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## 10 Schools Compete in 29th Annual Festival

### Dr. Leslie Bell is Adjudicator Competition Prizes Awarded

Young singers from 10 urban schools taking part in the 29th annual North Halton Music Festival finals at the Robert Little School in Acton, Wednesday were praised in their singing accomplishments by adjudicator Dr. Leslie Bell, M.A.

Dr. Bell told the youngsters they had great musical talent and sang as though they meant it. He told them he had thoroughly enjoyed the performance and was looking forward to returning again for the concert of winners Friday night.

**Likes Training**  
The adjudicator praised the music directors of the schools and told them he was pleased with the way they handled each choir individually.

"Although you are training more than one choir, they are all handled differently . . . that I like," he stressed.

Commenting between classes, Dr. Bell said the children performing during the North Halton Urban section of the Festival appeared to be quite musical and the standard displayed was quite above average.

**Praises Singers**  
He praised the singers for staying well in tune and said the diction was well above average. The youngsters give out with good healthy sounds and sing naturally and sincerely," he commented.

He noted that in comparison with most larger centres he found there was less distraction in smaller centres for the youngsters and therefore they showed natural enthusiasm for singing.

He added the music teachers used their own imagination and experimented with various arrangements which he commended.

**Parents Attend**  
The all-day festival which got under way at nine in the morning was attended by a small number of parents, the most of whom remained throughout the day.

Milton schools ran off with top honours again this year when they won first and second in the kindergarten to grade three choir, second in the junior choir, first in the triple duet, first in the boys' unchanged voices choir.

## Nassagaweya OK's \$30,893 For School Board Levy

Nassagaweya township council Monday approved a township school board budget of \$73,350 and made plans to levy for the local township taxes which will raise \$30,893 this year. Members noted the mill rate would be the same this year for school levy, because although the budget was up, grants were also up and council will only have to raise \$193 more this year than in 1958.

**By-Law on School**  
Council also applied to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval of a by-law to raise a debenture issue of \$160,000 for the erection of the new Brookville school.

Clerk Don McMillan warned council the township budget would creep up a little this year.

## Friday Festival

The North Halton Music Festival will wind up Friday night in the Robert Little public school when three new competitions will be heard as well as winners from the Wednesday finals. The program begins at 8 p.m. Many parents and interested citizens are expected to attend.

first in the grade seven choir and second in senior choir.

Acton singers won awards with a first in the junior choir, second in the triple duet, second in the grade seven choir and first in the senior choir, grades 7-8.

**Smaller Schools**  
Campbellville won seconds in the junior choir and the triple duet with Stewarttown placing first in the senior choir grades 5-8 and second in the boys' unchanged voices. Norval placed first in the junior choir and second in the senior choir grades 5-8 while Glen Williams won a first for the triple duet.

The following is a list of the day's events as they appeared on the program and the points given to each competitor as well as trophies received:

**JUNIOR CHOIR**—grades 14, 6 rooms and under: Glen Williams, 84; Norval, 86; Campbellville, 85 and Stewarttown 83. The trophy donated by Glen Williams Apple Products was presented to Norval by Principal G. W. McKenzie and the Norval businessmen's shield, presented by Principal G. W. McKenzie was received by Campbellville.

**PRIMARY**—kindergarten to grade 3 choirs, seven rooms and over: Milton, Bruce Street school, 84; Milton, J. M. Denyes school, 88; Acton, Robert Little school, 87; Acton M. Z. Bennett school, 86; Milton, W. J. Dick school, 84 and Milton, Holy Rosary school, 83. The John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E. trophy was presented by Mrs. D. Martin to Bruce Street school and the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. shield presented by Mrs. H. R. Force was given to the Denyes school.

**JUNIOR CHOIRS**—grades 4, 5 and 6: seven rooms and over: Bennett, 86; Dick, 84; Robert Little, 83; Bruce Street, 84 and Denyes, 85. The Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. trophy was presented by Mrs. G. W. McKenzie to the Bennett school and the Miss Ruth Evans shield, presented by Mrs. L. Andrews was presented to the Denyes school.

**TRIPLE DUET**—grades 5-6, seven rooms and over: Denyes, 85; Bennett, 83; Dick, 83; Robert Little, 84 and Bruce Street, 82.

The Milton Kinette Club trophy was presented by Mrs. K. Duran to the Denyes school while the Bank of Nova Scotia shield was presented by principal K. F. Trowbridge to the Robert Little Chapter I.O.D.E., Milton, shield presented by Mrs. J. McCuaig was received by Stewarttown school.

**Afternoon Competition**  
Following a noon recess the following competition was enjoyed in the auditorium:

**BOYS' UNCHANGED VOICES**—open class: Campbellville, 81; Milton, 83; Robert Little, 84; Stewarttown, 86; Bennett, 83; Denyes, 85; Robert Little, 84; Bruce Street 86 and Bennett, 88. The Milton Kinsmen trophy presented by vice-principal J. Bell of Milton was given to the Bennett school and the Georgetown Canadian Bank of Commerce shield, presented by principal E. W. Foster.

