

Record Crowd Jams H.S. Auditorium As Pupils Present "Music Night"

Two records in one night were broken at Acton District high school Thursday night of last week when M. Z. Bennett school pupils staged their first "Music Night" production, which replaced the customary operetta, to a packed auditorium.

The largest crowd to fill the auditorium at one time totalling over 830, as well as the largest choir of 99 young singers to fill the auditorium stage at one time broke any previous records the school had.

No Place to Practice
M. Z. Bennett school principal Elmer Smith welcomed the large crowd made up of 400 adults, 380 pupils and the balance pre-school children and noted the substitution for the yearly operetta was found easier due to the lack of an auditorium at his school for practice sessions.

Music supervisor Glenn Banks and staff members had their young charges in fine voice as the children presented choir numbers, solos, acrobatics and orchestra numbers which delighted the audience.

Rhythm Band
Kindergarten teacher Miss Gayle Hanna led her morning and afternoon classes in the opening number. The children wore gay-colored paper hats made in class

with some pounding out the beat with rhythm band precision instruments. Their selections included "A Spoonful of Sugar", "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" and "The Perfect Nanny", with Janice Ellerby singing a solo part.

Largest Choir Ever
Grade one pupils supervised by teachers Mrs. Kay Alger and Miss Jean McDonald and directed by teacher Miss Fern Small were decked out in Indian costume complete with war drums as they presented "Indian Dance". "We are the Red Men" and "Indian Children".

Exercises, Dances
As a change in the program grades five and six students demonstrated 10 BX exercises to music, headed by teachers Ed Leatherland and Stuart Cowan. Glenn Banks directed 16 pupils vying for the triple trio award in the Music Festival as they sang "Sleep Little One Sleep", "Stum-bler Song", and "Gently Evening Bendeth".

A dance by grade three and four pupils led by Mrs. Benton entitled "Jolly is the Miller" proved to be a crowd pleaser as was the grades five and six boys' unchanged voices choir singing "The Little Spark", "By the Light of the Moon" and "My Mountain Home".

Setting a fast pace with skipping ropes, hoops and dumbbells, pupils in grades two and three led by Miss Small and Miss Donna Farrelly brought rounds of applause as they exercised to a quick tempo.

Choir, Solos
The junior choir, comprised of songsters from grades four, five and six, sang "Marianina", "Dawn in Hawaii", "Land of Spain" and "Breeze of the Night". Petite Lynda Bannon captivated her audience with a solo entitled "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" and attractive Rosalind Hall hit the high notes in a solo entitled "Climb Every Mountain".

Grade seven and eight changed voices choir sang "Marianne" and "When the Saints Go Marching In". The senior choir from the same grades sang "Click Go the Shears", "Zing, Zing, Zing", "By the Singing Water" and "The Turtle Dove".

School Orchestra
In an innovation for the two public schools, principal Elmer Smith organized a school orchestra comprising five pupils with musical instruments, music director Glenn Banks at the piano and guest drummer high school student Bob Watson. School musicians included Willie Muelbacher playing the trombone, Brendan Irwin on the trumpet, Teddy Muelbacher tooting the flute, Rodney Gibbons and Jackie Irwin on the clarinet.

Parking lots at the high school were filled with cars spilling onto Acton Boulevard and down a portion of Mill Street.



WHAT BETTER HANDS could the country be in if they gave it back to the Indians? Pupils from grade one at the M. Z. Bennett school pleased the large audience attending the "Music Night" last Thursday at the high school with their Indian songs and dances. Front row left to right are Sherri Spielvogel, Cheryl Hunter, Ingrid McColl, Kim Bishop and Valerie Irwin. Second row left to right are David Drinkwater, Peter Prystasz and Freddie Allen. Back row left to right are Kathy Wallis, Paul Hansen and Don Coates.



ANOTHER FIRST for M. Z. Bennett public school is the formation of a school band. Members made their debut during "Music Night". Included in the band were leader principal Elmer Smith, pianist music director Glenn Banks and pupils Willie Muelbacher, Brendan Irwin, Teddy Muelbacher, Rodney Gibbons and Jackie Irwin. High school student Bob Watson was guest drummer for the evening.



ATTRACTIVE SONGSTERS Lynda Bannon, bottom, and Rosalind Hall, top, expanded their vocal chords to please the large audience at the M. Z. Bennett school "Music Night".

