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Acton Sixty Voice Choir Wins the Festival Trophy

Tenth Annual Event Held in Milton Last Week—Winners of All Classes and Marks Obtained in Festival.

The Tenth Annual Music Festival for Milton County was held in Milton, at St. Paul's United Church last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There were, in all, fifty classes, with entries from rural and urban Public Schools and High Schools from all parts of the County. Acton and the rural schools from this district were well represented in the various classes. Miss T. P. Hunt was in charge of the Acton pupils and Mrs. W. Gowdy was the accompanist.

Mr. G. Roy Penwick, Director of Music for Ontario Provincial Public Schools, expressed his gratification at the amazing improvement of the contestants and the splendid standard which had been achieved and maintained. He was more than pleased with the work done by the rural pupils and enthusiastic in his praise for High School choirs and soloists.

Mr. Edson Brethour, Toronto, also adjudicating, drew attention to remarks made by Mr. H. P. Sanderson, Principal of Oakville Public School, after his school had been awarded first place in the 40-Voice Choir. Mr. Sanderson stated that music instruction to Oakville pupils had all been given out of school hours and by a staff teacher. "That," said Mr. Brethour, "is a great mistake. Why should music be taught only out of school hours? One would think that geography and arithmetic were God's chosen subjects! Actually you don't know where you are with these subjects. Geography may change overnight. But not music. You always know where you are with music. Don't you? The children were enthusiastic in their applause."

"Another thing," continued Mr. Brethour, "we are, I think, inclined to attach too much importance to what the child is doing to music. It is of far greater importance to consider what music is doing to the child. After hearing these children sing as they have sung to-day, you can't tell me that music isn't a good influence in their lives."

Mr. Campion Smith, Toronto, the third adjudicator, also made encouraging comments on the work done by the schools.

Mr. J. M. Denyes, Inspector of Public Schools, Milton, Honorary President, was in charge of trophy presentations and on Friday night Mr. Denyes brought much pleasure to a capacity audience when he announced that Robert Owe, Milton, and Doris Bessey, Georgetown, had competed in open solos at Peel County Festival, then in season, and each brought home a silver medal.

Other contestants showing exceptional talent were Helen McGowan, Georgetown High School; Ruth Sergeant, Milton High School; Murray Hall, Burlington High School; George Bolus, Burlington High School; the Stephenson twins, Georgetown High School; Joan Moreland, Strathcona; and Joseph Wilcox, a young Georgetown Public School pupil, who played a cornet solo with exceptional ability.

Worthy of special mention was the performance given by the Burlington High School Orchestra, led by Miss Kathleen Dick, with Murray Hall as accompanist. Even Mr. Penwick found it difficult to find words to express his appreciation of the boys' fine piece of orchestral work and the credit due to Miss Dick for her leadership. Burlington being the only entrant in this class, had not thought it necessary to bring back the cup which had been awarded to them last year!

Tribute was also paid to the music instructors in the various schools throughout the County for the very fine training given the children.

Particularly pleasing were the numbers featuring dramatization of songs by kindergarten rooms, and also by Grades 5 and 6.

Trophies and donations were given by the following School Boards, organizations and individuals:

High School Boards—Georgetown, Milton and Burlington.

Public School Boards—Acton, Georgetown, Burlington, Milton, Strathcona, Fisher's Corners, Bell, Pine Grove, Palermo, Linthouse, Tursley, Zimmerman and S. S. No. 7, Nazagaweya.

Women's Institutes—Horton County, Acton, Mountain Union and Scotch Block.

I. O. O. F.—John Milton Chapter, Thayerdangeva Chapter, Burlington, Oakville Senior Chapter and Oakville Junior Chapter.

Dr. F. H. Watson, Georgetown; Rev. Maylay Matheson, Burlington; and the T. Eaton Company, Toronto.

Results were as follows:

THURSDAY MORNING

Adjudicator—Mr. Penwick

Class 5—Rural Solos, boys under 10—

"Grasshopper Green"—Jim Prentice, 78.

Hayward Sewing, 77; Clarence Ford, 76.

Class 7—Rural Choir, 15 voices, union

"Cornish May Song"—Cup, S. S. No. 9, Trafalgar, 80; Shield, S. S. No. 4, Trafalgar, 79.

Class 1—Rural Choir, 1-2 room, 20

voices—"The Swiss Toy Girl"—Cup,

Palermo, 78; Shield, Dublin, 76.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Adjudicator—Mr. Penwick

Class 4—Rural Solos, Girls, under 10—

"Where Fairies Dance and Sing"—

Gloria Bennett, 80; Jean Drake, 78; Joy

Eyre, 77.

