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Lending some Christmas Spirit to the cover of this issue of the Troubadour and demonstrating a part of Barbershop so prominent in all of our chapters this season of the year are the "Strawhatters" of the Oakland County Chapter. All over the Country, thousands of quartets and chorus groups will be out singing Christmas carols from now through Christmas. For the most part, this singing will take place before those less fortunate people who must spend the holidays in hospitals, sanitoriums, and homes for the aged.

This selfless devotion for our fellow men extends, for a great many barbershoppers, throughout the whole year. Many of our chapters have one or more "pet projects" to which a great amount of time and labor is contributed. For example, the Dearborn Chapter puts on a big parade once a year to raise funds to enable them to bring gifts throughout the year to the patients at Dearborn Veteran's Hospital. These gifts, while very substantial, surely cannot be appreciated nearly as much as the many, many visits to the hospital to bring song and fellowship to these patients. This chapter, as well as many other chapters, truly extends the Christmas spirit of brotherhood, peace, and goodwill toward their fellow men.

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Chapters of our Society throughout the nation, at this time of the year, are having "Ladies Night" programs. In most cases, the program includes initiation of new members, installation of new officers, and an entertaining program for "the ladies". We bring our wives, our sweethearts, to this function because we want them to understand the enjoyment we get from barbershopping.

"Doc" John N. Schoen, past president, Land of Lakes District in a letter to this editor stated: "I firmly believe that we've got to include our wives and families in this hobby of ours or face the alternate of seeing it wither away." To be fair to Doc Schoen, it must also be stated that this statement was made in context to his praise of Ellen Harrington's column, "The Feminine Observer". I, however, would like to believe that this principal is meant also to include (and I may be alone on this side of the fence when I say it) the Sweet Adelines.

It is agreed that there must be reasonable restrictions regarding joint activities of this Society and the Sweet Adelines. It is also agreed that the barber-shop quartet is basically a man's domain. In fact, a lady wouldn't be caught dead in the old-fashioned barbershop. But--times change. The gals have demonstrated that they can handle our type of harmony.

They do a good job of it, too. Probably over half of our "Parades" feature a Sweet Adeline quartet on the program.

In a letter published in our International magazine, (Nov.-Dec. 1961, HARMONIZER), "Midwestern barbershopper, Richard B. Mills" states very emphatically his views regarding the girls. He also admits that the Sweet Adelines are "made up mostly of the wives and daughters of the members of our Society."

This Editor discussed with several persons the advisability of including a monthly column (in the Troubadour) about Sweet Adeline news of interest to barbershoppers. The reaction?--The International has spoken--no, no, no.

However, while rules, regulations and policies can prevent the printing of such a column in an official publication such as this, no rules can kill the fact that Joe Barbershopper IS interested in some Sweet Adeline activities; activities of our "wives and daughters". So why no column allowed?

We should have no fear from these gals. Rather, we should be thankful they have the same interests. Together we should work for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.



ON THE COVER

THE "STRAWHATTERS"

Organized in the Oakland County Chapter in 1949.

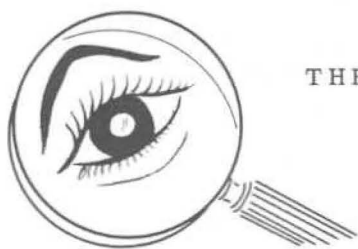
Tenor--Bob Dudley, Part owner of Great Lakes Oil Company.

Lead--Cliff Lundgren, Sales Engineer

Bari--Brad Laughlin, Patent Attorney

Bass--Bob Round, Engineer at Chevrolet Experimental Division.

This group has been singing and serving as masters of ceremonies at every Oakland County Chapter meeting since 1955. The fellows will again be found caroling this Christmas as they have every year since they organized, in their own neighborhood of Rosedale Park. They will also be joining the Oakland County Chapter in the Annual Christmas Caroling to various old folk's homes and hospitals on December 18.



