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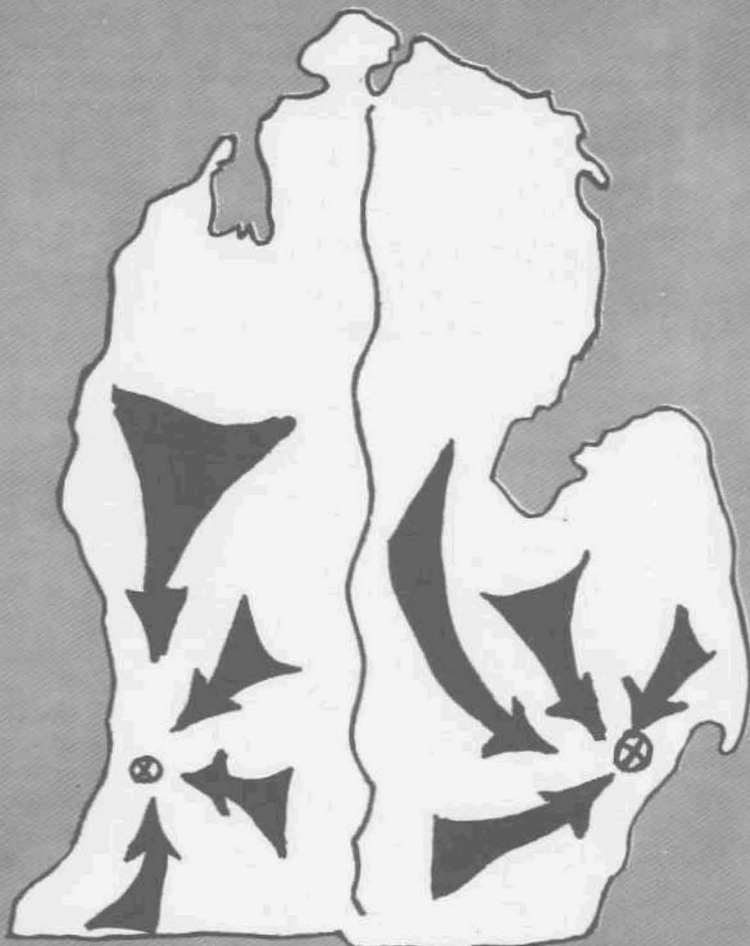
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Let's get "H.E.P.". The connotation that we Michigan Barbershoppers give to the word "hep" is amazingly close to Webster's meaning . . . "having intimate knowledge; informed; "wise"; as, to be, or to put one, hep to anything".

Whether by design, or by accident, however, we find that our H.E.P. or Harmony Education Program is, in truth, something to get hep about. Through H.E.P., our District, our Society, can literally pull itself up by its boot-straps. Through H.E.P., we can, each of us, become better Barbershop singers, better Barbershop officers, better Barbershop competitors.



Every effort has been made to give the maximum of schooling at our H.E.P. schools, for the minimum cost. Toward this end, the schools are "one day" schools so as to make hotel expenses unnecessary. To this end, the classes have been scheduled so that there is no competition between classes, i.e. you won't be forced into choosing between going to a quartet promotion class or a class on administrative problems as there won't be two classes scheduled at the same time. There has been a lot of thought given to each class and into each program. As Barbershoppers, we can use the help that is being offered to us. Let's take advantage of these opportunities. Yes, let's get hep. H.E.P. that is.

Barbershop Harmony Week is coming up and we should all be thinking about how we can take advantage of this week of the year. This is especially the time when the whole chapter should stand behind its PR (Public Relations) man.

All over the country and into Canada we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary of the founding of our organization. With a little work on the part of every member, we can make this a celebration long to be remembered. Let's let the world know what S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. stands for. More and more, let us show that not only do we live in song. . . we live in harmony. Use this week of April 15-21 to tell about our harmonious organization, about the fact that, as so wonderfully put by the late Cecil Fischer, "If you have a song on your lips, you can't have hate in your heart." Let's show the world just how proud we are to belong to S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. and let's do it by working together in harmony.

This Editor and wonderful wife have finally been to Kenosha, Wisconsin. True, we only saw a few streets, none of the "downtown", and probably missed a lot of historic monuments and beautiful museums. We did see, however, what we had come all the way to see. . . our International Headquarters. We were fortunate in that the Mid-Winter International Board Meeting was in progress



Harmony Hall, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. International Headquarters
8315 3rd Ave., Kenosha, Wisconsin

and we were able to meet, in addition to our own representative Chase Sanborn, a great many dignitaries and almost all of our International officers.

Upon arriving, we were met by genial Bob Meyer. Administrative Assistant Meyer (I call him Bob now) spent the better part of the afternoon showing us through this amazing home of OURS. Purchased for \$75,000 back in 1957, this building was built in the depression years of 1930-1933 for a cost of over \$500,000. We were told it couldn't be replaced for \$1,000,000 today.

As wonderful, as beautiful, as functional as it is, however, it was not this marvelous building that impressed us the most. By far, the most wonderful thing about this "home of ours" was the atmosphere so predominant within its walls.

The smiles we saw were not "put-on" smiles. They were not "polite" smiles. They were the smiles of people enjoying their work. They were the smiles of a happy family and believe me, this Editor is very proud indeed to be a member of this family. The wife and I heartily recommend this tour to each Michigan Barbershopper.

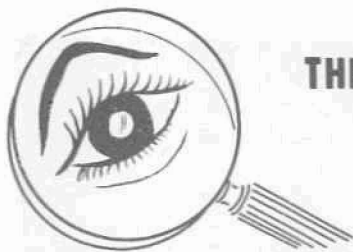
Many thanks to you, Bob, for the grand tour you cheerfully gave us.

MICHIGAN SINGS

By Roger Craig

Our February "Tag of the Month" just has to be good because even this arranger couldn't mess up such a wonderful old tune as "The Whiffenpoof Song." This song is a real favorite of everyone and it is truly strange that so few Barbershoppers sing it. We solved that at Dearborn by having the "Chord-O-Matic" chorus learn it and now we are hooked too. It's our favorite.

So many of our "full voice" tenors complain about high tenor parts so this one should be a welcome relief. Just because it "feels so good to stop" try holding the chord on "such". It is a passing tone chord that does not resolve until "as" and holding it a little longer makes for a very satisfying progression. Good full baritone tones on the last few chords really help to fill them out but not too much lead here (yes, that's an A flat on the 3rd "baa" from the end). Bases, here's your chance to show off but lay off the "nanny-goat" baa sound and make it "ah" or "aw" as in "saw". Just a little more tenor on the last two chords finishes it nicely. Now get out your pitchpipe and call three other guys and enjoy it. It's great when MICHIGAN SINGS.



THE FEMININE OBSERVER

By Ellen Harrington



Dearborn's Chapter of Champions entertained their ladies and guests at a festive Christmas party, beautifully decorated for the holidays, and featuring entertainment by the Aire Males, Auto Towners, Taggers, Transistones, Wonderlads and the Chord-O-Matic chorus, attired in winter outfits, singing Christmas carols. Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Shamus and Mr. and Mrs. George Adams prepared and served a delicious meal. Several new members were inducted at an impressive ceremony.

