

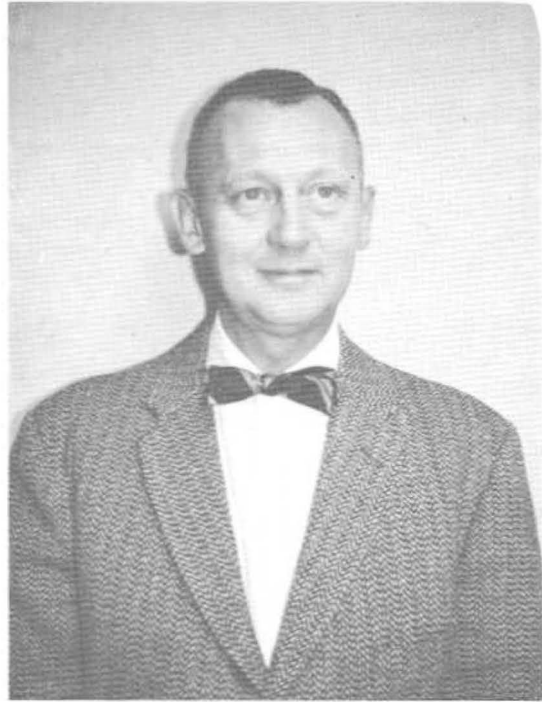
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Where's my tag? I didn't get a tag with the December issue. I suppose, by now, everyone has come to the conclusion that somebody goofed. Probably guessed that the goof was mine too. O.K.--I confess.

On the afternoon of the day the December issue went to the printer, Troub received a nice note from the U.S. Post Office declaring, among other things: "Enclosures: Bills, Receipts, and orders for subscriptions may be enclosed either loose or bound in. NO OTHER ENCLOSURES ARE PERMITTED--" (capitols mine--Ed.) Therefore, no tag enclosure permitted.

In the meantime, loyal members like Duncan Hannah, Roger Craig, Chuck Thatcher, Sweet Adeline Renee Craig, and Tom Steel (his was supposed to have been included in the December issue) had been sending Troub some wonderful tags. This editor now has, in file, a collection of swipes and tags most barbershoppers would give their eyeteeth to obtain.

Troub therefore has settled upon this alternative--every two to four months a complete page will be de-

voted to swipes and tags. They will be printed in such a way that each may be cut out and folded for carrying in wallet or pocket. Since the paper will, in all probability, be a lighter weight than the pocket card issued, it is suggested the pocket card be used for a cover--a small book to be formed therein.

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Many District chapters are working on a parade or show and Troub has a suggestion to make. Why not see if one or more members might form a "photo committee" who would be asked to take some pictures at show and after-glo. The same committee could get some pictures at regular chapter meetings, Ladies Night, etc. How much better our coverage would be if we could have pictures of this sort to submit to Troub. We could then have, every issue, a center-page-photo-album such as that contained in the last issue. Want it? -- Do it.

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Our inspired International President Lou Laurel has put out the call for "Action" in 1962. Our District President Bill Hansen has taken up the call. Will YOU, as a member, stand behind our society and do your part to make 1962 a year of ACTION?

In this year of 1962, let us do more to make our communities aware of barbershop harmony. We have a fine start already.

Howard Tubbs, of the Detroit Chapter, every week broadcasts our harmony to thousands through one of the nation's most powerful radio stations--WJR in Detroit. Thousands of others watch and see our men

perform each week on WWJ-TV thanks to Bill Rowell, also of Detroit. Several other chapters have shows on their local radio stations. Why doesn't every chapter sponsor a radio show once a week on their local radio station? A talk with H. Tubbs will convince you that this is not only possible but practical and not too difficult either. Can this be YOUR job in 1962?

Every chapter should have a public relations man or committee so as to properly disseminate information to local newspapers. If your chapter is falling down on this job, YOU can contribute in this way.

We want the membership of our chapters to grow in 1962. How is a new man treated in your chapter? Why don't YOU be the man to take a new member under your wing and see that he gets the most out of our organization. This is a job only YOU can do.

In short--S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. depends upon YOU. Say to yourself, "I and the Michigan District stand proudly behind President Lou Laurel in his call for ACTION in 1962."

ON THE COVER

President Bill Hansen--Michigan District's leader for 1962--deserves an introduction.

Born in Hammond, Indiana some 44 years ago, Bill was raised and educated in LaPorte, Indiana where he kept himself busy, musically speaking, playing in dance bands throughout high school.

Attending Indiana University, Bill majored in music for two years before changing his mind about a career and was a member of Kappa Sigma and Alpha Kappa Psi fraternities. Graduating from Indiana University, Bill was called into the army in June 1943, serving three years, two of them overseas.