THE FEMININE

OBSERVER

By Ellen Harrington

Lansing's Parade was enjoyed by a capacity crowd including a group of 100 from Milford via chartered bus. Others seen at the show were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Derby, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Elderkin, Mr. and Mrs. George Danic, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Davenport, John Hill, Tony Stornant, Orrin Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette



Bottom, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McAttee, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Winegardner, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephens, Gordon Washburn, Martin Cook, Jack Hurley, Richard Jameson, Wallace Clark, Bob Kirkey, LaMott Bates, Burt Szabo, Bill Chapman, Dominic Palmieri, Glenn Van Tassell, Clint Bostick, Carl Dahlke, Frank Brown and a host of others.

Miss Marjorie McDonald became the bride of Patrick A. Smith, president of the Suburban Detroit Chapter, at a beautiful Autumn wedding, and the couple flew to San Francisco on their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jalving of Holland have been attending barbershop contests in the Far Western District and enjoying a visit with their sons.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bostick, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Van Tassell of our new District champions, who are celebrating the arrival of baby girls, namely, Amy and Heidi. Wayne members who welcomed new additions to their families include Mr. and Mrs. Jack Golding, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pollard, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reid, who are the proud parents of twins.

Look for Ed Easley's picture in the Voigtlander ad in national magazines.

Fruit Belt Chapter's parade in their lovely new auditorium attracted quite a crowd from nearby South Haven including Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Zerbe, Richard Kelly, Dick Burrows, Roger Valentine and Harlan Quinn. Also seen were Mr. and Mrs. William Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Leatz, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Biasi, Dick Barrie, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Karl Kerlikowske, Art Rutz, the Kesterke brothers and many others.

Detroit chapter's parade, which was a complete sell-out weeks ahead of the date, was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs.

Joe Jones, Bill Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bostick, Glenn Van Tassell, Carl Dahlke, Dominic Palmieri, Mr. and Mrs. Bert West, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schuelze, Mr. and Mrs. Walley Joure, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. William Wales, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Meiselbach, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schirmer, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Calderwood, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Curtis, and countless others.

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quartet news

RIP CHORDS (Three Rivers)

In their second year as a registered quartet, these fellows competed in the recent District Quartet Contest. They have sung at chapters and organizations throughout the state and are an integral part of chapter meetings at Three Rivers. Booked to sing January 25 for the Soil Conservation Club. Lead: Steve Dolph, Bari: Lloyd Carter, Tenor: George Dieffenderfer, and Bass: George Wright, are doing their part to "Keep America Singing".

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SHARPS - A - CHORDS (Three Rivers)

Not yet registered, the Sharps-A-Chords have a schedule a pro quartet could be proud of. A month after they were organized, they sang in a minstrel show. The next week, November 8, they sang in a talent contest and won \$25. Now scheduled to sing four more engagements on November 28, 29, December 7, and December 22. Tenor: Harry Kampe, Lead: Jerry Wright, Bari: Bob Mader, and Bass: "Spec" Elliott. Let's register fellows, and keep up the good work.

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CHORDUROYS

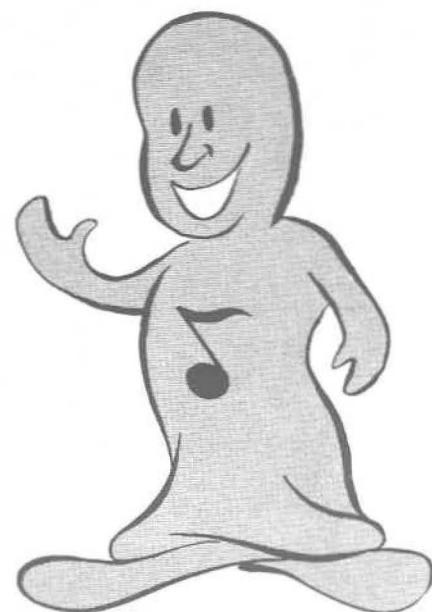
Rumors drift about regarding a breakup of this popular quartet. Only temporary, we hope. Known throughout the state, this quartet has traveled to International Competition, and appeared at many of our chapters. Lots of luck in whatever you do, boys. We're sure the "Chorduroys" won't be inactive for long.



Troub Presents A Profile On LOU LAUREL



LOUIS LAUREL



by Duane H. Mosier

When International sought a guiding hand for S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. for 1962, they went deep in the heart of Texas and found the right man.