Enjoying the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Art Malecki, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor McElligott, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maclean, Bob Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Kapczi, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Al Maier, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Backus, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tritle, Claude Farrell, Tom Hagen, Harold Coughenour, Nick Kiptyk, Mr. and Mrs. William Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dahlke, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Palmieri, Vic Favier, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters, Mr. and Mrs. John Ecclestone, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Van Tassell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spiker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore, Harold Masters, Mr. and Mrs. George Meinschein, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. T. Slack, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jorgensen, Stan Salter, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John Boland, Tony Chioda, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Corbett, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Carnell, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Duerksen.

* * * Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dahlke, well-known bass of the "Auto Towners" on the birth of their daughter. Within a year's time, all members of the quartet have welcomed daughters.

* * * Former Michigan members, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Girens, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Larkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Meier, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brower, Burt Staffen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sipots and Mrs. Harold Gibbs, now living in California, wish to be remembered to their many friends.

* * * Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Owen McGill of Wayne on the birth of their daughter.

* * * Detroit chapter's Ladies Night gave the appearance of a Valentine's party with so many of our lovely ladies attired in red and Mrs. William Wales in a stunning pink and the guest quartets, Auto Towners and 4 Fits, in handsome white dinner jackets. It was nice to see Mrs. Howard Tubbs. Others enjoying the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Art Schuelze, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff

Jorgenson, Mr. and Mrs. Walley Joure, Mr. and Mrs. George Acree, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Calderwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Luscombe, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schirmer, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bert West, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Chiodo, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Michell, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Van Tassell, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bostick, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dahlke, Dominic Palmieri, Chuck Reno, Bob Mullin, Marvin Burke, Ray McCalpin, Russ Seely, John Prost, Bob Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dudley and many others.

CHAPTERS FAIL TO ORDER FREE MUSIC

Taken from a letter to President Bill Hansen from (Bob) Johnson, International Director of Musical Activities. Ed.

"Perhaps it may be a bit early in the game, but we are anxious to see that all members receive their free copies of music.

"As you know, the distribution was on a request basis. Early in November each Chapter President received a special order blank and specific instructions. It was clearly pointed out that it was to be the sole responsibility of the Chapter President to determine how many members in his chapter wanted a free copy of the arrangement.

"We estimated in advance that two-thirds of our members would want the song and we were unfortunately quite accurate. We are still disturbed at the actual result.

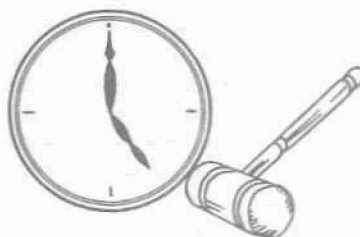
"It doesn't seem probable that the members of 212 chapters did not want this song. It is quite probable that in many of these chapters the announcement was not even brought to the attention of the member. There must be a few men in each of these chapters that would want the song. (We note that an announcement in the HARMONIZER prompted a few last minute orders - we will continue this policy.)

"Attached is a list of chapters in your District which did not order copies of the song "Lorena".

Coldwater (Branch Co.)	Niles-Buchanan
Grand Rapids	Northwest Detroit
Grosse Pointe	South Haven (Blue Water)
Holland	Suburban Det. (Associate)
Kalamazoo	Mt. Clemens
Milford	Detroit Yachtsmen

Editor note:

There is a definite deadline before which this free music must be ordered. After this deadline, the music is no longer free, but may be purchased for 10 cents per copy. Let's make sure that every man in our District who desires this free music is able to receive it.



Minutes

EXECUTIVE
BOARD
MEETING

HELD AT SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO, NOV. 24, 1962

A meeting of the District Board of Directors was held at the Caswell Motor Hotel, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, on Saturday, November 24, 1962. President Hansen called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Also present were Vice-presidents Burgess, Schultz, Tracy, Secretary Harrington, Treasurer Klaiber and International Board

MEET YOUR AREA COUNSELORS



Capt Cliff MacLean

COUNSELOR AT LARGE (NORTH)

Retired Coast Guard Captain Cliff Mac Lean, a native of Sault Ste. Marie, became interested in Barbershopping and joined the Long Beach California Chapter in 1947, after attending their 1946 parade which was M.C.'ed by member Hal Peary (The Great Gildersleeve).

Upon moving to New York City in 1949, he was unable to be active due to the nature of his Coast Guard duties. 1951 found him assigned to the Navy in Panama where he became a charter member of the Panama-Canal Zone Chapter and served as president in 1953. Cliff organized Member Sanborn. Guests included Area Counselors Gillem, Van Bogelen, Franz, Bontragall and Robert Johnson of the International Office.

and sang bass in the JUNGLE-AIRES quartet which competed in the Dixie District regionals in 1954 and 1955.

Back to the states as captain of the Icebreaker Mackinaw in Cheboygan in 1955 was his next assignment. That year he helped organize and became president of Cheboygan Chapter which was sponsored by the Boyne City Chapter. Cliff was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio in 1956 where he joined Lakewood Chapter in the Johnny Appleseed District.

Cliff's final Coast Guard assignment took him to Norfolk, Virginia in 1958 where he became a member and the following year president of Merrimac Chapter, Mid-Atlantic District. Their chorus, "The Commodores", placed well in district competition against such greats as the Fairfax Jubilaires and the Patapsco "Chorus of the Chesapeake" then directed by Kenosha's Bob Johnson.

Cliff is now retired and living at Cedarville. He is now a member of the Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Chapter and chorus and would like to see more Barbershopping in the U.P. He says that his greatest thrill in Barbershopping was having the Schmitt Bros. sing on board the Mackinaw.

Considering the locations of the above chapters, it can surely be said that Capt. Cliff has literally covered the length and breadth of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. activity. He enjoys renewing old friendships at the Internationals where he can always find familiar faces.

QUARTER NOTES

INFORMATION GLEANED FROM CHAPTER QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORTS

SENT TO TROUB

♪ Detroit #1 appears to be a traveling chapter. In addition to hosting Canadian Chapters at Canadian Night, they had visitations to Redford and Grosse Pointe. (They had three quartets at the Redford contest.) Their chorus competed in Windsor, they sang at Redford S.O.C. Charter Night, attended a churchmen's night in Southfield, and held their always wonderful annual show. WOW. . . and with all this action made charitable contributions to the tune of almost \$800.00 during the quarter. Keep up the good work boys.

♪ Jackson Chapter excelled at community service during the last quarter of 1962, singing for the Kiwanis and Lions, and Christmas caroling for Oddfellows, and others including a sanatorium and an orphanage. Nice.

♪ Looks like some chapter had a busy quarter. We'd be glad to report on it if we could read it.

♪ Received a beautiful Quarterly Report from Utica-Rochester Secretary Ken Sheridan. Ken shows that his chapter is going places in the coming months and have been places and done things in the reported quarter. With a fine average meeting attendance, it looks like this is a good chapter to visit for an evening of fun and harmony.



