

# McKenzie-Smith choir is first in music festival

The McKenzie-Smith Middle School Choir placed first in the prestigious Hamilton Kiwanis Music Festival last Wednesday, beating out several other Hamilton schools. The 60-member choir sang a compulsory piece, Travel Song and a number of their own choice, Sunshine and Music. "Action might not be on the map, but we certainly know how to sing," beamed choir director Kathy Sanford. Teacher Heide Lange is also a director. In his remarks about the choir, adjudicator Car Duggan described it as "an excellent performance" and "well done." He also noted "some lovely tone" and the "secure part singing." Choir members were Monique Bartlett, Gemita Vasques, Carolyn Bossert, Lisa McIsaac, Pam DeMontmorency, Gail Gail, Sheri Lumbers, Christine Miller, Colleen Nowland, Tammie Hammond, Lisa Rider, Rosemary Hynne, Julie Atherton, Bryan Alexander, Trine Fisker, Tracy Lanthier, Kathy Nemet, Sean Jeffery, Tracey Bruce, Jennifer Murr, Angela Johnstone, Nicola Willmott, Laura Massles, Ann Duncan, Tricia Monte, Lee Gallant, Jennifer Koprowski, Mary Moore, Stacy Hillier, Brett Auger, Tammy Mairs, Shannon Johnston, Carolyn Sewell, Sharon Dear, Angela Hunter, Lori Bell, Margaret Sale, Stacy Perry, Linda Wong, Kandi Hannah, Denise Corcoran, Wendy Norton, Paula Mitchell, Jenny Crawford, Kim Gillies, Shelley Matlocks, Gillian Balkind, Tim Tibbitts, Terry Dear, Joyce McIsaac, Michelle Perry, Jane Ball, Tracy-Lyn Barclay-Smith, Tanya DeJong, Colleen Stone, Catherine Kinnon, Chrissy Dunn, Paula Raine and Elaine Marsh. The choir will be performing May 5 at a Variety Night at the school.



McKenzie-Smith Choir beat out several Hamilton schools to take first prize at the Hamilton Kiwanis Music Festival Wednesday. Teachers Kathy Sanford and Heide Lange are very proud of their students.

# Knox Ladies' Aid marks 95 years of church service

Ninety-five years is a long time for any organization to survive. Not so with the Ladies' Aid of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, for it has now reached that age, and is still going strong. Tuesday, April 28 was the usual monthly meeting day, but it was no regular meeting, but a celebration and culmination of 95 years of interest and work in support of Knox Church. Mrs. H. Murray, Mrs. W.J. McLeod and Mrs. G.S. Matthews welcomed the guests. Present members of the organization attended at 1 p.m. in the Dr. Stewart Hall. Mrs. W.J. McIntyre, honorary president, asked the grace, and all enjoyed the pot-luck meal and fellowship. Although, a few of the ladies are not active now, they have a keen interest in the activities of the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. H. Beasley, read the Scripture and led in prayer. An interesting feature of the meeting was to name the year each lady present became a member of the Ladies' Aid. 1927 was the year when the member of longest standing member joined. While not a member yet, three-year old Miss Krista Petty attended with her mother, Mrs. K. Petty, Miss Robina Clark was welcomed from Guelph. She had accompanied Mrs. A.M. MacPherson, and her daughter, Mrs. R. Gordon. A touching and beautiful "In Memoriam" Service honoring all members who served with the Ladies' Aid who have passed on was conducted by Mrs. C. Armstrong. Mrs. D.S. Morrison gave an amusing reading entitled "Fuel for powering cars could lie in your field." No 95th Birthday Party would be complete without a history of the organization. A few facts were compiled about the work by Mrs. J.C. Dennis. The Ladies' Aid has been an integral part of Knox Church all through the years. At first, it was known as the "Schemes of the Church," when the members were out twice yearly amongst the ladies of the congregation for the dual purpose of keeping in touch and obtaining funds. This was when worship was in the old Church, previous to the present one being erected in 1894. The first officers of this organization were President—Mrs. Archibald Campbell; Secretary—Mrs. J.E. Corey; and Mrs. David Henderson, Treasurer. It was a pleasure to have four past Presidents, as well as the present President at-

tending this happy event—Mrs. R. Speilvogel, Mrs. W.J. McLeod, Mrs. A.M. MacPherson, of Guelph, Mrs. W.J. McIntyre and Mrs. H. Murray. They were honored when called to the front and corsages were pinned on by Carol Petty, Gail Beerman, Marilyn Murray, Sandi Chaisson and Sherrill MacPherson, respectively. Tribute was paid to these dedicated women and hard workers, who have guided the destiny of the Ladies' Aid for so many years. Others who had served in this capacity were Mrs. G.H. Lantz, Mrs. William McArthur, Mrs. F. Blow (later Leslie) and Mrs. Fred McCutcheon, all now deceased. Garden Parties on farm lawns of members of the congregation were recalled, when folk attended from miles around; the anniversary suppers; wedding and wedding anniversary banquets, birthday, organizational and graduation banquets were served, and many compliments were received by the ladies on the quality of the food. Friends and relatives attending after many funerals have been very appreciative too. Up until 1979 when a complete renovation of Knox Manse was made, the ladies accepted the responsibility of keeping the interior of this home in fine shape, which included professional interior decorating (when needed), new floors, new ceilings, two new bathrooms, and many more improvements. Many things have been done at the Church too that have been motivated by the Ladies' Aid, as well as cash contributions each year to the Board of Managers. Possibly one of the most important and far-reaching was the building and furnishing of the modern kitchen in 1964. It has served a very necessary need in the church, and is used by all organizations for their functions. Appliances and utensils are being added to and replaced from time to time. Mrs. H. Beasley read the History, and Mrs. Wilmer Watkins read "A few of the Accomplishments of the Ladies' Aid." Mrs. C.M. Davidson presided over the guest book. Mrs. C. Armstrong and Mrs. B. Loucks sang a beautiful duet "Amazing Grace." Mrs. Beasley was the accompanist for the afternoon, and for a closing hymn, all sang "God Be With You Until We Meet Again." Rev. Gerald Rennie joined the ladies afterwards and wished them well in their work, and enjoyed a cup of tea and a piece of birthday cake.

# Watch for Children signs now up in the air

The fate of Watch for Children signs requested by citizens and Councillor Pam Sheldon for two rural roads is now up in the air. Halton Hills general committee recently voted on a staff recommendation which called for the signs not to be put up. The vote was tied 5-5 and Councillor Russ Miller broke the tie saying the motion from the staff recommendation was lost. However, when the matter went to council Monday for final approval the minutes indicated the staff recommendation had been approved. Sheldon said the minutes didn't reflect fact, but added after the meeting nobody seemed to know for sure what the fate of the signs was—councillors, staff and the media were all confused.

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson said the minutes were in error, when the negative staff recommendation was lost and no new motion was made council was left with no motion on the subject. So, Sheldon made a new motion calling for the signs to go up. However before a vote could be taken on Sheldon's motion the council voted to defer the Watch for Children signs subject. A deferral motion isn't debatable, a vote is taken immediately. In proposing the deferral, councillor Dave Whiting said he was just assuming, because he couldn't reach Miller last week, but he felt the rural representative had intended in his vote for the signs not to be approved. He wanted the issue deferred until the next meeting when Miller will be in attendance.

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