



**THE MONROE CHAPTER  
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WELCOMES YOU TO THE  
**29th Annual Michigan Pioneer District  
Quartet and Chorus Competition**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1968**  
PRELIMS 9:30 A.M.    CHORUS 1:30 P.M.    FINALS 8:00 P.M.  
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Barbershop Harmony is a form of American Music which gets its name just where you'd expect. In earlier days the small town or neighborhood barbershop was clubby. Friends gathered there to swap news, tell stories and often to sing. A typically New World type of harmony singing developed around these informal singing groups.

This type of harmony is produced by four voices, unaccompanied. Rules of time, expression and word theme are frequently sacrificed to obtain more blending harmony satisfaction. There is usually at least one harmonizing chord on each melody note, though sometimes there are as many as five such. They are called "swipes".

The Melody is usually sung by the Lead. The Tenor part, comparable to a high alto, is usually above the Lead. Baritone and Bass round out the four parts. Sometimes melody notes may be traded 'round, but usually the Lead carries them. Sometimes he sings a few solo notes, then all join on the succeeding chorus.

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## *Competition and Convention*

### Sponsoring Chapter ... MONROE, MICHIGAN

This combined Quartet and Chorus Contest will select a District Quartet Champion and a Regional Chorus Champion.

The Regional Chorus Champion will represent the Michigan Pioneer District in the 1969 International Quartet and Chorus Contest to be held in St. Louis, July 1969.

The District Quartet Champion will be one who has never held that honor before, thus barring past Champions. They will reign as District Champs, but the Quartets to represent us in the International in St. Louis will be selected at a Spring Convention to be held in Saginaw on April 25-27, 1969.

Monroe Chapter Convention Committee .....	William Whippen, Chairman	
	George Hennig, Co-Chairman	
Gordon Sauer	Art Lusty	Rawleigh Gregory
Al Pixley	Tom Morgan	G. G. "Bubb" Riggs
John Metz	Jerry Ratz	Chuck Mumby
Don Schroeder	Gene Finley	Russ Hochradel

It is my pleasure to welcome all you Barbershoppers and spouses to Monroe for the 1968 Michigan Pioneer District Convention. We have labored long and hard to give you the kind of convention that we know you want. We hope we have succeeded. Enjoy yourselves.

John Metz, President

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— JUDGES —

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# QUARTET PRELIMINARIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1968

9:30 A.M.

ST. MARY ACADEMY AUDITORIUM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES \_\_\_\_\_ TOM DAMM  
Vice President Michigan Pioneer District

	(Semi-Finals)	(Finals)
X _____	( )	( )
X _____	( )	( )
X Dune Tones Muskegon	( )	( )
1. Wonder Lads Detroit & Oakland County	( )	( )
2. Eversharps Saginaw - Bay	( )	( )
3. The Hustlers Niles - Buchanan & Fruit Belt	( )	( )
4. Arbor Traders Ann Arbor & Wayne	( )	( )
5. Twi - Lighters Monroe	( )	( )
6. Beantown Four Saginaw - Bay	( )	( )
7. Kusual D's Muskegon	( )	( )

7 Quartets will be picked from this mornings preliminaries and will perform again this evening. The cumulative total of points will determine the winners of the following awards.

Novice quartet champs \_\_\_\_\_

Junior quartet champs \_\_\_\_\_

Third place quartet champs \_\_\_\_\_

Second place quartet champs \_\_\_\_\_

First place quartet champs \_\_\_\_\_

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Everyone must remain seated while contestants are performing.

# QUARTET FINALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1968

8:00 P.M.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES \_\_\_\_\_ GENE GILLEM  
President Michigan Pioneer District

## - QUARTET FINALISTS -

	(Position)		(Position)
1. _____	( )	5. _____	( )
2. _____	( )	6. _____	( )
3. _____	( )	7. _____	( )
4. _____	( )	8. _____	( )

## — — INTERMISSION — —

Community singing \_\_\_\_\_

Regional chorus champs (As selected this afternoon)

### Presentation of Awards

Presenting the "Sharplifters" 1967-1968 District champions. Singing tenor, Bill Wickstrom, Lead, Joe Coburn; Bari. John Seemann and Bass, Mike Mudgett. Registered with International in Feb. 1967, and two months later were chosen as one of the quartets to represent the Michigan District at International. In the big league competition of International they made a big move to 27th place out of 45, then last October in Windsor were named Michigan District Champs. Last spring at Muskegon, the "Sharplifters" along with the "Eversharps" were selected to compete at International, where the "Sharplifters" placed a very fine eleventh place. Tonight they end their reign as Michigan District Champs and the Monroe chapter, along with rest of the Michigan District know their best is still ahead of them. Now sit back and enjoy the "Sharplifters"

Finale - - "Keep America Singing"

# CHORUS CONTEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1968

1:30 P.M.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES..... ERIC SCHULTZ  
Past District President

(Position)

- |                              |                                  |     |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| X                            |                                  | ( ) |
| X                            |                                  | ( ) |
| 1. Lansing                   | Ken Gibson                       | ( ) |
| 2. Timberland Saginaw - Bay  | Robert Glover                    | ( ) |
| 3. Motor City Detroit        | W. D. Butler                     | ( ) |
| 4. Tecumseh                  | Bill Price                       | ( ) |
| 5. Wayne Wonderland          | Gordon Limburg                   | ( ) |
| 6. Battle Creek              | Ronald Mell                      | ( ) |
| 7. Wolverine                 | Carl Dahlke and/or Norm Thompson | ( ) |
| 8. Port City Chorus Muskegon | Richard Hester                   | ( ) |
| 9. Monroe                    | Bubb Riggs                       | ( ) |

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Following is a recent progress report from the Institute of Logopedics regarding "Lee" and "Rich" who are sponsored by The Michigan-Pioneer District Barbershoppers.

Both Lee and Rich are progressing very nicely in their programs. They are both avid sport participants as well as spectators and play football, basketball and bowl. This summer they both acted as assistant counselors for a two week period at Camp Logos, the summer day camp located 15 miles from the Institute in a beautiful woodland area and operated by the Institute for its children. They were most successful in helping the younger children learn to fish, swim, pitch horseshoes, play shuffleboard and other activities available at the Camp.

Recently the boys have been placed in half-day vocational exploration and will be given the opportunity to work in all of the various programs of woodworking, laundry, furniture refinishing, greenhouse plant propagation and lawn keeping. In the fall this exploration will continue.

Progress in speech and academic areas is steady but slow. They are enthusiastic members of the Glee Club and are enjoying piano lessons. "Lee" and "Rich" are popular members of our young community and are continuing to work hard to reach their maximum potentials so that they may someday return home better equipped to live meaningful lives within their own family and community.

Please extend our heartfelt thanks to the Members of the Pioneer District for the help they have extend to these young men.