An FBI agent since October 1947, Bill is married (her name is Mary) and has three children--two boys and a girl. They reside at 537 Cayuga Road in Benton Harbor.

Bill broke into barbershopping back in 1953 with the "Trumpeteers", a trumpet quartet devoted exclusively to barbershop harmony. He has served as chorus director of the Fruit Belt Chapter Chorus since joining the Society.

Prior to being elected president, Bill served the District as area counselor for two years, Chief area counselor for one year, and Vice President of Zone 2 for one year.

The Michigan District is most fortunate in having the leaders that will be working for us through 1962. Headed by President Bill Hansen, the Zonal Vice Presidents will be working so that Joe Barbershopper might get more out of this fine hobby of ours. Both Secretary Lou Harrington and John Klaiber are devoted barbershoppers and excellent workers as is Chase Sanborn who will be working not only for us in the Michigan District, but also for the betterment of our society as well.

BE SURE TO VISIT "THE POT" AT THE REGIONAL CONVENTION.

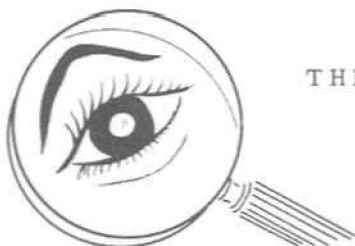
the auto-towners

The Auto Towners, current Michigan District champions are embarking on a strong campaign aimed at giving Michigan its best possible representation in the coming months both in shows and in contests. To accomplish this will involve a heavy rehearsal schedule and singing at shows almost every weekend from the middle of January through May.

The Auto Towners have the delightful opportunity of signing at Milwaukee on January 13, along with the "Sun Tones" who are our current International Champions. Saturday, January 27th will find the Auto Towners at Pontiac. From then on until June, the Auto Towners will sing everywhere from Kalamazoo to Toronto, Ontario.

The boys got together twice during the holidays to relax and sing carols with their families. Few people realize how much of a job it is for a man to cover obligations to his family and to his quartet at the same time. It keeps life interesting.

Glenn Van Tassell



THE FEMININE OBSERVER

By Ellen Harrington

Many chapters choose the holiday season as a fitting time to entertain their ladies, so a number of Ladies Nights were scheduled.

Dearborn chapter invited the ladies to their December meeting, which is a traditionally festive occasion, and gaily decorated. Among those present were Mr. and



Mrs. Frank Tritle, Eric Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig, Roger Craig, Dale Clixby, Bill Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bostick, Carl Dahlke, Dominic Palmieri, Tony Chiodo, Louis Kapci, Lenoard Tampa, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Al Meier and many others.

Ann Arbor's clubrooms were appropriately decorated, befitting the Christmas theme, for their Ladies Night. Enjoying the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. David Gaffney, Mr. and Mrs. James Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Meiselbach, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Backus, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Therkelsen, Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Maule, Richard C. Webber, Dan McCarthy, Bob Graham, Bob Miller, Gene Oliver, Dean Millard, Mr. and Mrs. Newbern Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Vande Zande and others.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Palmieri of Dearborn on the birth of their daughter. Dominic

is well known as the tenor of our current District Champions, "The Auto Towners."

It was a thrill to hear "The Sun Tones" of Miami, current International champions, on the Columbus, Ohio, show recently where they appeared before capacity audiences at two performances. Gene Cokeroff, Bob Franklin, Harlan Wilson and Bill Cain wished to be remembered to all of the Michigan barbershoppers. Harlan Wilson is a former Detroitier and attended Redford High and Michigan State University.

Bill Oursler, formerly of Saginaw where he sang baritone in the 1946 District championship quartet, "The Barons of Harmony," was also very much in evidence at the Columbus show--singing in a quartet and the chorus as well as directing the Sweet Adelines chorus. Mr. and Mrs. Oursler, who have resided in Columbus for the past several years, send warm regards to their many friends in Michigan.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



CHASING
AROUND
WITH CHASE SANBORN

As the new International Board member from the Michigan District I have been requested to submit a monthly article during my tenure in office. My hat is off to Jim Davenport for the wonderful work he is performing as editor of the Troubadour.

First, I wish to express my gratitude to the District Executive Board who recommended me and to the men responsible for my election at convention at Philadelphia last June. Well do I realize that I am following a man in the person of Lou Harrington who has established himself as one of the most qualified men in our Society and that I have a real task ahead of me to approach the accomplishments of this gentleman. I can only promise that I will make every effort to transact all of my responsibilities to the best of my ability, and hope that I can contribute some to the progress and future of this great organization.

