

# Hallelujah! Christmas is near

The spirit of Christmas is alive and well and living in the hearts of a few hundred more people thanks to the inspiration provided by the Georgetown Choral Society's annual Christmas concert.

A full house greeted the 65-voice choir each night of their weekend performances of "Prelude to Christmas" held at Knox Presbyterian Church. The selection of Christmas music offered combined both

popular and sacred inspirational pieces of the festival season. The choir, under the direction of A. Dale Wood, gave an outstanding performance and deserved the standing ovations they

received for their hard work. Rehearsals for the special evening began last September with the music chosen by the director. Guest organist, Barry Gosse, provided excellent

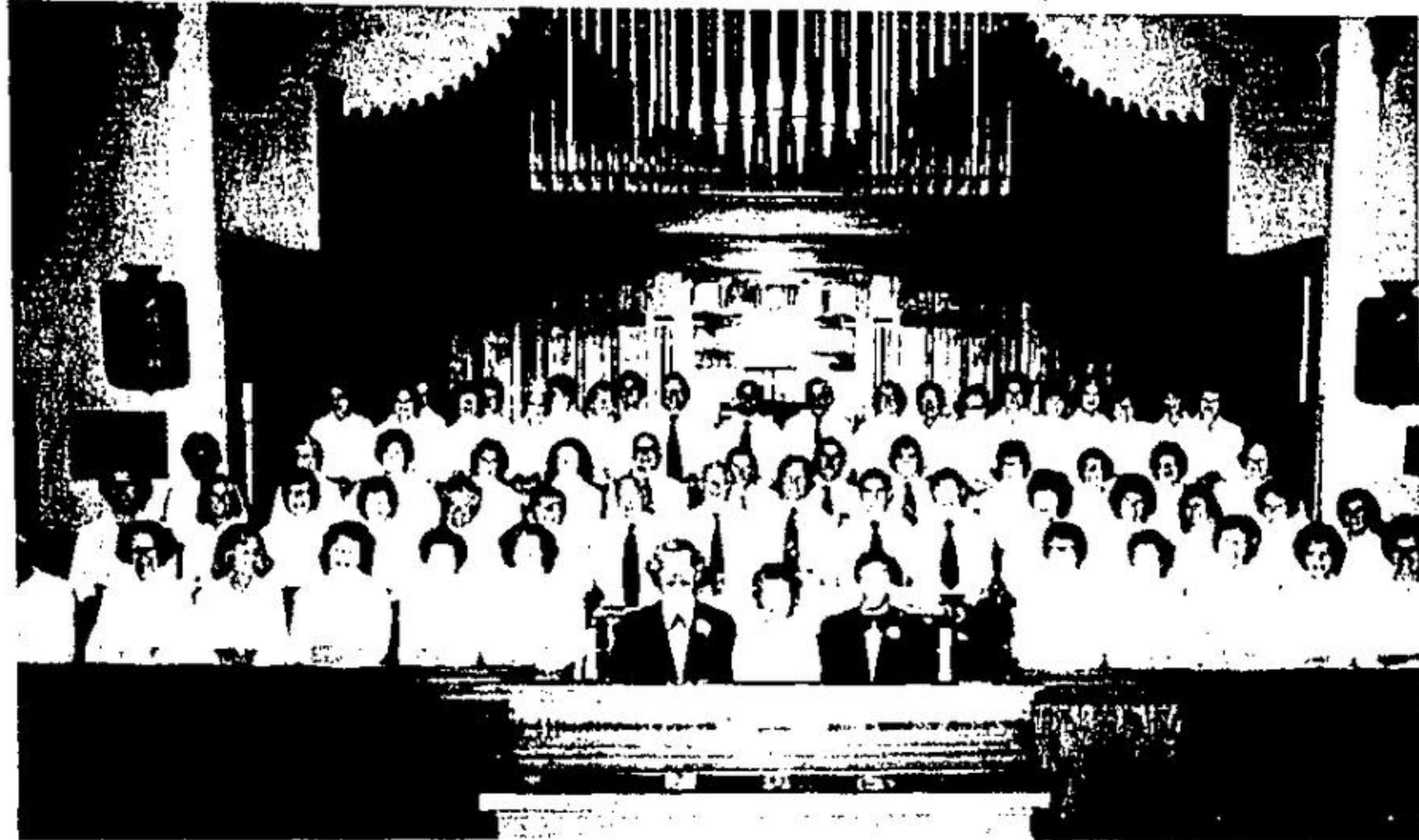
accompaniment on the pipe organ. His feeling for the music and talent combined to be one of the contributing factors in the success of the evening.

