

# HIGH TALES

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## Previewing the Music Festival

**Sue Crabtree**  
Well, festival time has arrived once again and as usual everyone is running around at the last minute deciding they don't know their number or that their voice just isn't suited to the song.

Well, only time will tell how everything turns out, but I am sure everyone is behind them all the way and wishes them lots of luck when they compete on April 28th at Milton.

Just to give you an idea who the "warbling" canaries are in the school here is a list of the pupils taking part at the festival.

Girls' solos: under 17, "The Fairy Pipes" is the number, and Betty Jean Anderson, Jean Engley and Agnes Nelson are competing.

17 and over: "Sweet Chance" That Led My Steps" will be sung by Pat Willson, Sandra Scott and Gail Wheeler.

Girls' Duets: under 17, "Sky Born Music" with Betty Jean Anderson and Marilyn Southern as one set, and Shirley Fendley and Dianne Harrison the other.

17 and over: "Barcarolle", Leanne Darou and Sandra Scott one entry, with Gail Wheeler and Sue Crabtree the other.

For the boys, Bob Tracey and Dave Carter are competing in the boy's baritone class. Their number is called, "Linden Lee." Bob Heas, taking a chance at the bass section, is preparing to sing "Shipmates O' Mine."

We have decided to have only one double trio this year. It is composed of:

Sopranos: Sandra Scott and Gail Wheeler; mezzo: Pat Willson and Pat Carney; alto: Leanne Darou and Sue Crabtree. "God So Loved the World" is the number and if I may add a tricky one (at least we think so).

The mixed choir is again competing this year and also hoping to bring home the cup which we so proudly received last year but somehow the song just doesn't appeal to us.

Well, that sums up our part in the Halton Festival. Good luck, everyone.

Results of the festival will be in the next issue of the High Tales!

See you then.

## Guidance is Needed In Middle School

**Leanne Darou**  
In GHS grade nine is the only grade which is given a guidance course. This is very valuable at the time, but three years later, when the students are completing grade 12 much of this guidance has been forgotten. As a result many students in middle school have absolutely no goal beyond High School, unless they have had the good fortune of wanting only one career since childhood, their future seems bewildering and indefinite.

Until a student reaches Upper School there is not too wide a choice of subjects, so he or she just accepts the fact that the work must be done whether he finds it interesting or otherwise. But, on dreaming of Upper School, the student can choose from a much wider selection of subjects. What subjects should be chosen? The thrifty student would naturally choose those subjects involving the least work. The carefree student simply would choose those subjects which he actually enjoys. (If everyone did this, some fifth formers would be taking 17 only.) The ambitious student would take every subject available.

What would the wise student take? He would take the subjects that he would find most useful in his future life. But for the many who know nothing about their future this choice of upper school subjects is a big problem. We realize there are many fields of work available for young people. But what we don't know is whether we are suited to any of these fields. If we have no great yearning for any particular vocation, then we shall have to choose a career on the basis of what we hope we are suited for. This suitability produces another problem. Into what type of job do we fit?

The surest way to a successful career is to enter it with a feeling of enthusiasm and sincere interest. This cannot be had of something we know little about. How are we to receive a thorough knowledge of the many fields of occupation?

Everyone of these problems mentioned could be solved in guidance classes and counselling. We could first of all learn about the occupations, then find out for which one we are qualified, and finally we could choose fifth form subjects wisely, and have a goal to keep us interested in successfully completing high school.

The teens have been called the merriest time of life. This may be so, but they are also the most muddled, mysterious and misled years.

## Why Not . . . ?

**Doug Wrigglesworth**  
Although Commencement has been over for only slightly more than a month, we are thinking of next year's already — always, of course, in ways to have a still better and more interesting show.

One idea concerns the academic end of it and the remembrance of former graduates. Why not — have one of the particularly successful ones come and give a short belated, but sincere (we hope) "valedictory address"?

We have, I am sure, some good speakers in: Jim Kirkwood, Elling Berg, Andrew Molozzi or Michael Beer, and a few years further back: Gordon Alcott, Jim Emmerson and Don Russell (mayor of New Toronto).

This would, we are sure be interesting even from the point of view of learning some of the goings on "around" GHS in former years. It might even give us some new ideas for our rapidly diminishing stock pile of "pranks" although the speeches might be censured by some far-sighted teacher or principal.

