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ZONAL NOTES

by Robert Tracy
Vice President, Zone 4

November, 1962. It was November, 1961 when the new Troubadour first hit the stands, and it is interesting to look back at the results of one year.

One thing seems to stand out. When Troub had support from our chapters, when there have been a few extra pictures, we have been able to put out an interesting and pleasing issue.

This month it has been a struggle for this Editor, and his huge staff of 1 each wife, 1 each very charming music transcriber by name of Edie Gaunt (a devoted Barbershopper and a member of the Sweet Adelines) and printer George Koda to come up with anything like a pleasant issue. What do we put on the cover?

We have had no pictures submitted that we can use as a cover picture. We have copy submitted from only 9 chapters. Where are all the chapter reporters?



Editing such a publication can be fun. For the most part, it has been fun. It will very quickly cease to be fun should the membership of this District expect this editor and huge staff to roam the whole District with camera and notepad seeking out copy each month.

Next month, the December issue will introduce you (with pictures) to all our District officers and all of our Area Counselors. That is what we plan anyway and our plans will come true if we get the pictures. Also, most of our chapters are having Ladies' Nights, Installation of New Officers, and other activities this time of the year. How about taking some pictures, writing up the activity, and introducing the rest of the District to your new officers (yes. . . with pix, or are we beginning to sound like a broken record?). Let us in, also, on your plans. Are you working on a big show? What is your chapter planning? Maybe we'd like to attend one of your meetings if you make them sound interesting.

Most of our chapters have their pet charities. Let's blow our own horns in the January issue. Let's tell all about our charity work, how many times our chorus and quartets performed free of charge in order to help their fellow man. Give us the story and your Troubadour staff will print it.

How about each chapter sending in a roster of all their members with addresses, the chapter meeting night and place, the names and pictures of chapter quartets (Troub will mail a form for this in the near future) so that we might have a nice directory issue in February.

O.K. fellows, now you know what Troub would like to do. With your help, it WILL be done. Without your help, it CAN'T BE DONE.

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Gentlemen, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to each of the members of the Michigan District. Thank you for your vote of confidence by re-electing me to the Michigan District Board as one of your Vice Presidents.



As a member of your executive board, I'm forced to point out to you, Joe Barbershopper, some of your most annoying shortcomings--because, it is, as in quartet work, a fact that trouble spots must be pinpointed and faults laid bare before they can be corrected. Here are some first-hand observations, observed not once, but many times in my travels throughout the District.

To start at an individual level, most Joe Barbershoppers do not recognize the dignity and seriousness of assuming the duties of an office in their chapters and once they are elected find that their fellow members have an indifferent attitude toward any and all efforts put forth by these chapter officers. Gentlemen, the positions of President, Program Vice President, Membership Vice President, and Secretary are most important, especially on the chapter level. It is the backbone of our society, only if you (Joe Barbershopper) will accord your chapter officers the respect due their office. Your officers were elected by you, to work for you, you must respect their efforts and see that they are given recognition for such at every opportunity.

As in every organization, the higher the office, the more time, effort, and money is spent by the individual assuming the position. It therefore follows that an appropriate form of respect should be accorded these men. In our society, the greatest reward an individual can achieve is the respect and recognition of both himself and his efforts as your servant. It is human nature that no one can gain personal satisfaction if the work they are performing goes unnoticed and the services received from his work are not individually and collectively appreciated.

Your area counselors are the most important men in your society. They are the teachers, trouble shooters, administrative helpers and leg men. They are the link between your District Board and the Chapters. His advice should be sought and tried in all difficult matters. His visits to your chapter should be recognized as an event, for his help can mean the difference between a sick and a healthy chapter.

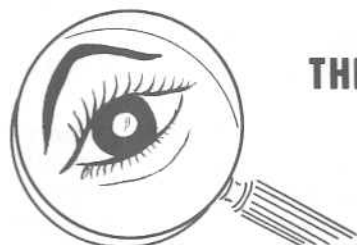
Your District Board has the most complex job of all, for they must set the policy or policies that is your guide for a strong, progressive District. They must provide a solution to all administrative and organizational problems incurred in the District. Further, they must en-

force all society regulations set forth by the International Board and at the same time be your representatives on the International level. To do this requires a great deal of knowledge that can be gained only through experience. Each Board Member can and has gained this knowledge and experience by advancing through the ranks and learning to use his acquired abilities by educating himself in the duties of each and every position held and coping with the inherent problems of each office, thus he earns the right and the privilege to serve you on the District Board.

The point to be made is that only through your help can these officers, in whatever capacity they serve, receive recognition and appreciation for their services and thus gain and build respect for these offices, as well as educational knowledge in a job well done. Your help consists of showing the recognition and appreciation to these men in their official positions, thus correcting this most annoying habit of an indifferent attitude toward all that goes on outside of your own particular sphere of operations.

