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Standard Improved in Halton Music Festival

Acton Pupils Won Many Awards in Various Classes — Crowds Turned Away on Second Evening at Event Held in Georgetown—Adjudicator Says Halton Compares Favorably with Any District in This Province.

The Halton Music Festival for 1940 was held in the United Church, Georgetown, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. Every session was well attended and on Thursday evening it was estimated that over 150 people were turned away from the church, which was filled to the doors by the time the program started.

Mr. Roy Fenwick, Provincial Supervisor of Music for Ontario, was adjudicator for the entire Festival, and repeatedly expressed his pleasure and satisfaction at the very high standard which Halton County had attained in its musical education. When asked for a brief expression of opinion for the press, Mr. Fenwick said: "I can safely say that Halton County compares favorably with any district in this Province, and that the standard here has improved noticeably since my last visit two years ago."

The Festival this year was completed in six sessions, as against eight in 1939. This reduction was made possible by holding preliminary elimination tests in the rural areas.

Exceptional talent was evident in several classes at the Festival this year. Little Glonnie Taylor, from Burlington Central, was referred to by Mr. Fenwick as "Lily Pons," an account of her truly remarkable voice. In the vocal solo for girls 11 years and over, Glonnie's song was set in a far higher key than that of the other contestants, but still she had no trouble at all in reaching the high notes. Betty Gibson, of Acton, also won distinction by winning awards in any class in which she was a contestant. Acton School again made a splendid showing this year in the classes entered. There were prize winners in eight of the ten classes entered, and Miss M. Ricketts and the pupils are to be commended on the showing made.

Gold medals, denoting first prizes, were won by Eleanor Beatty, Betty Gibson, Bill Vincent, Jack Stewart and Donald Evans, Joyce Deserault and Betty Gibson.

Kenneth Allen won a silver medal and second place, and Betty Gibson, in piano solo, also won a bronze medal.

The double trio, comprised of Donald Evans, Jack Stewart, Annetta Evans, Joyce Deserault, Jean Harris and Betty Gibson, won second place and the Shield. The Boys' 26-voice Choir, which was the only choir entered from Acton School this year, was placed third, and had no award. The marks of the successful contestants are given in the various classes.

At the conclusion of the Festival, the President, Mr. W. L. Smith, of Burlington, on behalf of the Music Festival Board, thanked the Board of Managers of the Georgetown United Church, for the use of their church. Mr. Smith also expressed thanks to all those who had contributed towards the success of the Festival.

Mr. J. A. Partridge, M.A., B.Ed., Public School Inspector for the County of Halton, also expressed his gratification at the splendid work shown by the contestants at the Festival— which he referred to as— "A Feast of Good Music"— work which the Inspector regarded as evidence of good teaching by the supervisors in the schools.

"Some day," said Mr. Partridge, "I hope it will be possible to have Music Festivals in which we may disregard winning medals and trophies as tokens of success. I look forward to the time when we shall have the same results as we have had this year but without the same competitive demonstration."

The results of the Music Festival were as follows:

- #### WEDNESDAY EVENING
- Piano Solo, 15 years—Oliver Jackshaw, Burlington High School, 80; Flora Higgins, Milton High School, 79; Betty Gibson, Acton Public School, 77.
 - High School Solos, girls under 16—Arlene Cleaver, Burlington, 82; Eileen Pickup, Oakville, 80; Betty Paul, Georgetown, 79.
 - High School Double Trio—Burlington A Group, Harry Gallaway, 81; Milton A Group, Markop Gastie, 80.
 - High School Duets, girls under 17—Arlene Cleaver and Helen MacDonald, Burlington, 81; Bertha Barton and Lucille Cox, Milton, 80; Mary Paul and Betty Paul, Georgetown, 79.
 - High School Solos, Baritone boys under 21—Barry Anderson, Milton, 79; Alan Fowler, Burlington, 75; John Snyder, Milton, 74.
 - Piano Solo, 18 years—Betty Speight, Georgetown, 83; Helen Blackburn, Georgetown, 80.