This would be at least a new and different idea apart from our usual round of plays, presentations, displays, etc. and perhaps bring back some nostalgic memories for the members of the audience.

If any reader of this column (student or otherwise) has any "why not?" please tell them to the editor or yours truly for consideration and possible publication.

## Forestry Club Will Help Landscaping

**Sheila Carney, Secretary**  
The 4-H Forestry Club meeting came to order at 12:15 p.m. on April 19 in Georgetown High School.

The minutes on the previous meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Armstrong told the members of the plan for landscaping the front lawn of the new addition to the school. The 4-H members will be planting the trees.

Mr. Groves spoke about our trip to St. Williams on April 16. As well as having a most enjoyable time, the information gathered on this trip will help the members greatly in their study of Forestry.

Mr. Groves then talked on "The Planting of Trees," in which he explained the steps to be taken in planting trees, the different uses of these trees, the kinds, and how and when to plant them.

## Radio or Television A Look Into the Future

**Tom Forgrave**  
Will television and radio survive the storm of criticism from the critics of the so-called "children's programmes," some of which have been named as the cause of many accidental deaths among children? Comedy programmes are becoming more and more popular as well as variety programmes such as "Ed Sullivan's Toast of the Town" but most popular on both radio and TV are the quiz programs. Many companies, such as RCA Victor, Phillips and Westinghouse are turning or have turned from mainly radio to television manufacturing.

The radios of people who always have had them blaring into the middle of the night are now silent and hardly ever used unless there is some programme on Brampton radio station that deals with Georgetown. Television is certainly creeping up very quickly behind the radio.

But when there is the story against television. It is believed that TV is the cause of the "Monday Blues" in schools because parents have allowed their children to stay up late Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings to watch the "best" programs of the week.

Also there is the argument that even though there are some educational programmes on television, it teaches the younger generation "hoodlumism," and how to do such things as rob banks, hang people or shooting them.

However, television is becoming the favourite in spite of very severe criticisms against it and the prediction has been made that by the year 2055, just one century from now, your children will be turning on wall-sized televisions controlled from an ash tray by their side while the radio, except for defense, will be a thing of the past and they will look on television as a necessity instead of a luxury. Do you agree?

## High School Group Visits St. Williams

Members of Halton County 4-H Forestry Clubs spent an enjoyable day on Saturday, April 16th, 1955, when they made a tour of the Provincial Forestry Station at St. Williams, Ont.

The group left Milton, shortly after 10 a.m. and arrived at the station about 12:30 p.m. Following lunch in the park on the station, the group met the superintendent of the station, Mr. J. S. Ball, who explained the history of production of nursery stock which has been a practice of the Department of Lands and Forests for the past fifty years.

Mr. M. McDonald, who has worked at all phases of nursery stock production for many years took the group to the various places where they could see the many steps in production of the young trees. Included were newly laid out seed beds, beds of two year old stock ready for transplanting, the lifting and transplanting machines, and finally the beds of four year old trees which were to be shipped to various parts of the province this spring for reforestation purposes.

The group also had an opportunity to see how the trees are prepared and packed for shipment.

Members showed keen interest in all they saw and were impressed by the many details of nursery stock production.

Included in the group were ten Georgetown High School Forestry Club members and their leader Mr. B. Armstrong, seven Milton High School Forestry Club members and their leader Mr. C. Wilson; the assistant agricultural representative for Halton County, Art Bennett; Mr. C. R. Groves, zone forester, and Mr. A. Vivian and Mr. V. Dennis, members of the Kiwanis Club Kingsway, the organization which sponsors the Forestry Clubs in Halton County.

## What is 'C' Day?

**Bill Hardman**  
Hear ye, Hear ye, the grand day approaches. "What day," asks some unsuspecting first former, "C" Day is the famous answer that echoes every spring in the "hallowed halls" of GHS. When is "C" day this year? When asked this question our famous PT, Health, Algebra, Geography, History and Cadet instructor brought out his little black book, leafed through a few pages, returned the encyclopedia to his pocket and sighed: "the 31st of May, that is if Central Command doesn't change it."

What is "C" day? Well, every year in the spring, an officer comes from Central Command in Oakville to inspect the Cadet Corps. "C" Day stands for Cadet Inspection Day. There is a ceremonial drill laid down by the army where the company or battalion has to do the basic drill movements on which they are inspected and marked. Following the inspection and march past the cadets put on demonstrations of various weapons they have been taught during the year. Following up the demonstrations the corps form up in the armouries for awards. The whole inspection is very colourful and in the past has proved interesting to the many onlookers. To any parents — make it a point to be at the inspection this year. That's right, the 31st of May.

