

Young Singers Compete During Three - Day Halton Music Festival

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Second Section



BOYS' ENSEMBLE from the Robert Little school took first place among contestants in the changed voices competition at the Halton Music Festival Friday evening. The winning group pictured above is, front row, left to right, Bill Holmes, Lyle Broughton, Bernie Freuler, Paul Phelan, Grant Campbell, Clifford

Wedge, Gordon Campbell, John Higgins, Garry Waller, Phillip Marzo and Andrew Bowman; back row, left to right, Tony Langley, David Mellon, Henry Hoikamp, Mervin-Marshall, Bill Rogers, John Price, Garry McEachern, Stephen Coles and Bill Fabian.

Dark, Crowded

Play Area Furnace Room-Size At Area School for Retarded

By Mrs. E. Browns, Acton.
"Crowd: A number of persons or things collected or closely pressed together; to fill to excess; to encumber or annoy by excess of numbers."
Thus the dictionary defines the simple word crowd. As simple as the word may be, it is an apt and truthful description of conditions at the Sunshine School for Retarded Children in Milton.
It is sad to think that though the retarded child has broken through the wall of ignorance and prejudice that once kept him hidden within the bounds of his own home and the aching hearts of his grieving parents, he cannot yet enjoy the full privileges and opportunities that the

average child takes for granted. In comparison to the modern, well lighted, airy schools that most of our children attend, this microscopic corner where a dozen retarded children are educated for living is a social shame and a blot on our community conscience.
In the classroom, the walls are almost invisible behind open shelves heaped and piled with toys, materials, books and supplies. Even the teacher's desk is in threat of being crowded out by the need for storage space.
Because their power to concentrate is limited to such a short space of time, retarded children need a constant succession of new and different things to appeal to their interest.

SILVERWOOD

Fruit Recipe Reply To Chef's Roll Call

The Silverwood Chefs held their weekly meeting at the home of their leader, Mrs. George Ironside, with its president, Caroline Norton, in the chair.
The meeting opened with the 411 pledge, followed by the roll call which was answered by naming a fruit recipe you enjoyed making. The secretary, Mary Ellen Murray read the minutes of the last meeting.
Caroline Norton was chosen to give the talk about the display at Achievement Day to be held in Milton on May 27.
The leader Mrs. Ironside and assistant leader Mrs. George Burt served a light lunch to the girls at the close of the meeting.
Friends and neighbors of Mrs. Harry Scott will be pleased to hear she is recovering after her recent operation in Guelph General Hospital.
The firemen were called to a grass fire Sunday about 5.30 in the field across from Bailey's service station.

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Acton School Singers Top Competitors During Wednesday Halton Music Festival

Competition has been through-out the three-day Halton Music Festival last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, held in the Robert Little public school auditorium, Acton. Adjudicators praised the efforts of the young singers and commended music supervisors for their achievements.
During the Wednesday competitions, Acton took top honors with three firsts and three seconds, while Milton captured two

Nine Rural Schools Compete During Annual Music Festival

Singers from nine rural one-room schools in Nassagaweya and Esquimaux townships gathered at Acton's Robert Little public school Thursday of last week for the annual North Halton rural music festival. At the conclusion of the day, S. S. 6 Nassagaweya and Pinegrove schools stood out with the most wins in the various solo, choir, duet and double trio competitions.
Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to soloists and duet singers while Pinegrove, Bannockburn, S. S. 6, Limehouse and Milton Heights schools took home trophies, cups and shields for firsts and seconds in the choir and double trio classes. Other schools competing were Hornby, Blue Mountain, Ligny and Quatra Bras.

Adjudicator was Lloyd Bradshaw, music supervisor of Forest Hill junior high school, Toronto. The following are the results:
Solo, girls 8 and under: Mary McGee, Pinegrove, 86; Heather Hyatt, Hornby, 85; Shelley Roy, Blue Mountain, 84. Other contestants were Elizabeth Anderson of S. S. 6, Nassagaweya, Mary Wills of Ligny, Jacqueline Bos of Limehouse, Maureen Thomson of Quatra Bras, Lynn Stewart of Bannockburn and Deanna Cargill of Milton Heights.

Solo, boys 8 and under: Bruce Austen, S. S. 6, 85; Donald Step toe, Milton Heights, 84; Tommy Wills, Ligny, 83. Other contestants were Calvin Sanderson of Blue Mountain, Robert Murdoch of Hornby, Freddie McDonald of Limehouse and Jim Marshall of Quatra Bras.

Solo, girls 11 and under: Margie Clarkson, Milton Heights, 86; Nancy Mahon, S. S. 6, 85; Jacqueline Kingdon, Hornby, 84. Others in the class included Linda Damm of Bannockburn, Judy Hardy of Ligny, Angelic Sommers of Limehouse, Dianne Hawes of Blue Mountain and Harriet Sonnie of Quatra Bras.

Solo, boys 11 and under: John Austen, S. S. 6, 87; Murray McCaig, Pinegrove, 86; Gary Poot, Limehouse, 85. Others singing were David Whaley of Hornby, Larry White of Blue Mountain, Phillip Powell of Milton Heights, Freddie Anthony of Bannockburn and Douglas McLaughlin of Quatra Bras.

Choir, two part: S. S. 6, Nassagaweya, won the Halton Music Festival cup for first place with 86 points and Mrs. Bennett received the award; Limehouse had 85 marks and came second, receiving the Esquimaux School Area Board shield donated by Mrs. V. Archer. Other choirs singing were Quatra Bras, Ligny, Milton Heights and Hornby.

