

Teachers and Pupils Share Enthusiasm Buffalo Music Conference

by H. G. Fowler
To find one's self in the midst of a thousand school music teachers and 500 eager pupils, including the "top brass" and expert leaders of the profession, is to be exposed to the infectious inspiration and enthusiasm of the whole field of music education. Some of it is bound to rub off onto the most casual spectators. Such was the situation in Buffalo during the five twelve-hour days of the Music Educators' National Conference.

Music supervisors from schools and colleges throughout eastern United States and Canada discussed their common problems together, exchanged ideas, absorbed inspiring addresses, and heard thrilling performances by school choirs, orchestras and bands. Here are some salient highlights from this portentous event: Music is a universal language, knowing no barriers of race or creed. Good workmanship by composers and performers from all countries is acclaimed everywhere. Every child has a right to opportunities to grow in knowledge, skill, and appreciation of the art of music, through instruction equal to that which is offered in any other school subject. The artistic standards attained in our Canadian schools in theory, skill, and performance of music is second to none. Only in the field of orchestras and bands are we temporarily out-paced. Music is now an accepted commodity in daily living, at home, at church, in stores and restaurants, recreation centres, and theatres. As a daily "consumer" of music, a child should learn how to select music of lasting value to enrich his life and personality. The class-room where music is an integral part of the daily routine provides a happier, richer, and more interesting environment in which to live and learn.

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Hear St. Cecilia Choral Group At Lion's Hall Feb. 7

The St. Cecilia Choral Group, comprised of 15 members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Richmond Hill, is presenting a concert and variety show in the Lions Hall, Centre St. E., on Saturday, February 7, at 8 p.m. Mr. Ralph Volmer is producer of the show.

Directed by Mr. Bernard Boon, the St. Cecilia Choral Group was formed in September of last year to provide outside participation for St. Mary's choir.

Mr. Hines Stecker is chairman of the group, vice-chairman and secretary is Ralph Volmer, Miss Dora Boon is treasurer and Hank Boon, who is church organist, accompanies the choral group at the piano.

A diversified program of music, including Handel and Bach, will be enjoyed along with a variety show including skits, melodies and folk songs.

NORTH YORK: The industrial-residential assessment ratio in North York Township is improving and is now about 35 per cent industrial and commercial and 65 per cent residential. A 45-55 ratio is what the township is striving for.

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Home & School

At the January meeting held at the school on Monday, the topic of discussion was "Role of the Home" and "Teachers' Supply". A panel was formed, made up of Dr. Ross Doan, treasurer of the school board, Mr. Jackson Taylor and G. K. Chandler, both of the school board, Maynard Hallman, inspector of public schools, Mrs. Alan Pollock, housewife and mother, and E. E. Spears, business man and father. Moderator was Ebert Sand, supervising principal for Markham and Vaughan School Area.

The Ontario Federation had made some resolutions in Ottawa last February. The home and school was asked to make a survey and find the feeling of the area to these resolutions.

First one discussed was — "Whereas it is the right of the home and therefore its duty to help determine and formulate the aims of education; Let it be resolved that adequate and appropriate channels should exist at all levels to facilitate communication, consultations and collaboration between parents, teachers and official school bodies. The panelists were asked questions about this resolution and the question was put to the audience. Everyone agreed that the home should take the brunt of teaching values, and circulars to each ratepayer should be sent but would be expensive, and that the money could serve other purposes.

Second resolution to be discussed was qualified teachers — "Whereas the rapid increase in pupil enrolment resulted temporarily in an emphasis on quantity sometimes to the detriment of quality in the provision of teachers for Canadian classrooms. Be it resolved that Departments of Education, teachers organizations, trustees, the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation and all other organizations involved in this conference, exert every effort to reassert the emphasis on quality so that all Canadian children may have the services of mature, fully qualified competent teachers. The panel were asked what qualifications they would like to see in teachers, also those which cause concern.

A resolution on teachers' qualifications was then read, resolving the ideal training time for teachers. A discussion followed concerning the qualifications required for our school area, also how they are selected. The provisions which are made for in-service training and special courses.

Another resolution concerned teachers' salaries; whether they are considered too high or too low, was read, and discussed. The panel was asked if rural teachers should be paid a bonus to insure the same standard of teachers as in urban areas.

It was an enlightening and interesting meeting, enjoyed by all who attended.

The friends and former neighbours of Mrs. Dave Klassen will be sorry to hear that she is in York County Hospital, Newmarket, having undergone a serious operation. Mrs. Klassen, who used to reside on Roosevelt Dr. before moving to Aurora, expects to be confined to the hospital for a few weeks.

Birthday Party
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McDonald, Maryale Cress, entertained at a dinner party in celebration of their son David's fourth birthday. Their guests included David's grandmother, Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. John Doll, Peter and Caroline, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Scott all from Willowdale. The party was held on Wednesday, January 28.

