

**Ospringe**

**Students get in act with clean up day**

The entire student population of Ospringe Public School will be participating in the Pitch-In '83 Campaign next week by cleaning up the area around the school and hopefully planting a tree and plants.

Under the leadership of teacher Ian Saunders, the students join hundreds of thousands of other energetic Ontario residents of all ages, representing more than 1,800 organizations, up almost 50 per cent from last year, in the Pitch-In chore.

**Family escapes injury in crash**

A family of five escaped injury after their car struck a hydro pole and went into the ditch on Five Sideroad, 32 metres west of Guelph Junction road 4 p.m. Saturday.

John DeVries, 67 Duncan Road, Georgetown, was westbound on Five Sideroad when he lost control on a curve and left the road. Wife Rosemarie and children Kendra, Jerime and Nathaniel were with him at the time.

Halton Regional Police estimate \$1,500 in damages.

**Beevor claims**

**Halton Education second to none**

By Jane Muller

Declining enrolment and decreasing financial support from the province are about the only thorns in the side of Halton Board of Education, according to Wally Beevor who made the remarks during an Education Week speech.

Beevor, who has been with the board for one year, claims its "programs are second to none." He said the nationally respected system operates within a \$140 million budget, offering one of the lowest costs per pupil in the province.

Utilizing his opportunity to speak directly to the public, he highlighted achievements of the local board and the direction of education in general. At the top of the list was the fact more students are being retained in the system than at any other time in history.

Probably the most pertinent point in the eyes of his audience, was the board's efforts to "bridge the gap between business and schools." Work experience programs, which in some cases have expanded into co-operative education programs, have served to "enhance" students who "return to school with an education of how the business community operates," Mr. Beevor explained.

He noted 560 students in the region are involved in co-op programs. Further growth has resulted in the linkage program which allows high school students to become involved in apprenticeship programs.

"The province has great hopes for filling the void in skilled trades," he said.

Many achievements

His list of achievements of the Halton board included the outstanding performances of the students the system produces who have proved themselves in



WALLY BEEVOR

public speaking competitions, science fairs, math contests, athletic events, language and drama competitions.

A diverse curriculum and opportunities in education for the mentally retarded, gifted and learning disabled students are other measures of achievement acknowledged by the director.

Relating to exceptional students, Mr. Beevor remarked on Bill 82 and its potential to enhance education. Halton, he said, began to move toward the aims of the legislation even before the Bill was introduced.

"If we go back a few years, the province offered substantial grants for special education and Halton took advantage of these along with eight or nine other boards," said Mr. Beevor.

He described Bill 82 as giving parents "legislative assurance their child will get special education."

Beevor quelled another fear, saying average children's needs will continue to be looked after.

Declining enrolment, brought about by the lowering of birth rates is a problem throughout Halton in general, although in Milton the tide has not yet changed for the worse.

Mr. Beevor pointed out the "aging teaching force" necessitating professional development, training and motivating, as a problem.

Of direct concern to taxpayers is the province's tightening of funds paid directly to individual boards.

"Grants from the province have been decreasing on a yearly basis over the last eight years," the director explained.

This year Halton received a 1.5 per cent increase in grants from the province, which paid the bill for 44.2 per cent of the board's expenses this year, compared with 46.7 per cent in 1982.

The problem is even more evident in Toronto where the provincial Ministry of Education pays only 9 per cent toward the operation of education in that city and is anticipating no provincial contributions at all next year.

In closing, Mr. Beevor shared a Chinese proverb with his audience.

"If you plan for one year, plant rice. If you plan for 10 years, plant trees. If you plan for 100 years, educate young men and women."

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Ontario Tax Grants for Seniors is a program designed specifically to help offset municipal and school taxes for Ontario residents 65 and over. The Ontario Ministry of Revenue is mailing cheques which comprise the first instalment of the 1983 Property Tax Grant of up to \$250 and a temporary Home Heating Grant of \$40. These cheques were mailed on April 29th.

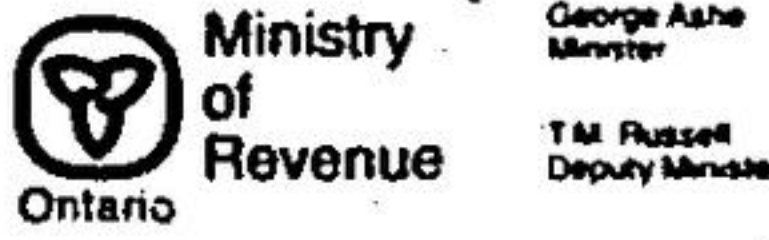
- Who will receive it?**
- If you are 65 or over and own or rent your home, you are eligible for the Property Tax Grant.
  - The 1983 instalment cheque is mailed to Ontario seniors who received the 1982 Property Tax Grant.
  - This is intended to help you pay your property tax or rent for the first part of 1983. In the fall you will automatically receive an application for the balance of your grant.

