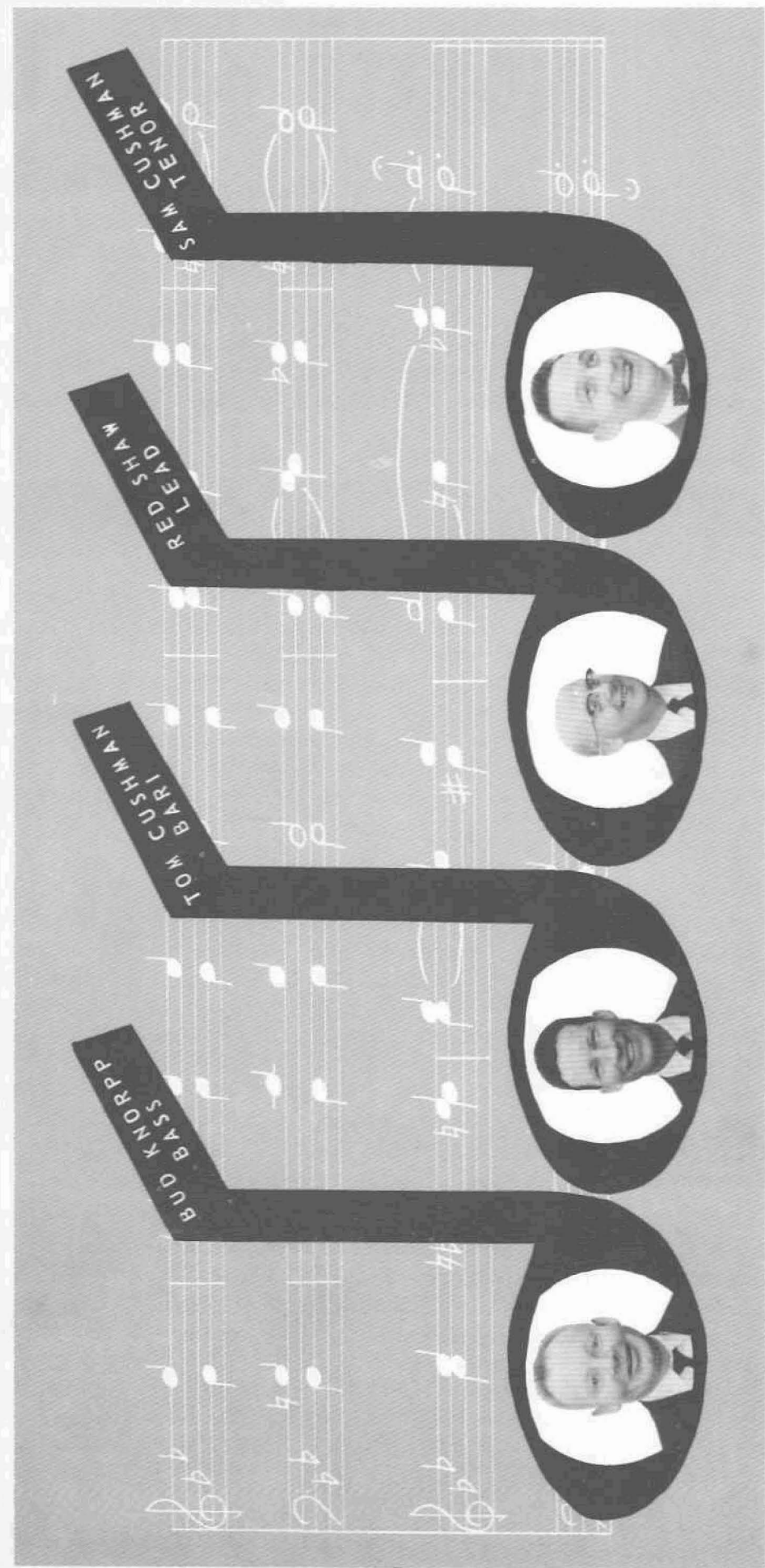


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January, 1963. A new year. Custom says we should editorialize on all the resolutions we should try to keep this new year. We should detail all our faults so that we might correct them and we should bluster forth with grandiose aspirations for our new year.

Instead of this expected verbal expanse, we intend, instead, to point out only one fault we might hope to correct and one goal we might hope to achieve.

