

List of Agnes Macphail tapes - Speakers, Topic and Length

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TAPE 1 (one of the two make-up tapes for CBC broadcast)

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1 Tommy Douglas, M.P. - a brief tribute (teaser for program)

2 John Palmer -- In 1977, a history teacher in Toronto. As a young student he won a public speaking contest sponsored by Agnes in her riding. Later, while still in High School he worked for her on the campaign trail, his first campaign. He remained a strong supporter and worker.

"She was offered cabinet positions"

3 Eileen Morris - Toronto free-lance writer and member of Elizabeth Fry Society -

- Describes Agnes as an elegant charming lady

4 John Palmer - She retained her ideals

5 Andrew Brewin M.P. - Close friend and political ally - knew her best during her days in Ontario Legislature

"courage in attacking military service"

Total
Time 1:45

1 Mrs. Maggie Campbell - an aunt of Miss Macphail's

Talks about the courage of Agnes' grandmother, for whom Agnes had great love and respect

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Her courage, sense of humor and ability

2 Mrs. Lillian Bailey - (a younger sister) -

Story of Agnes Macphail courage when she was a high-school student

3 Mrs. Jock McWilliam - A friend and neighbor in Ceylon

Brief comment about Aggie -

4 Tommy Douglas - (He came to the House of Commons in 1935 when Agnes Macphail was a(her height)

Tells the famous anecdote "Don't you wish you were a man" story.

5 Lawrence Irving - Knew her as a young woman before her career in politics
Great admirer.

"She was a smart person " etc took her for a buggy-ride.

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TAPE ONE (cont'd) first of the two make-up tapes

- 6 Lillian Bailey - Father an auctioneer, quickwitted, Agnes like him
- ~~Farquhar Oliver~~ (His family neighbors of the Macphail family,
7 Farquhar Oliver farmers, strong supporters. He became in
time leader of the Ontario Liberals)
He talks about her being like her father
- 8 John Palmer - She had the appearance of austerity, but not really
like that. Tells amusing story about her first
Boarding house when teaching. ends with her concern
for the farm people and their needs
- 9 Lillian Bailey Agnes felt farmers didn't get a fair deal
- 10 Lawrence Irving - Her interest in cows and live-stock and her
knowledge.

Total time this section -

5:38

First Nomination and First Election 1921

- 1 Lillian Bailey - First nomination meeting, reaction of her father
- 2 Gertha Reany (the other sister) Father's reaction
- 3 Walter Harris - The Liberal member who defeated her in 1940
He later became Finance Minister
Talks about support she had from farmers
- 4 Mrs. Jock McWilliam - No gov. subsidies then for farmers. Agnes out
to support them
- 5 Lawrence Irving - Farmers in a bad way
- 6 Betty Tomlinson - question - Was nomination unanimous?
- 7 Frank McIntyre - Newspaper editor Dundalk, Grey county
No - her running quite a shocker to many
But when campaign started everyone rallied
- 8 Farquhar Oliver - That first Nomination Meeting took 4 or 5
ballots before candidate chosen
- 9 Gertha Reany - A neighbor so excited he was sick
- 10 Oliver - Her role as independent appealed to voters
- 11 Frank McIntyre It was a different kind of campaign, Agnes
a much more fiery speaker than her opponent
- 12 Lillian Bailey - Election night, returns by phone
- 13 F. Oliver - Farmers eager to improve their lot. Figured
Agnes could do it.

14 Wal r Haffis - She was elected by the farmers - United Farmers of Ontario

Total time this section

5:45

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

- 1 TOMMM DOUGLAS - When she first came to Parliament no facilities for a woman etc
- 2 Frank McIntyre - At first treated as something of an oddity
- 3 John Palmer - She didn't wear a hat, caused small furor
- 4 Betty T - comment re hats in the House
- 5 Palmer - More on hat situation. She faces real harrassement first few years
- 6 Betty - Question on quitting
- 7 Palmer - At first wanted to put once into social issues
- 8 Leon Trivet (one of her students when she taught, later an adult friend, specially during days in Provincial House)
Her first few years in the House very difficult but determined to stick it out
- 9 Tommy Douglas - By the time I arrived she was a veteran in the House She'd carved a place for herself for her courage and eloquence, one of her greatest admirers Jean Francois Pouliot, one of the House terrors. She could be fierce in debate but warm on a person to person basis.
- 10 Leon Trivet - She arrived in the House wearing the blue wool dress she'd campaigned in.
- 11 Betty T - Question re fashionable dress
- 12 Trivet - Soon became very fashion conscious
- 13 Margaret Hyndman Q.C. - (Worked with Agnes on Equal Pay Legislation)
~~in Prov. House~~
Talks about seeing her at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa dressed for a ball - lovely
- 14 Mrs. Jock McWilliam - Agnes was a good dresser
- 15 Betty - Asks about her voice
- 16 Mrs. McWilliam - Deep
- 17 Tommy Douglas - Powerful voice
- 18 Leon Trivet - Rich, deep

