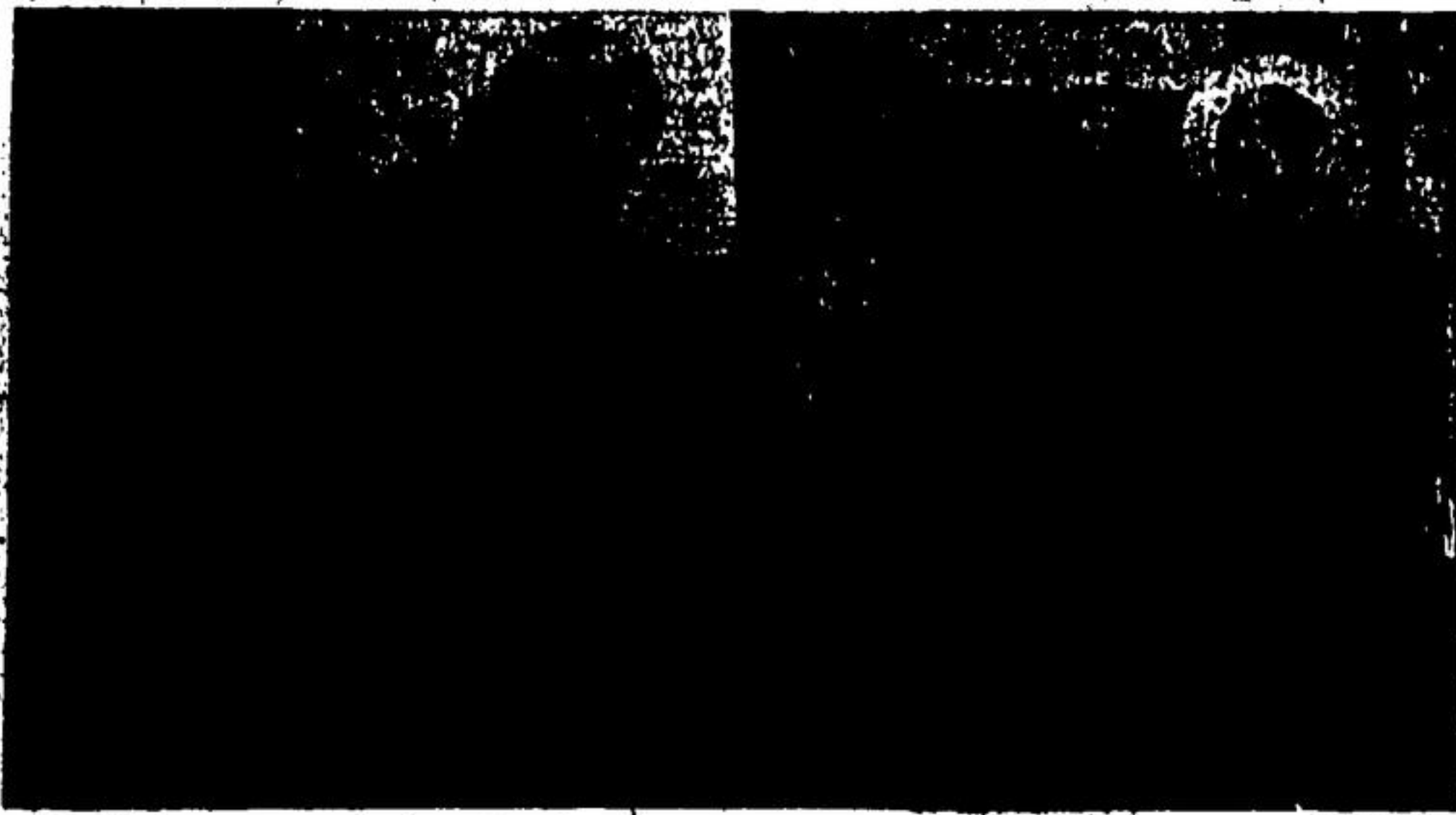


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Second Section



THE FIVE STRAWS strike a high note as they entertain during Mrs. Joyce Carpenter's Dancing and Singing Revue, Thursday evening. The display staged by Mrs. Carpenter and her dancing pupils boosted the Community Centre Fund by over \$60. The singers and pianist pictured above, left to right, are Vic Bristow, George Musselle, George Hall, Jack Creasey and Les Duby.

Second Dancing Recital Raises \$60 for Arena

The second singing and dancing display by the pupils of Joyce Carpenter raised \$60 for the Community Centre Fund. During the finale, the attractive blonde teacher presented a cheque to Alec Johnson of the community centre committee.

The repeat program last Thursday evening in the Robert Little auditorium had several changes, including different guest stars, the Five Straws. These popular local singers are Les Duby, Vic Bristow, George Musselle, Jack Creasey and their accompanist George Hall. Their appearances twice on the program evoked enthusiastic applause.

