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Halton County Has First Music Festival Since War

Prize Winners at the Halton County School Event Held in Milton Last Thursday and Friday — Plan to Enlarge Contest Next Year to Include Many Solo Instruments—Urban and Rural Pupils Show Good Training

Following a four year interval in which the Halton Music Festival was discontinued during the war years, the 10th Festival was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton last Thursday and Friday.

Although the crowd was not what was expected during the afternoon session, the auditorium was packed to capacity for the evening. As honorees were evenly divided among the different county schools on the first day, Messingway's Ewingship scoring with honors on the second day.

There were not as many entries as in pre-war years, but officials said this was due to the discontinuance during the war years. J. A. Lockhart, treasurer, explained that instrumental numbers were not included on the program this year but the competition covered all phases of music as taught in the schools.

G. Roy Fenwick, Toronto, Provincial Supervisor of Music, was adjudicator during the two-day festival. He paid tribute to all contestants and their supervisors, who spent considerable time training the young musicians, adding "Our standard of music has slipped somewhat during the past few years, but I wouldn't let it worry you too much as young people are unprejudiced."

Medals were awarded first, second and third prize winners of solos and duet classes; cups and shields went to first and second place for trio and choir classes. L. L. Skuce, P.S.I., was in charge of the presentations, with members of the executive and representatives from various organizations making the awards.

The following are the standing of contestants in the various classes: Vocal solo, urban girls, 7-10 years—Betty Mae Fosbury, Acton, 85; June Eason, Georgetown, 84; Elsie Hunt, Oakville Central, 83; Elizabeth Perkins, Burlington Central, 82; Carol Graham, East Burlington, 81; Beverly Castle, Bronte, 79; Vivian Ivoranko, East Burlington, 79; Sandra Scott, Georgetown, 79; Peggy Oakes, Acton, 78; Elsie Springle, Strathcona, 78; Myrienne Showers, Burlington Central, 78; Nancy Lewis, Oakville Central, 77; Hazel Barrowman, Strathcona, 76; Carol Stevenson, Milton, 76; Anne Pickard, Bronte, 75; Muriel McDowell, Milton, 75.

Vocal solo, urban girls, 11 years and over—Elizabeth Ireland, Georgetown, 86; Lois McMillan, Burlington, 85; Joan Trimble, Milton, 84; Marjorie Fountain, Acton, 83; Ruth Millward, Oakville Central, 82; Isabel Currie, Oakville Central, 81; Sylvia Vansickle, Strathcona, 79; Margaret Crozier, Milton, 79; Frances Pressy, Burlington Central, 79; Beverley Orr, Bronte, 79; Beverley Easter, East Burlington, 79; Betty Breckon, Strathcona, 78; Marilyn Bell, Georgetown, 78; Lois Frith, Burlington Central, 78; Carolyn Oakes, Acton, 78; Barbara McDermott, Bronte, 78.

Vocal solo, urban boys, 11 years and (Continued on Page Five)

ACTON Y'S MEN VISIT KITCHENER FOR ANNIVERSARY

The Acton Y's Men's Club travelled to Kitchener last Monday night by bus to attend the second anniversary of the "K. W. Y's Men's Club." The big night was held in the Kitchener-Waterloo Y.M.C.A. To add a little "funfare" and to let the Kitchener people know we were in town, Acton and Guelph Y's Men's Clubs met a block away from the Y, and from there paraded into the building led by the Guelph Air Force Cadet Bugle Band who were instructed to really "blow those bugles."

It was a great evening for Y's Men with an attendance of some two hundred representing clubs from Woodstock, Ingersoll, Guelph and the other two Kitchener clubs, Pan Politie and Xeritus. A very nice chicken dinner was served during which a great deal of fun developed out of the traditional "fine period."

Lou Buckley, executive secretary of the Kitchener Y.M.C.A. and Joe Connell, a member of the staff, were both present at the head table and were later presented with a gift by the K. W. club for their untiring work and assistance in helping whenever help was needed.

International Officers were on hand in the persons of Gord Henry, regional director, Archie Turner who is extension director for Canada and Jim Kendrick from Guelph who is World Outlook Director and last, but not least, Dick Benn from Acton who is district governor. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Little, who is superintendent of the Galt Training School for boys. He spoke on the job done at his school for delinquent boys.