Come out of your shell and see what's being done for you. Get educated at the Soo in '62 so we may progress in '63.

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THE FEMININE OBSERVER

By Ellen Harrington

Lansing's show, featuring the entertaining Mid-States, drew a number of out-of-town barbershoppers including Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tracy, William Hansen, Jim Davenport, E. A. VandeZande, Chuck Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Red Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rafferty, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Derby and daughter, Lyndon Wright, Roger Valentine, Dick Kelly, Dick Burrows and Harlan Quinn. Others on hand were the new Lansing residents Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Guimond, Burt Szabo, Mr. and Mrs. Al Chapman, Willis Wood, Dr. L. Harrington, Warner Dyer, John Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Washburn, Doug Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkins, Harold McAttee, Homer Winegardner, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bullock--Dale looking fit after his recent illness.



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Detroit chapter's show, which starred the Town and Country Four, was a sell-out. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Al Eason, Mr. and Mrs. George Acree, Mr. and Mrs. William Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. William Wales, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Podvin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dashiell, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Joure, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jett, Mr. and

Mrs. Al Singer, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beeler, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bert West, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schulze, Mr. and Mrs. William Favinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schirmer, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Calderwood, Mrs. Arthur Waite, Robert Mulligan, Roger Craig, Dale Clixby, William Wilcox, Hal Bauer, Bill Butler, Wayne Kniffen, Bob Luscombe, Cliff Jorgensen, George Ryan and many others.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Wayne Kniffen of the Detroit chapter and his bride, Judy.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Damm of Muskegon, Mr. and Mrs. John Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Len Slater of Windsor, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Seely of Grosse Pointe on the birth of their sons.

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How To Give The Chorus Director Grey Hairs



Rule #1--Completely ignore the director's instructions to sing all words clearly and distinctly.

This is what can happen.

Darn body oat meal stream,
Wear a first mate shoe,
Ouija eyesore blue,
Dresden gingham too,
It was there anew,
Thatcha loft me too,
You were sixteen
Marvel itch cream,
Darn body oat meal stream.

One chorus of the above should start him screaming. . . then, finish him off with this next one. . .

Keepa mare rick-kas sing-ging
Auld ay, Yauld ay! long
Wile good dwill comza wing-ging
On na, on nas song
Smile the wile you wari
Wile you war sing-ging
Go! Care-ree, care-ree yore-care-ree
yore pard.
Kee-pa mel-lod-dee ring-ging gan
dri-king-ging

Gin-n yore-bard!!!

After these two doses of gibberish, the Chorus Director will not only develop grey hair but a few ulcers and a far-away look in his eyes.

And by the way, if you didn't recognize the tunes--the first one is "Down By The Old Mill Stream" as it appeared in "The Pole Stripes", bulletin of Edmonton-Camrose-Wetaskiwin Chapter in Canada. The second is "Keep America Singing" as analyzed by a listener who sent it to the editor of the Minneapolis Chapter bulletin--"The Chord-Inator".

No Rest For The CURBSTONES

Since the CURBSTONE SERENADERS won the District Championship October 6th, this quartet has not let up one bit. They started right to work with their Oakland County Chapter #9 which had already started the ball rolling on the second benefit show for the Ortheopedic Children Society. The quartet attended show rehearsals and committee meetings, and in between they participated in the Pontiac Chapter's Bring-a-guest-nite. On October 19th they traveled to Lansing to sing on Lansing's show. Then, back to the chapter and finally the big night of the benefit show--October 26th. The house was full and all were waiting for the curtain to rise. The show started and for all the participants to stand on stage and look down into the beaming faces of those unfortunate children who in their own particular way were living the part of every act was certainly worth the time and effort.

But it doesn't stop here. . . Next came the Detroit Yacht Club Chapter Charter Party on November 10th. . . and ? . . and ? . . and etc.

Yes, the Curbstone Serenaders have been busy and it looks like they will continue to be busy.

Thanks Curbstones for doing far more than your part to help us all.

Chapter News

GREENVILLE

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Hansen

Program night--the fourth Monday of each month--has become a popular affair in the Greenville Chapter. The October program night, with Bob and Eldon Hansen as chairmen, turned out 22 members and guests. To help in getting things started on time, a door prize was offered. To be eligible for the door prize, members and guests had to be present prior to the starting time of 8:00 p.m. As it turned out, 19 of the 22 persons present, showed up before 8:00 p.m. Jim Mallindine won the door prize--a jug of cider. Lewis Staffen won the monthly raffle--a 1962 Barbershop Album. Stu Anderson showed slides which he took while attending the International convention at Kansas City this past summer.

