

Future of music festival concern at annual meeting

The fact that the North Halton Music Festival can no longer exist in its present form was agreed upon at the annual meeting of the Association. Teachers, principals, two co-ordinators and music consultant with a few representatives of sponsoring groups met in the staff room of the Robert Little school Wednesday evening of last week for the meeting.

A committee was named, after much discussion, to prepare a questionnaire to be sent to all schools, consultants, music supervisors and sponsoring organizations in North Halton. It will seek answers to current problems, and an acceptable solution.

It was a letter to secretary-treasurer Mrs. Glenda Benton from one of the association's past presidents, Jack Reed of Glen Williams school, which sparked the evening's searching discussion.

With the new system of music instruction under the county board, there are now a number of schools without trained music supervisors. Acton's two schools share Mrs. Slesor as music teacher, but in Milton only one school has a music teacher, Miss Eitherington of Martin St. senior school. Only Stewarttown Senior school has a music teacher on staff in Esqueving. In Nassagaweya, Mrs. Leonora Vickery teaches music in both Brookville and Campbellville schools.

In most of Milton and Esqueving, the only music instruction is by the regular classroom teacher, supervised by

one of the five music supervisors of the county board. On an average, these five now have 17 schools each to supervise so, of course, they cannot give the same time to training as the

various "itinerant" music teachers did.

Mr. Reed also stated there is certain opposition to competition by some co-ordinators and consultants.

He mentioned the time needed for preparation. An operetta or music night in each school would actually include more children.

With great increase in the size of some schools, classes of competition are no longer fair. And wherever the competition is held, there isn't enough space for all the choirs and audience.

"But," stressed Mr. Reed, "if we just drop this some schools would have no place to perform." He strongly felt a need for something to replace the festival, if it is dropped, and most of the teachers present agreed. Main consideration was given to a non-competitive concert of some sort, probably involving several schools.

Co-ordinator of creative arts for the county, specializing in art, Ed Thorndike commented that the emphasis now is on competition among selves and participation, rather than competing school against school.

He said the role of the five county music consultants is to be of assistance to the classroom teacher, and festival practice, as in the past, would be impossible.

Tom Gibson of Martin St., Milton, wondered aloud if adjudication without placement would be possible.

George Houslander, assistant co-ordinator of creative arts for the county, said teachers felt a festival is very time-consuming. "Repetition isn't education," he declared. "I question the standard of music in festivals but it should be replaced with something." He suggested a north Halton choir, of as many as 300 voices, with practices once a week in the late afternoons. From a north Halton choir, some would be chosen to participate in an all-Halton choir.

Principals promptly expressed their concern over bussing problems. "The parents would have to take some responsibility," Mr. Houslander felt, but Stewarttown principal Ron Chatten reminded him in

many cases both parents work and would be unable to transport children.

Several commented that such a choir would involve very few children compared to the festival.

When Mr. Houslander was asked if the county co-ordinators would co-operate and give their backing to a revamped festival, he said he did not see just how this could be done.

He said he assumed each school had their own concerts.

A rural teacher later explained, in her case, the school had no auditorium, and since she was also a regular grade teacher she could only lead a choir at noon hours in the hall. She felt the festival was a valuable place for her students to go, for experience in appearing on a stage.

If a concert were held, some principals felt a school should be able to put in a drama entry from some classes, instead of music. There will be much more

drama introduced in the elementary grades before long, in the general field of creative arts.

Limehouse W.I. representative Mrs. Sandford recalled that the festival had been set up to raise the standard of music in the schools.

A parent representative questioned the inclusion of drama, and when the problem of lack of music supervisors to train entries was restated, she exclaimed, "What's so good about the new system, then?"

Principal G. W. McKenzie of Robert Little school, Acton, pointed out schools with auditoriums could easily fill the gap left if there were no festival, but schools without auditoriums could not.

"We have a trust to the donors," commented principal Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school, Acton.

Named to the committee to prepare the questionnaire were North Halton music consultant Kenneth Harrison, president Jim Zehr, secretary-treasurer Glenda Benton, past president Jack Reed, Tom Gibson and Mrs. Vickery.

(They met Monday of this week, the questionnaire was prepared and will be sent out as soon as possible. Another meeting will be called to consider the future of the festival.)

President Jim Zehr presided for the meeting attended by principals and teachers from Milton, Acton, Stewarttown, Glen Williams, Limehouse, Pineview, Campbellville and Brookville schools, W.I. representatives from Acton and Limehouse, and Acton I.O.D.E. representative, one parent representative, two co-ordinators and one consultant from the county education system.

The financial statement, presented by secretary-treasurer Mrs. Benton, showed a balance of \$2,135.14.

She explained that donations increase each year. For instance, each of 15 Women's Institutes contacted donated to the festival, and donations are increasing. Mrs. Benton felt this indicated good support by the public.



