



Brian McKenzie munches on a hot dog during Legion Hockey's hot dog day Saturday afternoon. It was the annual wrap up to the Legion Hockey season.



Maureen Forrester

Maureen Forrester weaves spell

Contralto Maureen Forrester completely charmed about 400 people who attended the third and final concert of the Halton Hills Arts Council's A Musical Trillight series Wednesday evening in Holy Cross church.

Her only accompaniment a piano, focused on a program of classical music which showed off the range and strength of a voice which has become world famous. A native of Montreal, Maureen Forrester has appeared with such

major North American symphonies as the Philadelphia, San Francisco, Chicago, the U.S. National Symphony in Washington D.C. and of course, the Toronto Symphony with which she also appeared as guest soloist while they toured China. She has cut several records on RCA, Columbia, Vanguard, London and Westminster labels and recorded six of Handel's operas.

With so much fame preceding her it was inevitable Miss Forrester would receive a warm reception in Halton Hills and perhaps this helped to make an outstanding evening for those who attended Wednesday evening.

Her program included two "Lieber" songs by Schubert and Brahms and the first half concluded with unusual poems about the thoughts of Mary the mother about her boy Jesus, featuring differing moods and giving the soloist an opportunity to show the range of her voice and expressiveness. Miss Forrester completely captivated the audience with her change of mood. There was a poignant silence before the sustained applause which broke the reverie.

In the second half she sang four French songs, Chanson triste by Duparc, Psyche by Paladique, Mandoline by Debussy and Le temps des lilacs by Chausson, with explanations provided beforehand, again they provided a vehicle to show the timbre of Miss Forrester's voice and its ability to handle the many nuances of French expression.

The printed program concluded with seven Spanish popular songs by DeFalla, some of them brief and lively, others

more romantic. One, Jota, had lots of lively piano and featured accompanist Mr. Hamilton. The series concluded with a flamenco piece which turned the soloist into a gypsy singer in a Seville cafe.

The program concluded with three folk

songs, one an Appalachian song called The Old Maid providing some comic relief for a mainly serious program. To cap her performance Miss Forrester also sang Nell Diamond's You Don't Bring Me Flowers Any More, a bourgeois pop favorite, which alone

was worth the price of admission.

Still the audience would not let her go. She was called back for encores and favored with two, a spiritual Little Boy How Old are You? a favorite of hers, and a lullaby. A reception followed in the church

hall where the audience had the opportunity to meet Miss Forrester.

It was a splendid ending for the first Musical Trillight series by the Arts Council.

Next year's program is already planned and tickets are on sale. —H. Coles

Human rights go if PM gets way — MP

By Steve Arnold
Human rights that are currently taken for granted could simply vanish under Pierre Trudeau's proposed Charter of Rights, Otto Jelinek warned a local audience recently.

"The danger is that once you entrench some rights in a charter and in a constitution you create a situation where the rights you don't include may be lost," he said.

Mr. Jelinek noted that the right to own property, considered basic by most Canadians, is not included in the proposed charter and may, therefore, be in danger.

As an example, Mr. Jelinek said that not included the right to own property in the constitution could make possible a situation in the future where the government could simply declare itself the owner of all agricultural land in the country.

"You may agree with that," he said, "but I do not and neither do the majority of Canadians."

"This charter is a disgrace to the freedoms that this country has always held. This country was built on certain freedoms and faith and this charter takes many of those freedoms away," he said.

Mr. Jelinek lamented earlier that the constitution was demanding so much of the time of the national government, that could be focussed on the problems of the economy.

"I wish that I could be here tonight talking about the things that are important, about energy agreements and high interest rates but these problems aren't on the floor of the House right now."

"I don't think that anybody goes to bed at night and worries about whether or not the constitution is going to come back here," he added. "I think most Canadians want Parliament to get on with the things that are important."

Mr. Jelinek said that the Conservative Party is

not opposing the constitution package simply for the sake of opposing a government move, but is seeking to force Trudeau into making some compromises to his plans.