Thanks to Al Burgess' suggestion, the chapter now owns its own set of the H.E.P. Manuals. They've proven so popular, there is a waiting list just to get a look at 'em.

Greenville was represented at the District Convention at Windsor by Jerry Mead, Bob Hansen, Tom Venus and Al Ralph.

Greenville's first barbershop parade is tentatively set for March 16th, 1963. We're looking for entertainment to help us sell barbershop to the people in the Greenville area. If you are interested in being on our show or know of any quartet that is, please contact Arnie Staffen, Youngman Road, Greenville, Michigan. General chairman of

the event is Bob Powers.

Newly elected officers for 1963 are: President, Dr. Stuart Anderson; Program Vice-President, Joe Wildner; Membership Vice-President, Bob Powers; Secretary, Bob Hansen; Treasurer, Dr. Allan Ralph; Board Members, Jack Wood, Norm Lantry, and Chuck Vining. Past President is Tom Venus.

Several chapter members attended the "Inter-Chapter" contest on November 9th hosted by the Grand Rapids chapter.

DEARBORN

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Weaver

Great Shades of Harmony! What a meeting the chapter held on October 12th. It was "Chorus Night" and our election of officers for 1963. M.C. for the evening was none other than Roger (Have Talent Will Travel to Toronto) Craig. Entertaining the members and guests were the Aire-Knights, Aire-Males, Auto-Towners, Noteries, Detroit Taggers and Transit-Tones. Man, that meeting was more like a parade of the Michigan District's top quartets than a regular chapter get together. As each man entered the door, they were immediately enrolled in a chorus. A contest was held and everyone had a ball. Thanks to all the quartets, that was like WOW.

As for the election of officers, riding herd on the chapter for 1963 will be 1st Vice President, Bill (Incentive Plan) Smyth; 2nd Vice President, Sam (Move Over Rembrandt) Vasiu. Retaining the same positions they held in 1962 are the King of all scribes, Secretary Frank Tritle; the Master of minutes, Assistant Secretary Bob Rock; and the guy that wants a Money Tree for Christmas, Treasurer Lou Kapczi. Our two new Sgts at Arms will be Thomas Hagan and Claude Farrell. Both great guys,

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The HOLLY - FENTON Chapter - Presents Harmony Highlights

Jennings Memorial Gym,
Fenton, Michigan

Sat., Nov. 24, 8:15 p.m.

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THE DUNESMEN
of Gary, Indiana

- THE QUARTER COUNTS
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN
- SWEET ADELIN QUARTET
- THE STONED FOUR
- THE STONE AGE CHORUS
HOLLY - FENTON

Admission: \$1.50
After-Glow at VFW Hall in Fenton.

Tickets \$1.00

and well able to keep the door swinging. Chapter President for 1963 will be me.

Outgoing officers will be President Roger Craig and Sgt. at Arms Jack Elston. What can we write about Roger as President? Just being Roger sums it all up. A buddy to all, a tower of strength to the chapter and a real genius with the gavel. Here is a man that gave his all to his office and just a little bit more--we should say a whole lot more. With a tear in our eye, we shall watch him step out, yet feel a lot better that we had him as our PRESIDENT. It shall indeed be odd to come to a meeting and not see Jack Elston as Sgt. at Arms. Jack has been our man at the table many years--performing his duties in a meticulous manner. Thanks Jack from all of us. Officers such as these two are is what a Chapter of Champions is made of.

(Chapter News continued on page 6)

Installation of Officers Night will be held November 9th. Officiator will be District Secretary Lou Harrington--the busiest man in Michigan. Can't figure out where he gets the time. M.C. will be me (Bob Weaver). Visiting Dearborn will be the Down River Chapter--a real fun group.

The chapter is very lucky to have a Community Service Chairman royal. A Duke. One Virgil Duke by name. Virg has obtained talent for our hospital visitations for the past year. And what a job he has performed. Hulla dancers, instrumentalists, and, of course, barbershop quartets. Hey Virg, when do we see Gypsy Rose Lee?

Dearborn will hold its Annual Show February 2nd, 1963. More about this later.

Come one come all to that ringing hall, at the Chapter of Champions and bring a guest.

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COME TO THE SOO IN '62



CROSS THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

EXPRESSWAY ALL THE WAY

Saturday

November 24 — 25

Sunday



Less than one year ago, the Michigan District chartered one of the most electric chapters seen in a long time. The Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Chapter has already "shut the door" to new membership at a membership of 50 men.

They have been working hard to improve Barbershopping in our Society by volunteering their efforts for a "H.E.P." or "ACTION" school this month. They have volunteered to do this on a non-profit basis. To promote attendance, they have done everything possible to keep registration and other costs down to a bare minimum.

