

# Festival Singers Hold Cabaret Night



This was one of the surprise numbers during the Oshawa Festival Singers Cabaret and Dance entitled "Tulips and Heather" at the Polish Veterans Hall in North Oshawa Friday night. The trio included, from left to right, Harriet Holton, Patricia Eyman and Marg Nicks who pretended they were the famed Andrew sisters of yesteryear. — Photos by Rick James.

## No Major Mistakes On Region's Water And Sewer Billing

The chairman of the Durham Region finance committee said last Wednesday that there are no gross errors in the region's water and sewer bills. He admitted, however, that there could be some mistakes in the water and sewer bills sent to the region's 35,000 customers.

John Aker told Durham regional council last Wednesday that errors are estimated by staff to be less than one per cent of the total billing.

The finance chairman said that high billings reported in the last half of 1976 were due to sewer charges. "The entire 1976 sanitary sewer surcharge was distributed over the last two bills sent out for 1976 with the major portion of the sewer charge included on the last bill."

"Many customers do not fully understand this situation and are virtually flooding our staff with inquiries by telephone, letters and in person," Councillor Aker said.

He added that there is a backlog of inquiries which will take several weeks to answer. Councillor Aker also said that it may be necessary to extend the due date on some water and sewer bills that have been questioned.

He estimated that the regional finance department, which is responsible for the water and sewer bills, has been faced with about 300 inquiries per day.

## More than 700 Delegates Attend Liberal Convention

By Beryl Hughes

W. Zimmermann, Hamilton, became the new president of the Ontario Liberal Party, at the annual convention held at the Skyline Hotel, Toronto, last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Des Newman, a former Mayor of Whitby was elected Treasurer for 1977-78 by acclamation by the more than 700 delegates.

The Durham East Liberal Association had two ex-officio delegates, Kirk Entwistle, Newtonville, the candidate in this riding in the last provincial election, and E.R. Lovkin, president of the organization in 1976-77. Elected delegates attending were Harry Wade, Mabel Wade, Lynn Housley, all of Newcastle, Kingsley Van Nest, George Boden, Beryl Hughes, all of Bowmanville, George Dryden, Lorna Davie, Joan Ramsberry, all of Oshawa, Helen Jackson, Newtonville, and two youth delegates, Gordon Cochran and Paul Quinney, both of Newcastle. The alternate delegates were Wally Bou-

hen, Newtonville and Jim Carlyle, Oshawa.

Among the policy resolutions passed by the convention were ones in favor of abolishing succession duties and gift taxes, and establishing a freedom of information act. Delegates also voted to ban non-returnable soft drink, beer, wine and liquor containers and to ban aerosol cans that could affect the ozone layer surrounding the world. They also passed resolutions calling for stiffer fines for polluters, a guaranteed minimum income program and French instruction throughout elementary and secondary schools.

Dr. Stuart Smith, Ontario Liberal Leader, in a forceful speech, drew much applause when he called on all to speak out against racism and to end the fear numbers of new Canadians have come to feel here. He also stressed the importance of French language instruction for children throughout elementary grades as well as in secondary schools.



The Oshawa Festival Singers filled the large hall with their music.



Oshawa's young pipe band added a bit of variety to the fine program.



Oshawa's Civic band in action with the Festival Singers in the background.



Award winning Kathleen and Julia Eyman entertained the large crowd.

## Manvers Tightens Policy Governing Land Severances

Applications for land severances in the future will need the approval of the County Land Division Committee before Manvers Council will review them.

The decision to include the added qualifications as well as require rezoning approval prior to accepting any application for severance was made following a 3-2 vote in favor of the move during their meeting on March 1st.

**Repairs to Centre**

A \$1500 grant for repairs to the Janetville Community Centre was given the go-ahead by the council after they were told about its financial situation.

The Liquor Control Inspector has requested that the building be upgraded to meet provincial standards for community centres.

The funds forwarded for the centre's repairs, however, could return to the township when an application is made to the province for recovery of capital expenses.

The council also accepted a resolution by the City of Nanticoke calling for provincial lottery funds to subsidize costs for removing excessive amounts of snow this winter.

A bylaw to change the zoning of land to a special district was approved allowing the third phase of the Pontypool subdivision to carry out on with development proposals.

Councillor Robert Brown abstained from voting on a request for a land severance after declaring a conflict of

## Two Local Men Ready to Run 26-Mile Race

Two long-distance runners from the area are in the last lap of training before they go on to compete in the 26-mile Boston Marathon on April 17th.

The two athletes, David Taylor of Hampton and Maple Grove resident, Bill Allison have been preparing for the international event by participating in recently held competitions in Toronto.