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DR. LESLIE BELL, adjudicator for the Halton Music Festival finals of the Robert Little public school Wednesday, reviews the program with three local people taking an active part in the program. Pictured left to right are G. W. McKenzie, school principal, Dr. Bell, Glenn Banks, school music supervisor and Mrs. W. Wolfe, president of the North Halton Music Festival.

## Board Hires Five New Teachers To Fill Public School Vacancies

Trustee Tom Watson, chairman of the teacher engagement committee of the public school board, reported to members on what he termed the "terrific success" of the committee's trip to Stratford Teachers' College, at the Tuesday meeting of the board.

Mr. Watson, along with principals G. McKenzie, E. Smith and secretary W. Middleton, succeeded in hiring five teachers to fill positions left vacant by resignations in the two schools. It was the most successful jaunt he had ever made to a teachers' college, Mr. Watson said.

"We were able to hire teachers at a grade never anticipated and never achieved before," he continued. "All the candidates hired were of the highest calibre obtainable and it was good to be able to sit back in April knowing both schools will be fully staffed for the fall term."

## Reports Excellent

Mr. Watson attributed the success of the trip to the excellent reports circulating among teachers on the quality of Acton schools. When queried, applicants said they would like to locate in Acton because of the high calibre of the schools in Acton, excellent staff relationships and the warm reception previous teachers received in the community.

The committee also effected a saving of \$1,276, by hiring Normal School candidates instead of experienced teachers and suffered no loss in quality. The saving may make it possible for the board to purchase sporting equipment and a mower included in earlier estimates but subsequently dropped.

**New Teachers**  
Teachers hired and salaries were: Miss Patricia Jones at a salary of \$3,000, Miss Joan Parkes at \$3,000, Miss Fern Small at \$3,400, Miss Olga Knudsen at \$3,400 and Miss Heather Jackson at \$3,400. Miss Small and Miss Jackson have had two years' teaching experience.

Mr. Watson indicated a new era may be in the offing in teacher hiring and remarked, "Where it has been the practice of other boards to seek teachers in a keen market, a surplus of teachers in the next few years may see teachers seeking employment with the school boards."

## Economy Year

In conclusion, Mr. Watson explained another economy year

been effected by cutting one teacher from the staff. This was made possible by the co-operation of both principals who will be required to do more teaching and less supervision as a result.

There is also a possibility the old stone school may be closed next year, said trustee Watson. The secretary commented it will be an "economy year."

"Yes, we cut down even after presenting an economy budget," said Mr. Watson.

Chairman Murray Smith congratulated the committee on the success of their trip to Stratford, remarking that every budget was an economy budget for the Acton board.

A deputation from the St. John Ambulance Brigade, consisting of superintendent R. Hart and G.

## Guardrails Damaged In Hwy. 25 Accident

A car driven by Joyce Halladay, 108 Main St., Acton, received \$500 damage Sunday afternoon in an accident a mile south of Speyside on Highway 25.

O.P.P. from Milton who investigated said the car, proceeding north on the highway, went off the road and knocked out a few guardrails. Miss Halladay was unhurt.

## Collapse of Curling Rink Roof Forces Fair Board Alter Plans

Pending council's approval for use of the park and arena for the 1960 Fall Fair, Acton Fair Board Wednesday evening decided to hold the annual arena display in a section of the main portion of the arena and provide a variety type entertainment for the Friday night show.

This decision was reached following the recent collapse of the curling rink roof, where former displays were held. Finalization of plans will be made when an application for the use of the park and arena has been approved.

An application to the Department of Agriculture for a commercial grain class at the fair was vetoed and the board decided to secure the assistance of an agricultural representative in securing this class.

Hargrave, asked if the board would direct activities of the brigade at public functions in the schools. Offering their services for the Music Festival and any other event in which they might assist, Mr. Hart explained that every case they handle is included in their files for reference.

The chairman endorsed the brigade's projects and members issued a directive that Principal McKenzie notify Mr. Hart of any public functions in the schools. The nurse's room at the Robert Little school is available for their use. Permission was also granted the brigade for use of the auditorium in May for Save-A-Life Week.

**Cites Damage**  
Negligence and abuse of school facilities at two public events in the Robert Little school auditorium prompted trustee Cliff Bradley to move that "No Smoking" signs be posted permanently in the auditorium and if possible, to have firemen at all public functions where the circuits were overloaded, cigarettes lit into the tile floor and the glass on the fire alarm system broken and set off by children.

The secretary was directed to write a letter to the fire chief requesting firemen for these events and caretakers will be instructed to hang "No Smoking" signs in the auditorium.

A committee was set up to meet with the Acton Chamber of Commerce regarding a mutual display of the arena at this year's fair. During a discussion on money raising projects, it was decided to hold a curling at the Stewarttown hall in the near future.

President Lloyd McHenry reported on the annual convention held in Toronto and the 19 members present learned the Acton prize list had won second prize in competition with 214 other Ontario towns.

A suggested slate of judges for the 1960 fair was proposed and the secretary was instructed to contact these people in the near future.



THE JUNIOR CHOIR from the M. Z. Bennett school won first prize presentation of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. trophy. Ten schools for their singing Wednesday at the festival, when they sang "The Happy Norseman" to the satisfaction of adjudicator Dr. Leslie Bell. The all-girl choir is pictured above following the