If we as barbershoppers, we as individuals, have one fault that hurts us consistently, time and time again, it is the fault of omission. Not intentional omission, but unintentional omission. We want to record baby's voice, take baby's picture and we intend to do these things one of these days. The trouble is that "one of these days" baby will no longer be baby and it will be too late. We are going to form that new quartet, bring that friend to a meeting; we want to plan a show one of these days; sure, Honey, we'll clean out the basement--one of these days.

Let us make "one of these days" today. If each member signed up a new member ~~one of these days~~ today, tomorrow the Michigan District would have a membership of over 3000.

Have you paid your dues yet? Will you do it "one of these days?" or --will you do it "today?" Let us do it "today" in 1963.

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We got quite a thrill from reading just one line from just one chapter Quarterly Activity Report.

From the Holland "Wind Mill" chapter, under the heading "Community Service Activity" we read: "2-23-63 West Ottawa High School. Sponsor: By their Music Dept., 4 or 5 quartets and 1 chorus."

What an opportunity--and we believe that opportunities don't just happen. Someone has contributed to this opportunity.

Here is a marvelous way to show our school boys how they can be the hit of the party, how they can have hours of good clean fun, how they can grow musically--with Barbershop.

What a fine thing it would be if our District were to write up a brochure which could be distributed by our chapters to school boards, teachers, and parents explaining the fun, fellowship, education, and satisfaction that



could be had by school boys all over Michigan. It would be so much better that the boys meet at a home of a Barbershopper or their own homes to rehearse Barbershop than they spend their "spare time" at a pool hall or on a street corner.

We all look forward to a complete detailed write-up on this event from the Holland Chapter Reporter.

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It certainly is not too early to start thinking about May 3, 4, and 5. This is the time when we gather at Lansing for our Spring Regional Contests and a gala convention.

Starting in the next (February) issue of the Troubadour, we will be giving you more information on this event. For now though, circle the calendar and throw an extra few bucks into the piggy bank so we can make the Spring Convention even bigger than the last Fall Convention if that could even be possible. See you there we hope--May 3rd, 4th, and 5th--at the Heart of Michigan Lan-Sing Regional Contests.

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Congratulations to Jerry and Mary Mace on the birth of their baby daughter, Melinda Susan, who arrived November 2, 1962 and tipped the scales at 5 lbs. 11 1/2 oz.

ON THE COVER

This month Troub features a quartet that has never won the title of District Champions. We feature a quartet that perhaps many outside our District know little about. We feature a quartet, however, that has given its all for this District, for the chapters in this District, for the quartets in this District, and for their fellowman wherever they go. We feature this month the For-Tune Tellers from Jackson Michigan.

In the short time this Editor has been associated with Barbershopping, he has seen a great many quartets do more than can be expected to help a chapter in need. He has seen quartets like the Aire Males work twice as hard--twice as long--to help a chapter have a successful show or Ladies Night. However--

We doubt that any quartet in this District would lay claim to even one-half the number of gratis performances given by the For-Tune Tellers. It is doubtful that any quartet has done more to aid other quartets than these boys from Jackson.

If we are stepping on toes of another quartet, then we are sorry. It is just that after seeing the number of quartets that turned up in Jackson, after hearing these men praise, almost without end, the For-Tune Tellers, this Editor believes these many quartets came to Jackson with one purpose--to do what they could to honor the For-Tune Tellers.

The story on this event has been written by past president John Comloquoy, Jr., who as a Jackson member knows the For-Tune Tellers and has seen what they have done and are doing. Troub takes pleasure in featuring in this issue: The For-Tune Tellers.

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MEET YOUR AREA COUNSELORS



AREA #4 COUNSELOR FOR

- FLINT
- HOLLY - FENTON
- SAGINAW

GENE GILLEM

Harmony is nothing new to Gene Gillem. At the ripe old age of 7, Vern and his brother were singing duets for audiences and a short time later, after moving to Detroit and adding another brother to the act, the "Gillem Trio" could be heard almost every Wednesday on "Kiddies Karnival -- WXYZ in Detroit".

Gene joined the Kalamazoo Chapter way back in 1941. In 1951 he moved to Toledo, Ohio where he was a member of the Toledo Chapter for 3 years. From there he moved to Battle Creek where he was a chapter member for 7 years, during which time he served as Area Counselor for Area 12, Chapter President, and sang in a quartet called the "Kord-Arrangers".

