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## You Are Priceless!

The annual campaign for funds for the Canadian Cancer Society commenced across Canada on April 1st and continues until the end of this month.

Mrs. Gordon Purves, Campaign Chairman for the Richmond Hill and District Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society and the countless number of Volunteer Canvassers working under her direction, are looking to YOU — the Public — for aid in raising the 1960 quota of \$14,000 for this district.

Referring to the Volunteer Campaign Workers, the Very Rev. R. Charles Brown salutes them thus:

"Priceless means two things in common parlance — something which is of superlative worth, like diamonds, or something which, by its very nature, cannot be price-tagged, like love.

Volunteer Campaign Workers you are priceless! What you do for thousands of the world's sufferers is of superlative worth and what you are that moves you to this sacrificial service can never be price-tagged.

The time for doing is upon you again. Nameless thousands reach out their hands to you in mute appeal, for they are or will be cancer patients, and

they need you more than many of them know. Skilled physicians, surgeons and nurses turn to you from Treatment Centres and Clinics and say: "We need you". Dedicated researchers lift their eyes from tubes and microscopes and say "We need you". Education secretaries and co-workers take up the refrain and say "We need you".

Whoever you are and wherever you are — in city, town, village or rural area — remember YOU ARE PRICELESS and do your indispensable job with joy and gladness. And don't forget old Josh Billings' homespun wisdom, "Be like a postage stamp and stick to the job till you deliver the goods!"

Cancer Education and Research must be given every opportunity to put down this disease. And it's up to us to help through our donations — since it is the April campaign money which keeps Research and Education going 12 months of the year.

Donations may be made to your own community Volunteer Canvasser, or sent direct to Mr. Ken Clarke, Treasurer of the Richmond Hill Unit, care of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Richmond Hill.

## National Wild Life Week

Little did the parents of the late Jack Miner realize some 93 years ago, April 10, 1865, when Jack Miner, the Canadian naturalist was born in the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio that not only Canada and the United States, but England and the civilized world would honour and pay tribute to the man who for the last 13 years of his life was Canada's best known citizen when Eddie Guest, the Detroit poet, refers to as 'the best loved Christian in America'. When he died he ranked fifth in fame on the continent. The ones preceding him were Edison, Ford, Lindbergh and Rickenbacker.

In London, England, Sir Herbert Brent Grotian, Bart D.L., K.C. in paying tribute to Jack Miner, said "If you wish to see Jack Miner's monument or memorial, look around you."

On April 17, 1947, some three years after the death of the late Jack Miner, the Canadian Government by an act of Parliament created by a unanimous vote what is known as National Wild Life Week to always fall on the birthday of the late Jack Miner which is April 10.

Senator Joseph Bradette, paying tribute to Jack Miner in the Canadian Senate, said "The European countries gave the world great artists, great sculptors, great philosophers and great musicians, but Canada gave the world one of its great naturalists."

Since Jack Miner's death a quiz program was held in the United States over a national radio hook up and by a vote of four to one Jack Miner was voted

the greatest naturalist that ever lived.

The books of knowledge carry a biography of Jack Miner alongside such great men as Edison, Ford, Burbank and Churchill and even in 1926 Professor W. S. Milner, Professor of Greek and Roman History in the University of Toronto, in his examination paper for students trying for their B.A. degree, compared the philosophy of Jack Miner

Today, the 7th and 8th grade school books of the United States carry an eight page biography of Jack Miner, whose life was considered by the U.S. educators so important that they wanted every school child in their 48 states and Alaska acquainted with the facts about his life and his contribution to his generation.

Senator T. A. Crerar, who was Canada's first federal minister of the Canadian Wild Life Service and now one of the senior members in the Canadian Senate said "I doubt if there is in any field of work in Canada anyone who has contributed more and has rendered Canada a greater national service than Jack Miner."

At the time of Jack Miner's death tributes were paid him by Kings, Queens, Presidents and Prime Ministers and as high as 10,800 people have visited his grave in one day.

During the week of April 10 the people of Canada pay tribute to him by observing National Wild Life Week in the schools, in the churches, in the service clubs and in the open fields of our great Dominion.

