

# Young Singers Compete During Three - Day Halton Music Festival

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**S.S. NO. 6 SCHOOL** Nassagaweya won the trophy in the double trio competition Thursday during the North Halton Rural Music Festival, staged in Acton Robert Little school auditorium. The winners are pictured above with their music supervisor Mrs. Donna Manes. Left to right are Mary Anderson, Marilyn Hilson, Nancy Mahon, Mrs. Manes, Neil Robertson, Alice Joukema and John Austin.

### Adjudicator Praises Milton During Friday Music Festival

Milton J. M. Denyes public school received high praise from adjudicator John Wood on Friday evening when they won the highest mark during the three-day Halton Music Festival, as their triple trio topped top honors with 87 points.

During the festival staged in the Acton Robert Little school auditorium, urban contestants competed on Wednesday and Friday, with rural schools competing Thursday.

During the finals Friday evening, winners chosen on Wednesday repeated their selections, as well as three competition classes. A packed auditorium heard the finalists and listened attentively as adjudicator John Wood gave his comments on each competitor.

Mr. Wood told the large audience he had never enjoyed a music festival as much as the one held in Acton this year. He praised the officials of the festival for their co-operation and commended the music supervisors for their interest and efforts in training the young singers. In conclusion, the adjudicator expressed his hope that the spirit of co-operation at Halton festivals would continue.

During the Friday evening finals, the following were the winners:

Boys' ensemble, changed voices, open class: Acton Robert Little school first with 85 points; Stewarttown second with 83; Brookville 81; Acton M. Z. Bennett 80; Milton J. M. Denyes 79 and Milton Bruce Street 78.

Triple duet, grades 5-6, 6 rooms and under: Campbellville first with 82; Glen Williams 81; Speyside and Stewarttown tied with 80 points apiece.

Triple trio, grades 7-8, 7 rooms and over: Milton J. M. Denyes 87; Milton W. I. Dick 85; Acton M. Z. Bennett 84; Brookville and Acton Robert Little 83 points each; Milton Bruce Street 81.

During the evening, the audience heard the Campbellville junior choir, winners from Wednesday's competition, sing "Lady Moon". The Acton M. Z. Bennett Junior choir, winners in class two Wednesday, entertained with their winning number, "Vesper Hymn". The Acton Robert Little school unchanged voices choir repeated their winning number, "Lass of Richmond Hill".

The Glen Williams senior choir sang "Away with Melancholy", the number which won them first place Wednesday and the Acton Robert Little senior choir repeated their winning selection, "A Shepherd's Tune".

Mrs. W. Sproston, Acton, acted as master of ceremonies for the Friday evening performance.



**J. M. DENYES** triple trio won the highest mark of the Urban Music Festival Friday evening in the Acton Robert Little school auditorium, when adjudicator John Wood awarded them 87 points. The happy winners are pictured above with their trophy following their song. Front row left to right are Barbara Deforest, Mary Pickett, Nancy Cannon, Mollie Latham and Laurie Sinclair. Back row Jane McEachern, Sharon Elsworth, Marianne Fay and Joan Francis.



**MUSIC SUPERVISORS** received a few pointers from adjudicator John Wood following the conclusion of the North Halton Urban Festival, Friday evening in Acton. Pictured left to right are Mrs. Mary Kidney, supervisor for Esquensing school area No. 1, Glenn Banks, Acton music supervisor, Mrs. Donna Manes, supervisor for Nassagaweya school area, adjudicator John Wood and Milton music supervisor Mrs. A. Ledwith.

### Acton Receives Top Honors During Wednesday Festival

Competition was keen throughout the three-day Halton Music Festival last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, held in the Robert Little public school auditorium, Acton. Adjudicators praised the efforts of the young singers and commended music supervisors for their achievements.

During the Wednesday competition, Acton took top honors with three firsts and three seconds, while Milton captured two firsts and two seconds. Campbellville took one first and two seconds, while Brookville and Glen Williams each received one first and one second.

Adjudicator for the Wednesday competition was John Wood of Port Credit. He spoke highly of the singing in Halton County and told the audience he enjoyed adjudicating festivals in Halton.

The following are the results of the competitions:

Junior choir, grades 1-4, 6 rooms and under: Campbellville first with 83 points and Stewarttown second with 81. Other standings included Norval 79, Speyside and Glen Williams 78 points each.

Primary choir, kindergarten to grade 3, 7 rooms and over: Milton J. M. Denyes school first with 85 points and Milton W. I. Dick school second with 83. Other competitors were: Milton Bruce Street school and Acton M. Z. Bennett school tied with 80 points; Brookville and Acton Robert Little school tied with 78.

Junior choir, grades 4-5-6, 7 rooms and over: Top honors went to Brookville with 82 points, while Milton J. M. Denyes school placed second with 81. Other competitors and standings were: Acton Robert Little and Milton Bruce Street schools with 80 points each; Acton M. Z. Bennett and Milton W. I. Dick schools with 79.

