

# Police, priest sing at benefit

## \$3,200 raised by event to help children

The voices of police officers, a Catholic priest and others contributed to a rousing concert on Sunday evening which raised \$3,200 to support abused and neglected children.

The 'Warm A Child's Heart Concert' at Holy Rosary Church attracted a near capacity crowd of 700 for the benefit of the Children's and Youth Foundation of Halton.

Heide Lang, an elementary school teacher, directed the Halton Region Police Chorus in a wide variety of songs in the first half of the concert. Kay Rutty accompanied the chorus which included Chief James Harding and Staff Inspector Richard Kivell, a member of the Children's and Youth Foundation Board.

The chorus was formed in 1984 to sing to shutins and now performs 25 to 30 times a year. Annually the chorus sings in Cleveland and in Ottawa to honour police officers slain in the line of duty.

Father Mark Curtis, the singing priest from Holy Rosary Parish accompanied by Paul Bulla on the keyboard was featured in the second half of the concert. Father Mark, a recording artist, introduced the receptive audience to many songs he has written and recorded.

Father Mark was joined in several songs by Mary Tabone, a guest artist from Hamilton. Dave Tabone, Mary's husband accompanied Mary on the keyboard as she sang the love

song from the *Phantom of the Opera*.

Clarence DeYoung and the Knights of Columbus; Marcel Lambert and Dave Coulter of Coulter Music Studios all helped the Children's and Youth Foundation stage the concert. The funds raised will be used in the bursary program, the Life Start Program, the summer camp program or in maintaining receiving homes operated by the Halton Children's Aid Society.



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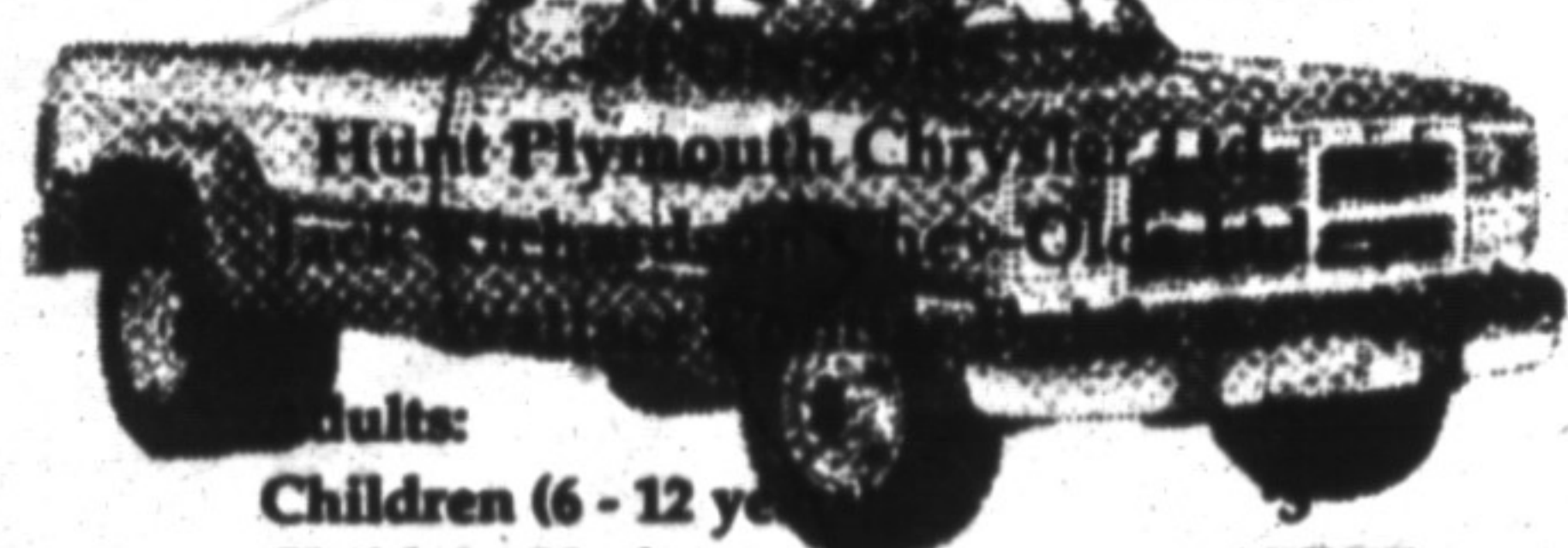
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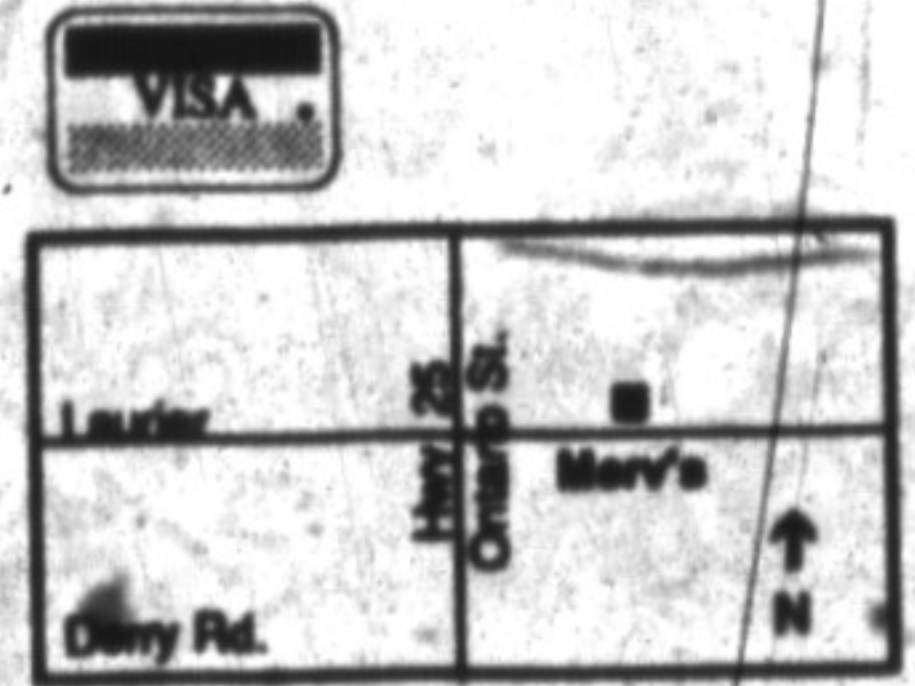
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