With the new International Bridge (built especially for this occasion) and the marvelous expressway system we now have, and with the gathering of tons of talent to instruct three fine courses, each chapter in this District should be represented. In addition to instructors listed on the opposite page, word has come through that the CURB-STONE SERENADERS have also volunteered to help out.

Let us see if the membership of this District will support these men after they have worked so hard--not for themselves, not for their chapter, but for this District. Will you spend a pleasant weekend in the northland attending this school?

REGISTRATION

There will be three registration fees--each containing a small charge over the cost of the room and meal to cover the cost of class rooms and other expenses attached to the operation of this school. In the event this school is operated at a profit, the excess money will be forwarded to the District Treasurer.

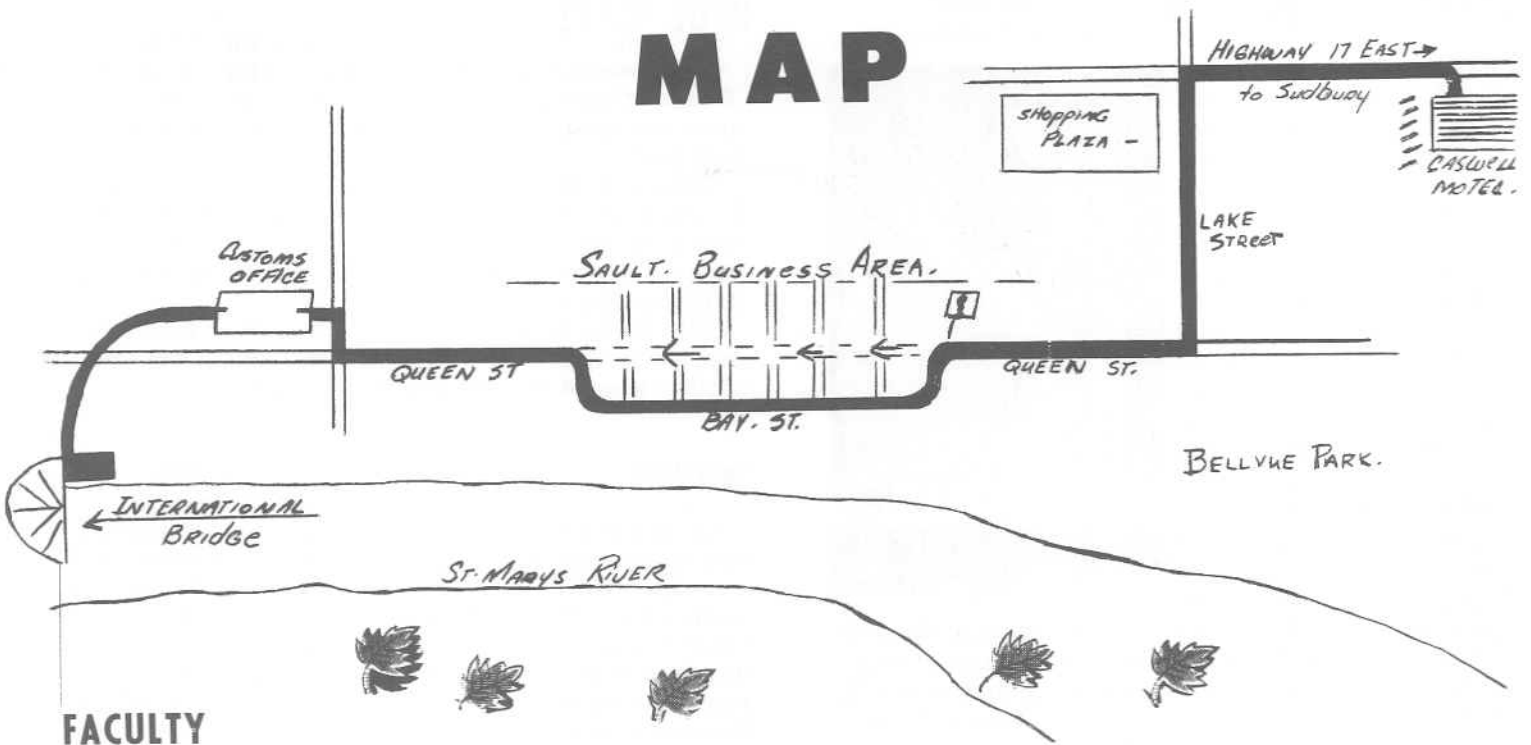
"A" Registration--\$15.00. This fee covers motel accommodation for two nights, Friday and Saturday, as well as dinner Saturday night.

