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Kirk Brush Wins Dance Trophies Tops Scots at Their Own Game

Topping the Scots at their own game is no mean trick, but Kirk Brush has succeeded on several occasions and chances are he'll do it again. Kirk, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brush of R.R. 1, Milton, has just returned from Scotland where he danced his way to 18 medals, several certificates and numerous trophies including two Championship Cups that have never before left Scotland.

Like any other 10-year-old, Kirk has a favorite hobby and it is winning highland dancing competitions. Four years ago, he began taking lessons from Mrs. Mollie MacGregor of Toronto and at the time she promised, "if you work hard, I'll take you to Scotland some day."

Strongest Competition
This summer his untold hours of hard work were rewarded as he flew by jet on July 5 for Scotland, accompanied by his teacher. As a winner of many medals and cups in both Canada and the U.S.A., Kirk was no stranger to stiff competition, but in Scotland, the home of highland dancing, he faced his strongest and friendliest opposition.

Bobbie Burns, he competed in most of the major highland dancing competitions including the Lochearnhead Highland Games, The Edinburgh Festival, the Luss Games, the Bute Highland Games and the Cowal Games at Dunoon. In addition, he danced at many smaller competitions and on the average performed in two competitions each week during his two month stay. Highland dancing is accepted on a very large scale in Scotland and Kirk competed against literally thousands of highly trained dancers from many countries, but nevertheless managed to be recognized at every competition he entered.

Every victory during his Scottish tour was a highlight, but Kirk regards his win against tremendously tough competition at the Cowal Games, as his top victory. The competition for the Cowal trophy has been underway for 30 years but it had never been won by a person living outside Scotland.

At the Lochearnhead Highland Games he captured the trophy for the best male dancer in his age group, and at the Luss games he danced his way to a first place Trophy. At the Edinburgh Festival

he copped a first, a second, a third and a fourth place medals and also won a third in the Junior overseas championship. His third place in the Junior overseas competition has sparked his interest and now he is hoping that he might return some day for another crack at the overseas championship.

His most successful performance came at the Bute Highland Games when he captured four gold medals for first place and won the Rothesay Trophy. It was the first time that this trophy had ever left Scotland.

Teacher is Thrilled
Kirk's teacher explained that his victories in Scotland were a great honor, noting, "when you take a championship in Scotland you've really accomplished something great." His overseas accomplishments were especially great when it is considered that he competed on several occasions against performers older than himself.

Reporting on his trip, Kirk suggested, "Scotland really isn't much different than Canada except it's colder and there are a

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—Staff Photo

COUNTLESS HOURS OF HARD WORK paid off for Kirk Brush when he captured trophies, certificates and medals in Scotland. The youngster is shown here displaying some of the form that earned him the championships.



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MEDALS, TROPHIES AND CERTIFICATES were brought home from Scotland by Milton's Kirk Brush. Kirk, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brush, copped several coveted prizes during a tour in Scotland with his teacher Mrs. Mollie MacGregor. Shown displaying several of the trophies and medals are Mr. Brush, Mrs. Brush, Kirk and Mrs. MacGregor.

Engineer's Report

\$20,000 to Improve Pond

An engineer's recommendations for \$20,000 worth of improvements to the mill pond in Milton — the town's 1967 centennial project — were forwarded to Milton Council this week. Council accepted the letter but did not deal with it, as Monday's meeting was a special meeting to open tenders on a sidewalk project.

Engineer Roy Smith, asked by the town to suggest a plan to renovate the pond, suggested \$12,500 worth of draining and clean-out, \$5,000 worth of earth fill, and an overflow pipe and sump worth \$2,500 in his report.

Drain and Clean
Mr. Smith suggested the pond should be drained to allow debris

and muck in the pond bottom to dry out. It could then be scraped and levelled to form an even bottom. He suggested the pond bank could be cleaned up and brushed out, and a footpath constructed; also about 150 feet of fill will be required at the Martin St. end.

To drain the pond, the engineer suggests a cast iron overflow pipe and a cast iron valve, supported by a concrete foundation cradle. The pond was formerly

drained through a sluiceway to Robin Hood Flour Mill, however this was discontinued after the mill fire and the firm offered to donate the mill pond to the town.

No Grant Approval
Meanwhile there has been no approval yet on the Federal and Provincial grants towards renovations at the pond as a centennial project. The Application for the \$2 per capita government grant was filed in July.

