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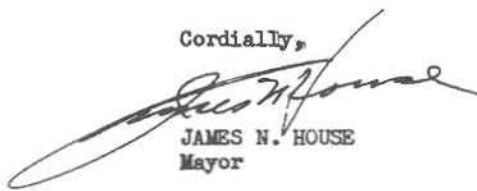
## WELCOME BARBER SHOPPERS OF MICHIGAN

On behalf of the citizens of Jackson, I bid you welcome to our City for the Annual Michigan District Barbershop Quartet contest and convention. We are honored by being selected as the Convention City for 1955.

The Jackson Chapter, along with other Michigan District Chapters have won the respect and acclaim of the citizens of Michigan for your devotion of time and talent to many charitable and worthwhile projects.

The people who make "Jackson a good place in which to live" salute your organization and extend best wishes for the continuing success of your activities.

Cordially,



JAMES N. HOUSE  
Mayor



## FORWARD



The Jackson Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. proudly presents the sixteenth Michigan District Contest of Champions. And in presenting the long list of real top-flight quartets and choruses you are about to witness, we sincerely thank everyone who have given their time, effort and ingenuity to make this the most terrific convention in Michigan District history. So sit back, relax and now, listen to HARMONY.

All Contest Judges are appointed by the Society from a list of qualified men who have been schooled specifically for this purpose. The five men 'bending their ears' today are:

|                                        |                                |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chairman – Mark Roberts, Grosse Pointe |                                |
| Henry Schubert, Detroit                | John Hill, Lansing             |
| Bob Hafer, Detroit                     | Art Merrill, Schenectady, N.Y. |

The Secretary of the Judges is Paul Kernen – Ithica – Gratiot County  
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SAM CUSHMAN - President  
Jackson Chapter

Welcome friends of Barbershop Singing . . . It is my priviledge and pleasure this year to welcome you in behalf of the Jackson Chapter to this, the greatest week-end of Barbershop harmony in the Michigan District.

Never before has the host chapter been able to offer so much in the way of Barbershop entertainment to a harmony hungry public. Your presence here bears this out . . .

So - kick off your shoes, sit back, relax and enjoy yourself because this is truly your Barbershop ' Show of Shows ' .

General Chairman for the District Contest rests with 'Bob' Boersma known around Michigan as a very ardent Barbershopper. . .

Bob has been a member of the Jackson Chapter No.7 for the past three years and was formally with Grand Rapids Chapter No. 4.



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Welcome to the sixteenth annual Michigan District fall meeting. Tonight we are crowning a New District championship quartet to join a long list of illustrious predecessors (for the information of our guests, a championship quartet is not eligible for competition again). We will also choose a chorus to represent our District in the International contest at Minneapolis next June. During the evening, we will also recognize and reward outstanding achievements during the past fiscal year.

Michigan, the pioneer District in our Society, is on the March. Our membership is rising. Energetic extension efforts are bringing results. Our quartets brought glory to themselves and recognition to the District when all three of our representatives reached the finalist round of fifteen at the 1955 International Contest held at Miami. Our choruses are being recognized as being among the outstanding. Several of our men are serving with distinction in the councils of SPEBSQSA. . . .

For these and other reasons, we are happy to be holding this year's fall meeting here at Jackson, the home of a Chapter which has contributed a great deal to the progress of the Michigan District during the past 15 years.

All Michigan babershoppers and their families are enjoying a week-end which is the result of endless hours of planning and effort by the Jackson Chapter.

We are especially honored by the presence of our International President, Arthur Merrill, who is attending this meeting, as are Robert G. Hafer and Mark Roberts, two other present International officers.

To all who have contributed of their time and effort to make this outstanding convention we wish to express our sincere appreciation on behalf of the entire District.

To all of our visiting babershoppers, their families and all to our guests, we extend a most cordial welcome. . . .





# QUARTET PRELIMINARIES

10:00 A. M.



