



M. Z. BENNETT SCHOOL won second place in the changed voices choir during the Friday festival in Acton and won a shield. Pictured above front row left to right are A. Reidl, S. Pasma, T. Leighton, D. Lidke, P. Marzo and D. Beerman. Back row, J. Dunn, R. Mathews, D. Almond and J. Blunn.

Listeners Jam Acton School Auditorium To Hear Halton Festival Finalists

Dr. Leslie Bell, adjudicator for the North Halton Urban Music Festival, told an attentive audience at the packed auditorium of Acton's Robert Little public school Friday night that festivals have become the last refuge of live music. He thanked the Halton Music Festival Association for allowing him to attend the function.

Scottish Dance In Legion Hall

A most successful dance was held in the Legion Hall on April 8, by the Acton Scottish Dance Club.

He told them "Winning is no longer an important part of a music festival. The valuable part is to get into it." Continuing, he noted that each year more emphasis is placed on mechanical music, with a resulting decline in the practice of entertaining ourselves.

Opinions Vary

The adjudicator told the audience perhaps at times listeners did not agree with the adjudicator's decision. He pointed out it was necessary for anyone adjudicating to look for certain things in a song which the audience was not aware of.

Halton, Neighboring Councils Ask County Government Probe

Nine southern Ontario counties including Halton, succeeded this week in taking one of the first major steps toward a county municipal association and the eventual streamlining and up-dating of county council business.

Met Premier The Halton representative to the group's steering committee, clerk Garfield Brown, reported this week that a successful meeting was held with Premier Leslie Frost in Toronto Monday and arrangements have been completed for a meeting with Department of Municipal Affairs officials in May or June.

The inter-county group, now represented by Halton, York, Wentworth, Welland, Lincoln, Brant, Essex, Middlesex and Waterloo counties, is asking that a commission be set up to investigate and report on the future of county government in Ontario.

Included in the study would be planning, zoning, assessment, public fire protection, roads, education, water service, sewers and drainage.

The nine counties have been working together for about two years toward this commission probe. They represent a population of 770,000 people and a total assessment of \$1,068,000,000. To date, 23 of the 38 Ontario counties have indicated support of the probe.

TRAVELLING FISH How far do fish travel? According to officials of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, pickerel or wall-eyes tagged in Lake of the Woods have been found between 30 and 40 miles from the tagging site.

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Son of First School Teacher In Village Dies in 80th Year

Another link in connection with former residents of Rockwood and community has come and gone in the person of James J. Hill of Fergus, who passed away last Friday at his home in his 80th year.

He was the youngest son of the late Alexander A. S. Hill and Mrs. Hill, the former Emma M. Day. J. J. Hill was a nephew of J. J. Hill of St. Paul, Minn., who in company with Donald Mann, had a lot to do with opening up the railroad business in the American North West's early days.

First Teacher Alex. Hill was also the first teacher of the Rockwood public school in the early 70's. In later years they farmed on what was known as the Cranberry farm above Speedside, Eramosa township, later moving to Fergus to reside.

Funeral took place Monday with service at the Lorne C. Paterson funeral home. R. Harris was among those attending. Rev. W. Ross Adams conducted the service. Owing to Johnston's cemetery being too wet for interment, the remains were brought down to Guelph for temporary interment in the mausoleum in Woodlawn cemetery.

Survivors James J. Hill is survived by two daughters, Miss A. Leslie Hill, White Plains, N.Y., and Miss N. Kathleen Hill of Toronto. He was predeceased by his wife, Annie I. Leslie, in 1951. Two brothers also predeceased him, Herbert W. Hill who died in Burlington, Iowa, and was connected with the C. B. and O. Railroad in 1911 and Norman L. A. Hill, who farmed in Guelph township above Marden.

Funeral Thursday Following an illness of some duration, Fred J. Thatcher passed away last week in his 76th year. Funeral took place Thursday with service at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home, Acton. Rev. M. J. McLeod of Trinity United church, Guelph, conducted the service. Interment took place in Rockwood cemetery.

Surviving him are his wife, Gertrude Goodwin, members of the family, Mrs. Clifford Meadows (Jean), Mrs. Russell Hepburn (Jessie) and Ed, all of Rockwood; Mrs. Wm. Guthrie (Laura) of Stony Creek; Mrs. R. Stumpf and Fraser of Guelph. Pallbearers were Elwood Bolton, George Mitchell, Arvin Dorf, Wm. Hill, Vern Ariss and Oscar Karn.

Y.P.S. Service At the Presbyterian church Sunday morning members of the Young People's Society took part in the service. During the service, J. Birch officiated in distribution of the class in attendance. John Freeman, superintendent of the Sunday school, assisted.