Preparations for the big day have just begun around GHS and soon all cadets are going to sacrifice their PT's for drill periods and their baseball bats for rifles.

This year there is a shortage of officers and NCO's in the corps. The officers and NCO's therefore will have to be picked from the senior cadets in the rank and file. How about you? Only cadets that attend parades at the armories from now to the inspection will be considered. How about it? Get on the ball and help GHS roll. We have come second for the last few years. This year, with your help and only your help can we finally capture the Lord Strathcona cup.

## FARM NEWS

### SOIL, CROP BOOKLET VALUABLE TO FARMER

The report of the annual convention of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association which was held in Toronto in late January, is now available at the Milton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

It is a very attractive booklet, suitably illustrated and covers the general sessions as well as the special sessions of the potato, turnip and registered seed growers. Every farmer will welcome the opportunity to read the papers or addresses presented by some of the following:

Dr. W. E. Todd on "Grass and Legume Combinations to Meet the Needs of the Ontario Farmer;" Dr. E. S. Hopkins on "A Trip to the USSR Agricultural Exhibition in Moscow;" Harry Smallfield on "Taking the Pasture to the Cows"; or W. P. Watson on the "Agricultural Outlook for 1955," and in addition there are many other articles on specific topics. Farmers may pick up a copy at the Milton agricultural office.

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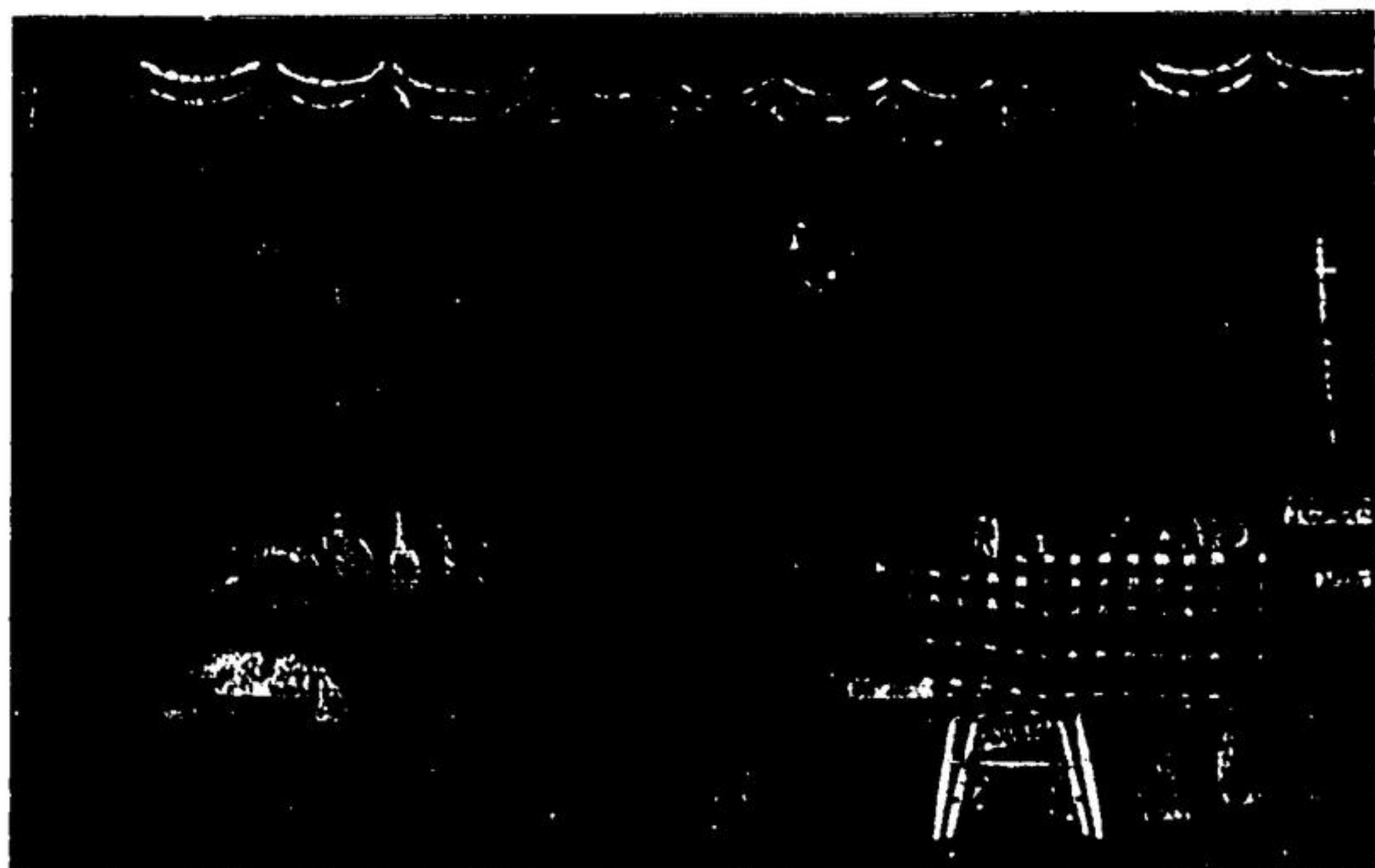
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"RING ONE FOR CENTRAL" provided much amusement, as this cast of high school players performed at the commencement a few weeks ago. Donna Bennett, who starred, attends to her knitting while Judy McCumber looks on. Behind Donna is Bob Hooper, while centre stage "Sheriff Bob" Tracey certainly got the nod for the most original costume of the year. Ken Beam, the other member of the cast was not on the stage when this picture was snapped.