The president made a plea for all Vice-presidents to turn over to the secretary the names and addresses of their appointees as A/C so that the publication of the directory may be facilitated. The president also brought up the matter of reviving the move to have memorial services at each District convention in honor of our departed members. The subject of long-range planning was then brought up, and the Board agreed that a committee should be appointed by the president to study this phase. The names of several men were suggested for service on the committee and also for the chairmanship. The president indicated that he would contact several of the men and ascertain their availability.

The Secretary advised the Board that there were two of three chapters who, for lack of understanding, did not apply for reimbursement of \$25.00 for sending their representatives to the International HEP school. The Board voted unanimously that this reimbursement be made.

A suggestion was also made that hereafter all newly elected district officers be introduced at the main convention session each year, and that the A/C of the year awards again be given.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis R. Harrington
District Secretary

NEW OFFICIALLY REGISTERED QUARTETS

As of January 15, 1963

International reports that the Michigan District had no new officially registered quartets during the period of December 15, 1962 through January 15, 1963.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Income and Expenses and Capital Expenditures
For period Jan. 1, 1962 to December 31, 1962

Cash on hand beginning of period

\$6,561.47

INCOME

Per capita International		57.00	
Show Sanction Fees			
Lansing	83.90		
Boyer City	35.50		
Detroit #1	398.60		
Utica	38.94		
Cheboygan	8.44		
South Haven	32.10		
Kalamazoo	184.14		
Pontiac	100.00		
Niles	59.70		
Battle Creek	429.99		
Hudson	28.90		
Hudson	32.81		
Flint	68.60		
Grand Rapids	343.22		
Wayne	85.00		
Oscoda County	16.88		
Holland	100.00		
Utica	54.10		
Sault Ste. Marie	42.80		
Dearborn	97.90		
Fruit Belt	48.00	2,289.62	
Conventions and Contests			
District Contest (Jackson)	877.54		
Regional Contest (Benton Harbor)	172.56		
Michigan Show Committee	1,028.44	2,078.54	
Miscellaneous			
Rebate from Tubbs HEP School	34.50		
Harmony Foundation Donation (for HEP)	200.00		
Travel Fund			
Benton Harbor	10.38		
Jackson	40.00	50.30	284.80
Total Income			4,709.96

EXPENSE

District Publication (Troubadour)		2,300.00	
Travel			
Quartets and Chorus			
Airmails (to Intl. contest)	200.00		
Auto Towners (Intl. contest)	290.00		
Curbstone Serenaders (Intl. contest)	200.00		
Gateway Chorus (Intl. contest)	1,000.00		
Curbstone Serenaders (Soo H.E.P.)	100.00		
District officers			
Pres. Hansen (travel allowance)	200.00		
V. Pres. Tracy "	114.75	2,014.75	
Executive Board Meetings		322.99	
Supplies, printing, mailings (Intl.)	268.68		
From other sources	51.67	320.35	
Secretarial Expenses			
Phone, postage, supplies, etc.	487.99		
Secretarial Honorarium	100.00	587.99	
Phone (officers, judges, chairmen)		97.21	
H.E.P. School			
Winona - (Harmony Foundation)	200.00		
Winona	417.72		
Sault Ste. Marie	108.60	726.32	
Miscellaneous			
Flowers	26.00		
Awards (plaques)	95.70		
Intl. Pres. Laurel	16.93		
Bank Charges (checks, Canadian Disc.)	7.21	145.84	
Total Expense		6,515.45	
Total Income		4,709.96	
Net Income (LOSS)		1,805.49	

Cash on hand after income and expense

\$4,755.98

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Klaiber, Treasurer
Michigan District Association
of Chapters



The Spring Convention

REGIONAL CONTESTS
MAY 3-4-5 1963



Cereal City Chapter PRESENTS

THE MID STATES FOUR
Chicago, Illinois



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY FOUR
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



The Nu-Tones
Battle Creek, Michigan



THE HARMONY HOUNDS

THE CEREAL CITY CHORUS

P L U S

THE MERRI-MRS.

THE SWEET ADELINES CHORUS

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 1963 8:00 P.M.

W. K. KELLOGG AUDITORIUM

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

FOR TICKETS WRITE TO:

DAVE WEDEL, Ticket Chairman

% SECURITY BANK ARCADE

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

\$1.50 \$1.75 \$2.00



DICK PETERSON

HARMONY EDUCATION PROGRAM GRAND RAPIDS



ROGER GRAIG

Barbershop's university, the Harmony Education Program (H.E.P.), again reaches into Michigan on February 23rd when the second of a series of forums or schools will be held in Grand Rapids sponsored by the Michigan District. The first school was held at the Soo on November 24th.

Richard Peterson of the Kalamazoo Chapter is chairman of the Grand Rapids school and he has selected the faculty to conduct the all-day session.

All Barbershoppers in the Michigan District are invited to attend. The registration fee is a bargain, \$4.44, which includes the HEP School dinner at the Pantlind Hotel.

The Grand Rapids Chapter is the host and in charge of all details, with Chapter president Kenneth Childs supervising. The sessions will be held in the Continental room of the Pantlind Hotel.

Robert Johnson, International Director of Musical Activities for S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., will be the main attraction for those interested in chorus singing--this subject will be an important one in this program. He will conduct an afternoon and an evening session.

Other members on the faculty will be Al Burgess, Director of the famous Port City Chorus of Muskegon. His subject will be "Quartet Promotion and Coaching". Burgess, a thorough musician and for years head of that department in the Grand Haven School System, is also an accomplished quartet man. He came into the Society as a quartet member.

The third subject to be dealt with in this school is "Administration". The chief of the faculty for this subject is Herman Dykema of the Kalamazoo Chapter. Dykema, himself a veteran S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. executive, plans to perside over a group of instructors in handing this phase of the education program. Dr. James Sell, also of the Kalamazoo Chapter, will be one assistant, while District Secretary Louis R. Harrington will lecture on another phase of the subject.

The chorus phase of the forum is going to be rather extensive with Johnson in charge. The subject will be covered from how to organize a chorus, how to run it and what and how to sing. Johnson is the former director of the famous Chorus of the Chesapeake, a 157-man group that was International Champion two years ago.

Grand Rapids' president, Kenneth Childs, is going all out to make the Grand Rapids school an outstanding one for the "students" and other interested persons expected to attend. The program will start at 10:30 in the morning with the "Administration College" plunging into its work. This will run until 12:30 when time will be taken out for lunch. Sessions will resume at 1:30 when Prof. Burgess and his assistants will begin lecturing and demonstrating quartets. The Extension Chords of Grand Rapids will be his demonstrators. The course, it is expected, will cover everything from how to begin a quartet, how to develop it, how to sing and how to coach.

At 4 o'clock, Johnson will take over the chorus work and will go until 5 o'clock or later when time will be called and all classes released for a "hospitality" hour. Dinner will begin at 6 o'clock and go until 7:30 when Johnson will call everyone together again for the evening sessions on the chorus subject. Adjournment is set for 10 o'clock.