No Rattler, False Alarm Authorities Say of Snake

Residents in the Rattlesnake Point area west of town were worried this week following a report a live Rattlesnake had been run over by a truck; however further investigation reveals the snake was probably a harmless Fox or Milk snake.

Hornby trucker Ray Plant ran over the coiled reptile on 10 Side-road half a mile west of the Appleby Line — just a few hundred

yards south of the "point" of the escarpment. He wondered if it was a rattler, because the markings on the snake's back reminded him of a picture of a rattler he had seen in a magazine.

Fox or Milk
A nearby farmer and a Burlington policeman looked at the dead snake, and neither thought it was the rattler variety. Halton Game Warden Ted Ackert of Moffat was called into investigate, and he said it must have been a Fox or Milk snake from the description the trucker gave.

Mr. Ackert noted rattlers don't go much over 20 inches long, while the dead snake is believed to have been 28 or 30 inches in length. Mr. Plant said he could not find any rattles on the carcass.

Rattlesnake Point reportedly was named by some sailors who jumped their ship at Burlington during the early days of Ontario's settlement, and who hid on the escarpment. They are said to have found a Rattlesnake's den with several rattlers coiled up into a ball, and the story goes, they rolled the ball of snakes down the hill.

Tender on Pump House

Name Stan Allen Vice-President Ontario Group

Eight delegates from Halton Centennial Manor, Milton, were present during the four-day 45th annual convention of the Ontario Association of Homes for the Aged at Picton, last week.

Superintendent S. A. Allen, Manor Board chairman Reeve C. A. Martin of Milton, and Board members Reeve H. H. Hinton of Acton, Reeve and Mrs. J. Elliott of Georgetown, and Deputy-Reeve Lester Whiting of Oakville also attended, along with Board secretary Lloyd Gohn. Mrs. S. A. Allen, president of the Manor Women's Auxiliary, was also a delegate.

THURSDAY'S SMILE
A Laplander is someone who can't keep his balance on a bus.

Tenders on the pumphouse for Milton's new Kelso well supply are expected to be called sometime next week, engineer K. Hyde told members of Milton Council at a special meeting Monday.

The tender was let two weeks ago for the \$97,000 pipeline that will carry the water to existing town mains, from the Kelso well, Final Ontario Municipal Board and Department of Municipal Affairs approvals have yet to be given on the pumphouse, but the engineer expected to have them by the weekend so tenders could be called immediately.

Council has finalized easements for the water line over five properties involved, where the water line runs along the south side of Highway 401 to Highway 25, then south through the Triangle Park property to the Base Line. At Monday's meeting payment of \$25 to the Department of Public Works for easement over the Triangle Park property, was approved. Other easements had been settled earlier.

Begin Work Next Monday Heslop Sidewalk Project

Work is expected to start next Monday on the construction of 3,300 feet of five foot wide sidewalks, along both sides of Heslop Road in the Fallingbrook area. On Monday, Milton Council approved the \$9,528.65 tender of Dempsey Construction, Guelph, the lowest of five received.

The project expected to take about four weeks before completion, will relieve a traffic and safety problem that has been steadily growing since Fallingbrook subdivision was first opened. The sidewalk was requested in a petition from residents last fall.

Main Artery
Heslop Road is a main traffic artery for vehicles from the subdivision, and is also the only route to school for the majority of children who live on Heslop, Meadowbrook, Anne, Elmwood and Bell streets. A crossing guard has been posted at the corner of Heslop and Thomas Sts., but parents and officials have always

lived in fear of an accident involving school children — who must walk on Heslop Rd. since there were no sidewalks.

The project is unique in that council has agreed to pay 25 per cent of the total estimated cost of \$14,168, with the benefitting residents paying the remainder (\$10,625) under local improvement over the next 10 years. Ordinarily the town would pay only 16 per cent; however councillors felt the street serves such a large area of the subdivision, and there are so many students forced to walk along this roadway to both the J. M. Denves public school and the Williams Ave. high school, the safety factor alone was worth the added incentive to the ratepayers.

Not Precedent
Councillors pointed out last February, when they approved the increased town share of the sidewalk program, that this case was not to be considered a precedent for other areas of town.

Actual total cost of the project may be less than the anticipated \$14,168, as the Dempsey firm's low bid was lower than expected. Other tenders ranged as high as \$12,872.50. Engineering fees and the cost of advertising and legal work will be added to the tender price, before the total cost is known.