- Who will not receive it?**
- Basically, if you didn't receive a 1982 Property Tax Grant, you will not receive the spring instalment. In particular, seniors should note that:
- If you reside in a nursing home, home for the aged or any property tax-exempt institution, you are not eligible for the Property Tax Grant.
  - If you turned 65 after December 31st, 1982 (and therefore did not qualify for a grant last year) you also will not receive the spring instalment. However, you will receive an application for the entire 1983 grant in the fall.

For more information call the Ministry's multilingual Information Centre

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**PROCLAMATION**

May is Salvation Army 'Red Shield Month'

The Council for the town of Halton Hills proclaims the month of May as 'Red Shield Appeal' month within the Town of Halton Hills.

Wilson Perrin  
Captain

**Soloists delight Hamilton choir weaves a Spring spell at Knox**

Master of Ceremonies Jack Carpenter jokingly told those in the balcony of Knox Church for the Hamilton Orpheus Male Choir's concert Friday night that it was the closest they'd ever get to heaven. That was before the male voices sang under the baton of director Lyn Harry and weaved a musical spell for both those in the nave and balcony of Knox Church. It was an evening to remember.

With over 50 voices in the choir and two excellent guest artists the choir completely captivated those who took advantage of the concert sponsored by Walker Lodge 321 and the Knox Presbyterian Choir. Proceeds of the concert will be used to help the Hamilton choir on a musical tour of Great Britain next year. The event was also an effort to revitalize community spirit in Acton by bringing people together in a setting they can enjoy and participate in a social evening afterwards.

Both the director Lyn Harry and members of the Hamilton choir were effusive in their praise of the acoustics in Knox Church, calling it a "mini Massey Hall," and the warm welcome they received at the reception afterwards from the people of the community.

The choir, formed in 1976, has made a name for itself with appearances in such halls as the Niagara Convention Centre, Hamilton Place, at the Toronto Caravan and at Harborfront, and has cut two albums, both of which were available after Friday's concert.

Mr. Harry said it took two or three years to bring the choir up to its present level of excellence. It was obvious to the appreciative audience Friday that it was one of the musical highlights of the last decade with a definite Welsh stamp, although choir members are a mix of several nationalities. The choir performed music they could handle well and which suited male voices, particularly Elisabethan Serenade, spirituals and folk songs and in their choice of hymns. Director Harry is of Welsh extraction and the choir reflected the world of poet Dylan Thomas and the ageless hills of Wales.

Probably their most impressive piece of work was the Dies Irae, which is Latin for "day of wrath" taken from the Requiem Mass in D Minor. Those who saw The Prisoner starring English actor Alex Guinness in which he played an imprisoned cardinal in the Balkan countries probably can remember the sombre Dies Irae theme. This interpretation of the work was a new experience for music lovers, probably sung on this continent for the first time, according to director Harry. The new arrangement took some of the sombreness out of the music and added more exultation without losing the majesty of the Latin words.

The 14 minute piece concluded with a tremendous Amen and a pregnant pause followed before the realization sank in that the work was finished.

The Dies Irae may have been the most impressive piece but the choir's handling of those old favorite hymns, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross and the Dutch, Jehovah the Lord Will Provide gave vent to the

timbre of fine male voices.

In the realm of romance, San Francisco Harbor, the tale of a young lady who sings to the moon and prays her boy friend on ship in San Francisco keeps safe, to a haunting Welsh melody, was particularly moving.

The choir also proved its versatility with a robust Russian folk song with the deep bass of the Volga Boat Song preceding and concluding and the male voices showed to advantage.

In contrast to the powerful voices of the choir, the two guest soloists, Dawn Taylor and Elizabeth Wood added another dimension to the concert. Contralto Taylor chose numbers that brought out the richness of her voice and the audience demanded an encore, which she obliged.

Second soloist Elizabeth Wood was an instant hit when she thrilled the aria from Exultate Jubilate by Mozart more familiarly known as the Alleluia. The remarkable range of her voice was also evident in an aria from one of Puccini's operas and again in "Summertime" from the street opera "Porgy and Bess."

Her rendition to "Summertime" was worth the price of admission alone," one music lover lauded.

