

Area Schools, 6 Firsts Won at Music Festival

Six firsts were won by area schools at the North Halton Music Festival held in Brookville and Stewarttown public schools last week. Contest winners Tuesday, April 22 were in Brookville public school and on Wednesday, April 23 in Stewarttown public school. A concert of winners was held Thursday, April 24 in Milton District High School.

Tommy Frost of Norval, and Tommy Perritt of Pineview were gold medal winners as soloists, while other gold medals were locally won by the Glen Williams brass choir, Stewarttown triple trio, Stewarttown boys' changed voices, and Pineview grade four choir.

Solo classes, primary and junior choirs and junior trios were on the 1st day's program with the balance the second day. The adjudicator was John Sidgwick of Toronto, a native of England who has taught music at Upper Canada College and is director of the Toronto Orpheus choir.

Twelve public schools participated in the festival.

At the concert of winners in Milton, a Stewarttown public school pupil, Elizabeth Canning was presented with an award for having submitted the winning design in a contest in which pupils of participating schools sketched program covers.

- Winners by classes:
- Girls' Solo**
Grade 1-3: Beth Barr, Denyse, Laura Henderson, Campbellville; Sonja Baker, Brookville.
 - Grades 4-6: Bonnie Hill, Bruce St.; Laurie Logan, W.I. Dick; Paula Kitching, Brookville.
 - Grades 7-8: Cindy Lee, M. Z. Bennett; Ingrid Boomhower, Brookville; Marie Holmes, R. Little.

- Boys' Solo**
Grades 1-3: Tommy Frost, Norval; Wade Vickery, Bennett; Wally MacKay, Denyse.

- Grades 4-6: Tommy Perritt, Pineview; Scott Dredge, Brookville; Steven Brunelle, Bennett.

- Grades 7-8: Jim Kosulick, Martin St.; Ricky Robson, Lita St.; Charles Bennett, Bennett.

- Changed Voices: Joe Soulier, Brookville; Ron Louttet, Bennett; Tom Elliot, Martin St.

- Choirs (Over 7 Rooms)**
Primary: W.I. Dick; Speyside; Brookville.

- Junior: Glen Williams; Pineview; J. M. Denyse.**
Senior: Brookville; M.Z. Bennett; Stewarttown.

- Triple Duet: M. Z. Bennett; Speyside; Glen Williams.
Triple Trio: Stewarttown; Brookville; R. Little.

- Boys Unchanged Voices: M. Z. Bennett; Stewarttown; Brookville.

- Boys Changed Voices: Stewarttown.

Glen Man Was Retired Employee of Simpson's

A resident of 15 Glen Cres., Drive, Glen Williams, where he built a home after retiring in 1967 Edward Alexander Brown, 68, died in Georgetown hospital on April 14.

Mr. Brown had been an employee of the Robert-Simpson Company for 25 years.

Mr. Brown was born in Kensington, England, a son of Percy and Mary Brown. He came to Canada in 1922, and in 1928 he married Doris Keys in St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Toronto. He was affiliated with Oakwood Lodge, AF & AM in the city.

He leaves his wife, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Pemberton and Mrs. Amy Wilkins, of Philipham, London, England.

Funeral service at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home was conducted by Rev. Richard Ruggle and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Harvey and Andrew Dewhurst, George Stigger, Dr. Wilfred Miao, Fred Johnson and Terry Murphy.

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Teachers, Board Officials Confer on School Matters

A joint meeting of 150 Georgetown secondary and elementary teachers, and three senior officials of the Halton County Board of Education, Tuesday afternoon in Georgetown High School, helped answer some of the questions plaguing teachers since the formation of the new Board.

The questions, submitted by teachers prior to the meeting, were presented by panelists Mrs. Verna Darcie of Georgetown District High School and Doug Magwood of Chapel St. School. Representing the Board were: assistant director of education — D.S. Lawless, superintendent of instruction, O. A. Gilmore and area superintendent E. S. Lavender.

The role of supervision, the role of co-ordinators and consultants, pupil-teacher ratio, audio-visual equipment, the professional development fund, subject council, and communications, seemed to be the subjects uppermost in the minds of the teachers.