In subsequent issues I hope to advise the members of the District of items of interest and importance. With my term effective at the beginning of this year, we have not as yet held our initial Board meeting. This is scheduled for January 31 through February 2 in Kenosha and will wind up with our participation at the first Annual Chicagoland Musical Exposition in Chicago.



Many will be pleased to learn that progress is being made by our Executive Committee with the benefits of our increased per capita dues monies. Mr. Robert Johnson, Director of the current International Champion Chorus, of Dundalk, Maryland, has been appointed to the new position of Director of Musical Activities. Michigan

men who attended HEP sessions last August will attest that Bob can greatly aid our Society with his fine talents. The post of Special Events Manager has been assigned to the very capable Charles Snyder of the Illinois District. Another appointment is that of Associate Editor and will be the assignment of Mr. Leo Fobert, a Land of Lakes District man with a fine background in the publishing business.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to our new District President, Bill Hansen, and his entire team of officers for a great year in the Michigan District.

ZONAL NOTES

DUNCAN HANNAH
Vice President Zone 1

I feel that the Michigan District has a nucleus of hard-core barbershoppers as fine as any in our organization. Let's use them to instill in our newer members (and some older ones) this feeling of "Esprit De Corps" which they feel.

The only difference between a mediocre voice (my class) and a fine voice should be vocal capacity and not musical enjoyment. Let us all enjoy our singing society and encourage others to enjoy it with us. I feel there is enough to go around.

E. A. VANDE ZANDE
Zone 2 Vice President

Hello to all Barbershoppers. I hope to see you--in '62.

As I sit here with pen in hand, I try to think of all the different ways there are of saying let's go--go--go in 1962. Thinking them all over, I still feel one of the best ways is to step up to three other fellas and say, "Let's sing a song." To those of you that may be holding back for one reason or another from joining three others in an exchange of tonsil glances, decide now to give it a try this year. That first time a real bell ringer is hit, you'll never forget it.

Chapter officers--you are the key to your chapter. Have you gotten your board together with your program vice president and laid out this year's tentative schedule? This program planning is a tremendous tool. It can make your members put forth a special effort to attend every meeting because they feel they're going to miss something if they're not there. Your program vice is the man to head this up, but don't leave it all up to him or expect him to do it all by his lonesome. Give him your best effort when he taps you on the shoulder and asks for your assistance.

As for myself, I sincerely hope and expect to meet many of you during the year. If, in any way, I can be of



help to you, let me know. A music technician I am not, but my enthusiasm and love for this wonderful society of ours is exceeded only by my desire to do a good job for you.

AL BURGESS
Vice President Zone 3

My "big" wish for all barbershoppers is to see that more of you get more from your hobby in 1962. You can get a terrific amount of enjoyment by giving a bit more of yourself.

If you'll but take advantage of the various activities offered by our chapters, District and International Society, you'll reap a "harmonious harvest of fun in song." Will you take time to visit other chapters and attend the District Conventions? You'll get the fun and enjoyment for which you're looking.

We have a hobby of which we can be proud. Let's resolve to share our harmony with those about us and we will be repaid in our own enjoyment by bringing a bit of musical joy to others.

May 1962 be a harmony-filled year for all of you.

THE PONTIAC CHAPTER
19th Annual Parade of Harmony
Pontiac Northern High School
Saturday, January 27, 8:15 p.m.

featuring:

TOWN AND COUNTRY FOUR
YANKEE MISSES
AUTO TOWNERS
MERRI MEN
FOR-TUNE TELLERS
RYTHM ROGUES
PONTIAC REVELAIRES CHORUS

Tickets are \$2.00 at Hallman Drugs or from any member.

Chapter News

FLINT

Chapter Reporter:
Bud Starwas

Flint Chapter proudly announces its officers elected to serve in 1962. They are: President, Neil Norman; Membership Vice President, Art Winkles; Program Vice President, Ron Sawdon; Secretary, Ron Gillis; and Treasurer, R. J. Schied. Ray Goodall, Bob Murphy, Norman Reid, and Immediate Past President Fred Kienitz Jr. fill out the official Board.

UTICA - ROCHESTER

Chapter Reporter:
Dan Davey

On Tuesday, January 16, the Utica-Rochester Chapter will be paying a visit to the Wayne Chapter. This will be a night of fun and singing for sure.

The Utica-Rochester Chapter is having a lot of fun with its octet. They meet to rehearse twice a month and it looks like there may be some competition for the honor of singing in this group.

