

News at a Glance

Christmas arrives early at Region

Ontario Environment Minister Ruth Grier has committed an additional \$4 million to Halton Region to help fund the Regional landfill in Milton, confirmed Halton Chairman Peter Pomeroy Wednesday.

The provincial money is being made available under the MOE's Financial Assistance Program, (FAP). The funding will be spread over the province's 1991-92 and 1992-93 fiscal years.

"It wasn't as much as I would have hoped for, but it's a decent Christmas present," Chairman Pomeroy told Regional Planning and Public Works Committee members.

The landfill's construction costs have skyrocketed from \$13 million to \$51 million over the past few years because of provincial environmental regulations.

Chairman Pomeroy explained he had recently met with Ms. Grier concerning a 10-year provincial funding commitment to the landfill, but was told such monies were unavailable in the budget.

In a letter to Mr. Pomeroy regarding the grant, Ms. Grier stated, "the monies may be used to finance capital costs incurred in the development of the landfill site in such a way as to enable Halton to stabilize its tipping fee at the 1991 rate".

Based on the province's offer, committee members recommended Halton's 1992 waste management tipping fee for the disposal of solid waste be reduced from \$204.27 per tonne to the current rate of \$150.

That means Halton Hills will pay Halton Region \$150 per tonne of gar-

bage it deposits in the Regional landfill.

Committee members also recommended local Halton municipalities pay a \$100 fee to the Region per tonne of recyclable material it collects and processes.

Both recommendations will go before Halton Council for final consideration this Wednesday.

If the recommendations receive approval, then the Town's total expenditure on waste management for next year is expected to increase by 10.5 per cent.

Despite the additional provincial money, Halton is still expected to incur a shortfall of \$278,000 to its 1992 waste management budget.

Committee members agreed money from the Region's reserve fund should be used to make up the difference.

Local MP takes to the phones

North Halton resident will have an opportunity to pose questions and express comments on any federal government issues during the live, phone-in Town Hall Meeting on Cable 4, Tuesday, December 17, 1991 at 8:00 p.m.

MP Garth Turner encourages everyone to participate in the political process by phoning 853-1273 or 853-1283 during the broadcast. Referring specifically to the federal government's proposals for changes to the constitu-

tion, Turner said, "This is a chance to voice your opinions from the comfort of your own home".

Among the changes proposed:

- An elected Senate and more free votes in the House of Commons.
- Restoration of the right to own property.
- Self-government for native people.
- Less overlap and duplication among governments.

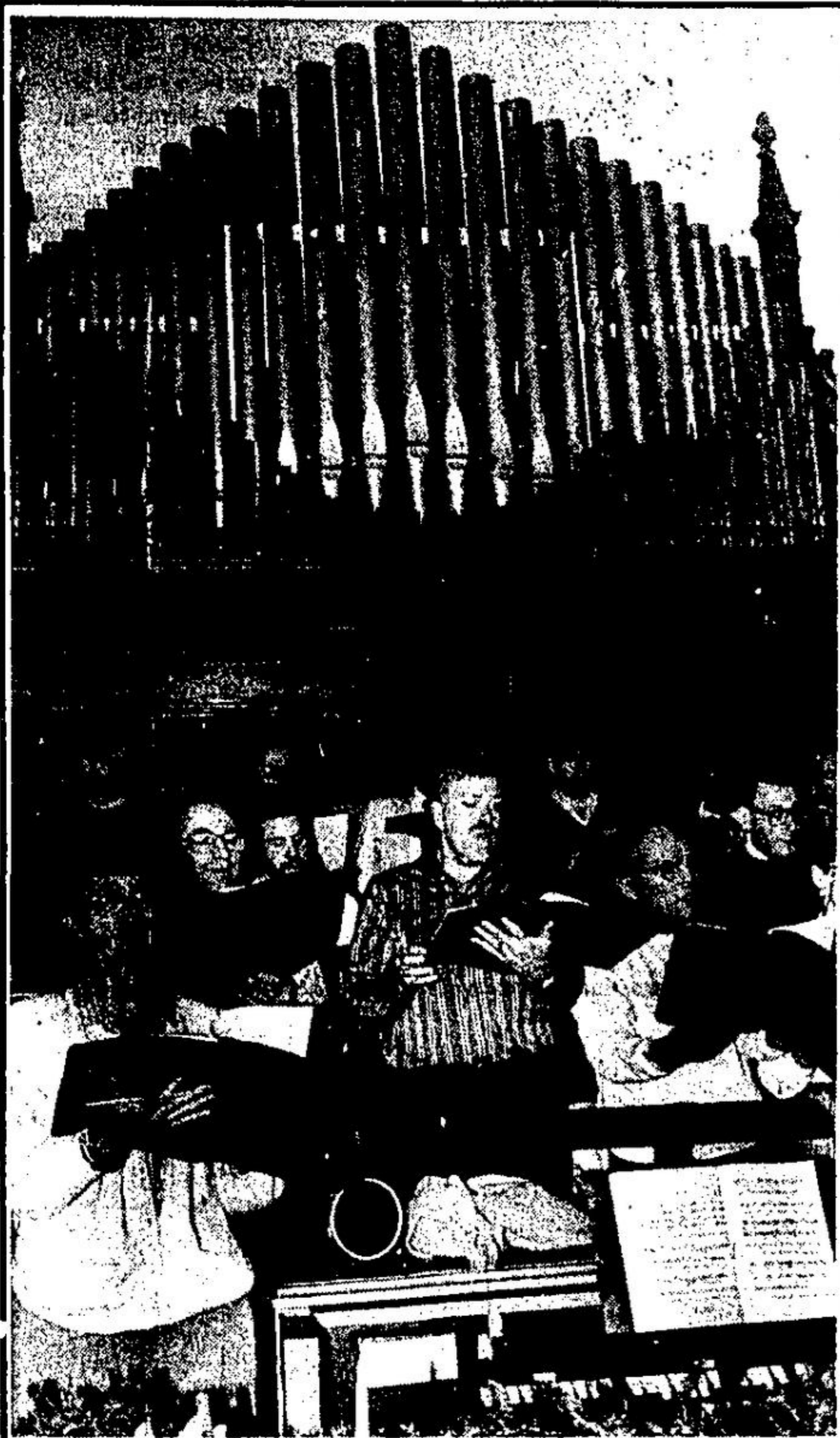
-More central economic power for the federal government.

