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Second Section.

## Acton Juniors' Play Third In Annual Drama Festival

Palermo Junior Farmers picked up all three trophies at the annual Junior Farmers drama festival this year. Over 200 attended the event last Friday evening in Nelson high school.

Three county clubs presented plays on the program, with Palermo's judged first, Norval second and Acton third.

Best actor was Billy Kelly of Palermo and best actress, Barbara Pickard of Palermo.

**Bertha Watson Director**  
Acton Juniors' play was called "Bobbie Pulls Up Her Socks" and was directed by Bertha Watson.

In the comedy, the title role of a 15-year-old girl was played by Marg Early. Joy Hayward played a 17-year-old; Pat Hitchon, their mother; Neil Moffat a 13-year-old; Jim McDonald a teen age hero and George Robinson a 17-year-old.

The W. I. Dick trophy for the best play was accepted by the Palermo director, Mrs. Evelyn Oates. Barbara Pickard accepted the Margaret Alice Elliott trophy for the best actress and Bill Kelly the J. E. Whitebeck trophy for the best actor.

"Last year, Norval had the best play, with Ute Osterman and Stuart McFadden trophy winners. Adjudicator was Don McKay of the Guelph-Mercery staff.

Members of the Palermo cast were Phyllis Murray, Barbara Pickard, Bill Kelly, Barbara Biggar, Marie Marshall and Bill Marshall with director Mrs. Evelyn Oates.

"A Little Fowl-Play," the Norval entry, had in its cast Marilyn Wrigglesworth, Barbara Cunningham, Garth Thomas, Ralph Cunningham and Douglas Watson. Director was Howson Ruddell.



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**ACTON JUNIOR** Farmers presented "Bobbie Pulls Up Her Socks" as their entry in the drama festival at Nelson High School Friday evening. Cast members shown are Joy Hayward, George Robinson, Pat Hitchon, James McDonald, Neil Moffat and Marg Early. Director of the play was Bertha Watson.

### OBITUARY

#### Mrs. John Newton Was Music Teacher

After a lingering illness from suffering a stroke in 1951, Fannie Elizabeth Newton passed away in Brantford on Monday, March 16.

Born in Brantford she was educated in Stratford and Toronto Schools and also the Toronto Conservatory of Music. She taught music in Toronto, Georgetown, Acton, Glen Williams and Limehouse prior to her marriage to John Nelson Newton of Limehouse.

Her husband predeceased her in 1947 and shortly after she made her home with her sister Winnifred Ivens of Limehouse and later of Brantford.

Mrs. Newton was a Presbyterian devoting most of her life to service in Limehouse church. She was keenly interested in all the activities of the community in which she lived on the Newton farm.

She leaves to mourn her loss one son, William of Barrie and one elder, Winnifred Ivens of Brantford. Three sisters, one brother and her husband predeceased her.

The funeral was held in Limehouse Presbyterian church on Thursday, March 19 with interment in Limehouse cemetery. The service was conducted by her pastor for a number of years, the Rev. A. Calder.



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**TROPHY WINNERS** at the Junior Farmer Drama Festival are shown with the adjudicator after the awards presentation. Bill Kelly was named best actor, Barbara Pickard, best actress and adjudicator Don McKay is shown beside Mrs. Evelyn Oates director of the winning Palermo entry. All three winners were members of the Palermo group.

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### Over 70 Leaders Attend Cub Training Course Here

A Pack Scouters' Training Course filled the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday. Unusually high registration necessitated moving the sessions and meals from the scout hall to the Y.

Including the leaders, there were 71 smartly uniformed leaders from the Green Acres Region of the Boy Scouts Association in attendance. About half of them were lady Cub Masters.

**Two Packs**  
The group was divided into two enthusiastic packs and the program roughly followed that of regular cub meeting. Laughing, joking and jostling, the leaders took part in games, flag break, inspection and the "grand howl", learning new things as they followed normal pack routine.

There were also lectures and instruction periods.