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Fritz von Opel, German inventor and financier, who was taken off the Italian liner, Corio di Savoia by armed British contraband control at Gibraltar. Von Opel known as the "Henry Ford of Germany" for his one-time vast automobile industries, was interrogated for two hours before he was allowed to leave. Von Opel had been living in Switzerland. He was travelling on a passport from the municipality of Liechtenstein.

Planting Halton County Forest Has Commenced

Reforestation and conservation have for several years come in for considerable consideration and discussion at various County Council meetings. This culminated in the purchase of a 53-acre farm at Nassagawan Township last fall, and on Monday last planting of 30,000 trees, which will be the addition for 1940, was commenced. Warren G. O'Finney, Reeve Leslie Kerns, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the County Council, and County Engineer Roy Smith were all on hand to see the first trees turned and the first trees planted. A. B. Wheatley, of the Forestry Branch, Toronto, was also on hand to supervise and ensure that this important work was properly commenced. The bulk of the 30,000 trees, which will be planted this year will be pine. It also includes some walnut, rock elm, ash, jack pine and spruce.

The members of the Halton County Council, both past and present, are to be commended on this very forward step inasmuch as a large percentage of the springs which feed the wells of the County have their source on the escarpment. It would appear to be sound business to follow up with increasing plantings year by year. While there were almost innumerable streams which at one time flowed down through the lower end of the County, there are today only about two which continue running after mid-summer. Forestry and conservation authorities are most confident that if the escarpment, and other rough areas over the County, are planted, they will serve as reservoirs for water supply which will assist materially in rectifying the water situation in this County. Many conservation enthusiasts also feel that with a proper amount of tree growth over the rougher sections of the County, many of the rain storms which now miss particularly the lower end of the County, would again deliver the much-needed rainfall which has been more or less of a minus quantity in Halton the past few years.

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Bowling-Tennis Officers Elected for the Year

At the annual meeting, last night of the Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club, officers for the year were elected as follows:

- Honorary President — Col. A. O. T. Stumme.
- Honorary Vice-Presidents — W. J. Gould, S. G. Bennett.
- President — J. M. McDermott.
- 1st Vice-President — W. H. Clayton.
- 2nd Vice-President — J. Ross.
- 3rd Vice-President — Dr. W. G. Gillen.
- 4th Vice-President — H. H. Hamilton.
- Secretary-Treasurer — A. Battie.
- Tennis Committee — Dr. Cullen, Chairman; Secretary, Miss H. Ostrade; Misses H. Campbell, H. McNeill, F. Kelly, M. S. J. McGeorge, J. Williams, A. Munroe, H. H. Hamilton.
- Bowling Committee — W. H. Clayton, Chairman; C. Hurd, Secretary; W. D. Talbot, W. J. Gould, W. J. O. Oates, W. J. Beatty.

Continuation School Plans Discussed with Chief Inspector

Dr. Rogers, Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools in Ontario, visited Acton School on Monday and inspected the building, and later met with the Board. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the best procedure to take in the courses at Acton School. Discontinuing the teaching of Upper School subjects is under consideration, since it is felt that the majority of pupils taking these prefer to attend Guelph Collegiate, where they can secure a complete course. The matter of grants was also discussed, and some adjustments are due here which are favorable to the Acton Board. This is in the matter of County grants and their method of payment. The matter of increasing the staff was also discussed and what additional building would be advisable. The teaching of Manual Training and Home Economics in the upper forms of the Public School and the Continuation School was also discussed. Dr. Rogers pointed out the value of this practical training, especially to pupils who do not take university work.

Principal M. Leitch was also present to discuss these matters with the Board.