Elected at the Philadelphia Convention, Louis Laurel of El Paso will take office as President on January 1. Forty-three year old, likeable Lou is by occupation a mechanical engineer and is employed as Manager of Industrial Supply Sales for the Mine and Smelter Supply Company. While his work amply supplies the wants of a wife and four children, seven to nineteen, it has given him time to indulge in his one great hobby, barbershopping. Lou Laurel is a consecrated barbershopper. His first meeting with close harmony began back in 1935 when he sang in a high school male quartet. Although he did not know it at the time, it was merely a symbol of greater things to come. A few years later he helped organize and sang in the El Paso Civic Chorus. Still later, he sang with the Apollo Club (an all male chorus) while at the same time directing the St. Joseph's Catholic Church choir--a position he has held for the past ten years.

In the early nineteen forties, he moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico, as service engineer for the Smelter Company and there became indoctrinated in barbershopping,

becoming a charter member of the Carlsbad Chapter. From that point, his ascent up the barbershop pole was rapid and pronounced.

Returning to El Paso in 1948, he joined the local chapter. While holding most of the chapter offices, including president, he organized the Desertaires quartet who were twice International finalists and also sang in the Border Chorders, past International chorus medalists. It was natural that his District should recognize his organizational ability. He was the District's president for two terms. From there he was elected to the International Board where he served on the Finance Committee, as Chairman of the Quartet Development Committee, on the Member Benefit Plan, and as Chairman of the important Long-Range Planning Committee. Meanwhile, by promotion, he became First Vice President. Lou is also a certified judge in the Voice Expression Category, having judged in many District contests and five International Contests.

Lou's wife, Helen, is also entitled to wear a laurel wreath. She is a devoted barbershopper and travels with him on all barbershop trips when possible.

With Lou's great experience in Society matters, he clearly sees its weak and strong points. He intends to make the weak points strong, and the strong points even stronger.

"My plans," says Lou, "call for developing a closer bond between all units of our Society so that in the future we can talk about what we are doing as a "Barbershopper" not as a member of a particular district, a member of an International committee, or a particular chapter member; in other words, let us forget about whether the International organization is developing or assuming too much power, or whether the district is running the Society. We are to be unified as never before, all working towards the same goal and that is to make our Society the greatest on earth."



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Chapter News

GRAND RAPIDS

Chapter Reporter:
D. A. Konkle

Grand Rapids is reviving the "Package Show". They had a big one November 11 that featured the Great Lakes Chorus, the Chord Conductors, the Spartonairens, the Fun Addicts, the Junior Quartet, and more (We hear the Spartonairens stole the show.)

On Friday, December 8, this chapter entertained the new Greenville Chapter--a big help to a new chapter.

On Friday, December 22, Grand Rapids goes caroling. Also there will be a Christmas Party, complete with wives and gal friends.

This chapter is already working toward the next, always terrific, Great Lakes Invitational to be held April 7, 1962, which will feature the Buffalo Bills, the Merri-Men, and the Banjo-Tainers. This show consistently draws Barbershoppers from throughout the District. Looks like 1962 won't be an exception.

Grand Rapids Chapter proudly announces its officers for 1962:

President: Tom J. Elderkin, Membership Vice President: Ken Childs, Program Vice President: Lloyd Mitz, Secretary: D. A. Konkle, Treasurer: Herm Baker.

EAST DETROIT

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Heeder

According to "Barbershop Banner", monthly newsletter from the East Detroit Chapter, a "prominent member" may be taking over in the kitchen. Here is a job that gives lots of recognition.

East Detroit held their annual Ladies Night on November 25 and a visitation to Oakland County on December 1.

East Detroit Chapter proudly announces its slate of officers for 1962:

President: Dick Brouchaert, Adm. Vice President: Gene Girard, Program Vice President: Frank Lozzi, Secretary: Don Anderson, Treasurer: Buff Bouffard.

THREE RIVERS

Chapter Reporter:
Jerry Wright

Three Rivers is now co-sponsoring a home talent variety show to be presented on January 31 for the new Chamber of Commerce Building that is being erected in Three Rivers.

Through group participation and loads of spirit, chapter turnout at meetings has taken a drastic jump from 11-14 up to 21 at a recent meeting. The "Round-Robin" is found to be a hit at every meeting.

This chapter holds a quartet contest four times a year. The next "Quartet of the Quarter" contest will be held at Ladies Night on December 18.