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### Universities Show Great Interest In Bruce Andrews, Acton Athlete

Bruce Andrews was the topic in an interesting article written in the Guelph Mercury's Legion column by Stan Wells this week.

Here's what he wrote about the popular Acton runner:

"Bruce Andrews of the Guelph Legion Track Club has been the subject of much controversy in the track and field circles for the past while. Last Saturday, while competing in an international indoor track meet, he gave the interested coaches of American and Canadian universities something more to consider by his performance. This quiet unassuming youngster had the customers on their feet each time he ran that day. He runs an exciting and well-planned race.

Alex Wilson, track coach of Notre Dame University, is very interested in getting young Andrews to attend that American institution.

Wilson told us that this is the only Canadian meet that he attends during the year and that he's very much impressed by and interested in our track club member. The Notre Dame coach, as some of you may recall, was a member of the Canadian Team to the British Empire Games in 1930, a member of

the Canadian Olympic team in 1928 and 1932 and was coach of the British Empire Games Canadian track team in 1934. So his background in this particular branch of sport is extensive.

Andrews, a fourth year high school student, has not yet made up his mind to accept any of the offers that have been sent his way. Frank Gifford, track coach of Michigan State University was also present during the international meet on Saturday and had a long talk with Bruce with the avowed object of having him attend that university. And an official of McMaster University is interested and wants a talky-talky with the speedy runner.

Bruce Andrews is not the only member of our track club — we are interested in him, but not any more than we are interested in any other single member of the club.

### \$300 Donation From Auxiliary

A donation of \$300 for the Y.M.C.A. was approved by members of the Y Ladies' Auxiliary at their regular monthly meeting in the Y Tuesday of last week. There were eight members present.

This sum includes membership fees for the group's 15 active members.

The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer. The president, May Wilds, was in charge. Because of the resignation of the treasurer, discussion of the books followed. Lulu Sinclair offered to bring the books up to date and act as treasurer until the end of the year.

After the meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction, lunch was served.

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**Piano Recital At Rockwood**

Mrs. Gordon Harris A.R.C.T. held a piano recital at her home on Harris St., Rockwood, on Friday evening for her pupils. About 30 were present including parents and friends.

Those taking part were: Marion Bayne, grade 3; Jean Boyne, grade 7; Wesley Daron, grade 3; Bobbie Jackson, grade 2; Margaret Jackson, grade 5; Marilyn Patterson, grade 7; and Jean Allan, grade 3.

**Two Compositions**  
The program took the form of each pupil playing two compositions from their respective grades. Mrs. Harris played a composition by Chopin, Etude in E Major.

To aid the pupils in understanding better some aspects of music, Mrs. Harris read a brief biographical sketch of the composer Beethoven. Each pupil then gave a performance of one of his shorter pieces.

Mrs. Harris played Beethoven's Rondo in C, following it with three pieces for the future grade 6 pupils.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program that all present found most enjoyable.



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**PALERMO JUNIORS** cleaned up top awards at the Junior Farmer Drama Festival last week with the entry "Bird on the Wing". Phyllis Murray, Marie Marshall, Bill Marshall, Barbara Pickard, Bill Kelly, Barbara Biggar and director Evelyn Oates are shown at the conclusion of the play. The entry won top spot in the three play presentation.

**230,000 Seals Sent Out By Rotarians in Appeal**

In 1400 homes in Acton and in 900 homes in the country there are this week letters appealing for help in the annual Easter Seal campaign for funds for crippled children.

Here the Rotarians of Acton attended to the mailing of 230,000 yellow and white seals.

Each year the Rotarians of Acton send out 230,000 yellow and white seals to help fund the Easter Seal Campaign for crippled children. Yungsters in town and the district are greatly assisted by the club each year.

On the 26th of March this year Mrs. Susan Gordon McKewen and Anne Spinks.

In conjunction with the local drive there are province-wide appeals placards in the stores and car stickers announcing the drive.

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