

Trouper's Christmas Magic coming to Coldwater U.C., Sun.

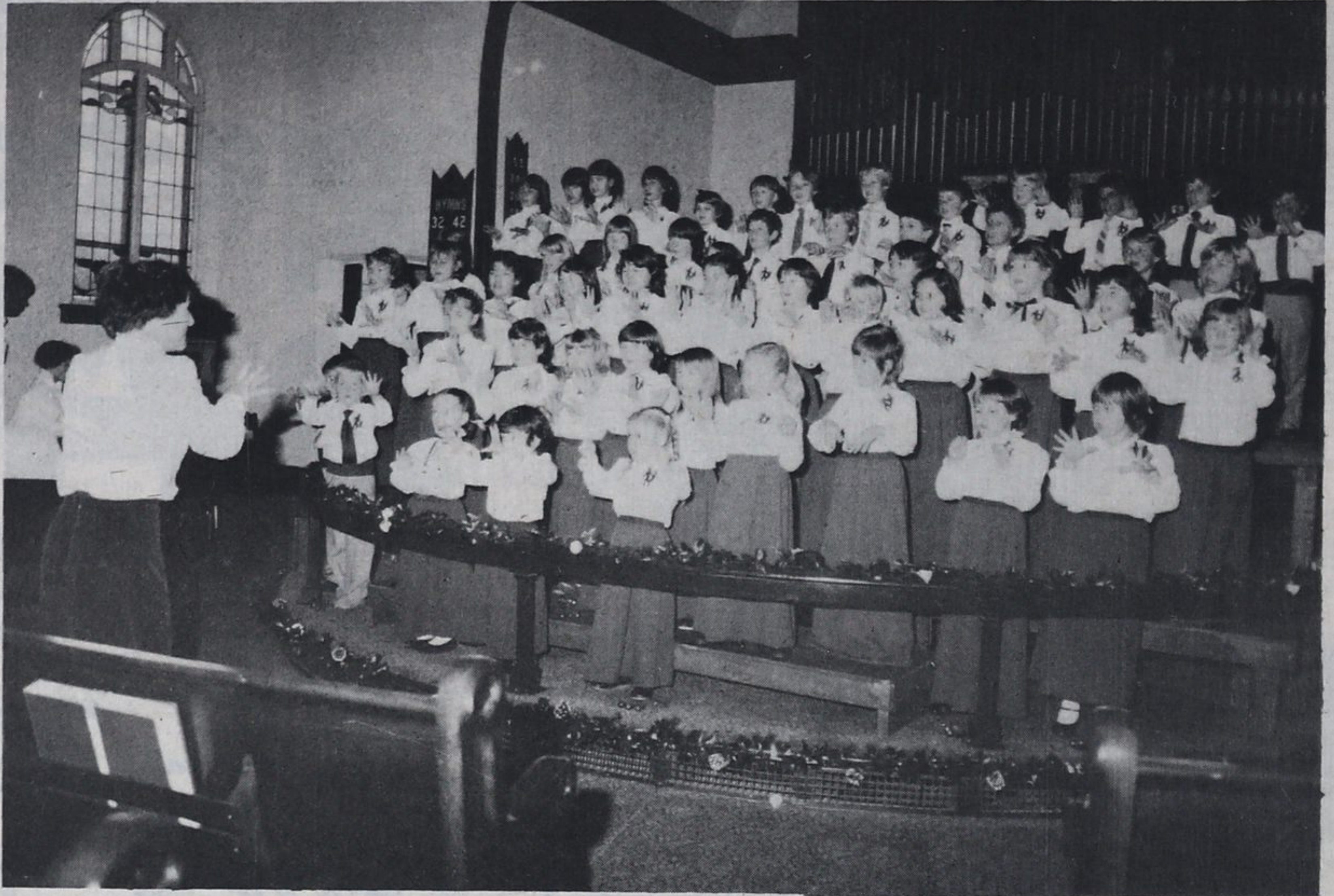
Local children from Waubauskene, Port Severn and Coldwater will perform with the Tummon Troupers, a children's show group, at the Coldwater United Church on Dec. 16, at 2 p.m.

This year, the children range in age from four to 12. Tummon Troupers have already performed at Ste. Marie among the Hurons in Midland on Dec. 2, and again in an Aurora public school, north of Toronto, on Dec. 12. Approximately 50 children give up some of their weekend to practise for one hour each Saturday and Sunday all in the name of "Show Business".

Their director, Evelyn Tummon, A.R.C.T. has had several years of experience working with High School students in musical shows. Several of the Christmas songs from their current program were composed by Bill Tummon, late husband of Evelyn.

It was the dream of the Tummons when they moved to Waubauskene to work with young people, run a music school and produce shows. With the loss of her husband, Mrs. Tummon continued these ambitions alone. Along with her three children, Matthew (5), Jamie Anne (7) and Lyn (10), Mrs. Tummon's joy is bringing "the love of music into the lives of many people".

It's a performance that all ages will enjoy - a performance with solos, and plenty of rhythm and action from the enthusiastic singers. It's a real "Christmas Magic".



Flipside

by WILDER PENFIELD III

This is Heavy Metal?? "The ghosts of Woodstock still haunt the next of kin, but the screams and shouts have turned to whispers on the wind. The time has come to face the music again."

Metal is more the medium here than the message. But the source is a sure-to-please release from the Toronto trio most beloved of Heavy fans. "Back 'em up against the wall and bring the hammer down. Tell 'em that was then, my friend, but this is here and now."

The defiant statement is a key to **Triumph: Thunder Seven** (MCA) a brave new album of there and then that recently materialized

across America. "We're trying to capture the intensity and the commitment of a time when people listened to music for itself," guitar-heroic Rik Emmett explains.

He also explains that the title comes from War And Peace In The Global Village, in which Marshall McLuhan analyzed Finnegans Wake as a history of civilization. The seventh of the 10 "thunders" he found is "tribal man again," which came between the industrial revolution and the advent of movies.

This also happens to be Triumph's seventh album.

With a hard-won new label, "we were at a rebirth, trying to recapture the excitement of why we got

into this business in the first place ..."

From the sound of it, they have succeeded. There's an exuberantly hit-bound side of high-harmony high energy, and an ambitiously virtuoso side of neo-progressive Time-themed concepts, including an 18-part "Time Canon" in which Rik layers his voice into a chorale.

There's even humour! (I think.) "Andy Warhol's modern man builds a castle in the air. The deck is stacked but his house of cards grows as high as the market will bear. It won't take much to make his ship of dreams come crashing to the ground. You just wait for the wheel of fate to turn and the wind of the

wolf is gonna blow it all down."

But his singing is shi-

very-sincere. For Rik, it seems, the important thing is heart: "You

can't be too intellectual in a rock 'n roll world -- you need moments of

madness." I like the madness here -- and the heart.

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