Now a member of the Saginaw Chapter (also the Chapter President), Gene Gillem was unanimously chosen as Area 4 Counselor by Zone 3 Vice-President Al Burgess and Bill Hansen last year when he began his job as Area Counselor.

Gene says: "I think, two very important things I have found in my travels. First, wear you lapel pin and be proud of it (you will have potential members asking about it) and also SELL BARBERSHOPPING wherever you go."

"Fellows, we have an organization that can grow in leaps and bounds. To use a phrase so often kidded about, but very relevant to our growth, and to sustain what we have, I would like to quote President Kennedy, only in a different way. Ask yourself what can I do for my Chapter and Barbershopping, not what can it do for me?"

DUANE MOSIER

HEADS COMMITTEE



Duane Mosier, long-time Barbershopper from the Northwest Detroit Chapter and an active Barbershopper who is a real worker, has accepted the chairmanship of the newly instituted Long-Range Planning Committee.

President Bill Hansen explains in his column in this issue what and why this committee is being instituted.

Known by almost every Barbershopper in Zone #1, Duane contributed several times to this publication when he wrote up his "profile" series.

We congratulate Duane on this position and President Hansen on his choice. As the old saying goes: "Our future is in good hands."



AREA #11 COUNSELOR FOR

- SOUTH HAVEN
- FRUIT BELT
- NILES BUCHANAN

ROYAL D. ZERBE

Area Counselor for Area 11 is a man who comes a long way from being "just another Barbershopper". Royal Zerbe is an active Barbershopper (and has been for over 15 years); is the father of two South Haven Barbershoppers; and a "grandpappy of a future tenor".

A painter and decorator by trade, Royal (thanks to his wonderful wife "Beulah") has been more than active in Barbershopping. He served as chapter president in 1952 and 1953, spent 9 years as chapter secretary, was again counselor in 1957 and has been chapter delegate for numerous years.

While Royal refuses to brag about his voice, his enthusiasm and devotion to Barbershopping are known to many and it certainly is no surprise that Zone 2 Vice-President E. A. Vande Zande and District President Bill Hansen so readily agreed on this man to lead Area 11 to better and greater things.



By Roger Craig

All of you Michigan "Taggers" take a good look at the January Tag of the Month. Duncan Hannah has just recently taken over the chorus director's job with the Oakland County Chapter Chorus and it seems fitting and proper to display one of his best this month. Dunc's reputation as quarter singer with the famous "Clef Dwellers" and arranger ("Dear Old Girl", "I'm A'Comin, A'Courtin Cora Belle", etc.) is Internationally recognized and Michigan can feel justly proud of him. This month's tag is no exception. "Gone" is tried and true. If you know it already, you are lucky; if not - try it on for size. The first line is fairly "straight" but watch out for line 2. (If the last five chords don't "gas" you, tear up your membership card.)

How would you guys like to sing a "Chord Count" tag? Or an "Extension Chord" tag? Or a "Merri-Men" tag? Or a "Tune Vendors" tag? Or a . . . ? The list could go on and on. How about it men? Let's hear from you old or new quartet men. How about some of you old or new arrangers? Don't be so darn selfish. Share the wealth with your Michigan buddies. Send your favorite to Roger C. Craig, 24369 Hanover, Dearborn 9, Michigan and let's really hear "Michigan Sing".

Chapter News

GREENVILLE

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Hansen

Some changes have been made in Greenville to help us start out the new year on the right foot. First of all, our show date has been changed to Saturday, March 9th, 1963, to be held in the Greenville High School Auditorium. The Chord Counts from Holland and the Extension Chords from the Grand Rapids Chapter have been signed to headline the entertainment. Plan to be with us on March 9th and join the fun.

Our sponsor, the Commercial State Savings Bank of Greenville has come through as always; this time in finding us a new "home" for our chapter meetings. We now meet in the Community Room above the bank at 203 S. Lafayette, Greenville, Michigan. Meeting time the same: Every Monday night at 8 p.m. Come visit us and see our new home any time.

The chorus is busy rehearsing for the March 9th show, however, during the past two months we have found time to sing on five different occasions: The Masons in Belding, Hospital Guild in Greenville, the County Old Folks' Home, The Pony Breeders' Association in Greenville, and the Eastern Star in Belding. It hasn't taken us long to break in those new gold and black uniforms which we received in December.