Total time

7:34

er looks

- 1 Leon Trivet - Beautiful hands and feet, lovely bones
- 2 Mrs. McWilliam - Healthy color
- 3 Trivet - Her hair
- 4 Frank McInture - Her stride
- 5 Trivet - Handsome woman
- 6 John Palmer - Wore pic-nez glasses How she used them
Story about take-off of R.B. Bennett

Total time

1:35

Total time of TAPE ONE 22 minutes
46 seconds.

The leader tape indicates places where either music was added or comment and intro material from Tomlinson.

(Agnes Macphail and marriage)

- 1. - John Palmer - How Agnes handled hecklers
- 2. - Dora Hogarth - Younger friend and neighbor in Ceylon - talks about Agnes and marriage
- 3. - Mrs. McWilliam - She couldn't mix marriage and politics
- 4. - Leon Trivet - Male interest in Agnes - her popularity in Ottawa
- 5. - Mrs. Campbell - (aunt) Gardiner from west wanted to marry her
- 6. - John Palmer - Robert Gardiner, close friend left her a legacy

Total time this section

2:48

Attitudes to women

- 1. - Palmer - She believed in equality of the sexes, but a woman had to prove herself.
- 2. - Senator Eugene Forsey - Met Agnes at the CCF convention in Regina in 1933
Tells her reaction to the woman delegate who demanded that a woman be put on every single committee
- 3. - Stanley Knowles M.P. - She blazed the trail for other women in Federal House and Ontario Legislature
- 4. - Eileen Morris - Doubt if she'd have much sympathy for today's radical women's liberation
- 5. McIntyre - She urged women to take part in community activity
- 6. - Dora Hogarth - Organized Hold-Fast clubs, United Farm Women of Ontario encouraged women to voice their opinions
- 7. - F. Oliver - Support from women in the 1921 election not as great as later
- 8. Leon Trivet - She was set on women taking their place in community and a role in Canadian life.

Time - 5:42

Agnes Macphail and Prison Reform

- 1. - Senator Forsey - She was interested in the down-trodden and oppressed
- 2. - Betty T - What happened at Kingston?
- 3. - Mrs. Bailey - Gaining entrance to Kingston Pen.
- 4. 1/2 Palmer - Agnes and the Red Ryan case
- 5. - Leon Trivet- Ex prisoners came to her with stories of life inside. She realized how much reform was needed
- 6. - Tommy Douglas - Her concern about prison conditions
- 7. - Palmer - Her battle with ^{Hugh} Guthrie, Minister of Justice and his effort to humiliate her with the Baynes case ~~known as~~ Charles Baynes that is.

8. - Leon Trivet - Reaction in house to her demands for prison reform then support from Woodsworth and Ernest LaPointe
9. - Tommy Douglas - Agnes deserves the full credit for getting the Archambault Commission on prison reform launched. Her task^{was} to see that recommendations were carried out.

Total time this section 5:14

The election she lost in 1940 (In Federal House from 1922 to 1940)

1. - F. Oliver - In 1940 King Gov strong, Walter Harris a strong candidate for the Liberals. Some of her own executive voted for Harris. The riding was changed, a chunk of strong Liberal territory was added. The weather a definite factor in her losing.
2. - T. Douglas - Snow-storm a major factor in defeat
3. - John Palmer - Snow and war hysteria defeated Agnes - She was a pacifist - against cadet training -
4. - Mrs. McWilliam - Many took it for granted she'd be returned. Didn't bother to get out in the snow and vote
5. - Walter Harris - (Liberal candidate) No hesitation in running against Agnes Macphail. She had wrong attitude towards the war.
6. - Mrs. McWilliam - She took defeat calmly Harris sent flowers - resented that
7. - Douglas - Saw her soon after defeat - she was crushed by it but with her great resilience and reserve she was able to put on a brave front. But Parliament was her life. She was outstanding in the House, a national figure