The official program:

- 9:30 Registration. Lobby of Hotel Pantlind.
- 10:30 Chapter Administration. Herman Dykema, Kalamazoo, presiding.
Assistant lecturers: Dr. James Sell, Kalamazoo
Louis R. Harrington, Detroit
- 12:30 Lunch. (There are five lunchrooms in the Pantlind: The Pub, the Knife and Fork, The Cafeteria, The Charcoal Room and the Cypress Cellar.)
- 1:30 Basic Quartet Promotion. Al Burgess, Muskegon, presiding.
Extension Chords, Grand Rapids, assisting.
- 4:00 Basic Chorus Promotion. Robert Johnson, Kenosha, Wisconsin, International Director of Musical Activities, presiding.
- 5:00 Intermission. John W. Klaiber, Grand Rapids, presiding.
- 6:00 Dinner, Continental Room. William Hansen, Michigan District President, presiding.
- 7:30 Chorus promotion and singing, Robert Johnson, presiding.
- 9:00 Final critique. Entire faculty participating.
- 10:00 Adjournment.



BOB JOHNSON

Note: All sessions of the HEP school will be held in the Continental room, main floor. Dinner also will be served in the Continental room.

W A Y N E

On Saturday, March 16, 1963 the third Michigan District H.E.P. School opens its doors to you in beautiful Wayne, Michigan. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. be prepared to get down to the bare facts of chapter organization, promotion, membership incentives, officer training, programming, special event organization, chorus and quartet organization and promotion, community service projects, publicity and advertising, and much more.

A staff of highly qualified and trained Michigan District personnel are the instructors of this open forum. The underlying theme of this school is solving problems, not studying them. You, as a chapter officer or prospective officer, can expect a first-hand lecture and demonstration from an established, successful resource person on each chapter office. He will discuss the office not from an over-all, general viewpoint but on a specific, problem-solving basis. You will share your ideas along with the faculty and every other participant in an open forum on all chapter functions. You will see how your chapter can best benefit from services rendered by the International Society and the Michigan District. You will see and hear how important quartets are to the future of barbershopping in Michigan and you will see just how easy it is to organize one. If you are interested in joining a quartet, you may walk out of the Wayne H.E.P. School as a member of next year's District Champions. This is a "must" for all quartet-minded members.

This is not a "business meeting". This is a school. Come prepared to learn. Here is what awaits you at Wayne on March 16th:

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Chapter Promotion	Detailed panel discussion dealing with all phases of chapter operation: membership programming publicity and promotion annual show and special events musical activities officer training chapter finances. chapter finances. reports, legal aspects of chapter administration	Bill Hansen, Moderator Bob Tracy Eric Schultz Jim Davenport Chase Sanborn Al Burgess E. A. Vande Zande Jack Klaiber Lou Harrington
10:30 - 12:00 noon	Chapter Officers Seminar	Detailed lecture and demonstration on specific responsibilities of the chapter officers: President Program Vice-President. Membership Vice-President Treasurer. Secretary	Eric Schultz, Moderator Tom Pollard Al Smith Bill Smyth Dick Ryan Frank Tritle
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Food for Thought Luncheon	Delicious buffet luncheon	served by Chef Norm Shamus
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Quartet and Chorus Promotion	Detailed lecture and demonstration relating to all phases of quartet and chorus organization; voice parts, rehearsals, uniforms, arrangements, contest singing, chorus administration, etc.	Al Burgess The Aire-Males Quartet
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Quartet Or- ganizational Meeting.	Actual quartet auditions for men desiring membership in a quartet. Any man, regardless of part will have the opportunity of trying out with three other men in an effort to actually organize several groups. Special attention by faculty to each group regarding balance, blend, harmony accuracy, etc.	Dunc Hannah Bob Tracy Roger Craig

It is the desire of the faculty that each chapter subsidize the enrollment of its president, program v. p., membership v.p., treasurer, secretary and chorus director or musical director in an effort to cover all chapters and all phases of chapter administration. Each chapter is also requested to encourage all prospective officer candidates, quartet-interested members and chorus members to attend this school. A larger enrollment in the school can only mean a more successful, meaningful learning experience for all participants. All chorus directors and quartets interested in improving their own groups and in up-grading the musical level of our whole Michigan District should make every effort to attend. All men who have a desire to become members of a quartet cannot afford to miss this session because it is

anticipated that many individuals who attend this school will leave in groups of 4 as newly established quartets.

This is IT men. Is the Michigan District and each of its chapters going up? Or is it growing stagnant from indifference? Our future depends upon our membership. That means you, your chapter officers, your quartet, and your chorus. This has to be a must.

Tuition to cover the cost of the hall, lunch and incidental expenses is \$2.50. Advance registration is necessary to make proper luncheon and seating arrangements so enroll now by writing or calling the Wayne H.E.P. registrar: (Please enclose check to cover registration fee) Bud Kepler, 1678 Birchcrest, Dearborn, Mich., LO 5-2466.

Chapter News

HOLLAND

Chapter Reporter:

Norman Bredeweg

The Holland Windmill Chapter held its installation of officers on Monday, January 21, 1963. The following men took office: President, Roger Essenburg; Administrative Vice-Pres., Bart Tillitt; Secretary Ted Elzinga; Treasurer, Si Krol; and Windmill Blade Editor, John Nuismer. The Windmill Chapter wishes to congratulate the new officers and wish them good fortune in their respective offices for the coming year.

On Saturday, December 15, the Holland Chapter held a truly enjoyable and unforgettable Gay Ninties party. Our friends from the North, whom we regularly vanquish in inter-chapter contests, the Muskegon Port City Chapter, were our guests for the evening.



Approximately 130 persons attended the festivities in costume. The setting was the fabulous Harold's Club of Reno, and before the evening was completed, many a would-be "breaker of the bank" was broke.

The highlight of the evening was the drawing of prizes. Among the prizes given were real fur pieces, free dinners, barbershop records, expensive hand-carved clocks and one slightly used wind-up clock.

After a hardy repast, conjured by the best perpetrator of culinary cuisine of any chapter in the nation, Holland's own Andries Steketee, the rest of the evening and early morning hours was spent in woodshedding.

The event was highly successful and we feel that a major step forward has been taken in the improvement of inter-chapter relations.

The Holland Windmill Chorus has also been busy singing

during the holiday season and will continue to do so during 1963.

In December the chorus sang at the grand opening of a furniture store, and at a Christmas party given by a local manufacturing concern. The chorus also entertained 2,000 spectators at a professional basketball game held in Holland. On Tuesday, January 15, the chorus sang to a packed house at the Holland High Auditorium for the annual March of Dimes style show.

Also included on the docket for the chorus is a package show at the new West Ottawa High School, north of Holland on Saturday, February 2, at 8 p.m. This show will feature predominantly chapter talent including the Chord Counts, Extension Chords, Windmill Chorus and the Gay Blades, a really way out, zany group. It would be worth the buck and a quarter, and a drive of a hundred miles to catch this show.

On Tuesday, January 29, the chorus will go en masse to South Haven to take part in an evening of chorus and quartet singing and other forms of musical mayhem which always come from such chapter meetings.

"HAVE A SPREE IN '63 IN HOLLAND."

