



Strumming sailor songs, the Family of Man folk group brought the tang of the sea to an audience full of children. The five-member group performs together for fun and was invited to the Cultural Centre last Wednesday night to celebrate the

opening of the newly located Georgetown Public Library. Folksinger Bev Doran is making music with two spoons clattering in her lap. (Herald photo)

## Family of Man 'old salts' at pleasing folk audiences

By ANI PEDERIAN  
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The salty tang of Maritime sea spray filled the air last Wednesday night in the John Elliott Theatre thanks to a five-member folk group called the Family of Man.

Performing Canadian folk songs, contemporary ballads and sing-a-long tunes, the group formed part of the Halton Hills Public Library's celebration of their new facilities.

About 150 moms, dads and troops of children clapped along during the free concert, and were in a generous enough mood to laugh at some rather corny jokes the group tossed

out between songs.

From Brantford, the Family of Man has been performing together for nearly two years. Their Halton Hills show was the last of six library concerts the group has recently performed around the province.

Consisting of five singers - Bev and Peter Doran, Hal Clarkson, Richard Coyle and Don McGeoch - the group plays a variety of musical instruments. Besides guitar, harmonica, mandolin, tambourine and a huge string bass, one of the members has mastered playing spoons.

Bev Doran quite amazed the audience by producing music from two very ordinary look-

ing silver spoons clattering together in her lap.

As they strolled onstage, a big bellowing "hello" from Peter Doran set the casual mood of the concert.

All from Britain except for American Richard Coyle, their accents tricked the audience into thinking they were from the Maritimes.

Folky songs with a catchy beat like "Farewell to Nova Scotia", "What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor?", and "Something to Sing About" got the little palms smacking together.

There were serious songs, too, most notably one sung by Don McGeoch about a young

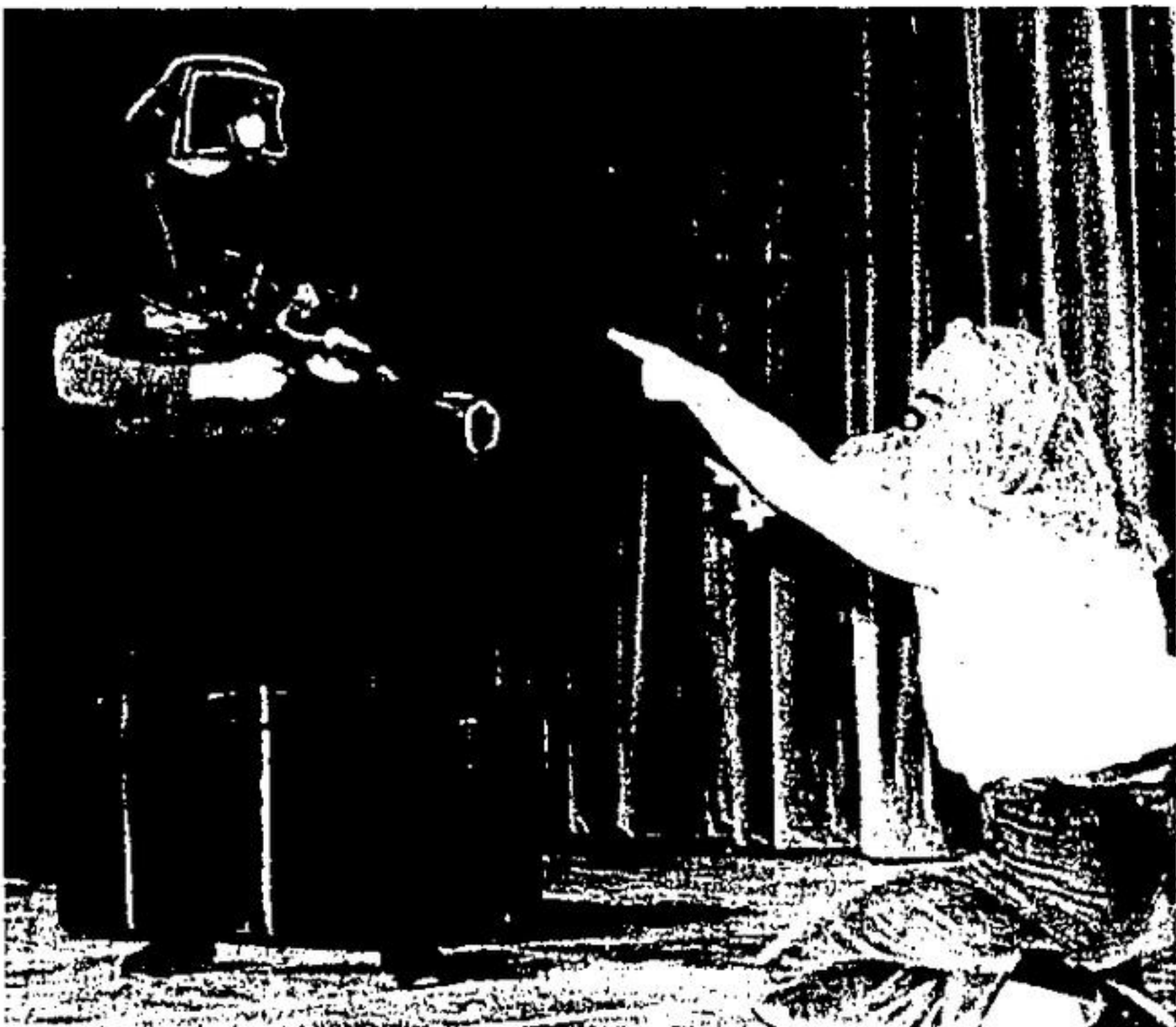
Australian man who fought the Turkish army in 1915 and lost his leg, and the band played "Waltzing Matilda". On the long song, Mr. McGeoch knew all the words by heart and accompanied himself on the guitar. The simplicity of the performance made the song very touching on the old heart strings.