Pre-Easter services were much in evidence on Sunday. At St. John's church, Holy Communion was celebrated with E. Slipp as server. Palm Sunday was also observed.

Ice Breaks Up Ice on the mill dam adjoining the highway bridge started to break up the first of the week. Some cleaning up is being done around the village following the ice storms early in the winter. James Meek of Elmira was home for the weekend.

Grade Eight Program The town hall was filled on Saturday evening for the program

Mrs. C. Hodgkinson Dies in 55th Year

A loving wife and mother, Mrs. Clarence Hodgkinson of R. R. 2, Guelph, passed away in Guelph General Hospital on Saturday, April 2. She had been ill for three weeks.

Born Elizabeth Amelia Kingsbury in Nassagaweya township, she was in her 55th year. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Mary Kingsbury.

On April 10, 1928, she married Clarence H. Hodgkinson in Guelph. They moved from Guelph to R. R. 2, Guelph, a year ago.

A member of Dublin Street United church, she belonged to the Woman's Association and World Friendship group.

The Rev. H. A. Bagnall conducted the funeral service at the McIntyre and Wilkie funeral home, Guelph, on Tuesday, April 5. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton.

Pallbearers were Allan McCree, Wesley Robertson, Mac McGill, Jack Black, Bill Hurren, all of Guelph, and Jack Holmes of Acton.

Mrs. Hodgkinson is survived by her husband, four sons, Murray of Guelph, Alan of Sudbury, Roger and David at home, two grandchildren, Susanne and Sharon, and brothers Murray of Vancouver and Robert of Guelph.

Morris Gordon Accident Victim

An accident at Drummondville, Quebec, took the life of Morris Gifford Gordon of 36 Main St. S., Acton, last Wednesday, April 6. A passenger, Gordon Taylor of Acton, suffered minor injuries.

News of the accident came as a shock to many relatives and friends here. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Freda Gordon (Eileen), a son Allan, all of Acton; three brothers, Harry, Albert and Thomas, all of Acton and Grant of Upper Gagetown, N.B.; three sisters, Mrs. Fred Shields, St. John, N.B., Mrs. Harry Rankin and Mrs. Fletcher Foster of Fredericton, N.B.

Carpenter by Trade Mr. Gordon was born at Upper Gagetown, N.B., in 1896, son of the late Gifford Gordon and Leitia Hamilton. He was married in 1917 at St. John, N.B., to the former Elizabeth Paynter, who predeceased him several years ago. They had lived in Acton since 1934. Mr. Gordon was a carpenter by trade and was well known here as a skilled builder.

He was on his way to the east when the accident occurred.

Funeral services, Saturday, April 9 at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home and at Fairview cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews Jack, Fred, Harold, Elvey and Hazen Gordon and Jack Paynter. Flower bearers were Charles Shuttis, James Paynter, James Foster, Roy Vyse and Bob Bruce.

Passenger Gordon Taylor was treated for cuts to his face, a sprained ankle and bruises, and was discharged from hospital two hours after his admission.

HOME HEAT?

It has been stated that a house could be heated for 24 hours on a cold winter day with the brake heat generated during a day of city driving. Brakes are subject to great stresses and cannot last forever. When were your brakes checked last?

Prize Winners

Spot dances were won by Mr. and Mrs. Matt Healey of Georgetown, Mrs. Martin Norman and Jack Calder. Mrs. Bob Currie, Guelph, won a handbag made by Harry Waterhouse and the proceeds of this raffle \$12.50, will be sent to the Sunshine School for Retarded Children in Milton.

During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Dave Izatt's daughter, Mrs. Helen Fleming joined forces with Jack McGeachie to give a spirited performance of the Highland Fling.

Demonstration Dances Eight members of the club gave a demonstration of "Petronella". Mr. and Mrs. Bob Currie, Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. D. Izatt, Clarkson, Mrs. R. Buckner, J. McGeachie, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson.

Dr. R. Buckner, president of the club, welcomed the guests, regaling them with some good scots humor, setting the company laughing heartily. M.C. Bill Wilson also produced his funny story to add to the merriment of the evening.

Generous refreshments were provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

In Finals

Georgetown Raiders won the right to meet either Nanapan or Orillia in the Ontario Intermediate "A" hockey finals last night, when they defeated Collingwood from the semifinals in the fifth game of the series in Collingwood. Score was 4-0 for the Georgetown squad that had earlier eliminated Milton out of the running.

Friday Night Winners

Friday night's competition included triple trio, six rooms and under, with Stewartown winning first with 86 points, Norval second with 85. Third place went to Glen Williams with 84 points and Campbellville fourth with 82. In this competition, the Halton County Music Festival trophy was presented to the winners by

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