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"O Come All Ye Faithful" was the first presentation of the society with the last verse open for public participation and according to Mr. Woods, "the public did an excellent job." The Christmas classic "Do



A TALENTED TENOR, Martin Veltman, entertained the full house at Sunday's concert.



MONTHS OF HARD WORK paid off as the members of the Georgetown Choral Society presented their best concert in their history.

Dale Wood is not a stranger to Georgetown people as he is currently organist and director of music at St. John's United Church. Mr. Wood holds three music degrees from the University of Toronto's School of Music and is a private teacher of music in voice, piano, organ and theory. The many who attended the Christmas presentation saw a

somewhat less animated Dale Wood than the choir members experienced under his direction. The talented choir director, with facial and hand gestures, coaxed each word and phrase from the choir members at each rehearsal in order to achieve the perfection that was shared with so many this past weekend.

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majestic Keates organ. A hearty round of applause followed the organ solo followed by a solo from tenor Martin Veltman with "Comfort Ye My People". The clear, resonating voice of the tenor could be heard clearly and distinctly throughout the sanctuary of Knox Church.

Also adding their voices in the soprano section are Shirley Young, Sue Domenico, Jeanette Thompson, Isobel Dobson, Joanne Mackie, Jean Hancock, Audrey Duff, Audrey Houston, Carol Barrow, Rosemary Wisemann, Joan Thoms and Gladys Mountian.

The coaxing and prodding done by Mr. Wood paid off in the excellent performances by the other soloists who took part in the famous Messiah. Soprano soloist Brenda McNeil graced the performance with "And the Angel Said Unto Them" and "Come Unto Him".

The 21-members of the alto section are Betty Hagen, Sandra Patey, Donna Robin, Jill Jessop, Sandra Nairn, Jean Crichton, Endi Ursel, Judy Rivers, Zena Lancaster, Joyce Ramsden, Betty Parry.

Baritone soloist Bill Brush further served to expound the Christmas story with "Thus Saith the Lord". Sandra Greig, alto for the choir, presented "Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive", "He Shall Feed His Flock" and "Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind."

The Hallelujah chorus closed the concert with a standing ovation by the appreciative audience. A special round of applause was given to pianist Joyce Haywood of Milton for her work with the choir and the suited accompaniment from organist Barry Gosse.

One member of the choir commented that "it was a little difficult to start thinking of Christmas carols in September" but, as the time grew closer to the holiday season, the hard work and talent began to rise to the occasion for the final presentation last weekend.

The Choral Society was formed in 1971 and has since that time progressed each year to a new high of polished performance and technical quality. With the joining of Mr. Wood in January of 1975 the group took another step and with Joyce Haywood as accompanist, they proceeded to produce the yule-tide concert that delighted so many.

Members of the soprano section included: Vivian Mills, Claire Crigg, May Beaumont, Crystal Doupage, Onalee Bevana, Geraldine MacMillan, Brenda McNeil, Sandra Greig, Anna Burke, Lynn Purdy, Elma Harlow, Joan Beene, Wilma Groekorth and Doris Lindsay.

Mr. Wood's interpretation of the music and the choir's interpretation of Mr. Wood led to the success of the occasion, and those attending the performance could not help but leave with the spirit of Christmas.