THE HONOR GRADUATES: Ann Gordon, Radeen Hotchen, Maria Duker, Terri Dowling, Brenda (McKeown) Cook, Kathryn Sinclair, Gail McHugh, Susan Perry; back row Susan Allan, Wayne Barber, Paul Youngblut, Bob Bonnette, Bill Landborough, George Wallace, Gordon Reed, Ray Saltz, Jim Lee, Pat Synnott. Of the 26 grade 13 grade, 18 were present for the evening. (Staff Photo)

Two Ontario scholars top commencement exercises Friday

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Naked Ape which pull us down, he invited the students must bequeath fine qualities to the next generation.

He was introduced by Bill Coats of the staff and thanked by Mark Hurst, the president of the student council.

An Anglican clergyman and CBC speaker, he's now head of the history staff at Orangeville high school.

Change is the order of the day, principal Hansen told the assembled parents and students as he spoke, preceding the awards. As time goes on we will feel more of the advantages of the county school board. He referred to unlimited continuous progress and individual timetabling this year bringing greater freedom of choice.

He mentioned two new awards, the Franklin H. Cook prize in English, which was presented by his niece Radeen Hotchen to Kathryn Sinclair, and the Hurst memorial award in grade 13 history, which was presented by Joe Hurst to Bob Bonnette.

A breezy review of five years began Miss Sinclair's valedictory address. "Then the bell went for the last time"

She compared life to a series of stairs, when grade 13, like grade 8, was the top of one flight. She recalled the encouragement of parents, teachers and the guidance department.

Student council vice-president Dianne Fisher presented her with the traditional valedictorian medal.

Julie Smith played the piano for the program and Mrs. Kathryn Oit assisted on the stage.

Kathryn Sinclair walked off with her honor graduation certificate plus a Force Electric award in French, presented by Mrs. Martindale; the school board proficiency prize presented by Tom Watson; the university entrance award presented by Tom Watson; the Ontario scholarship certificate presented by E. S. Lavender; the Acton Pharmacy award in mathematics presented by Bill Coats; the Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E. scholarship presented by Mrs. E. Lidcke; the University Club of Milton and District scholarship presented by Miss Jean Barber; and the new Franklin H. Cook prize in English presented by Radeen Hotchen — topped off by the valedictory medal.

Susan Perry was awarded the Force Electric Products award in French by Mrs. Martindale, a school board proficiency prize by Tom Watson, the Ontario Scholarship certificate by Tom Watson; the Dr. D. A. Garrett award in grade 13 biology by Allan Eastwood; the Amos Mason Rotary scholarship by Bill Pendleton and a Never Late, Never Absent certificate by Mrs. G. Wallis of Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E.

Gordon Reed copped the Royal Canadian Legion scholarship presented by Gord James, the H. K. Porter award in mathematics by Bill Pendleton, the Micro Plastics award in grade 13 physics by Alf Long, and a Never Late, Never Absent certificate by Mrs. Wallis.

Other grade 13 awards: The new Hurst memorial award to Robert Bonnette by Joe Hurst; the Johnson Real Estate award in geography to Ann Gordon by Mr. Martindale; the Thompson Fuels award for improvement to Patricia Synnott by Brian Skerrett; the Goy Cartage Centennial bursary for a student continuing in a community college to Bill Landborough by Don Van Fleet.

The grade 12 awards made were the English Department award to Cheryl Lee by Ross Lambourn; the Johnson Real Estate award for geography to Marie Timbers by Paul Martindale; the school board proficiency prizes to Cheryl Lee, Nancy Morris, Linda Gordon, Heather Ann Dumarsh, Marge De Wilde and Linda Pierce by Tom Watson; Be. Lore and Co. award in chemistry to Nancy Morris by John Griefeneder.

E. G. Tyler award for contribution to the welfare of the school to Mark Hurst by E. Tyler Jr.; the Lakeside I.O.D.E. special prizes for best all-round students to Chris Brunelle and Joe Petric by Mrs. Pat Waldie; the Lakeside chapter scholarship for highest in grade 12 to Cheryl Lee by Mrs. Marguerite Taylor.

The Thompson Fuels award for overall improvement to Linda Gordon and Robert Blyth by Brian Skerrett; the Underwood trophy in typing to Margie De Wilde and Brenda Ramsay by Ian McGilivray.

The Never Late, Never Absent certificates to Barbara Frost, Linda Gordon and Mark Hurst by Mrs. Wallis, the Paul W. Alexander award in athletic leadership to Bob Turkoz by Ed Leatherland, Watson's Dairy Bar award in home economics to Linda Gordon by Tom Watson. Secondary school graduation diplomas were presented by county board members H. D. Clohecy and F. A. Bidwell.

