

# Halton music festival celebrates 50th year

Celebrating its fiftieth year, the North Halton music festival has seen many changes. One thing that has remained the same is the winning combination of enthusiasm and hard work displayed by the eager participants each year.

This year the day-long festival was hosted by M. Z. Bennett school in Acton with an estimated 1100 to 1200 students from 13 schools taking part.

McKenzie-Smith middle school in Acton and Georgetown Christian school from Georgetown dominated the first place trophies by taking three each. Two firsts went to M. Z. Bennett school in Acton, one to Percy W. Merry from Milton, one to Howard Wrigglesworth, Georgetown, and one to W. I. Dick school in Milton.

McKenzie-Smith students in the triple duet started the day off singing Madrigal of Spring with four other choirs competing for the trophy. The McKenzie-Smith winning streak started here with their two entries taking both first and second place. Third place went to Percy W. Merry.

In the primary choir competition for schools over 250 pupils, M. Z. Bennett took first place singing Stay, Little Blackbird. Second and third place went to Harrison public school in Georgetown and Campbellville school took second and third place respectively.

McKenzie-Smith went on to take another first in the Intermediate division. The large group sang Pussy Willows, Cat-tails and a song of their choice. Second place went to Percy W. Merry and third to Brookville school.

M. Z. Bennett took their other first in the Junior division singing The Plight of the Camel. Harrison took second and Georgetown Christian third place.

The three classes for school under 250 pupils were entered by Glen Williams, Limehouse, two Georgetown schools, Howard Wrigglesworth and Georgetown Christian, and W. I. Dick from Milton.

Schools under 250, primary choir trophy went to W. I. Dick students. Second was won by Limehouse and third Glen Williams school.

Singing Aura Lea, unaccompanied, Georgetown Christian school won the first place trophy in the Junior choir competition. Wrigglesworth and Limehouse picked up the other two plaques.

Triple duet winners were from Wrigglesworth public school in Georgetown. Georgetown Christian and Limehouse took the second and third place awards.

After lunch the Boys Unchanged Voices sang I'd Like to Sail. Although there were two entries on the program only one school Percy W. Merry sang. Singing We'll Rant and We'll Roar the McKenzie-Smith Changed Voices choir completed the round of firsts for their school.

The Senior choir and the Triple Trio were both won by Georgetown Christian school. McKenzie-Smith placed second in these two categories.

Early in the afternoon the festival competition was interrupted for introductions and presentations. Earl Clark, the adjudicator, was introduced to the audience. Mr. Clark is a consultant with Perth County Board of Education and is quite a musician in his own right. Recently he received a Jubilee Medal for his work in the music field. Mr. Clark also teaches music at Wilfred Laurier University and instructs music teachers during the summer months.

Since this was the fiftieth year for the Music Festival two special activities were planned. A competition was open to students before the festival to design the program cover and a crest for participants' pins which were given to those taking part. Keeping with the theme of the fiftieth year anniversary, Danny Stokes from Brookville public school received a cash prize for his program cover design and Tom Houston from Martin Street designed the winning pin crest.

Gary Bateman, this year's Music Festival president, felt the day was very successful and went off exceptionally well. "The calibre of music and the enthusiasm of the

students and teachers were excellent."

Mr. Bateman said he hoped to see the North Halton Music Festival begin to grow again. In the past three or four years some schools have not been taking part in the annual event.

Mr. Bateman wished to thank all those who worked together to make the festival successful.

Jean McPhail and Bernice Kinal of Acton recorded the results at the festival as well as helping with the presentations.



MCKENZIE-SMITH took first place in the Intermediate choir division at the music festival. Singing Pussy Willows, Cat-tails and a song of their choice the group took their second trophy of the day.

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M.Z. BENNETT JUNIOR choir took first place in the music festival last Wednesday, May 24.

This year marked the fiftieth year for the music festival. M.Z. Bennett hosted the affair.



STARTING THE DAY out right M.Z. Bennett students took first place in the North Halton music festival primary choir category. The

school won first in both of the categories they competed in.



WINNERS IN THE TRIPLE trio category were girls from Georgetown Christian School. Some of the girls are Acton residents but attend the Christian school. Georgetown Christian took three firsts at the festival.

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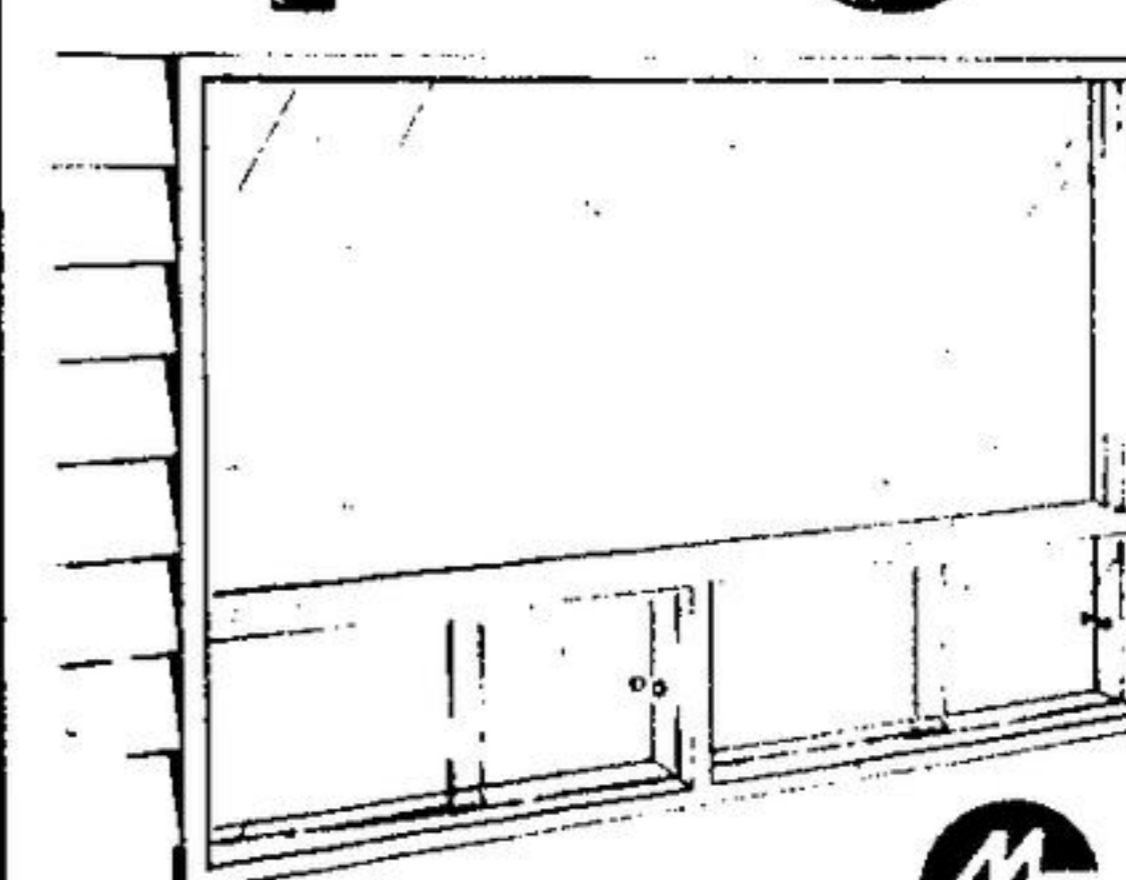
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