

Developing the habit of being grateful for so many things that this life affords is rewarding. It is not strange, also, to want for one to go through his days and weeks . . . then years . . . without being moved to the conviction that being grateful is a blessed blessing? To be sure, adversity now and then sets up hurdles . . . but one's expressed (subtly or silently) gratitude may lift one over many hurdles.

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'World on a String'

Bruce Cronander, 9th grader at Barnum, sits with his cello for a warm-up session before competing. His official performance brought a second division rating.

How Near? How Far?

Music flowed freely at Groves Junior High last week as more than 75 Seaholm, Groves, Derby and Barnum music students hit the downtown in the District Four Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Some 1600 junior and senior high school musicians representing over 80 Oakland and Macomb County schools of 36 districts performed in more than 1000 events.

The day-long affair (Feb. 11) included everything from solos to octets, featuring instruments ranging from strings to brass to drums.

Performances were evaluated by 14 judges as 7th through 12 graders competed for individual ratings in five different divisions. See ratings below.

Other school districts represented were Bloomfield Hills, Troy, Clawson, Berkley, Ferndale, Oak Park, Pontiac, Rochester and Royal Oak.

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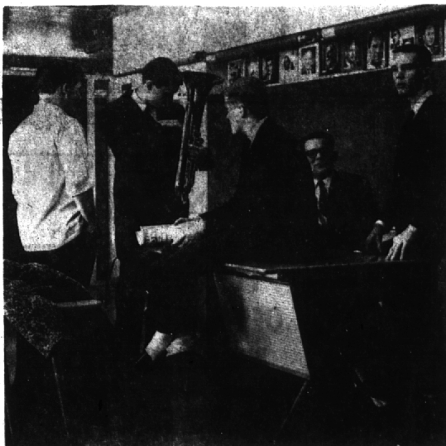


'Blow, Gabriel, Blow'

Gordon Robb, 12th grader at Seaholm, tunes up for his baritone solo event. He won a first division rating, the highest of the festival.

Ratings

Name	School	Event	Div.
M. Swaboda	Groves Sr.	Piano Solo	3
M. Chamberlain	Seaholm	Flute Solo	1
C. Fiera	Seaholm	Clar. Solo	1
T. Young	Groves Jr.	Violin Solo	2
E. Richards	Groves Jr.	Cornet Solo	2
M. Dick	Seaholm	Clar. Solo	2
D. Battersen	Seaholm	Cornet Solo	2
E. Braden	Groves Jr.	Cornet Solo	2
R. Rice	Groves Sr.	Trom. Solo	2
J. Hohmeyer	Groves Sr.	Cornet Solo	2
S. Prior	Barnum	Cornet Solo	2
K. Wagener	Seaholm	Flute Duet	2
D. Wetter	Barnum	Cornet Solo	1
E. Ives	Seaholm	Cornet Solo	2
S. Parkins	Seaholm	Clar.-Flute	1
D. McIntyre	Groves Jr.	Cornet Solo	2
R. Altman	Groves Jr.	Cornet Solo	2
B. Warner	Barnum	Clar. Solo	2
J. Grafe	Barnum	Cornet Solo	1
J. Samanan	Groves Jr.	Cornet Solo	1
V. Fiek	Groves Sr.	Violin Solo	2
P. Gordon	Seaholm	Violin Solo	2
L. Hook	Barnum	Clar. Solo	2
K. Buckblinder	Groves Sr.	Violin Solo	1
J. Doane	Barnum	Trom. Solo	1
B. Emmett	Derby	Trom. Solo	2
S. Wheatly	Barnum	Piano Solo	1
E. Collier	Groves Jr.	Clar. Trio	1
D. Thompson	Seaholm	Dr. Duet	1
D. Bowditch	Derby	Clar. Trio	2
B. Sarten	Groves Jr.	Clar. Trio	1
G. Raffaele	Barnum	Violin Solo	2
K. Bowditch	Derby	Clar. Trio	1
D. Barber	Derby	Brass Sextet	1
S. Patrick	Barnum	Violin Solo	3
D. Battersen	Seaholm	Clar. Trio	1
M. Moore	Derby	Flute Solo	1
R. Selop	Derby	Viola Solo	2

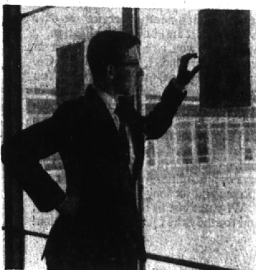


'That Old Gang of Mine'

Participants in the festival take time out to relax and discuss the day's events during a welcomed intermission. Seaholm entered 16 events; Groves, 26; Derby, 22; and Barnum, 16.

Ratings

Name	School	Event	Div.
P. Gordon	Seaholm	St. Quartet	2
L. Laurie	Derby	Drum Solo	2
K. Reed	Derby	Violin Solo	2
C. Roldy	Groves Jr.	Violin Solo	2
M. Hooper	Groves Jr.	Violin Solo	3
C. Dick	Barnum	Drum Solo	2
S. Patrick	Barnum	St. Quartet	2
Tarala	Groves Jr.	Cor. Trio	1
B. Richards	Groves Jr.	Cor. Trio	1
S. Parkins	Seaholm	Clar. Trio	1
P. Westphal	Groves Jr.	Flute Solo	1
L. Hohmeyer	Groves Jr.	Violin Solo	2
J. Frankovich	Derby	St. Quartet	2
H. Whitney	Derby	Cor. Quartet	1
S. Weiss	Groves Jr.	Flute Solo	1
L. Hook	Barnum	Clar. Quartet	1
R. Borchhauer	Barnum	Sax. Trio	1
K. Buckblinder	Groves Sr.	Violin Duet	1
D. Bowditch	Derby	Clar. Solo	2
G. Robb	Seaholm	Baritone Solo	1
K. Buckblinder	Groves Sr.	Violin Duet	2
K. Bowditch	Derby	Clar. Solo	1
B. Commander	Barnum	Cello Solo	2
J. Dinkesoo	Derby	Cello Solo	3
M. Chamberlain	Seaholm	Flute Quartet	1
J. Woodward	Derby	Clar. Solo	1
J. Pett	Groves Sr.	Tuba Solo	2
H. Eberole	Derby	Cello Solo	2
S. Patrick	Barnum	Flute Quartet	1
D. Barber	Derby	Cor. Solo	3
C. Weiss	Groves Sr.	Clar. Quartet	1
S. Weiss	Groves Sr.	Flute Trio	1
B. Whitney	Derby	Cornet Solo	1
K. Reed	Derby	Violin Duet	2
D. Battersen	Seaholm	Brass Sextet	1
J. Miller	Derby	Clar. Solo	1
G. O'Toole	Groves Jr.	Clar. Solo	1
P. Holtzer	Derby	Flute Trio	1



'Say It Isn't So'

Trips such as this to the windows to check posted ratings were common occurrences throughout the day's activities.



'You're the Cream in My Coffee'

Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett was on hand to serve coffee during and between performances as guests lined up for "Service With a Smile."



'You've Gotta Have Heart'

Festival workers busy themselves recording the ratings of the various events. Some 1600 instrumental music students completed in over 1000 events.

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