West Scott Homeowners
The meeting was held at Charles Howitt School on Wednesday, January 28, with thirty people representing the homeowners. An enjoyable and informative evening was had by those present, hearing from Bruce Ralph, councillor and lawyer, on the pitfalls of buying or selling a house. The next meeting will be in February when they hope to have Mr. McLean speak on the local subdivision.

Tea Dance At Charles Howitt
Invitations were issued to Grades 6, 7 and 8, from the student council to a dance on Friday after school on January 23. The students who arrived, all participated and thoroughly enjoyed themselves learning new steps and dances under the able assistance of two of the teachers.

Attends Funeral In England
The area extends its sympathy to Mrs. Charles Jesson, MacKay Drive, who flew to England, on Monday, January 25, to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. L. Revitt, Sleaford, Sussex. Bereaved are husband Mr. T. Revitt, Sleaford, daughters Mrs. M. Puttick and Mrs. D. Smith of Horsham, Sussex. Funeral was held on Thursday, January 29. Mrs. Jesson will stay in England for a month visiting with her father.

Birthday Party
Cindy Price, Westwood Lane, celebrated her fifth birthday on Saturday, January 31, with a party in the afternoon. Helping her celebrate were Susan Smith, Chris Patterson, Joan Baker, Helen Martin, Stephen Twidale, Dougie Hall, and Jill Thompson.

Workshop For Auxiliaries
Mrs. Wally Ellis, Westwood Lane and Mrs. E. E. Spears, Roosevelt Dr., attended the workshop for mothers' auxiliaries of Cubs and Scouts for York Summit District at the Municipal Hall, Richmond Hill, on Thursday, January 29. Mrs. J. F. Gardner, president of the auxiliaries, chaired the meeting which will be her last as she is retiring. Mrs. Cassidy will be the new president with four vice-presidents to assist her. Mrs. Beaumont will look after Richmond Hill's five auxiliaries. Mrs. Ellis, the Thornhill district, including Richvale and Langstaff, Mrs. McNaughton Concord, King, Maple and Jefferson with Mrs. Turner being responsible for Markham area.

Mrs. Gardner explained to the meeting the duties, obligations and pitfalls for every office in the executive body. Also explained the duties of various convenorships.

Tom Harrington, district commissioner, arrived to give an outline of the outstanding coming events in the district's new year. First event will be a hobby show February 28, held in Lions Hall in Richmond Hill. June 13 will be the Cub Rally, held this year in Thornhill Park. The Leaping Wolf ceremony in which Cubs who have two stars are presented with badges, will be on April 17, in Thornhill High School. Church parade in May at Markham. Regional ceremony for Queen Scouts will be in Midland, date to be announced. The Lieutenant-Governor will be attending.

Mrs. Gardner was presented with a lovely fire screen, bucket and accessories for her new home by all the auxiliaries.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Mr. Wally Ellis, Westwood Lane, was suddenly taken to the Toronto General Hospital on Friday night where he was operated on for acute appendicitis. He was not very spry on Saturday, but by Sunday he was feeling much better.

Skating Parties
Skating parties were popular last week at Charles Howitt School. Among those having parties were Mrs. G. Dunleavy, Mrs. Sainsbury and Mr. R. Robson. A good idea was developed when the Grades VI and VII combined with Grade I, so they could assist the little ones by putting on their skates and giving them lessons on how to skate.

Neighbourhood Bowlers
200 and over flat — Eleanor Edwards 206, Esme Oliver 203, Kay Hall 207, Flo Baird 241, Pat Price 270, Muriel Markle 215, Lou Brash 206, 208, Betty Campbell 204, 268. High triple handicap — Esme Oliver 689, Team standings — Larkspurs 83, Hollyhocks 73, Roses 66, Marigolds 62, Camellias 60, Asters 55.

The next meeting of the W.A. of Church of Emmanuel will be held on Tuesday, February 3, at the home of Mrs. A. W. Duckworth, Roosevelt Dr.

Annual Vestry Meeting
St. Barnabas Anglican Church
The annual meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Webster, Roosevelt Drive, with twenty-two members present. The minister, the Rev. J. W. Newton-Smith said that he was pleased at the growth of the church and also happy how everyone was taking hold. He feels that the new building project is within grasp.

The congregation wrote to the Bishop to ask that the church be named Church of Emmanuel, so it will drop the name of St. Barnabas from now on. Mr. Norman Perry read a report on general fund, men's fund, and building fund. Gren Lunau read the proposed budget. Mrs. A. Davies reported on the afternoon W.A. group. Mr. Lunau in absence of Mr. Hill, read the Sunday School report. One afternoon group which has been in existence for ten years has proposed turning over its bank balance to donate a memorial when the new church is built. The tribunal has authorized the hiring of an architect and preparing of plans for building.

