

# Future of music festival concern at annual meeting

The fact that the North Halton Music Festival can no longer exist in its present form was agreed upon at the annual meeting of the Association. Teachers, principals, two co-ordinators and music consultant with a few

representatives of sponsoring groups met in the staff room of the Robert Little school Wednesday evening of last week for the meeting.

A committee was named, after much discussion, to prepare a questionnaire to be sent to all schools, consultants, music supervisors and sponsoring organizations in North Halton. It will seek answers to current problems, and an acceptable solution.

It was a letter to secretary-treasurer Mrs. Glenda Benton from one of the association's past presidents, Jack Reed of Glen Williams school, which sparked the evening's searching discussion.

With the new system of music instruction under the county board, there are now a number of schools without trained music supervisors. Action's two schools share Mrs. Slessor as music teacher, but in Milton only one school has a music teacher, Miss Etherington of Martin St. senior school. Only Stewarttown Senior school has a music teacher on staff in Esquising. In Nassagaweya, Mrs. Leonora Vickery teaches music in both Brookville and Campbellville schools.

In most of Milton and Esquising, the only music instruction is by the regular classroom teacher, supervised by one of the five music supervisors of the county board. On an average, these five now have 17 schools each to supervise so, of course, they cannot give the same time to training as the various "itinerant" music teachers did.

Mr. Reed also stated there is certain opposition to competition by some co-ordinators and consultants. He mentioned the time needed for preparation. An operetta or music night in each school would actually include more children.

With great increase in the size of some schools, classes of competition are no longer fair. And wherever the competition is held, there isn't enough space for all the choirs and audience.

"But," stressed Mr. Reed, "if we just drop this some schools would have no place to perform." He strongly felt a need for something to replace the festival, if it is dropped, and most of the teachers present agreed. Main consideration was given to a non-competitive concert of some sort, probably involving several schools.

Co-ordinator of creative arts for the county, specializing in art, Ed Thorndike commented that the emphasis now is on competition among selves and participation, rather than competing school against school.

He said the role of the five county music consultants is to be of assistance to the classroom teacher, and festival practice, as in the past, would be impossible. Tom Gibson of Martin St., Milton, wondered aloud if adjudication, without placement would be possible.

George Houslander, assistant co-ordinator of creative arts for the county, said teachers felt a festival is very time-consuming. "Repetition isn't education" he declared. "I question the standard of music in festivals but it should be replaced with something." He suggested a north Halton choir, of as many as 300 voices, with practices once a week in the late afternoons. From a north Halton choir, some would be chosen to participate in an all-Halton choir.

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Principals promptly expressed their concern over bussing problems. "The parents would have to take some responsibility," Mr. Houslander felt, but Stewarttown principal Ron Chatten reminded him in many cases both parents work and would be unable to transport children.

Several commented that such a choir would involve very few children compared to the festival.

When Mr. Houslander was asked if the county co-ordinators would co-operate and give their backing to a revamped festival, he said he did not see just how this could be done.

He said he assumed each school had their own concerns. A rural teacher later explained, in her case, the school had no auditorium, and since she was also a regular grade teacher she could only lead a choir at noon hours in the hall. She felt the festival was a valuable place for her students to go, for experience in appearing on a stage.

If a concert were held, some principals felt a school should be able to put in a drama entry from some classes, instead of music. There will be much more drama introduced in the elementary grades before long, in the general field of creative arts.

Limehouse W.I. representative Mrs. Sandford recalled that the festival had been set up to raise the standard of music in the schools.

A parent representative questioned the inclusion of drama, and when the problem of lack of music supervisors to train entries was restated, she exclaimed, "What's so good about the new system, then?" Principal G. W. McKenzie of Robert Little school, Acton, pointed out schools with auditoriums could easily fill the gap left if there were no festival, but schools without auditoriums could not.

"We have a trust to the donors" commented principal Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school, Acton.

Named to the committee to prepare the questionnaire were North Halton music consultant Kenneth Harrison, president Jim Zehr, secretary-treasurer Glenda Benton, past president Jack Reed, Tom Gibson and Mrs. Vickery.

(They met Monday of this week, the questionnaire was prepared and will be sent out as soon as possible. Another meeting will be called to consider the future of the festival.)

President Jim Zehr presided for the meeting attended by principals and teachers from Milton, Acton, Stewarttown, Glen Williams, Limehouse, Pineview, Campbellville and Brookville schools, W.I. representatives from Acton and Limehouse, and Acton I.O.D.E. representative, one parent representative, two co-ordinators and one consultant from the county education system.

The financial statement, presented by secretary-treasurer Mrs. Benton, showed a balance of \$2,135.14.