ANN ARBOR

Chapter Reporter:
Newbern Smith

Ann Arbor held inter-chapter meetings with Wayne Chapter on November 21 and on November 28. All had loads of fun.

On December 12, Ladies Night proved very successful what with guest quartets and luscious food, etc, thanks to Dan McCarthy who headed this activity.

Ann Arbor has hit the half hundred mark--50 members. This chapter was represented at the Zone I H.E.P. School by two instructors: Richard Webber and Gordon Meiselbach. Five students also attended.

The chapter chorus, the Arbor Barbers, is now being directed by Ernest Therkelsen. Congratulations Ernie.

Ann Arbor proudly announces its officers for 1962: President: James O. Davenport, Adm. Vice President: Ernest Therkelsen, Membership Vice President: Robert Miller, Program Vice President: Gordon Meiselbach, Secretary: Sumner Maule, Treasurer: Dick Webber.

FRUIT BELT

Chapter Reporter:
Gus Reeves

On December 1 this chapter entertained Niles-Buchanan, South Haven, and three men who came from Muskegon. They held a fish fry, a quartet contest and were also entertained by the top District chorus, the Gateway Chorus from Niles-Buchanan.

A progress report on the building of the new "Chorditorium" will be ready, complete with progress photographs, for the February issue of the "Troubadour", it is announced, and it is hoped that the chapter can begin meeting in it sometime this spring.

OAKLAND COUNTY

Chapter Reporter:
Mel Holderness

On December 1 Oakland County Chapter held a Ladies Night, Christmas Party, Installation of Officers, etc. Emceed by the Strawhatters (See cover of this issue) and entertained by the Sweet Sioux, the Curbstone Serenaders, the Chorduroys (present) and the Chorduroys (former--back to collect a cup for a contest won a long time back). Those present at this event had a full evening of fine entertainment.

On January 5, Dearborn Chapter will be guests and on January 22 this chapter will be visiting the Northwest Chapter.

WINDSOR

Chapter Reporter:
Don Bennett

Windsor Chapter put on a one-hour show for the blind people at their Alexander Hall on the 29th of November which lasted two hours.

On December 8, Windsor held initiation of new members and installation of new officers. On December 15 it was Annual Ladies Night, Christmas Party, complete with guest quartets, luncheon, and the works.

December 17--schedule shows "Annual Christmas Caroling Tour" to Essex County Jail, Villa Maria, Huron Lodge, East Windsor Hospital and Alexander Hall.

Winner of the "Mr. Windsor Barbershopper"--Al Smith. Closely following were Paul Eberwein, Joe Rouffor, Bert Leader, Andy McCann, and George Young. Al was presented with his cup at Ladies Night, December 15.

DEARBORN

Chapter Reporter:
Frank Tritle

In addition to a very successful Ladies Night, November 18, Dearborn opened their regular Friday, December 8 meeting to the ladies and presented their "Annual Ladies Night Christmas Party"--a very big show with the program reading: Auto-Towners, Aire Males, Sweet Sioux, Detroit Taggers, Foam Blowers, and, of course, the Dearborn Chord-o-Matic Chorus.

Dearborn Chapter is busy working toward their big parade on February 17.

DOWN RIVER

Chapter Reporter:

Downriver proudly announces its officers for 1962: President: Dick Gabriel, 1st Vice President: J. Douglas Arsenau, 2nd Vice President: Gerry Somers, Secretary: Jim Cannon, Treasurer: Bill Taylor, and Sergeant-at-Arms: Stan Kowaleski.

This chapter now has a new quartet--the "Fall-Out Four". These boys--Lead: Gerry Somers, Tenor: Jim Cannon, Bari: Gary Winterrowd, and Bass: Aarne Olkkonen--took second place in class "B" competition at Redford's Novice Quartet Contest.

UTICA-ROCHESTER

Chapter Reporter:
Dan Davey

Utica-Rochester now has an Octet called the "Shock Troops". Inspired and organized by Ken Sheridan, the octet is directed by Don Ware. Wouldn't be surprised if this should grow into something much larger--a full chorus perhaps?

Looks like Utica-Rochester has another quartet in its ranks--Harry Tom, Bass; Ed Greene, Bari; Duane Peltier, Lead; Jim Harrison, Tenor. Lots of luck, boys.