## Oratorical Contest Local Separate Schools

The local Separate Schools Annual Oratorical Contest was held last Sunday in Our Lady Help of Christians School on Bayview Avenue North.

It was the third successive year of the contest since it was first initiated. Hundreds of children with many of their parents attended to watch the fine performances of the young entrants.

The meeting was ably chaired by a member of the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Gordon Trussler.

### Three Judges

Judges were three in number. They were Mr. Joe Hodges, Inspector of Separate Schools, Mr. Cecil Williams a member of the Richmond Hill Public School Board and Mr. Paul Delmer of "The Liberal".

Participants represented grades six, seven and eight. Two pupils from each of the three grades took part in the contest.

### Prepared & Impromptu

The students first presented a five minute prepared speech, followed a little later with a 30 second impromptu delivery. For the impromptu speech they were given a choice of 12 subjects and had just the time between speeches to prepare.

Mr. George Yates, Chairman of the local Separate School Board extended a welcome to the judges and others who attended. Mr. Gordon Trussler then introduced the judges individually to the large meeting.

### Variety of Subjects

Father Frederick McGinn, Parish Priest of St. Mary Immaculate, told the meeting something of the background of the contest after which Mr. Trussler called upon the first speaker. This was John O'Hara who spoke on the subject of water sports. He was followed by Deborah McConkey delivering an address on the subject "Preparing For The Future". Deborah was followed by Paul Ferraro, recently winner of the town school contest, who will represent Richmond Hill in a York county oratorical contest talked on the subject, "Preparing for the Priesthood". Moira Stephenson followed with an interesting address on the "Importance of a Public Library". Next came Lynda Kelly with her version on "How To Prepare For The Future". Finally Beverly Jackson spoke on "The Great Sea".

### Very High Standard

All the speakers did very well. The standard was very high and as one Jaycee remarked, "We should have some of these young speakers attend our public speaking occasions, we might learn something from them". The confidence shown by all the entrants was extraordinary. They calmly delivered their speeches with small show of nervousness and few hesitations.

### Final Positions

Results were for Grade 8, First - John O'Hara; second - Deborah McConkey; Grade 7, first - Moira Stephenson; second - Paul Ferraro; Grade 6, first - Lynda Kelly; second - Beverly Jackson.

### Silver Cups & Certificates

Each winner received a silver cup and a certificate was awarded each runner up. A large cup was won by Our Lady of Fatima School for the highest total of points and was presented by Mr. Trussler to School Principal Mother St. Dominic on behalf of the winning school, to be held until next year's contest. The small cups presented to winning students are retained by them permanently.

### "Very Close"

Father McGinn said that each contestant had done very well. "There has to be a winner", he added, but the judges would agree that it had been very close.

### Training For Future

He congratulated all those who participated and commended them on the hard work they had put in. He thought it a fine thing that there are those who at such a young age are able to show so much interest in their careers they will seize any opportunity to get on their feet in training for the future. He thanked the judges for giving up an afternoon to assist in the contest and everyone else for attending.

### An Enjoyable Occasion

In closing the meeting, Mr. Trussler thanked all who had assisted to make the occasion a satisfying and successful one. He added his thanks to those of Father McGinn to everybody concerned. It was obvious that it had been an enjoyable occasion for those attending and students and parents departed in a happy mood.

## NOT Maple Syrup Time

The calendar may say "It's Maple Syrup Time" — but unless the weather grows warmer, the syrup run will soon be over, with very little to show for the efforts made by farmers in this district.

The season got off to a late start this year, and although the sap was running last Sunday, by Tuesday it was at a standstill — due to a storm hovering in the air above the maple forests.

Maple syrup time, runs, usually from the middle of March to the middle of April, and warm weather is needed during the next week or two to produce a selling-crop, for this year.

## "Dear Mr. Editor"

### Swamped By Calls

Dear Mr. Editor:— Please accept my thanks for your service in selling a bicycle. We inserted an ad last week. Calls began to come on Thursday at noon before the paint on it was dry. We sold it Friday noon. We had a dozen or more calls, and it was just a case of who could get to see it first.

Sincerely,  
W. Patterson  
Richmond Hill

### Wants Canada Protest

Dear Mr. Editor:— In the storm of protest sweeping the world over the disasters which occurred recently in South Africa where police fired on unarmed negro men, women and children killing and wounding hundreds, Canada's official silence is horrifying.

