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**RESULTS OF DISTRICT CONTEST:** Congratulations are in order for the following quartets who made such a fine showing at the annual Michigan District Contest held at Pontiac on October 21st against some very stiff competition:

- FIRST . . . . .Tune Vendors of Dowagiac
- SECOND . . . . .Note Blenders of Oakland County
- THIRD . . . . .Crow Matix of Muskegon
- Junior Champs . . . . .Accidental Four of Oakland County
- Novice Champs . . . . .Harmony Prospectors of Sault Ste. Marie

We know that the 'Tune Vendors,' consisting of Jim McGlynn, Bert Heppes, Tom Grove, and Bob Mullen, will add to the prestige of the Michigan District during their reign as champions.

It is to be noted that the new Junior Champions, 'The Accidental Four,' are four lads from Royal Oak High School, and should be heard from in the future.

**DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** Adoption of a plan to provide for the sponsorship by the District of chorus contests was the principal order of business of the fall meeting held at Pontiac in connection with the contest. A committee to supervise same will be appointed by the District President, Mark Roberts, shortly, and definite arrangements made. Stress was also laid at the meeting of the necessity of increasing inter-chapter relations. This is to be effected through the medium of conferences in each area under the supervision of the respective area counsellors.

**SAULT STE. MARIE AWARDED REGIONAL CONTEST:** Sault Ste. Marie was awarded the 1951 Regional Preliminary Quartet Contest by the District Executive Board. It will be held Saturday, May 6, 1951, to determine which Michigan quartets will compete in the International Contest to be held in Toledo, Ohio, in June, 1951. With the Michigan District boasting so many outstanding quartets, this should be quite a contest. The annual meeting of delegates and election of District Officers will be held in conjunction with this event, so plan to attend. Sault Ste. Marie has two fine hotels and many scenic tourist attractions.

**METROPOLITAN DETROIT CHORUS CONCERT:** This fine aggregation, composed of men from all the chapters in the Detroit area, and under the direction of Thomas Needham, will present their annual 'Choral Jubilee' at the Music Hall in downtown Detroit on Saturday, December 2, 1950 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$1.20. Choruses from Toledo, Pontiac, and Milford will join with the Metropolitan chorus in a 100-voice group. The first half of the show will feature the Commonwealth Singers rendering Christmas Carols, and the second half will feature the chorus in a minstrel program. Several quartets will appear, including the 'Note Blenders' of Oakland County, and the 'Village-Aires' of Chicago, Illinois, who were finalists in the 1950 International Contest. Tickets are on sale at my office.

