

Medway band places first at Toronto

Medway High School's 42-piece concert band placed first, in the first section of the "A" concert band class at the Kiwanis Music Festival in Toronto.

Competing with three other entries, the Medway band was awarded a score of 90, the highest of any high school entries in the festival so far. The second and third sections of the class will be played on consecutive Saturdays.

The band is directed by H. Alex Clark and sponsored by the East Middlesex District High School Board.

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Medway high overcrowding poses problem *Oct. 2/68*

Overcrowding and congestion at Medway High School will provide the new Middlesex County board of education with its first serious problem, A. T. Crutcher, the tri-county superintendent of secondary schools said Tuesday night.

Mr. Crutcher told the Interim School Organization Committee the Medway situation makes revamping of the county's secondary school system

a priority problem for the new board. He suggested the board should consider developing a completely composite school for North Dorchester, Westminster, and Delaware area

which would accommodate the 615 students for which South Middlesex buys education from London.

He also suggested the Medway school should be merged

with the North Middlesex secondary school at Parkhill to provide a composite school for that section.

During a question period which followed his survey of the secondary school situation Mr. Crutcher suggested the new board might consider abandoning Medway as a school, constructing a completely new centre which would serve the northern part of the county and then use the Medway building as the new county board's administration centre.

Shortcomings in the county's secondary school were pinpointed by the superintendent as follows:

"The libraries at Parkhill, Medway and Dorchester are

outmoded, gymnasium storage is cramped at Parkhill and the one gymnasium at Medway is inadequate for normal physical education needs. Commercial space is overloaded in both Parkhill and Medway and Medway is hampered by congestion in the main office, guidance area, cafeteria, kitchen, music room and sewing room. Two portable classrooms have been pressed into use this year.

Mr. Crutcher foresees the Parkhill and Glencoe enrolments remaining static, Strathroy able to accommodate present and future students for three or four years. Dorchester will need additional space before long and South Middlesex pupils may not be

able to continue attending London schools indefinitely and therefore provision will have to be made for them by the county.

In other business the interim committee endorsed a report which recommends that the new county board include a public relations officer in its setup. Committee delegates specified that they did not favor employment of a professional public relations firm or consultant, but preferred an area individual with full knowledge of the board's affairs.

A suggested administrative setup for the board will be presented to the interim committee's next meeting on Oct. 22.