



CHURCH CONCERT: Members of the Georgetown Children's Chorus performed with the United Church Male Choir in Ermelo during the trip. The Dutch choir has visited and performed in the Halton Hills area.



LITTLE DUTCH GIRLS: While at the Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhvizen, members of the Chorus dressed in the traditional outfit worn by girls in a Dutch fishing village. Left: Lindsay Holmes, Heather Ellis, Acton, Emilie Umpleby, Dustyn Zuber and Jennifer Ellis and Jennifer Grierson of Acton.



WILD WINDMILL RIDE: To help raise money for the upkeep of this traditional Dutch windmill, each year the village of Etten, 10 kilometres from the German border, stages a festival. For \$25 guilders - about \$20 Canadian - the very brave can be strapped onto a stretcher-type board attached to the ends of the windmill's vanes and go for a ride.

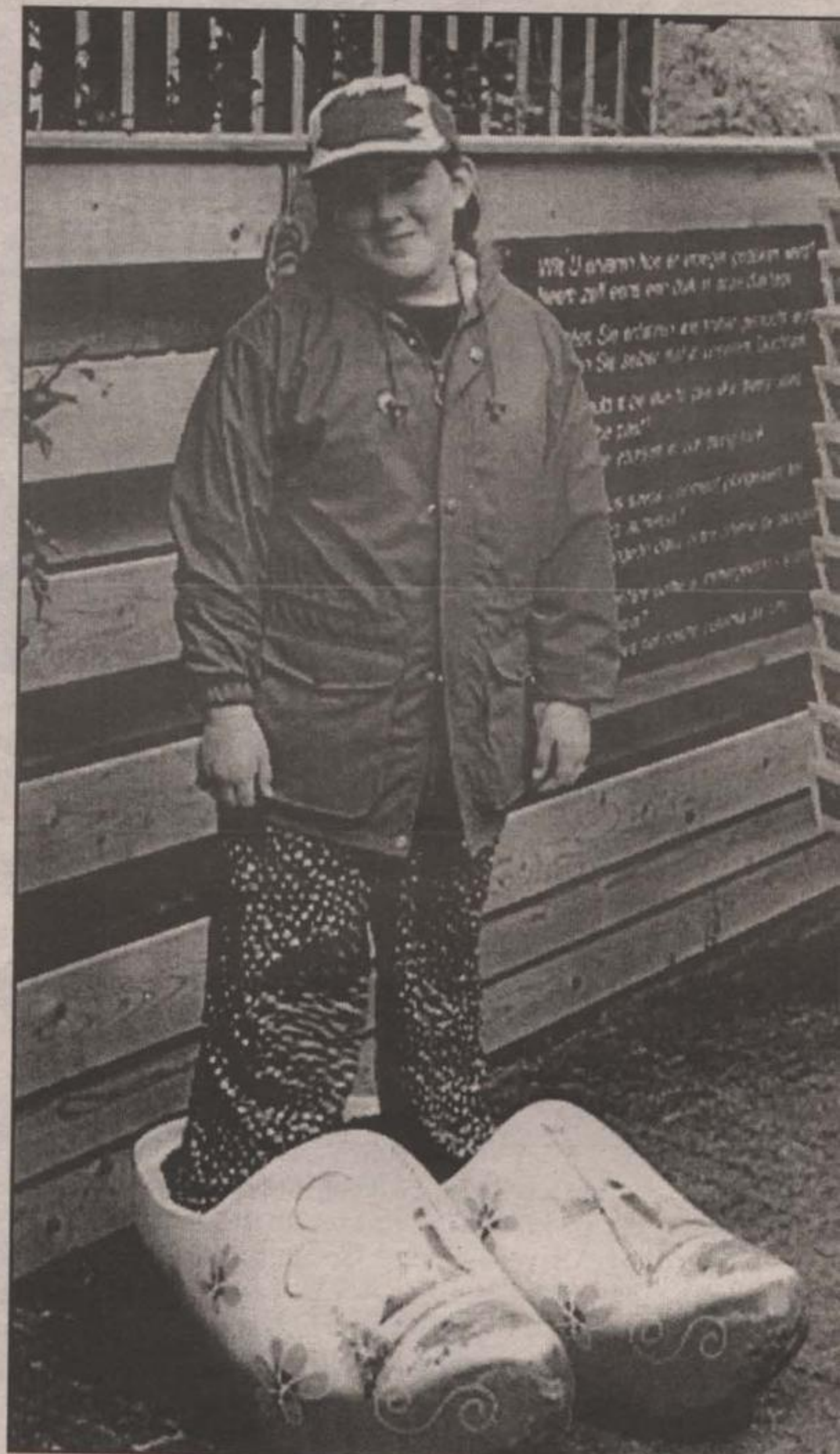


COMMAND PERFORMANCE: Chorus members gave an impromptu performance of the Dutch and Canadian national anthems for tourists on the steps of the Royal Palace at Apeldoorn.

Children's Chorus in Holland

The Georgetown Children's Chorus, including 14 Acton members and some of their parents, returned home last Tuesday following a very successful "Ambassadors of Peace" tour to the Netherlands. The chorus gave concerts in Holland, Belgium and France and took part in memorial ceremonies to honour Canada's war veterans at Vimy Ridge and at the Houlten Canadian War cemetery in Holland.

Chorus member Jennifer Grierson, 10, and her mother Susan chronicled the trip in this series of photographs.



DUTCH SHOES: Acton's Jennifer Grierson, 10, member of the Georgetown Children's Chorus couldn't resist slipping into these traditional wooden clogs outside of a store in Giethoorn, known as the "Dutch Venice", during the Chorus's recent trip to Holland to pay tribute to Canadians soldiers who helped liberate Holland during World War II. Only a few children and farm workers continue to wear the traditional wooden shoes.



LIBERATION DAY: Dutch school children (foreground) listened as Halton Hills school children, members of the Chorus, performed during a Liberation Day Service in the Canadian War Cemetery in Houlten, Holland.



WREATHS LAID: Chorus members Jennifer Stevenson, Sarah Rome and Acton's Kim Freeland laid wreaths at Vimy Ridge at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial that commemorates the 3,598 Canadian soldiers who gave their lives in the battle of Vimy Ridge. Freeland laid a wreath on behalf of the Acton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.