



It's a Monday lunch hour, and the sopranos are at it again. Singing along to choir director Katie Kirkup-Ortolan's piano playing, the soprano section of the Stewarttown Senior Public School choir helped the group of 77 students win second prize at this year's Kiwanis Music Festival.

(Herald photo)

Stewarttown school's choir clinches music festival prize

It was their first time taking part in the Kiwanis Music Festival, but 77 students in the Stewarttown Senior Public School Choir walked away with second prize Feb. 8.

The three-year old choir led by music teacher Katie Kirkup-Ortolan were told by adjudicator Ned Hanson that their diction and tuning were good

and that they "sang with spirit and conviction". Remarking that they showed a great deal of potential, Mr. Hanson also said they have a "lovely sound for a choir so young".

The choir was judged on its performance of a New England folk song "My Lovers (sic) is a Sailor Boy", a three-part song, and on their choice of another song, "My Fisher Lad".

Red Cross presents emergency course awards

Ready for disaster

At a disaster-emergency response mini-course Feb. 10 and 11, 14 new volunteers received certificates and wallet cards.

Most will be working on teams, ready to go out in a

disaster when needed. They are Mary and Gene Adam, Rita Christensen, Rosamund and Daniel Edwards, Trudy, Brian and Donald Edwards, Pat Johnston, Holly Long, Jean Percheson, Doris Treiter, Fran Walton, Ron

Chatten, all of Georgetown, and Henry Kroezen of Acton. A week from tomorrow Feb. 25, there will be a campaign-for-funds kick-off night for Red Cross canvassers and their guests at 7:30 p.m. in St. George's Anglican Church hall. Featured will be excellent entertainment by Sandra Greig and Pat Friend with songs and piano playing; Phil Sykes and Joe Scott's songs and guitars and the Oakville Barbershoppers Quartet "The Commonwealth".

The flag raising ceremony will take place Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. at the municipal administration building on Trafalgar Road.

Trustee gets appointment

Halton Hills trustee Arlene Bruce was elected chairman of the library committee for the Halton board of education Thursday night.



BLANKET AWAITS BABY

The first baby born in the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital next Monday won't have any reason to complain about being cold. It'll have a special quilt to keep it warm in memory of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, founders of the Scouting and Guiding movement, whose birthdays fall on that date. Stitched by the 19 girls in the 14th Georgetown West pack, the quilt is in the blue and yellow girl guide colors and features brown owls and loadstools, familiar symbols of the brownies. Covering up the co-ordinator of volunteers for the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital auxiliary, Brenda Beaumont, are (left to right) the mom who put the brownie samplers together to flash off the quilt, Helen Beech, brownie Lisa Brasby, 9, Brown Owl Lynn Clark, District Commissioner Diane Crawford and brownie Elizabeth Beech, 9. Keeping Mrs. Beaumont's feet warm is brownie Leanne Henselwood, 8.

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Masked bandits raiding corn

Raccoon woes irk farmers

The loss of \$15,000 worth of corn due to raids by raccoons on a Limehouse farm may prompt the Halton Federation of Agriculture to try and prevent area humane societies from dumping the animals in rural areas.

Sanctioned, four-day deer hunts notwithstanding, the Federation reported last week, crop damage due to wild animals remains a prime concern among Halton farmers.

According to the Federation, Limehouse farmer Frank Anthony lost \$15,000 of corn crop to raccoons and another \$9,000 worth to deer at his 4,500-acre farm. Mr. Anthony, who pointed out that the raccoons tear corn stalks apart to eat one or two cobs and thus ruin the whole plant, estimates that the damage is increasing.

The Federation notes that the Burlington Humane Society rounded up 1,600 raccoons within the city limits during 1981. While most are destroyed, the Federation says, the Society's wariness over a poss-

ible public outcry prompts the ministry of natural resources to transport many raccoons to areas where their population is small. Still others, however, are "dropped off at random north of Highway 3, sometimes directly across the road from a field of corn," the Federation says.

The Federation lauds ministry efforts to control Halton's deer population by sanctioning an open hunt over several days each autumn. Deer cause the most costly damage to crops, it says, by raiding orchards and nurseries. One Campbellville apple orchard sustained \$5,000 worth of damage due to deer in 1981, the Federation reports.

Quoting the orchard owner as favoring the annual sanctioned hunt, held for the second consecutive year last November, as one of the few ways the deer can be controlled, the Federation states that "much of the opposition to the hunt stems from emotions and perhaps the fear of someone being shot or property damaged. However, precautions

taken by the (sponsoring) ministry of natural resources ensure that an atmosphere of common sense and awareness of safety prevail," the Federation says. A detailed screening

process is used to determine which hunters can participate. The Federation also quotes noted naturalist and well-known wildlife painter Robert Bateman of Rockwood as end-

orsing sanctioned hunts where statistics prove their need. Mr. Bateman's prime concern, the Federation notes, is over the personal responsibility of the hunters involved.



BOWLING FOR NEEDED DOLLARS

Members of the Georgetown Fire Department get lots of opportunity to vent their hostilities on junky cars loaned by a local auto wrecking company. Actually they're practicing using the "Jaws of Life" equipment. Holding the cutters, volunteer fire prevention officer John Murray demonstrates the equipment for Llorens Kay Ledwidge. She's holding a steering wheel removed minutes earlier by the firefighters from the wrecked car. Mrs. Ledwidge is chairing a bowlingthon organized by the Lions. Uses to be held Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Bowl. They hope to raise \$1,000 to buy other necessary equipment for the firefighters.

(Herald photo)

Region boosts funeral funds

For the first time in ten years, regional funeral directors will see public funds awarded for indigent funerals (funerals for impoverished residents) rise by over 50 per cent, if Halton council endorses a recommendation passed by its health and social services and finance and administration committees.

Council is expected to vote today (Wednesday) to raise the amount the region pays funeral directors for handling indigent funerals to "an amount not exceeding \$1,200". Previously, funeral directors were paid about \$500 for indigent funerals.

In a report submitted to the region, Halton Funeral Directors' representative Rudy Kopriva presented a detailed expense sheet for conducting a basic adult funeral, informing councillors that a burial

actually costs \$1,207.50 cents.

The recommendation to be considered by council also says that additional expenses, as merited, will be paid for such items as oversized coffins and metal sealers.

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