She explained that donations increase each year. For instance, each of 15 Women's Institutes contacted donated to the festival, and donations are increasing. Mrs. Benton felt this indicated good support by the public.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE could well have been the theme for the day at an O.S.D. press conference topping off a tour at the school Wednesday. Here School Superintendent Don Kennedy and Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario Mr. Johnston receive service from a student at the school.—(Staff Photo)



## Education tour O.S.D. Milton

About 95 representatives from County Health Departments, the Provincial Department of Education, supervisors and educators of various capacities toured Ontario School for the Deaf and Blind in Milton, Wednesday afternoon to become better acquainted with the facilities of the school and the problems it deals with.

Currently the school serves about 24 counties. People from these districts met hoping to understand more about the problems. Dr. Appleton from the County of Elgin and working with the Health Department said he was impressed with the school and provisions being made and welcomed the chance to be there. He said it was often the Health Department that first came in contact with youngsters needing this treatment and a tour of the school enriched him with knowledge enabling him to advise people in need.

Mr. Pace, a supervisor of schools in Lambton County who formerly worked for the Department of Education in special education, noted the visit had helped him learn what resources were available for the hearing handicapped.

L. M. Johnson, assistant Deputy Minister of Education in Ontario and W. K. Clark, Administrations Supervisor for

1971. The Centre would serve hearing handicapped children on a five day basis with the children going home in the evening.

Dr. Appleton spoke in favor of the system of integrating the handicapped and of having children return to their homes where possible for the evening. "Sometimes a not so good home is better for the children than an excellent institution."

Mr. Appleton and others from Health Departments and Educators commended O.S.D. Milton Superintendent Don Kennedy for running what they called "a happy school."

### 48ALLEY ROCKERS

October 27 Ladies' high single, Rosie Shannon 298, ladies' high triple, Eileen McDougall 754. Other good singles, Ivy McClelland 294, Pat Turford, Eileen McDougall 287, 262. Other good triples, Ivy McClelland 712, June Gould 683, Pat Turford 673. Muriel won 5 for 27, Millie 4 for 27, Jan 5 for 25, Carol 3 for 25, Bonnie 2 for 25, Marg 2 for 23, Marilyn 0 for 23, Grace 7 for 21.

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Others have been known to coat moth balls with chocolate and put these in with treats as well.

Police urge parents to go around with their younger children this Friday and to check their goodies before a razor blade or pin causes injury.

## Name manager in liquor vote

The affirmative manager for Milton's December vote on liquor with meals and licenced lounges has been named. He is R. G. Clements, 368 Highside Dr., Milton.

Those eligible to vote are those residents 21 or over who are British subjects. They must have been a resident of Milton for two months prior to the vote.

Enumerators made their rounds last week to obtain names of those eligible for the voting lists. The plebiscite will be on the ballot on Milton's municipal election day, Dec. 1.



**EARLY BIRDS**  
Oct. 24 Ladies' high single, Ivy McClelland 305, ladies' high triple, June Gould 720, Men's high single, Dean Gray 352, men's high triple, Vic Heaps 824. Other good singles, Len Mason 254, 224, Dorothy Pickett 246, Ede Cryderman 238, Norma McMurphy 234, Hilda Rigo 247, Roy Gray 221. Other good triples, Harry Smith 797, Fred Rigo 765, Jack Gould 730, Ivy McClelland 671, Len Mason 643, Norma McMurphy 617, Reg Gray 607. Ray Water's won 5 for 38, Reg Gray's 5 for 35, Dean Gray's 0 for 21, Fred Rigo's 2 for 19, Jack Gould's 2 for 19, Roy Gray's 2 for 15. First Series was won by Ray Water's team.

**CANADIAN METER GIRLS**  
October 23 Ladies' high single, Ruth Twiss 304, ladies' high triple, Linda Coulson 740. Other good singles, Jeannette Paquette 276, Marg Cragg 268, Kath Coates 266, Linda Coulson 265, 262, Bonnie Fay 260. Other good triples Bonnie Fay 710, Jeannette Paquette 692, Ruth Twiss 677, Joan DeForest 662, Joan Smith 637. Ray won 7 for 38, Caputo 4 for 30, Twiss 5 for 29, Smith 3 for 28, Scisitzki 7 for 25, Grienke 0 for 23, Coates 2 for 23, Heipel 0 for 0.