Time - 4:30

Her generosity and life in Provincial Legislature of Ontario

1. - Leon Trivet - Constant concern about people and their problems
2. - Andrew Brewin - Don't think she enjoyed provincial house as much as federal.
3. - Eileen Morris - She battled for changes in Mercer Reformatory
4. - Phyllis Haslam (Ex. Dir. Elizabeth Fry Society) She battled for more than changes in the decor
5. - Eileen Morris - ^{became} Hon. Pres. of Elizabeth Fry Society
→ Opposition
6. - Mrs. Bailey - In many ways she was too generous
7. - Eileen Morris - In latter years life shadowed by lack of money
8. - Mrs. McWilliam - "You'll be poor Agnes."

- 9 Mr. Bailey - Stroke, told to slow down
- 10 Mrs. McWilliam - Agnes knew she was skating on thin ice
- 11 Leon Trivet - Might have had better chance if she hadn't been so concerned about paying her cleaning woman when she had a bad attack.

Time of this section 5:50

Tributes to Agnes

- Eileen Morris - Eliz Fry Society established a fund in her name
Scholarships -
- Phyllis Haslam - Two on staff of Elizabeth Fry received ^{these} scholarships
- Eileen Morris - Some of wealthy members did not contribute because
their husbands did not approve of Agnes or her party,
by then the CCF,
- Phyllis H. - Best memorial those she helped
- Eugene Fossey - Agnes was very tolerant of human frailty
- Margaret Hyndman - She made it easier for women to follow her
- Tommy Douglas - Her courage and tenacity, didn't become cynical
- Mrs. Bailey - Schools named after her
- Stanley Knowles - Her home in Ceylon should be purchased as a Memorial
- John Palmer - Tributes at the funeral
- Betty - "do you miss Agnes"
- Lawrence Irving - "I do" etc
- Tommy Douglas - The over-riding passion of her life was that
people trusted her and she must keep faith with them.

Time - 5:32

Total time Tape Two 29 minutes 36 seconds

TAPE 3 (Tape 3 and on to the last are semi-edited - some chunks will Agnes Macphail obviously be missing - they are in the make-up tapes)

^{1st} This tape covers in a total of approx 8 minutes, the first nomination meeting and the first election in 1921.

1. - Betty - Question re. the nomination meeting
2. - Lillian Bailey - The first one in the fall of 1921
3. - Betty - Question re. election night
4. - Mrs. Reaney - Pleased by neighbour's reaction
5. - Mrs. Bailey - First election ran as a member of the U.F.O. United Farmer's of Ontario
6. - Betty - Question re. support of farm women
7. - Mrs. Bailey - Organized Hold-fast clubs for farm women
8. - Betty - Question re neighbour's being former Liberals.
9. - Mrs. Reaney - Didn't matter what they were turned.
10. - Betty - Question re. her majority
11. - Mr. Reaney - Approx 1500
- 12 Betty and Lillian Bailey **brief** back and forth
13. - Senator Forsey - Rural constituencies
- 14.- Farquhar Oliver - Those who wanted a second nominating convention after Agnes won the first one, were few in number.
- 15 - Betty - What were farm conditions like at time of her first election?
16. - Lawrence Irving - Bad
- 17 - Betty - What remember about her election victory
- 18 - Frank McIntyre - Talks about her nomination meetings for each election
19. - Betty -
- 20 - McIntyre - Campaigning relating to nomination meetings, gifted speaker
- 21 - Betty and McIntyre then
22. - Oliver - Two basic reasons why this riding elected Agnes (some detail)
23. - Jock McWilliam - (head of the one of the co-ops she helped start)
A lot of people against the idea of a woman running for Parl.
24. - Mrs. Jock McWilliam - The Farmers were having a raw deal
25. - Jock - She was concerned about the lower classes, the working class
26. - Mrs. Jock - Tough days for the farmer, Agnes a dignified and Christian woman
27. - Mrs. Maggie Campbell - Farmers in bad way, Agnes would sit in the local general store and listen to the political talk
- 28 - Man on Street - Everybody voted for her. Her father raised in the neighborhood