Both Sides
The sidewalk is to be 3,300 feet in total length, and runs along both sides of Heslop Rd. — from Meadowbrook Drive to Thomas St. It will be five feet wide and five inches thick, with an expected lifespan of at least 20 years.

Engineer K. Hyde of R. V. Anderson Associates, consulting engineers, told council he expected the contractor could begin work Monday. He said the work should be completed within four weeks.

Council will hire an inspector to work with the contractor throughout the job.



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\$14,000 WORTH OF SIDEWALKS will be constructed on Heslop Rd. from Thomas to Meadowbrook, starting next Monday, to alleviate a safety hazard to children who use Heslop as a route to public and high schools. The busy street serves both pedestrian and vehicular traffic from many streets in the area, and parents and councillors are worried that a child will be hurt. The picture shows a group of school children walking along the roadway.

Fall Fair Time in Halton Milton Show 10 Days Away

Heigh, Ho — Come to the Fair! It's fall fair time in Halton County again, and soon the sights and sounds and smells of a country-type fair will be filling the fall air. The Halton County fair will be held in Milton in 10 days' time — September 25 and 26, while Acton's fair is this weekend and Georgetown's is a week after Milton's.

The 1964 edition of the Halton Agricultural Society's annual fair in Milton Fair Grounds will be the 112th. J. Lloyd Chisholm presides over the H.A.S. executive in charge of the show, and Mrs. G. E. Readhead of R.R. 2 Milton is secretary — now hard at work making the final preparations for the weekend fair.

"We look forward to having you at the fair on September 25

and 26" invites the president. "We hope you will find exhibits and events of interest to all".

While the fair is run along similar patterns each year, new competitions, new exhibits and new faces make every fair a little different — and a little better — than the last. Directors are hoping for excellent weather, for the past two years rain and cold weather have put a damper on the annual show.

Conservation Photos
Among the innovations this year are several new competitions and special prizes and a photography competition sponsored by the Halton Region Conservation Authority. There is also an amateur color photo contest in which two inch color slides of

pictures of the fair will be judged.

The Halton County dairy and beef cattle shows are always a highlight, and they will be held all day Saturday in the cattle section. Many of the prize-winning animals will be fresh from victories at the C.N.E. and other district fairs and the competition is always strong.

Animal Exhibits
Horses, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, grain, commercial hay, vegetables, fruit, domestic work, preserves, women's crafts, Institute displays, flowers and plants, arts and crafts, school work, junior Institute exhibits and 4-H club work will also fill five halls and most of the available space on the grounds.

The boys' and girls' 4-H club work and Junior Farmers' section, sponsored by the H.A.S. in co-operation with the Halton Junior Farmers, the Canada and Ontario Departments of Agriculture, will be held in the Scout Hall with entries to be placed there on the Thursday evening preceding the fair. The 4-H achievement day call show will be held on the Friday afternoon.

Races Too
Another highlight of the fair will be the trials of speed around the half-mile race track in front of the grandstand.

Rare 7-Leaf Clover Added to Collection

Mrs. Russell Rasberry of R. R. 3, Campbellville, isn't sure if it's luck or not, but she recently found a "SEVEN" leaf clover. Mrs. Rasberry claims she isn't superstitious, but relates that out of size clover leaves seem to leap out of the ground at her. She reports that in the past, she has found and kept 300 to 400 four and five leaf clovers and just recently added the seven leaf clover to her collection.

Mrs. Rasberry, who lives on the Cedar Springs Road, Burlington, doesn't make a hobby of collecting clover, but she says, "I just seem to find them all the time, so I try to keep most of them." So far, she hasn't found a six leaf clover, but if her present luck continues, it is not unlikely that she soon will.



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CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN (ALMOST): "Harmony", a pure bred St. Bernard owned by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Keene of R.R. 1, Campbellville, produced a king-size bundle of joy (or joys) recently, when she gave birth to 11 (count 'em, 11) puppies, including one male and 10 females. So meal time is anytime around the Keene household these days, as the hungry little balls of fur wade through pablum, powdered milk, vitamins

and meat at least four times a day. "They're eating me out of house and home," Mrs. Keene reported. Now four weeks old, the pups will soon be tattooed and will be ready for sale in about two weeks, and five are already spoken for. Although this litter of 11 is large for the species, the mother came from a batch of 17.

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