Officers elected are as follows: Peoples' Warden, Gren Lunau; Rector's Warden, Les Walters; treasurer, Norman Perry; chairman of tribunal, Bob Webster; executive members to the tribunal, Norman Winterfield, Arthur Davies; chairman of sidesmen, Charles Brice; secretary-treasurer of Missionary fund, Mrs. Duckworth; envelope secretary, Mrs. Jellicoe; church secretary, Mrs. Bob Brash, with Mrs. O. E. Fitchett and Mrs. Wm. G. Harvey as assistants. Auditor, Mr. J. R. Rogers; vestry clerk, Mrs. Everall Newman; secretary for Anglican paper, Mrs. Charles Brice; two lay delegates, Mrs. H. W. White and Mr. W. C. McGolpin, who is also warden emeritus.

Birthday Celebration
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McCutcheon of Concord and Mr. and Mrs. T. Rice of Willowdale were entertained at a birthday party and late supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Deane Clarke on Saturday evening. Guest of honour was Mrs. McCutcheon.

Bowling
O.R.B. League scores last week — over 200 were Pauline Leece, 230, Orpha Stone 287, 217; Hilda Leece 214, 263, 271; Marie Lawson 235. High triple 748, Mrs. 201, 214; George Lawson 216, Earl Freeland 252, 233; Tom Lemperg 219, 231, 234; Bill Stone 253, 209; John Sim 300, 222. Tom Lemperg triple high with 684.

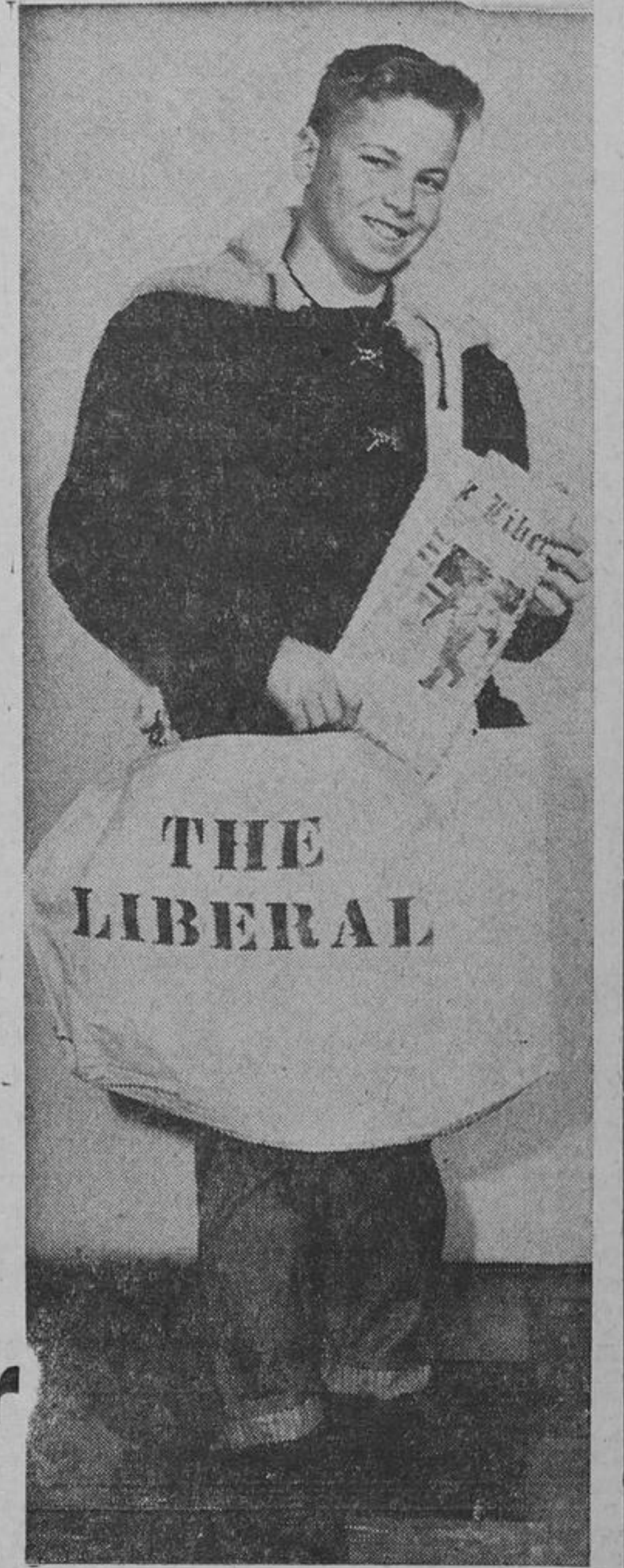
March Of Dimes
Marching Mothers will be out on Monday, February 2nd, for the March of Dimes which helps the disabled to find their place in the sun. Do your part and help them. Mr. and Mrs. James Perez of Stoney Creek, and their children, Louise and Johnny, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perez.

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