This section runs 8:00

This section is mostly on her campaigns in general and runs approx 26 minutes

1. Betty - How did you get involved in her campaigning?
2. - John Palmer - She asked me to help in her 1935 campaign (he was still a teen-ager at time)
3. - Betty - What did she expect of you?
4. - Palmer - To pull your end - describes his organization work
5. - Betty - Why did you do it?
6. - Palmer - Always interested in politics and by 1935 Agnes was well known.
7. - Betty - Was there a glamor to it?
8. - Palmer - Yes - She was resilient but tough, she earned your respect.
9. - Betty - Did she every make you mad?
- 10 - Palmer - She made her family mad once
- 11 - more with Palmer to some of her comments at meetings about her opponents
Amusing story about three fiddlers playing at one of her afternoon meetings.
12. - Betty - Did she spend much money on her campaigns?
- 13 - Palmer - No, her friends gave amazing support in volunteer work, would guess the maximum ^{spent} on any campaigns was 1200.00,
14. - Betty - Did she keep in touch with her riding?
15. - Palmer - How she did this.
16. - Andrew Brewin M.P.- She sought the nomination in North York (Ont. House) didn't get it, on CCF ticket, later won East York.
17. - Lawrence Irving - Never heard Agnes say anything harsh about an opponent
18. - Betty - Did she not say that one of her opponents was running just for the money involved.
19. - Irving - And she was right
- 20 - Betty - Was anyone afraid of her?
- 21 - Irving - No, no reason to be
22. - McIntyre - She was always good company, tall, could talk rings around the men
At one time wrote some stories on pioneer life for the Farmer's Sun - After elected she would send weekly letters of her activities in the House and what going on there. These letters went to all the newspapers in her riding. The papers all ran them whatever their political complexion; they were good copy. The letters weren't too biased. But when she criticized anyone she could "lay them out in lavender"
23. - Betty - Did she wage a dirty campaign?
24. - McIntyre - No. but she'd hit back,
25. - Betty - Were dirty campaigns

- 26 McIntyre - Can't recall - She did complain in 1940 when she lost the election that King had chosen a bad time for farmers to get out to polls. She was a thorn in flesh of the Liberals, and had little use for Bennett.
27. - Betty - Was she sympathetic to small town residents?
28. - McIntyre - Her heart belonged to the farmers, thought some small town business men took advantage of them.
- 29 - Betty and McIntyre on kind of support she got from the town ending with - She asked for no favors. Her sense of fun came from her father, an auctioneer - but she could also be stern
30. - Oliver - She asked a lot of herself and others
31. - Dora Hogarth - Ceylon and dates
32. - Betty and Dora Hogarth chat on ending with talk about horse and cutter
33. - OLIVER - Rumors today can be tracked down quickly and squashed quickly, but not as easy in 20's and 30's - kind of rumors about Agnes.
Victory celebration after the 1929 election one of the largest. After her first victory, hardly anyone ever contested the election. This changed when some of Bruce ^{Caounty} became part of her riding. Reads part of a typical letter she'd send to her riding to campaigners during the first part of a campaign. Her first car.
34. - Betty - Many women at the meetings?
35. - Oliver - After the first election, women equalled men at her meetings then he talks about the U.F.W.O. and Hold-fast.
36. - Mrs. McWilliam - Travelling with Agnes.
- 37 - Jock and Mrs. McWilliam's talk about her driving.
- 38 - Man and woman on street - heard her speak, sharp tongue -
- 39 - Last speaker on tape Margaret Hybdman Q.C. (brief comment)

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Total for this tape 35:35

TAPE 4 - Covers a variety of subjects including her relationship with other members of the House of Commons, tributes to her - Some aspects of her character and her interest and activities for social reform.

Agnes Macphail

1. - Lillian Bailey - Certain unfairness to Agnes, but she asked no quarter.
 - Betty - Is she properly remembered?
 - Bailey - Perhaps, among the older people,
2. - John Palmer - She did her homework
 - Betty - Did she get things done for the farmers?
 - Palmer - I think so, as an Independent Member could express view-point of farmer better. Saw her at her peak, great voice. More recognition outside her riding than in. She died in difficult position financially.
 - Betty - Any public honors?
 - Palmer - Not that I know till she died, bust in House of Commons ceremony, officiated at by St. Laurent, ironic since he refused to give her a seat in the Senate. Talks about plaques, and what he thinks Agnes would like as a memorial (there was indeed a scholarship fund started by the Elizabeth Fry Society)
 - Betty - Wilfred Eggleston said her heart was a better guide than her head. Do you agree?
 - Palmer - Probably true. Woodworth her political idol. He was tower of strength during her crisis over allegations about the Opium wars of the 1840's - explains this - Hugh Guthrie Minister of Justice tried to embarrass her. Baynes' brother had not told her (detail of Baynes' case in the make-up tapes)
 - Betty - When at her peak?
 - Palmer - Probably 1832-33 until her defeat. - outstanding Parliamentarian
3. - Tommy Douglas - She was one of the great Parliamentarians of her day
 - story about Pouliot (make-up tape)
 - Betty - Was M. Poulgot courting her?
 - Douglas - No - a happily married man - but he had great respect for a true lady and she was that. The ginger group adored her. Parts of story "don't you wish you were a man", full story on make-up tape