WAYNE

Chapter Reporter:

Owen McGill

The Wayne Chapter kicked off the new year with its first meeting on January 15, 1963. Plans for the annual PITCH PIPE PARADE to be held on March 2, 1963, were exposed and it should be a "ring dinger" of a show. Headlining the show are the "Four Nubbins" from Spencer, Iowa, and a whale of a supporting cast featuring the "Aire-Males, Wayne-Drops, Pops A Chords, Noteries, Dearborn's Chord-O-Matic chorus and our own Wonderland chorus. All this in the fine acoustically perfect Wayne Memorial High School auditorium for ONLY two dollars. You can't afford to miss this fine evening of barbershop entertainment. Tickets can be obtained from any Wayne chapter member or by mail or phone from Owen McGill, 33250 Franklin St. Wayne, Michigan. Phone 728-1373.

Our hats are off to the Jackson chapter who, along with a host of others, paid such a deserving tribute to a great quartet and four of the finest gentlemen this writer has ever come in contact with--the For-Tune Tellers. The Jackson Chapter can feel justly proud as can the entire Pioneer District to have men of this caliber within its ranks. Gentlemen, the Wayne Chapter salutes you.

Once again, the members of the Pioneer District will



L to R: Corresponding Secretary Clint Whitney, Treasurer John Linehan, Past President Dale Clixby, President Mike Mudgett, Membership V.P. Owen McGill, Recording Secretary Andie Griffing. Not pictured--Program V.P. Bill Beattie.

be able to enhance their knowledge in all phases of our great hobby. A H.E.P. school will be held on March 16, 1963, in the Wayne Recreation building at 3355 S. Wayne Road in Wayne Michigan. Wayne Chapter is privileged to be a co-sponsor, with the Dearborn Chapter, in bringing this event to our area. Everyone who can possibly attend is urged to do so. Further information may be obtained from Roger Craig or V. P. Eric Schultz of the Dearborn Chapter.

The Wayne Chapter extends its deepest sympathy to Hoopie Arthur whose mother passed away this past month. We would like to extend a get well wish to Dale Clixby's father who is ill in the hospital and we hope he is in good health soon.

The Pops A Chords and the Wayne Wonderland chorus took time off from a busy rehearsal schedule to perform at the Notre Dame Council of the Knights of Columbus in Wayne on January 22, 1963. It was a stellar performance by both groups and was well received by the KC's. Refreshments were served after the program and a good time was had by all. That's all from Wayne for now.

DEARBORN

Chapter Reporter:
Ed Conn

The "Chapter of Champions" has started the new year off with a bang. Our first meeting of the year was a song-busting success with over ninety men in attendance. We were honored by the visitation of the Detroit Chapter as well as many individuals from other chapters. The Detroit Taggers ably emceed the show and almost everyone participated in a quartet. Some quartets won handsome prizes provided by the Taggers. The meeting was a real smash with the last of the stragglers not leaving until after 3:00 a.m. with a bowl of Shamus Clam Chowder under their belt.

On January 25th the Dearborn Chapter visited Windsor. Despite the bad weather, over thirty Dearborn men showed up and we had a good time. Some impromptu quartets sang and the Chord-O-Matic Chorus rendered several songs. The Noteries made an appearance and added a note of musical class to the festivities. Al Smith emceed the show and made everyone feel welcome.

The Dearborn Parade will be over by the time this is in print. February 2nd is the big day. Everyone is working hard on their assigned task. The show should be a smash success with every seat in the house sold. The chorus has put in many hours of hard practice to be in peak form by show time. Roger Craig and Bill Smyth have spear-headed the responsibilities, with Roger directing the music and Bill emceeding the show. The show is built around a Mr. America Contest theme.

FLINT

Chapter Reporter:

Flint Chapter started the new year off with a fun-filled month.

The Holly-Fenton Chapter invited Flint Chapter to visit them on their installation night, Tuesday, January 8th, and to install their 1963 officers. We got up an installing team, something probably a little different in Barbershopping installations, to install their officers. The team included Neil Norman, serving as installing officer, ably assisted by Ron Gillies, Ron Sawdon and Art Winkles. Our chapter had a good turnout for the ceremony and we had a ball. As always, we found the Holly-Fenton Chapter a very good host.

On January 25, Flint Chapter hosted a return contest of

Woodshedding with Lansing. A large turnout of both chapters, along with guests from Pontiac Chapter and Holly-Fenton Chapter watched Flint edge Lansing (they layed down) this time 2796 points to 2737 points. The Holly-Fenton Chapter furnished the judging staff--Lee (Bribable) Thomas, Ryan (I'll watch the basses) Strom, Grant (the ear) Wright, Dick (me too) Bailey and Honest Jack Stevens. They did a fine job (we think). They qualified themselves as judges by singing and we are certainly happy they were not on the Lansing woodshedding team. Each chapter had four quartets competing in the contest. Judged as the Best Quartet of the Night was the following four ringers from Lansing: Roy Swerdfeger, tenor; Ralph Wilkins, lead; Dick Manley, bari; and Wally Clark, bass.

Ray Goodall, our inter-chapter relations chairman, was the matchmaker and did a fine job as M.C. for the night.

We were entertained by the Acoustichords from Lansing and the Suspend-A-Chords from Flint. Both quartets were enjoyed very much. The Flint Chapter Chorus, conducted by Fred Keinitz, sang one of their new numbers and all in all it was a real roof raising night. The Lansing Chapter is a wonderful group of guys to meet with.

We are hard at work, getting ready for our Parade to be held on Saturday, March 9. Fred Keinitz is getting our chorus in shape with weekly rehearsals. We have a fine line-up of entertainment and should fill the house this year.

We, of the Flint Chapter, certainly join the ranks of those who applaud the For-Tune Tellers. It was a much deserved tribute.

Hope to see you on Saturday, March 9 at the I.M.A. Annex in Flint.

DETROIT YACHTSMEN

Chapter Reporter:
Lou Harrington

Following its installation, the Detroit Yachtsmen Chapter is progressing rapidly. The chorus, under the direction of Tom Needham, numbers 25 men and is planning to enter the District Chorus contest at Lansing next May. The chorus has made two public appearances--one at a national convention of building contractors, and the other at the Commodore's party at the Detroit Yacht Club. Three new members have been added. Several inter-chapter visitations are planned, and the group hopes to take its place among the more active chapters in the District.

DOWNRIVER

Chapter Reporter:
James Maxwell

Greetings Gents; The Downriver Chapter tips its bowlers to you. Through a strenuous recruiting program, several new members have been encouraged to participate in the singing of the "Old Songs". This new blood is in turn breathing new life into said chapter.

Plans are being made for our SUPER GLOW, which will take place this coming spring. There will be more about this in a later issue. A chorus has been formed under the very capable direction of Aarne Olkkenen, to assist in this program.

The new officers of the group were installed in an impressive ceremony by Eric Schultz, Michigan District Zone 1 Vice President. They are: W. J. (Bill) Taylor, President; Art Lusty, Jr., 1st Vice-Pres.; Vern DesMarais, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Carl Althernhof, Secretary; and Jerry Somers, Treasurer;

If you are ever in the downriver area, join us in some good close harmony. Contact Carl Althernhof for information concerning meetings and location. Carl's address is: 13450 Neely, Gibraltar, Michigan; phone: 676-8341.