Class 3—Rural Choir—Combination of

Motion and Song—Cup, Linthouse, 78;

Shield, Linthouse, 77.

Class 6—Rural Solos, Girls under 12—

"Song of the Fairies"—Olive Hankin, 82;

Eileen Pickup, 80; Helen Mockeridge, 78.

Class 23—Urban Solos, Boys under 16

"The Legend"—Robert Arnold, 85; Paul

Campbell, 85; James Bentley, 82.

Class 24—Gold Medalist Solo—"On

Wings of Song"—Joan Moreland, 85;

Joan Hale, 84.

THURSDAY EVENING

Class 25—Urban Duets, Girls—"Twin-

kle, Twinkle, Little Star"—Joan More-

land and Shirley Brown, 74; Joan Hale

and Valerie Herbert, 73; Mona Higgins

and Maxine Wilson, 72.

Class 26—Urban Duets, Boys—"See

Now the Moon Shines"—Gordon Gib-

bons and John McHugh, Acton; 78; Paul

Campbell and Austin Stainer, Burling-

ton Central, 77; Albert Tox and Wm.

Long, Georgetown, 65.

Class 36—Three-part Choir—Soprano,

alto and bass—"The Witching Hour"—

Cup, Milton, 75; Shield, Strathcona, 72.

Class 31—25-Voice Mixed Choir, 3-4

rooms—"The Lass of Richmond Hill"—

Cup, East Burlington, 73; Shield, Bronte,

also and bass—"The Witching Hour"—

Class 37—High School Solos, Girls under

16—"Spring Comes Laughing"—

Helen McGowan, 80; Norma Macneil,

78; Betty Spight, 75.

Class 15—Piano Solo, under 18—"La

Jongleurie"—Murray Hall, 76; Helen Mc-

Gowan, 74.

FRIDAY MORNING

Adjudicator—Mr. Campion Smith

Class 13—Piano Solo, under 14—"Don-

nybrook Fair"—Muriel Stephenson, 73;

M. Beatty, 71; Joan Nicholson, 69.

Class 12—Piano Solo, under 12—"A

Minuet"—Shirley Sergeant, 76; Doris

Hansen, 75; Margaret Somerville, 74.

Class 18—Urban Solos, Girls under 16

"The Lighthouse"—Carmel

Thomas, 77; Barbara Donald, 76; Betty

Gibson, 75.

Class 19—Urban Solos, Boys, under 16

"I Have a Clock"—Douglas Williams,

78; Teddy White, 76; Kendall Tuncock,

75.

Class 11—Piano Solos, under 10—"A

Musical Box"—Marjorie Leck, 76; Patricia

Tilley, 75; Jean Drake, 74.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Adjudicator—Mr. Campion Smith

Class 30—Urban Solos—Girls under 12

"Sing, Sing, Birds on the Wing"—

Shirley Brown, 79; Georgina Bridle, 78;

Margaret Kemp, 75.

Class 22—Urban Solos—Girls under 16

"April Goes A-Walking"—Valerie Her-

bert, 76; Rose Elphick, 75; Margaret

Ortiz, 74.

Class 30—Junior Choir, 25 voices, union

"The Woodpecker"—Cup, Milton,

78; Shield, Burlington Central, 76.

Class 28—Kindergarten Singing Game,

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Relief in Erin

Township Stops

on May 1st

Auditors' Report Accepted by the

Township Council—Grant

to Horse Show

The Erin Township Council met at

Hillsburg on April 19th. Members were

present.

The following resolutions were passed:

Mr. R. J. Robertson was appointed

Telephone Commissioner for the balance

of 1937.

The Road Superintendent was in-

structed to notify all patrolmen that

after June 1st, all patrol work must have

his approval.

That after May 1st, no more relief

will be given except in cases of emer-

gency.

The Council granted \$20.00 to Hills-

burg Spring Horse Show.

That the Council inspect the roads and

bridges in the Township, to meet at the

call of the Mayor.

The Auditors' Report for 1936 was ac-

cepted; also their findings of deficits in

the rolls of 1934, 1935 and 1936.

The following accounts were paid:

Miscellaneous \$ 47.18

Relief 190.87

Roads 493.70

The Council adjourned, to meet at

Hillsburg on Tuesday, May 25th, at a

Court of Revision on the Assessment

Roll, and for municipal business.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN KENNEY
Who Yesterday Observed Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Married Fifty Years ago in Esqueusing

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney Have Been Life-long Residents of Acton

Just fifty years ago, on April 27th, John Kenney and Miss Barbara Nickle were joined in the bonds of holy matrimony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nickle, at lot 23 concession 4, Esqueusing Township. The Rev. Jos. Alexander, Presbyterian minister of Norval, performed the ceremony.