MUSKEGON

Chapter Reporter:

The Port City Chorus will, again this Christmas season, be making its annual round of hospitals, TB sanitariums, etc., bringing Christmas cheer to many in need of it. Activities such as this are greatly appreciated, not only by those who hear the singing, but by the whole Society as well.

KALAMAZOO

Chapter Reporter:
Jim Sell

Now meeting every Friday. The Kalamazoo Chorus, under the direction of Richard "Dick" Peterson, made two appearances in the month of November. On November 7 at the Kalamazoo State Hospital and on November 14 at the Gun River Conservation Club in Plainwell, Michigan. Chapter members are working hard for the coming annual show to be held on February 10, 1962, at the Kalamazoo Central H.S. Auditorium. A top-notch show is being planned.

The Kalamazoo Chapter proudly announces its officers for 1962: President: Gil Shedore, Adm. Vice President: George Brooks, Program Vice President: Ed Tooley, Secretary-Treasurer: Jim Sell.

NORTHWEST DETROIT Chapter Reporter:
Duane Mosier

Under the capable guiding hand of emcee Jim Sandry, Northwest Area Chapter of barbershoppers entertained their wives and guests at Cregar's Pickwick House Monday evening, December 4.

It was a night of fun, close harmony and Christmas carols. Every one of the 105 members and guests thoroughly enjoyed it. Sandry introduced the guest quartet, The Auto Towners, Michigan champs who, with their bell-sounding chords, brought lusty response from the crowd after each number. Northwest's own quartet, The Scorekeepers, now in their third year of pleasing harmony, were equally impressive. This quartet with Larry Winchester, Lead; his brother Bill, Tenor; Bob Mueller, Bari; and Ted Robbins, Bass, has given pleasure to thousands of the elder citizens and shut-ins in the Detroit area.

Several outstanding numbers were featured in addition to barbershop harmony. Bill Fox, pianist and pipe organist extraordinary, did "Three Blind Mice" in



THE SCOREKEEPERS (Photo by Tedrick)

classical and modern style. Howard Tubbs, barber-shopper from way-back-when, in his deep, melodious bass voice, sang "Old Black Joe" and "Old Man River" to a background of harmony humming by the crowd. Tubbs helped organize the Michigan District and has served on the International Board.

Northwest Chapter member, Marc Graber, entertained with cartoon caricatures of several fellow members which produced howls of laughter. This man of many talents is always a crowd pleaser.

The Northwest Chapter Chorus, under the direction of Earle Strand, sang "Adeste Fidelis" and "Cantique De Noel".

President Phil Stinson presented Jack Round with an inscribed plaque in appreciation of Jack's many years as chorus director. New officers installed by Howard Tubbs: Dr. George Swan, President; Marc Graber and Jim McClelland, Vice Presidents; Jack Downey, Secretary; Maurice Kitchen, Treasurer; and Duane Mosier, Delegate.

Concluding the program, the two quartets led the crowd in "Keep America Singing".

REDFORD

Chapter Reporter:

On November 24 Redford Chapter held its annual "Redford Novice Contest". Results of the Class "A" competition: (1) Detroit Taggers, (2) Huronaires, (3) Four Fits, (4) Esprit de Chords.

HUDSON

Chapter Reporter:

The Hudson chapter held an impromptu get-together to greet two past chapter presidents: Harry DeVine from Colorado Springs and Bob Helms from Clearwater Florida. Time did not permit any notice or bulletin, but word spread via the Barbershop grapevine and phone calls resulted in a good turnout for the reunion, which was all the more heart-warming because the visits of both men involved illness in the family.

This chapter got a nice write-up in "The Hillsdale Daily News", complete with picture, by singing for patients at the Maple Lawn Convalescent Home. This made a lot of people feel good--including the Barber-shoppers.

WAYNE

Chapter Reporter:

The December 5 pot luck, Ladies Night, etc., was, as usual for this chapter, a howling success. The President for this chapter for 1962 will be Dale Clixby. Congratulations, Dale.

Wayne Chapter is working again this Christmas on a project to bring toys to the blind children at the Penrickton Home. "Christmas is made for children."

