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## Male Orpheus Choir enchants audience at Knox on Saturday

The 50-voice Hamilton Male Orpheus Choir, making their second appearance in Halton Hills within a year, charmed an appreciative audience at Knox Church, Acton, Saturday night with music particularly suited to a blend of male voices. The choir will tour Britain this year and concert proceeds will assist them.

Under the baton of Lyn Harry, a transplanted Welshman, the choir took the audience from moods of reverence to joyful spirituals and from the realms of familiar operatic choruses to the solemnity of the 23rd Psalm arranged to the tune of Amazing Grace.

To add variety they presented a sea shanty with a "warped" arrangement by an American writer entitled, The Drummer and the Cook, the latter "with one eye in the pot and t'other up the chimney" which gave just the right touch of levity to an evening which mixed the popular with the serious.

The choir, as requested, also brought along the outstanding Canadian soprano, Elizabeth Wood, who made such an impression on her first appearance in town. She sang operatic arias accompanied by conductor Harry on the piano. An attractive as well as talented singer, Miss Wood's solos ranged from selections from the operas Faust and Rigoletto by Verdi to the well known aria from Puccini's opera, Tosca. As

a fourth selection she chose Vaughn Williams' Silent Noon.

Miss Wood's vibrant soprano made a delightful contrast to the powerful voices of the choir.

The choir showed a natural bias for Welsh selections beginning with the opening number, The Last Words of David and their second number, Invictus, which brought out the splendid use of male voices in that familiar Master of my Fate, Captain of my Soul phrase.

Conductor Harry's appreciation of the negro spiritual as a source of reverent and joyous worship was evident from the first Lily of the Valley with a beautiful tenor solo to the familiar Kumbya and switched the lively Ride a Chariot to complement the former.

To show their dexterity the choir wove an Eastern European spell with The Gypsy, a folk song which brought up visions of violins and balalaikas, and dancing Gypsies.

Three well loved operatic choruses, Verdi's Anvil Chorus, the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and the Pirates' Chorus from Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance featured the blend of male voices before the interval which featured Miss Wood.

To open the second half the choir with bass Ralph Pritchard as soloist sang the Welch hymn, Thanks to God, in words conductor

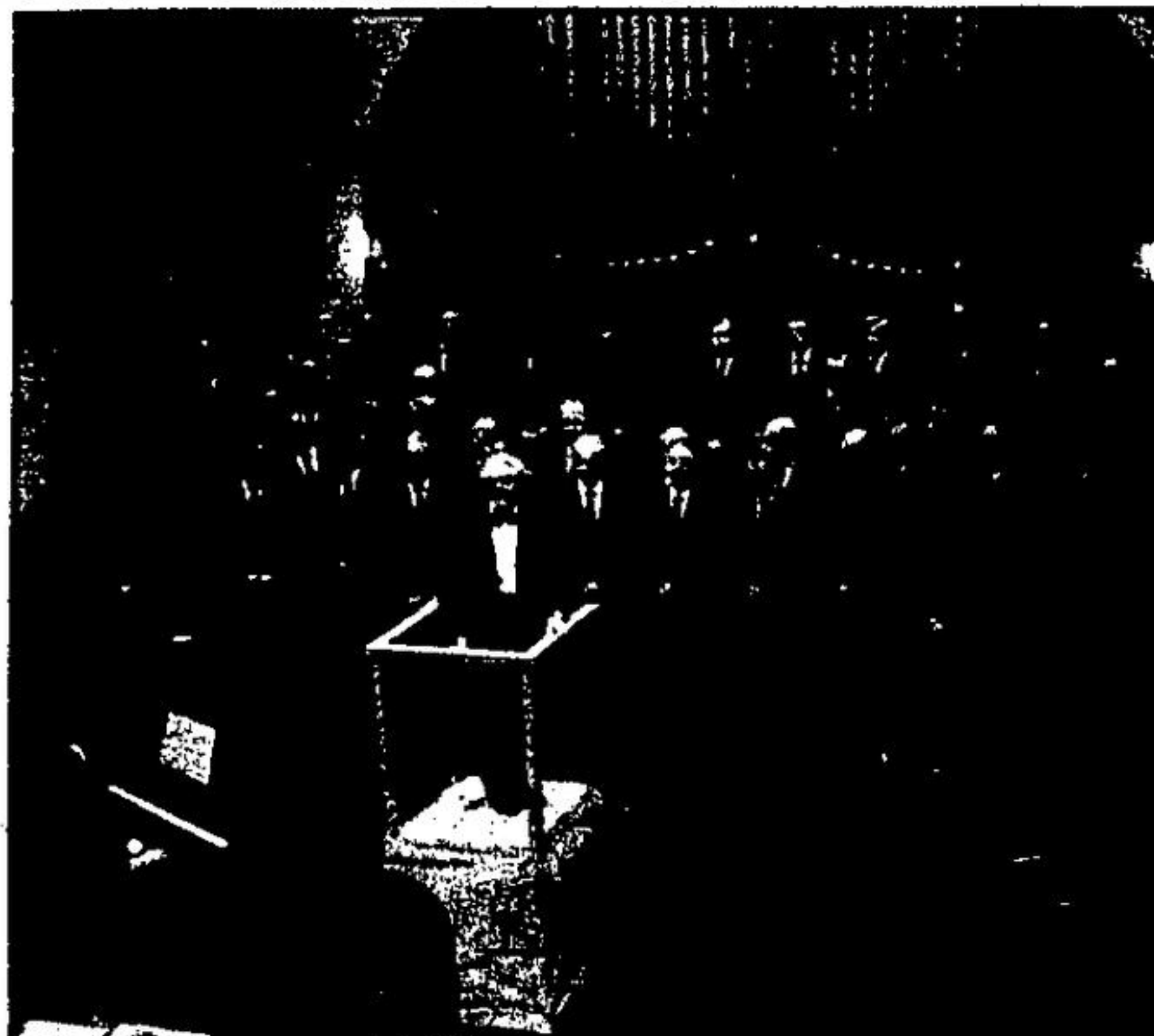
Harry described as the "language of Heaven" which the captivated audience couldn't help but agree with based on the performance.

