

# HIGH TALES . 6,360 Competitors This Year, Record for Music Festivals

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## THREE YEARS MEMOIRS 1955 TO THE PRESENT

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The day I left grade 8, Chapel St. School, I had great hopes of becoming a world renowned figure, because I was in the top half of the class and was considered to be somewhat intelligent. The day I walked into Georgetown High School, on the one and only Guelph Street of the same town, my whole life's ambition was shattered.

The first thing that changed my mind about that quiet little place called school was the initiation tactics. Brigades of Grade Eleveens came prowling down the halls on the lookout for innocent looking Grade nines. And, how many pails of water were poured on poor Bob Hutchinson's head, no one will know, I lost count at ten. The biggest thing the girls objected to was the fashion of that week. Beltless tunics, and when you get down to it, they really did look like maternity dresses, but, what could we do about it? Nothing?

Man, did we have a football team that year! Harry Greig, Sandy Mackenzie, Gerry Scott, Pete and Dave Hart and the rest of the clan. Rodney filled the water boy's post. Our team won the championship, and what a group of champions they were. We even had a dance in their honour.

For the Sadie Hawkins dance, girls were required to make their dates corsage consisting of anything from the garden. Mr. Lambert did his level best to stimulate circulation, but to no avail. The boys sat on one side the girls on the other. Wasn't love grand then?

The Christmas party of 1955 was the best event of the year and I don't think anyone had a dull time. 90 per cent of the scholars received squirtguns of one type or another and you know what goes along with that: Water, water, everywhere! Harry and Jerry threw me into the janitor's sink just because I squirted them in the eye a couple of times. Terrible tempers they have. Doug Mills presented Pat Boyes (now moved away) with a very live and kicking wabbit. A deeply dramatic play was presented with the title of "Wild Bill Hickup" starring Dave Smith, Dave Hildeston, Lynn Scott and me. From all accounts it was a dud because most of us forgot our lines.

Grade nine didn't have too much to do with the commencement except to sing in the choir, the same with the carol service.

Earl Little won the award for the best first year cadet. Dawn Fiebig and Carole Lane won high acclaim for their shooting (at targets, that is.) The dance after was a farce as there was no record player available that would work.

Miss Inman, long time teacher of Mathematics at our school, retired from active duty and a going away party was held in her honour out on the side lawn. At this she was presented with a lounge chair and electric fry pan. We grade nines, then, didn't have a chance to get to know this wonderful person.

Then, there were exams. We won't go into any details about that.

The summer had passed and everyone came back to school with the resolutions in their heads — those things placed above the shoulders of man, and beast! "I, John Smith, grade ten, solemnly swear to do my homework every night without fail and not to chew gum while in the presence of Mr. Lambert." The first day 400 lines. No details were available at the time of the summation.

Miss Burke and Mr. Scheak came to us, like the first breath of spring, as one girl said about the latter. After a year Miss Burk left to get married. Mr. Scheak went to Richmond Hill.

Grade ten also arranged three highly successful skating parties. Races, games of hockey and broom ball, plus food, made up the entertainment. I didn't hear any complaints, did you?

The Christmas party was quiet, as a few of the classes were writing exams. A slight change from the year before.

History also had a page, added to it by D. R. Jones when he star-

Another successful year has been completed by Halton music festival association, which has done a great deal to further musical education of school pupils in the county.

A report issued this week by Miss Ruth Evans, Georgetown, and Mrs. T. A. Hutchinson, Milton, who are president and secretary of the organization shows that a total of 6360 public school boys and girls participated this year in preliminary and final festivals, an increase of 500 over the 1957 festivals.

The festival consisted of 6 sessions of township rural preliminaries, with finals being held on May 1st in Snider's School, Trafalgar, 4 preliminaries in South Halton urban schools, finals of which were held in Linbrook School on April 25th, and a May 1st urban session for North Halton, held in Acton, in which Georgetown was grouped.

In addition to festival participation, a concert was held in the Blakelock auditorium, Oakville, in which winners participated. A massed choir was a feature, and a total of 650 children took part. Dr. G. R. Fenwick, head of the music section of the Dept. of Education, was the guest speaker at this event. The winning choirs in North

Halton, all from Georgetown, assisted in a Sunday evening service in St. John's United Church, with about 100 children taking part.

A new cup this year was donated by the Home and School Association of Lorne Skene school. The festival association presented a cup and shield, purchased from their treasury, for a new class for boys' changed voices, at the North Halton urban festival.

Twenty one sets of medals were awarded in solo and duet classes. George Hannabson, St. Catharines, was adjudicator for the rural finals; L. G. Queen, Toronto for South Halton; and Frank Holton, Brantford, for North Halton. Adjudication for the rural preliminaries was handled by music supervisors in the county, Kenneth R. Harrison, Georgetown, G. M. Evans, Oakville and Jack Asher of Oakville.

Field day came around again and GHS was in the normal position, fourth out of four. Our class didn't contain too many track stars this year. That must have been the cause of the final standing.

Our football team made a good showing, but just didn't have enoughumph! The school board granted us a "Try again Next Year" dance, the only one all year that got a reasonable turnout. The hockey made up for the football. We can be proud of our group of "men." Crests were recently awarded to the members for their success in the CWOSSA league. Good work fellas. Enough money was raised at the dance after to buy each member half a zipper, if it wasn't chrome plated.

