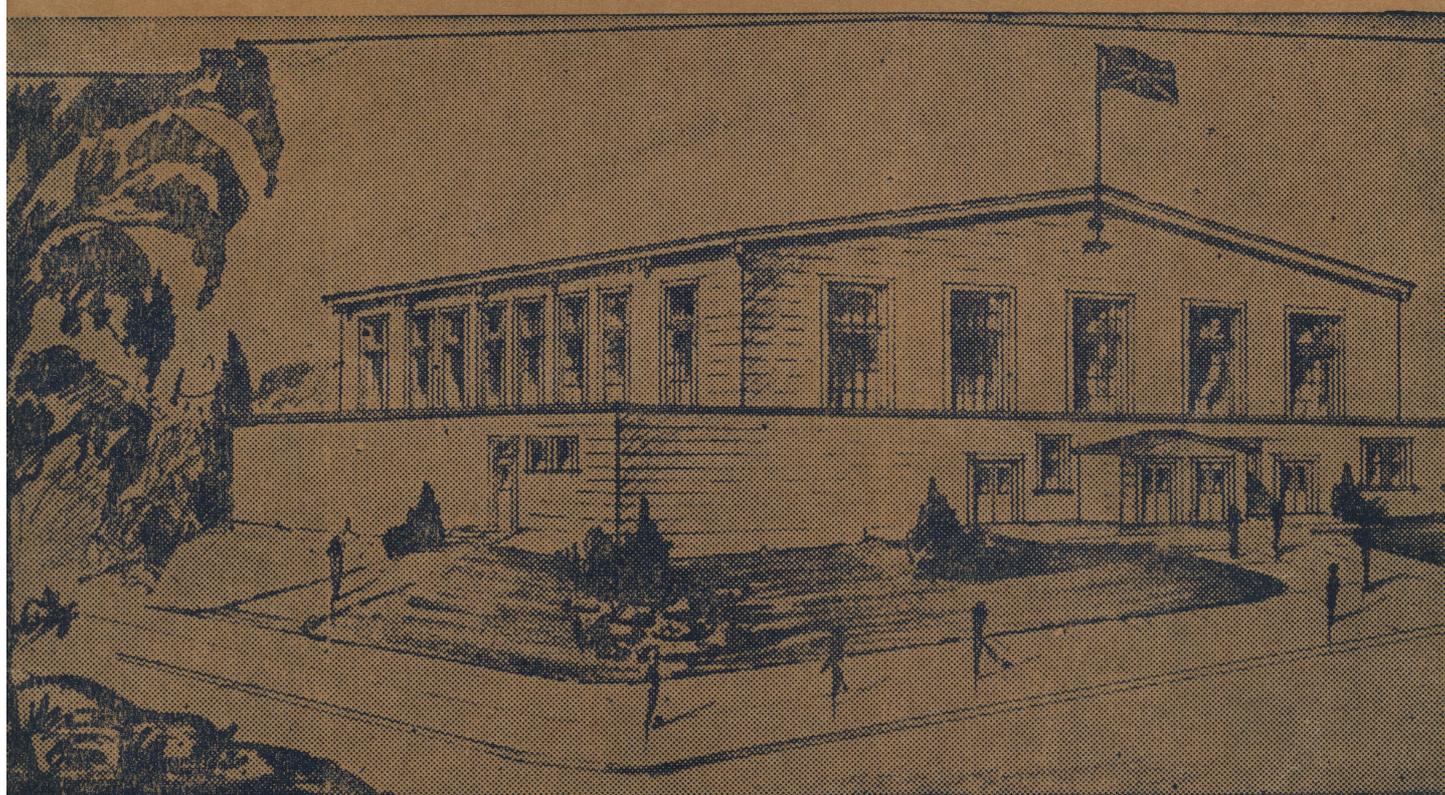


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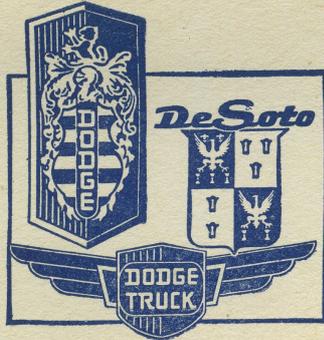
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## *The Mayor's Message*