## Machine to diagnose cancer being developed, Cancer Society hears

Over 150 members and friends of the Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society met for their annual banquet last Thursday at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Cancer Institute who explained some of the new techniques used in the fight against the dreaded disease. Canada has become one of the leading nations in research methods of treatment for the disease. Dr. Miller reported to the group that a new machine,

being developed by the institute will provide prompt and efficient diagnosing of cancerous tissue and could assist in prescribing medication to combat the effects of the cancerous growth.

prompt, medical treatment for immediate results. "Breast cancer and leukemia are two areas that will benefit from the machine," explained the doctor.

## PC's select federal convention delegates

Members of the Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservative Association gathered last week to elect delegates to attend the upcoming federal leadership convention in February.

riding at the convention. Ken Allen, Fran Bailes, Mal Thorn and John Ham were elected by the registered members present. Louise Drowley and John Chamberlain will attend as youth delegates. Gord Howe from the Toronto office served to chair the official meeting.

Until now treatment was a hit and miss procedure as the effects of the drugs on individual cases could not be predicted until attempted by the attending physician, Dr. Miller explained. This new machine, which operates as an analytical computer, would permit the

In his brief address the doctor explained the truly Canadian venture to the society members. Mrs. Joy Noble and Mrs. Jewlas received appreciation awards for work done within the society, by Bill O'Connor, district representative of the Canadian Cancer Society.

## Come to Church

**HALTON HILLS PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
Trafalgar Rd. And No. 7 Highway  
Pastor Rev. E. J. Friesen  
10 a.m. Family School  
11 a.m. Morning Worship  
7 p.m. Water baptismal Service Oakville, Ont.

**MOUNTAINVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Holding forth "THE WORD OF LIFE"  
Minister—Rev. Tom Bralston  
Organist: Mrs. W. Townend  
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11 a.m. Morning Worship  
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**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
Windsor Road at Carole St.  
Rev. Harold R. Patzer  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
Church of the Lutheran Hour

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN**  
Minister: Rev. Harold T. Martin, B.A., M. DIV.  
Mr. Dale Wood, ARCT Organists Mrs. Shirley Inglis  
SERVICES OF WORSHIP  
9:30 a.m. Glen Williams  
11:00 a.m. WHITE GIFT Service at Georgetown (conducted by the Sunday School)  
Church school for all ages NURSERY CARE

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH ANGLICAN**  
Rector: The Rev'd R. Gallagher, B.A., S.T.D.  
ADVENT 2 SUNDAY DEC. 7  
8 a.m. The Eucharist  
9:15 a.m. Family Eucharist  
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
Church school - 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
Nursery service 9:15 and 11 a.m.



FEMALE SOLOISTS, Sandra Greig (alto) and Brenda McNeil (soprano) provided an excellent rendition of the Christmas story as depicted in the famous Messiah.



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## Missionaries tell of Peruvian visit

Why would anyone spend their vacation in Peru with missionaries? Ted and Eileen Cluley of Stoney Creek, Ontario, not only did that but prepared a slide tape presentation of their trip to share with fellow Canadians. Sunday evening, in the Georgetown Alliance Church,

all present were treated to these pictures of Peru and an account of what is happening there. As well, a season of praise was enjoyed as the Cluleys showed a series of slides of nature's beauty linked with a soundtrack from Handel's immortal "Messiah."

## Alliance Church honors mother

Returning to Georgetown on Monday, December 1 for the second time, Mrs. Elizabeth Barton, mother of newly released Vietnamese missionaries, Norman and Joan Johnson, addressed the annual Husbands and Wives Missions Banquet at the Georgetown Alliance Church. Mrs. Barton was here in September with a message of

confidence in God's power to release her loved ones from a Communist prison. Many anticipated hearing her again since the release of her children in early November. The banquet was sponsored by the Women's Missionary Prayer Fellowship of the Georgetown Alliance Church.

## Social Council for north being planned

A meeting is to be held tomorrow night (Thursday) to discuss the possibility of establishing a social planning council for north Halton. The meeting to be held in Hillcrest United Church on the Seventh Line, at 8 p.m. is organized by Halton Human Services Council. A social planning council would coordinate and integrate all needs in the social services area. Such councils already exist in Oakville and Burlington.

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