

Final group competitions, concert end North Halton Music Festival

Robert Little school auditorium, Acton, was completely filled for the annual concert and final competitions of the North Halton music festival Wednesday evening of last week. The program culminated two full days of keen competition.

Many of the winners of gold medals and top trophies repeated their winning numbers. The last competitions were heard and adjudicated by Garfield Bender of Kitchener.

Winning soloists who sang again were Janice Ellerby of M. Z. Bennett school, Acton; Danny Cooper, Norval; Bonnie Hill, Bruce St.; Milton; Richard Rocher, Robert Little, Acton; Andrew Leckie, M. Z. Bennett, Lois Faye, Martin St.; Milton; and Terry Legate, Brookville.

Winning choirs which performed were the Robert Little Junior choir singing Flow-Gently Sweet Acton; M. Z. Bennett boys' changed voices choir singing I's the Boy; W. L. Dick senior choir

singing Country Garden and Martin St. school senior choir with The Dutious Day now Closseth.

Competitions heard during the evening resulted as follows: Triple Duet, grades five and six, seven rooms and under, Sleep, Baby Sleep, W. L. Dick, Campbellville, Bruce St. Four entries.

Triple Trio, grades seven and eight, This Joyful Easter (I don't know of any harder test piece," said the adjudicator.) Robert Little, Martin St., Stewarttown, Seven entries.

Boys' changed voices, "I think of my Darlin' when the Sun Goes Down," Stewarttown, directed by choir member Robbie Bradbury, Robert Little, M. Z. Bennett. Five entries.

Trophies were presented by Ray Morrison for the Kitchener; Miss Marjorie Hall for Acton, W. L. Mrs. J. Kitching for Ebenezer church choir, Mrs. Mary Kidney with the Miss Ruth Evans cup, Murray Hood, G. W. McKenzie, Mrs. J. Frost, Mrs. Marcoux and Mrs. Glenda Benton.

place winners. No marks were given, just first, second and third placings, mainly to encourage the youngsters. The senior choirs sang a number of their own choosing as well as the test piece.

In the second year of revised solo competitions, the response was "great."

Acton school board member Vic Bristow pointed out the Robert Little school principal had arranged for 1700 children, passing through his school the two days of the festival. He thanked Mr. McKenzie, supervisors and adjudicators, and re-iterated his partiality for solo classes. He suggested the festival might be held somewhere else next year.

M. Z. Bennett student Joanne Pavil introduced the adjudicator and festival past president Mrs. Marcoux thanked him.

Other results follow:

Wednesday's solo competitions: Girls, grades 1-3, Janice Ellerby, M. Z. Bennett, Acton; Ann Goulding, Bruce St., Milton; Sheryl Spence, Glen Williams.

Boys, grades 1-3, Danny Cooper, Norval; Morris Daviau, Milton Heights; Tony Perritt, Pineview.

Girls, grades 4-6, Bonnie Hill, Bruce St.; Beverly Walters, Brookville; Muriel Holmes, Robert Little, Acton.

Boys, grades 4-6, Richard Rocher, Robert Little; Billy Van Sickle, Campbellville; Steven Brunello, M. Z. Bennett.

Girls, grades 7-8, Lois Faye, Martin St.; Heather Hyatt, Stewarttown; Janet Brodie, Martin St.

Boys, grades 7-8, Terry Legate, Brookville; Riny Schuts, Robert Little; Jim Kosulik, Martin St.

Boys' changed voices, Andrew Leckie, M. Z. Bennett; Joe Soultor, Brookville; John Hassel-

feldt, Martin St.; Rod McGuin, Robert Little.

Presenting trophies Wednesday were Mrs. D. Hayward representing the J. M. Doyes school, Mrs. A. Logan representing the W. L. Dick school, Mrs. F. Somerville from Limehouse school area, Mrs. J. Beaton from Brookville, Mrs. Stinson from Martin St., Mrs. J. Marcoux from Robert Little and Mrs. Reynolds for Glen Williams.



M. Z. BENNETT school boys' choir won first place, over 11 entries, for "I's the Boy". The Robert Little choir placed second in the class for unchanged voices. They competed Tuesday of last week. (Staff Photo)



JANICE ELLERBY of M. Z. Bennett school won gold medal for solo at the Music Festival. (Staff Photo)

Adjudicator Mr. Bender conveyed his own enthusiasm for music to the eager contestants when he had the seven groups entered in the triple trio - 63 boys and girls - follow his direction in "This Joyful Easter."

"This is chamber music - the highest art," he told them. "It is very difficult and very rewarding."

Presentations were made to Karen Trimble, Martin St., Milton, who designed this year's festival program cover, and to last year's designer Michael Svillans.

Festival president Jack Reed of Stewarttown school told the crowd of changes this year. New plaques are provided for all third



ROBERT LITTLE SCHOOLS' triple trio won a competitive North Halton Music Festival class Wednesday night with their harmonious rendition of "The Joyful Easter". Riny Schuts holds the prized trophy won, while left to right, Cathy Ashley, Cathy Papillon, Bonnie Bristow, Gay Nesser, Diane Bousfield, Barbara Pratt, Nellie Van der Kooy and Mary Frances Marcoux make up the balance of the group. (Staff Photo)

Eramosa Juniors present prize-winning play again

Rockwood - The play, "Brothers in Arms" was put on by the Junior Farmers of Eramosa Club in Eramosa public school. This play won county level and zone level in Ontario Junior Farmer competitions. It was further enjoyed by an audience of about 150 persons.

This play will be presented by the group in Guelph at War Memorial

Hall on April 20 in provincial drama competition.

Other features in the variety night were: a choir made up of members, a skit entitled The Silent Spot, a medley of songs by Eleanor Rowan, Sandra Peart and June Thomson, Bill Miller and his guitar in country and western favorites, and Irene Kay in song, accompanied by Mr. Miller. Sandra Peart played a selection on the piano, and Mrs. A. Leslie, R.R. 1 Rockwood, gave a reading entitled Bessie's Ball.

Tip on studs

This week's safety hint from the Milton O.P.P. detachment concerns studded tires. They will soon have to be removed from cars, warns Sgt. C. J. Parkinson.

The Ontario Safety League advises car owners to mark the tires carefully, and to make sure that they go back on the same side of the car next winter. Reversing the direction of travel could result in loosening the studs and permitting them to fly under pressure.

Endorse GO service

Endorsing a resolution from Etobicoke council to extend GO train service from Toronto to Guelph was no problem for Acton council at their meeting last week but catching the train was another kettle of fish.

Councillor Charlie Perry, speaking for the resolution, said four or five men from new families in town used the morning train, indicating needs were going to increase.

Reeve Hinton, conscious of plans to close the station, asked, "Do they have to flag the train?"

"No," retorted Councillor Earl Masales. "They have to run like back to catch it!"

A suggestion by Councillor Ted Tyler to take a survey on the numbers who would use the GO service before endorsing the Etobicoke resolution was ruled out on the basis of time and the feeling all councillors concurred it would be a valuable service.

"We're just for or against," remarked Councillor Bill Williams. "We're not going to lose it. It will develop North Halton," said Councillor McKenzie.

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