

Bells and trumpet join choristers...

by
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Local choristers, musicians and clergy joined together Sunday night in an evening of Christmas music at St. Paul's United Church, Midland. Two performances at four and seven accomodated enthusiastic audiences who joined in carol singing throughout the evening.

Assisting artist Steven Brown delighted the audiences with stirring and sensitive renditions of Purcell: Trumpet tune & Air; Mozart's Alleluia, A Sonata by Purcell and a Trumpet Tune by John Hanley. Mr. Brown was accompanied at the organ by Kathleen Mounteer.

Steven Brown is a graduate in music from Wilfred Laurier University last year, and joined the Salvation army music department, at the Army's headquarters in Toronto.

There he works in the music program as well as editing a music newsletter which goes to citadels across Canada.

A handbell choir directed by Mrs. Barbara Plante of London Ontario provided exquisitely appropriate sounds for the festive season. The bells

played by nine recruits from Midland's Alliance Church provided a shimmering accompaniment to Silent Night, sung by choir and congregation, and also presented a delicately harmonized festive carol.

The handbells were en

route to Barrie where they have been purchased by a United Church congregation there. Mrs. Plante made a wide detour to Midland and in one afternoon trained a group of volunteers for the Sunday performances.

An ecumenical choir of 50 voices was directed by Vince Evenden of the Alliance Church and Kathleen Mounteer of St. Paul's Church. They opened the recital with *And the Glory of the Lord* from Messiah, and *Come O Come Emmanuel*.

Later they sang *Ding Dong Merrily On High*, *Lo How a Rose In the Bleak Mid-Winter*, and carols *The First Noel*, *Hark the Herald Angels* and *Joy to the World*.

Assisting in the presentation were Reverend Francis

Cook and Virginia Coleman from St. Paul's; Rev. Paul Brown, Knox Presbyterian; Glen Robitaille Penetanguishene; Rev. David Mitchell, Alliance Church; Rev. Robert Arrill, All Saint's Anglican; David Curry,

Open Door Evangelistic Church, Hillsdale; Murray Porter, Chaplain, Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre; Lieut. Ray Braddock, Salvation Army; Rev. Stephen Somerville, and Rev. Paul Schult, Holy Cross Lutheran.

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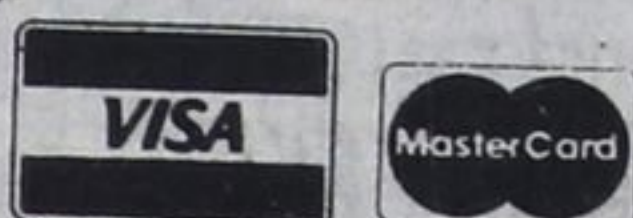
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by
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Congratulations to Colleen and Tony Regier on the birth of their daughter- Katie, a little sister for Davin and Kyle.

The Baks are happy to have a new granddaughter. Born Dec. 6 to Joanne and Gary McLean. Congratulations.

Frank and Dein Baks have just lately returned from a visit to their homeland, Holland, where they had a three weeks vacation.

Sympathy of the community goes out to the Frank Klein Gebbinck family in the death of Gerry's sister.

Don and Faye Robertson have recently had a motor trip to Western Canada, where they attended the Agribition Show, held in Regina.

A December meeting of Crossland W.I. at the home of Faye Robertson began with a Christmas breakfast. We had five young pre-schoolers to entertain. Business was taken care of by the President, then the hostess Marie Baks presented her program consisting of several readings by Faye Robertson, and a skit put on by Dein Baks, Margie Baks and Faye Robertson. This was followed by an exchange of Christmas gifts for all. Gifts to be sent to the Mental Health Centre were brought in by the members.