HOLLAND

Chapter Reporter:

The Holland Chorus, directed by MIKE LUCAS, recently sang a package show in Zeeland, Michigan. The audience, it is sure, heard from a bunch of fellows who love to sing. Congratulations Mike, on your new post as chorus director.

MICHIGAN SINGS

The Tag of the Month for December, "Down By The Old Mill Stream", comes from Tom Steel of the "Detroit Taggers".

The "Taggers" have specialized in this joy of barbershop, this frosting on the cake--the Tag. They are sure to be found at an afterglo (as well as on many a show) spellbinding everyone with the art of singing a tag. These fellows know them, the unusual and the standard (and a couple of good jokes too?).

When Tom sends in a Tag like "Down By the Old Mill Stream" we all look forward to learning it--it's bound to be fun to sing.

Thanks, Tom, for this swell Tag.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the members of the Michigan District:

During the past month I have received scores of letters and a great many calls and comments regarding the appearance of the TROUBADOUR. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of you who have contributed so much to this swelled head I now have. It means a great deal to know I have been able to contribute to Michigan Barbershopping.

Sincerely,
James O. Davenport



THE CURBSTONE SERENADERS

The Curbstone Serenaders, 2nd place winners in 1961 Michigan District Competition hail from the Oakland County and Pontiac Chapters of the Michigan District.

Organized at Oakland County Chapter in 1954, these boys placed first at a novice contest held at Milford in the same year. Two years later, in 1956, they were finalists in Michigan District competition in Traverse City. They took 3rd place in 1960 and are nowtop contenders for District Champions for 1963.

The Tenor, Bob Marshall, is assistant Branch Manager, Wayne Oakland Bank in Berkley; the Lead, Ed Lilly is a sales representative for Chrysler Corporation; the Bari, Tom Rafferty, is a Co-ordinator in the styling division of Ford Motor Company; and the Bass, Cliff Douglas is a service representative with Consumers Power Company.

An extremely popular quartet, the Curbstone Serenaders have appeared on both radio and TV and are in demand for parades and shows throughout the District. Lots of luck to the Curbstone Serenaders.

Following the Leader

by Pres. John Comloquoy

"SEVENTEEN YEARS OF BARBERSHOP MEMORIES"

It all began in November, 1945. I attended the Jackson Chapter meeting at the Hayes Hotel along with three other men. 132 members, and at least 100 were there that night. The four of us were given 20 minutes to learn two songs--we did--terribly--but we formed the quartet (The Jackson-Aires) right then and there, joined that night and I have been a Barbershopper ever since.



The old quartets, the names, the faces (many long since gone), are not always at the tip of the tongue. But the memories, the beautiful chords, the harmony, the fellowship and the wonderful friendships gained through those years will live within me forever. I have heard many terrific quartets, but to me, the greatest of them all were "The Clef-Dwellers". They never won the top spot with the judges, but I doubt if any quartet could match their record during their years of competition.

And men like Carroll Adams, Cecil Fischer, Bob Walker, Chase Sanborn, "Moose" Klaiber, Clarence Jalving, the pride of the north ("Gunner" Willson), Mark Roberts and "Tubber" Tubbs, Lou Harrington, Roscoe Bennett, Louie Johnson, Gordon Grant, Al Olsen, Seab Lawrence and so many others that have given so much to better our Society. I am proud to have known all of these men.

"THE KEY TO RICHES"

Any man who likes to sing or likes to just listen to harmony, is a potential member of our Society. We are doing this man an injustice by not inviting him to our chapter meetings. But "how" you do it is what will "sell" that man on becoming a Barbershopper.

"Personalized Hospitality" is the answer. Every chapter member present when he attends, must take it upon himself to see that any "guest" is never alone for one moment at that or subsequent meetings. Make that guest feel so welcome and so necessary that he will bite his nails until your next meeting. It is that simple to double your membership. But YOU must do the selling. Insist now that your chapter officers set a "plan of action" in motion to double your membership. New faces and new voices create new quartets, better choruses, more fellowship and better chapters. Do it--now.