PEEL ANE HALTON JERSEY CLUBS TO SPONSOR PARISH SHOW

The Halton and Brampton District Jersey Clubs are planning to conduct their second annual Parish Show at Hawthorne Lodge, Brampton, on Friday, May 24th. A similar event was held a year ago, with outstanding success. The Parish Show is patterned on similar events, held annually, on Jersey Island. While no cash prizes are awarded, arrangements are being made to award ribbons for each class and in addition, a number of splendid trophies will be up for competition. The official judge, it is anticipated, will be an outstanding Jersey official from the United States who, incidentally, will also discuss the various classes. The event therefore, will be of real educational value and Hawthorne Lodge, the estate of B. H. Bull & Son, will use a mecca for all Jersey enthusiasts on May 24th. President Graham, of Halton, and President Pawley, of Peel, with their respective committees, are leaving no stones unturned to ensure that this event comes up to the standard of the outstanding success of a year ago.

Baseball Elects Officers--Will Enter Team

Financial Report Shows Small Deficit — Umpires Cost \$81.00 Last Year

The annual meeting of Acton Baseball Club was held on Thursday evening last, in the Council Chamber. Mr. W. Corry, last year's Vice-President, was in charge of the meeting.

Mr. L. Atkinson presented the Secretary-Treasurer's report, as follows:

Receipts	
Balance from 1938	\$ 22.82
Season Tickets	85.00
Donations	18.00
Gate Receipts	176.35
	\$301.97
Expenditures	
Transfers, League Entrance Fee, Players' Certificates	\$ 18.00
Tickets	1.20
Transportation	57.95
Umpires	81.00
Balls	34.40
Bats, Mitts, Decker	20.83
Score Book	1.00
Pants	5.95
O.B.A. Gate Percentage	3.42
Stockings	11.43
Printing and Advertising	11.31
Postage, Phone, Labor, Liniment, Gum, Spikes, etc.	35.27
Balance on hand	21.
	\$301.97

There is an outstanding account of \$1.60, to be paid. Therefore, instead of a 21c balance, there is really a deficit of \$1.39.

The baseball situation in Acton was discussed and it was decided to enter an Intermediate Team again this year.

At the election of officers, the following were appointed:

- Honorary Presidents — W. Storey, Dr. J. A. McEneaney, Dr. E. J. Nelson, J. W. Beatty, H. R. Force, A. Mason.
 - President — E. W. Masters.
 - Vice-President — W. Corry.
 - Secretary-Treasurer — Fred Coles.
 - Executive — P. Terry, S. Simpson, J. W. Jones.
- At the close of the meeting, the Executive met to lay their plans for the coming season.

Officers Children Aid Society are Elected for Year

President A. Mason Succeeded by Mr. J. J. Jamieson — Bolton Camp Shown in Pictures

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society of the Counties of Peel and Halton was held in the Sunday School Room of St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on the evening of April 24th, 1940. The President, Mr. Almas Mason, Acton, conducted the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Rev. Canon MacNeil, Milton. There was a good attendance of citizens from both Counties, showing continued interest in the work.

Miss E. R. Anderson, Treasurer, submitted the financial statement, and the Superintendent, G. P. Thompson, reported on the field work of the Society.

The guest speaker of the evening, Mr. R. E. Mills, Director of the Toronto Children's Aid Society, also presented moving pictures of the Bolton Fresh Air Camp, which is situated in the County of Peel, and operated under the auspices of the Neighborhood Workers' Association of Toronto. The pictures were most entertaining and instructive showing what is being done in providing a holiday and a touch of country life for mothers and their families from the city.

Mr. Albert McBride, Warden of Peel County, spoke briefly as well as Miss O'Brien, from the Hamilton Children's Aid Society.

The following officers were elected for the year 1940-41: Honorary Solicitors, W. I. Dick, K.C., Milton; A. G. Davis, K.C., Brampton. President, J. J. Jamieson, Coolesville; 1st Vice-President, W. J. Atell, Brampton; 2nd Vice-President, Victor Hall, Hunby; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, George Harris, Burlington; Secretary, G. P. Thompson, Milton; Treasurer, Edna Anderson, Milton; Executive, Mrs. R. L. Mosley, Brampton; Mrs. W. J. Hood, Brampton; E. D. Maquire, Clarkson; Miss Mildred Jarvis, Oakville; A. Mason, Acton; T. A. Hutchinson, Milton.

