



The talents of several musicians combined to create a successful fundraiser for Ebenezer United Church. Those participating are from left (back row) Dr. Peter Hardwick, Daniel Warren, Joanne Hiscocks, Donna Rahn, (front row) Stanley Saunder, Anita Maria Ruthig and Ronald Beckett.

Musicians donate talents to fundraiser

More than 200 people enjoyed *Music for a Summer Evening* at Ebenezer United Church in Nas-sagaweya July 8. The concert featured six musicians, including renowned local trumpet player Dan Warren.

As principle trumpet player with the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Mr. Warren has been a featured soloist in many overseas tours. He performed Handel's *Suite in D Major*.

Musicians donated their efforts as a fundraiser for the current church building fund campaign.

The majestic qualities of the Ebenezer pipe organ were ably demonstrated by Dr. Peter Hardwick, who used the instrument to display a full rich tonal range as he performed *Processional* by Welsh composer William Matthias.

Soprano Anita Ruthig showed her versatility with renditions of charm-

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ing folk songs as well as classical pieces. Donna Rahn, who serves with Ms Ruthig on the faculty of the Western Ontario Conservatory of Music, accompanied on the piano.

Joanne Hiscocks, principle flutist with the Brantford Symphony Orchestra, delighted the audience with Mozart's *Concerto for Flute, No. 1 in G Major*. She was accompanied by Ron Beckett at the keyboard.

The concert concluded with a sparkling performance of Handel's *Let the Bright Seraphim* featuring trumpet and piano.

"Ebenezer has a long tradition of being an active, vital part of the Nas-sagaweya community," said Karen Wigston, wife of minister Sam Wigston and herself a minister serving in Georgetown.

In reference to the building campaign, she added that the church looks "forward to expanding our present facilities to serve the needs of a growing and varied community."

Local real estate sales up 56% over last year

The dollar volume of real estate sales in the Oakville/Milton area logged its biggest month-to-month increase of the year last month.

Sales climbed to \$39.2 million from May's total of \$33.4 million, according to figures released by the Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board.

In Milton, second quarter statistics show a 56 per cent increase in the number of sales over the same period last year and a 52 per cent increase in total dollar volume, said Mark Mallalieu, board vice-president and Milton real estate broker.

"We've been slightly insulated from market conditions because of a freeze on new development and we have strong advantages — we're closer to Toronto and we're extremely well serviced."

The 17 per cent increase in the Oakville/Milton area indicates there are "better times" ahead, said Anell Francis, board president.

"We can't ignore the fact that some experts are predicting further economic deterioration — but I'm beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Further good news comes with the board's disclosure that the number of properties newly listed for sale decreased again in June, continuing a trend evident throughout the second quarter of 1990.

There were 2,097 properties newly listed during the second quarter compared to 2,276 during the first three months this year.

"That eight per cent decrease tells me the market is starting to stabilize," said Mrs. Francis.

The prospect of market stabilization is welcome news to homeowners and prospective purchasers, many of whom have been unnerved by the uncertain real estate climate marking much of 1990.

Mrs. Francis said higher interest rates, the Meach Lake Accord and the government's proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST) combined to create the "confidence crisis."

"I think we're over our initial wave of crisis management and into a calmer period of coping with the situation. Unfortunately, most first-time buyers are still unable to buy and I don't expect things will improve for them until rates or housing prices fall."

Although housing prices in most of the board area are somewhat lower this year, Mrs. Francis said she believes there have been few "housing bargains" available. Most realistically, priced houses are selling for between three and six per cent less than their asking price.

Area real estate salespeople sold 458 properties during the second quarter of 1990 — four more than during the second quarter of 1989.

Although the second quarter of 1990 has been branded as a near disaster by some experts, it saw a total of \$114.3 million worth of property change hands, only eight per cent less than during the same period last year.

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