

Milton Gets Top Honours at North Halton Music Festival

Young singers from ten urban schools taking part in the 29th annual North Halton Music Festival finals at the Robert Little school in Acton, Wednesday, were praised in their singing accomplishments by adjudicator Dr. Leslie Bell, M.A.

Dr. Bell told the youngsters they had great musical talent and sang as though they meant it.

The adjudicator praised the music directors of the schools and told them he was pleased with the way they handled each choir individually.

Although you are hearing more than one choir, they are all handled differently, that I like," he stressed.

Commenting between classes Dr. Bell said the children performing during the North Halton urban section of the festival appeared to be quite musical and the standard displayed was quite above average festival level.

He praised the singers for staying well in tune and said the diction was well above average. "The youngsters give out with good healthy sounds and sing naturally and sincerely," he commented.

He noted that in comparison with most larger centres he found there was less distraction in smaller centres for the youngsters and therefore they showed natural enthusiasm for singing.

He added the music teachers used their own imagination and experimented with various arrangements which he commended.

The all-day festival which got underway at nine in the morning was attended by a small number of parents, the most of whom remained throughout the day.

Milton schools ran off with top honours again this year when they won first and second in the junior choir and first in the senior choir and first in the triple duet, first in the boys' unchanged voices choir, first in the grade seven choir and second in senior choir.

Acton singers won awards with a first in the junior choir, second in the triple duet and first in the senior choir grades 7-8.

Campbellville won seconds in the junior choir and the triple duet with Stewarttown placing first in the senior choir grades 5-8 and second in the boys' unchanged voices. Norval placed first in the junior choir and second in the triple duet, while Glen Williams won a first for the triple duet.

The following is a list of the day's events as they appeared on the program and the points given to each competitor as well as trophies received.

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Boys' Unchanged Voices: open class: Campbellville, 81; Glen Williams 83, Robert Little 84, Stewarttown 86, Bennett, 83, Dick, 87 and Denyes 84. The Acton Bank of Montreal trophy presented by Acton manager W. Mackay was received by the Dick school and the Sarah Martin Chapter IODE, Milton, shield presented by Mrs. J. McCaulz was received by Stewarttown school.

Grade 7 Choir: Seven rooms and over: Robert Little, 85; Denyes, 86; Bennett, 84 and Dick 84. The Milton public school board trophy presented by supervising principal E. W. Foster, was received by Denyes school and the Acton Women's Institute shield presented by Mrs. G. Hargrave was received by the Robert Little school.

Senior Choir: Grades 7-8 - 7 rooms and over: Denyes 85; Robert Little, 84; Bruce St. 86, and Bennett 88. The Milton Kinners trophy presented by vice principal J. Bell of Milton was given to the Bennett school and the Georgetown Can Bank of Commerce shield, presented by D. Wingrove, manager, was received by Bruce St. school.

Senior Choir: Grades 5-8 six rooms and under: Norval 86; Stewarttown, 87; Campbellville 84 and Glen Williams 82. Mrs. W. Wolfe, president of the Halton Music Festival, presented the White Oak IODE chapter to Stewarttown while Mrs. R. Austen presented the Campbellville WI shield to Norval.

Triple Duet: 6 rooms and under: Stewarttown 82, Norval 83; Glen Williams 86 and Campbellville 85. The trophy donated by the Countess of Strathmore Chapter IODE in memory of Miss Sybil Bennett, was presented by Mrs. W. Sprouton to Glen Williams and the Ebenezer United Church Choir shield presented by Mrs. H. Savage

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