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**McConaghy Home & School**

**Forest Hill Psychologist Gives An Interesting Talk On "Conformity"**

Mr. Vernon Trott, psychologist with Forest Hill Board of Education, was the guest speaker at McConaghy Home and School Association meeting on Monday evening when the subject, "Conformity", stimulated a lively discussion. Mrs. C. Matthews opened the meeting, welcoming friends from other home and school associations and thanking all who made the "Funfair" such a success — a total of \$541.81 was realized. Principal J. McDiarmid then introduced Mr. Trott, a native of Hamilton educated at McMaster and Toronto Universities — a psychologist who gained his practical experience by ten year's teaching and a parent with two teenage daughters.

He introduced the film "Are People Sheep". This excellent film, made by the National Film Board, came into being when members of the camera unit began talking with Dr. Bovard, psychologist from the University of Toronto, who was in the Ottawa studios making another film. Dr. Bovard condemned conformity as a serious social disease that cannot be fought until people are aware of its existence. The camera man, the script writer, the technician and the director all gave incidents where they had found that being different had caused discomfort or unhappiness to the person who must tidy-up for casual callers, the man who disliked wearing badges, the unhappy child who took a mug as a birthday present and felt it was not good enough and the teenager whose parents let her do things they did not approve of "because everyone did" making both themselves and the 13-year-old daughter unhappy. Dr. Bovard summed up saying that there must be a degree of conformity in any society in respect for laws made for the common good and agreed to by citizens who are members of that society. It is the job of parents to give a child the security it needs so that it does not fear to be itself. The most sensitive conscience is developed in an atmosphere of affection and understanding, not harsh discipline. He quoted Dr. Brock Chisholm who said that we need rebels today

but that it is the rebel who pays the price for what he believes. Here the film goes over to Vancouver to an interview with Dr. Brock Chisholm, now retired. This famous Canadian needs no introduction to most people — a practising psychiatrist and great educator with a deep concern for the welfare of people, he was the first director of the World Health Organization of the United Nations. This delightful old gentleman, sitting in his garden with the breeze blowing in from the Pacific Ocean, and watching a ship steaming up towards the harbour said, "Conformity is more than a threat to the individual, it is a negative attitude to progress. Ships like that one out there sail according to a chart — follow for living — but the ships' charts were made by bold men with restless adventurous minds — how, then, can the best pattern for life be formed unless the people with these bold, restless minds are allowed to have their say?"

"But the individualist is not always right," said his interviewer. "Yes," said Dr. Brock Chisholm, "he is not always right but we must learn to tolerate a degree of error and we must not have a degree of conformity. Above all we must never destroy the integrity of the individual."

**Happy Young Lady**



Four year old Mary Bonnici is a very happy young lady as she sits in her home surrounded by numerous lovely dolls and carriages. The eight member Bonnici family moved into their new home on Morgan Avenue in Doncaster last Saturday. Doncaster and Thornhill residents came

to their aid when they lost everything following a disastrous fire last December 29. Natives of Malta, the Bonnici family emigrated to Canada in 1952. The father is employed by the Township of North York.

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**"Dear Mr. Editor"**

Suggest Solution To Flooded Basements  
Dear Mr. Editor:  
The flooding of the basements in Beverley Acres on March 6th was probably a new experience for your Works Dept., and the following information may interest Commissioner Whalen and the residents who suffered water damage.

I have recently settled in Richmond Hill after living in Winnipeg for 45 years, and have had some experience in floods including that of the 1950 Winnipeg flood which was the most disastrous one in Canada's history. My basement in that flood was bone-dry because I blocked the catchbasin with a bag of flaxseed held in place by a 2x4 reaching the ceiling.

Later I found an easier way to protect the basement from flooding when valves were available at a cost of a few dollars. The valve which works automatically is installed in the sewer pipe just below the catchbasin. The valve is open when water flows downward into the sewer, but closes when the sewer water backs up, thus preventing flooding.

In 1952, we had a cloudburst which was so heavy, the sewers backed up. My neighbours' basements were flooded because they had not installed valves, but mine was dry because the valve prevented water from entering. I notice that your catchbasins here are differently constructed than ours in Winnipeg, but I do believe the problem could be solved by installing valves. Perhaps the council would consider changing the building regulations making it compulsory for new homes to include valves. Of course present residents would have to install them at their own expense, but believe me they are worth the few dollars they cost.

Yours truly,  
HENRY C. HALL,  
467 Windhurst Gate,  
Beverley Acres.

**Wants Low Cost Housing**

Dear Mr. Editor:  
May I make an appeal through the medium of "The Liberal" regarding cheaper housing in Richmond Hill. I feel what is needed is a section or some small blocks of apartments, subsidized by the government. With rents controlled by the same, for family men such as myself, with good steady employment and excellent security, but low wages. I am employed by our local town council, therefore cannot afford \$120 or \$130 a month rent such as being asked for three bedroom apartments.  
For all this need though, I feel sure there are good landlords who would be pleased to accept \$80 a month for such an apartment if they were sure their tenants were going to stay and had secure positions. I think they must get away from the idea that all apartment dwellers are just the floating population.

**Opposition For C.N.R. Plan —**

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Prominent among the property owners affected in the Bayview area is Mr. Robert Cameron whose beautifully situated white clapboard home lies directly in the path of the proposed C.N.R. Mr. Cameron reported that his first reaction to the expropriation notice was one of complete shock. He and his family have spent 13 years gradually developing the property from a field overgrown with weeds to the beautifully landscaped and heavily treed vista it presents today. An overseas veteran, Mr. Cameron was assisted in his purchase of the property by the Veterans Land Act, and was encouraged to tackle the construction of his own home on the site. Although the task occupied several years of his entire spare time effort, often long into the night, the beautiful home he and his charming wife now own more than justifies their devotion. When we commented on the

lovely trees on his property, Mr. Cameron said that this was one of the things he would most miss if he was forced out. "We were fortunate in having a few majestic old trees on the fence line, but the majority of our trees were planted as seedlings by my children and myself, and they are irreplaceable," he said. "We love this place, and intend to do everything in our power to avoid being forced out. You don't easily forsake something you have devoted 13 years to building."  
Going on Mr. Cameron stated, "I would like it to be clearly understood that my neighbours, and I, do not deny the merit of the idea proposed by the C.N.R. We do feel, however, that the route they have chosen has not been selected, either in the best interests of the township, or of the railway itself. Although we do not profess to be experts we feel that in locating the route so close to the boundary of the most rapidly expanding section of the city

the C.N.R. is simply moving its traffic problem up town, not solving it.

"Our township needs the commercial assessment that this line will bring, but it does not need it so temptingly close to Metro, or at the expense of some of its most beautiful residential areas."  
Old timers now, on Bayview Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Foote have lived on the property just south of Mr. Cameron for 34 years. They chose it because of the magnificent trees and the beautiful wooded ravine with the winding river below. The proposed right of way will cut diagonally across the back of their lot.  
"What will you do if the railway goes through?" we asked. "We don't know yet," Mrs. Foote replied, "but we love it here so much that I think we will stay unless we are shaken out of the house."  
A map showing location of marshalling yards and route of the by-pass appears elsewhere in this issue.

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