KALAMAZOO SERENADE
of
QUARTETS

February 10, 1962 Kalamazoo Central High Aud.
featuring:

THE MID-STATES FOUR
THE AUTO TOWNERS
DERBY TOWNERS
CURBSTONE SERENADERS

Tickets: \$2.00 \$1.00 and \$.75

Call or write George Brooks
1907 Park Avenue
Kalamazoo, Michigan
Phone: Fi 4-4917

GREENVILLE

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Hansen

The Greenville Chapter, although organized only eight months now, is really starting to roll. Chartered with 28 members, they now have 34 members with an average attendance of 20 to 25 per meeting. The chorus, under the direction of Jerry Mead, is beginning to make a name for itself. The chorus recently sang for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet and at the 25th Anniversary of the Greenville Lions Club.

Presently the Greenville Chapter has two organized quartets: the "Staffmasters"; lead: Arnie Staffen, tenor: Jerry Mead, bari: Duane Reuther, and bass: Bob Mattison and the "Jaw Harps"; lead: Bob Hansen, bari: Eldon Hansen, tenor: Tom Venus, and bass: Francis Jones.

A third quartet is being organized and will soon be ready for a public appearance. No name as yet, but the foursome consists of lead: Ed Krampe, bari: Jack Wood, tenor: Al Ralph, and bass: Stuart Anderson.

Nineteen fellows attended a chapter meeting in Grand Rapids in December and heard the Great Lakes Chorus under the direction of Al Burgess (Port City Chorus Director).

Greenville meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, and welcomes any of the rest of you barbershoppers if you happen to be in the area.

DEARBORN

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Weaver

Dearborn Chapter has started 1962 with a big bang. On Jan 12, for the sixth consecutive year, this chapter again hosted quartets from all over the Metropolitan Detroit area at the "Dearborn Quartet Invitational". This yearly event gives quartets a chance to sing for each other without pressure of contest or judges. More on this next issue.

COMING UP ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH--THE SIXTH ANNUAL MICHIGAN OCTET CONTEST.

Yes, Dearborn says "It's Octet time at Dearborn." This is always a big event and this year promises to be bigger and better. Last year eleven octets vied for the beautiful plaque. See your chapter secretary for rules and more information, or drop a card to: Bob Weaver, 12213 Evergreen, Detroit 28, Michigan.

Again, this year, the Dearborn Chapter has gone all out for their annual parade on February 17. The services of Don Large--"Make Way for Youth Chorus" director of WJR fame--have been engaged to lead community singing and to play the organ.

In addition to Don Large, the show will feature the Town and County Four, the S.O.C. Suburbanite Chorus (three time District Sweet Adeline Champs), the Auto Towners, the Aire Males, the Taggers, and, of course, the Dearborn Chord-o-matic Chorus. The theme: Memory Album.

MUSKEGON

Chapter Reporter:
Chapter Public Relations
Committee

Andrew Van Donkelaar was installed as President of the Muskegon Chapter, at the chapter's annual Past Presidents' Night meeting, December 21. The Muskegon Chapter's first president, Bill Griffith was in charge of the installation ceremonies.

Other officers installed were Jack Bennett, Vice President; Claire Bristol, Secretary; Donald Courtright, Treasurer; and William Duplissis, Membership Secretary. Also serving on the Board of Directors will be immediate past president, Joseph Cantwell, Charges George, Ken Barnhard, Al Martin, and Gordon Gunn.

Within the chapter, newly elected officers of the Port City Chorus are: Al Martin, President; Ken Barnhard, Vice President and Manager; Donald Courtright, Secretary; Web Scrivnor, Treasurer; and Jack Bennett, Properties Manager. Al Burgess is the Chorus Director.

President VanDonkelaar has appointed Charles George, Chapter Bulletin Editor. Joseph Cantwell and Thomas Damm will serve as co-chairmen of the annual Parade of Quartets, which will be presented on May 5.

Past president Holly Dion served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Other past presidents participating were, Herk Allen, Jim O'Toole, Harold Dobb, Len Horton, Bill Griffith, and Bill Quirk.

The Muskegon Chapter has a new public relations team. President Andy VanDonkelaar has appointed Gordon Gunn, who last year handled publicity for the chapter, chairman of the new committee.

Gordon has selected Barckley Roach, Howard Evans, Jack Cook, Dennis Van Slotten and Jim Carr Sr. to serve with him. All of these men feel that good public relations serves a vital purpose in our Society's goal to preserve and encourage barbershop singing in America, and vow to maintain a good public and press relationship for the chapter.

This committee will handle all news releases to the TROUBADOUR, and the HARMONIZER, as well as the local newspapers and radio stations.

"Barbershop Harmony Time", the Muskegon Chapter's official radio show, will also be produced by this group.