OAKLAND COUNTY

Chapter Reporter:
Dick Liddicoatt

The final tally on the benefit show that OCC put on in conjunction with the Oakland County Orthopedic Children's Association shows a net profit of \$1,040 going to that organization. It was work, but loads of fun. On behalf of OCC, I publicly wish to thank the Cracker Jills, S.O.C. Chorus, Auto-Towners, Aire-Males, Curbstone Serenaders, Wonderlands, Quarter Counts, Note-A-Counts, and the Barbary Host Chorus, for the giving of their time and talents to make the show a success for this worthwhile organization.

April 20th is going to be a big nite at the K of C Hall in Berkley, as OCC is having a LADIES NITE. It promises to be quite an evening as there will be a live combo for dancing (twist, limbo, quadrille--or what have you), along with food and refreshments. Tickets at \$5.00 per couple will be limited to insure room for dancing, so naturally it's a "first come, first served" basis. John Wearing is the man to see about tickets. Orders by mail may be sent to his home at 18787 Rock, Roseville--Tel. PR 2-0158.

That's about it for this month, so best regards from Oakland County.

GREENVILLE

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Hansen

Show time is drawing near in Greenville. March 9th is the date set for our GAY NINETIES BARBERSHOP REVUE at the Greenville High School Auditorium; time 8:00 p.m. As indicated by the title, the two-hour show will carry a "gay nineties" theme, barbershop style, of course. A complete production, utilizing the Greenville Barbershop Chorus and four quartets, will be staged with scenery and stage settings--not just a quartet "recital".

The "Chord Counts" from Holland and the "Extension Chords" from Grand Rapids will be the featured quartets on the show.

Immediately following the show, an After-Glo will be held at the Greenville Country Club. Additional entertainment and refreshments will be served. All area quartets are invited to sing at the After-Glo. For additional information contact Arnie Staffen, Youngman Road, Greenville.

Ticket prices for the show are \$1.50 and the After-Glo, \$1.00. A limited number of seats are available. Tickets are available from all Greenville chapter members and mail orders may be sent to Hansen's Music House, Greenville.

See you on March 9th, in Greenville.



Barbershop chorus members showing off their new jackets purchased by chapter sponsor, Commercial State Savings Bank. Front row: (l to r) Tom Venus, Bob Hansen, Orrin Wood, Jerry Mead (Chorus Director), Jim Mallindine, Stu Anderson, Charles Harrison. Back row: Joe Wildner, Al Ralph, Chuck Vining, Jack Wood, Bob Powers, Eldon Hansen. (Photo by Larry Brown.)

GRATIOT COUNTY

Chapter Reporter:
Miles Moomey

On Monday, January 21, our new officers were installed. They are: Doug Webb, President; Carew LeBlanc, Past Pres.; Ivan Palmer, Vice Pres.; Wendall Derby, Vice-Pres.; Pres. Program Chairman; Garold Fitzgerald, Secretary; Dale Hanson, Treasurer; Executive Committee, Lowell Boyer and Miles Moomey.

We have made plans for our annual "Ladies Night", it will be held February 19th at the Heather Room on the Alma College Campus. We have invited the Sweet Adelines. Entertainment will be furnished by our own chapter and a quartet from the Sweet Adeline Chorus.

We had one engagement in January at Carson City. Proceeds were used for new band uniforms. After the performance we were served a fine lunch.

We hope to see our chapter real busy this year and to make it one of the best yet.

Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at the Saginaw Savings and Loan Building in Alma.

HOLLY - FENTON

Chapter Reporter:
Art Burnett

Our installation of officers was held January 8th with President Neil Norman as the installation officer. His team was composed of Ron Gillies, Ron Sawdon and Art Winkles. There were 22 guests present, including International Board Member Chase Sanborn.

We started 1963 with renewals in fine shape and have three new members signed up.

At the January board meeting plans were made for the coming year. We accepted an invitation from Pontiac to entertain them on June 18th and we will return the visit on August 16th.

Our first Ladies Night will be held in April at the Lake Fenton Yacht Club on Lake Fenton. The owner, John Bartman, very generously offered the Club for this affair. This will also serve as a celebration of our Society's 25th Anniversary. I understand Mr. Bartman will become a member of our chapter in the near future.

Plans for our annual fall show are still undecided.

EAST DETROIT

Chapter Reporter:
Maynard Johnson

East Detroit's 1963 season began on the same pleasant note as the past several years--with our installation of new officers meeting and party to which the ladies were invited. President Vince Koelzer, Vice-President Ed Straka, Program Vice-President Walt Heeder, Treasurer Buff Bouffard, and Secretary Don Anderson accepted the duties of their offices for the coming year with Mark Roberts, our good friend from Grosse Pointe, administering the ceremony. Many thanks to Mark for adding just enough wise counsel and pleasant reflections to make the party more than an ordinary success.

A large vote of thanks is due Theresa Brouckaert, wife of Immediate Past President Dick, for the cake she baked and presented for the occasion. Not only was it an artistic triumph, with a representation of the Society's insignia in the frosting, but tasted good, too. I had two slices.

President Vince is plotting a St. Patrick's dance at the chapter meeting hall for Saturday, March 16th. Mark your calendar for that date--harmony, dancing, beverages--all for \$2.50 per person. Putnam Hall, 21555 Gratiot. Hank DeMars, chairman, will have tickets and further information. Phone TW 1-8910.

BLUE WATER

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Van Zandt

Recently, the Blue Water Chapter seems to have a special talent for scheduling events on dates which turn out to be a complete bust weatherwise. Our January 19th Ladies Night was no exception.

In the midst of one of our very frequent snow squalls, about 100 members and friends came to the South Haven Elks Lodge for this annual affair. The Holland Chapter proved to be the heartiest group of our out-of-town guests and were able to put a sizable chorus on stage. The very capable Chordinators entertained with several numbers, and a comparatively new quartet, The Skeletones, had the crowd applauding for more of their comedy routines.

South Haven's Insomniacs, after a short period of inactivity, sounded better than ever as they filled the room with harmony. Director, Roger Valentine, led the South Haven Sweet Adeline and Blue Water Choruses through several numbers which helped to round out a musically successful evening.

Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Benton Harbor were also well represented. Believe me, these barbershoppers deserve some sort of medal for turning out on such a blustery night. Gus Reeves, past area counselor and secretary of the Fruit Belt Chapter, conducted the installation of our 1963 officers. Our president, Pat Carnahan, led the group in some lively sing-along sessions, and door prizes were given to twelve of the luckier ladies in the audience. A buffet supper of ham and beef was brought out and eagerly consumed. All in all, it appears that a good time was had by all who were brave enough to venture out.

Blue Water members have been active in bringing prospective members to our recent meetings, and all indications point to an increase in membership for B. W. in '63.