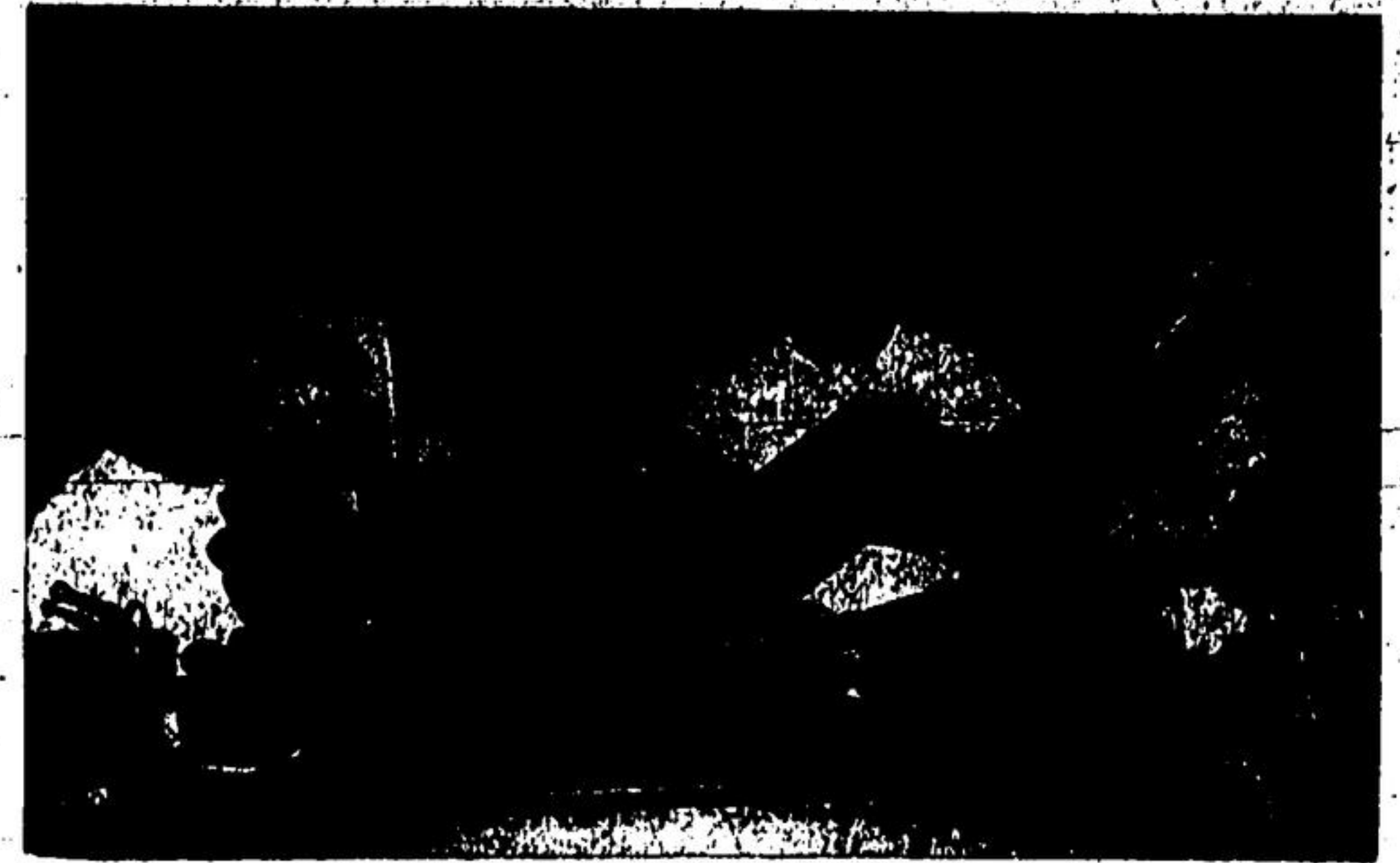
Charles Kirkness was the amusing master of ceremonies for the program and Mrs. Mel McCullough was accompanist.

Dance Solo
Mrs. Carpenter danced solos and in some of the numbers with her students, and sang 'They Call the Wind Maria,' accompanied by

Mr. Duby. He accompanied himself and sang 'Tumbling Tumbleweeds.'

Some new dances were on the program with the favorites from the show several weeks ago. Taking part were one boy, Peter Martingell, with a bevy of girls, Ruth Everlell, Teresa Fullford, Jennifer Taylor, Kay Punccheon, Terry Dowling, Jackie Lee, Pamela Punccheon, Linda Reiner, Linda Rife, Jeanie Sprouton, Donna Williams, Sandra Brito, Sharon Martingell, Carol Masalcs, Debbie Bousfield, Diane Bousfield, Elizabeth Hurst, Joanne Wawowicz, Helen Harris, Anne Rogers, Susan McGiloway, Bonnie Fin, Leslie Colles, Bonnie Bristow, Judy Engel, Joanne Doherty, Claire Dunham and Colia Langworthy.

Veteran performers by now, the young dancers were relaxed, confident and smiling. The audience of about 150 caught the spirit of enthusiasm and applauded—even whistled—with pleasure.