"B" Registration--\$10.00. This fee covers accommodation for Saturday night and dinner Saturday night.

"C" Registration--\$3.50. This registration fee is intended for members of local chapters who do not intend to stay over night at the motel. It includes dinner Saturday night only.

The above registration fees are based on two men to a room. Each room is equipped with two double beds and a bath. Anyone requiring accommodation other than above, please advise.

MAP



FACULTY

BOB JOHNSON-----Present director of musical activities for the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Was director of the 1961 International Champs, "Chorus of the Chesapeake"

BOB TRACY ----- Originator of this school. A man of many talents. Vice President of Zone 4. Has sixteen years of barber-shopping behind him, which includes the holding of every chapter office and several district offices. Has been a chorus director and has sung in several quartets.

AL BURGESS -----Chorus Director, Port City Chorus-- International Medalists several times. Candidate judge, arranger, quartet man.

ROGER CRAIG ---- Bass in the Aire-Males Quartet. Chorus Director of the new regional champs -- The Dearborn Chord-O-Matics. Also an arranger.

DICK PETERSON -- Recently appointed to organize and supervise a musical education program for the Michigan District. Chorus director of the Kalamazoo Chorus.

LOTON WILSON --- Having held practically every chapter and district office, brings a world of knowledge to this school. Also an arranger.

LOU HARRINGTON- The secretary of our District, no one needs an introduction to Lou. One of the most experienced and devoted men in our District.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 24, 1962

12:00 p.m. DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
2:30 until 5:00 p.m. Three classes will be held:
CHAPTER OFFICERS, CHORUS DIRECTORS, QUARTETS.

5:00 until 5:45 p.m. Recess
5:45 until 6:45 p.m. Dinner
7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Same three classes presented again.

9:00 until 12:00 a.m. Social evening with visiting dignitaries and quartets participating.

Sunday, November 25, 1962

9:00 until 11:00 a.m. An open session under the chairmanship of Michigan District President, Bill Hansen. Questions will be answered by Pres. Bill and a panel of qualified men in an effort to solve individual chapter problems.

REGISTRATION

Michigan District School of Action

To: C. E. "Ted" Spry, 528 Lake St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

I wish to attend: Chapter Officers Training
(check 2) Chorus Directors
 Quartet Promotion & Coaching

I plan on arriving: Day _____ Time _____

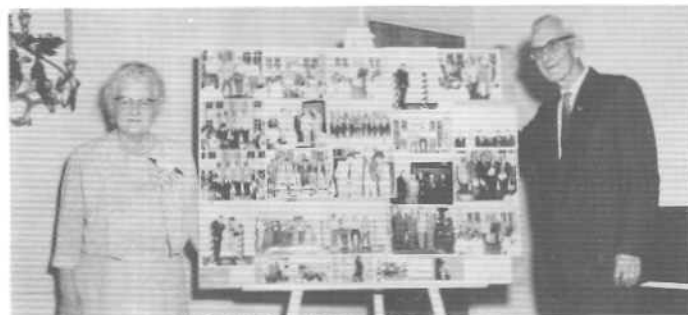
I wish accommodations:
 "A" Registration "C" Registration
 "B" Registration Other (describe)

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CHAPTER _____
CHAPTER OFFICER Presently To Be

NORTHWEST DETROIT

Chapter Reporter:
George P. Swan

On Wednesday, October 10, 1962, the members of the Detroit Northwest Chapter and their wives were entertained at Cregars Pickurch House as guest of the Duane Mosiers. The occasion was the 45th wedding anniversary of Polly and Duane. Duane has been a loyal and enthusiastic member of Barber-shopping for the last 12 years. He was introduced to Barber-shopping by Carrol Adams. The pleasure of sharing this celebration with the Mosiers was enhanced by quartet and chorus singing. Jim Sandry was the M.C. and did a fine job. We enjoyed hearing the Score-Keepers and also the Stove Pipers who are new and not yet registered. The Northwest Chapter and all their friends will wish to join with me to wish Polly and Duane "Happy Anniversary and many more of them" and thanks for a wonderful evening of friendship and Barber-Shopping.



POLLY and DUANE

THREE RIVERS

Chapter Reporter:
Harry W. Kampe

Five of our chapter members have returned from a weekend in Niagara Falls, Canada after attending H.E.P. School. We had a whale of a time. Didn't get much sleep but learned a lot about Barbershop. We are now quite "Gung-Ho" for Barbershop singing. Who wouldn't be after "lifting the rafters" in a chorus of 257 people. International seems to be quite concerned with two problems: The elimination of the "modern sound" in barbershop singing, and the bad reputation that Barbershoppers are heavy drinkers. We should remind prospective new members that we have a coffee break at our meetings.