County Council Representatives — Halton, Norman Gilbert, Bronte; W. A. Wilson, Georgetown; Peel, A. McBride, Terra Cotta; M. B. Thompson, Port Credit. After the meeting light refreshments were served by the ladies of St. Paul's Evening Auxiliary, and a social hour spent together.

Halton Calf and Grain Club Hold Meeting

On Saturday evening last, the organization meetings of the Milton Holstein Calf Club and the Nelson Grain Club were held in the Farmers' Building, Milton, with approximately 50 in attendance.

Judging by the number in attendance and the interest shown at the meeting, Halton Junior Farmer Clubs would appear to be well on the way to maintaining the splendid record which they have set up in previous years. Professor N. J. Thomas, of the Soil Division of the Ontario Agricultural College, was the guest speaker and gave a most practical and worthwhile address, which he illustrated with slides. His subject was "Soil Fertility in Relation to Crops and Live Stock." Election of officers resulted as follows:

- Boys' Grain Club**
 - President — W. E. Breckon
 - Vice-President — Norman Heatherington
- Halton Jersey Calf Club**
 - President — Eddie Robinson
 - Vice-President — Angus McNabb
 - Secretary-Treasurer — Kenneth Ella
 - Leader — Gerald Graham
- Milton Holstein Calf Club**
 - President — John VanSiclie
 - Vice-President — Jack Hamilton
 - Secretary-Treasurer — Bruce Rekl
 - Leaders — Addison Woodley, Wm. Robertson

Drainage is Arranged for the Force Electric Plant

At a special meeting of Acton Council last night, a report was received on the drainage plan to serve east Church Street and the Force Electric plant. A motion was passed authorizing the plan to connect with the drain on Mill Street. The Force C. will pay a portion of the cost of this drainage.

Coming Events

- Lakeside Chapter Darts, Friday, May 3rd in Acton Town Hall featuring Earl W. D. O'Connell's Prizes Lunch.
- The Junior Farmers' Annual Dance, Town Hall, Acton, May 2nd (to-night), Hull's Orchestra Lunch. Admission 25c.
- YMCA Carnival, Saturday, May 11th. Clowns, Side Shows, and games of skill. Fun for young and old.

Force Bowlers Again Capture the Championship

The Force Bowling Team won the Jockey Club Shield and the Commercial League Bowling Championship on Tuesday night, defeating Wishing Well and Capitol Garage in a great match that was in doubt to the final few frames.

After the smoke had cleared away in the first game, Wishing Well were leading Force Electric by 8 points and the Force Team were up on Capitol Garage by 16 points. Capitol Garage and the Acton boys slipped a bit in the second game, Wishing Well menacing their lead over the Force Team to 63 points, while Capitol Garage trailed by 172 points. In the third game, the Force Team battled hard, making up the deficit with Wishing Well in the first half of the game, then finishing the match with a great display of pin spilling, winning the match by 172 points. J. Morton finished the match with 6 consecutive strikes.

W. Corry led the Force Bowling Team with a 866 triple and a 329 single game score. J. Morton was second, bowling a 753 triple and a 286 single game score. J. Adamson turned in three well-balanced games for a total of 670. N. Morton and M. Rowe, although not getting the same breaks as the other boys, picked up all the points they possibly could on splits and head pins.

Next week the Force Team bow in the City Finals for the All-Guelph Championship and the Williams Cup.

The scores were as follows:

J. Morton	253	214	286	753
N. Morton	206	192	206	604
M. Rowe	181	197	171	549
W. Corry	268	249	329	846
J. Adamson	225	225	226	676

Totals:
Force 1133 1077 1212 3422
Wishing Well 1141 1132 977 3250
Capitol Gar 1117 983 1148 3248

CLOSING MEETING OF UNITED YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The closing meeting of the season of the Young People's Union of the United Church was held on Tuesday evening, May 1st, at the "Bad Taste Party." Chinese checkers and croquet were played, as well as a number of group games. Prizes were given for the best costume in "Bad Taste." The prizes went to Miss Isabel Coyle and Mr. Gordon Leslie.

