

M.Z. school takes top festival honors

M. Z. Bennett Public School in Acton took top honors in the North Halton Music Festival held at Martin St. School in Milton Wednesday. The Acton School won a total of seven first, second and third place awards in the competition. Running close behind Acton in the competition were Brookville and Martin St. Schools.

Adjudicator for the day was Miss Marion Park of Lincoln County Board of Education music department. Announcements of winners in each of the 12 competitions were followed by loud, exuberant cheers and profuse hand-clapping.

Pizza for winners
Members of the triple trio from M. Z. Bennett enjoyed a pizza party at the home of teacher John Taylor in Acton Wednesday evening. That was their treat after successfully defeating five other schools to win the competition for grade 7 and 8

triple trios.

The North Halton Association for the Performing and Creative Arts Music Festival is sponsored by the Festival Association. Several service and women's clubs and groups in North Halton support it and provide trophies and plaques to be presented to winners. Several representatives from various clubs were on hand to make the presentations Wednesday. Mrs. Joanne Frost of R. R. 4 Georgetown was trophy convener.

Likes talent
At the conclusion of the agenda

Miss Park noted she was amazed at the musical talent displayed by the youngsters of all ages and gave special mention to the organization for getting pupils in and out of the auditorium with little noise and complete supervision.

All first place winners sang in the performing arts concert held at Milton District High School auditorium on Thursday evening. Several other vocal and instrumental selections and dances rounded out Thursday's program.

Tom Gibson, principal of

Martin St. School and president of this year's festival, noted that all participants in the festival had been individually selected by music teachers to sing in the event. "And every one of them sang their hearts out," he added.

List participants
Schools competing in the festival were Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett Schools from Acton; Martin St. and W. I. Dick, Milton; Percy Merry, Drumquinn; Fairview, Lowellville; Brookville, Nassagaweya; George Kennedy, Georgetown; Glen Williams, Limehouse and Speyside, Esquesing.

Winners in the competitions were:

Class one, "Buttercups and Daisies", Primary choir grades 1 and 2, enrolment 250 and over; Bennett first, Kennedy second, Fairview third. Also competing was Brookville School.

Class two, "The Wind", Junior choir grade 3 and 4, enrolment 250 and over; Brookville first, Bennett second, Fairview third. Kennedy was also competing.

Class three, "Spring Wing", Intermediate choir grades 5 and 6, enrolment 250 and over; Merry first, Brookville second, Martin St. third. Little, Bennett and Fairview also entered.

Class 4 "One Morning in the Meadow" Senior choir grade 7 and 8 S.S.A.; Martin St. first, Brookville second and Bennett third. Fairview was also entered in the competition.

Class five "Colorado Trail", Senior choir grade 7 and 8 S.A.B.; Martin St. first, Brookville second, Bennett third. Little also competed.

Class six, "The King's Men", Boys' unchanged voices; Bennett first, Martin St. second, Speyside third. Also competing were Limehouse and Brookville schools.

Class seven, "Nova Scotia Song", Boys' unchanged voices; Martin St. first, Bennett second, Brookville third. Little was also entered.

Class nine "Lift Thine Eyes" Triple trio grade 7 and 8; Bennett first, Martin St. second and Fairview third. Martin St., Brookville and Little also competed.

Class 10, "The Circus Clown" Primary choir grade one, two and three, enrolment 250 and under; Dick first, Limehouse second and Williams third. Speyside was the fourth entrant.

Class 11, "Cuckoo Song" Junior choir grade four five and six, enrolment 250 and under; Speyside first, Glen Williams second and Limehouse third. Dick was also entered in his competition.

Class 12 "Summer's Queen" Triple Duet Grade 5 and 6, enrolment 250 and under; Speyside first, Williams second and Dick third. Limehouse also competed.

Mothers' pleas fail to change Esquesing truck route

The Fourth Line-17 Sideroad truck route dispute erupted again at Esquesing council Monday night. After two hours of emotional pleas by mothers for council to consider the safety of their children, council stood firm on its previous decision to maintain the two roads as the township's designated truck route.

Council did, however, agree to ask the OPP to watch trucks on the route more closely for speeding and to consider a written submission from rate-payers on whether or not and how they want 17 Sideroad and the Fourth Line improved.

Councillor Dick Howitt, the lone member of council who opposes the route, suggested contacting the OPP and asking for the written submission. Councillor Howitt, who had remained silent for most of the heated discussion between mothers and council, said he still opposes the Fourth Line-17 Sideroad route, but told rate-payers "I think you're going to have to accept this."

disappear whenever the OPP is patrolling the route.

"At the least bit of interference, we don't see the trucks, which means they do have another road. Why can't they use it all the time?" she asked.

"What would you do if you lived in Stewartstown?" Reeve Tom Hill asked Mrs. Marcolini. "They have a greater problem."

"Why don't they complain about it?" came a question from the delegation.

"Cause they're old time residents, young boy, and they're not so hard to get along with," the reeve snapped back.

