

# Lord Wolseley School Wins Festival Trophy For Fifth Straight Year

With the completion of the 39th annual Manitoba Musical Festival Saturday night a record was established by a local school teacher which will probably stand for years and more than likely never will be broken.

Last Thursday afternoon Miss Frieda Duerksen conducted a choir from Lord Wolseley School which was awarded the Sir Hugh Robertson Trophy for the fifth consecutive year.

In selecting the East Kildonan entry as the winner Adjudicator Brian Boydell said there was no doubt in his mind. "They had a lovely tone and lovely phrasing."

The competition is open to elementary school choruses from the city and suburbs. Six winners from previous events compete.

Besides winning this trophy for five years, Miss Duerksen's choirs have also won the Winnifred Tufts Memorial Trophy for three years.

The performance of the choir was of such a high calibre that they were asked to sing at the final concert in the Civic Auditorium Monday night.

Another East Kildonan entry, Munroe School, also took part in the final concert. They had won grades 1-3 singing games class, suburban schools, also on Thursday afternoon.

In her first successful year Miss Duerksen's choir was composed of grades 1-4. Since then she has enlarged it to include grades 1-6.

A member of the teaching staff at Lord Wolseley for six years, she previously taught for a year-and-a-half at Hebert School near Lowe Farm.

As a profession, teaching runs in the family. Miss Duerksen has a sister at Angus McKay, another one a teacher in a city school, while a brother teaches in West Kildonan.

Although she prefers choir work to instrumental music Miss Duerksen plays the piano and is one of four organists at the Elmwood Mennonite Church.

A little modest when congratulated on the five successes

Miss Duerksen said most of the credit belonged to Miss Gertrude Lowery, music supervisor for East Kildonan schools, and to the children themselves.

"I had very little experience in choral work when I came to East Kildonan," she said. "Miss Lowery has taught me all I know."

Miss Duerksen resides at 161 Leighton avenue.

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MISS FRIEDA DUERKSEN

## E.K. Constables Attend Police School Courses

Constables Geo. Smith and John Maartense of the East Kildonan police have recently completed a three months' recruiting course with the Winnipeg City Police School of Instruction.

Constables E. A. Carson and W. S. Chumlar of the East Kildonan police are attending a course for senior police officers at the Winnipeg Police School. The course of instruction, lasting 30 hours, is for senior policemen.

There are more than 250 religious denominations in the United States and these denominations support about 200,000 organizations.