

# Choir to celebrate liberation of Holland

## 60th anniversary concert on May 7th

BY JENNIFER ENRIGHT

Milton residents Henk and Riet Verkerk can recall few things about

their experiences as young children in wartime Holland. But one thing that stands out in their minds is the preciousness of whatever food you had. Talk to them about those years and they both have recollections of Allied food drops. And Henk, who was a 9-year-old boy in May of 1945, can also remember Allied soldiers visiting his hometown of Hilversum during the liberation of Holland. He saw troops coming into town along with tanks and he can recollect people dancing in the streets. "It was a happy time, a very happy time."

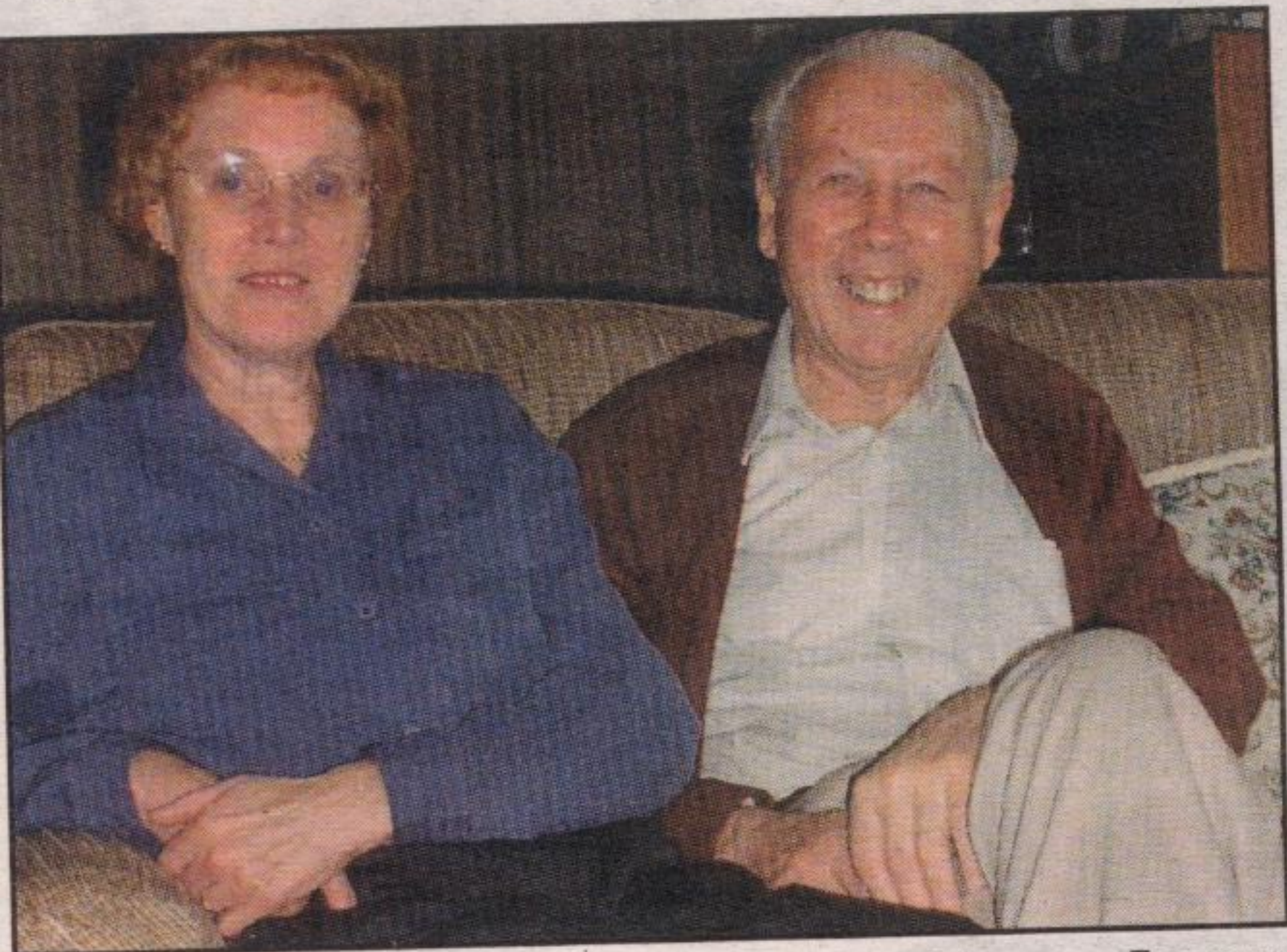


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Riet and Henk Verkerk of Milton belong to the Liberation Choir which will be giving a special concert on May 7 in Hamilton to commemorate the liberation of Holland. The concert is one that holds a special significance for the couple. Brought up in Holland, the two have some recollections of life in wartime Holland. And Henk, who was 9 at the time, can remember the sheer joy people felt once Allied troops liberated his country. Many Canadian soldiers took part in the liberation.

Today, on the eve of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Holland, the Verkerks, like other members of Ontario's Liberation Choir, are preparing to commemorate this historic event.