We wish to welcome Lloyd Carter as our new chorus director. Lloyd has great enthusiasm for this responsibility and we know he has the ability and experience to do a great job. We are getting copies of music now--more than we can handle. And International is sending us some more.

George Wright was for many years our Chorus Director and a main keystone in holding our chapter together. We can never fully appreciate the time and effort he put forth to give us good barbershop music. George is now very much tied up in the advertising business and can no longer direct our chorus. We would like to thank George for a job well done.

At 7 o'clock a quartet school preceding each meeting is open to all members and is primarily to give new members some quartet singing.

BLUE WATER

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Van Zandt

Election of officers for 1963 was held at our October 23rd meeting with the following men being selected to guide our group over the waves of barbershop harmony next year--

President: R. Patrick Carnahan; First Vice President: Dennis Fritz; Program Vice President: Royal Zerbe; Secretary: Dr. Donald Dempster; Treasurer: William Kenney; Chapter Delegate: Robert Van Zandt; Alternate Delegate: Royal Zerbe.

This roster includes several of our newer members who, we feel confident, will guide our chapter through another year of successful barbershopping.

WAYNE

Chapter Reporter:
Al Fricker

All Wayne men take pleasure in congratulating President Hansen and his fine District staff on a good job well done this year, and on the acceptance of the challenge of another tour for the year ahead. We are re-emphasizing chapter organization and expansion and, together with our Wonderland Chorus, feel some of our finest barbershopping days are just ahead for all of us. Just last night, the Dearborn Chord-O-Matic Chorus (the winners) visited with us and those everloving Aire-Males brought back the goose bumps. Where can you find more jollies, huh? Keep at it everybody. Until next month, notes to you from us.

IONIA

Chapter Reporter:

This is the first communique which Ionia has sent to the Troubadour. It is two-fold in purpose. First, we would like to inform everyone in the District that there is still a chapter in Ionia. Although an associated chapter since the minimum membership was raised to 25, we have been striving to keep a chapter in Ionia by keeping over 20 the past years. Secondly, we have recently accepted into our membership our 25th and 26th members. Like several small chapters in low population areas, this hasn't been easy.

On October 25th, Ionia Chapter staged a guest night at the American Legion Hall. This really isn't a fish story, but everyone had a whale of a time as the hall was rockin' with harmony and gang singing. A special emphasis was put on the latter, giving the 24 (get that number) guests frequent opportunities to participate in the evening activities.

Our President, Ron Curtis, called Battle Creek President Dr. Bill Clark and asked for a little help. They outdid themselves as along with Doc came 21 other members of the Battle Creek Chapter, including the Nu-Tones, who wrapped their tonsils around four "goodies". The What's It Four (for lack of a name), a new quartet made up of remnants of the Harmony Hounds, besides bending some good barbershop chords, kept the guests on the edge of their seats and wanting more with their instrumental antics. The Battle Creek chorus, directed by Francis Gaffney, gave the guests a demonstration of what barbershop harmony is and why it is best.

One of the high lights of the evening was the presence of Vice-President Al Burgess and Area 8 Counselor Bill Van Bogelen. Both were called on to lead gang singing. Al taught the guests and others present a small part of "Kentucky Babe" and informed them if they wanted more they could come down to Ionia Chapter's meeting.

Our 24th member, Robert Wolverton, was presented

his membership certificate by President Curtis.

The 18 members of the Ionia Chapter did themselves proud by being present and bringing the number of guests they did. Ionia's own Commonaires, in addition to wearing their uniforms for the first time, sang four numbers.



President Ron Curtis welcoming the 25th and 26th members to the Ionia Chapter. L to R: Ed Bennett, Jr. (26th member); President Ron Curtis; John Laux (25th member); and his father Ed Laux, standing by and pretty proud too.

Guest Nights are held for one purpose--to interest more fellows in singing barbershop harmony. When President Curtis asked if any of the guests would like to join that evening, John Laux, son of an old-died-in-the-wool barbershopper, known throughout the District, former president of the Lowell Chapter and Ionia Chapter member, Ed Laux, come forward. Before the evening was over, adding frosting to the cake, Ed Bennett, Jr. also became a member. John is a lead and Ed a bass (also a potential assistant chorus director).

Yes, the 66 men present had a wonderful time and a lot of woodshedding went on after the program and the darnest sounds come from mouths filled with donuts and coffee.

Credit must be given to "Cy" Speckin, Vice-President in Charge of Membership. He spent a lot of time making name tags. He striped clothes pins like barber poles and stuck tags on the bottoms for each person's first name. Besides this, he assembled enclosures containing information about the Ionia Chapter, the District and International, What Barbershopping is, plus a couple song arrangements. These were given to each of the 24 local guests. We suspect that his wife Hazel might have helped--just a little?