Boys' Solo
Solo, boys 12 and over: Neil Robertson, S. S. 6, 86; John McGee, Pinegrove, 85; Gerald Robertson, Bannockburn, 83. The other singers were John McDonald of Limehouse, Gary Whaley of Hornby and David Miller of Ligny.

Double trio: The S. S. 6 Nassagaweya group received the music festival cup presented by Mrs. Norris, when they received 82 points for first place. Mrs. J. W. Robertson presented the Mountain Union W.L. shield to second place, Milton Heights double trio with 81 points. Other singing were Limehouse, Pinegrove, Quatra Bras and Hornby.

Duet: Marilyn Hilson and Nancy Mahon, S. S. 6, 87; Lynne Brown and John McGee, Pinegrove, 84; Rosemary Robertson and Donna Kingdon, Hornby, 83. Other duet singers were John Forbes and Laura Howden of Ligny and Margaret Arnold and Mary-Lou Brown of Limehouse.

Choir, Class
Unison choir, enrollment to 30; Bannockburn was first with 82 marks and won the music festival

of the competitions:
Junior choir, grades 1-4, 6 rooms and under: Campbellville first with 83 points and Stewarttown second with 81. Other standings included Norval 79; Speyside and Glen Williams 78 points each.

Primary choir, kindergarten to grade 3, 7 rooms and over: Milton J. M. Denyes school first with 85 points and Milton W. I. Dick school second with 83. Other competitors were: Milton Bruce Street school and Acton M. Z. Bennett school tied with 80 points; Brookville and Acton Robert Little school tied with 78.

Junior choir, grades 4-6, 7 rooms and over: Top honors went to Brookville with 82 points, while Milton J. M. Denyes school placed second with 81. Other competitors and standings were: Acton Robert Little and Milton Bruce Street schools with 80 points each; Acton M. Z. Bennett and Milton W. I. Dick schools with 79.

Boys' unchanged voices, open class: Acton schools led the field in this competition with the Robert Little school taking first with 85 points and the M. Z. Bennett school second with 82. Other marks included: Brook-

ville and Milton J. M. Denyes schools, 81 points each; Campbellville, Stewarttown and Milton W. I. Dick schools, 77 points each.
Grade 7 choir, 7 rooms and over: Milton J. M. Denyes school was first with 83 points and Acton Robert Little school was second with 82. Other competitors included: Milton W. I. Dick school 81; Acton M. Z. Bennett and Brookville schools 80 points each.

Senior choir, grades 7-8, 7 rooms and over: Once again, Acton schools took top honors with the Robert Little receiving 84 points and the M. Z. Bennett 82. Milton J. M. Denyes school was awarded 81 points; Brookville and Milton Bruce Street school tied with 80 each.

Senior choir, grades 5-8, 6 rooms and under: Glen Williams got 83 points to take first place with Stewarttown second with 82. Campbellville was next with 81 points, then Norval with 80 and Speyside with 78.

Triple trio, 6 rooms and under: Stewarttown was first with 81 points and Glen Williams came second with 80. Third spot was divided among three contestants, Norval, Speyside and Campbellville, all with 79 points.

Triple trio, grades 7-8, 7 rooms and over: Milton J. M. Denyes 87; Milton W. I. Dick 85; Acton M. Z. Bennett 81, Brookville and Acton Robert Little 83 points each; Milton Bruce Street 81.

During the evening, the audience heard the Campbellville junior choir, winners from Wednesday's competition, sing "Lady Moon". The Acton M. Z. Bennett Junior choir, winners in class two Wednesday, entertained with their winning number, "Vesper Hymn". The Acton Robert Little senior choir repeated their winning selection, "A Shepherd's Tune".

The Glen Williams senior choir sang "Away with Melancholy", the number which won them first place Wednesday and the Acton Robert Little senior choir repeated their winning selection, "A Shepherd's Tune".

Mrs. W. Spruston, Acton, acted as master of ceremonies for the Friday evening performance

Adjudicator Praises Milton

Milton J. M. Denyes public school received high praise from adjudicator John Wood on Friday evening when they won the highest mark, during the three-day Halton Music Festival, as their triple trio topped top honors with 87 points.

During the festival staged in the Acton Robert Little school auditorium, urban contestants competed on Wednesday and Friday, with rural schools competing Thursday.

During the finals Friday evening, winners chosen on Wednesday repeated their selections, as well as three competition classes. A packed auditorium heard the finalists and listened attentively as adjudicator John Wood gave his comments on each competitor.

Mr. Wood told the large audience he had never enjoyed a music festival as much as the one held in Acton this year. He praised the officials of the festival for their cooperation and commended the music supervisors for their interest and efforts in training the young singers.

In conclusion, the adjudicator expressed his hope that the spirit of cooperation at Halton festivals would continue.

During the Friday evening finals, the following were the winners:
Boys' ensemble, changed voices,



MUSIC SUPERVISORS received a few pointers from adjudicator John Wood following the conclusion of the North Halton Urban Festival, Friday evening in Acton. Pictured left to right are Mrs. Mary Kidney, supervisor for Esquimaux school area No. 1, Glenn Banks, Acton music supervisor, Mrs. Donna Manes, supervisor for Nassagaweya school area, adjudicator John Wood and Milton music supervisor Mrs. A. Ledwith.

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