

# Community



## Christmas Seal campaign

The Halton Lung Association flag was raised at Halton Regional Headquarters in Oakville last week to launch the Lung Association's Christmas Seal campaign. Taking part in the flag raising were (left to right) Diedra Docherty, Secretary Halton Lung Association; Dr. Roger Haddon, President, Halton Lung Association and Peter Pomeroy, Halton Regional Chairman. (Photo submitted)

## Choral Society Christmas program will prove exciting

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After a great deal of preparation, concert time has at last arrived, for the Georgetown Choral Society, and the program promises to be very exciting.

Two of the pieces in this concert have been composed by Musical Director A. Dale Wood, with words by Donna Gumulak. The first is "Nowell, Nowell," and will be followed by "Sweet Child of Mine" in which the bass solo will be sung by Lou Darcie.

Georgetown Choral Society is lucky to have such talented people as Dale and Donna among their ranks. Dale is a very busy person, with two other choirs to direct. He must literally live his music every waking moment in order to find the time to compose such delightful music.

Donna, too, is a very busy person with a husband and three small children, Michael (8 yrs.), Erin (6 yrs.) and one-year-old Cameron, to look after.

She has her Grade 8 Conservatory in piano, and has been writing since she was a teenager. Donna has been in the Choral Society for 4 years.

One of the highlights of this concert will be a musically complex duet by Bach, which will be sung by tenor Jack Morrison and guest soprano soloist Susan Murley, both of whom have a wealth of talent behind them.

Jack Morrison is Head of the

Music Department at Lakeshore Collegiate in Etobicoke. He literally grew up with music in his family, since his mother was a well-known singing teacher in Brampton. Susan Murley, who hails from Newfoundland, studied vocal performance at the University of Toronto, and is presently studying voice with Patricia Klein, as well as taking her Masters degree in English Literature at McMaster University.

With such exciting music, talented performers and experienced composers, this concert by the Georgetown Choral Society promises to be a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

The accompanist will be the very talented Christopher Dawes, who went with the Society on their tour of Holland earlier this year. The tapes from this concert tour are now available, and will be on sale at the "Sounds of Christmas" concerts. The quality of the recordings is excellent, and these tapes will make excellent Christmas gifts.

Venues for the concert are the Christian Reformed Church in Brampton at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7 and Knox Presbyterian Church at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9. Tickets are available from any choir member, from Oxbow Books, or for more information you may call 877-5831.

## Parents should help children with Christmas gift wants

Children across Ontario are sure the latest, greatest, most exciting toys ever made are on their Christmas wish lists this year. But parents who haven't spent some time helping them find out which playthings they'll enjoy the most may be in for more tears than good cheer Christmas morning.

"By the time the Christmas toy ad campaigns have played their final chorus, many children's wants are confused," says Caroline Lentz, education expert at the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

Parents should help their kids decide on some toys they'll want to play with for a long time to come.

"To start with, watch a little TV or look through advertising flyers with your youngsters," says Lentz. "Some of the items are likely to be high on their Christmas lists. Then you can start to find out whether that 'perfect' toy will really meet the child's expectations."

A couple of trips to toy stores that encourage hands-on examination may eliminate many items. Some toys just don't look as appealing when seen up close as they did on television, or on the package. Others may not be as easy to play with as the child may have thought.

The chance to examine the plaything should also help reveal if it is suited to a younger or older child.

After visiting the shops it's time to sit down and talk about what you've seen.

"Most excessive wants should have been eliminated from the list by this point," says Lentz. "But reviewing the factors that make a toy a good choice can provide a lesson in consumer education as well as helping solve Christmas buying questions."

Parents can ask their children:

- Is the toy as interesting and attractive as other items they've seen in the same price range?

- Will it be a "special" toy for a long time, or would it be played with only once in a while?

- Is it durable?  
- Could someone get hurt using it?

To get a better perspective on available products, Santa's kids will benefit from information contained in The Toy Report.

A pre-Christmas reading requirement for many parents - approximately 15,000 copies were distributed last year in Ontario alone - the report is produced annually by the Canadian Toy Testing Council.

Available at major bookstores for \$8.95 and on the shelves of many public libraries, the report rates more than 1,500 playthings for safety, play value and durability, says Heather Smith, the council's public relations officer.

The Toy Report can also be ordered by mail for \$8.95 plus \$2.00 postage and handling, by writing to the CTC at 950 Gladstone Ave., Suite 110, Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 3E6.

Smith says the council's top-ten list of the best value in new toys for this season will be available at the end of November.

Moms and Dads helping St. Nick choose gifts will want to make sure they are safe. The CSA mark of the Canadian Standards Association should be clearly visible on electrical toys, unless they are battery-operated.

To receive free copies of MCCRC brochures on many topics of interest to consumers, contact the Consumer Information Centre, at 555 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2H6, (416) 326-8555.



## Citizen of the Year

Town of Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller was just one of a host of dignitaries on hand to honor Connie Turpin last Thursday evening at the Acton Legion, when she was recognized at the 1990 Acton Citizen of the Year. Acton Lions Club member, Dave Pyke - Chairman of the Citizen of the Year selection committee - presented the Citizen of the Year award to Ms. Turpin. Also on hand for the festivities and to bestow honors on Ms. Turpin were Acton House League Hockey Association President Rick Dale, Halton/Peel MP Garth Turner, a Representative of Halton North (MPP) Noel Duignan and Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy. (Herald photo)



## Silver wedding anniversary

The family of Myra and Ernie Peasey, gave them a surprise dinner party on Saturday, November 17, in celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary, at Topiary's, in Mississauga. Immediate family and close friends attended, including Mrs. Helen Houston, who was Myra's Maid of Honour 25 years ago. The family presented them with a silver tea service and a beautiful anniversary cake. Other gifts were also received. A special thankyou goes to all. (Photo by Jim Hayes)

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