Hill pointed out trucks have been running through Glen Williams for all the 51 years he's lived there and no one has ever come to council to complain about them.

Dick Looye, a resident of 17 Sideroad, said he had called the OPP that very morning because there were trucks going across the road more than 60 miles per hour.

that day and never once followed a truck going faster than 40 miles per hour.

"They were closer to 30", he said. Further, he said an OPP constable, who had been watching the road in an unmarked car, told him he had failed to clock anyone over 40 mph.

Mrs. Sandra Book, who lives on the Fourth Line, told council five trucks lost control coming down a nearby hill, and had to be pulled out of her front yard last year.

"There's no guarantee trucks will stay on the road. They go too fast and there's got to be some way of slowing them down," she told council.

Mrs. Book said it is hard enough to keep a car on the roads, the way they are, and claimed she has been forced over by trucks, while driving her car.

"We've all been forced over at some time," sounded another voice from the delegation. "They play a game with us. They call it 'Chicken'."

Mrs. Edna May Markham told council everything could be cleared up, if the trucks would take the original route, Third

Line to 22 Sideroad, to Highway 25.

"People over there are still in Esquesing", Councillor Len Coxie reminded Mrs. Markham. "No matter what road, they're still in Esquesing," he said.

"You don't mind them going down 25," Reeve Hill chided. "You want the good roads, but not the trucks."

Stand taken
Deputy-reeve Russell Miller reminded the delegation a stand has been taken and the only thing council can do now is make it a good road. "We'll have to say it's a truck route; we'll make it safe to travel," he promised.

Mr. Snow pointed out there are trailers hauling materials from Dufferin Quarries across Five and 10 Sideroads all the time.

"We get the trailer job too," Mrs. Markham replied.

"I live on a road that's got more trucks than yours have ever seen," the roads superintendent offered. Mr. Snow lives on the Seventh Line near Ballinacra.

Coming to the rescue of the mothers, whose arguments seemed to have little effect on council, Mr. Looye charged

council contravened its own holding-by-law by making Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad a truck route. He maintained designating the roads a truck route involved a change of land use, which the by-law prevents.

Reeve Hill asked clerk-treasurer Delmar French to check with the township solicitor on the matter. Stating his own opinion, Mr. French said "I can assure you land doesn't mean roads."

Reads statements
Mr. Looye proceeded to read a list of statements he alleged were made by members of last year's council at public meetings. The statements attributed to Reeve Hill, Deputy-reeve Miller and Councillor Wilfrid Leslie all were in connection with the truck route and represented various views on solutions to the problem.

Mr. Looye called a suggestion, he claimed Councillor Leslie made at a meeting last October 5, the only logical solution. Councillor Leslie's suggestion was for council to ask the Department of Highways to construct a truck route.

After hearing the statements

read, Deputy-reeve Miller reminded Mr. Looye he had voted only one way every time—the matter was put to a vote.

"We can't just keep jumping back and forth," he said. "Once the bridge is reconstructed, the Limehouse people will have to put up with it."

Councillor Coxie suggested Mr. Looye keep the topic current. "What's happened before has very little bearing on a solution to the problem," he asserted.

In a final plea, Mrs. Marcolini asked the reeve if he has the power to tell trucks what roads they can use.

"I can't answer that," was the reeve's reply.

Mr. French said council has jurisdiction over trucks carrying over 11 tons, but not over those carrying less.

"Then what's wrong with them using the other route?" Mrs. Marcolini asked.

"There's nobody going to go down 25 to 401 and back up to Bramalea," the reeve replied.

"Indusmin is only after the dollar, as I said before," Mr. Looye interjected.

Councillor Coxie said he would complain if someone told him he had to go six miles out of his way.

Councillor Leslie thought rate-payers should give council a chance to put the roads on the truck route in shape.



CLEANING UP the school creek

Creek cleanup bird sanctuary contest entries

The Saturday cleanup of the school creek by high school students will form an entry for a Sportsmen's Show award, through the Credit Valley Conservation authority.

A group under Sean Aherne, with teacher Earl Brears, started the two-day project last Saturday. The group of about 10 worked from 9 till noon, and will be back on the site again this Saturday to finish up.

Truckload full
They started at Highway 25 by the library, with hip waders, garbage bags, and the help of a truck and man donated by the town. They proceeded down as far as the hydro building and got a good full truck load of garbage,

junk and stuff.

There was a considerable amount of broken glass in the water as well as scrap metal.

Next stage takes the clean-up from the hydro building to Wallace Ave.

Waterfowl
Another group of students has another plan in mind as their entry in the Conservation contest. They are consulting with parks board and Beardmore and Co. about creating the planned waterfowl sanctuary on Fairy Lake. Some of these students with Mr. Brears went Tuesday evening to Kortwright Waterfowl sanctuary near Guelph, where assistance and advice was forthcoming.

Wants guidance

"I have no qualms about sending trucks out to Highway 25", he said, "but if the truck route is going to stay the same, I'd like to have some guidance on whether you'd like to have the road improved or not."

Speaking for the group of mothers, Mrs. Berna Marcolini explained their main concern is the children's safety.

