



PLANS FOR NEXT APRIL'S music festival are already being made by the North Halton Music Festival's new executive. Elected at the annual meeting last week were (left to right, vice-president Ray Morrison, Bruce St. School, Milton; past

president Jack Reed, Glen Williams school; secretary-treasurer Mrs. Glenda Benton, M. Z. Bennett school, Acton, and new president Jim Zehr, Brookville school. (Staff Photo)

1500 competitors

Increasing numbers force changes in Music Festival

The annual school Music Festival will be held in different locations, and possibly split into junior and senior sections, it was decided at the annual meeting of the North Halton Music Festival Association Wednesday evening.

For 17 years the festival has been held in the Robert Little school, Acton, with as many as 1500 children participating, disrupting the regular classes in the school.

seven and eight at Stewarttown senior school.

Three classes were changed to indicate they were open to schools with six rooms and under. This replaces two of last year's designations, four rooms and under or seven rooms and under.

Parent representatives named are:

Milton—Martin St. Mrs. Ruth Stinson; W. I. Dick Mrs. Angus Logan; J. M. Denyes Mrs. D. Hayward; Bruce St. Mrs. H. Sloski.

Acton—Robert Little Mrs. Frances-Marcoux; M. Z. Bennett Mrs. Stella Brunelle.

Esquesing—Speyside Mrs. W. K. McPahli; Stewarttown Mrs. Margaret Appleyard; Limehouse Mrs. F. Somerville; Pineview Mrs. K. Cartwright; Norval Mrs. R. Frost; Glen Williams Mrs. K. M. Girvan; Milton Heights Unknown as yet.

Nassagaweya—Brookville—Mrs. Joyce Beaton; Campbellville Unknown as yet.

This year, likely the senior classes with have their festival at Stewarttown school on one day, the junior and primary classes at Brookville the next day, with the evening program in either Acton or Milton high school gym. These possibilities will all be investigated.

Principals of both Stewarttown and Brookville school are willing to undertake hosting the children, with the accompanying necessity of rearranging classes.

The final program may simply be a concert, without any competition.

About 25 teachers, music supervisors, principals and interested parents attended the annual meeting in the teachers' room of the Robert Little school in Acton.

New officers elected are president Jim Zehr, Brookville; vice-president Ray Morrison, Bruce St. school, Milton; secretary-treasurer Mrs. Glenda Benton, M. Z. Bennett school, Acton and trophy convener Mrs. R. Frost, R. R. 4, Georgetown. Both Mrs. Benton and Mrs. Frost were returned to the executive. Past president is Jack Reed of Glen Williams school.

Area superintendent W. L. McNeill conducted the election, and expressed thanks to Mr. Reed for his work during the past year.

Everyone present agreed with Principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school that it is now time the festival is shared among the schools. "It's getting to be physically impossible to have eight empty classrooms," he declared.

Possibility of using the School for the Deaf or the United Church Christian Education centre in Milton was discussed. However, if a school hosts a festival, the caretakers are prepared, and many children automatically don't require transportation.

Names of several adjudicators were suggested to be contacted.

Date of the festival was set at the week of April 21—three weeks after the spring holiday.

Three new trophies will be purchased to replace filled ones. If old trophies can be assembled, they may be offered to Halton county museum. Green third place seals will be ordered.

A letter will be sent to the Interim School Organization committee, acquainting them with the fact the North Halton Music Festival will again be in operation. A letter will also go to the new board, once it's elected.

Music supervisors agreed to select the songs for the festival, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lenora Vickery.

There will again be a competition for design for a cover for the festival program. In the past two years the winning students were given \$5 for their designs.

The number of children allowed in a senior choir was increased from 35 to 50. The problem came up as a result of the high registration in grades

Ask dam program get high priority

A plea to keep its \$30,000,000 dam program high on the priority list was made Wednesday to the Ontario government by directors of the Grand River Conservation Authority.

Meeting in Brantford, the directors approved a resolution to be sent to Prime Minister Robarts; Energy and Resources Minister J. R. Simonett and Provincial Treasurer C. S. MacNaughton.

The resolution was prompted by recent announcements by Ontario government spokesmen about cutting down major expenditures in an austerity drive.

The resolution points out that the five dams were approved by the provincial government in 1966. No action has been taken to start construction because of a holdup in federal government approval.

Each of the two senior levels of government were asked to contribute 37 1/2 per cent of the cost of the dams, which are planned for locations near West Montrose, Ayr, Guelph, Everton and Hespeler.

The multi-use reservoirs are urgently required for water management and control for the rapidly developing communities in the Grand River valley, the resolution says.

It asks Mr. Simonett "to urge his colleagues to retain the flood control and water management project high on the priorities for major expenditures as a major development project in Ontario."

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D-9 7 6
C-A 5 3

WEST
S-10 4 2
H-Q 8
D-Q 4
C-K J 10 7

EAST
S-Q 9 6
H-5 3 2
D-10 8 5 3
C-Q 8 2

SOUTH
H-A K 10 9
D-A K J 2
C-9 6 4

The bidding:
East: 2NT. West: 3NT. All Pass.

Opening lead—2 of spades. In the modern style of bidding, South opens two no trump with a balanced hand, 22-24 points in spite of the lack of club stoppers. I am in agreement with this treatment since South would have no other way to describe his hand accurately.

North hesitated quite a while before he raised 2 No Trump to 3. West was reluctant to open the club suit so he led his low spade.

Declarer's chances are slim. In spite of his gilt-edged twenty six points he has only seven tricks and not much prospect for two more. It's very hard to show the difference in bidding but no trump hands are better if the points are in kings, queens, and jacks while suit contracts are better if the points are in aces and kings. Here declarer has twenty five of his points in aces

everyone who played this in three no trump went down. If you want to see if a suit is going to split, it's often best to concede a trick in it early in the play. Then you can cash your high cards later without giving up control.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coats; second, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown; third, Ivan Harris and Cam Sinclair; fourth, Bev Pattullo and Duke Wilson.

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