UTICA - ROCHESTER

Chapter Reporter:
Dan Davey

The New Year is off to a vibrant start here at U-R, with our new officers all fired up and full of plans, innovations, and good ideas, too. The detail work-outs of the June 8 QUARTETARAMA (our fifth annual) are beginning--the show was basically all set up last June--but the hard work is yet to come.

Just to make sure that we keep busy we are also planning our SECOND ANNUAL NOVICE QUARTET CONTEST for April 12th. This is the pre-Boyne deal we initiated last year with the winning quartet to receive \$50 toward their Boyne trip expenses. The only catch is the winner must go to Boyne or pass the dough along to #2 quartet, etc. We think it's a good incentive, and hope to have a bigger and better turnout than last year. All area quartets will be contacted by mail by Chuck Paine, Chapter Secretary.

Another feature of the new regime is a Quartet-of-the-Month promotion by your chapter reporter. Individual quartets will be selected to sing at the February, March, and April dinner meetings, and at the May meeting, a chapter quartet contest will be held with judges and trophies. We even have three men lined up to help coach each quartet and we hope that this will increase our working quartet numbers, which currently stands at three. Nineteen chapter men will be deeply involved in this affair, which has been designed to avoid duplication with chapter quartets and octet personnel. If you add up our 38 men total, you will see that virtually everyone is occupied at Utica-Rochester.

This is not to imply that the chapter chorus is not planning to sing as much as ever--in fact we find there is a

good deal of learning to do to get ready for our June "parade", and we have also decided to put more emphasis back on the already learned old songs. With more than one-third of our chorus composed of new men, we find we need to re-establish our old repertoire.

The accompanying photo shows our new officers as they were installed on December 14 by JOHN MAIER our affable Area Counselor from Redford Chapter.



l to r: Ken Sheridan, President; Jim Bennett, Vice-President; Chuck Paine, Secretary; Jim Harrison, Treasurer. Photo courtesy of our new chapter photographer: Cy Pelican.

We still meet every 2nd and 4th Fridays, Rochester C.C. Come and see us.

DETROIT

Chapter Reporter:

On Sunday afternoon, December 9th, Detroit Chapter #1 attended the annual Christmas Buffet Supper with their ladies, at the Penrickton Nursery School for Visually Handicapped Children. The school is in part supported by the Detroit Chapter, and the highlight of the program was the presentation to Mrs. Lillian Ricker of a check for \$691.00 which represented 20% of the net proceeds of the annual parade at Ford Auditorium in November. The presentation was made by chapter president Art Schulze.

The program was attended by several hundred donors and interested parties, and a delightful program was put on by the alumni and students of the school. A large assist in the program was given by one of the blind instructors, Mr. Donald Cardinal, and Mrs. Ricker, the founder and Director, was M.C.

The entire Motor City Chorus, conducted by Bob Craig, sang several lusty numbers, and closed with Christmas carols.

WAYNE

Chapter Reporter:
Owen McGill

To the members of the Pioneer District the Wayne Chapter extends its heartiest wishes for a Happy and Prosperous, Chord-singing New Year.

On December 18, 1962, the Wayne Chapter held its annual Ladies Night, pot luck supper (food of unequalled quality), Installation of officers (very ably conducted by Area #1 V. P. Eric Schultz), and topped off with the finest entertainment this writer has had in many a moon. On hand were the one and only For-Tune Tellers from Jackson, the Aire Males, and the Wayne Wonderland Chorus. Music and dancing were provided by our own John Titus.

To Dale Clixby and the officers under him, the Wayne Chapter is really grateful for a year of Barbershopping unexcelled in Wayne Chapter history, and will be a great challenge for our newly elected president, Mike Mudgett,

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FOR-TUNE TELLERS

By John Comloquoy, Jr.

In almost nineteen years of Barbershopping, I have never seen anything to equal it--short of a convention.

Maybe the fact that a real "Ladies Night Whing-ding" was long overdue in Jackson, might have been the reason for the presence of some. Or possibly the date itself--a kind of warm up for New Year's Eve--contributed in part to a few others being there. Or just by chance, as the saying goes, "the price is right", brought out a few more. But I prefer to believe it was something we all too often forget--actually a very simple thing in itself--the "love" for our fellow man.