"A TOUCH OF TOMORROW"

In less than a month, new officers will take over their duties in District and Chapter offices. These men have been selected by you, not because they were "good

guys", but for the simple reason that you felt they possessed the abilities to properly manage your affairs. Gentlemen, they will do exactly that if it is within their power to do so. They will ask many of you to assist them in different capacities. Do this willingly and do the best job of which you are capable. The rewards for this service will be a better chapter, a better District, a better Society, and a better tomorrow.

In closing, may I thank once again, this wonderful Society, every member and "The Man" upstairs for allowing me to serve you as District President this past year. It was a terrific honor ill-deserved. But it will be forever, my finest hour in barbershopping.

To borrow a phrase, (O.K. Bick?) "be the good Lord willin' ", may I have seventeen more years of Barbershop Memories.



NOTES FROM

THE SECRETARY

by Sec. Lou Harrington

Chapters are cooperating nicely in regard to our request to send in the Official Report of New Chapter Officers, and to date we have heard from Ann Arbor, Branch County, Dearborn, Fruit Belt, Grand Rapids, Greenville, Grosse Pointe, Holly-Fenton, Hudson, Kalamazoo, Niles-Buchanan, Oakland County, Oscoda County, Pontiac, Sault Ste. Marie, Three Rivers, Wayne and Windsor. If your chapter is not listed, please see to it that the list is submitted to my office so that we may proceed with the compilation of the directory.



Response to the new Troubadour and the efforts of Editor Jim Davenport has been most enthusiastic. Let's all give him our support on this worthy endeavor so that we can have news of each chapter. Each chapter will soon be invoiced at the rate of \$1 per member for the subscription fee for the coming year. A prompt remittance by your chapter will be appreciated.

We are pleased to report that Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, has now achieved full chapter status by obtaining over 25 members. Prospects for two new chapters--one on each side of the state--are extremely promising. We hope they will be added within the next few months.

Your District officers have been meeting and plans for a smooth transition in administration are underway. President-elect William Hansen has been appointing his new committees and will be attending a seminar for District Presidents at Kenosha this month.

We join with your other District officers in wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and harmonious New Year.

Coming Events

Requests for parade dates and sanction fee payments should be sent to: District Secretary Louis R. Harrington, 2361 First National Bldg., Detroit 26, Michigan.

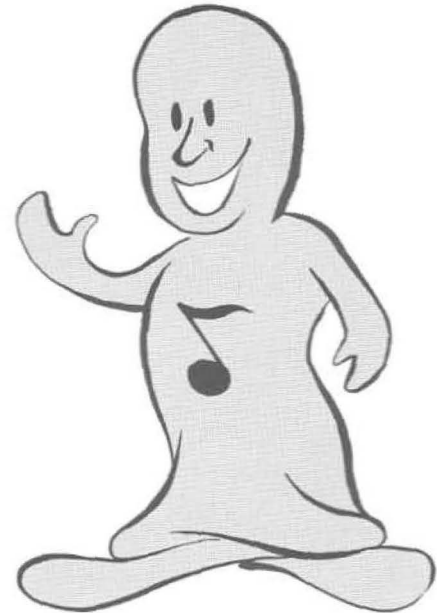
January 27, 1962	Pontiac Parade
February 10, 1962	Kalamazoo Parade
February 17, 1962	Niles-Buchanan Parade
February 17, 1962	Dearborn Parade
March 3, 1962	Wayne Parade
March 17, 1962	Battle Creek Parade
March 24, 1962	Flint Parade
April 1, 1962	Hudson Parade
April 7, 1962	Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids
April 27-28-29	Regional Contest, Fruit Belt
May 5, 1962	Muskegon Parade
May 12, 1962	Bush League Contest
May 18, 1962	Holland Parade
May 19, 1962	Ann Arbor Parade
June 9, 1962	Utica Parade
September 29, 1962	Fruit Belt Parade
September 29, 1962	Gratiot County Parade
October 5-6-7, 1962	District Contest, Windsor
November 3, 1962	Detroit Parade

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On November 16, Mort Neff, on his "Michigan Outdoors" TV program, featured Richard Palmer, and Gerald Drooger (from Grand Rapids), with two other boys (who were they?), entertaining an assemblage of hunters with a bit of Barbershop Harmony.

WWJ-TV (4) Detroit

The Four Fits appeared on November 25 at 11:30 p.m. on the Square Dance Show. Keep watching this program for more of Michigan's quartets.