

Colorful as a rose, sweet as cherry wine

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff

The music was as sweet as wine and the atmosphere as inviting as a rose at the Georgetown Choral Society's Wine and Roses concert. Friday and Saturday nights were

for fun. The Society converted St. George's Hall in Georgetown into part cabaret. Some of the music and its presentation was as unconventional for the choral society as the setting was for a cabaret. The only thing which was not unconventional was the quality of the music.

Everyone was there for a good time. Sharp trained voices sometimes gave way to wayward sounds for the sake of a laugh. The audience and performers were out to relax and they succeeded.

Performances were a different kind of musical celebration, less performance and more having a good time around the piano. Music was a mix between high stepping bare foot tunes, and tuxedo corsage presentations Georgetown is more accustomed to from their Society.

For the mostly middle-aged audience, the evening of wine, roses and candlelight was a Sentimental Journey, one of the pieces the group opened with. Classics from Broadway and the not so distant past replaced classics from Europe.

The type of music could not be classified so easily though, nor could the performance. Men dressed as sailors sang sea chanteys and women in traditional Dutch costumes sang folk songs from the old country. Surprises like that throughout the evening succeeded in stretching smiles into laughs.

The choral society did a fine job promoting themselves. They showed how much fun being a part of their group can be. Their love of music is conspicuous at any of their concerts. Members love being part of the choral society and this was made clear on the weekend.

Director Dale Wood was on the receiving end of many a joke. He received all that came his way like a good natured pun cushion.

Throughout the evening Mr. Wood's comment, "There are many fine voices in the choir" was reinforced. The strength of the solo voice was present in every one of the three sets.

Of special note were the romantic words sung by Pat Grashy. She sang My Cup Runneth Over. The song must be something meaningful to Ms. Grashy, for she sang it with great expression and feeling.

Pam Cooper dedicated her solo before she began. On the Wings of Love was dedicated to her newborn son. It was a highlight of the evening. Her melodious voice delivered a loving message in a peaceful way.

In her casual way Paulette Thibault was the master of ceremonies for the evening. It was the fourth annual Wine and Roses evening, and not likely to be the last.

Support for the choral society was shown by attendance. Saturday night was sold out and the many door prizes donated. Among these door prizes were books, light bags and even a rule in a glider. The only problem with so many door prizes is they made the evening last a bit too long. Four hours is a long time for even a good time.



SUBSTITUTE CONDUCTOR-In a rare number at the Georgetown Choral Society's Wine and Roses concert someone other than director Dale Wood took the helm. Ren-

de Van Dyke also conducted. He directed the men of the choir in a series of songs, including some sea chanteys. (Herald photo)



HAT SONG-As the evening wore on members of the Georgetown Choral Society became more and more unpredictable. The group's performance of Hats and Gloves inspired this collection of caps. The emcee for the evening was Paulette Thibault (front right). (Herald photo)

Fair board approves budget, discusses new attractions

Exhibitors who are out to make a dollar at the Georgetown fall fair are going to have to pay to put up their booth this year, for the first time.

Georgetown Agricultural Society President Bob Malcolmson said service clubs and commercial and non-commercial exhibitors who want to put up a fundraising booth at the fair will be charged \$5 per square foot, to be paid up front, with their application. The charge will give exhibitors two weekend passes and one vehicle parking permit.



Bob Malcolmson

Non-profit and non-fundraising groups strictly there to educate or do demonstrations won't be charged for a booth. They'll get one weekend pass and one vehicle parking permit. Groups such as the Red Cross or the Cancer Society would qualify in this category.

In the past, local businesses and groups were allowed to put up a booth at no charge. Only out-of-town groups or companies were charged, Mr. Malcolmson said.

As well, the fair board will be looking at limiting the number of exhibitors in other ways, say having only two car dealers, the president said.

These were among the items discussed Monday night when the fairboard held its second meeting in preparation for the September fair.

A fair expenditure budget of close to \$29,000 was approved, in line with budgets the fair has had over the past four years.

The Agricultural Society doesn't make any money from the fair. It only tries to come out even, or a little bit on top.

About 35 people, including many new faces, turned out for Monday night's meeting. They set 1987 ticket prices at \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children 7 to 16. Friday night will be free for everyone. As well, if you plan to bring the family you'd be wise to invest in a family weekend pass for \$9. A weekend pass for a single person is \$4.50. However, these weekend passes must be bought before the fair or at the latest Friday.

Something new that's being discussed is a poultry show for this year's fair, and a new 1H Club show. Interest was expressed in having another demolition derby and the O.P.P. Golden Helmets.

School children will be enlisted to help color posters for the fair. The posters will be distributed around town.

In March, raffle tickets for a weekend in Toronto will be sold.

"That'll generate income for operating capital and help publicize the fair," Mr. Malcolmson said.

Steamer Entomerson is once again

entertainment committee chairman. The former mayor of Georgetown chaired this committee two years ago. He's got a budget of about \$2,000 and is looking for some home-grown talent.

Horse lovers will be pleased to know the horse shows will be back, and so may last year's sheep-dog demonstration.

"We're taking a long hard look at the different expenses, like the attractions costs and the rental fees for tents and other items," Mr. Malcolmson said. "We're going to run it tight this year to make sure we come out on the right end of the stick."

He said he was very encouraged by calls from town councillors and members of the public eager to help and to make sure the fair doesn't fold.

Volunteers are still needed to help out and if you're interested in pitching in, come to the next fair board meeting, March 5 at the Optimists Hall, at 8 p.m.

At that meeting, members will read down exactly what events will take place, a prize list will be put together, and entertainment ideas discussed.

Corporate sponsors are also being sought, Mr. Malcolmson said. He added they would be given lots of credit for their sponsorship.

"Monday night was very encouraging because anytime we asked for somebody to do something, there was a hand up," Mr. Malcolmson said. "They're all pitching in, just like years and years ago."

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Transfer waste station OK

By ANIPEDEKIAN, Herald Staff

Haltom Hills can have its transfer station for municipal wastes altered.

Last week the Ministry of the Environment backed off from its earlier harsh decision to revoke the licence which allows the operation of the transfer station on Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown.

A letter from Ministry Engineer G. Mierzynski says, "I will not revoke the certificates for these facilities."

The Haltom Hills transfer station operates with temporary permits, issued annually. The current permit is to expire June 30, and the Ministry now says it will renew it.

Because the town is more than 45 minutes drive from the Haltom Regional landfill, it has been allowed to collect municipal wastes at the Armstrong site, compact the wastes, then make the drive down to the sole Haltom dump.

The town's transfer site is operated by Leferink Disposals Limited. Last week councillors supported the application from Leferink for a permanent transfer facility in Haltom Hills.

Monday night, town council changed their motion to say they support an extension or renewal of

the Leferink permit to operate a temporary transfer station in Haltom Hills as it now exists.

Town administration was asked to continue monitoring the transfer station situation and let council know of any proposed changes to the

present situation.

"The urgency of the situation has passed," Councillor Pam Sheldon said. "But the fact that Haltom Hills will be vulnerable until we get such a facility (permanently) hasn't."

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