Just for example, how does this line-up grab you: The Huronaires, The Key-Knights, The Stationaires, The Wayne Drops, The Merri-Men, The Detroit Taggers, The Aire-Males, and the Curbstone Serenaders. A regular rogues gallery of the Michigan District's finest talent in harmony. And almost to a man, these quartets were accompanied by their wives.

From 100 miles away to our fair city itself, these barbershoppers came to pay a well-deserved tribute to four gentlemen. Just four guys, regular in every respect--often hams, who can make you laugh until it hurts; often serious (and they can make you cry, too) with their sweet chording--but four guys who often sing four and five times every week for every conceivable type of audience. And they all love them, as we do,

-----THE FOR-TUNE TELLERS-----

One night, twelve long years ago, at a Jackson Chapter meeting in the Hayes Hotel, four "cherubic" faces entirely strange to the entire membership, walked in and asked if they could listen in and maybe sing a couple songs for us.

You know how it is --probably happened at your own meetings on occasion--what are ya gonna say. Nothing else to do but let the kids sing, so we did. Hot Holy Mackerel. Those "kids" piledrivered their way through four numbers with not a dis-chord, a quiver in their knees or one single flaw from beginning to end. I'm here to state the membership age limit in the Jackson Chapter dropped that night to include "cherubs". It was the greatest move we ever made. Sam Cushman--tenor, Tom Cushman--lead, Everett Queen--baritone, and Bud Knorpp--the bass. That was the original For-Tune Tellers. Later Tom and Everett switched parts and then Everett had to drop out entirely, due to his moving to Royal Oak, where he now resides and is the basketball coach at Royal Oak Dondero.

Not long afterwards, an old Jackson Chapter regular, "Red" Shaw to be specific, filled in for Queenie and who today would say this was a bum move?

What truly amazes us is the hold these four lugs have on their wives. To be away from home as often as they are, filling this and that engagement, they must truly feed those gals "quiet pills". To be truthful though, as often as possible, the gals accompany these fellows on their jobs (singing, that is) and I am sure that somewhere along the line you have met these four cuties. But in case not, a glance at the accompanying pictures should make you want to acquaint yourself with these four packages of pulcratude and everyone just as nice as they are cute.

But meanwhile, back at the party--

Our Jackson Chapter President, Charlie W. Sherwood



("W" for WHAM) very ably acted as master of ceremonies in enlightening the crowd of almost 500 barbershoppers, about certain idiosyncrasies, achievements and anecdotes when introducing the continual chain of quartets that appeared to sing, and how they sang.

Then, the For-Tune Tellers were called up to render a couple of their specialties. They were given a real fine ovation as usual and they started back to their chairs. But Charlie had other ideas and called them back on stage.

At this time they were presented with four individual plaques from the Jackson Chapter and for the first time, they realized that this wonderful crowd had gathered in their honor. I am sure--no, certain--that I have never seen four men (not "kids" any more) more completely shocked, taken by surprise or what have you, than the For-Tune Tellers at that moment. A standing ovation, richly deserved, was accorded to them and I know that in

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BUD KNORPP TOM CUSHMAN RED SHAW SAM CUSHMAN

addition to my own, more than one tear was spilled across that ballroom right then.

Then the wives of the Tune-Tellers were each presented with a gift of fine perfume. I might add that each quartet that sang again after the presentation ceremonies all had a few chosen words about the Tune-Tellers to relate and a few gifts as well. Red Shaw finally got his best white shirt back from Bob Graham of the Huronaires for example (and it had his name on it too in red paint all across the back) and the Curbstone Serenaders presented a poem about their greatest moments with these guys that brought down the house. This will really be cherished I'm sure.

The committee in charge of this party is certainly to be commended for the wonderful arrangements, the very fine orchestra that played for dancing, the terrific food layout and the 101 other jobs well done that go into making



l to r: Marie Knorpp, Gerry Cushman, Mary Shaw, Elaine Cushman



any party a success.

Sam, Tom, Red, and Bud, the Michigan District salutes you. In our book you fellows have done so much to promote the high ideals for which our wonderful Society stands, we can never repay you.

May your quartet continue to sing until the cow jumps over the moon, I build a house of "chords" on Venus, or until--and this could happen someday--the strains of Bill Diekema's "Keep America Singing" becomes our new National Anthem.