Acton Y's Men will hold their last regular meeting for the season on Thursday, April 24th and at that time plans will be made for the Ladies' Night. This is an annual event and is put on for the Ladies' Auxiliary who during the year, plan and prepare the suppers for the regular Y's Men's meetings and I might add they are "super duper" meals.

ELEVEN MILE STRIP IS AGAIN PASSABLE SINCE WORK OF GRADER

On Monday the power grader started work on tearing up the surface of Highway 25, Milton to Acton, and as a result travel is much improved. While the surface is rough, the deep holes are being eliminated and the eleven mile strip is not so hard on machine and human bodies. Travel should be held to 30 miles per hour or less, but the prompt attention in making the road passable again is appreciated.

There is not a mile in the whole strip of surfaced road that has not had to be ripped up before repairs can be made. It is hoped that this year the department will start something more permanent for this important link, connecting the north and south of the County directly through the centre of the County.

REV. J. M. ANDERSON TELLS OF EXPERIENCES IN MISSION FIELDS

The Y.W.A. of Knox Church held their Spring Thankoffering meeting on Sunday evening, April 13th. After the President, Mrs. F. Anderson had welcomed the guests, the devotions were taken by Miss E. Coffe and Mrs. R. O'Hara. Mrs. Bowen gave a solo which was enjoyed by all and Miss M. Roszell gave a reading. Following a piano solo by Miss M. Brown, Mrs. Geo. Somerville dedicated the offering.

Mrs. Anderson introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Rev. J. M. Anderson, B.A. He spoke on his experiences on the different mission fields where he served as a student minister. He recalled many amusing incidents and his talk was most interesting. Following the address a solo by Miss B. Roszell was enjoyed and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. F. Bow. Mrs. B. Muselle and her committee served a delightful lunch at the close of the meeting.

Thieves broke into the Erin Creamery owned by Auburn Wright late Tuesday night or early next morning and escaped with 2 gasoline engines and two electric motors. The motors had been on display in the front window of the creamery.

Citizenship Service Held at the Junior Farmers' Gathering

Group of 17 Young People From Halton Take Part in Ceremony at Guelph

At an impressive induction ceremony held in Memorial Hall, on the campus of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, last Monday, in conjunction with the Ontario Junior Farmer Conference, seventeen young men and women from all parts of Halton County repeated the oath of Allegiance and were presented with Canadian Citizenship certificates by His Honor Judge Munro, Judge for the County of Halton.

The ceremony followed a series of five citizenship meetings held at Painsville, Acton and Ashgrove during the month of March. They were held for the purpose of teaching young farmers what is required of them when they become of age, George S. Atkins, Chairman of the Citizenship Committee explained. Realizing the lack of knowledge among the young people in the province in connection with the functions of our federal, provincial, legislative, municipal councils and courts, the Junior Farmers decided to carry out a program of such teachings. "The Ontario Adult Education Board co-operated by sending instructors to various centres," Mr. Atkins explained. He said it was planned to hold the induction ceremony in Halton, but on request it was held in conjunction with the annual Provincial conference.

During this series of teaching, young people from 20 to 25 years of age were invited, but in future years we propose to plan programs for those who are turning 21 years," he stated adding that he hoped a province-wide continuous program for teaching citizenship training would be instituted.

W. J. Robertson, Clerk of the County Court for Halton, presented the applicants to the presiding judge and assisted with the presentation. "By receiving your citizenship, you acquire certain rights and privileges but on the other hand you have certain responsibilities," advised Judge Munro in his address to the group "You will have to exercise self control to maintain those responsibilities. Each one of you can now proudly say 'we are citizens of no mean country—Canada'."

Challenging the group of applicants, Norman C. Lindsay, supervisor of Rural Adult Education, who assisted with the program, declared, "Citizenship starts right at home. It is not just a piece of paper that counts, but what happens in our hearts that will make us good Canadian citizens." Mr. Lindsay, although one of the teachers during the Halton program, was one of the applicants to receive his certificate. Prof. Norman H. High, economics department of the OAC was special speaker during the ceremony. He outlined the value of citizenship and its effect on world problems.

