

High School Chorus Wins Silver Medal

The setting was in the beautiful Canadian city of Toronto this past Memorial Day weekend. Concert Choirs from all over the US competed in the Maple Leaf Music Festival sponsored by Music Maestro Inc.

The Honeoye Falls-Lima High School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Christine Sargent, competed in front of three judges and were awarded a 'Silver Medal' which recognizes the group as an Outstanding Chorus.

The statistics for this past year show that only 8% of the 12,000 students who compete per year received the Superior level award. Only 16% of that same 12,000 students receive the Silver or Outstanding level award. With this in mind, Mrs. Sargent and the 83 members of the High School Chorus were ecstatic with the Outstanding Award they were

given. The judges were particularly impressed with the fact that this High School chorus comes from a small community where the group is non-select. In other words, there is no feeder type program for vocal students within the high school itself.

Apart from the great musical experience, this trip was also one of friendship and working together. The students showed a great deal of loyalty to their HS Chorus and a lot of school spirit. Mrs. Sargent's feelings were those of pride and success for her students. There are many details and a lot of time that go in to preparing for a trip of this magnitude. When a teacher can see all those efforts pay off for the student, it makes all the time and effort very worthwhile.

Below are some of the thoughts expressed by the students as they returned from Toronto and were back at school: Sumie Buckholtz: I hope that

this whole experience will prepare the future choir students because it is not just singing, it's getting along and learning about yourself and others in the group.

Lisa Desmann: "During our performance I could really feel the closeness of our group. I always thought that the chorus was like a family and this trip proved it"

Kara Holdren: "When we walked onto those risers Sunday Afternoon I felt like I was part of a winning team."

Tracy Sciortino: "I had no idea that the caliber of the judges would be so high. Having such educated judges really makes you appreciate their comments and their time."

Sue Abelian: "This was the most wonderful choral experience I have ever had. Singing among friends making beautiful music was so endearing and loving that my entire body was filled with happiness!"

Karen Macomber Awarded Scholarship

The Rochester Telephone Corporation Educational Assistance Fund has awarded scholarship's to five children of employees of Rochester Telephone and its subsidiaries. The 1987 award recipients were honored at a luncheon recently at the University Club.

Karen Macomber, daughter of William and Jean Macomber of Quaker Meeting House Road, Honeoye Falls was one of the award recipients. She is graduating from Honeoye Falls-Lima High School and plans to major in psychology at Hamilton College.

Letters to the Editor

The following remarks were made by Daniel J. Fisher at the Town of Mendon Public Hearing on Local Law No. 3., and were submitted to this newspaper for publication:

Mr. Supervisor, et al -

I come before you to encourage reconsideration of the matter for which this hearing has been convened.

On 3 November this year the Voters of this Township will be asked to consider and cast a single vote on two (2) separate and distinct elective offices! In my opinion, this SINGLE referendum is not unlike comparing apples and oranges in any of our local markets. To draw a correlation between the duties of the Town Clerk with those of the Town Highway Superintendent is, at best, ill advised.

The fact is-that these two offices have, for years, commanded two (2) columns on election ballots! But now: by casting a SINGLE vote, we, the voters are asked to disenfranchise ourselves of (2) elective officials! I, for one, am most unwilling to

give up something I have spent over twenty (20) years of my life to insure-for your generation, my generation and those, hopefully, generations to come-my voting privilege ney; my duty.

While I stand unopposed to change, when good and valid reasons for change are offered, I do stand opposed to change for the sake of the few.

Please, consider this quote, written in our "Sesquicentennial Booklet-"Secure in the traditions of its colorful past our town of Mendon looks forward to a continuance of the prosperity that has marked its 150-year old existence as a town of Monroe County." I say-if it has worked for some now one hundred and seventy five (175) years-why try to fix it!?

The failure of you, our Town Fathers, to discern the difference between apples and oranges will do well to insure defeat of Local Law Number 3 of 1987 in and for the Town of Mendon.

Thank you for your kind attention and hopefully, reconsideration.

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