*On the Fourth Anniversary of "Open House" I wish to convey my congratulations and most sincere appreciation of the excellent community work which has been carried on in the Community Centre during the past year by the Board of Governors and efficient staff in co-operating with volunteer help from the Citizens of Pictou.*

*The scope of the numerous activities in our Community Centre has increased from month to month and it is indeed gratifying to realize that a very large percentage of our citizens are now actively engaged in one or more of the activities in our Centre.*

*I am fully aware of the very important programme which is being carried on most successfully on a very reduced budget in so far as the tax payers are concerned, and I am convinced that our town will continue to go forward with the assistance of our younger Community Leaders who have been receiving, and will continue to receive, training in Community Leadership in our Centre.*

*My very best wishes for continued progress.*

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*Today establishes the fact that you accepted that challenge, and the demonstrations you have witnessed are the proof of it.*

*To the Town Council and their appointed representatives, in making their contribution, without which we could not have operated—*

*To all individuals, Men's Service Club, Ladies' Service Club, other groups, made up of people of all kinds, working with one end in view, that being for good in our Community—*

*To the staff, for their splendid co-operation at all times—*

*To the individual Board member for support of policy changes, which I made when accepting the chairmanship, as well as support on all other matters pertaining to the welfare of this worthwhile project—*

*To all those I have mentioned and many others, I express my sincere thanks.*

*In closing, continue on the foundation which has been laid, as evil forces are at all times ready to break down good work of this kind.*

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# Evening Programme

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7.30 p.m.—SING SONG:

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8.00 p.m.—STAGE PRESENTATION:

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*Swing Your Partner*—Nadine Boehner, Claire MacDonald, Edith MacDonald, Patsy Sproull, Joe Beaton, Herbie MacDonald, Donald MacKay, Gary Naylor: Direction, A. D. Grant.

*French Minuet*—(Boys) Sharon Crowe, Eleanor Heughan, Gail MacDonald, Peggy Quann; (Girls) Cecilia Heughan, Joyce MacDonald, Patsy MacLean, Linda Naylor: pupils of Claire MacDonald.

*Sing And Swing*—Mother Goose Kindergarten: directed by Miss Willene McLean.

*Swinging On A Star*—Joan Appleby, Brenda Baggs, Jane Ball, Diana Baxter, Helen Cormier, Anna May Richards, Lorraine Sutherland, Patsy Wilson, Margaret Young: pupils of Nadine Boehner.

*Dance Story*—Little Red Riding Hood, Annabel Wisener; Wolf, Peter Graham; Bunny, Frances MacFarlane; Butterflies, Jane Ferguson, Nickie Gouthreau; Flowers, Sheila Gault, Marion Horton, Helen Roy, Anne Wright; Trees, Sharon Crowe, Cecilia Heughan, Eleanor Heughan, Joyce MacDonald, Linda Naylor: pupils of Claire MacDonald.

*Life On The Ocean Wave*—Nadine Boehner, Claire MacDonald, Edith MacDonald, Marjorie Nicholson, Patsy Sproull.

*Rhythm Quartet*—Earline Baxter, Jean Chisholm, Patsy Dalton, Charlotte Fraser: pupils of Marjorie Nicholson.

*Pretty Butterfly*—Joan Appleby, Brenda Baggs, Joan Crowe, Marjorie Freeman, Kathy Horne, Lynn Wisener: pupils of Edith MacDonald.

*Campfire Melodies*—Girl Guides.

*Every Girl Is Different*—Joan Crowe, Kathy Horne, Lynn MacDonald, Peggy Quann, Judy Sproull: pupils of Patsy Sproull.

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*Sleepytown Express*—Judy Blenkhorne, Sharon Crowe, Mary Jane Dodge, Frances MacFarlane, Linda Naylor: pupils of Patsy Sproull.

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# *Pictou Community Centre Activities*

## *BOARD OF GOVERNORS:*

The central group in the Community Centre is the Board of Governors which is composed of five citizens of the town, two members of the Town Council, one member from both the men's and women's service clubs within the Centre, and the chairman of the standing committees of the Board. Under their chairman, J. V. MacKay, this group of men and women are responsible for the operation of the Community Centre, its finances and activities. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public.

