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WILL CREDIT RIVER REPEAT?

—Peter Jones, Georgetown

HALTON COUNTY REEVE Wilfred Bird's face mirrors the apprehension riverside residents experience every year about this time as he scans the temperamental Credit River and looks for some indication of what the river has in store. Last year a February thaw transformed the river into turbulence and many Glen residents fled their homes as the flood reached its peak.

Music Festival Time is Coming

Music festival time is just around the corner.

This week, the Halton Music Festival central committee announced the dates for the 31st annual festival and sent out letters appealing for donations to assist in the work. Last year, 8370 Halton students took part in the festival, and the entries have grown so large in recent years it has had to be split into three sections.

The north rural festival will be held April 4 at Brookville school and this will probably be the last rural festival in Halton. Due to consolidation of schools, the northern urban festival will

probably incorporate rural singers next year.

Day and Night

North Halton urban singers will compete all day April 17 and then in the evening of April 18 at the Robert Little public school in Acton. Dr. G. R. Fenwick will be the adjudicator, and the entries have grown so large in recent years it has had to be split into three sections.

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821,000 Visitors to Conservation Areas

Nearly 821,000 persons visited the seven conservation areas administered by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority during the 1961 season. It was an increase of nearly 60,000 over the same period a year ago.

Boys Popular

Most popular was the Boyd area near Woodbridge which these include the Black Creek visitors. The Pioneer Village, Heart Lake, Greenwood and under development as a typical Claremont. Last weekend, for example, more than 2,000 people, mostly from the community, were to be found at the Black Creek area. The while a similar number visited 14,000 school children. Village is open from May to the Boyd area for skiing and tobogganing.

English Teacher at Ryerson is Speaker

The second International Reading Association Meeting for Education 1962 was held at Williams Avenue High School in Milton on Wednesday, January 17th, under the chairmanship of the president, Gordon Buckley, B.A. After words of welcome from the chairman of the Milton and District High School Board, R. W. Gardhouse, E. W. Foster, B.A., introduced the guest speaker of the evening.

Mr. William McMaster, B.A., B.Ed., has headed the English Dept. at Ryerson Institute of Technology and York College and was, for two years,

the teacher, who is thoroughly acquainted with the poem so that the music, the rhythm, the depth, the impact of the poem is felt.

Mr. McMaster used poems of Browning, Whittier, and Parkhill to illustrate the three steps in teaching poetry. The first always, is for enjoyment which is sometimes the only phase in Kindergarten to grade three. Then the significance of the poem should be considered by the class. This understanding should be developed from their own experiences. As the child becomes increasingly familiar with poems, his understanding will deepen and progress from the story level to that of "it". They entertained some of them. Ultimately, the child appreciates the poem at a joint party, at their home on Saturday. Their symbols included Diana Sasek, Carol and Sharon Winchell, Marvin and Wayne Bensore, and Paul Clark.

Mr. McMaster pointed out that through poetry, a child is helped to form a philosophy of life. The poet provides us not only with the objects of his imagination, but also with his careful observation and keen sensitivity. This presents the facts of life to us.

Going beyond the understanding of self through the work of others, Mr. McMaster suggested that, from an early age, the child should be given the opportunity to create stories with words. This provides further insight of self and in the individual in a world of uncertainty.

Mr. Harold Catling, principal of Park P.S. in Georgetown, moved an appropriate vote of thanks to the speaker. The meeting was then closed by the singing of God Save the Queen with Mrs. Mildred Glover at the piano.

Weather Report

	High	Low
Jan. 28	13	9
Jan. 29	25	-7
Jan. 30	-14	3
Jan. 31	11	-8
Feb. 1	-2	-11
Feb. 2	10	-10
Feb. 3	30	3
High for the week	25	
Low for the week	-11	
Snow	.02	

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Mrs. Robert Jones New Ladies' Council Head

The annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Women was held at the home of Mrs. A. M. Nielsen, 40 Market Street with her and much worthwhile information was gleaned from the president Mrs. M. T. Paul. A vote of thanks was given to the president. The meeting opened with silent the hymn, followed by Mrs. F. W. Her home and for the deliciously being used as an Johnson reading the minutes of tea which she and her assistant provided.

Last annual meeting, Mrs. E. Nodwell presenting the treasurer's report and Miss Hettie Lawson reading the correspondence. The correspondence included a newsletter from the National Council of Women, outlining the accomplishments and activities of that group during the past year.

All Affiliates

Mrs. Paul presented her annual report of the local branch and this covered a varied field of activities and endeavours. Annual reports were then received from the affiliated societies. Mr. Oliver Hunter representing the TDCE, Mrs. D. W. Baxter, Arts and Crafts; Mrs. E. Thompson, the Baptist Women's Circle, Mrs. V. Stein, the Business and Professional Women and Mrs. R. MacArthur, St. John's W.M.

Mrs. D. W. Baxter presented her annual report of the local students' council of all the universities across Canada. It was which was past president, Mrs. R. T. Paul, concerned with matters of national student concern and interests such as the present High School Education Program.

Started at Queen's

This program originated at the 1959 National Congress of NECUS when, on hearing with some concern the reports of the Atkinson Survey of Student Potential, Queen's University in Kingston was mandated to investigate and if possible implement an integrated national program of High School Education.

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