## MY FAVOURITE SEASON

**Nell Wallace**  
My favourite season, I think, is the most-chosen season of the year — spring. I have chosen this season because I think that by the time the long, cold winter has drawn to a close I, and many others, have become bored "stiff" with winter and its dull greys, browns, blacks, and whites — it is a change to have the pale green and the bright colours of the spring trees and flowers of the latter. The buds stand out most of all, because they are essentially spring flowers with their gay dashes of red and yellow among the old leaves and the remaining few patches of snow which seem to take ages to disappear.  
I particularly like to walk alone down the lanes and roads of our country. The tiny emerald green buds are out of their warm winter shells, and the hard brown, and to the grass and trees have all shrivelled up and gone brown under the sun's hot rays, mosquitoes are waiting in groups to attack you and nip you to distraction, the birds have stopped

gay singing in the trees and bushes. During the winter the only birds we see around are the dirty, noisy little sparrows and maybe, a cardinal or a bluejay.  
The animals, too, are out and about, — running to and fro gathering food, for after their long winter hibernation they are very hungry. The first sign of spring in the animal world is the appearance of a ground hog. This strange animal spend his winter underground in a warm snug chamber lined with soft grasses. He is a sensible fellow — he doesn't have to put up with the cold and snow.  
The weather, too, is a welcome change, nice warm sunny days instead of plain snow, snow, snow, and more snow. Of course, one has to put up with the mud and water while the snow and ice melt, but that is easy to bear when one knows the reward that is waiting at the end.  
Summer is too hot and dusty, and the grass and trees have all shrivelled up and gone brown under the sun's hot rays, mosquitoes are waiting in groups to attack you and nip you to distraction, the birds have stopped

singing and are too busy feeding their young on countless insects, to hop merrily from twig to twig singing their merry ditties. Spring is cool, the trees and grass are green, and it is too early for mosquitoes. I think that spring really is the best season of the year.

## Exams in Sight

**Terry Harley**  
It is like rounding the clubhouse turn and heading into the home stretch as we plunge into the few remaining weeks of the school year. Everything seems normal as the examinations loom up like a black cloud on the horizon and the students begin reviewing the work in hope that they can find cover to keep from becoming drenched.  
The teachers have already been trying us out on a few choice questions, usually saved for the final papers: "In order to get a slight idea of how we will do in the grand finale."  
Some of the conclusions which the pre-exam tests have produced have

been not too pleasing or as they say in the more intelligent circles: "It's enough to give a gopher the heartburn." Small wonder when the completed papers usually read something like this:  
Question: Why do they say that Cloves was the first true ruler of the French?  
Answer: Why do. WHO say that Cloves was the first true ruler of the French?  
Question: Was Octavian the son of the Great Caesar?  
Answer: It is beginning to look that way.  
Question: Describe in your own words the Roman government from Nero to Augustus?  
Answer — No comment.

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