



"SONGS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON" was the title for a choir concert at Holy Rosary Church Tuesday evening when Milton Music Association choir made its first public appearance. Pictured in the front row are Irene McCoy, Liz Roberts, Helen Powers, Mary Emmerson, Pat Lee, Janis Harris, Joyce Hayward, Lou Challinor, May Harking, Jane Copeland, Barbara Traynor, and Carmel Eaves. Second row Marion MacNab, Isobel Thompson, Judy

Hunter, Eleanor Jackson, Margaret Benton, Mildred Galloway, Helen Penrice, Ruth Stinson. Back row, Mike Ruigrok, Bob Clarke, John Bradley, Bill Brush, Don Clements, Bill Van Grunsven, Bert Porter, Mike Ledwith and Don Stinson. Absent when this photo was taken at Sunday's rehearsal were Maureen Smith and Janette Ledwith. Organist Robert Argall is shown at the left side of the second row; conductor Reg. DiCola at the right.—(Staff Photo)



VOICES RAISED IN SONG, members of the new Milton choir sing out a favorite Christmas number during their concert Tuesday evening. A large crowd attended the group's first concert.—(Staff Photo)

## Choir's first concert success

"Songs of the Christmas Season" rang out at Holy Rosary Church on Tuesday evening as the new Milton Music Association choir presented its first concert.

The crowd, the selection of seasonal music and its professional presentation added up to a big success and conductor Reg DiCola was enthusiastic, as were all the members of the 32-voice mixed adult choir.

Formed in September of this year the choir undertook to present a Christmas concert, even before it held its first rehearsal. Mr. DiCola, a Rotarian who is manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Milton, has guided the group through just three months of weekly rehearsals and it was a polished performance they gave on Tuesday evening.

With Christmas songs as its theme, the choir opened with a rousing O Canada then presented six popular choral numbers. Organist-accompanist Robert Argall followed with an organ solo, Judy Hunter and Bill Brush sang a duet and Maureen Smith offered a solo. Don Clements sang one solo and a quartet including Mrs. Hunter, Margaret Benton, Mr. Brush and Don

Stinson rounded off that section of the program.

The choir returned for six more numbers with Pat Lee taking a solo part twice, and ended the concert with a beautiful chorale.

Milton Music Association was founded by the Rotary Club of Milton and first plans were laid last June. Although the initial emphasis was on a choral group more avenues of musical entertainment are being explored. Other Rotarians who have worked on the music association project include president Dave Thompson, Mike Ledwith, Dick Copley and Ned Glover.

### Keep going

Rehearsals will continue in January and future concerts are to include classical choral music, contemporary music and music

from the Broadway shows. If Tuesday's concert is any indication the group appears to have an excellent nucleus for what could become an all-encompassing music program for Milton.

Sopranos in the choir include Eleanor Jackson, Maureen Smith, Isobel Thompson, Liz Roberts, Janis Harris, Mary Emmerson, Judy Hunter, Pat Lee, Irene McCoy, Helen Powers and Marion MacNab. Altos are Ruth Stinson, Helen Penrice, Carmel Eaves, Jane Copeland, Janette Ledwith, Mildred Galloway, Barbara Traynor, Joyce Hayward, Margaret Benton, May Harkin and Lou Challinor.

Tenors are Bill Brush, John Bradley, Mike Ruigrok and Bob Clarke. Basses are Don Stinson, Don Clements, Bert Porter, Bill Van Grunsven and Mike Ledwith. Robert Argall was organist and Robert Traynor handled the lighting.

## Snowfall not enjoyed by mishap motorists

The first heavy snowfall on the weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by young tots and teens but proved rather treacherous for motorists. Slippery, slushy roads resulted in a rash of accidents across the province.

In Milton two accidents were reported and investigated by Milton Police Department. Friday, a car driven by Joe Belvedere of Bell St. was involved in a collision with another vehicle driven by William Hale of Robert St.