John McDowell, Vice-President in Charge of Programming, had a well-planned program--fast moving with no lulls. It was the best and most successful guest night program that Ionia has had in a long time and John deserves a lot of credit.

One last item this month. Ionia had its election of officers on October 11th. The Nominating Committee Chairman, Maynard Gierman, read off the nominations and it was moved that the nominations be accepted and with no opposition they were voted (railroaded) in. Taking office January 1, 1963 will be President, John McDowell; Vice-President--Membership, Ed Laux; Vice-President--Program, Ron Curtis; Secretary, Bob Tasker; Treasurer, Mike Goodemoot. Directors to serve the coming year are J.C. Funk, Maynard Gierman, and Ford McDowell.

Many barbershopping activities are being planned and these will be covered in future issues of the Troubadour. All the Ionia fellows think the New Troubadour is the greatest.

Yes, the Ionia Chapter is still in existence--and singing.

ANN ARBOR

Chapter Reporter:
Robert Miller

Ann Arbor had chords in the corridor on Old Timer's Nite, September 25th, headed by Curly Warren, Court Novak and Ed Libs. About 20 members of the original Ann Arbor chapter honored us and had to admit that "Barbershopping Is Better Than Ever." Our Ladies' Nite, October 23rd, with Don Backus ramrodding, was another ball in the hall with the Four-Tune Tellers at their incomparable best, our special guests the Tailor Maids, the Quarter Counts, the Four Scores and the Huronaires. To put the foam on the glass, the whole Milford Chapter, plus wives, bussed to Ann Arbor in chorus and brought the Suburbanaires too. Last time they visited us, our gavel came up missing and we had to go up there to get it. Wonder what they got this time?

Ann Arbor's chorus is working for an engagement at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, December 4th, trying to get the rust out of the pipes after a long summer lay-off. Our nominating committee has been busy, and as long as this is Election Nite, I predict that the following slate will lead Ann Arbor for the year 1963. President: Al Schrader, Secretary: Mel Evans, Treasurer: Dick Webber, Membership Vice President: Junior Sodt, and Program: Bob Miller. Of course, none of the votes are in yet, but the computer gives every indication of this trend.

We all extend our sympathies to the Norm Thoburn family in the recent death of their daughter.



ANN ARBOR CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

HUDSON

Where there's a will, there's a way--and so it was when the Hudson Chorus was asked to make an appearance at noon in the middle of the week. Realizing that noontime is a difficult hour to get away, chorus members were not asked to come in uniform, but Russ Coman did bring along the fancy headgear for all.

The occasion was the Michigan State Corn Picking Contest, held just seven miles from Hudson.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS



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The five H.E.P. schools conducted by the Society this year are now completed with the Niagara Falls, Ontario, session in October serving as the finale. All were a smashing success and those in attendance are still raving over the wonderful work performed by the faculty. Turk Evans, Gene Smith, Dave Stevens, John Peterson, George Shields and Curt Hockett along with Director Bob Johnson and Manager Chuck Snyder, worked diligently to cover their subjects in the time allowed and in a manner which kept the student body attentive and interested every moment. The Michigan District was well represented at the schools with some 25 men attending. Chorus Director Don Ware of the Utica-Rochester Chapter was so enthused that he drove alone to both the Winona and Niagara Schools. Director of Musical Activities Bob Johnson has high hopes of staging 10 to 20 H.E.P. sessions in 1963.



Many Michigan District barbershoppers will be interested in the news that Bob Brock, well known as the bass of once famous "Singing Brocks", is now a member of the newly crowned Illinois District champions, "The Imposters". Bob, who toured the country with his three sisters singing parade dates and thrilling the International Convention crowds for years, is the son of Carl Brock who has served on numerous Michigan District judging panels.

Our Society was well represented and thousands of people were thrilled with our wonderful harmony at the Seattle World's Fair with the appearances of the International champions, The Gala Lads; past champions, The Evans Quartet and Mid-States Four; and the very popular Nitehawks and Four-Do-Matics.

Those who have not yet heard the new 1962 International Contest album are in for a real treat. Not only are the numbers by the medalist groups fine entertainment, but our own Auto Towners do a beautiful job on their rendition of "Vacant Chair".

