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SUSAN	-----	Barbara Bowles
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HADJI	-----	Frank Williams

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 "Margo" ----- Paul and Men  
 "Has Anybody Seen My Benny?" ----- Susan and Edith  
 "Why Did We Marry Soldiers?" ----- Girls  
 "French Military Marching Song" ----- Margo and Chorus  
 "Romance" ----- Margo and Girls  
 "Then You Will Know" ----- Pierre, Margo, and Chorus  
 "I Want A Kiss" ----- Paul, Margo, Pierre, and Chorus  
 "It" ----- Susan and Benny  
 "The Desert Song" ----- Margo and Red Shadow  
 Finale - Act I

### ACT II

"My Little Castagnette" ----- Clementina and Girls  
 "Song of the Brass Key" ----- Clementina, Ali Ben Ali, and Girls  
 "One Good Boy Gone Wrong" ----- Clementina and Benny  
 "Eastern and Western Love" ----- Ali Ben Ali, Sid, Red Shadow, and Men  
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- Scene 3.** A Room in General Birabeau's House.  
**Time:** A few minutes later.

### ACT II

- Scene 1.** The Harem of Ali Ben Ali.  
**Time:** Afternoon of the following day.
- Scene 2.** A Corridor.  
**Time:** A few minutes later.
- Scene 3.** The Room of the Silken Couch.
- Scene 4.** The Edge of the Desert.  
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**IN THE FUTURE....**

The Danville Light Opera Company annually conducts a general meeting open to all holders of memberships for the season.

The meeting this year will be at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 17, at the YWCA.

A program has been planned for those attending to hear annual reports of all the company's committees and elect four directors to three-year terms on the group's board of directors.

We feel that the business of the Danville Light Opera Company is your business - and hope that as many of you as can will attend this general meeting.

The general meeting is required as a part of the organization's by-laws adopted after it was incorporated by the State of Illinois as a Not-for-Profit corporation.

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LINDA LEWIS of Hoopeston High School... Linda is primarily a pianist, although she also sings. She ranks No. 1 in her senior class at Hoopeston, sings in the school chorus and is a member of the National Honor Society, French Club, newspaper staff and Future Teachers of America. She has won many first places in band contests for her piano solos and has been accompanist for other school groups in state contests.



LEWIS

She also has been awarded a four-year scholarship to St. Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute, Ind., and plans to enroll there this fall.

ELLEN L. MAHONEY of Georgetown High School... Ellen is an excellent flutist who most recently has been studying under Professor Charles Delaney of the University of Illinois, who directed the Danville Light Opera Company's production of "Brigadoon" four years ago. She won a superior rating in the district band and orchestra contest this spring and also played as a select member of the super all-state band and orchestra in Chicago. She has been a cheerleader three years and drum major two years at Georgetown. This fall, she plans to enter the University of Illinois School of Music.



MAHONEY

DONNA L. DORAN of Armstrong High School... Donna plays first cornet in her high school band and sings with various performing groups at Armstrong. She also plays the piano, accompanies the school chorus and has been a drum majorette for the marching band. She sings second soprano in a girls trio that has consistently received superior ratings at district and state contests, performs in an organization that does a half-hour impression of the musical comedy, "My Fair Lady," and sings in a girls sextet. Illinois State Normal University has accepted her as a freshman student this fall in its music education curriculum, and she hopes to make use of her musical ability in working with special education children.



DORAN

Each underwent competitive auditions and will receive certificates from the Danville Light Opera Company during honors day assemblies at their schools.

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