-Elimination of trade barriers between provinces.

-Giving Quebec status to protect its language and culture.

-Establishment of a body to coordinate federal and provincial policy.

Reporters from local newspapers will add to the on-air discussion with questions of their own for the MP.



Members of the Georgetown Choral Society gathered Monday night in Knox Presbyterian Church to practise for their upcoming participation in 'Carolfest', a Christmas music special. It will be held Dec. 16 in Knox Presbyterian Church. (Herald Photo)

Carol fest inspires goodwill among all

A journey, two thousand years ago, became the first faltering steps, the prologue, of a life which set the world on its collective ear. Its hero went from manger to cross in thirty-three years, packed with energy, optimism and goodwill.

The local choir of Norval, Georgetown will participate in Carolfest at Knox Presbyterian Church, on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. This much shorter journey shares the music of Christmas to inspire energy, optimism and goodwill in the community. It lets us look together, upward at a star, not inward at worry, frustration, and disappointment. The music reaches out setting the mood for the season and the year, if we let it. That's the serious message.

Carolfest is fun for young and old. Songs alternate between the choirs and the full congregation.

Local choir directors have selected the music and will conduct their pieces. A Dale Wood will lead and play for many of the massed numbers, and will be supported by Hadyn Evans, Rennie van Dyke, Paulette Thibeault and Sharon Dutton.

Choirs are always looking for choristers. If a stranger asks you your name, don't be shy, he will probably be recruiting you for his choir. If you see Dale Wood walking around the church, with his head half tilted, he is listening for voices to invite to join the Georgetown Choral Society, so the concert isn't totally innocent. But sing out and have fun anyway, and bring the kids.

There is no admission charge for Carolfest. A voluntary collection will be taken up and the money given to the North Halton Distress Centre.

GDHS students carol for charity

Carolling for charity is what Georgetown resident Paul Gardiner and six of his friends are doing this Christmas season.

The Georgetown District High School OAC student has recruited some of his friends to entertain Georgetown residents this holiday season in aid of Halton Women's Place.

The idea blossomed into song a few months ago when Mr. Gardiner heard a presentation about Halton Women's Place, a temporary home for abused women and their children.

He, like many others, knew nothing about the shelter's existence, but feeling he could do something to aid this low-profile charity, he offered to be a volunteer.

"The problem Halton Women's Place deals with - abuse against women and children - is a bigger

issue than most people realize," he said.

When he contacted the home, he was encouraged to become a fundraiser for the shelter and since he and many of his friends are musicians, he decided to use their musical talents to do the fundraising.

As all this came about during the Christmas season, it seemed logical to try and earn money by carolling.

"We'll be singing at homes and canvassing door-to-door," said Mr. Gardiner, "and we'll also be popping up on street-corners everywhere."

The group, comprised of students Lisa Sheppard, Leanne Inglis, Ian Hounsell, Carolanne Porritt, Lisa Hitchcock and Chris Gawley, will be performing acappella on various days before Christmas.

Besides collecting monetary donations, the group is also ac-

cepting canned goods for the shelter.

Halton Women's Place provides a compassionate, secure and non-judgemental temporary home for abused women and their children. The home has room for 18 abused women and children for up to six weeks.

While in the home, women and children are provided with meals and emergency clothing, information and referrals to the necessary support services, a children's support program, volunteer transportation to appointments when possible, employment information and legal information.

The shelter also operates a crisis line, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for women. It's 878-8555.

For more information on the carolling, call Paul Gardiner at 878-7888. For more information on Halton Women's Place, their business number is 878-7757.



Several Georgetown District High School students gather around a piano in the school to practice carols they'll be singing around Georgetown in the next couple of weeks to raise money for Halton Women's Place, a temporary home for abused women and their children. Paul Gardiner (second from right) organized the fund-raising effort and

asked his friends, (left to right), Lisa Sheppard, Leanne Inglis, Ian Hounsell, Carolanne Porritt, (seated at piano); Lisa Hitchcock and (missing from photo) Chris Gawley, to join him. They'll be singing on street-corners and in front of people's homes and will also canvass door-to-door to raise money. (Herald Photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

Region Briefs

EFW support

Garbage incineration should be investigated; that's the message Halton Hills Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette gave to Halton Regional Planning and Public Works Committee members Wednesday.

Despite recent criticism concerning garbage incineration by local residents, Coun. Bonnette submitted a Toronto Sun article to committee members advocating that Energy from Waste, (EFW), processes be investigated.

In the article, the provincial government comes under fire for opposing EFW, despite it being

used in such countries as Japan and Germany.

NEC nominations

Halton Regional Planning and Public Works Committee recommended Wednesday the names of local Regional Councillors Marilyn Serjeantson and Bill Robson be forwarded to the province as candidates for membership on the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

The recommendation will go before Regional Council for final approval this Wednesday.

Committee members also re-elected Coun. Serjeantson as Planning and Public Works Committee Chairperson.