Those applicants receiving certificates were: Edna Aitken, Thomas William Alderson, James Ward Brownridge, Beatrice Georgina Burkholder, George Douglas Currie, John Henry Hunter, Marlon McGill Hunter, Josiah William Lambhead, Gordon Alexander Leslie, George Edward Pelletier, Elizabeth June Ruddell, John Joseph Ward Ruddell, Gordon Wesley Sovereign, Arthur Edward Spencer, Helen Rena Spencer, Cornelius Van Vliet and Norman Charles Lindsay.

Applicants to receive certificates but unable to attend were: Robert Craig Alexander, Janet Bablon Atkins, John McLean Bred, Edgar Martin Breckon, Agnes Euphemia Fairbrother, Albert Llewellyn Fairbrother, Cedric Harrop, Ismay Keen, Henry Craig Reid.

Halton Presbytery Elected Officers at Georgetown Meeting

The second regular meeting for 1947 of Halton Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was held at Georgetown United Church, April 16th.

The election of officers was held, resulting in one change, that pertaining to the office of chairman.

Chairman Rev. G. W. Porter, M.A., B.D., of Milton.

Secretary Rev. N. J. Truax, B.A., of Carlisle.

Treasurer Mr. R. F. Sanderson, of Oakville.

Convener of Christian Education Rev. R. C. Todd, B.A., of Georgetown.

Convener of Evangelism and Social Service Rev. R. R. Hare, of Millgrove.

Revs. A. W. Fosbury and G. W. Porter were elected to the Settlement Committee of Conference.

Considerable time was spent discussing certain sections of the report of the General Council Commission on Christian Marriage and the Christian Home. Three resolutions were adopted:

1. We deplore weddings, the setting of which makes them publicly stunts, thereby demeaning the marriage ceremony and destroying its solemnity.

2. We call upon the Provincial Government to enact legislation requiring (a) a pre-marital examination (health), particularly the serological test for syphilis, (b) that the issuing of a marriage license be granted only on the satisfying of these health requirements.

3. We request the Provincial Government to make provision for the performance of civil marriage in the Province, so as to relieve ministers of any obligation to participate in marriage proceedings which are not in accordance with the teachings of the Church; also to avoid the necessity of persons not desiring Christian marriage with its obligations participating in such vows and declarations as the Church requires.

It is recognized that in regard to divorce, it is better to try to prevent circumstances arising which lead to divorce than to stress reformation.

The Missionary and Maintenance objective will be higher for 1947 than for 1946.

Rev. E. W. Brearley, of Simcoe, visited Presbytery as Conference representative of the Victoria University Divinity Campaign, to present the claims of Victoria.

No changes in Pastoral Relations were announced by the Committee dealing with such matters.

Three successful Teacher Training Schools were held within Halton Presbytery during the last three months.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' BAND PLAN BAND TATTOO FOR ACTON

At a joint meeting of representatives of the Acton Branch, Canadian Legion and Acton Boys' and Girls' Band it was decided to hold a Band Tattoo in Acton Park on Saturday, June 21. Plans are being prepared to make this the outstanding musical treat of the season. Eighteen bands have been invited to participate.

Council and the Utilities Commission Appoint Treasurer

John McGeachie Named to Combined Position—Waterworks Extensions to Start at Once

A special meeting of Acton Council and Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening in the Public Utilities Office. All members of both bodies were present and Chairman Hansen presided.

The application of Mr. William Williams for the position of Secretary-Treasurer had been withdrawn by letter and another appointment had to be made.

After considering the applicants for the position, the Public Utilities Commission passed a resolution hiring Mr. John McGeachie for the position of Secretary-Treasurer at a salary of \$1600 per annum.

The members of the Council passed a by-law appointing Mr. McGeachie as Corporation Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Miss J. Walker was appointed his deputy by resolution of the Council.

The Council and Utilities discussed the proposed laying of water main extensions and it was decided to have Mr. Ewing and Mr. Vines install this 600 foot extension beginning next week. After Council decides on where other extensions are to be laid, these will be proceeded with. Council decided to finance the installation of these extensions until such time as debentures can be issued if the Waterworks Department cannot finance the extensions.

Arena to Be Re-Painted Wartime Housing Unsettled

DR. JEAN MILLER SPEAKER AT UNITED W.M.S.—EASTER MEETING

The Easter Thankoffering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held in the Sunday School Room on Tuesday, April 8th, with the president, Mrs. Caldwell, presiding.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. A. T. Brown and Mrs. F. Cleve assisted by Mrs. R. L. Johnson, Mrs. B. Mowat, Mrs. G. MacDonnell, Mrs. G. Lambert and Mrs. N. H. Wilson.