Down Among the Dead Men, another sea shanty which gave the choir ample room to show their depth, preceded the romantic San Francisco Harbor, followed by a male voice arrangement of The Rose.

The lovely and haunting rendition of the 23rd Psalm with Amazing Grace as the melody concluded the musical portion of the evening. An encore, demanded by the audience, brought out the enchantment of Dylan Thomas's Milkwood in Eva Jenkin's Prayer. Fred Newman, the choir's talented accompanist, also added to the evening's pleasure.

Those who missed the choir's performance in Acton will have the opportunity to hear the British-bound choir again when they appear in Knox Church, Georgetown, April 7 sponsored by the Masonic Lodges in Town and Knox choir.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was the inimitable Jack Carpenter, host of the radio show Music Hall, a regular Sunday afternoon feature on CFCA-FM Kitchener. Mr. Carpenter lives in Acton. Acton Knox choir director and organist Ted Hansen expressed the appreciation for support from his choir and the lodges.



Conductor Lyn Harry and the Hamilton Orpheus Male Choir made their second appearance in Halton Hills within a year, Saturday, at Knox Church, Acton, and again delighted an appreciative audience with a selection of music for all tastes. The choir is going on a tour of Britain this year as Canadian musical ambassadors.

### TOWN OF HALTON HILLS RECREATION REPORT

**MARCH BREAK**  
There are still a few days left to participate in the March Break Activity Week co-sponsored by the Recreation & Parks Department and the Acton "Y". Daily activities include games, sports, crafts, movies, and more. The charge is only \$6.00 per day. For more information, please call 853-1540.

**FREE SKATING!**  
There are still a couple of days left to take advantage of the free skating at the Georgetown Memorial Arena. Daily, up to and including Friday, March 18th, there will be no admission fee to the public skating from 1:00 till 2:30 p.m. Thank you Georgetown Optimists, we appreciate your generosity!

**PRE-POST NATAL FITNESS**  
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**POOL CLOSED**  
The Georgetown Swimming Pool will be closed on Thursday, March 15th, 1984 so that repairs can be made to the pool equipment. Unfortunately all programs will be cancelled for the one day only.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY SWIM**  
St. Patrick's Day is Saturday, March 17 and the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department has a Special swim planned. Anyone who goes to the Public Swim (in Georgetown from 3:30-4:30 or Acton from 2:30-3:30) will be admitted FREE if they are wearing something GREEN.

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1 tsp. salt  
1 pkg. instant spaghetti sauce mix  
1-2 cloves garlic  
1 - 500 gram carton cottage cheese  
1 - 250 gram pkg. mozzarella cheese  
Cook meat till brown. Skim off excess fat as it cooks. Add next 5 ingredients. Meanwhile cook 8 oz. lasagna noodles. In 11" x 9" dish place 1/2 noodles, 1/2 sauce, 1/2 cottage cheese, 1/2 mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers ending with remaining sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake in 350° oven for 30 minutes. Let stand 30 minutes to set before serving.

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