FINAL APPROVAL is given by Industrial Arts teacher Doug Widdis as he views work completed by students. The finished work was displayed Thursday afternoon. Pictured left to right are Stewart Johnson with a wall bracket, David Butler with lamp, Phillip Merzo with a tooled copper planter box and the teacher.



CHEWING A BOOK finds more interest for little Kenneth Bannon than admiring a pyjama bag held by Pauline Lynch. Walter Blunn, seems puzzled at why he was caught by the camera in such a predicament. The youngsters attended the school fashion show and display staged in the Robert Little public school auditorium.



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School Fashion Show, Display Enjoyed by 100 in Auditorium

Nearly 100 parents, friends, brothers and sisters enjoyed a fashion show and exhibit staged by grades seven and eight students of the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett public schools Thursday, June 22. The event was held in the Robert Little school auditorium.

Home economics teacher Miss Helen Baker and industrial arts teacher Douglas Widdis staged the display with the help of the students.

Over 100 Participate
Over 100 students from both schools participated in the fashion show with each class having its own commentator to explain the wearing apparel. Some of the clothes modelled included skirts, blouses, pop-tops and shortie pyjamas. Other articles made during home economic

classes and displayed in the auditorium included pin cushions, aprons, pyjama bags, baby jackets and knitted slippers.

Boys from the two schools who took training in the industrial arts room displayed magazine racks, tooled copper pincushions, lamps, bookcases, wall brackets, copper planter boxes and metal book ends.

Following the fashion show, Mrs. Pierce from Rosedale Flor-

ists, Georgetown, demonstrated methods of displaying buds to make up several attractive arrangements.

Miss Baker thanked the audience for attending. At the conclusion of the show, grade eight girls, assisted by a number of students from grade seven, served a lunch consisting of cookies made by the grade eight girls and coffee.

Duke of Devonshire Chapter Celebrates 45th Anniversary

The 45th Anniversary meeting of Acton's Duke of Devonshire chapter I. O. D. E. was held at the beautiful old stately home of

Mrs. Frank Stout in Rockwood with 28 members and two visitors present.

The regent, Mrs. B. Mowat, expressed the thanks of the members to the hostess, also Mrs. Speck and Miss Hammill who had helped arrange the program.

Box lunches, brought by the members were exchanged and with a picnic atmosphere around a fireplace of burning logs, the surprise lunches were soon disposed of.

The regent opened the meeting and conducted the usual business on hand. Mrs. Spencer-Lee had tendered her resignation as flower and gift committee. Mrs. H. B. Force was appointed to fill the office until the end of the year.

In presenting her report on Empire and World Affairs Mrs. Force stressed the meaning of Confederation Day and included in her talk two editorials written by Hon. Vincent Massey, "Views of the Commonwealth" and "A Creed for Canadians", bringing to mind the things we should do to celebrate the First of July in its true meaning.

Mrs. McLeod reported as Echoes, secretary and Mrs. Reed reported for the Education secretary that the books were ready to be presented to the two public schools and a number of the members volunteered to visit the schools on June 15. Gifts of pens were to be presented at the Grade 8 graduation banquet to two students for general proficiency, Paul Phelan of the Robert Little school and Barbara Churchill of the M. Z. Bennett school.

\$50 for Arena
A donation of \$50.00 was voted to the community project. Mrs. Gordon Harris of Rockwood delighted those present with her piano solos. Minuet by Faderewski and Brahms' Waltz.

Mrs. Reed gave a synopsis of the Life of Pauline Johnston and Miss Folster read two of her poems, "The Song my Paddle Sings" and "The Train Dogs".

First Meeting
Mrs. Dills told about the organizing of the first meeting in St. Alban's Hall with 34 present. Mrs. Smith, the Rector's wife, was the first Regent. A number of the past regents gave highlights of meetings in the years gone by. These memories brought back their work with the Red Cross through both world wars.

Miss Carol Thomas accompanied by Mrs. Harris, sang very sweetly two solos, "When Sweet Anne Sings" and "Go From My Window Go."

Mrs. Whitman in expressing the best wishes of the chapter addressed Mrs. Spencer-Lee and Mrs. Knox and commended them for the duties they had filled so capably as members of the I.O.D.E. and extended to them wishes for happiness and good health in their new home in Oakville. Mrs. McDonald presented them both with a cup and saucer.

After the close of the meeting fruit punch was served by the hostess and birthday cake made by Mrs. Malprize.



STUDENT MODELS from the M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools entertained parents and friends during a fashion show and display of Home Economic and Industrial Arts work, Thursday afternoon in the auditorium. Pictured above are three students with teacher Miss Helen Baker as she demonstrates the technique of sewing. Left to right are Anne Fryer, Karen Schubert, Miss Baker and Anne Bennett.



ONE LITTLE TYKE Susan Churchill didn't seem too impressed with a magazine rack displayed Thursday during the public schools' fashion show and industrial arts display. Her two friends however, Leslie Colles and Pat Lynch take a good peek at the article made by a grade eight student. Miss H. Baker, Home Economics teacher and Doug Widdis, Industrial Arts teacher, were in charge of the display.

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