Secondary school honor graduates are Susan Allan, Wayne Barber, Robert Bonnette, Claude Champagne, Sally Dick, Therese Dowling, Maria Duker, Victor Funk, Ann Gordon, Radeen Hotchen, Dietmar Kuhn, William Landborough, James Lee, Jo Marie Marchant, Barbara McEachern, Gail McHugh, Brenda McKeown, Alex Mucelus, Susan Perry, Gordon Reed, Raymond Saltz, Kathryn Sinclair, Patricia Synnott, George Wallis, Paul Youngblut.

Secondary school graduates are: Robert Andrews, Harry Baren, Archibald Binne, Brian Binne, Jennifer Bishop, Robert Blyth, Beverley Brunelle, Earl Butler, George Cook, Edward Curtis, Terry Curtis, Joe Cyganek, Marge DeWilde, Sharon Dowling, Heather Ann Dumarsh, Judith Dwyer, Brian Fisher, Fred Flisnik, Barbara Frost, Mary Fuchs, Linda Gordon, Sylvia Hanowak, Jean Haxcock, Olga Hratow, Mark Hurst, James Jordan, Edgar Karn, Thelma Kirkwood, Mark Kowal, William Landborough, William Lashy, Patricia Last, Linda Lawson, Cheryl Lee, Kathryn Lynch, Rodney McEachern, Marsha McKenzie, Nancy Morris, Roberta Nesset, Jacqueline Palmer, William Powadiuk, Benita Pries, Brenda Ramsay, Gail Ross, Irene Severnski, Lloyd Smallwood, Clive Stewart, Patricia Synnott, Marie Tumbers, Robert Turkoz, Anne Vuk, Robert Waller, Anne Watson, Debra Winter.

OBITUARY

W.J. McDonald Lifetime resident

A lifelong resident of this district, William J. McDonald died in Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday, October 14. He dealt in sales and installation of farm equipment, and was well-known throughout the area. Mr. McDonald had a short illness.

The funeral service on Thursday, Oct. 16, was conducted by the Rev. W. Fosberry and the Rev. A. McKenzie at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Family members were Roy McKeown, Burlington; Elmer McEachern, Georgetown; Alex McDonald, Port Credit; Don Hammond, Orangeville; Walter Latham, R. R. 1, Limehouse; and Stan Morrison, R. R. 2, Acton.

He was born May 19, 1896, in Esqueving township, son of the late William McDonald and Sarah Gordon. On April 17, 1935 he and Isabel Wardlaw were married at R. R. 4, Rockwood, and she survives him at their R. R. 2, Acton, home. Also remaining are daughters and son Evelyn (Mrs. E. Storey) Orilla; Marjorie (Mrs. W. Elliott) Port Arthur; Gordon at home, seven grandchildren; sisters Mrs. Alberta Williamson, Port (Mrs. Donald Hammond) and Miss Margaret McDonald, all of Streetsville; and brother Evan McDonald, Carstairs, Alberta. He was predeceased by one brother Wilfred in 1960.

During World War I he served with the Canadian Army in England.

Funeral at St. Alban's for Reg Hoare

The death in Toronto Western Hospital of Reginald M. Hoare came as a shock to family and friends. Mr. Hoare had undergone a heart operation and passed away October 8. He leaves his wife May (Waterhouse), 291 Arthur St., Acton, son John R., 38 Brock St., sisters Mrs. Evelyn Tost, Georgetown; Mrs. Isabel Johnson, Detroit; Mrs. Margaret Halsey, Georgetown; brothers Edwin, Oakawa; George, Georgetown; John, Barrie; Charles, Georgetown; Robert, Toronto and William, Detroit. He was born August 18, 1915, son of Charles and Ida May Hoare and attended Georgetown schools.



TOP STUDENTS Susan Perry, Kathryn Sinclair and Gordon Reed are pictured at commencement exercises with vice-principal Joe Bray, guest speaker William Bothwell and principal Ted Hansen. Miss Sinclair gave the valedictory on behalf of the 26 grade 13 grads. (Staff Photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Hoare were married in 1941 and came to Acton in 1945. He served as a sergeant four years with the Lincoln and Welland regiment and was on active duty on the continent. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Georgetown Revolver Club. He was a past rector's warden of St. Alban's church.

He had been employed at Plax of Canada Limited in Burlington when ill health overcame him and had been previously with Baxter laboratories in Acton and Smith and Stone, Georgetown. Rev. H. Dawson conducted the funeral service at St. Alban's church on Saturday, October 11, and interment was in Fairview cemetery. A Legion service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker

funeral home the previous evening. Pallbearers were C. L. Rogwaldson, L. A. Doby and H. Price, Acton friends; H. Kinrad, Allison, J. Hall, Georgetown, and K. Thorntinson, Alderwood.

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