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Stability, Growth Keynotes At Halton, Peel Trust Annual

Shareholders of Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Co. received glowing reports of progress during the annual meeting in Oakville on Thursday when president O. E. Manning reviewed the company's tenth year.

In reporting to shareholders Mr. Manning noted Halton and Peel was the first trust company formed in 28 years prior to incorporation and had been used as a model by a number since. Indicating the stability of the company, he noted liquidity is 100 per cent higher than that required by the Ontario Loan and Trust Corporations Act. No money had been invested in Atlantic Acceptance at any time, he emphasized.

The successful year was outlined in the financial report showing savings deposits and guaranteed investment certificates up 29 per cent; first mortgages up 31

per cent; and net profits after taxes up 31 per cent.

Maintain High Standard
"It will be the aim of the company in the years to come to maintain a high standard of service to its clients and to assure the financial strength year by year which a Trust Company must have," Mr. Manning stressed.

The appointment of J. S. Beatty, C.A., as General Manager of the company and of D. S. McLaughlin as secretary was announced to the meeting.

In reporting to the meeting Mr. Beatty noted that despite bad publicity received by trust companies deposits with Halton and Peel had increased and the company did not stop putting money into mortgages. He promised a continuation of security and growth based on security in the operation of Halton and Peel.

Milton Office Develops
Dr. C. A. Martin, vice-president, expressed his great satisfaction in the development of the Milton office which had now been open only 16 months.

W. J. Beatty, vice-president, emphasized the directors were fully aware of all the business transacted by the board and could never blame the staff for lack of knowledge on its actions. He expressed pleasure that Halton and Peel had retained confidence and achieved new growth in the past year. The company is serving 10,000 more customers now than it was a year ago, through its operations in Oakville, Brampton, Burlington, Simcoe, Cooksville, Milton and Delhi.

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Okay \$5,000 Grant For County Library

At the third meeting of the newly formed South-Central Regional Library Co-Operative Board, a grant of \$5,000 to the Wentworth County Public Library was approved. Wentworth, having formed the first County Public Library in the three-county region, was the first to qualify under a resolution passed at the January meeting of the Regional Library Board. The February meeting held at Paris, also approved a bursary of \$1,500 to be awarded to suitable candidates who wish to take a post-graduate degree in Library Science.

High School Teachers Meet at Port Credit

"A teacher needs a basic philosophy of life — a religion. He needs to know what he believes." This was one of the ten basic requirements for mental health outlined by Dr. H. R. Brillinger, M.D., Director Emeritus of the Ontario Hospital, Hamilton in his address to the annual convention of the District 12 Ontario Secondary School Federation of High School Teachers in Port Credit on Feb. 18. Local teachers attended.

Teaching is a hazardous profession today," Dr. Brillinger declared. "Respect for authority is a vanishing trait in modern society. The modern teacher's challenge is to find out why students rebel. The teacher must change for each new crop of students. As he adjusts he is not only teaching mental health but improving his own."

The second main speaker, Dr. C. W. Booth, B.A., L.I.D. formerly the Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario, attempted to define the status of the Secondary School teacher, whose image he declared is not always enhanced by screen and TV. He suggested that creative writing by more teachers could remedy the situation by presenting a true portrait.

"To the good teacher," Dr. Booth declared, "good status should be doing his work to the best of his ability. If he has instilled a sense of true values, fanned the spark of inspiration, he has fulfilled his role as a teacher."

While recognizing the significance of the role of the Ontario Secondary School Foundation in improving the status of teachers to update and upgrade their knowledge, Dr. Booth concluded on the note that the status of the teacher will depend upon the work of the individual himself.

Following morning speakers, the afternoon sessions provided an opportunity for group attendance at topics as varied as community colleges, and emotional problems of secondary school students.

W. R. Owens of T. L. Kennedy Secondary School was the chairman responsible for the arrangements for this highly successful assembly. The teachers were welcomed by the president of District 12, Michael Peleschak of Georgetown District High School.

C. L. Rognvaldson of Acton District High School chaired a panel on audio-visual aids.

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Service Facility

The Ontario Department of Highways has established a new area service facility on Highway 7. It is located at the property formerly used as a school house, at Eden Mills Rd. A number of vehicles are housed here and a huge quantity of food and salt is stored for use on highways in the area.

GOOD SAMPLES

Children like to sample scraps of any food that mother is preparing, and if this includes vegetables it should be encouraged. Raw vegetables such as turnip, carrot or any of the leafy kinds are good when eaten but they are even better eaten raw, when their vitamin and mineral content has not been lost in long cooking.