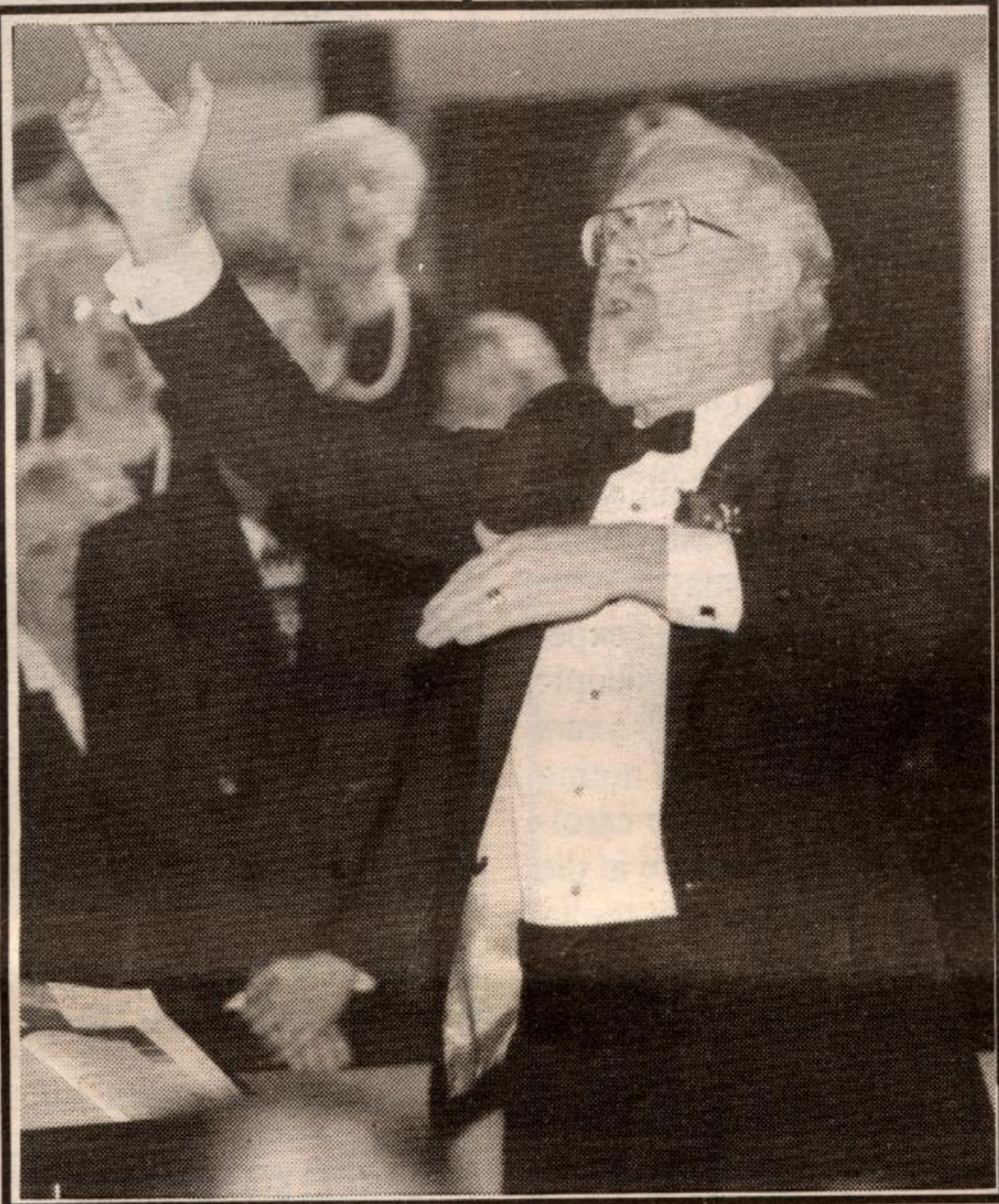




**Dale Wood's star shines with Xmas Cantata**

STAR BRIGHT! A. Dale Wood directed the Georgetown Choral Society and the Georgetown Children's Chorus Friday night at Holy Cross. Entitled *Star Over Bethlehem*, the Cantata is an original composition by Wood, performed on the Silver Anniversary of the Georgetown Choral Society. (Eve Martin photo)



**POWER AGM spotlights environmental changes**

BY JAMIE HARRISON  
The Georgetown Gemini

The annual general meeting of POWER shed light on the changes to environmental law since the Progressive Conservative government took power in 1995.

Kathleen Cooper of the Canadian Environmental Law Association was on hand to outline the various changes and how those changes could affect the environment in Halton Hills.

POWER president Barb Halsall was pleased with Cooper's presentation and amazed at the amount of legislation that could impact on the area.

"(Cooper) brought a lot of information that there have been major changes in legislation to the environment in the Province of Ontario. These are changes that people know nothing about," Halsall said.

She mentioned that one option currently being con-

sidered is the privatization of water resources in Ontario.

"Margaret Thatcher tried that in Great Britain in 1989 and they've had terrible results with that - some water bills have increased by up to 400 per cent, and over 20,000 homes had their water supply shut off over the year," Halsall said.

"That could have a huge impact on us, forever. Under NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), Canada would have to continue supplying water even if we have shortages."

Following Cooper's presentation, certificates of appreciation were given to Rita Landry and Diane van de Valk who worked with FOAD (Furiously Opposed to Acton Dumping) to stop the location of a dump on the Niagara Escarpment.

Van de Valk said she felt the award was for "sticking with it as POWER has stuck with it."

**Portable toilets torched**

Members of Halton Hills Fire Department and Halton Regional Police attended the scene of a portable toilet arson, Friday.

Two portable toilets were damaged at a site in Georgetown South.

A red, plastic gas can, possibly containing fuel, was found nearby.

There was no estimate of damage.

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