BOYNE CITY

Chapter Reporter:
Loton Willson

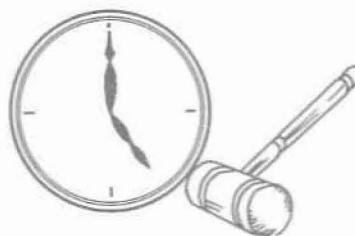
The Boyne City Chapter, inspite of being small and struggling to keep going, has accomplished several things this past year. Great plans are in store for the coming year. A few of the highlights of 1962 follow. Our 16th Annual Bush League was held in April with 16 quartets from all over the District competing. The 4 Fits of Grosse Pointe emerged as the new champs. The Cracker Jills were superb as the featured quartet and everyone seemed to have a good time. The Boyne City Chapter, inspite of having a net loss of about \$150, retained their yearly program of sponsoring a student to Interlochen. We have granted this scholarship each year for ten years. In the summer season we dispense with regular meetings but schedule parties and picnics which include the ladies. Our quartet, "The Resort Aires" made many appearances in 1962. Some of them were: Charter Program of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada Chapter, which Boyne City sponsored; two conventions at Boyne Mountain, one for Probate Judges and the other for lawyers; Petoskey P.T.A.; and the "Soo" Canada Ladies Night. The quartet is now disbanded due to Ross Renwick's (tenor) resignation. However, we hope to start a couple of new quartets soon.

The Boyne City Snow Belt Chorus sang at the Boyne City High School Public Christmas Program where they sang several carols and gave a demonstration of the difference between conventional glee club style singing and Barber-shop singing. We did this by using the Ozzie Wesley Arr. of "Silent Night" and a glee club arr. with the tenors carrying the melody. It was very well received, and many people commented that they never realized what made the difference until this demonstration. The chorus also sang

Christmas carols through the streets of Boyne City on the Saturday night before Christmas. Doc. Heaton, one of our tenors, furnished a trailer and tractor and his son drove it.

The members elected Jim Blessington president of the chapter. He has been in Boyne City about a year, and in this year he has demonstrated his enthusiasm and love of singing in many ways. The chapter feels he will give it the spark it needs. He has laid out a program to build quartets and increase the size of the chorus, and with the help of his two Vice-Presidents Bob Werkema and Thor Jorgensen, and the new Secretary-Treasurer Gene Seeley, as well as the chapter members, we expect great things in 1963. We are handicapped by the fact that the nearest chapter is 100 miles away. In fact, we are the only chapter north of Manistee, except for the "Soo".

The 1963 Bush League will be May 18th. Co-Chairmen are Arne Hegerberg and Loton Willson. A few changes will be made this year so as to avoid another deficit. Don Sheets of the Dilworth Hotel will handle all the housing. You will be notified of other changes later, however, it will be much the same format as past years. The featured group has not been settled upon as yet, but the TROUBADOUR will carry an ad in the near future with all details.



Minutes

EXECUTIVE
BOARD
MEETING

HELD AT MARSHALL, JANUARY 12, 1963

A meeting of the District Board of Directors was held at Marshall, Michigan, on Saturday, January 12, 1963. President Hansen called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Also present were Vice-presidents Schultz, Tracy, and Vande Zande, Secretary Harrington, Treasurer Klaiber, Immediate past president Comloquoy, Editor Davenport, and Roscoe Bennett, past editor.

The Board received a report from V.P. Tracy regarding the H.E.P. school at Sault Ste. Marie. There was a deficit which the Board voted to underwrite. A discussion was then had regarding the two forthcoming H.E.P. schools-- one in the western part of the District and the other in the eastern part. Bennett reported that the Grand Rapids chapter has set February 23, 1963 as the date on which the Grand Rapids chapter will host the western school. The Board authorized the committee in charge to invite Bob Johnson, International Director of Musical Activities, to participate in the program, with the District to underwrite Johnson's expenses. It was voted to grant Grand Rapids a budget of \$200.00 for expenses. Dick Peterson is to supervise the school, and it was also voted that the eastern sectional school, under the supervision of Roger Craig, shall have a budget of \$200.00 for expenses.

The president read a letter written to him by the International Chairman of Judges inquiring whether Michigan would desire a double panel of judges for its Regional contest at Lansing. A discussion ensued, and it was pointed out that the addition of five judges would create a great expense. It was voted unanimously to inform the International that the District desires a single panel.

The Chair then asked Past President Comloquoy to assume the chairmanship of a Committee to enlist and promote candidates for judges in the Michigan District. The

discussion then concerned manners and means of increasing membership in the District.

It was announced that the full list of Area Counselors had now been named and the Board decided that a kick-off luncheon be held with all Area Counselors invited on Saturday, February 16th, with the Secretary to make arrangements, preferably in Lansing.

The president then read a communication from Leo Fobart, Editor of the Harmonizer, regarding advertisements in the anniversary issue. Due to the short space of time, the Board voted to forego any such advertising.

The Chair then announced that he had appointed Duane Mosier of Northwest Detroit as Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee and would discuss the question of the membership of said committee with Mr. Mosier personally.

Several suggestions were made regarding the Lansing convention. In connection with conventions, Comloquoy announced that Jackson is interested in hosting the 1964 Regional, and that a formal bid would be forthcoming.

The Board then discussed certain aspects of the 1963 budget for consideration by the Budget Committee. Treasurer Klaiber announced that the District operations for 1962 resulted in a loss of \$1,805.49. He submitted his report and it will be published in the Michigan Troubadour.

Secretary Harrington announced that the report from the Windsor chapter had been received and resulted in the District receiving \$1,014.00 as its share. This money, however, was in Canadian funds and will be subject to a discount. He also announced that the response from the chapters to the per capita tax was very gratifying. Treasurer Klaiber suggested that the new budget make provision for secretarial assistance due to the extraordinary

amount of work involved. It was pointed out that this would be in line with the operations of other districts. This amount is to be determined by the Budget Committee.

The Board then discussed the question of more inter-chapter relations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis R. Harrington
District Secretary

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CHASING
AROUND
WITH
CHASE SANBORN



Notes on Mid-Winter International Board Meeting, Kenosha, January 24 and 25:

Though the weather was a frigid 20 below, the issues on the Board agenda were of a much warmer nature. The sub-zero temperature prompted Joe Griffith of Florida, Al Smith and Lou Laurel of Texas and King Cole and

Wes Meier of southern California to suggest that our Head Headquarters be moved to a warmer climate, but they were advised that the oranges never freeze on the trees in Kenosha.

The entire Headquarters staff extended untiring efforts to provide the Board of Directors every assistance. Too few people are aware of the fine efforts being performed by our headquarters personnel. Many additional operations over and above their regular assignments, some of which require overtime hours without pay, are providing material and services we could not enjoy without their devotion to the Society.

The deadline for acceptance of applications for the position of Executive Director was extended to April 1 and the final selection scheduled for the Board meeting at Toronto in July.

Effective in 1964, the system of determining the number of quartets from each District for the International Contests will be based on membership reported to International Headquarters as of December 31, 1963. The month of January will be allowed to submit any unpaid dues for members reported through the last day of the year. This is in lieu of the present date of February 28 and will allow each District to know well in advance of the International Preliminaries Contest how many of their quartets will qualify.

Several changes in our Contest and Judging system were recommended by the Board and were referred to the 1963 International C and J Committee for action.

The deadline for submittal of invitations for the 1957 International Convention is March 1 and the selection will be made by the Board in Toronto. Conventions previously awarded are: 1964 to San Antonio, 1965 Boston and 1966 in Chicago.