A half century has passed since that day. Heads have silvered a bit, but on Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Kenney were happily inducted in marking their golden wedding anniversary. Miss Pamie Norrie, of Guelph, was the bridesmaid, and still resides in the Royal City. The groomsmen, Mr. Duncan Edmondson, passed away several years ago.

Yesterday was a happy occasion. The three sons, J. Linton, of Toronto; Lloyd H. of Montreal; and Lieut. Telford V. of Hamilton, and one grandchild, Barbara, of Toronto, were all home to celebrate this important occasion. Many other friends called to extend congratulations during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenney have spent their entire life in Acton. Mrs. Kenney's birthplace was Acton, and Mrs. Kenney's the Township of Esqueusing. For sixty-one years the name of Kenney Bros., boots and shoe merchants, was known in every household in Acton and for miles about. Their business was successful and a year ago the brothers retired and have been greatly enjoying the time of leisure, right in the home community and among life-time friends.

And Actonians at home and abroad join in their congratulations on this occasion and the wish for this esteemed couple of many more happy years together and that the glitter of the golden wedding day may be the mark for shining years of the future.

ADDRESSED ACTON WOMEN'S CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Ward 3 Acton Women's Conservative Club had their regular meeting on Thursday last. The business was transacted by the President, Mrs. D. H. Lindsay, after which Mrs. A. E. Ritchie, Chairman of Ward 3, introduced the guest speaker, Miss Sybil Bennett, who spoke on "Women's Place in the Conservative Party."

"Our need is for real statesmen, who live for Empire tradition and not personal appeal," was among Mrs. Bennett's statements.

Mrs. Desautels gave a recitation, and a piano duet was rendered by Mrs. Salt and Florence, and a solo was contributed by Mrs. W. Chisholm. After the program a social hour was enjoyed by all.



CARRIE QUEEN'S TRAIN

One of the Queen's four trainbearers

at the Coronation next month. Lady

Elizabeth Per y, daughter of the Duchess

of Northumberland and elder daughter

of the present Duke, is shown above in

her latest portrait.

BLOOMSBURY LITERARY SOCIETY

The regular meeting of Bloomsbury Literary Society was held in the school last Tuesday evening, with about thirty in attendance.

The President, Mr. Mansell Nellis, was in charge for the entire program. The roll call was answered by a Question Draw. When regular business was completed the following numbers were given: Harmonica selection by Mr. Cecil Wilson; duet by Misses Elsie and Audrey Watson; spelling match, conducted by Miss McPhedran, the winners being Mrs. Kitching and Wallace Lashby; solo, by Mr. Ross Gordon. A unique feature of the evening was the presentation of two chairs and a smoking stand to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McLaughlin, a recent bride and groom, after which Tom replied, thanking all for the expressions of good will and the beautiful gifts. Speeches were made by the following: Misses Alex. Near, Cameron Ramsay, C. VanGosen and Miss Mayme Near. At this time the oldest member of the Literary Society, Mrs. Near, was presented with a plant. Although greatly surprised, Mrs. Near expressed her appreciation of the gift and also of the associations and friendships of the Society. All joined in singing "For They are Jolly Good Fellows."

The contest for the winter months was ended at this meeting and the points were so close it was called a tie, and all joined in providing a wicker roast as a special treat. Dancing was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

Briefly Mr. Hughes Cleaver outlined the legislation passed at Ottawa this year and which would be effective in making conditions better in the Dominion. He agreed with the suppression of lawless strike methods and agitators from other countries but also felt that foreign efficiency experts should likewise be stopped from making unbearable working conditions in Canada.

The hall was packed to capacity with the crowd attending this event. Prizes for euchre were won by Mrs. J. A. Locker and Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mrs. P. H. Allen. A lunch was served to all and a five-piece orchestra supplied music for the dancing. Messrs. E. Packard and R. L. Davidson were floor managers. The event was arranged and carried out by the Acton Liberal-Progressive Association and Mr. G. A. Dilla was chairman and welcomed the visitors and introduced the speakers. It is the fourth such event held in Acton and each year the crowd attending has been larger than ever.

Another Cut in the Cost of Electric Power

Ontario Hydro Announces Cut, Effective August 1st, and to be Passed on to the Consumers

A \$2 per horsepower reduction in the interim rate for power supplied to local municipalities of the Niagara system, a revision of rural power service charges in all systems, the Niagara, Georgian Bay, Thunder Bay, and Eastern Ontario, with summer cottage consumers particularly benefited, and a general early redistribution of the various rural systems, so as to provide consumers with better service than at present obtains, was announced by Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Hydro Commissioner, on behalf of the Provincial Power Commission.