The Muskegon Chorus kept seven Christmas caroling appointments in three consecutive days of work on December 19, 20, 21. How's that for a schedule. Good work, boys.

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PONTIAC

Chapter Reporter:
Whitey Ryden

Pontiac Chapter #7 welcomed the holiday season with a bang-up program at their December meeting. The meeting was of a three-fold nature with installation of 1962 officers: Dick Blanchard, President; Jack Caverly as Executive Vice President; Floyd Albert as Program Vice President; and Larry Robertson as Treasurer; and Phil Frye as Secretary. The wives of chapter members were honored guests at the chapter and each couple brought a Christmas gift to be donated to the unremembered ones at the Pontiac State Hospital.

Highlighting the Program was a presentation of an engraved watch to Rawley Hallman, a long-time worker for the Pontiac Chapter. A Christmas corsage was presented to Mrs. Hallman. A bigger surprise for the Hallman's was the unexpected appearance of Joe Wolfe, Tim Weber, and Al Eason, the other three parts of the "Detroiters", a quartet of high prominence in the early years of Barbershopping in the Michigan District.

Without one minute of rehearsal, these "Old Timers" sang a couple of real B-Shop gems that brought back many memories to the wives and friends of the "Detroiters". Chase Sanborn did the honors of presentation and William Pascher was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening's fun. The installation of officers was handled by Mel Holderness of the Oakland County Chapter, who is fast becoming most called upon installer in the Michigan District.

Much fun was had by the chapter and guests in attendance. Valuable door prizes were arranged by Whitey Ryden and the lucky winners added these priceless treasures to their family heirlooms. Singing and dancing into the wee hours was enjoyed by all.

COMING SATURDAY, JANUARY 27--PONTIAC'S 19th ANNUAL PARADE OF HARMONY. On hand will be the Town and Country Four from Pittsburg, Pa., the Yankee Misses, The Auto Towners, the Merrimen, the For-Tune Tellers, and, of course, the Rythm Rogues. A lot of entertainment for only \$2.

HOLLY-FENTON

Chapter Reporter:
Lee Thomas

Holly-Fenton Chapter ran into difficulties on its first meeting of the new year.

With notices out and everything set for a meeting on Tuesday, January 2, we were notified on Sunday that the boiler had blown up in the building where we regularly meet. Our new president for 1962, Jim Booth, immediately got busy and located a hall in the southeast section of Flint that was available, and by dint of a lot of telephoning by various members, we were able to notify most of the ones we expected of the change in meeting place.

We were expecting the "Esprit-de-Chords" of the Rochester-Utica Chapter, for this meeting, and we were given an assist by Ron Gillies, of the Flint Chapter, who met them in Grand Blanc and escorted them to the place.

The meeting was in the nature of a going-away party for Phil Jackson, a long time member who is moving to Cincinnati, and as this was the only possible date on which he could attend, we were particularly glad that we did not have to postpone it. All ended happily, and we had a very good meeting.

DETROIT

Chapter Reporter:
George Acree

International President, Lou Laurel, has announced our goal for 1962--ACTION. Detroit # Chapter apparently had some advance information because, according to their fourth quarter 1961 Chapter Activities Report, they had ACTION. Here are some of the highlights:

- * Variety show for the "Sheltered Workshop for Retarded Children"
 - * Chapter presented \$100 to winner of "8th Annual Harmony Award."
 - * Attended press conference after presenting above award which resulted in added publicity for the chapter.
 - * Entertained at the Penrickton Nursery for Visually Handicapped Children.
 - * Presented Penrickton Nursery with a sum of over \$700.
 - * Motor City Chorus sang on WJR, a church Christmas party.
 - * Chapter collects and presents food to the Penrickton Nursery.
 - * Bill Rowell finished first 13 weeks and starts another 13 weeks lining up quartets for WWJ-TV program.
 - * Held 23rd Annual Parade--A complete sell out at new Ford Auditorium.
 - * Contributed sponsor and three instructors to the "Zone 1 H.E.P. School"
 - * Held "Canadian Night" on November 17th when over 200 attended.
 - * Hosted Grosse Pointe Chapter in Annual Christmas Quartet Contest--over 100 attended.
 - * Won the Michigan District Chorus Championship.
 - * Claims part ownership in District Championship Quartet.
 - * Both visited and hosted the Oakland County Chapter.
 - * Many other quartet appearances.
- Obviously, Detroit Chapter has jumped the gun on the motto for 1962--ACTION.

THE NILES-BUCHANAN CHAPTER
presents
its

FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF HARMONY

The Mid-States Four The Merri Men
The Gateway Chorus
The Stateliners The Four Bards
Sub-Mariners Niles Sweet Adelines

Niles High School Auditorium
February 17, 1962 8:15 p.m.

