

Region briefs

New co-ordinator

Halton's Children's Services Co-ordinating and Advisory Group has appointed Patricia Quinn case resolution co-ordinator. With ten years' experience in child care work in Peel and Toronto, Quinn will work with Halton community agencies to co-ordinate a range of services for "Hard-to-serve" children. Parents, service providers and provincial officials will be referring clients to her at 878-8113, extension 432.

LDC Endorsed

Regional council's recent endorsement of Halton's Land Division Committee was reaffirmed last Wednesday when the planning and public works committee turned down a landowner's request for special consideration. The northeast Burlington resident's application for a second severance on her five-acre property had been rejected by the LDC. The ruling won the planning committee's support despite arguments that the application doesn't "fit" the constraints of the region's official plan. Site-specific circumstances that merit contravention of official plan policies are regularly noted by the LDC, Coun. Bill Johnson told the applicant.



Maureen Brovab, right, sang the soprano solo parts in Benedicite, the concluding part of Three Choral Masterpieces at the John Elliott Theatre in the Georgetown Choral Society's annual Spring concert. A. Dale Wood conducted the choir and youth orchestra in an impressive performance of religious works.

Choral Society concert fine prelude to Easter

Three Choral Masterpieces, the spring concert offering by the Georgetown Choral Society and special guests came at the appropriate time of the year—on the threshold of Holy Week and Easter. The choir and the youth orchestra set new standards for religious music in Halton Hills, under the direction of A. Dale Wood.

Starting with the solemn Requiem by Gabriel Faure in the first half of a splendid choral concert, the program swung to the majestic Fantasia and exultant Benedicite by composer R. Vaughan Williams in the second half. Soprano Heather Dickson and baritone Dave Shrubsole of the choral society were the soloists in the difficult requiem sung in the original Latin.

Pianist Patricia Kreuger accompanied the choir and played the cadenza for the work, created from the Old 104th Psalm tune. Patricia is a member of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and serves as the orchestra's piano accompanist in rehearsals. Her performance on the grand piano enhanced the evening.

Soprano soloist Maureen Brovab sang the solo parts in the exuberant and joyful Benedicite. Ruta Aiza also accompanied the choir on both the organ and piano. Organist at St. John's Anglican Church, Weston, she has accompanied the choral society on three previous occasions in a capable, unassuming manner.

Unfortunately the Friday night performance of this selection from great composers did not fill the John Elliott Theatre to capacity, as it should. A great deal of preparation went into the concert including making baffles for placement over the stage so voices would project better for the audience. The entire effect with choir, orchestra and accompaniment was at its best in the final Benedicite almost overpowering in its strength.

Requiem's are not useful vehicles to attract concert goers but it takes a versatile and melodic choir to achieve the composer's intent. The sonorous Latin words are a challenge to any amateur choir. Giving

them their dignity and proper phrasing takes even more ambience for choir and conductor. Dale Wood and the choir, nervous at first, gradually mastered the work, particularly the Agnus Dei where the voices and orchestra, dominated by strings, was particularly enjoyable.

The switch from the requiem to the Fantasia in the second half brightened the mood from sombre to majestic, an effect heightened by lots of tympani and brass from the orchestra. This joyful mood continued in the Benedicite where the ambience between choir, orchestra and conductor was evident from the first and soloist Maureen Brovab's clear and strong soprano enhanced the work.

Again the orchestra of young people provided the vehicle which made the final selection the most enjoyable of the evening which might have succeeded more in a church sanctuary rather than in theatre bare of religious symbolism.

Conductor Dale Wood has been trying for years to raise the musical tastes of the town and district. He and the choir succeeded again in showing they are a versatile combination and we look for many more pleasant evenings from them.

—Hartley Coles



Pianist for Fantasia was Patricia Kreuger of the Toronto Symphony. She is a cousin of Dale Wood's.

Laser video discs now at library

Just when you thought libraries contained only books—Halton Hills Public Library is offering something new. There are two Laser Videodisc players available for public use along with 30 titles in the Laser Videodisc selection.

The most exciting capability of the Laser Videodisc system is something called "interactive television." Very simply, interactive television means there is a two-way communication between you, the viewer and your TV.

Hocus Pocus, History Disc Quiz and Mystery Disc No.1 are the three interactive television discs the library has.

This new way of 'viewing' television is only possible because of the unique features of the Laser Videodisc system. The system is basically a special turntable that plays a special kind of audio/video disc through a TV set. The laser beam in the video disc player scans the sound and picture information stored on the disc and relays that information to the TV screen.

The system available at the library plays discs with up to 60 minutes of program time per side. It can also scan forward or reverse

three times the normal viewing speed. It has a superfast scan that takes only 15 seconds to scan one side of a disc, and the "freeze-frame" button can stop the picture or step it back and forth one frame at a time. It also has pause control.

There may be 54,000 frames stored on each side of the disc, but the special "search" capability of the system allows the viewer to locate and display a given frame in a matter of seconds. The player also has a chapter button which will allow the viewer to select sections or "chapters" like a book.

Because this is a pilot project the Halton Hills Library Board will be evaluating the service and may introduce changes to the service during this initial period.

The two Laser Videodisc players are available from the audio-visual department at the Georgetown Branch of the Halton Hills Library. A borrower must be 18 years of age or older. There is a charge of \$8.00 per day or weekend, Saturday noon-Tuesday noon for the Videodisc player unit.

For further information on the Laser Videodisc system, contact the Audio-Visual Department 877-2681.

Winners at Bridge Club

Denise Jansen and Ron Jones were the winners in the north-south section at Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club this week.

Art Kwei and Bill Dinan came second and Duke Wilson and Denis Rosendale third.

In the east-west section Bob Clark and Mark Loeb took first place, with John Flanagan and Peter Kahro second and Lois and Clayton Barber third.

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 The Town of Halton Hills intends to undertake the following two road reconstruction projects located within the Georgetown area.
Contract No. P-84-CL-1
Guelph Street Reconstruction - Phase 4
 involving the reconstruction of Guelph Street (Highway No. 7) from Sinclair Avenue approximately 0.90 Km easterly to Dekax Boulevard, including the widening of the driving surface to five lanes, the installation of new curbs, sidewalks and streetlighting and miscellaneous grading and landscaping works.
Contract No. P-84-C-3
McNabb Street Drainage Area Improvements
Phase 2 - Road Reconstruction
 involving the reconstruction of McNabb Street from King Street easterly to Albert Street and Albert Street from Guelph Street northerly to Union Street, including the installation of new road base, surface asphalt, concrete curbs and miscellaneous grading and landscaping works.
 Plans detailing the proposed projects will be available for viewing by the public in the Council Chambers, Municipal Administration Building, Trafalgar Road, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 1984. Representatives of the Town Engineering Department and the Consultants for the projects will be in attendance to explain the projects and address any inquiries.
 DATED at the Town of Halton Hills, this 13th day of April, 1984.
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