The Christmas party, the carol services and just the general atmosphere gave the whole school a gay holiday mood. Tom "Santa Claus" Forgrave was on hand to give out the presents and sound effects that went along with the beard. Mrs. Hess and Mr. Armstrong bravely ventured into their skates and had a few rounds on the ice. Youth is wonderful at that age, is it not?

Commencement! The programs were highly successful. Grade 9 presented a family comedy. Awards, honour crests and certificates were presented to all those deserving and the choir sang a few selections. Grade Eleven, that's us, put on the senior play. From all the rumours that circulated it was said to be a howling success. Liz Sloane, Carolyn Biehn, Maureen Hopburn, Bob Crawford, (Gr. 12), John Cummins (Gr. 10), and myself made up the cast with Judy Bonathan as our prompter. Eleven B, the artists of the school, supplied the beautiful scenery. Our whole group can honestly say that if it hadn't been for Mrs. Lambert, and Mr. Lambert, who filled in when the former was ill, the whole play, and scenery would have been a dud. Mrs. L's wisdom and Mr. L's wit went together and came up with a combination called success. Mrs. Eleven A and B, thank them very much for the time and effort that they put in with us.

The most recent event of our schools' activities was the cadet inspection. The overall picture of the evening was very good. The officers and CO's from our class consisted of: Lynn Scott, Carole Lane, Maureen Hopburn, Linda Korzack, Wendy Saunders, Carolyn Biehn, and Sandra Sproule. Earl Little was up to par, and gave an excellent performance of marching, drill, etc. The evening was capped with a lively dance held in the armories.

The three years that I have spent at GHS have been, for me, a time in life that won't be forgotten like a history lesson, or a basketball game. I hope that all of you will look back on your years at high school like I have, up to date. Appreciate your teachers, even if they do blow your heads off once in awhile. Let's face it, you deserved it. But, as you go away from school for the summer, have fun, and I wish all the highest success in your exams.



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When the Ontario Hospital Services Commission commence the Government Hospital Insurance Plan on January 1st, 1959, the Halton Co-operative Medical Services, along with other co-operatives and private insurance companies, will be required to vacate the field of basic ward coverage.

To supplement coverage of the services not available under the government plan Halton Co-operative Medical Services are prepared to offer attractive plans effective January 1st, 1959. Since July 1st, 1953, the members of HCMS have been able to participate in the Surgical Plan which covers all surgical operations, including confinement cases, serious burns and lacerations and fractures. This plan will still be available at a moderate premium. Each contract which will cover a man, his wife and dependent children to 18 yrs. of age.

In 1954 a Catastrophe Plan was instituted from the savings from the co-operative which paid 87 per cent of claims received from members who had illness costs in excess of \$1,000. In 1955 the deductible was lowered to \$500, which resulted in more claims and consequently only 33.4 per cent of these claims were paid. For two years members have been paying a Catastrophe Premium of \$2 for families and \$1 for single persons and in 1956 the deductible was again lowered to \$225. At this time the fund only paid 20.26 per cent of ten members' claims. It became apparent that if the Catastrophe Fund was to do a very necessary job effectively a larger premium would have to be forthcoming.

Statistics show that hospital costs are only 40 per cent of the total cost of a lengthy illness so to help the members of the Halton Co-operative Medical Services take care of the other 60 per cent the Board of Directors have worked out a new Major Medical Plan to take the place of the Catastrophe plan. This plan will have a \$100 deductible, which means that after a member has paid \$100 over and above available hospital coverage by the government and surgical coverage by the cooperative, the plan may pay as high as 80 per cent of the remaining expenses. These expenses may include hospital extras not covered by the government plan medical care in hospital, doctors offices and at home, ambulance services, special nursing care, drugs ordered by the physician and such other expenses as may from time to time be approved by the directors.

In addition to the above services the HCMS will act as a "collector group" for the Ont. Hospital Services Commission, for members and individuals who require this service.

BLOOD TESTING PROGRAMME UNDER WAY IN HALTON

Monday of this week saw the launching of the blood testing programme in connection with the Brucellosis Area project. Some nine veterinarians under the direction of Dr. Twiss of the Federal Health of Animals office in Brampton, are tentatively engaged in the Halton programme.

As the work progresses we hope to be in a position to report the progress being made and in addition, the percentage of reactors, etc.

MISSION FILM SHOWN AT ST. JOHN SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was Missionary Sunday at St. John's United Sunday School on May 25th and Mrs. R. Souther, missionary secretary, was in charge and had an interesting film shown, "The Younger Brother" which portrayed the life of a Japanese boy, Geri, the second eldest son.

After his father's death Geri left home to make his way in the large city of Osaka. Working in a shipyard, he was badly injured and while in hospital he came under the influence of a Christian Japanese which made a great change in his life. Although unable to influence his elder brother and family during a visit to his old home, he left a copy of the bible and returned to the city.

A great longing had come into his heart and he found ways to serve in the Christian church and into a fuller, happier life.

Mrs. Souther explained that this being Whitsunday, it was the anniversary of Pentecost when the holy spirit descended on the disciples and changed them into men and wisdom.

The birthday box was fairly well reimbursed with many of the boys and girls putting in their birthday pennies. It was announced that the annual Sunday School picnic would be held on Thursday, June 26th.

SMITH & STONE LUCKY DRAW

The Smith & Stone hockey club recently sold tickets on a lucky draw, with the draw for prizes being made at the arena.

Winners in the draw were George Webster, Betty Brown and Mrs. John Haines, whose tickets were drawn in that order.

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