Boys' unchanged voices, open class: Acton schools led the field in this competition with the Robert Little school taking first with 85 points and the M. Z. Bennett school second with 82.

Other marks included: Brookville and Milton J. M. Denyes schools, 81 points each; Campbellville, Stewarttown and Milton W. I. Dick schools, 77 points each.

### Singers From Nine Rural Schools Participate in Music Festival

Singers from nine rural one-room schools in Nassagaweya and Esquensing townships gathered at Acton's Robert Little public school Thursday of last week for the annual North Halton rural music festival. At the conclusion of the day, S. S. 6 Nassagaweya and Pinegrove schools stood out with the most wins in the various solo, choir, duet and double trio competitions.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to soloists and duet singers while Pinegrove, Bannockburn; S. S. 6, Limehouse and Milton Heights schools took home trophies, cups and shields for firsts and seconds in the choir and double trio classes. Other schools competing were Hornby, Blue Mountain, Ligny and Quatra Bras.

**List Results**

Adjudicator was Lloyd Bradshaw, music supervisor of Forest Hill junior high school, Toronto. The following are the results:

Solo, girls 8 and under: Mary McGee, Pinegrove, 86; Heather Hyatt, Hornby, 85; Shelley Roy, Blue Mountain, 84. Other contestants were Elizabeth Anderson of S. S. 6, Nassagaweya, Mary Willis of Ligny, Jacqueline Bos of Limehouse, Maureen Thomson of Quatra Bras, Lynn Stewart of Bannockburn and Deanna Cargill of Milton Heights.

Milton, boys 8 and under: Bruce Austen, S. S. 6, 85; Donald Step-toe, Milton Heights, 84; Tommy Willis, Ligny, 83. Other contestants were Calvin Sanderson of Blue Mountain, Robert Murdoch of Hornby, Freddie McDonald of Limehouse and Jim Marshall of Quatra Bras.

Solo, girls 11 and under: Margo Clarkson, Milton Heights, 86; Nancy Mahon, Hornby, 85; Jacqueline Kingdon, Hornby, 84. Others in the class included Linda Damm of Bannockburn, Judy Hardy of Ligny, Angelic Summers of Limehouse, Dianne Hawkes of Blue Mountain and Harriet Sonne of Quatra Bras.

Solo, boys 11 and under: John Austen, S. S. 6, 87; Murray McCaig, Pinegrove, 86; Gary Poot, Limehouse, 85. Others singing were David Whaley of Hornby, Larry White of Blue Mountain, Phillip Powell of Milton Heights, Freddie Anthony of Bannockburn and Douglas McLaughlin of Quatra Bras.

**Choir Class**

Unison choir, enrollment to 30: Bannockburn was first with 82 marks and won the music festival cup presented by Mr. McKenzie; Pinegrove came second with 81 and won the Nassagaweya school area board trophy presented by inspector W. L. McNeil. Blue Mountain had 80 marks.

Solo, girls 12 and over: June Heaslip, Milton Heights, 84; Doreen Harrop, Pinegrove, 83; Marilyn Hilson, S. S. 6, 82. Margot Irving of Ligny, Truise Ouwendyk of Quatra Bras, Rosemary Robertson of Hornby and Marion Poot of Limehouse were the other contestants.

Solo, boys' changed voices: Barry Mahon, S. S. 6, 84; Ken Wilson, Ligny, 82; Erwin Ouwendyk, Quatra Bras, 80.

Choir, two part: S. S. 6, Nassagaweya, won the Halton Music Festival cup for first place with 86 points, and Mrs. Rennie presented the award; Limehouse had 85 marks and came second, receiving the Esquensing School Area Board shield donated by Mrs. V. Archer. Other choirs singing were Quatra Bras, Ligny, Milton Heights and Hornby.

Solo, boys 12 and over: Neil Robertson, S. S. 6, 86; John McGee, Pinegrove, 85; Gerald Robinson, Bannockburn, 83. The other singers were John McDonald of Limehouse, Gary Whaley of Hornby and David Miller of Ligny.

Double trio: The S. S. 6 Nassagaweya group received the music festival cup presented by Mrs. Norris, when they received 82 points for first place. Mrs. J. W. Robertson presented the Mountain Union W.I. shield to second place Milton Heights double trio with 81 points. Others singing were Limehouse, Pinegrove, Quatra Bras and Hornby.

Duet: Marilyn Hilson and Nancy Mahon, S. S. 6, 87; Lynne Brown and John McGee, Pinegrove, 84; Rosemary Robertson and Donna Kingdon, Hornby, 83. Other duet singers were John Forbes and Laura Howden of Ligny and Margaret Arnold and Mary-Lou Brown of Limehouse.

### Mary Kelly Wins In Area Speaking

The Ninth annual area Public Speaking Contest sponsored by Districts "A" and "B" of the Canadian Legion was held at Branch 125 at Delhi on Saturday.

Contestants came from Glenoe, Port Colborne, Aylmer, Shedd, St. Catharines, Blenheim, Welland and Milton and contests for Grade 6 and under, Grade 7 and 8, Grades 9 and 10 and Grades 11 to 13 took place during the afternoon.