## *KINDERGARTEN:*

The Mother Goose Kindergarten, with a registration of forty-five boys and girls, is concluding another successful year. Under the excellent instruction of their teacher, Miss Willene McLean, they have made excellent progress in their creative work and play and, most important of all, in group discipline. There are two classes, morning and afternoon, and the Kindergarten is a part of the regular school system of the town, and open to any child in Pictou. An active kindergarten committee has supplied all materials and equipment for the children.

## *PICTOU CRAFT GUILD:*

The Craft Room is used by senior craft workers and for storing supplies and equipment. Courses have been given by instructors from the Department of Handcrafts in Halifax and by members of the Guild in leather, weaving and metalcraft. A number of teen-age girls were also given a course in weaving by a member of the Guild.

## *BOWLING:*

League and open bowling is held every afternoon and evening during the year. Thirty teams were entered in the Men's, Women's and Mixed bowling leagues. At the conclusion of the regular schedule the play-offs for the championship in each of the leagues will be held.

## *CUBS:*

The Cub Pack meets each Monday afternoon under the leadership of Mrs. Ritchie Fraser and Billy Naylor, with twenty-five boys being registered.

## *DANCING CLASSES:*

Dancing classes for all ages were held during the winter and spring. Instruction was given by the five junior teachers, Nadine Boehner, Claire MacDonald, Edith MacDonald, Marjorie Nicholson and Patsy Sproull, in ballet and tap dancing. About fifty children were registered for classes.

## *BADMINTON:*

The senior Badminton Club has a membership of thirty and during the past season the two weekly sessions have been well attended. A

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number of tournaments were played with outside clubs. Junior Badminton under the direction of Mrs. Jessie Gillis of the staff of Sir William Dawson School, has been very popular and they also have played several tournaments with outside school clubs.

#### *WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB:*

Under the new organization within the Community Centre, the Women's Service Club are responsible for all activities for girls. They have been one of the chief money-raising organizations in the Centre and have also provided workers for the canteen on special occasions. The dancing classes and junior leaders are supervised by committees from the Service Club and since last October they have contributed nearly \$1,000 to the Centre. A large part of this money was earned in their "New-To-You Shop", which has served the dual purpose of assisting many people in the town to purchase clothing and miscellaneous articles and of supporting the Centre.

#### *MEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB:*

The Men's Club functions in a similar capacity to that of the Women's Service Club, supervising and organizing boys' groups. During the past season they have sponsored basketball and boxing, two of the most active groups in the Centre. They have also sponsored several special events, the proceeds of which have gone to the Centre. Members of the club organize and assist in any special functions which take place in the Centre.

#### *BASKETBALL:*

Basketball has become one of the most active sports' activities within the Centre. This winter a town league was organized and a Basketball Association set up with Dr. C. B. Smith as president. Four teams played a schedule of games in the Centre throughout the winter with Wetmore's Plumbers winning the league and the Ferguson Trophy. An all-star team from the league also took part in the first A. P. C. League play-offs, which was organized by the local Basketball Association. Teams of boys and girls from the town schools also used the facilities at the Centre and a team of senior girls had regular games once a week.

#### *LEADERSHIP TRAINING:*

Courses for the Junior Leaders, a group of twenty teen-age girls, have been carried on during the season under the leadership of Mrs. S. D. Dunn.

#### *TEEN AGE CLUB:*

The teen age club have held a "teen-age night" on Friday evenings throughout the winter. Several special dances were arranged and in February a number of them were registered for a course in teen-age social recreation, which was given by two members of the Department of Physical Fitness.

#### *BOXING:*

A group of teen-age boys have been receiving training and instruc-

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tion in boxing from George Jarvis. Earlier in the spring they staged a card of boxing under the sponsorship of the men's club and more recently a second card was presented when some members of the Centre boxing club met boys from the other towns. There are about fifteen boys training under Mr. Jarvis and have been making good progress.

#### *BROWNIES:*

A Troop of twenty-five Brownies meet on Thursday afternoons under the leadership of Mrs. Blair MacDonald, Mrs. Gus Talbot and Mrs. Bill MacKeigan.

#### *PICTOU COMMUNITY PLAYERS:*

During a course given by Donald Wetmore, dramatics advisor for the department of adult education, a dramatics group was organized in February and is now known as the Pictou Community Players. The business meeting is held on the second Monday of each month and is followed by a program in which the members all take part. They are now planning to present a group of one-act plays early in the fall.