That may be possible now, following the recent decision of Supreme Court of Newfoundland declaring parts of the package unconstitutional.

"I think because of that decision Trudeau is starting to realize that he can't have it his own way when the majority of Canadians don't seem to want it that way," Mr. Jelinek said.

He also noted that Parliament's continued focus on the constitution has led to even deeper economic problems as the national debt increased to \$2.875 per person, a 225 per cent increase in five years.

Provincial involvement in any rewriting of the constitution is imperative, he added, "because they were involved in writing the constitution in the first place."

OMB grants severance

The Ontario Municipal Board overturned a decision of Halton Land Division Committee recently, when they granted a land severance to William Ollen, Jr., of Speyside.

The 19 acre parcel in question has 600 feet frontage on Highway 25, while the retained portion of 53 acres fronts on 17 Sideroad.

Ollen's father bought the whole 200 acre farm in 1973, and sold three 30 acre parcels along 17 Sideroad and a 42 acre parcel with the original farm house, leaving the

72 acres. In 1975 the father sold the complete 72 acres to his son. At present the

Chief bemoans lack of officers

The region must realize that it is not able to provide complete policing under the current budgetary restrictions according to Chief Jim Harding.

Chief Harding made his remarks after the Regional Administration and Finance Committee had cut back the 1981 operating budget to 15.72 per cent more than 1980 and also made cuts in the capital construction budget.

He said even though he will be getting 11 more police officers, he needs 85 new police officers to bring the region up to an acceptable norm.

Quoting figures on police to population ratios, Chief Harding said the ratio in Halton now is one officer for every 873 people.

The nine other regions in Ontario have an average of one to 704, 20 major cities have one to 662, and Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police have a ratio of one to 588 residents.

Chief Harding said using the expected growth in the police budget to hire new officers and comparing it to the expected growth of population in the region, the force would soon have one officer for every 965 people.

"I suppose it could be said that if someone has to be last, it might as well be us."

"But I think we should be saying if anyone is going to be first it should be us," Chief Harding said from a written statement.

He said by far the greatest need is for a special drug squad and a special fraud squad. Currently duty officers are being called in to solve drug and fraud cases where police

parents and Ollen live in a house on this 19 acre parcel, which was severed.

Theta Phi Elect new executive

by Dian Bowers
Spring has sprung a new Theta Phi Sorority executive resulting from our recent elections. We are pleased to announce that Nancy Little is our new President, Marie Gilles is Vice President, Lorraine Golden is Recording Secretary, Wendy Muir is Treasurer and Cheryl Robinson is our council representative.

Our chapter celebrated winter by selling tickets for a \$100 food voucher from Loblaws. Our ways and means headed up this project to fund service projects with needed money. The winner was a very surprised Janis Freed.

As winter stormed in our chapter busied themselves with santa heads and cookie houses just in time for Christmas.

Christmas 1980 was heralded in with carols, at a festive supper with all the trimmings. We entertained guests, gave gifts and gathered items for a Christmas box for the Salvation Army.

The New Year found our chapter stepping back in time as we enjoyed a guided tour of the museums at Kelso. January brought out skaters for a family social at the arena.

There was no time to sleep through February with the organizing of a successful book and bake

sale. An enjoyable evening was had by all when chapters from Acton and Georgetown combined efforts for a Girls Night Out. We entertained ourselves by presenting resumes on the past year's activities.

Theta Phi ended March by dining at three different homes, in keeping with the tradition of having an annual progressive supper.

The coming month of April will see the Georgetown and Acton Chapters celebrating the 50th anniversary of Beta Sigma Phi on Founder's Day. This is a special day when we welcome new pledges as members to their respective chapters. We are pleased to welcome Cathy Campbell, Cheryl Robinson, Lorraine Golden, Wendy Muir, and Janis Freed as new members of Theta Phi. Three of our members will be leaving Theta Phi to move on to the Exemplar Chapter. Dian Bowers, Joyce Finley and Shelagh Wirth will be new members of Acton's XI Epsilon Chi.