The Milton contestant, Miss Mary Rose Kelly who has been successful in the local Legion contest in Milton and at Brantford where she took further honors, was winner at Delhi Saturday, being winner of the Area contest. She will now enter the Provincial Contest against winners from all other areas in Ontario, which will be held in Hamilton at the Canadian Legion convention in early August.

Mary is a pupil of the Holy Rosary school in Milton.

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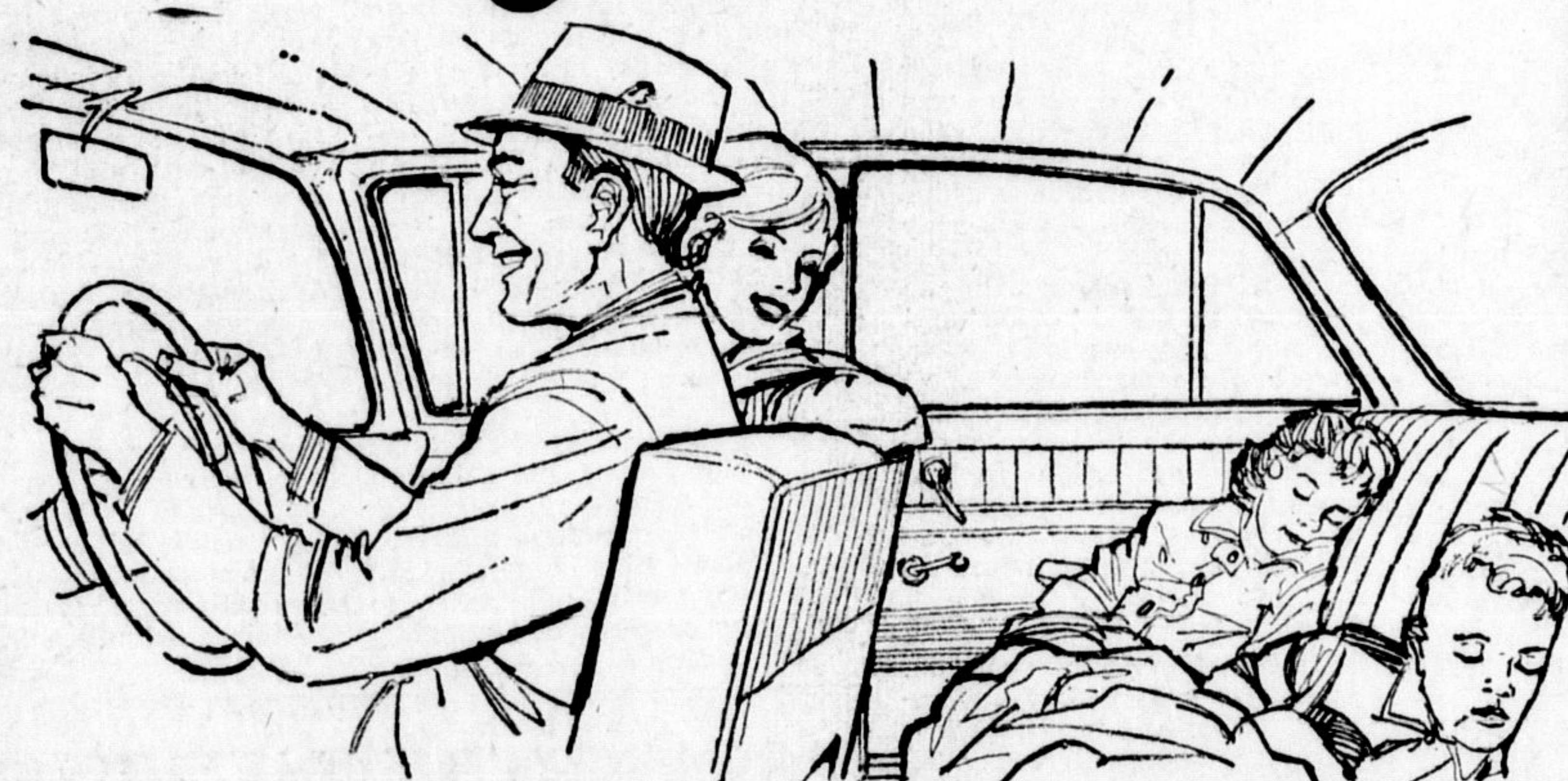
A fellow in Hong Kong, piqued because he couldn't taste his cousin's wedding cake before the ceremony, jumped from a 12-storey building but changed his mind on the way down. He grabbed a jutting iron bar as he passed the ninth floor and saved himself.



**SECOND PLACE** in the triple trio competition Friday evening went to the W. I. Dick school when they received 85 points. Pictured above with their shield, front row left to right are Judy Smith, Douglas Foster, Brian Pitman, Randy Googe and Jennifer Riddell. Back row Valine Makin, Janet Graham, Lynda Clarke and Nancy Case. The Robert Little school auditorium in Acton was packed for the performance.

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