O. A. Gilmore pointed out that supervision of staff is only a small part of the assistant superintendent's duties. He would assist beginning teachers, and carry out inspections for the issuing of permanent certificates. The school principal will now play a larger role in supervision, he stated.

In answer to a question from Mrs. Darcie, regarding the role of the department heads in inspection, Mr. Gilmore stressed that department heads are there simply to improve instruction, and are in no sense inspectors.

On the role of co-ordinators and consultants, Mr. Gilmore explained they have no responsibility to report on efficiency, but only a supporting role to work with the staff, individual teachers, or in some cases with the students. "They come only upon request," he added.

D. S. Lawless remarked: "Co-ordinators and consultants will be as useful as you make them, if you don't want to use them, it's up to you." He recalled that principals wanted more autonomy. "They have it now," he said, "but they must take the responsibility that goes with it. If something is wrong in your school and you do nothing to correct it, you will take the responsibility for it," he concluded.

A learning resource centre, including audio-visual equip-

ment, will be set up in Georgetown before September, said Mr. Gilmore, as he explained that films would be delivered twice a week to all schools in the county.

The matter of Educational Television was brought up, with Mr. Lawless quickly pointing out that cost was the main deterrent.

The pupil-teacher ratio seemed to be a contentious issue at least for the teachers. Assistant director of education D. S. Lawless stressed that the pupil-teacher ratio included principals, co-ordinators and consultants, and was set by the board at 18.5 to 1 for secondary schools, and 25 to 1 for elementary schools.

This does not mean there will be only 18.5 students in a high school class. It means an average figure struck, after some very low enrollment classes are averaged with some very high enrollment classes, and the teacher average includes the above mentioned non-teachers. In every day terms, the class could range up to 35 or be as low as 20. The 18.5 figure is an increase for Georgetown, but a reduction for other areas.

Acton Bridge Results

Acton Bridge Club, Monday's results: 1st pair Frank Mullin, Tom Warnes; 2nd pair, Kay Coats, Bob Dickson; 3rd, Kay Campbell, Cam Sinclair; 4th, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jeffares.

ACLD Co-Founder is Meeting Speaker

"There are three to eight times as many perceptually handicapped children waiting for special education classes, as there are available now" Mrs. S.A. Norton, teacher of such a class in Forest Hill, told the Georgetown Association for children with learning disabilities, last Thursday.

Mrs Norton, has six perceptually handicapped boys at West Prep School in Forest Hill, who always start the day with 'gross motor program,' meaning exercises using the big muscles to help them learn co-ordination. These boys work in separate cubicles so they can concentrate better. They can come out of the cubicles any time they wish to mingle with the others, but they seem to work better away from other students.

"Routine is the important factor with these children," said the speaker, "they get upset even if the curtains are changed." Love, understanding, patience, and a pat on the head was the recipe for handling the children advocated by Mrs. Norton.

She urged the assembled parents to discourage the children from watching stimulating television programs, since they become over excited easily. "It is most important that kindergarten teachers be trained to watch for the perceptually handicapped child," said Mrs. Norton "since the earlier it is discovered the easier the problem

NORVAL

Norval Barbecue Set Date for

At a recent meeting of the barbecue committee of Norval United Church, Saturday June 14 was the date set for the annual chicken barbecue to be held again at Maple Lodge Farm. Working committees were set up and plans made for improving methods of serving the many people who attend.

If the weather is fine on Saturday, May 3, the little village of Norval could have about 10,000 Oxfam walkers checking through at Norval public school the official checkpoint. To handle this large crowd a community effort will be required. If you can assist in checking the forms, in serving coffee, freshies and cookies, or administering

is to handle." Mrs. Chris McMonagle, a co-founder of the Ontario organization, and assistant executive director of the Ontario association, told how she came to help form the group. Upon discovering her son, diagnosed as retarded was actually perceptually handicapped, she and three others started the organization to find out about the newly-discovered handicap, and to help parents in a similar position. President Doug Creswick thanked both the speakers.

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point are Mrs. I. Reynolds of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Lois Fendley, of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Mrs. Ed McLean of the United Church and Mr. J.H. Ford of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church Georgetown. Offer your assistance to any on this committee. It will be greatly appreciated. —Mrs. Ed McLean

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