The theme for this interesting review was "God's Book of Life." During the program we were favored with a solo by Miss Dorothy Simmons and a duet by Mrs. B. Verduin and Miss Anneta Evans. Both these numbers were in the Easter theme.

The members of Knox Church Missionary Society were guests for the evening and our Society was represented at their Easter thankoffering meeting Thursday, April 10th.

The guest speaker was Dr. Jean Miller of Guelph, who had spent a number of years in China as a teacher and missionary doctor. She gave an outline of the work during the war years and told when evacuating the children to safety zones, the well organized plans were carried out without loss of life.

Dr. Miller left for China last week by plane, a trip of four days and she told us her first trip took weeks by steamer, rail and rickshaw. Best wishes for a successful trip were extended to her. All present enjoyed her talk and Miss M. Z. Bennett extended to Dr. Miller a hearty vote of thanks.

The president, Mrs. Caldwell, closed the meeting with prayer.

BRIDE AND GROOM HONORED BY FRIENDS WITH GIFT SHOWER

A number of friends and neighbors met at the Cedarvale School on Monday evening, April 14th to honor Mr. and Mrs. Burt James.

Mr. R. L. Davidson acted as chairman and the following program was given: duet, Mrs. Sinclair and Mr. Garner; instrumental, Miss Olga Locker; solo, Sid Speers; reading, Mr. Garner; instrumental, Mrs. C. Hurter; duet, Mr. Lofthouse and Mr. Garner.

Mr. Smith Griffin Jr. then read an address and Mr. and Mrs. James were presented with a miscellaneous shower. Both Mr. and Mrs. James made fitting replies. A number were then called on for speeches.

The National Anthem was then sung and lunch was served.

Addition to War Memorial Deferred Until Next Year—Arena Will Have New Roof and Exterior all repainted—Treasurer Not Yet Decided when Applicant tenders Resignation—League Granted Use of Park for Race Meet on May 31st.

Councillors R. M. Aylsworth, J. H. Crighton, Wm. Coon and C. Cook were present on Monday evening when Acton Council met in regular session and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided.

At a special meeting of council on Thursday, April 17th, reeve and council had conferred with Mr. C. Nelles regarding the purchase of property for "Wartime Housing." They had secured an option on 12 acres of land at a lower price.

At this meeting by-laws had been passed accepting the resignation of F. G. Turner as municipal treasurer and appointing Wm. Williams as Treasurer. The reeve reported that since that time Mr. Williams had resigned and council expressed surprise over this information.

Mr. S. Snow requested water service to a new house he was building in the Leishman survey. It was agreed to supply water for building purposes and plans were already made for mains' extension to this section.

Messrs. F. Hawkins and J. Hoyston on behalf of Acton Athletic Association asked council's plans for the park for the summer. Improvement at the softball diamond and placing of new back stops were discussed. Some levelling and fill were required on the softball diamond and it was desired to have a backdrop for the juvenile teams. Councillors Aylsworth and Cook were to endeavor to secure material for the backdrop.

Mr. Geo. Muselle submitted a plan (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 30c.

St. Alban's Guild Euchre in Parish Hall, Thursday, May 1st at 8.30.

Minstrel Show, Acton Town Hall, Friday, April 25th, at 8.30 o'clock.

Sale of Home Baking and White Elephants, sponsored by the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association, in the Town Hall on Saturday, May 3rd at 3 p.m.