An increased schedule of Education Seminars requested by Bob Johnson, our Musical Activities Director, was approved. Details of these plans will be announced soon.



FLINT PARADE

OF
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I.M.A. ANNEX

SAT. MARCH 9 1963

8:00 P.M. • Tickets \$2.00

Afterglow at the ELK'S

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- AIRE - MALES
- MERRI - MEN
- CRESCENDOS
- THE FLINT CHAPTER CHORUS

Following the Leader

The quartet competition at the last fall convention in Windsor, Canada, proved to me, and I'm sure to many others, that our District is going to be well represented in terms of talent at the International quartet competition in Toronto, Canada.

By President Bill Hansen



In order to insure that our District is also well represented in terms of quantity at Toronto, it is imperative that we do everything possible to have our District membership paid up and reported to the International office.

Under existing rules, the Quartet Quota Determination for International competition is based on the number of District members reported to the International office no later than February 28, 1963. Further, those reported members must be paid up and their dues remitted to the International office no later than 30 days from the date of billing which will be sent to each chapter during the first few days in March, 1963.

Let's keep this in mind, fella's, and insure that our District is well represented in the International quartet competition. The more members reported and paid up by the due date, the better chance we have of sending more quartets.

During the past few years the District has paid out an average of \$25.00 per year for phone calls made to various chapters delinquent in reporting their membership figures and remitting the necessary dues before the deadline date. It should not be necessary to expend money for this purpose, especially when all chapter secretaries are amply forewarned.

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I am pleased to announce that John Comloquoy, our Immediate Past President, has agreed to assist in a program which will be designed to promote judge candidates within our District. With the wealth of talent existing in our District, it is hard to understand why we have so few certified judges and candidates.

At the present time we have two certified judges and two candidates in the Arrangement category, two certified judges and three candidates in the Voice Expression category, one certified judge and three candidates in the Harmony Accuracy category, one certified judge and no candidate in the Balance and Blend category, and, one certified judge and three candidates in the Stage Presence category. In addition, we have one certified secretary and timer and one candidate in this same category.

On the basis of quantity, we rank very low in both certified judges and candidates as compared with all other Districts. While this might or might not be of any significance, I think you will all agree that a larger force of certified judges and candidates would be to the advantage of our District. As such, there would be ample talent available to assist our quartets and choruses which seek to improve.

I'm sure many of you have, at one time or another, given some thought to the possibility of entering the field of

judging. I urge you to at least explore the matter to the extent of determining what is expected of a judge. Make your intentions known to Ed Gaikema, District chairman of judging, or John Comloquoy. Let's get something started now.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

by Sec. Lou Harrington

As the new year commences, we would like to congratulate all the new chapter officers as they assume their duties.

Your District officers are ready to help you in any possible way, and we trust the outgoing chapter officers will give full cooperation to make a smooth transition. Since there is a change-over in chapter administrations, we wish to call attention of the new chapter officers to the District per capita tax of \$4.00 which was adopted by the Michigan District House of Delegates at the meeting in Windsor, which is payable January, 1963. It is based upon each chapter's membership as of December 1962 and may be paid in one installment on or before January 31, 1963, or in four equal installments on January 15, 1963, April 15, 1963, July 15, 1963 and October 15, 1963. All checks should be made payable to the "Michigan District, SPEBSQSA," and should be sent to my office, 2361 First National Building, Detroit 26, Michigan, for recording. Outgoing chapter officers have been notified of the amount due and were asked to arrange with their successors for prompt payment of this obligation. This figure includes the Troubadour subscription fee.



Battle Creek, Detroit, Detroit Yachtsmen, Gratiot County, Milford and Windsor have already paid in full for the year, and Dearborn, Flint, Grand Rapids, Greenville, Holland, Holly-Fenton, Oakland County, Oscoda County, Pontiac, Redford and Blue Water have paid their first installments.

New chapter officers are also reminded that all requests for clearance of parade dates and sanction fee payments should also be directed to the District Secretary's office.

Chapter secretaries should send their Quarterly Reports to the District Secretary's office promptly when they are due, and also their chapter bulletins, for use in computing the Achievement Awards.

Chorus entry blanks have now been mailed to all chapter secretaries for the District chorus competition to be held in Lansing, May 4, 1963, and should be returned to the District Secretary's office.

**YOU . . . WHO IS
YOUR CHAPTER REPORTER?
IS YOUR CHAPTER MENTIONED IN
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Coming Events

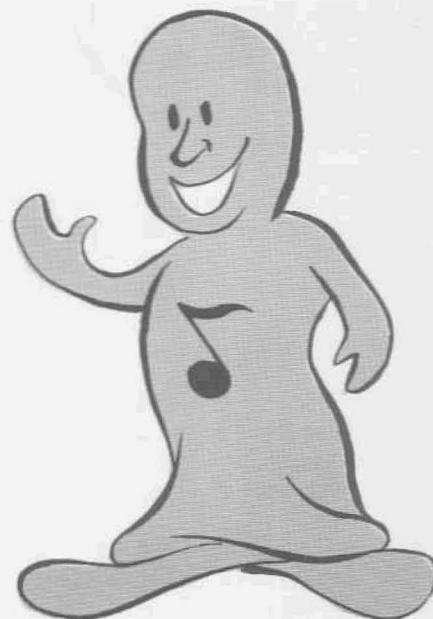
(Requests for parade dates and sanction fee payments should be sent to District Secretary, Louis R. Harrington, 2361 First National Bldg., Detroit 26, Michigan.)

February 2, 1963	Dearborn Parade
February 9, 1963	Kalamazoo Parade
February 16, 1963	Niles-Buchanan
February 16, 1963	Pontiac Parade
March 2, 1963	Wayne Parade
March 9, 1963	Flint Parade
March 9, 1963	Greenville Parade
March 23, 1963	Battle Creek Parade
March 31, 1963	Hudson - Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
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 Parade
May 11, 1963	Wyandotte Downriver Parade
May 12, 1963	Coldwater Parade
May 17, 1963	Holland Parade
May 18, 1963	Bush League Contest Boyne City
June 8, 1963	Utica Parade
August 17, 1963	Oscoda County Parade, Mio
September 21, 1963	Blue Water Parade, South Haven
September 28, 1963	Fruit Belt Parade
September 28, 1963	Gratiot County
October 11-12-13, 1963	DISTRICT CONTEST, Holland
November 2, 1963	Detroit Chapter Parade
March 21, 1964	Battle Creek Parade
April 4, 1964	Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
June 6, 1964	Utica Parade

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H.E.P. SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please register me for the H.E.P. School. (Check one)

☐ Grand Rapids, February 23, 1963.

☐ Wayne, March 16, 1963.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ CHAPTER _____

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$4.44 which covers tuition fees and dinner for the Grand Rapids school.

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$2.50 which covers the tuition and lunch for the Wayne school.

Clip out and mail to H. Charles Prager, 4115 Bell, N.E.,
Zone 5, Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids School) -- or --
Bud Kepler, 1678 Birchcrest, Dearborn (Wayne School)