

The Georgetown Chroal Society made its debut performance of the season on the stage of the John Elliott Theatre Monday night. The 40 members sang selections from four Broadway musicals composed and written by

Lerner and Loewe: My Fair Lady, Camelot, Brigadoon and Gigi. The group featured some lovely voices among the soloists. (Herald photo by Ani Pederian)

GCS's 'Broadway Tonight' super, but accoustics take getting used to

By ANI PEDERIAN · Herald Staff Writer

The voices were lovely, but lacked volume, Monday night during the "Broadway Tonight" concert by the Georgetown Choral Society in the new John Elilott Theatre.

"Before the audience was let in I walked around the theatre to check how the choir sounded," said choir director Dale Wood, "As far as sound and clarity of words, they sounded extremely well with the place empty."

However, when the 200 spectators were comfortably seated, they seemed to absorb a lot of the sound with their clothing and bodies.

Although the audience was extremely quiet and attentive, the choir sounded too soft and timid and at times it was hard to pick up what the soloists were singing.

The 40 members sang selections from four Broadway musicals, including choral excerpts and solos from "Brigadoon", "Gigi", "Camelot" and "My Fair Lady", all written and composed by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe.

The group looked very elegant on stage with the women in peachy brown long dresses and the men in brown tuxedos and bow ties. They were accompanied on the piano by Joyce Hayward and Mr. Wood. Mr. Wood also managed to direct them by sweeping the air with his free hand.

Young Brenda Archer, 16, had the children in the audience giggling as she pranced around on stage with her black straw hat and unlaced work boots.

Brenda was singing and acting the role of Liza, the poor English girl who's being taught "proper" English by Professor Henry Higgins. The musical "My Fair Lady" is based on George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion.

Studying drama and voice at a newly-opened special high school for the arts in Toronto, Brenda hammed up her role. She has a strong, high voice with a great deal of power. On stage, she's cute and natural with the audience. The choir members standing behind her were smiling at her antics although they've seen them before during rehearsals.

She sang "Show Me", letting out an incredibly quick stream of words, "I Could Have Danced All Night", and

"Wouldn't It be Lovely". Martin Veltman, a tenor, sang the part of Liza's father, "Get Me to the Church on 'Time', but it was hard to hear

Familiar songs from "Gigi" were also sung. The musical about a young girl being groomed to become a call girl brings to mind Maurice

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French accent. . In this story, a call girl falls in love with the man for whom she's being "groomed". She really doesn't want to be a mistress and he ends up marrying her because he's



fallen in love with her too. The choir sang "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face". "Thank Heaven for Little Girls", "The Night They Invented Champagne" and "I

Remember It Well". Another favorite musical, Camelot, was featured, based on the story of King Arthur and his knave, Sir Lancelot, who falls in love with Lady Gwinnivere, the king's wife. Banished from the court, Sir Lancelot comes back raving

Maureen Burgoyne, Heather Dickson and Martin Veltman sang solo parts from Camelot and the choir joined them with "I Loved You once in Silence", "How to Handle a Woman", and "If Ever I Would Leave

"Heather sings "The Lusty Month of May' and it's a very challenging song because it's so long," said Vicky Fawcett, a soprano with the Choral Society, Mrs. Dickson did it admirably.

Mrs. Burgoyne had a very

pleasant smile and appealing gestures while singing "Where are the Simple Joys of Maiden-

> Selections from Brigadoon started off the musical evening, with solos by Mrs. Fawcett, Becky Halonen and Dave Walker

Brigadoon is the name of a fictional Scottish village in the Highlands. Two Americans on a hunting holiday come upon the mist-enshrouded village and learn that 200 years ago an old minister who wanted to protect his parish from the evil

influence of witches roaming the Highlands asked God for a miracle when he died. The miracle, by which Brigadoon disappeared and returns once every 100 years, was granted. One of the Americans falls in love with a young Brigadoon

lassie, but because he is engaged to another woman back home, he leaves. When he returns to America he realizes he has made a mistake and tries to find Brigadoon and his love again.

Although the village appears only once every 100 years, it appears just for the American lad, another miracle based on faith and love.

Mrs. Fawcett recalled that actress Shirley Maclean and actor Jack Cassidy did a movie version of the musical some years ago.

Looking ahead, the 45 members of the Choral Society are already practising for their Christmas performance of the Messiah. It will be their first time doing the whole work, sald Mrs. Fawcett.

"Most groups just do selections from the Messiah, but we're attempting to do the whole thing," she said.

"Eligibility for some civil-

lans in supervisory or coafld-

ential positions hasn't been

The deputy chief and chief

cannot belong to the associa-

tion, being excluded by the

finalized yet," he said.

Senior cops get contract

Ratifying a new agreement with the police commission Oct. 15, senior Halton police officers agreed not to bargain an increase in pay for 1981 because the budget had already been set for the year. according to Inspector John Barratt.

Inspector Barratt is secretary for the new senior police association formed earlier this year when senior officers chose to split from the Halton

Regional Police Association. Negotiations with the police commission have produced the first two-year contract for the new association running from January, 1981, to December, 1982. It is basically the same in 1981 as the Regional Police Association contract.

The contract will differ from the Regional Police Associaion contract after Jan. 1 when salary changes boost an in-

spector's salary from \$37,554.83 to \$40,000 a year, and a staff inspector's earnings from \$40,423.81 up to \$43,000. . Inspector Barratt said there are nine inspectors and two staff inspectors who will be affected by the agreement.

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At the time of writing there is no entertainment booked for the lounge Saturday but there will be a dance upstairs as an ending to the fun day which starts with registering at 11 a.m. The games start at noon.

The Remembrance Day parade in Georgetown Nov. 9 will follow the normal route to the cenotaph but there will be a change of the route upon returning. On leaving the cenotaph, the parade will march down James Street to Main Street, onto Wesleyan, then into Market Street. There are still a few tickets left for the

Remembrance Supper at \$8 per couple.

It was reported that the color party at the district convention won second spot in the parade. It should have been first prize and to all color party personnel, congratulations and my apologies.

The house league program has been arranged as follows: darts Nov. 14, crib Nov. 28, euchre Dec. 5, and shuffle board Dec. 12. Check the sports board for registration and start times. The Ladies Auxiliary will be

holding a rummage sale upstairs Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate articles may have them picked up by phoning Kathy Watson (877-1986) or arrange to drop articles off by appoint-

The winners of the Ladies Night were Judy Robertson,

Meanwhile, council last

week agreed to once again ask

the province to implement a

long-term home care program

in the region for elderly

Halton wants VD clinics

Venercal disease clinics health department services up should be established in Halton to what will be considered as soon as possible, regional provincial standard. councillors agreed last Wednesday, and the province should provide 75 per cent of the funds for a special VD

"This program is high priority," the region's medical officer of health Dr. Peter Cole told council's administration and finance committee two weeks ago. "These would be strictly treatment clinics but would offer some preventative education as well."

However, Dr. Cole explained, the provincial ministry of health appears reluctant to come forward with 75 per cent of the costs of running the clinic and region and ministry officials are expected to sit down later this week to discuss the disagreement.

"It's silly," Dr. Cole told the committee, "We're being told that we have needs, yet we are not getting the money."

He added that secondary schools throughout Halton are looking forward to the hiring of a VP counsellor. While nurses from the region's health department can offer some counselling in the schools, Dr. Cole said they are not always available and do not necessarily have the specialized expertise of a full-time counsellor. Anticipating a new provinci-

al Health Act shortly, the region has been bringing its

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