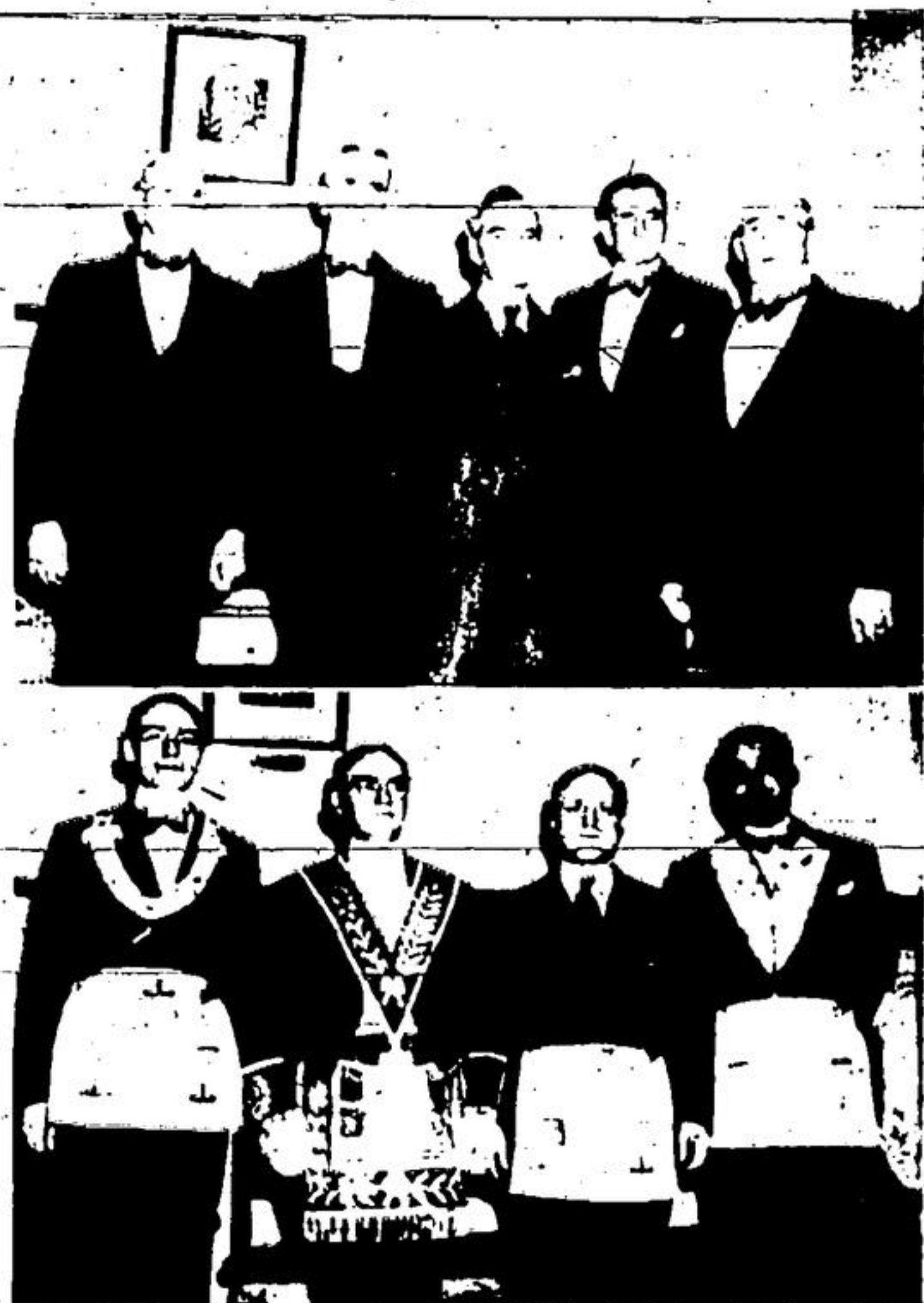
Won Honors at Music Festival



Betty Mae Fosbury, aged 9, of Acton, one of the youngest contestants in the Halton Music Festival last week and a pupil of Acton Public School, who won top honors for Urban girls' Vocal solo in the seven to ten year class.

Telegram Photo by Ross Pearson

At Gathering of Walker Lodge



Above are pictures of the big Masonic night at Walker Lodge last week when Masonic brethren from the district were guests at Walker Lodge. Upper photo shows five Past Masters with an aggregate of over 200 years of Past Master back of them. They are V. Wor. Bro. John Kenney, W. Bro. Roy McIntosh, Wor. Bro. A. T. Brown, V. Wor. Bro. F. McIntosh and V. Wor. Bro. Wm. Cooper. Each has been a past master of Walker Lodge for over 40 years. Lower photo shows the officials of Monday evening W. Master C. F. Leatherland, D.D.G.M. H. Wor. Bro. Stoner, Wor. Bro. Shumaker, Junior Warden W. J. Beatty Staff Photo