During a short business meeting, plans were made for a picnic, some time in June.

The Waterworks Operating Account Transfers Funds

Superintendent Wilson Will Accompany Council to Inspect Fire Pumper at the Demonstration

Reeve J. B. Chalmers, Commissioner M. Symon and Chairman C. M. Hansen were present on Tuesday evening, when Acton Public Utilities Commission met. The Superintendent reported on the new transformer to be purchased, and instructions were issued for the purchase.

Accounts were passed for payment, as follows:

Hydro Department	
C.N.R. and Transport	\$ 375
Errant Electric Ltd., metres	59.08
Moffat, Ltd., supplies	4.20
Canadian Line Materials, supplies	47.48
Bank of Montreal, revenue stamps	2.00
J. C. Mathews, postage	10.00
Wm. Wilson, labor	22.05
Hydro-Metric Inspection Dept. fees	17.70
Symon Hardware, supplies	3.73
Norton Motors, truck repairs	9.25
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supplies	8.79
	\$188.00

Canadian Press Co., supplies \$3.62

A letter from the Ontario Hydro Commission acknowledged receipt of communication regarding the collection of the list of arrears was checked by the Commission and instructions issued for their disposal.

Reeve Chalmers requested permission to have Superintendent Wilson accompany the delegation to Woodstock to inspect the new fire pumper that was to be demonstrated as soon as ready. The Commission approved.

Approval was given for the purchase of poles, as outlined by the Superintendent. The Secretary was instructed to transmit for \$500 from the Waterworks Account to the General Account of town.

Letters were read regarding the proposition of hot water heaters and range, but action was deferred to the next meeting.

Motor Car Industry and Old-time Village Visited

ELECTED PRESIDENT



Andrew C. Heib, editor of the Newmarket Era, was elected President of the Ontario-Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association at the annual convention at Windsor, Ontario.

Closing Banquet Knox Young People's Well Attended

The Knox Young People's Society held their closing banquet on Monday night, with a large attendance. The hall was prettily decorated as was the outside room. A number of guests were present who were seated at the banquet table. A beautiful supper was served by several members of the host group and was enjoyed by everyone.

After the meal, toasts were offered as follows:

To "The King," proposed by Bert Patrick.
To "The Church," proposed by Norman Wright, replied to by Mr. Benne.
To "The Guests," proposed by Mrs. I. Anderson, replied to by Mr. W. Burton.
To "The Winning Group," proposed by Miss Mildred Hollinger, replied to by Harvey Hazard, Leader of the winning side.

Mrs. Benne proposed a toast to the two losing groups.
After the toasts, a hearty vote of thanks was extended to those who helped during the year with the programs and socials and those who also made it possible for the banquet.

Following this Doug MacPherson and Charles Larriborough favored the audience with a cornet duet, accompanied by Miss Perle McMillan on the piano; Mr. Burton sang two solos and told a story; Mrs. Flora Sayers favored with two readings; and Mr. Benne gave a report of the proceedings of the Young People's play.

At intervals during the evening the Orchestra played several numbers, with all joining in the sing-song.

LEGISLATION WAS SUBJECT AT THE DUBLIN INSTITUTE

The Dublin Women's Institute held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. John Black, with the President, Mrs. Somerville, in the chair.

The topic was "Legislation," with Mrs. G. Watson as Convener. Mrs. Watson gave a paper on "Our Laws in Parliament." A report of the meeting at Milton, regarding organization of a Chamber of Agriculture, was given by Mrs. Bracken. A solo was given by Mrs. Watkins, and an instrumental by Mrs. Roseport. There was a flower contest, which was won by Mrs. vanGoozen and Mrs. Storey.

Mrs. vanGoozen moved a vote of thanks to those who had taken part on the program, and also to the hostess for the use of her home. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

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