She claimed trucks were clocked at 60 miles per hour on the route last year and that a child was injured by a stone, sent flying by one of the trucks. If council were to keep the roads in shape, she felt it would only make the trucks go faster. According to Mrs. Marcolini, the trucks

Snow's version

Roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow said he had made six trips over 17 Sideroad himself

Cookie Day response saddens

The Guides and Brownies made their only appeal for funds of the year on Cookie Day, and sold far less than one box per Acton family. Leaders were disappointed at the day's results — 720 boxes sold, which produces just \$19.50 for each of the two Brownie packs and each of the two Guide troops.

It was the poor response last year that resulted in the Acton

Must hold second hearing

A second Ontario Municipal Board hearing on Esquesing township's agricultural holding by-law, 29-69, will be held in the township council chamber, Monday, June 21, at 10 a.m.

Georgetown lawyer Walter Sopinka, who represents operators of the Golden Horseshoe Dragway, informed council last month he was unable to locate notice of the original hearing, which was held February 11. Owners of the strip are objecting to the by-law.

Clerk-treasurer Delmar French told council Monday night township solicitor Terry Balnes has asked that the cost of the hearing be applied against those who necessitated it.

A decision is to be made the day of the hearing.

Lack of response

However the Scout and Guide Mothers have money problems too. When an appeal was sent recently to all the homes of Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts for donations to bake sale to raise money for the groups, just \$35 worth was sent.

A spring outing is also planned. Last year the girls went to Storybook Gardens in London, and this winter they attended the Ice Capades together.

Have rights

"We have rights, those rights are being stepped on," Mr. Looye charged. "Per square foot we're paying greater taxes than Indusmin."

In reply, Councillor Leslie said he had heard a figure of \$20,000 for taxes being paid by Indusmin, "plus employing men," he added.

"I don't see why we have to give up a country road to support an industry," an unidentified member of the delegation shouted.

When Mrs. Book asked why Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad was designated a truck route in the first place, Deputy-reeve Miller told of an experience he had in the home of a small township trucker, last year around election time.

"He told me, I'll never vote for you as long as I live; you're making me drive extra miles; you're taking my living away," the deputy-reeve reported.

Mrs. Book said she is sure many of the trucks using the route are delivering out of the township. She suggested trucks delivering out of the township be made to take the shortest route to a highway. "You can't tell me our township roads are made for that," she added.

Mr. Looye made it clear the delegation have nothing against township truckers,

Nassagaweya opposes county voting changes

Nassagaweya Council will oppose a private bill to the Ontario Legislature which would alter representation at County Council as suggested by Oakville and Burlington, members decided Thursday.

Deputy Reeve Don McMillan pointed out that Oakville and Burlington were seeking greater representation on county council. The proposal was to give Burlington three more representatives and Oakville two more. This would result in Burlington and Oakville having 18 votes and the balance of the county 17.

The proposed legislation would also give the municipalities the option of sending their mayor rather than the deputy reeve.

Sees north-south dissention
Reeve A. MacArthur saw the move as an added cost. She suggested the two municipalities were making a big mistake, recalling that last year no one talked north and south, but now a new dissention was evident.

"They didn't want to be overpowered", she said of Burlington. Pointing to the possible outcome of the change, the reeve noted that on regional government Burlington and Oakville could vote for the system they wanted and carry it through the county council.

Area low

Mrs. Hall says it's embarrassing to have to report Acton's response at area meetings. She is district commissioner as well as Brown Owl of one pack and Halton public relations secretary. (And she has a full-time shift work job.)

Acton is one of the lowest cookie sellers in the whole area, she finds.

Own money
"The leaders must take money out of their own pockets to run the packs and troops," she says, "but the children are well worth it."

Plan camp
Right now a summer Guide

Maintain guiding

The proceeds from Cookie Day are divided. With just 720 boxes sold, each group receives \$19.50 and the rest goes to the area and the province to maintain guiding. The organization is a charitable one and this was the only appeal of the year by the girls.

Acton should have been able to absorb 1,000 boxes easily, Mrs. Hall thinks. Families are eating cookies anyway; the special orders were delicious and what's more they freeze well. "I was very saddened" she said.

Vote against deer season

Despite recommendations from Department of Lands and Forests biologist J. J. Armstrong and Conservation Officer Dale Gartley and the Halton Sportsmen's Association, a 12 man committee of Halton County Council has voted against a three-day deer hunting season in Halton on a bi-annual basis.

Mr. Armstrong provided biological data showing why he felt it is preferable to have a hunting season. Mr. Gartley elaborated on the situation in

Halton County.

He told the committee dogs, disease and cold weather could control the deer population if a hunt was not allowed, but the Department felt there was a recreation value in allowing the hunt rather than having the deer suffer and die at nature's hands.

The Tuesday recommendation of the joint committee of finance, agriculture, EMO, property and personnel committees will go before County Council at their May meeting.



M. Z. Bennett Boys Unchanged Voices



Speyside Junior Choir