Douglas - cont'd - Defence Budget speech from Agnes and joke about one particular member.

4. - Senator Forsey - She usually had the support of Woodsworth and the ginger group (those that organized the CCF) They helped her establish the Archambault Commission on penal reform. She got on well with people from all parties including King. She was amusing and entertaining. Tells the Chubby Power story which Church Union debate was on in the house. Answers question "Was her heart a better guide than her head?"
5. - Elizabeth Fry member - For 20 years showed concern for people in prison without any support
6. - Phyllis Haslam - Didn't limit her interest to penal reform
7. - Elizabeth Fry member - Scholarship fund
8. - Eileen Morris - Picture of Agnes in library
9. - Farquhar Oliver - Joining CCF offended some of her supporters
10. - Lawrence Irving - Working the electorate and helping the farmer
Betty - How did you feel about the news of her death?
Irving - Like my mother had died.
11. - Dora Hogarth - on Agnes and women's liberation, left small amounts of money to various people, Location of her house
12. - Oliver - People believed her
Betty - Globe and Mail comment at her death, haven't seen her like since. "Is this so?"
Oliver - Can't think of any other woman member who compares. Flora McDonald comes close.
13. - Mrs. Jock McWilliam - Our son trying to get her home designated as an historical site. He's named after Agnes (Campbell Macphail)
Agnes enjoyed life in Toronto, school named after her.

This section of tape runs a total of 26 mins.

This section on social concerns and particularly
prison reform.

- Betty - Was she appalled by what she saw? (in prisons)
1. - Mrs. Bailey - Very much so, also appalled by conditions of miners in Nova Scotia
 2. - Mrs. Reaney - On the miners
 3. - Mrs. Bailey - A little rhyme about Agnes and the mines and Agnes was a stern pacifist,
 4. - John Palmer - Agnes and penal reform, Minister of Justice and conditions in penitentiary (Kingston)
- Betty - How did she get involved in penal reform ?
- Palmer - Her interest in people generally, she went to Cape Breton herself to check on mining conditions.
5. - Douglas - Conditions very bad in prisons in 20's and 30's, still bad. Agnes a pioneer in prison reform
- Betty - Were Archambault ~~conditions~~ recommendations carried out?
- Douglas - Somewhat, but no ready acceptance,
- Betty - Did this make her bitter?
- Douglas - You develop a philosophy, you learn, you won't get it all at once.
6. - Oliver - Agnes helped organize co-op stores in this area, (South Grey) still exist, different set up.
 7. - Mrs. Jock McWilliam - If she was living today, perhaps not the same unrest in our prisons.

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Total Time This Tape 33'55

Tape 5 - Mainly about her attitudes to women, herself as a woman and her generosity.

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Agnes Macphail

1. - John Palmer - Her attitudes on Equal Pay for women.
She needed people around her.
2. - Tommy Douglas - Admired her speeches. She came to Weyburn in '31
met her again in 1933 when we formed the CCF
3. - Senator Forsey - Her line was women had same rights as men if they
were good enough (for the job). Treat them as people.
4. - Andrew Brewin - She was warm-hearted vigorous, spontaneous
5. - Stanley Knowles - She was determined, stubborn
6. - Mrs. Brewin - She knew the Jolliffe family well - a god-mother to
one of their children and to one of mine. Left small
amounts of money to several young people including our
children. She liked Mrs. J. and myself not just as wives
but as women involved in the political lives of our
husbands. Tells story of a meeting she chaired at which
a woman was speaking and Agnes was in the audience.
Agnes was bored and showed it openly during meeting
She could show contempt for others but you could forgive
her.
7. - ^{Secret} Eliz. Fry member - Admired her doggedness and persistence
8. - Phyllis Haslam - Impressed by her keen mind. She was concerned about
people and women were people
9. - Eileen Morris - She was interested in human beings and helping them,
- 10 - Eliz Fry member - At the Valentine's tea for the society in
1953 at her home men and women came from great distances
who were friends of Agnes.
11. - Eileen Morris - Agnes in her element
- 12 - Walter Harris - She wanted to retain the public figure (brief)
- 13 - Frank McIntyre - She wanted to be straight Agnes Macphail and not
placed on a pedestal. She encouraged women to take part in
public affairs. She helped people financially and in other
ways. Dominated a room.
14. - Dora Hogarth - When she first came to Ceylon redid the house
and fixed the yard with rock garden -
description of the house
15. - Farquhar Oliver - She was stubborn like her father. Opposed the
cadet movement year after year.