The Belvedere vehicle received an estimated \$800 damage; \$200 to the Hale auto.

### Truck, car collide

Saturday at the corner of Base Line Rd. and Ontario St. a tractor trailer driven by Raymond Ballantine of Clarkson was involved in a collision with a car driven by George Hitchcox of Oakville. The Hitchcox vehicle sustained an estimated \$300 damage. No damage was reported to the tractor-trailer.

Milton Police also investigated an accident on Wednesday at Bronte St. near Victoria. A car driven by Roy Fabian of R.R. 3

Milton collided with three guard rails. Damage was reported at \$350 to the car and \$20 to the rails.

Three minor accidents totalling an estimated \$400 were also investigated this week.



CONDUCTOR REG DiCOLA is silhouetted against the long white gowns of choristers at Milton Music Association's Christmas concert.—(Staff Photo)

## First \$100 given away in Chamber yule draw

First 15 winners in Milton Chamber of Commerce's Christmas bonanza draw were named Monday and all were Milton and district residents.

The Chamber is sponsoring its annual Christmas draw and over 80 participating stores are distributing one free ticket with each purchase (with a minimum of \$1.) Each Monday until Christmas the tickets will be collected and a draw made for \$100 worth of merchandise vouchers — on Dec. 24 the final draw will be held for one grand prize of a \$100 voucher and another \$100 worth of smaller vouchers.

### Name winners

Winners of \$10 vouchers in the

first draw were Gloria Campbell, 87 Martin St.; Helen Finn, 17 Mill St.; Joan Horning, 217 Parkway Dr.; Mrs. Raymond Sylvest, 333 Maplewood Cr.; Leona Wilson, 191 Mary St.

Winners of \$5 vouchers were Agnes Cassidy, 238 Bell St.; H. Graham, R. R. 6 Milton; Al Hadfield, R. R. 2 Milton; Eric Merkley, Milton; Don Churchman, 311 Williams Ave.; Glen Colbeck, Milton; Bonita Cann, 360 Oak St.; K. Nowak, 54 Derry Rd.; Pat Eggleton, 180 Bronte St.; Mrs. T. Mills, 17 Mill St.

The draw is part of the Chamber's Christmas promotion which includes the free shoppers' bus service which starts this Friday.

## Town staff gets 8% pay increase





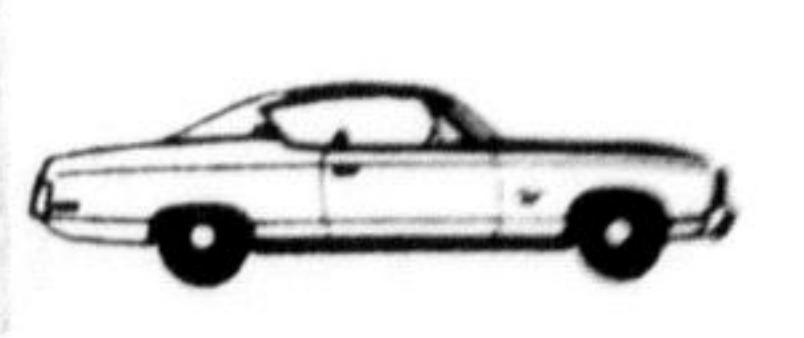
In a holiday mood during their meeting Monday, Milton Council approved nice Christmas gift for all town employees — an eight per cent increase in wages, effective Jan. 1, 1971.

Mayor Brian Best told The Champion the staff salaries were discussed in a half hour closed meeting of the council prior to Monday's regular meeting. The eight per cent increase was accepted because it parallels the

eight per cent raise the council negotiated in the contract with Milton Police Department for 1971. "If it had not been for the police contract, the raise might have been more," he said.

During the same meeting council approved a Christmas bonus for all town staff and also decided to give them Monday, Dec. 28 as a paid holiday in lieu of Boxing Day, which falls on a Saturday this year.

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