(Editor's note: The Editor would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Hotel Hayes in Jackson. Not only did the hotel supply a separate room for dancing so that the tables and chairs in the ballroom need not be taken down, but the general manager, John J. Sakmar, went out of his way to obtain a camera and to take the polaroid pictures shown on these pages. Thank you, Hotel Hayes.)

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and his Board. Mikes new motto is "All together in 63", and I'm sure that each and every member will get behind him and make 1963 a great year with many projects coming up. Wayne Chapter will certainly be busy. Quartet-wise, the Pops-A-Chords are back in business again with a new tenor by the name of Paul Sprick. Paul is new to the Society, but you wouldn't know it. The Aire Males who seem to never let up, will be on the show trail in '63 and will be pleasing crowds all over the Society.

The Wonderland Chorus under the able direction of one William Butler is on its way top and they are giving fair warning to all as a chorus to contend with. It might be noted that Bill Butler is also our Area #2 Counselor.

I would at this time like to thank our Chapter Reporter of the past year and congratulate him for a job well done. Al Fricker is a Barbershopper's Barbershopper, and if this writer can half equal his past performance, he will be happy. Wayne Chapter chordially invites all in this District to come sing with us. Til next time, a singing chord to all. 1st and 3rd Tuesday--Wayne Civic Hall.

HOLLY - FENTON

Chapter Reporter:
Art Burnett

Not much activity to report for December from Holly-Fenton, but starting with the New Year, we hope something will be going on all the time. We have already had two contacts for February.

During 1962 we received eight new members and one by transfer from another chapter giving us an increase of over 27% in membership and we hope to equal this increase and go higher if possible. Although we are losing three members by transfer to other chapters, we already have two very good prospects to take their place. It is very encouraging to see the younger fellows joining. They are the ones that put life into a chapter and will come up with some novel ideas that can be used. Our show last fall was a good example of this.

Our Annual Show was a success and we hope for a repeat next fall. Our joint picnic with the Flint Chapter was a delightful affair and will be the same next summer. In April of last year we started our new bulletin, Harmony Time, which will be continued due to the interest shown in it. Our visitor's list and membership attendance at the regular meetings have continued at a very good level for which we are greatly pleased.

Installation of our new officers will take place on January 8th at our regular meeting place with Neil Norman, President of the Flint Chapter, acting as installing officer. This affair will be "on the house".

OAKLAND COUNTY

Chapter Reporter:
Dick Liddicoatt

For its December "Officer Installation Meeting", Oakland County held a "Ladies Night", with 100 plus in attendance. Door prizes were given to 24 lucky Barbershoppers, wives, and guests. The Emcees for the evening, THE STRAWHATTERS, captivated the audience with their collection of corn, contrivances, and carols; the latter rendered in "Old English" style with garb to fit the occasion. Truly an entertaining quartet who, in barbershop style, brings joy and sincerity to our Christmas Season. Eric Schultz, Zone 1 Vice-President, offered words of encouragement as he installed the 1963 officers. The new officers are: President, Mel Holderness; Vice-President of Mem-

bership, Laurel Wilkinson; Vice-President of Activities, Brad Laughlin; Corresponding Secretary, Dick Liddicoatt; Treasurer, John Redmond; and Recording Secretary, Leo Doran.

One of the highlights of every December meeting is announcing the winner of the Charlie De Long Award: an award, named in honor of the late Charles E. De Long, one of OCC's loyal members, presented to the chapter member, non-officer, who has given the most of his time, efforts, and himself to perpetuate and benefit the interests of the Society and the Chapter. Amid a standing ovation, a humble expression of appreciation and gratitude was voiced by Gordie Limburg--a grand fellow and a great Barbershopper.

The Yule Season found the members of OCC bringing joy (we hope) to those less fortunate who cannot be out in the snow singing. Our Caroling Tour took us to Beaumont Hospital, the St. Elizabeth Home and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. A tour of residential areas was conducted by the Strawhatters.

OCC's chorus, THE BARBARY HOST, is practicing diligently under the leadership of our new director, Dunc Hannah. With the contest in Lansing coming so near (May), the saying at OCC is "Sing Along With Dunc".

With the new year here, my best to all barbershoppers, wives, Chapters and Officers. On the 1st Friday of the month, stop at the K of C Hall on 12 Mile in Berkley, and Oakland County will endeavor to give you its best.