**MILTON RATEPAYERS' ASSOC.**  
October 21 Ladies' high single, Norma McMurphy 243, ladies' high triple, Norma McMurphy 648, Men's high single Dave Gillies 267, men's high triple, Wilf Bassett 713. Other good singles, W. Bassett 260, 245, 208, J. DeBie 251, 214, D. Shea 236, J. Champoux 232, 219, 218, E. McClelland 232, J. Preston 213, 205, D. Gillies 209, 212, E. DeBie Sr. 228, 220, 203, J. Chestnut 225, T. Learmont 222, 202, F. Dumstra 222, 200, G. Little 222, B. Robertson 221, 206, J. Colvin 218, 208, K. Faw 217, S. Callard 211, F. Benton 210, E. DeBie Jr. 206, S. Hepburn 203, N. Preston 202. Other good triples D. Gillies 708, E. DeBie Sr. 651, J. DeBie 638, J. Champoux 669, J. Feldcamp 644, J. Colvin 621. KumKwats won 5 for 29, Busy Bees 5 for 23, The Invaders 7 for 21, Nutcrackers 2 for 17, Swingers 2 for 16, Phantoms 5 for 12, The Bowling Stones 0 for 12, Super Novas 2 for 10.

**CLUB 24**  
October 25 Ladies' high single, Polly Cannon 229, ladies' high triple, Shirley Sim 624. Other good singles, Ilene McKerr 223, Millie Dance 221, 220. Other good triples, Millie Dance 597, Ilene McKerr 579. Norma Allen 5 for 32, Pink Teasel 7 for 23, Gladys McKersie 2 for 22, Ilene McKerr 0 for 21.

**LADIES' SPECIAL**  
Ladies' high single, Audrey Mason 257, ladies' high triple, Hilda Rigo 697. Other good singles, Hilda 241, 243, 213, Mary Kingdon 203, Ethel Arnold 202, 231, Freda Lawrence 204, Alice Shepard 202, Edrie Dawson 220. Mary won 7 for 29, Wilma 5 for 24, Shirley 2 for 20, Dorothy 0 for 11.

**MILTON COMMERCIAL**  
October 21 Men's high single, L. McDougall 440, men's high triple, L. McDougall 1011. Other good singles, L. McDougall 331, H. Douglas 315, D. Gray 301. Other good triples, H. Douglas 794, N. Brown 793, P. Rigo 786. Harris Bild's won 2 for 28, Fred Mills 5 for 24, Jim Bailey's 2 for 22, Charles Hotel 5 for 21, J.ets 2 for 21, Bob McCuaig's 2 for 18, Bowliway's 5 for 18, Flyer's 5 for 16.

**LOWVILLE**  
October 24 Ladies' high single, Marlene 281, ladies' high triple Jeannette 691, Men's high single, Bruce G. 276, men's high triple Lee 669. Other good singles, Marlene 225, Austin 220, Stu 217, Pat 214, Jacques 254, 202, Bill DeF. 226, 222, Lee 248, 228, Jim 214, John 200, Jack 205, 258, Janice 243, 216, 203, Elean or 208, Doug 211, 256, Bruce G. 221, Cec 227, 226, Reg 223, Jeannette 229, 229, 233, Phil B. 238, Mel D. 216, 210, 214, Linda 254, Joe B. 239, Joan 249, 232, Marina 226. Other good triples, Marlene 648, Stu 603, Jacques 625, Bill DeF. 648, Jack 633, Janice 662, Bruce G. 642, Cec 627, Doug 657, Mel D. 640, Joan 652, Joe B. 591, Linda 575, Reg 570, Harold 568, John 567, Pat 550. Stu won 4 for 23, Mel 5 for 25, Phil 2 for 21, Marlene 3 for 15, Cec 0 for 22, Jim 0 for 17, Bill 7 for 21, Jack 7 for 24.

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Yours truly, Observant Miltonian.

Congratulations to those responsible for relocating the "stop" sign on Derry Road at the west side of Highway 25. The sign has been replanted in a barrel full of stone, fairly close to the highway, which should make it more easily seen by eastbound motorists.

That's one step in the right direction. But over a year ago a coroner's jury recommended a flashing light should be installed over that stop sign, when they inquired into the death of two men who missed the sign and rammmed into an oil tanker. How soon do you suppose the flashing light will be erected?

Motorists should be aware of one seasonal driving hazard on local streets—slippery leaves. Remember, if the leaves lying on hardtopped streets are wet, they'll make you skid like you're on ice if you apply the brakes quickly. BE CAREFUL!

The signs might be perfectly legal, but one reader is worried about speed limit signs on the newly reconstructed 10 Sideroad (Derry Rd.) west of Bronte St.

Eastbound motorists approaching the tracks by the Canadian Meter Co. will find a sign telling them "Speed 20 Limit over Tracks". But a few yards before you reach the tracks they find a sign "Speed Limit 40 Begins."

We suppose that legally the signs are erected in the proper places. But wouldn't it be less confusing if the "40 Begins" sign was on the other (east) side of the tracks? In effect, the signs tell you to slow to 20 mph for the approaching tracks but before you reach the tracks you're told the limit is 40.

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