This year, during the Liberation Choir's twelfth season, choir members will hold a special concert on May 7 at Hamilton Place in recognition

of the liberation of Holland. The large mixed choir, comprised of members from across Halton as well as other parts of southern Ontario, will appear in concert along with the Guelph Symphony Orchestra and Canadian soprano soloist Melissa Gonsalves.

In 1993, the Liberation Choir was founded under the direction of Willem Van Suijdam of Campbellville, who was brought up in the Netherlands. Originally, it was organized to participate in the 1995 celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Holland during the Second World War.

Henk and Riet say the evening's musical program is an interesting one that includes Dutch folk music, Canadian music, religious music and wartime songs. Hearing

a large 150-member choir perform these works is a wonderful experience that they would encourage people to enjoy. "It's totally amazing when you hear the whole choir," says Henk.

The Liberation Choir, which received the Arts Acclaim Award of the City of Brampton in 1995, has recorded several CD's and a live video, and presented many concerts. The choir has also gone on three concert tours to Holland.

The concert begins at 7:30 pm on May 7 at Hamilton Place. To order tickets send a request by email to paulavs@yahoo.ca or call 905-631-1929. Tickets are also available from Piano House Burlington located at 5205 Harvester Road in Burlington.

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- April 8 & 9**
  - CFUW Milton and District Annual Book Sale at Milton Mall Friday, April 8 at 9:30am to 9pm and Saturday April 9, 9:30 am to 5 pm. 7:00 pm to 12:00 pm
  - Milton Players: 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance - Dinner, dancing, raffle prizes, and much more. Cash bar, dress casual. Thompson Memorial Arena, Milton. Tickets \$35 per person, call 905-875-0629 and leave a message.
- April 10**
  - Concert for String Quartet and Piano featuring the Tokai String Quartet and Ron Greidanus on piano. 8pm at Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre Gallery. Tickets \$20. Call 905-877-8321
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- April 12**
  - The Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club invites the public to hear Ewa Bednarczuk, speak on "Biology of Southern Flying Squirrels" 7:30pm Centennial Middle School 233 Delrex Blvd. Georgetown.
- April 13**
  - The new session starts for the Town of Milton's Tai Chi program at 6:45 and 8:00pm. Register using Milton Online Registrations at www.milton.ca or for more information, call 905-878-7946
  - Mayhem to Murder - Author Paul Arculus will speak about pioneer era organized crime and the "Markham Gang". Esqueing Historical Society Meeting is open to the public N/C. Knox Church, 116 Main St. S., Georgetown 7:30p.m.
- April 14**
  - Halton Hands In Motion Knitting and Crocheting Guild meeting 7-9 pm, Georgetown

Seniors' Centre, 318 Guelph St (rear entrance). Our guest speaker will be Deb Gemmell from Cabin Fever, who will demonstrate "top down" sweater knitting. Non-member fee: \$5; 1st visit is free. Car pooling is available. Info: Diane @ 905-877-1521

**April 15**

- Youth, 9 - 13 years of age, are invited to Splash Bash for MLC Fridays at the Milton Leisure Centre from 8 - 10 p.m. It's a party in the pool with a DJ and prizes; maximum 200 people. Cost is \$5.50/ person, payable at the door. For more information, call 905-878-7946.

**April 15 & 16**

- The Russian Revolution - A concert for Piano and Solo voice featuring coloratura soprano Kyra Bailey. Friday and Saturday at 8pm - 157 Main Street South Georgetown. Tickets \$35. Call 905-877-8321

**April 16**

- The 34th Annual Used Book, Toy, CDs and Videos Sale presented by The Canadian Federation of University Women-Georgetown held at St. George's Anglican Church, 60 Guelph Street in Georgetown. Proceeds go to scholarships for high school students in North Halton Hills who are pursuing a college or university education as well as mature students who are working towards a high school diploma.

**April 17**

- Country Gospel Music with Narrow Road, 7:30pm at Georgetown Alliance Church 218 Main St. Call 519 833 7114 for tickets. \$12 in advance/\$15 at the door.

**April 17**

- Halton Hills Super Cities WALK for Multiple Sclerosis starting at 9:30am (registration check in from 8:30-9:30) at the Milton Leisure Centre 1700 Main Street. Walkers choose to walk a 5km (wheelchair accessible) or 10 km route. Call 905-681-8770 or 1-800-211-8322 or register online www.supercitieswalk.com

**April 19**

- Acton Horticultural Society presents well known television gardener and writer Liz Primeau will speak on "Front Gardens" at our next meeting. Meetings are held at Knox Church and start at 7.30pm. Contact Sandy 519-853-3912

**April 20**

- New 8 week Dryland Hockey Training Program for the Town of Milton at 7:00pm. Learn off ice exercises and drills to improve your game. Register using Milton Online Registrations at www.milton.ca or for more information, call 905-878-7946

**April 20**

- New 8 week Youth Indoor Cycling Program for the Town of Milton at 6:00pm. Register using Milton Online Registrations at www.milton.ca or for more information, call 905-878-7946

**April 20**

- The Multiple Sclerosis Society, Halton Regional Chapter, presents an education session on "Chronic Sorrow" starting at 6:30 pm at the Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New Street (at Central Park).

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