PONTIAC

Chapter Reporter:
Whitey Ryden

December meeting held at K of P Hall was our annual Christmas Party. Our wives were our honored guests. Pontiac's annual party serves two purposes: a general get together of our favorite people, plus each person attending brings a gift for a man or woman gaily wrapped, etc. These gifts are then distributed at two local hospitals, the County Infirmary and the State Hospital. Mrs. Chase Sanborn handles the distribution. At our party, our new officers for 1963 were installed. Floyd Albert, President; Membership V. P., Terry Fraser; Program V. P., Roy Gallipo; Recording Secty., Al Allison; Corresponding Secty., Andrew DeRadder; Treasurer, Larry Robertson; and Delegate, Wm. P. Pascher. Installing the officers was the President of the Jackson, Michigan Chapter, Mr. Charles Sherwood, former Pontiac Spark Plug and former tenor of the Key Knights.

Quartets entertaining at our Christmas party were the "Resonaires" with Mike Frye on lead, John Smith on tenor, R. Hallman on bari, and Milton Freet on bass. The Quarter Counts entertained at their own chapter meeting for a new twist, being very busy singing around the Metro district. They are: Lyle Howard on lead, John Wearing on tenor, Ray Guerin on bari, and Jack Caverly booming the bass. From the ladies this evening we also were delightfully entertained by the fabulous "Yankee Misses" with John Smith's sister singing bari. All the old timers say sister Jan is a real asset and addition to the Yankee Misses. Good Luck, girls.

...like, man, I'd like to tell
you about a real bash.....



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QUARTER NOTES

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♪ The "Huronaires" and the "Four Scores" carried the ball for community service activities by making some 10 appearances at hospitals, churches, caroling, etc. The Ann Arbor Chapter had two hospital appearances.

♪ The Greenville Chapter has profited by the formation of TWO new quartets whose contact men are: Dr. Stuart Anderson, 820 Macomber, Greenville and Tom Venus, 114 E. Coffern, Greenville.

Greenville is changing their next show date from March 16, 1963 to March 9th, 1963.

Twelve Greenville members attended a Grand Rapids chapter meeting in November, 1962, while the Greenville Chorus made five community service appearances in the last quarter.

♪ The big benefit show that the Holland Chapter planned for December 11, 1962 had to be postponed due to the terrific snow storm which hit the area at that time.

Looks like a chance to get some young people into Barbershopping when the Holland Chapter appears at the High School this coming February 2. (See Editorial---Ed.)

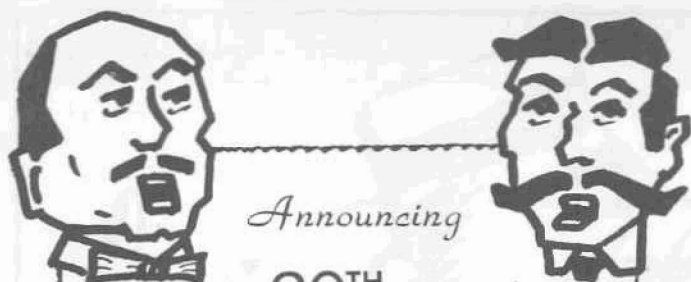
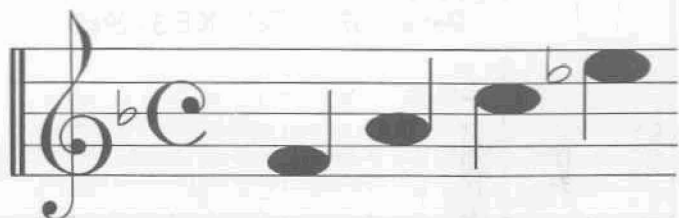
♪ The Three Rivers Chapter has instituted a new program to promote the formation of quartets and generally promote better barbershopping. This program divides the chapter into "teams" with quartet members getting higher points. Troub looks forward to a detailed write-up on this program so that more in our District might benefit from it.

♪ The Windsor Chapter Quarterly Activity Report sure shows a fine rounded-out program that we are sure is providing a lot of enjoyment to chapter members in addition to a great many others. In the 4th quarter of 1962, the Windsor Chapter:

Hosted our District Convention, made Chapter visitations with two other chapters; made a community service appearance at two hospitals, a home for the blind, a vocational home, two old folks' homes, and a jail.