#### *SPECIAL EVENTS:*

Christmas Carol Sing, Children's Christmas Party, Sadie Hawkins Dance (Kinsmen), Men's Club Bean Supper, Service Club Card Party, St. Patrick's Dance, June Grant Recital, A. P. C. League Basketball Play-offs, Boxing Tournament, Talent Parade, The Sewing Circle Minstrels (Kinettes), and "The Price of Coal" (R. H. Sherwood's one-act drama).



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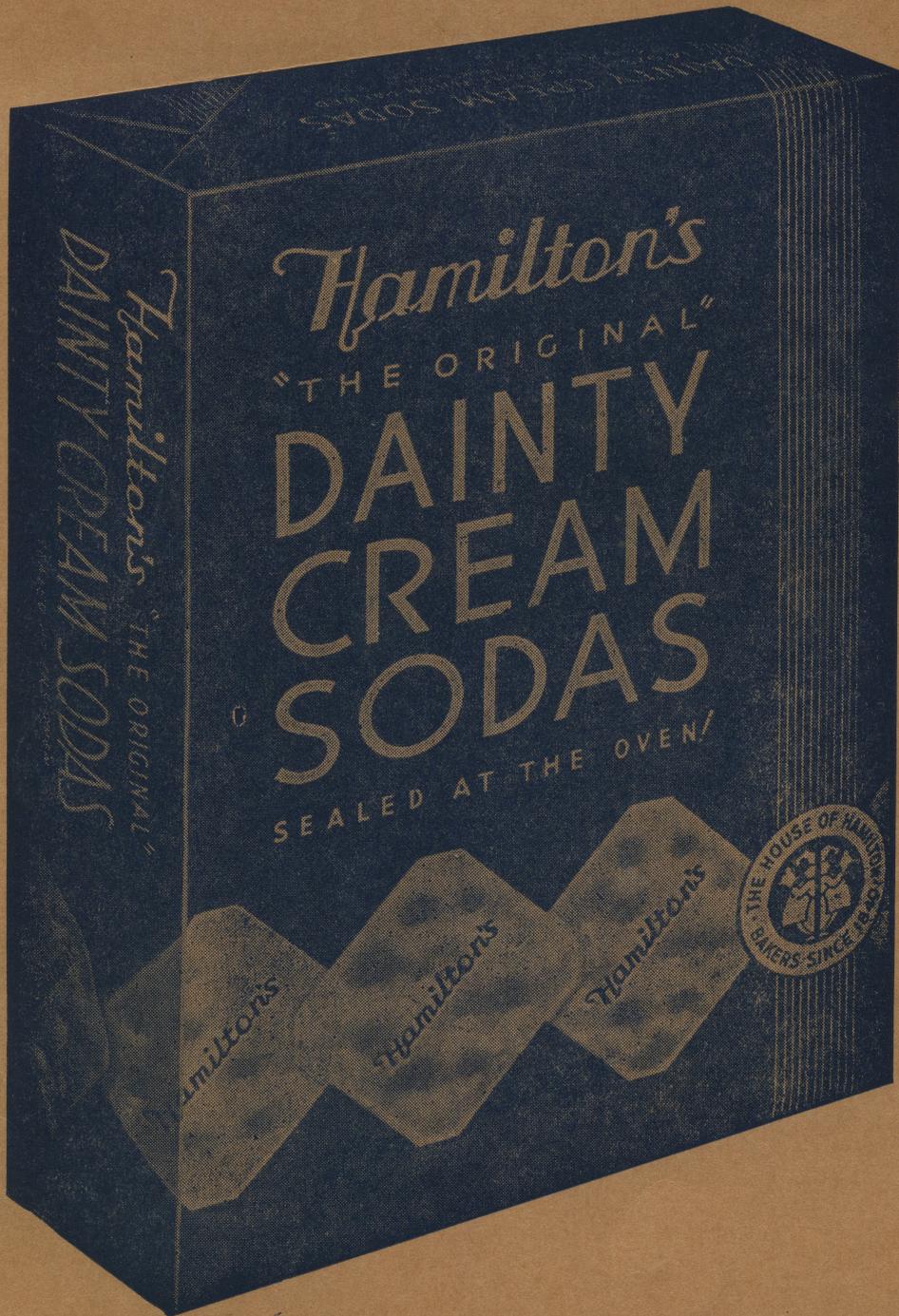
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