, July 6, 1948, Louis Megdonal, beloved husband of Gertrude Thornton of Richmond Hill, in his 59th year, dear father of Mary (Mrs. Derby) Toronto, Peter, Harold and Muriel of Richmond Hill, resting at Wright and Taylor's Funeral Home. Service on Friday at 2 o'clock. Interment Richmond Hill cemetery.

STOUFFVILLE TAX RATE CUT
The tax rate in Stouffville village has been fixed at a rate of 36 mills, one mill lower than last year.

HORSE DIES AGE 33
The Stouffville Tribune reports the death of a horse at Greenwood at the age of 33 years. Is this a record?

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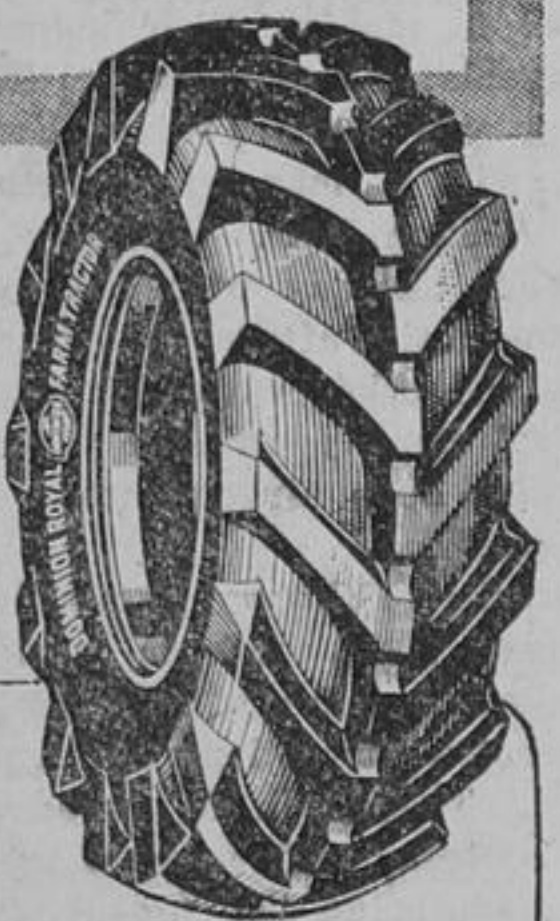
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New farm machines are difficult to get these days. The machines a farmer already has can be kept efficient, if kept in good condition and repair. Between now and next spring is a good time to check the machines, make any necessary repairs and put them in working order. The nearest Dominion Experimental Station will be glad to advise on the care of farm machines and equipment. This photo shows a farmer and his son checking the straw spreader on the back of the combine.