16. Mr. McQuaig (a supporter from Durham) She was like herself.
17. - Jock McWilliam - Describes Agnes as a neighbor
18. - Leon Trivet - There were times when she would have liked being a "home" person, but that would be too dull all the time she wanted to be in the flow of life (mainstream)
A young Japanese woman cared for the house when she ran a guest house in Toronto, she just enjoyed the guests but didn't run the house. 7 or 8 people
Betty - Did she need this extra money
Trivet - Well she had no pension from her years in House of Commons
The guest house provided her with a comfortable home. liked animals.
Betty - Ever see yourself in role of suitor?
Trivet - No no, just good friends
Betty - Her upbringing temperance, would she take a drink?
Trivet - Yes, one - but remembers time when she taught school that she came to my Sunday school and spoke out on temperance.. She didn't like abuse of alcohol.
19. - Maggie Campbell (her aunt) She was a clever woman but didn't t put you down if you weren't.
20. - Eric Campbell (Maggie's son) brief comment
21. Mrs. Campbell How Agnes relaxed. The guest house in Toronto
22. - Eric - Big table in dining-room - everyone ate there including the help.
23. - Mrs. C - They all got along
24. - Eric - She enjoyed talking to her guests.

This section runs 25 minutes

Second section - mainly on her Geherosity

1. - Mrs. Bailey (her sister) She was too generous, not really hard up but not much left. Feeding men during depression
2. - John Palmer - She was interested in seeing you progress. She always gave. Story of getting him into British House of Commons as spectator through Lloyd George. Very interested in young people, helped such as Herb Hannam and Alex Sim.
3. - Andrew Brewin - She would have liked Senate appointment
Not bitter about not getting it but very disappointed

- Ellen Morris - She bought a house and rented lower half. Very concerned about her finances in later years, discussed them openly
5. - Eliz Fry member - Not much value looking back. There were other Eliz. Fry societies in Canada when Toronto branch formed
6. - Dora Hogarth - When she came back to Grey country visited older people. She was too generous, depression stories.
Betty - Did she think farmers were under dogs?
Dora - Yes
7. - Farquhar Oliver - Agnes gave away a lot of money.
8. - Mrs. Jock McWilliam - She did worry about being poor etc
9. - Leon Trivet - I remember visiting her home in Ceylon, she got a message that a couple in the district needed her help. I didn't want her to go out, weather bad, she, ^{was} not that well, she was determined to go, I asked "Were they supporters of yours?" She was angry, "what difference does that make they're human beings and need help."

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TAPE SIX Agnes Macphail - The lost election of 1940
More House of Commons days
Agnes as teacher and her looks

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Lost election

- Betty and Mrs. Lillian Bailey - Did her pacifism lose her the election?
1. - No, the storm kept electors away. How she took defeat and her parents reaction.

 - Betty and John Palmer
 2. - Gives his views on what defeated her. She felt war over-glamorized.

 3. - Tommy Douglas - His reaction to her defeat

 4. - Lawrence Irving - Roads terrible - storm

 5. - Douglas - Running in a by-election in Saskatoon But didn't try again for Federal ~~House~~ House, and why

 6. - Walter Harris (the man who defeated her) gives his views on why she lost. He sent her roses afternoon of election.

 7. - Lawrence Irving - Sad about her loss

 8. - Frank McIntyre - Why she lost

 - 9 - Dora Hogarth - March 24th, one of worst storms of winter.

 - 10 - Farquhar Oliver - Electorate felt King would be returned and that Harris would make an excellent member. With her on night of her defeat. She felt bitter about lack of support Twice elected to Provincial House (also lost twice) Some former supporters didn't like her close connections with CCF (election 1940)

 11. - Mrs. McWilliam - Lots of snow

 12. - Mrs. Jock McWilliam - Talking against King and he had many supporters

 13. - Leon Trivet - Snow, also her views on war weren't popular, and the riding had been changed, some urban centres included.