The \$2 per h.p. rate reduction in the Niagara system will come into force on August 1st, this year, and will apply, it is announced, to all power purchased by the local municipalities until July 31st, 1938. It supplements the \$2.50 per h.p. rate cut effected by Hydro in November, 1936. Together these reductions "not only represent a money saving of over \$10,000 daily to the people of the cost municipalities of the Niagara system, but carry assurance that they will not be taxed to provide power below cost to the large industries of the Province," which have contracts with Hydro.

This material saving to the consumers of the Niagara system, Hon. Mr. McQuesten explains in a formal statement to the press, has been made possible by the great saving in the cost of Quebec contract power resulting from cancellation and re-drafting in the case of the Richelieu, Gatineau, MacLaren-Quebec and Ottawa Valley (Chats Falls) agreements. During the present year, Mr. McQuesten states, the Commission will pay to these three Quebec contractors, from whom power is being taken, a sum of approximately \$3,650,000. Instead of \$10,965,000, which it was obligated to pay under the original contracts "whether or not the power could be utilized."

Hydro, Mr. McQuesten states, expect the savings in the wholesale cost of power to be passed on at once to the ultimate consumers of the Niagara system, and that the local Commissions will make arrangements before August 1st to effect a general rate reduction in their respective jurisdictions.

HAD THEM GUESSING

It was a night of mystery at the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday, when Herbert L. King, of Toronto, showed the audience how to do tricks of all kinds and provided a very entertaining and amusing program. Various articles went from one place to another and a jug on the table seemed to have an endless supply of water in it. Perhaps the biggest thrill came when, to all appearance, Scoutmaster George Mason was beheaded, yet lived to enjoy the rest of the program and go away unharmed.

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Mr. Glen Wilson, of the A. E. Wilson Co., was present to discuss with the Council the liability insurance. He pointed out that Acton enjoyed a very favorable standing and the losses paid had not been large. The past year Acton had enjoyed liability limits of \$5,000 for one person and \$10,000 for more than one person. This year the firm was prepared to offer at the same figure limits of \$10,000 and \$20,000. The municipal buildings, Town Hall and Parks were covered by this policy. Acton was now enjoying the minimum premium. Mr. Wilson was not sure whether the Arena was covered by the policy, but promised to advise the Council concerning this coverage. The local representative of the Company was Mrs. H. L. McDonald.

Upon motion, the liability insurance was renewed with Lloyds of England. Mr. Wilson also explained insurance for municipal employees and gave rates in his company.

Fire Chief R. M. McDonald requested that the Council purchase 200 feet of fire hose. He pointed out that the price would go up on May 1st, and he deemed it advisable to purchase now. There had been no new hose purchased since 1932. The price was from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per foot. It was also pointed out that since the death of the late Norman McLeod, the Brigade had no one to make repairs to the hose.

Councillor Gibbons, who was experienced at this work agreed to do this work for the Brigade.

A motion to purchase this hose was passed unanimously by the Council.

Mr. R. J. Ramshaw requested that the Queen Street roadway be repaved. It was badly washed out. He agreed to furnish the gravel necessary for the work.

This matter would be given attention in the annual repairs of the roads in the municipality.

Mr. T. J. Ramshaw addressed the Council regarding the municipality's liability insurance. The rates were presented by M. M. Clancy & Sons, of Toronto. He asked the Council's permission to put in a couple of tenders for this insurance. He pointed out that savings had been made in other municipalities in the County. The policies covered the entire legal liability of the town and the coverage was the same as any other policy. The Company was Lloyds of London, but another group.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

The answer to last week's Puzzle Poem was "Daylight Saving," and the first correct answer opened on Saturday was from Mrs. J. A. Locker, who wins the box of chocolates offered as a prize. A subscriber has suggested that we offer some groceries as a prize. So this week we offer the amount of the other awards in groceries at Carroll's Grocery Store. The poem is suggested by a Free Press subscriber in London, and re-arranged by Mr. Coles. It will be found on Page Five of this issue.

SUCCEEDS ROEBUCK



Hon. Paul Leves (above) Minister of Mines for Ontario, who took over temporarily, the duties of Attorney-General, formerly handled by Hon. Arthur Mac-buck.

Nuisance By-Law Consolidated Liability Insurance Increased

Council Also Decided to Purchase New Fire Hose—May Also Buy Smaller Road Grader—Will Not Tamper with Closing Hours of Beverage Rooms

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Mr. A. Mason President of Children's Aid

Annual Meeting Held in Brampton Yesterday — Banquet in Evening

Speaking at a meeting of the Children's Aid Society for Peel and Halton, yesterday, Stewart Sutton, a member of the staff of the York County organization, stressed the importance of protection work among the societies in different counties.