



County Town Singers, Sing for People

In a recent survey carried out by the Whitby Free Press asking readers what stories they most preferred to see in print, the County Town Singers topped the feature articles list.

Perhaps it is a sheer sense of hometown pride that makes the County Town Singers so strong in popularity. After all the group which got together "for the love of singing", representing Whitby at Ontario Place last May, received a hearty and emotional standing ovation for its special rendition of 'Jesus Christ, Superstar'. And the song which won the County Town Singers their standing ovation is only one of many favourite requests home and elsewhere.

The group's recently released album, 'County Town Singers - Sing For People', for instance, sold over 500 before it was even finished. Quite a feat for a choral group in today's highly competitive music/recording field.

Perhaps the County Town Singers' special blend of the old such as their rendition of the haunting, 'Black is the Colour of My True Love's Hair', with fresh, new hits such as 'We've Only Just Begun' - their special treatment of both types combined with undying enthusiasm and the way, they feel as music lovers, about melody, is working its own pro-

motion for the now famous Whitby choralers.

In 1967 the group numbered 12. Today they are seventy in number, and among their prize winning endeavours, they have still found the time to raise well over the \$30,000 mark for charitable organizations.

Who are the County Town Singers? People from all walks of life; homemakers, clerks, cashiers, students, retirees and even a minister.

They are: Jim Ashley (Director), Vic Agnew, Ann Atkinson, Sue Anderson, Nanne Bagnall, Mel Dain, John Barbara, Doris Beaton, Rita Bergman, Marlee Campbell, Christine Claringbold, Ken Crellin, Dorothy Dain, George Dallin, Fran Doner, Irene Dyl, Ian Forbes, Jim Fraser, Shirley Gerhardt, Jack Gilmour, Ann Gonet, Catherine Goverde, Ken Hallett, Eve Heaver, Jack Hooker, Joanne Hooker, Ted Hughes, Bob Huitema, Freda Jepson, Elinor Kidd, Marion Knibb, Pauline Luff, Jim McClure, Ann McClure, Pat Morrow, Noel Mowat (President), Marg Nelson, Betty Olinyk, Bob Peebles, Marcella Polson, Marina Puffer, Marilyn Rahme, Milt Rainey, Catherine Randall, Catherine Reidt, Jim Reilley, John Rousseau, Laverne Rousseau, Joan

Rundle, Mary Dean Samanski, Bill Schatzmann, Harman Siersma, Nancy Smith, Cathy Smyth, Joan Strachan, Andy Tennant, Brenda Thrasher, Pete Thrasher, Barbara Tutton, Sheila Villeneuve, Joe Wainwright, Joyce Wainwright, Jack Willis, Ruth Wilkins, Sylvia Wilson, Mark Webber, Bert Heaver, Charlie Rycroft, and Bob Steffler.

Group Director Jim Ashley of Whitby also conducts the GM choir.

This Saturday the County Town Singers will have a float in the Carnival parade. They will also feature a concert at Centennial Park from 8 to 9 p.m., August 6.

It is only fitting that the background on the jacket of the County Town Singers' newly released album is Whitby's lovely Inverlynn. Some of the numbers on their record are: 'People', 'We've Only Just Begun', 'Exodus', 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', and 'Sunny'. And you can get your album at the County Town Singer's kiosk, next to the Whitby Lion's Bavarian tent at Centennial Park over the County Town Carnival Weekend.

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