These were not accomplished with just 4 or 5 men, but from 22 to 33 members contributing.

♪ What is it like to be busy? According to the fourth quarter report from Wayne, the Aire-Males made 20 appearances in the quarter. Bet they make a soldier out of Dale Clixby yet.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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Our new International President, Wayne Foor of Rochester, New York, has been a very busy man since his election last June in Kansas City carefully selecting his many committees and mapping plans for his term of office. Wayne has held nearly every office possible at Chapter, District, and International levels on his way to this new position and we are indeed fortunate to have this great guy as our new leader. He has made many friends in the Michigan District during his years of barbershopping. He is still singing lead with the Note Crackers quartet which holds the distinction of being active for 16 consecutive years without a change in personnel. Many will remember this group in International Contests a few years back. We can be assured of continued gains in our Society with men like Wayne Foor at the helm.



It is with regret that the International Executive Committee accepted the resignation of Bob Hafer as Executive Director. Bob has been on the headquarters staff since September, 1949 and has rendered commendable services to our Society with his outstanding abilities and untiring efforts. He has graciously offered to remain in Kenosha through January, 1964 to assist in the orientation of his successor. The decision as to who will become our new Executive Director will be made by the International Board of Directors at the Mid-Winter meeting scheduled for January 24-26 in Kenosha.

The International Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff will again be the guests of the Chicagoland Association of Chapters at their second annual Barbershop Festival to be held January 26, in the Arie Crown Theatre of McCormick Place in Chicago. The Gala Lads, Town and Country Four, Nighthawks and Four Renegades will be but a part of this outstanding program.

As your representative on the International Board it is my strong desire that the new year will see the Michigan District grow and enjoy the success of some of our former years. The fine Membership Promotion Plan that Vice President George Dohn has initiated must be put to use and should be of great assistance in obtaining our goal.

FREE MUSIC RECEIVED

Chapters should have received by now their copies of "Lorena" that were distributed free to each member through their chapter presidents.

The next free song, "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree", has been announced and chapter presidents should have returned their completed order forms to International. This music should be in the chapter member's hands in a very short time.

Harmony Week Changed

International Barbershop Harmony Week has been changed this year from April 6-13 to April 15-21. This information was distributed to each Chapter President in a bulletin from Curt Hockett, Director of Public Relations. By special proclamation, President Wayne Foor announced this change due to the old dates falling in the middle of Holy Week this year.

Following the Leader

By President Bill Hansen

In the March, 1962 issue of the Troubadour I appealed to all chapters within the District to institute a charitable project. As you will recall, the appeal was directed to those chapters which were not engaging in any known charitable work as of that time.

On the basis of Quarterly Activities Reports submitted by District chapters during the past year, it is apparent that many chapters have instituted charitable projects and other chapters have increased their charitable activities.

This response is most gratifying. All men who have participated in such worthy activities have every reason to be proud.

I sincerely hope additional chapters will participate in such a worthwhile activity during the ensuing year.

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Elsewhere in this issue appears the announcement concerning the institution of a Long-Range Planning Committee within the Michigan District.

This committee is vital to the future of our District and has been instituted for the purpose of providing proposals which will enhance our future.

The business world has long realized that continued success is dependent upon foresight and the willingness to gamble on the future. So should it be with our District. If we do not plan for the future we will not know success when the future becomes the present.

Our Long-Range Planning Committee is going to be staffed by men of foresight who are willing to recommend proposals which they believe will enhance our future.

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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.)

January 26, 1963	Jackson 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 9, 1963	Greenville Parade
March 23, 1963	Battle Creek Parade
March 31, 1963	Hudson Parade (Sunday at 2:00 p.m.)
April 6, 1963	Muskegon Parade
April 20, 1963	Great Lakes Invitation, Grand Rapids
April 27, 1963	Down River Parade
May 3-4-5, 1963	REGIONAL CONTEST, Lansing
May 11, 1963	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada Parade
May 18, 1963	Bush League Contest, Boyne City
June 8, 1963	Utica-Rochester Parade
September 21, 1963	Blue Water Parade at South Haven
September 28, 1963	Fruit Belt Parade
September 28, 1963	Gratiot County Parade
October 11-12-13	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-Rochester Parade

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