The latest competition held on March 5th by the Metro Toronto Road Runners Association had a total of 85 athletes entered.

With the competition as tough as it was along the almost 12½ mile course at York University, both men were within the top half of the race's runners, Taylor finishing 38th with a time of one hour, 18 minutes and 38 seconds and Allison placing 41st in an hour, 20 minutes and 11 seconds.

**Three Hour Limit**

Their training began under less competitive conditions with both joining the Durham Fitness Club for Sunday morning workouts because of their interest in keeping fit by jogging.

Then last year they qualified for the Boston Marathon by completing the Skylon International race from Buffalo New York to Niagara Falls, Ontario in less than three hours.

The CN sponsored Skylon International last year brought together 1800 athletes for the race, the only marathon course that crosses two countries.

**Draws Top Athletes**

But the most difficult competition yet to come will require all the stamina the

## Enjoy Ski-Weekend in Mont Orford, Quebec



Equipped with a pair of water skis, a group of avid skiers set out from Bowmanville in the rain on March 4th for a weekend at Mont Orford, Quebec, a ski resort located 60 miles south-east of Montreal. Although the wet weather followed them past Montreal, before they reached Mont Orford it started to snow leaving the group with five inches of fresh snow that night and another six inches on Saturday evening. Those who went on the trip arranged by D and R Sports; shown above, include from left to right (back row) Bruce Colwell, Mike Wilken, Chris Tomlison, Dave Davidson, Penny Davidson, (middle row) Nancy Watson, Lynn Daly, Bev Wilken, (front row) Jim Green and Eleanor Colwell. Another member of the tour, Orville Thertell was absent for the photo.

## Red Cross Society Sends Help to Romanian Earthquake Victims

The Canadian Red Cross Society today sent \$15,000 to aid the survivors of the devastating earthquake which struck Romania on Friday, March 4th. Mr. William M. Brace, chairman of the Canadian Red Cross national executive committee, said the contribution was made in response to an appeal from the League of Red Cross Societies, Geneva, on behalf of the Romanian Red Cross. He also announced that the Canadian Government had donated \$100,000 to support the Red Cross relief operations.

Early reports from the League confirmed that in Bucharest alone 550 persons had been killed, 2,600 injured and 10,000 were left homeless. The Romanian Red Cross is assisting in the rescue and evacuation of the victims and has asked for hospital equipment, medicines and food supplies. The Canadian contributions will be used to purchase the needed supplies, either in Romania or from nearby countries.

Mr. Brace emphasized that the Red Cross cannot accept any donations of food, clothing or medicines since the cost of shipment of such supplies from Canada to Romania would be more than the value of the items.

## Courtice Sewer Project Delayed

The fate of the Oshawa-Courtice sewer project estimated at \$2.8 million is still uncertain following the meeting of regional council in Whitby last Wednesday.

A by-law which would have approved the scheme for servicing the Courtice area with large diameter sewer pipes has been tabled at regional council for a second time.

And some members of the regional council questioned the wisdom of building new residential developments in Courtice.

The councillors will have about two weeks to think about the Courtice Sewers. It is likely that the \$2.8 million by-law will be on the council agenda at the next scheduled meeting of the regional representatives.

Oshawa Mayor Jim Potticary said during the regional council meeting that both the City of Oshawa and the Central Lake Ontario Conservation authority were objecting to the subdivisions that have been proposed for the Courtice area.

The two subdivisions would create 1100 housing units and both have been given preliminary approvals by the Town of Newcastle council.

Mayor Potticary said he didn't think it was good planning to put two subdivisions between two municipalities with no growth between them. He also suggested that development in Courtice would put pressure on Oshawa's services. He asked who would pay for the fire halls, swimming pools, libraries and other facilities

needed as a result of development in Courtice.

However, Mayor Rickard told regional council that the region's official plan had already decided how much Courtice should be allowed to develop. He added that the regional council had wanted some kind of a buffer zone between the Courtice community and Oshawa.

"I'm going to suggest to you that we're not arguing this on planning but we're arguing it on politics," Mayor Rickard said.

The mayor said that commercial assessment in Newcastle is moving ahead faster than in Oshawa and he argued that the Town of Newcastle has room for residential development. He reminded council that the town has not approved any major subdivision agreement since it became a part of the Durham Region.

"I ask you to set politics aside and consider that there is room for residential development in Newcastle," Mayor Rickard said.

Councillor Allan Dewar suggested that if the sewers for Courtice are not approved then Courtice can't be developed. He added that if this is the case, regional council would have to do some more thinking about the \$7 million water pollution control plant in Whitby.

The Whitby plant was intended to treat sewage from Whitby, Oshawa and the Courtice area, Councillor Dewar said.