Res. \$2.00 General \$1.00 Student \$.75

(BE SURE TO VISIT "THE POT" AT THE REGIONAL CONVENTION.)

MILFORD

Chapter Reporter:
Harold L. Sweeney

Things are brewing in Milford. This chapter now has some new uniforms for the chorus (formal--no less) A couple of new quartets are in the making.

Milford Chorus took part in the Milford Christmas Parade--rode, singing, on a float ushering Santa into town. Also sang in uniform for the Milford Oddfellows. Christmas party and led group singing.

On the 17th of January, the Chorus will be singing at the sanitorium in Howell and at a benefit for retarded children in Fowlerville.

COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3--a great ladies night in Milford. On hand will be the Merrimen, For-Tune Tellers, Auto Towners, Stateliners, the Milford Chorus, and possibly a Milford quartet. This will be at the American Legion Hall at 8:00p.m.

Milford proudly announces its chapter officers for 1962: President, Bill Horton; Vice President, "Erick" Erickson; Vice President, Ed Larsen; Secretary, "Erv" Melville; and Treasurer, Rainer Brocke. Pat Nealer heads up the show talent job and is chapter delegate.

NILES-BUCHANAN

Chapter Reporter:
Vic Vigansky

The 1961 Board of Officers in the Niles-Buchanan Chapter staged a gala Christmas Party on December 9. Everyone had a ball and were convulsed by the antics of the "Harmony Hounds" from the Battle Creek Chapter. A new quartet, "The Princess City Four" from Mishawaka rang some fine chords, as did Niles own Sweet Adelines Chorus.

The Gateway Chorus got in a few licks and the chapter's stalwarts, "The Stateliners" gave another polished performance.

A high light of the evening was the installation of the 1962 officers by District President, Bill Hansen. Vern Nevill succeeds Vic Vigansky as the Chapter President and promises a year of action.

The Gateway Chorus, aware of their obligation in Kansas City and the expenses involved, are leaving no stones unturned in their search for funds.

Their director, Bard Borst, accuses them of butchering music on occasion so--On January 5th they butchered a hog and made sausage that was served on January 6th at a pancake supper. They have also contracted to do two package shows on January 13 and 19 for the Buchanan Jaycees and South Haven respectively. They hope to raise funds at these events.

The chorus realizes there is more to an International Contest than singing, but welcome all the aspects, including the fund-raising responsibilities.

LANSING

Chapter Reporter:

Some great programs are being planned for 1962--Ladies Night, picnic, Past Presidents' Night, chapter visitations, etc. All the work of Roger Huntington, Program Vice President for 1962. Other officers of the Lansing Chapter for 1962: President, Warner Dyer; Executive Vice President, Willis Wood; Admin. Vice President, Lloyd Henderson; Secretary, Ralph Wilkins; and Treasurer, Tom McKinney.

EAST DETROIT

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Heeder

On January 9, East Detroit held its Annual Installation of Officers. Ladies were invited and Oakland County's Mel Holderness did the honors as Installation Officer.

Chapter President, Dick Brouckaert, has started '62 with the announcement of Chapter goals. He also charged some of his committees with a share of the responsibility of meeting these goals. Some committees that will be hard at work: Music Committee, headed by Don Anderson; Membership, headed by Gene Girard; Program, headed by Frank Lozzi; Food, by Marv McClary; and "Door" man and holder of the big stick, Vince Koelzer.

HOLLAND

Chapter Reporter
Ed Slagh

The Holland Chapter is hard at work on the annual May "Tulip Time" show. Chairman Henry Haringsma says the show is shaping up very well. The show looks terrific with headliners: The Four Fathers from Fairfax, Virginia; the Hut Fours from Minneapolis; and the Auto Towners, our own District Champions. The Holland Chorus can be expected to make a good showing too.

WAYNE

Chapter Reporter:
"Wayne Chordinator"

Scoop--Old Troub has done scooped the rest of the District on one thing--guess who will be the show stopper, for sure, at Wayne Chapter's Show on March the 3rd? Now don't let the cat out of the bag, but if you don't get over to hear the Night Hawks from London, Ontario, you will be one sorry person. P.S.--wonder if they might do the "Auctioneer Song". Hey boys, save me a ticket for this one. (Wife says she wants one too.)

KALAMAZOO

Chapter Reporter:
Jim Sell

Men are working hard for the Kalamazoo Parade of Quartets to be held on Saturday, February 10, at the Central H.S. Auditorium. Participating will be the Michigan District Quartet Champs of 1962, The Auto-Towners, the Mid-States, the Derby-Towners, the Incidentals from Kalamazoo, the Kalamazoo Sweet Adeline Chorus, and the Kalamazoo Mall City Chorus. With headliners like these, the show is sure to be a success.