To what depths of degradation are we as a nation prepared to let the South African Government go before we are prepared to open our mouths in remonstrance?

My own views are firm. I believe, like the Prime Minister of Malaya in whose country I had the privilege of serving for many years, that this situation should be brought up at the Prime Ministers' Conference in London in May. In line with Turku Abdul Rahman I deplore the inhuman brutality of the South African police and I concur with the Tunku's words:

"This is absolutely against the principle of human rights, justice and decency and should never have occurred in a Commonwealth country."

However, realizing that my background with its intimate association with those people who constitute the vast majority of the world's population — the people with coloured skins — is very different from the average Canadian, I do not expect Canada as a whole to take the stand I would like to see her take on this vitally important occasion.

## — Speaking Personally —

### CAN OUT OF THIS COME SPRING? (By Jane Fort Manning)

Our seasons come in with much violence don't they? Our harsh and bitter winter, though velvety beautiful when the snow is falling, is giving way to the turbulence of spring. It is as though the land had to push away the winter.

Down south spring comes in imperceptibly, save when there's the occasional freeze in March and the peach buds are ruined. Daffodils and narcissi spring up everywhere. Farm lanes are lined with them. In the woods there are carpets of violets. And a deep, damp heat penetrates everything.

Out here at Pheasant Hollow Farm we're half marooned by the run off from the range of hills just north of Maple Side road. Our little pond, which has afforded excellent skating this winter, is overflowing but the stream through the hollow is marvelous for pretending for the children—not too deep to wade in and full of imagined treacherous ice.

### Lambs and Maple Syrup

Jim has two orphan lambs. Have you ever nursed orphan lambs? We feed them an S.M.A. formula that the baby used plus sugar as lambs require more sweetening. What noisy, endearing little animals lambs are, and so useful in the summer to help keep the grass mowed.

Bob has tapped ten sugar maple trees, and has been slogging back and forth with two full pails after school. Most of the time it evaporated on the electric stove with the burner on "high", no profit there. On the day it wasn't drizzling he had a wood fire outside and faithfully tended the sap and fire while studying for exams. His eyes stung from the smoke and his legs ached from the effort but these didn't compare to the thrill engendered by the brown brew which eventually emerged. Is there anything more delicious than fresh maple syrup?

### Ravages of Winter

Our hill of snow on two sides of the house has gone down about three feet but is still around twelve feet high. Around the trees the snow is melting and revealing the ravages of the heavy snow. Some trees have been girdled by the field mice and rabbits in their search for food. Our fruit trees all had protective wires around them but the snow

covered them and the little creatures could nip further up. This winter they seem to have eaten anything they could get, including evergreens. I noticed the trees and shrubs along Highway 400 have been girdled severely.

In spite of their destructiveness, rabbits, especially cottontails, are a delight to watch. We have several you might almost call pets which we feed each night to see them darting around on a moonlight night, or artfully dodging the dog in the broad daylight — slipping behind him without him even knowing the rabbit is near, is comical to watch.

We also have pet pheasants

who come twice a day to be fed. We call and then start back to the house and they come and peck their ration.

And then there are the birds. The chick-a-dees, who perch on one's shoulder the woodpeckers, cardinals, sparrows, and many others all who have needed feed this winter. We tie suet high in the trees near the houses.

This last week the crows have come back. During the summer we heard their constant cawing in the trees nearby. Robins have appeared and a mass of starlings, probably visiting from Toronto to which we hope they soon return. Soon the canaries, the blue birds, and the orioles will be winging back and the woods will be covered with bloodroot, hepaticas, violets and trillium. And all the other buds and blossoms will emerge — isn't it wonderful to contemplate?

But I look out my window, the world is drear, and wet, and dead. Can out of this come spring?

