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**ON TO OMAHA:** Michigan's hopes for a championship quartet in the 1950 International Contest at Omaha, June 9-10, will rest on the shoulders of the four quartets chosen in the Regional contest at Midland held May 6th. Each of these quartets has the potentialities to reach the top. Two of them were medalists last year and since none of the others in the top five at the Buffalo contest are in the running, we have great hopes that one of our quartets will win top honors. Representing the Michigan District are:

Antlers of Flint  
Clef Dwellers of Oakland County  
Crow Matix of Muskegon  
Note Blenders of Oakland County

The Interludes of Midland were chosen as the alternate quartet. Scanning the results of the contests in other regions, we note such outstanding quartets as the Buffalo Bills, of Buffalo, Hi-Los of Milwaukee, Hy Power Serenaders of Kansas City, Cardinals of Madison, Bar-B-Q Four of La Grange, Beau Jesters of Dallas, Atomic Bums of Minneapolis, Bonanza Four of Reno, and the Four Chorders of London, Ontario. There is no doubt that the 1950 International contest will be the best in SPEBSQSA history. If you are unable to attend, the finals will be broadcast by the Mutual Broadcasting System coast-to-coast.

**THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE:** To all retiring Chapter officers, the Michigan District extends its sincerest thanks for a job well done. It was your splendid cooperation that enabled us to keep moving ahead. Your newly elected successors will need your assistance. Please help them. Personally, it has been a privilege for me to work with you.

**DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** Delegates at the annual District meeting held at Midland on May 6th, adopted the new standard District constitution formulated by the International Board of Directors. A resolution was also passed providing for the incorporation of the Michigan District as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan. Six By-Laws were adopted at the meeting, subject to approval by the International Board of Directors. The first two provide for the formal name of the District and define its territorial limits (all of the State of Michigan except the western part of the Upper Peninsula.) The third by-law provides for ten areas to be established by the Executive Committee. The fourth provides for one Area Counsellor (formerly known as Area Governor) in each area to be appointed by the District president upon the recommendation and advice of the chapters in each respective area. The fifth provides for proportionate representation upon the District Board of Directors. Chapters with less than fifty members will be entitled to one delegate; 50-99 members will have two; while those with over 99 will be entitled to three delegates. The sixth by-law fixes the month of October as the time for the holding of the annual District quartet contest.

The Delegates then voted \$100.00 to each of the four quartets qualifying for the International contest.

It was also announced that the Sault Ste. Marie chapter had been transferred to the Michigan District as of May 1st. Six members of the chapter attended the Midland meeting. Gordon Grant of Saginaw, a past president of the District, then paid a tribute to the splendid work of C. W. Coye, retiring president, and presented him with his past president's pin.

NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS: Mark Roberts of the Grosse Pointe chapter was chosen president of the Michigan District for the coming year. Other officers are: Lester Davis (Lansing) and M. C. "Bob" Newman (Sturgis), vice-presidents; Clarence Jalving (Holland) treasurer, and Louis R. Harrington of the Hamtramck chapter, secretary. C. W. Coye (Grand Rapids) becomes the Immediate Past President.

DISTRICT PER CAPITA TAX: The District will no longer collect directly a District per capita tax. The International Office will now collect \$4.00 per capita from all chapters and fifty cents of this will be turned over to the Districts. This will provide for a uniform policy throughout the entire Society. This provision goes into effect at once.

INFORMATION WANTED: Many chapters have failed and neglected to send us a list of officers for 1950-51. Kindly see to it that we have the complete data on your chapter. We need this information.

TROUBADOUR DISTRIBUTION: Sufficient copies of each issue of the Michigan Troubadour are sent to each chapter secretary to provide for distribution to each member in his chapter. We suggest that each chapter mail them out to their membership either separately or with their chapter bulletin. Thus everyone will be fully informed of District activities.

NOMINATIONS FOR AREA COUNSELLORS: All chapters are urged to send in names of capable men whom they wish to nominate for Area Counsellors in the respective Areas. The District president will make the appointments after giving consideration to these recommendations.

He will welcome your suggestions or comments. Send them to Mark Roberts, 1462 Fischer Avenue, Detroit 14, Michigan.

The boundaries of some of the Areas have been re-arranged. Here is the list of the ten areas as they are now constituted:

<u>Areas</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
1	Dearborn, Detroit, East Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Hamtramck, Huron Valley, Monroe, Mt. Clemens, Northville, Northwest Detroit, Pontiac, Oakland County, Redford, Wayne
2	Adrian, Albion, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Jackson, Hudson, Ypsilanti
3	Eaton Rapids, Flint, Holly, Lansing, Lapeer, Ortonville, Owosso
4	Bay City, Gratiot County, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Saginaw
5	Oscoda County, Sage Lake
6	Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Sault Ste. Marie
7	Beulah, Hart, Ludington, Manistee, Traverse City
8	Grand Rapids, Ionia, Lowell, Portland
9	Allegan, Holland, Grand Haven, Muskegon, Whitehall-Montague
10	Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Dowagiac, Kalamazoo, Marcellus, Niles, South Haven, Sturgis, Three Rivers