**All Chapters Remember
Songs Of Service For
1962**

Junior Champs

KALAMAZOO MALL CITY CHORUS



Front Row: Dick Maxson, George Brooks, Louie Johnston, Ron Pell, Chorus Director Dick Peterson, Ken Barrett, Bob Chapman, Chuck Peacock, Jim Sell.
Second Row: Charlie Buxton, Gaylord Hartranft, Larry Goff, Al Mitchell, Howard Henry, Jim Ruster, Howard Strong, Al Bos, Merrill Sibbirson, Jim Brown, Don Roberts.
Third Row: Gary Brown, Ed Tooley, Gil Shedore, Cliff Snyder, Bill Monroe, Ed Butcher, John Hoppe, Don Barrett, Paul Weeldreyer, George Bingham, Gordon Simms, Albert Boyd, Gilvie Bugh.

quartet news

HARMONY HOUNDS (Battle Creek)

This most popular comedy quartet, heard all over the District, hit of many a show, sang their "swan song performance" December 19 at the Niles-Buchanan Christmas Party. They are breaking up.

STATION-AIRES (Hudson)

If your schedule seems full, consider the one by a quartet of Hudson Barbershoppers. The Station-Aires comprised of Elton Vande Zande as bass, Ray Curran as baritone, Jim Keen as lead, and Bill Price as tenor, have really been on the go. Saturday night, December 9, they sang in Tecumseh, Monday night in Hillsdale, Tuesday night in Ann Arbor, Wednesday night went caroling with members of the local chapter, and Thursday night they sang in Adrian. They turned down offers for Friday and Saturday nights.

JAW HARPS (Greenville)

Organized in August 1961, the Jaw Harps have already developed into an entertaining quartet. They recently sang engagements at the Montcalm County 4-H Fair, Lions Club 25th Anniversary party, Greenville Rotary Club, and the Eastern Star Christmas Party. You'll be hearing more from this quartet in the near future. Lead: Bob Hansen, Bari: Eldon Hansen, Tenor: Tom Venus, Bass: Francis Jones. Incidentally, Eldon Hansen sang baritone with the old "Moonlight Serenaders" quartet, back in 1944 at the State Contest in Muskegon.

CHORD COUNTS

According to Holland's publication, "The Windmill Blade", the Chord Counts, who for years have lent their personalities and voices to countless audiences all over the country, have disbanded. This is a regrettable loss. They will be missed by many. News can't be all bad--what's up fellows?

Everyone's talking about NEW ideas in parade production as Dearborn "The Chapter of Champions" presents its

17th ANNUAL PARADE OF QUARTETS "OUR BARBERSHOP MEMORY ALBUM"

featuring:

The Town and Country Four	The Auto Towners
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THE INCIDENTALS

A popular quartet in the western part of Michigan, and one known throughout the District, the Incidentals of Kalamazoo are champions crowned at the Bush League Contest held in Boyne City last spring.

The present members of the Incidentals have been singing together for over 2 1/2 years (the quartet, however, is much older) and will be on stage February 10 when Kalamazoo presents its annual "Parade of Quartets".

(L to R in picture) The tenor, Howard Henry, is a detective with the Kalamazoo Police Department; Cliff Snyder, the lead, is an insurance adjuster; George Bingham, the bari, owns a machine shop; and the bass, John Hoppe, is with the Upjohn Co.

The Michigan District is proud of these boys--The Incidentals--from Kalamazoo, Michigan.



BARBERSHOP ON THE AIR

WJR Detroit

Harmony Hall, on every Friday at 7:30 p.m., continues to be one of the most popular barbershop programs. On January 27 the program will feature the "Hobby Chord Four"--an old time quartet in which MC Howard Tubbs sang bass. Ed Reddick sang tenor, Earl Rubert sang lead, and Joe Jones sang bari.

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WWJ-TV (4) Detroit

According to Bill Rowell, (Quartet-Finder-and-Liner-up-er, for the Square Dance Show that is on WWJ-TV each Saturday evening about 11:30p.m.) it has been decided to extend this portion of the program for another thirteen weeks. A lot of credit for a fine job is due to Bill and all who appeared on the show so far. We know the next thirteen programs will be every bit as good.

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WTRU Muskegon

Hear "Barbershop Harmony Time" each Sunday at 6:45 p.m. The Program features live and recorded quartets and choruses. The producers would appreciate, and will use any recorded material contributed by any S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. group. Any such material may be sent to Gordon W. Gunn, 2296 Pillion Road, Twin Lake, Michigan.