MASTER OF CEREMONIES..... Don Wright, Addison  
Vice President - Michigan District

## THE CONTESTANTS ( In Order of their Appearance)

1. VERSICHORDS - Wayne Chapter  
Tenor-D.Milliman, Lead-T.Linabury, Bari-B.Miquelon, Bass-J.Cooney
2. TONSIL BENDERS - Jackson Chapter  
Tenor-Wm.Boyden, Lead-L.Shaw, Bari-J.Cox, Bass-L.Field
3. BEACON-AIRES - Muskegon Chapter  
Tenor-Dr.P.Borton, Lead-A.Burgess, Bari-B.Van Bogelen, Bass-L.Sequin
4. INCIDENTALS - Kalamazoo Chapter  
Tenor-C.Snyder, Lead-H.Dykema, Bari-G.Bingham, Bass-D.Barrett
5. TREBLE MAKERS - Detroit & Redford Chapters  
Tenor-E.Reddick, Lead-B.Rowell, Bari-G.VanTassell, Bass-V.Van Yorx
6. ONCHORDS - Saginaw Chapter  
Tenor-B.Ahrens, Lead-J.Keane, Bari-E.Peitsch, Bass-D.Lee
7. AIRE TONICS - Muskegon Chapter  
Tenor-W.Wickstrom, Lead-G.Guimond, Bari-T.Damm, Bass-C.Bristol
8. FOR-TUNE TELLERS - Jackson Chapter  
Tenor-S.Cushman, Lead-E.Queen, Bari-T.Cushman, Bass-B.Knorpp
9. TUNE GRINDERS - Detroit Chapter  
Tenor-R.Schirmer, Lead-J.Smith, Bari-J.Jones, Bass-H.Tubbs
10. BARONS - Wayne Chapter  
Tenor-M.Arthur, Lead-L.LeBaron, Bari-A.Truesdell, Bass-Ed. Smith

11. ....
12. ....
13. ....
14. ....
15. ....

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# CHORUS CONTEST

3:30 P. M.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES ..... Ray Leatz, St. Joseph  
Vice President - Michigan District

## THE CONTESTANTS ( In Order of their Appearance )

- 1. PORT CITY CHORUS ..... Muskegon  
Al Burgess - Director
- 2. DOE-WAH-JACK CHORUS ..... Dowagiac  
Tom Grove - Director
- 3. JACKSONAIRES CHORUS ..... Jackson  
George Cripps - Director
- 4. KALAMAZOO CHORUS ..... Kalamazoo  
J. E. Rudnick - Director
- 5. GREAT LAKES CHORUS ..... Grand Rapids  
Robert Weaver - Director
- 6. WINMILL CHORUS ..... Holland  
Francis Hodgeboom - Director
- 7. GRATIOT COUNTY CHORUS ..... Gratiot County  
Phillip Daab - Director

- 8. ....
- 9. ....
- 10. ....

## GIRLS QUARTET - ' THE FOUR - TENTHS '

THE TWO TOP CHORUSES WILL APPEAR IN THIS EVENINGS BIG FINALS QUARTET CONTEST. ALSO, THE WINNING CHORUS WILL REPRESENT THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA NEXT JUNE.

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# EVENING FINALS

8:15 P. M.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES ..... LOUIS R. HARRINGTON  
President - Michigan District

## 1. QUARTET COMPETITION:

Contest No.1 ..... from .....  
Contest No.2 ..... from .....  
Contest No.3 ..... from .....  
Contest No.4 ..... from .....  
Contest No.5 ..... from .....  
Contest No.6 ..... from .....  
Contest No.7 ..... from .....  
Contest No.8 ..... from .....

## 2. COMMUNITY SINGING - TWO SONGS

## 3. CHORUS FINALISTS

Contest No.1 ..... from .....  
Contest No.2 ..... from .....

## 4. INTERMISSION - TEN MINUTES

If you prefer to remain in your seats, there will be community singing.

## 5. ACCOUSTICAL PERSECUTIN' FOUR - Jackson - Champions 1945-46

Tenor - Francis Hodgeboom      Bari - Forrest Comstock  
Lead - Robert Breitmayer      Bass - Fred Foster

## 6. MERRI - MEN - Lansing - Champions 1951-52

Tenor - Howard Hawkins      Bari - Gordon Washburn  
Lead - Dale Bulock      Bass - Doug Stephens

## 7. PITCH BLEND-AIRES - Inkster - Champions 1954-55

Tenor - Jack Golding      Bari - Dale Clixby  
Lead - Tom Pollard      Bass - Don Golding

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapter Achievement Award      Area Counselor of the year Award

## 9. PRESENTATION OF WINNERS

|                     |               |                      |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Second Place Chorus | Novice Champs | Third Place Winners  |
| First Place Chorus  | Junior Champs | Second Place Winners |
|                     |               | First Place Winners  |

10. FINALE ..... ALL PARTICIPANTS

Pre-Show Accordionist - Mrs. Edward Hanawalt

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