This section runs 14:45

More House of Commons Days

1. - Betty and Leon Trivet - reference to the rough time she had when she first went to the House - where get courage to stay? Scotch background - compelled to stay as the first woman, had to be tough. Not made welcome at first but in time accepted and the men in all parties liked and admired her Did you ever see her cry? Many times, over the sufferings of others and when she tried to do something for the farmers and it fell through.

Trivet - (cont'd) Some women resented her getting into public life as much as the men. Organized women in her riding

I was closer to Agnes when she came to Toronto to live
She was first woman in the Provincial House in Ontario.
Women today should know about her

Why did she refuse raise in House of Commons? answer -
Became a well dressed woman, invited to various receptions
Lady Astor story.

Mrs. Maggie Campbell - Not remembered as well as she should be.

This section runs 8:45

Agnes as teacher and her looks

1. - Mrs. Lillian Campbell - ~~Assesses~~ her as a teacher -
2. - John Palmer - Chamber pot story in boarding house - run by Mrs. Hill she became a friend and supporter. Remember her take-off on R.B. Bennett
3. Eliz. Fry member - A big good-looking woman (in later years) white hair pearls etc -
4. - Lawrence Irving - She was a good teacher, gave individual help
5. - Frank McIntyre - Striking woman, pick her out in a crowd
6. - Dora Hogarth - When teaching would visit with the men in the store as they talked politics, some women thought this wrong.
7. - Mrs. McWilliam - Very pleasant, would bring proofs of pictures (photos) and ask us to help choose, tall well built, pince-nez glasses, I got one of her suits. colors she wore - stern only when thinking deeply (stern-looking)
8. - Leon Trivet (one of her students) heard her voice from outside class-room, liked it so much, wanted to see what she looked like. A good teacher, I passed all her classes, made history come alive.
Betty - Was she strict?
Trivet - Not in the way I'd known other teachers, friendly approach one-room school, black hair as young woman then white, tall
9. - Mrs. Campbell - Glasses, always 2 pair, always looking for one
- 10 - Eric Campbell - very dignified.

This section runs 11:05

Mainly personal life - health, thoughts on marriage
popularity, support from women etc

1. - Betty and Mrs. Gertha Reaney (sister) on disliking housework
2. - Mr. Reaney (Merde) Agnes a good skater -
3. - Betty and Mrs. Bailey on marriage and giving parties, drinking and smoking
4. - Mrs. Reaney - Comment about Agnes "up at the bar" meaning the
bar of the House of Commons
5. - Mrs. Bailey - The hours Agnes kept

This section

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6. - John Palmer - Agnes had a serious operation, story about Nora
Frances Henderson, Hamilton controller coming to visit Agnes in
Markdale, going to "Old Folks Home" instead of hospital - ~~inx~~
7. - Tommy Douglas - Agnes and stories, the one about comparing Mackenzie King
and R.B. Bennett on their attitudes to the unemployed,

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8. - Dora Hogarth - Agnes felt women weren't given a square deal,
She loved dancing and parties
9. Mrs. Maggie Campbell - Agnes on marriage
- 10 - Mrs. Jock McWilliam - on being Member of Parl.
Loved dancing - narrow escapes from marriage.
11. - Leon Trivet - Politics her vocation - If possible to mix a career
and motherhood she would have loved it.
- 12 - Mrs. Campbell - Marriage and career
- 13 - Eric Campbell - "in the 50's"
14. - Mrs. Campbell - Reading Agnes liked,
feelings about children
15. - Margaret Hyndman - Agnes and clothes
- 16 - Mrs. Bailey (sister) Comments on her faults, quick temper
Health problems. courage when she took a stroke
Believe she took a cerebral hemorrhage
17. - Mrs. Reaney - Last time I spoke to her, she said "I'm sure there's
a hereafter, if not we're gypped."

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18. - John Palmer - Agnes not impressed by her support from women Pension support in the House. One of first feminists an individualist - great interest in young people Followed her heart, might not have been a good Gov. member.

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19 - Mrs. Andrew Brewin - Her last months, illness, couldn't do all she wanted. Financial problems. Many of us worked hard to get her a seat on the senate, around '53. St. Laurent was P.M.

20 - Eileen Morris - Her ill health and Elizabeth Fry Society Visit to Mercer Reformatory.