Following the Leader

by President Bill Hansen

The doors of the new year have swung wide open--just waiting for us to go through and challenge the future. Are we all going through those doors together to make this a big year for the Michigan District, or are some of you going to stay put and "let George do it?"



There is no doubt in my mind that the individual Barbershopper is the most important segment of our Society. When more individuals realize this, or are given the opportunity to realize it, our entire Society will benefit.

All of us, at one time or another, have enjoyed recalling wonderful experiences in Barbershopping--about the accomplishments of the Michigan District, not forgetting those quartets and choruses which emerged as champions and continued to bring credit to themselves and their District. Memories are priceless, however, we cannot rely on them alone. We must seek new ways to promote our great District so that our accomplishments will reward us with more wonderful memories.

Undeniably, our District has had its "ups and downs". In instances involving controversy, some of you have taken the issues more to heart than others. The right to disagree is part of your heritage and should be so exercised. It is also part of your heritage to cooperate with the majority after you have had the opportunity to voice any disagreement. We all know that any program or project, favored by a majority, can not be proved right or wrong until it has been given a fair chance. This is applicable to any issue, whether it be on a Chapter, District, or International level.

Your District officers, as well as members of all District committees, are vitally interested in the welfare and promotion of the Michigan District. As such, we intend to do everything possible to continue a District of which every member can be proud. The cooperation of each District member will assure success.

Let's all walk through those doors together, fella's. You will never regret it.

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(BE SURE TO VISIT "THE POT" AT THE REGIONAL CONVENTION.)



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

by Sec. Lou Harrington

Quartets and choruses should plan to enter the contest to be held April 28 at Benton Harbor, sponsored by the Fruit Belt Chapter. This will determine which quartets will represent the Michigan District in International competition in Kansas City in June, and the District and Junior championships will be decided for choruses under the new setup.



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At this time of year when the new administrations are taking over on the International, District and Chapter level, special emphasis should be made of the duties the new officers are assuming. Your District officers are anxious to help the chapters in every way possible, but must know what your needs are, therefore the importance of chapter secretaries submitting quarterly reports can not be stressed too strongly. Significantly, it is often the chapter that fails to communicate that falls by the wayside. The Chapter Activity Reports also provide the basis upon which the Achievement Awards are determined.

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It is suggested and recommended that chapters plan in advance and set up a complete program for the year, including as many inter-chapter activities as possible so as to stimulate interest, as well as planning events to include the ladies. It is advisable to schedule parades well in advance. Chapters are reminded that requests for clearance of parade dates should be directed to the District Secretary's Office, who will notify the International Office and the Troubadour for listing in the Coming Events. The 5% sanction fee payment on the gross receipts of all chapter parades, which was adopted by the delegates in 1955, should also be remitted to the District Secretary's Office. It was felt that this fee was more than offset by the obtaining of an extension of the blanket exemption for all chapters from the payment of the Federal Admission Tax, which is obtained annually by the District Secretary for the benefit of all chapters. This now becomes the only source of revenue received by the District since the International abolished the per capita rebate.

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Chapters are urged to extend every courtesy to the Area Counselors and District Officers visiting them who are giving their time to be of help.

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.

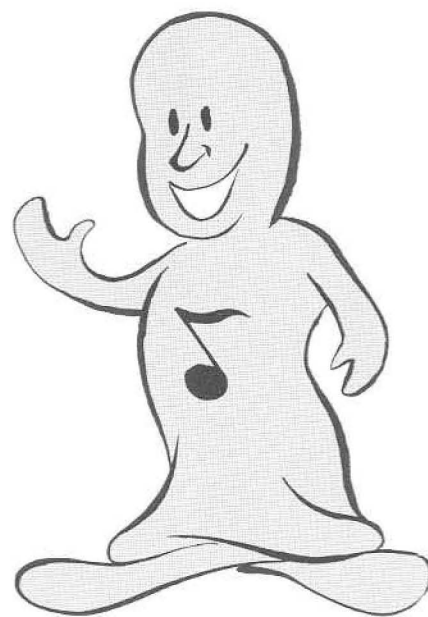
January 27, 1962	Pontiac Parade
February 10, 1962	Kalamazoo Parade
February 17, 1962	Niles-Buchanan Parade
February 17, 1962	Dearborn Parade
March 3, 1962	Wayne Parade
March 17, 1962	Battle Creek Parade
March 24, 1962	Flint Parade
April 1, 1962	Hudson Parade
April 7, 1962	Great Lakes Invitational Grand 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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