"This Young Man from B.C." was a song the group wrote and recorded as a tribute to Canadian cancer victim and fund-raiser Terry Fox. Following their concert they sold quite a few copies of the single at \$2 apiece.

A very popular song with the children was "Murphy's Cowder", a song sung by Richard Coyle, who works as a children's librarian in the Brantford Public Library.

"It had ice cream, cold cream, sponge cake, cream puffs, earmuffs, doorbells, meatballs, fishballs, moth balls, cannonballs...floating all around;" quite a unique concoction.

The concert was sponsored by the Halton Hills Public Libraries with assistance from the South Central Regional Library System and the Outreach program of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.



## PADDINGTON PONDERERS PROBLEMS

The South Central Regional Library System's gift to Halton Hills on the occasion of opening the new Library-Cultural Centre came in the form of two productions at the John Elliott Theatre last week: a concert by the Family of Man and Erewhon Theatre's "Paddington Bear". With Catherine Popham in the title role, Erewhon's children's story recounted the eye-popping adventures of Paddington Bear, a lovable if somewhat accident-prone heroine. Youngsters in the Elliott Theatre Saturday had a marvellous time, thanks to the South Central System, the Halton Hills Arts Council and the provincial ministry of culture and recreation.

(Herald photos)

## Retiring pharmacist Doug Davidson honored by friends at surprise party

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It was a cheery, boisterous crowd, bantering with one another and paying tribute to a man they respected and liked Friday night at a surprise party to honor retiring pharmacist Doug Davidson.

Officially retired Oct. 1 from the Georgetown Market's Shoppers Drug Mart where he worked for eight years, Mr. Davidson said he had been in the business almost 50 years.

Originally from Glencoe, Ontario, he's been living in Georgetown for 25 years. Mr. Davidson recalled starting his own pharmacy when he first came to Georgetown at 160 Guelph Street.

"Young's bought me out in 1969 and I was off for two months," said Mr. Davidson. "Then I was approached by Tamblin's when Shopper's World opened up."

He was a manager at Tamblin's until 1974, when he decided to work closer to home and accepted a job at Georgetown's Shoppers Drug Mart, he said.

"I started my apprenticeship in London, Ontario," recalled Mr. Davidson. "At that time you had to apprentice three years in a drug store, then study for two years at the College of Pharmacy."

Following graduation, he said he wanted a job that would get him on the road and so he became a drug salesman calling on dentists, doctors, drug stores, industries and war plants.

"For me to see a crowd like this is really something," said

Mr. Davidson, pleased and touched by the presence of over 40 people toasting his future health and happiness.

Not only was his wife Marian there and his daughter, Elizabeth Norlon, but also eight pharmacists he had worked with through the years, and neighbors, co-workers, doctors, and customers, including Mayor and Mrs. Pete Pomeroy.

"I've come to really trust Doug. Whenever I made a mistake (on a prescription), he let me know," said Dr. A. E. Macintosh in a flattering speech about Mr. Davidson.

"I don't believe the man's going to retire. He's too young, and for another thing, he's retired before. In fact, I think this is just an excuse for a great party," he said with a flourish.

Dr. Macintosh said he and Mr. Davidson have been associated over 30 years on a friendly and professional basis.

"His thing was more than pharmacy, it was people, listening to their problems and symptoms, and giving them careful advice," said owner of Shoppers Drug Mart Al Fraser.

"Yeah, phone your doctor," hollered someone in the crowd to a great burst of laughter.

Mr. Davidson was given a retirement present as well as prints of Halton sketches.

"He goes out to the park for walks a lot, and to pick mushrooms. He can tell the good ones from the bad (inedible) ones," said Doreen

O'hearn, who works in the dispensary at Shoppers Drug Mart. "Now he can pretend he's out there jogging."

She and a tablemate said Mr. Davidson has a sweet tooth and was often the culprit when opened packages of candy were found in the store.

"Fifty years ago, after deciphering the doctor's handwriting, the prescription would be made, boxed and sealing wax applied to the box," said Mr. Davidson. "Can you imagine such a system today at Shoppers Drug Mart? It would be chaos!"

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