21 - Eliz Fry Society member - So happy to have Agnes Macphail on the platform at our first public meeting, about 1962

22. - Phyllis Haslam - Meeting her and visiting Galt Training school with her. Drive and zeal for penal reform

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23. - Frank McIntyre - She was not popular with the business men because she supported co-ops. She drove a wedge between town and rural people. Did her best to represent farm people. Many men went out of their way not to argue with her - Illness, Nora F. Henderson story again -

24. - Dora Hogarth - Sick and hated it

25. - Mrs. McWilliam - Ignored her bad health

26 - Leon Trivet - Meaning of money to her. Illness - spent time with her, read to her. Doctor told her not to campaign. But she was determined to live her life fully - her last days,

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28 - Voice of Agnes Macphail, an excerpt from one of her speeches from CBC Archives on disc - runs .27 seconds

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Her roots (family) and looks comments from former neighbors etc

- 1 Betty and Mrs. Bailey - Memories of Agnes as a young girl,
2. Mrs. Reaney - None of us argued with father
3. - Mrs. Bailey - Father a strong liberal at one time
4. - Mrs. Reaney - Father wished Agnes hadn't gone into politics
5. - Mrs. Bailey - How parents felt after the election was won.
Claims she got her courage from mother, who had staying power - Interest in under-dog -
Schooling. Story about her grand-mother. and courage -
Economics - the tariff story on another tape -
Aggie, driving the buggy, covered head of horse.
How she remembers her sister.
6. - John Palmer - First knew her in connection with oratorical contest at school in her riding - won a contest, free week in Ottawa as her guest. - highlights of that week
Her techniques for handling hecklers.
Her looks in the 30's - her strident walk ^{was} capes
Wide humanitarian interests. Couldn't see her as a woman's libber.
7. - Andrew Brewin - She was considered somewhat subversive.
8. - Eliz Fry Society member - Her participation in society
9. - Lawrence Irving - Agnes and his wife close friends. Agnes's whole mind on her career. Talks about taking her for a buggy-ride. She had the Campbell and Macphail wit
Men weren't afraid of her. She was alone (an Independent)
Many things she brought forward in the house were passed later by others. She liked dances.
- 10 - Frank McIntyre - She never lacked self-confidence - Loved arguing, specially about politics, parents.
11. - Dora Hogarth - Lived with her mother for a year as her house-keeper.
Relationship between Agnes and her mother.
- 12 - Mrs. McWilliam - Agnes would visit us (neighbors in Ceylon) - had twins (the McWilliams that is)
- 13 - Mr. Jock McWilliam - She was more sympathetic to me about the twins -

14 - Mrs. McWilliam - MY husband was co-op store manager - my mother lived with us made Scotch scones, Agnes loved them. How people addressed her. Attitude to drinking She didn't like cooking - but enjoyed good food.

15 - Woman in hospital who knew Agnes - She kept chickens, Saw her once going for a load of feed to Flesherston like any farm woman.

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How the Press Treated Agnes -

- 1 - Betty and Mrs. Bailey - On Wilfred Eggleston's report as member of Parliamentary Press Gallery that she followed her heart more than her head -
2. - Frank McIntyre - Daily press made fun of her at first - clothes Treated her more as an oddity. Her speeches were well covered
3. - Dora Hogarth - Health, hall where the Hold-fast club met. Differences in the Holdfast Clubs then compared to today
4. - Farquhar Oliver - Fairly well treated. Red Ryan case unfavorable publicity - (Oliver states she argued in favor of letting Ryan out) but from other sources we know this isn't true) Did she have two images, one public one private. Oliver says no. Parting off the ways with Agnes when he ran for the Liberals.
5. - Margaret Hyndman - Press treatment locally good - didn't hire halls for speeches, but held picnics and spoke at those.
6. - Leon Trivet - She felt farm people had to do without too much. - Helped one farm family when she was a teacher. Admitted she feared the voice of her father.
7. - Mrs. Campbell - on her parents
8. - Eric Campbell - Her father was sharp-tongued story of cow at auction sale
9. - Mrs. C - brave woman
- 10 - ERIC - Her grandfather sued a nobleman -
- 11 - Mrs. C - More of the same - where did she get her middle name?
- 12 - Eric - She added it later (Agnes Campbell Macphail)
- 13 = Margaret Hyndman - No feeling of needing to be brave - as school-teacher learned to take position of authority.

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