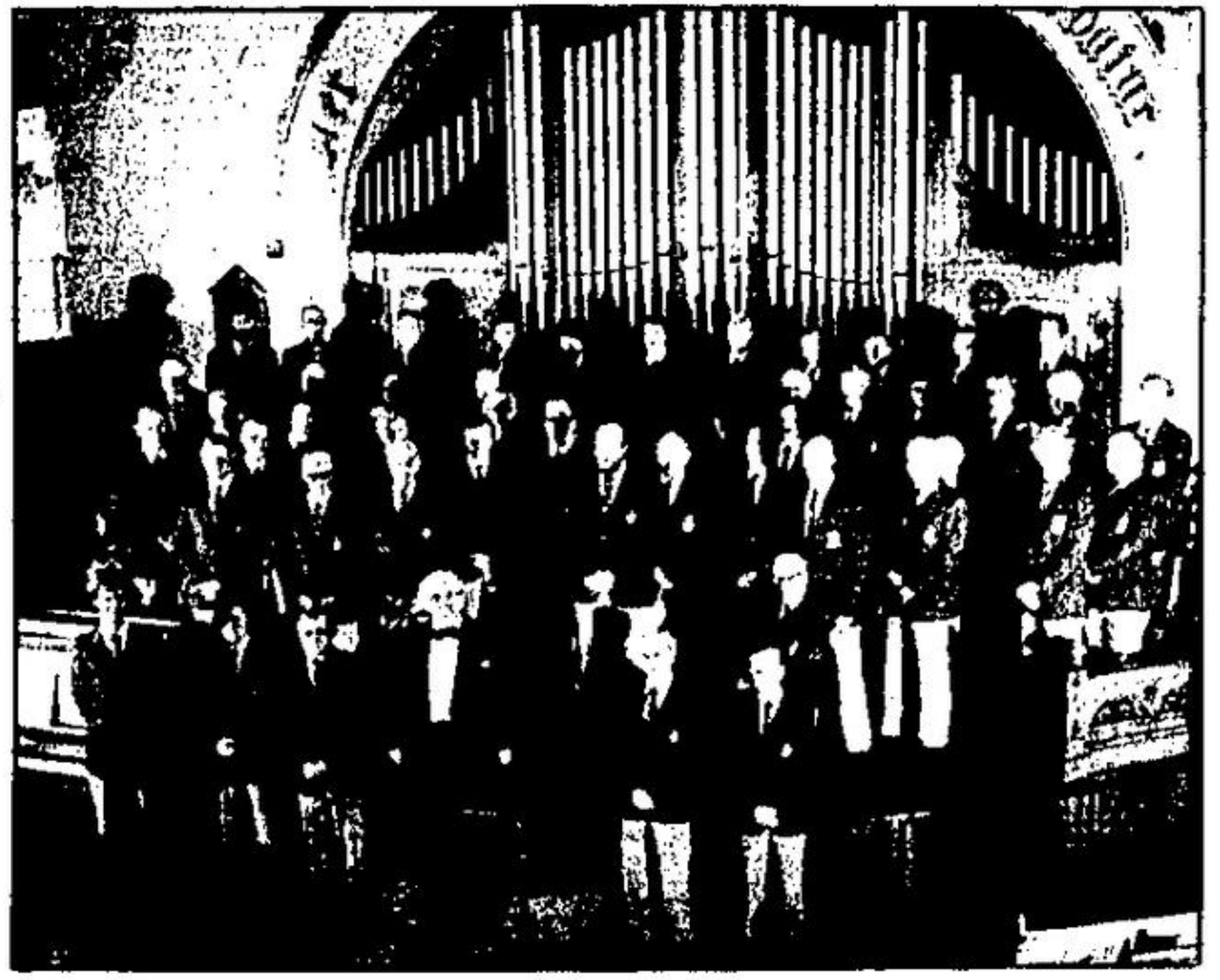
Miss Wood's encore "Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark," was an exercise in vocal gymnastics which drew a standing ovation from the audience.

The performance of both the choir and the soloists was aided by the unusually fine piano accompaniment both by Fred Numan and director Lyn Harry.

Following in the footsteps of the Welsh choir which appeared at Knox in the fall, the concert was further proof that the people of Acton and district enjoy fine music and future concerts would be well patronized.

Ted Hansen, musical director at Knox, expressed the thanks of the sponsors to those who helped make the evening a success. The audience was reluctant to let the evening end but it had to with the "Goodnight" of poet Dylan Thomas, whom said the director resided only 400 yards from him, when he lived in Wales.

—Hartley Coles



Lyn Harry, centre, and members of the Hamilton Orpheus Male Choir filled the sanctuary of Knox Presbyterian Church for Friday night's concert. The choir members praised the acoustics of the church, calling it a "mini Massey Hall."

**Council supports DST**

Halton Hills has supported a suggestion that Daylight Savings Time last longer.

Monday night council endorsed a suggestion from North York council and hydro commission that the province consider bringing in legislation to extend Daylight Savings Time to include from the first week of March to the first week of November.

North York officials felt it was "equally practical" to have Daylight Savings time start in early March and run past the end of October as to have it begin late in April and end in late October.

It was estimated homes would save one kw. per hour a day with extended Daylight Savings Time, or about \$1.50 a month in electrical costs. Studies south of the border showed there is a one per cent savings in electrical consumption when Daylight Savings Time begins and there were a 3-vantages to having extra daylight during evening traffic rush hours.