The first free song arrangement selected by the Musical Activities Committee is now available to each member and may be ordered by your Chapter president from Kenosha. The beautiful Civil War song "Lorena", is arranged by our own Willis A. Diekema of Holland. Bill's picture appears on the cover with the back page containing a biographical sketch of the Society's great arranger. A new song arrangement will be made available to the members every two months.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

by Sec. Lou Harrington

Attention of all chapters, especially of new officers, is called to the fact that the new District per capita dues of \$4.00 per man, enacted by the House of Delegates at Windsor last month, will be due and payable in January. It will be based upon chapter membership as of December 1962. It can be paid all at once or in quarterly payments on January 15, 1963, April 15, 1963, July 15, 1963 and October 15, 1963. The \$4.00 includes the Troubadour subscription fee. Checks should be made payable to the "Michigan District Association of Chapters, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.," and forwarded to me at 2361 First National Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.



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Bids are now invited for the sponsorship of the 1964 District Spring and Fall conventions and contests. Interested chapters should forward their inquiries to my office. Your District Convention Committee stands ready to assist and advise in the conduct of the conventions. Sponsoring chapters receive 50% of the net profits, which have been substantial recently.

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All 1963 chapter officers, chorus directors, quartet members and committee members are urged to attend the District H.E.P. and Officer's school to be held at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on Thanksgiving weekend. Sessions are scheduled for Saturday, November 24, 1962, beginning at 2:30 p.m. and finishing on Sunday morning, November 25th at 11:00 a.m. Classes will be offered for chorus directors, quartets and chapter officers. Included on the faculty will be Bob Johnson of Kenosha, the Society's Director of Musical Activities and Director of the International's five H.E.P. schools, Al Burgess, Dick Peterson, Roger Craig, Loton Wilson and Bob Tracy, all outstanding barbershoppers with years of experience in various fields. Your District Secretary will also be on hand at the school to discuss problems of chapter officers. The registration fee is nominal; \$15.00 for those arriving Friday and \$10.00 for those coming Saturday. This includes lodging and the Saturday night dinner. Full details are listed in another section of the Troubadour. Reservations are being accepted by Ted Spry of the Soo Chapter. This is a real opportunity to learn and become an asset to your chapter. Let us support this effort.

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With the contributions being made by our two Ontario chapters, Windsor and Sault Ste. Marie, and also in view of the fact that our District's boundaries do not include the entire state of Michigan (the western part of the Upper Peninsula being in the Land O' Lakes District), it has been strongly suggested that we consider changing our name. The two alternate names most prominently mentioned are PIONEER DISTRICT and GREAT LAKES DISTRICT. The first is suggestive of the fact that we were the first organized in the Society and the latter emphasizes the fact that our district boundaries touch Lakes Erie, St. Clair, Huron, Superior, and Michigan. Your District officers are interested in your suggestions.

Following the Leader

By President Bill Hansen

I have observed that an increasing number of quartets in our District are including modern harmony arrangements in their show performances. Personally, I find no fault with modern harmony--as a matter of fact, I thoroughly enjoy a bit of it myself. I see no reason why any quartet should ever be criticized for an occasional rendition of modern harmony; realizing, of course, that there is a time and place for everything.



The point I am trying to make is that any Barbershop quartet, when performing as such, should at least inform the listening audience whenever it intends to depart from Barbershop harmony. This is particularly important in connection with a parade or show which is advertised as being a Barbershop harmony program.

As Barbershoppers, we must do everything to perpetuate our form of harmony. If the urge to sing a "modern one" crops up--above all--let those in the audience know that it "won't be Barbershop."

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As the Christmas season approaches, every chorus and quartet in the Michigan District should be rehearsing carols and arranging for appearances at local hospitals and other appropriate locations.

I realize that time is of the essence for many of us; however, I am sure we can all spare a few hours, especially at Christmas time, to bring cheer to those less fortunate.

I sincerely hope every Barbershopper in the Michigan District, whether as a member of a quartet or a chorus, will lend his voice during this holiday season. It is the time when giving of one's self can mean so much to others.

Coming Events

November 24, 1962	Holly-Fenton Parade
February 2, 1963	Dearborn Parade
February 9, 1963	Kalamazoo Parade
February 16, 1963	Niles-Buchanan Parade
February 16, 1963	Pontiac Parade
March 2, 1963	Wayne Parade
March 9, 1963	Flint Parade
March 23, 1963	Battle Creek Parade
March 31, 1963	Hudson Parade (Sunday Afternoon at 2:00)
April 6, 1963	Muskegon Parade
April 20, 1963	Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids
May 3-4-5, 1963	REGIONAL CONTEST Lansing
May 11, 1963	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
June 8, 1963	Utica Parade
September 21, 1963	South Haven Parade
September 28, 1963	Fruit Belt Parade
October 11-12-13, 1963	DISTRICT CONTEST Holland
November 2, 1963	Detroit Parade
March 21, 1964	Battle Creek Parade
April 4, 1964	Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids
June 6, 1964	Utica Parade

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