Festival of Music features chorus, hand-bell choir

Singing voices and ringing bells echoed throughout St. Ann's Home/The Heritage on Tuesday, September 30, as the St. Ann's chorus and very own hand-bell choir presented its first-ever Festival of Music before a standing-room-only crowd.

Both residents and friends enjoyed a wide range of music performed by the chorus. The musical program included such favorites as "When You're Smiling," "Shine on Harvest Moon" and "God Bless America."

In addition to the chorus, the handbell choir performed "Amazing Grace" and "Nicea: Holy, Holy, Holy."

According to Ann C. Julien, who has been director of community relations at St. Ann's for the past three and a half years, the choir has been practicing weekly for more than a year.

Under the direction of recreation therapist June Weltzer, the choir presented its first performance during an Easter Vigil Mass this year. The choir has also received the expert assistance of Nancy Krupenet of the Hochstein School of Music.

"They (the Hochstein School) have been very supportive," Julien said. "We looked to them for advice for the hand-bell choir, and they've been helping us along the way ever since."

Julien said the choir has two octave of bells which vary in size, and each bell represents a different note.

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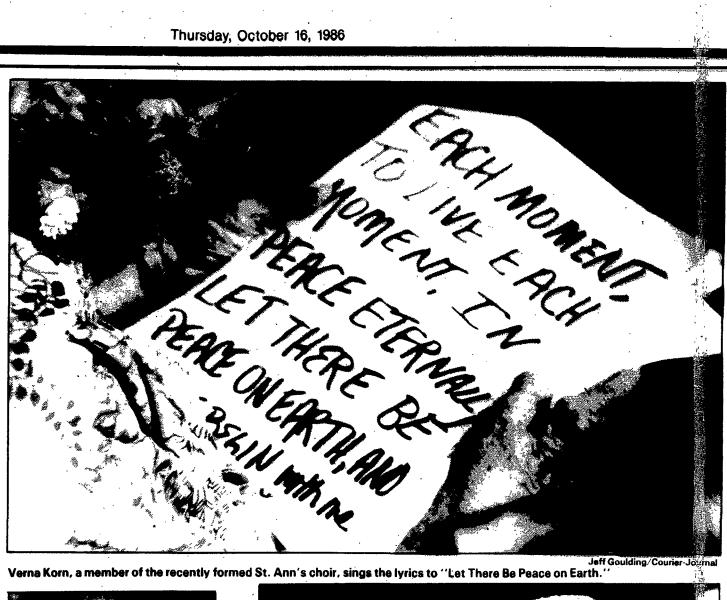
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Future plans for the choir include a performance at the Rochester Methodist Home in November as well as a musical program for Bishop Matthew H. Clark in December.

The St. Ann's Chorus is planning to entertain friends and relatives at the home at Christmas.



Verna Korn, a member of the recently formed St. Ann's choir, sings the lyrics to "Let There Be Peace on Earth."



Mildred Temmerman concentrates on the score as she rings the G-bell in St. Ann's bell choir.



Aida Rund-Brown, left, harmonizes with fellow choir members Doris Clark and Ola Oster during the singing of several patriotic songs.

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