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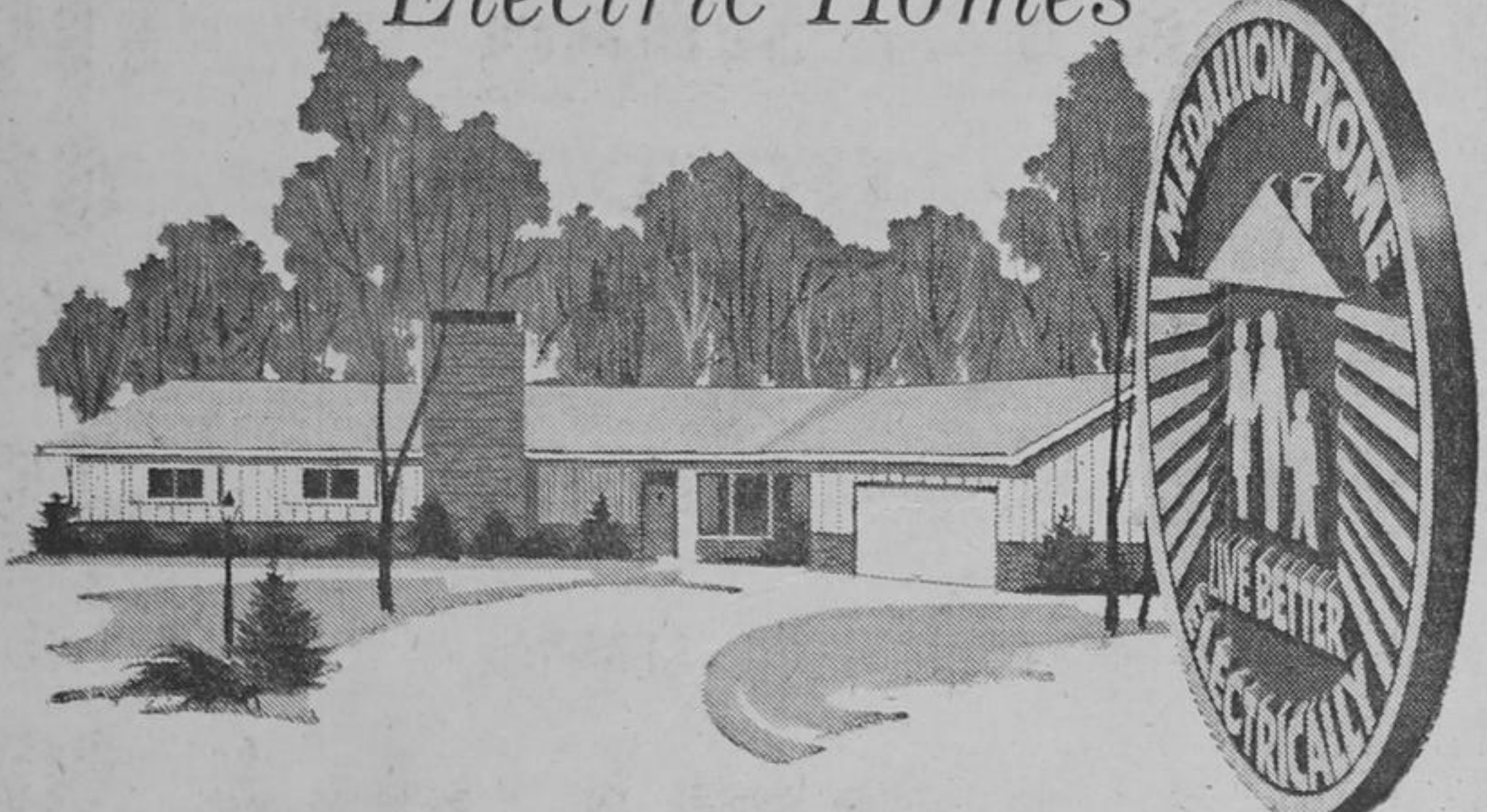
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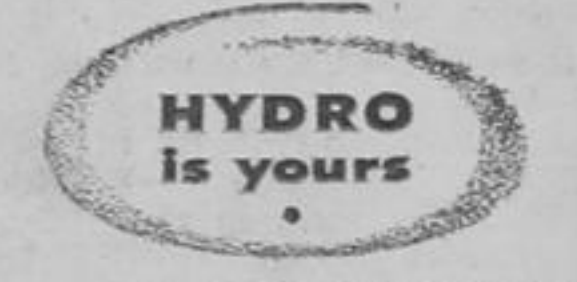
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