Throughout the year we have assisted the women's Hostel, the van for the physically handicapped and the family services in Acton. We are also rooting for the Theta Phi bowling team.

This year will end with a closing social and well wishes for a great summer.

Grand River grant

Halton will contribute \$17,994.77 to the operation of the Grand River Conservation Authority. Halton is covered by 15 per cent of Milton and two per cent of Halton, Hills which falls within the watershed of the conservation authority.

Ron Fox, speaking to the Regional Administration and Finance Committee, said the area covered has seen population grow from 550,493 in 1980 to 561,990 in 1981 for a one per cent growth. The Halton population in the watershed area rose from 4,086 in 1980 to 4,304 in 1981 for a five per cent increase.

Leathertown exhibits

If you haven't seen the two Leathertown history displays in the Family Cleaners stores downtown and in the Becker's plaza yet you'd better hurry. They'll be dismantled this week. But more displays are planned at different locations and Donald Rankin hopes to have new exhibits assembled shortly after Easter.

Budget cuts in contract

The 1981 Halton Regional Police capital budget of \$435,312, cut considerably from its preliminary figure has been further trimmed to \$364,939.

Members of the Regional Administration and Finance Committee reviewing both the operating and capital budgets of the force also recommended not to include the capital budget as part of the 1981 operating budget.

Several councillors including Burlington Mayor Roy Bird and John Alingham said they were not totally in favor of debenturing out works projects in light of unpleasant surprises in the past with the Halton Regional deficit of 1979.

However Chairman Jack Rafitis said the capital costs are mostly related to buildings which should last for 25 years. Therefore, he said, the committee should not place the capital costs in the operating budget and expect ratepayers to pick up all the costs in 1981.

Had the capital and operating budgets gone together it would have made for a 17.1 per cent hike in 1981 over 1980. Councillors had hoped to trim the police budget back from a 23 per cent increase to 15 per cent for 1981.

Some of the cuts made were in office furnishings and the transfer of a \$19,000 surplus.

The highest cost item in the capital budget this year is \$51,000 for a revolver range at the headquarters building in Oakville.

Painting and decorating of the "executive wing" of headquarters was cut in half from the \$10,000 suggested.

Most of the other funds will go to completing work on the new Georgetown headquarters. Highest price item here is \$14,556.09 for video equipment.

The Milton office will get \$696 in repairs to the roof.

Volunteers needed for Halton Manor

What is challenging, enjoyable, provides personal satisfaction, and lets a person brighten up a lot of lives?

Being a volunteer or "volunteer" at Halton Centennial Manor is the answer to all those questions and more, according to Mrs. Lorena Smith who is helping co-ordinate a volunteer enlisting program.

There is no volunteer age restriction and almost anyone from any walk of life can donate a few hours a week or a month and find out just how much reward there is for everyone, Mrs. Smith said.

Special emphasis is being placed on the "volunteer" program which is open to boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 16. Scheduling would be after school and on Saturday to the end of June.

Some of the ways volunteers can help is portering for the seniors, fill and deliver water jugs, mail delivery, feeding residents, reading to the residents, writing letters for them, and "basically spending time with the residents, making them happy."

There is a wide range of activities for volunteers. They can help with recreation, band practice, shuffleboard assisting at church services, evening bingo, being a movie operator, craft room aide, baking assistance, speech teacher, joining in the card games, indoor gardener, and as special care workers.

Mrs. Smith said she is now accepting applications and explaining some of the many functions volunteers and volunteers can perform.

Anyone interested can contact Mrs. Smith by telephoning 878-4141, extension 43.

Gas at 28.6 cents

Halton Region will be buying its unleaded gasoline at 28.65 cents per litre and 26.39 cents per litre for regular.

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