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THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT QUARTET AND CHORUS CONTESTS



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FOREWORD

It is with great pleasure that the Muskegon Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. plays host to the District Convention and Contests. The local group has long been active in the affairs of the Society but not since 1944 has it been the site of this great annual event. In presenting these contests to the Muskegon public we sincerely hope that they serve not only as fine entertainment but also that they might prove right our contention that 'a singing nation is a happy nation'. As you go about your respective ventures, sing a happy tune and sing it loud to help us "Keep America Singing".

THE JUDGES for these contests are appointed by the Society from a list of qualified men who have been schooled specifically for this purpose. The five men 'in the pit' today are:

Loton Willson, Boyne City John Hill, Lansina Joseph Jones, Detroit Mark Roberts, Detroit

and the Chairman of Judges

John Means, Manitowoc, Wis. Past International President
The Secretary of Judges is Paul Kernen Gratiot Co.
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QUARTET PRELIMINARIES

10:00 A.M.

Master of Ceremonies Louis R. Harrington, Detroit
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THE QUARTETS				
(Not necessarily in the order of their appearance)				
ONCHORDS Tenor — W. Ahrens, Lead — E. Keith, Baritone — E. Peitsch, Bass — R. Lee				
GRATIOT COUNTY GENTLEMEN				
AIRE-TONICS (Muskegon Chapter) Tenor — W. Wickstrom, Lead — G. Guimond, Baritone — T. Damm, Bass — C. Bristol				
PITCH BLENDAIRES Tenor — J. Golding, Lead — T. Pollard, Baritone — D. Clixby, Bass — D. Golding				
FOR-TUNE TELLERS (Jackson Chapter) Tenor — S. Cushman, Lead — T. Cushman, Baritone — E. Queen, Bass — "Bud" Knorpp				
ITHACA-AIRES (Gratiot County Chapter) Tenor — W. Taft, Lead — D. Mac Laren, Baritone — T. Hegle, Bass — R. Beck				
MICHIGAN BEL-AIRES				
PARADUETS (Muskegon Chapter) Tenor — C. Garner, Lead — J. Sorenson, Baritone — R. Traetz, Bass — J. O'Toole				
TREBLE-MAKERS				
TONE MASONS (Gratiot County Chapter) Tenor — D. Moomey, Lead — D. Munson, Baritone — D. McNeil, Bass — C. LeBlank				
MAKE-SHIFT FOUR (Gratiot County Chapter) Tenor — L. Wright, Lead — W. Derby, Baritone — W. Derby, Bass — C. Hegle				
THE FOUR HOARSEMEN				
THE SOLITAIRES (Bay City Chapter)				

Tenor — W. Grumbley, Lead — D. Grunder, Baritone — R. Tracy, Bass — M. Musolf

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CHORUS CONTEST

3:00 P.M.

Master	of	Ceremonies					Don	Wright,	Addison
			1 51	Vice-president,	Michigan	District			

THE CONTESTANTS

(Not necessarily in the order of their appearance)

1.	The	Jacksonaires	George V. Cripps, Director	Jackson
2.	The	Precisionaires	John K, Smith, Director	Detroit
3.	The	Port City Chorus	James O'Toole, Director	Muskegon
4.	The	Fruit Belt Chorus	James Bowling, Director	Benton Harbor, St. Joseph
5.	The	Dowagiac Chorus	Tom Grove, Director	Dowagiac
6.	The	Windmill Chorus	Francis Hodgeboom, Director	Holland
7.	The	Great Lakes Chorus	Robert Weaver, Director	Grand Rapids
8.	Gro	itiot County Chorus	Phillip Daab, Director	Gratiot County

The winning chorus in this competition will appear on this evening's big Final Quartet Contest. Also, the top two choruses will represent the Michigan District in International Competition at Miami, Fla. next June.

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QUARTET FINALS

8:15 P.M.

Maste	er of Ceremonies	
	e 1954-55 Second Place Chorus Winners lected this afternoon.	
2. Q	uartet Competition	
TH	e eight Finalist Quartets chosen in the mo e scores on these numbers will be added ninary to determine the winners.	
	For names of contestants, see page 5.	
	termission — ten minutes you prefer to remain in your seats, there v	will be community singing.
	e newly-crowned Michigan District Champi chosen in this afternoon's contest.	on Chorus
5. TI	e "Wolverines" 1953-54 District Champ	
		enn VanTassell, baritone
		y Sipots, bass
6. Ti	e ''Banjo-Tainers'' Muskegon's own famous instr	
7. A	nnouncement of Winners	
	Rank	Award
N	ovice Champions	
	nior Champions	
	ird Place	
	nners-up	2/
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8. Fi	nale	All Participants

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