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Off the Davenport for good. Due to a change in jobs, your editor is taking off on a traveling, livin' in motels, Owen C. Cash sort of life. While we don't like the idea of giving up our work on the Troubadour, or leaving the comforts and many friends in the Ann Arbor Chapter and in this wonderful Michigan District, we do look forward to dropping in on chapters all over the country.



You Michigan men will always rank first among my friends and I will be watching with the keenest of interest as this District grows in the coming months and years.

Concerning the Troubadour, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you Chapter Reporters who have helped make this magazine such interesting reading. Keep up the good work in the future, please, as this "Davenport" will be devouring your every word from wherever he may happen to be.

Our thanks too to such men as Duane Mosier, John Comloquoy, and Mark Roberts for their special feature contributions. Thanks to all our District officers and Roger Craig for their regular contributions and to Sweet Adeline Edie Gaunt for the fine "note drawin'" on our tags; and to printer George Koda for his invaluable help. Most of all, thanks to you Joe Barbershopper for the enthusiasm with which you have accepted our efforts. Your encouragement, your friendship, and your backing (to the tune of \$2.50 per year) have made this job one of the most satisfying experiences of my life.

All of you know just how little you could contribute to Barbershop without an "understanding wife". "Thanks to the wife" is an understatement that could be repeated by almost every Barbershopper. It is an honest fact that over 95% of the work of the Michigan Troubadour--typing, mailing, billing and banking--has been done by the Mrs (with a baby in one arm). A most hearty "thank you Honey".

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A BIG QUESTION

Some 42 men have worked very hard with Chorus Director Al Burgess to win the "honor" of competing as our representatives at San Antonio, Texas.

But their work has only started. They, of course, want to improve themselves even more in all categories for this competition. This means more "work rehearsals". We know they will do this.

How many "jobs" must they sing to raise enough money to send 42 men all the way to San Antonio? How much time must be spent hunting up these jobs? What is it worth to be away from home X-many nights?

It is really quite a surprise that we should expect quite so much from a group that has worked so hard to REPRESENT US.

Wouldn't it be nice if every chapter in our District held a "Help Muskegon" Night to raise funds to put with the District Travel Fund to help these boys. Help them and they could spend more time on "work rehearsals". LET'S HELP THEM WIN.

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GOOD NEWS FOR COMPETING QUARTETS

You quartets that have "raced" through a quartet critique following competition only to find that you got too little out of it due to the rush of the operation are in for good news. (Chorus Directors, too.)--

Beginning with our Spring Convention in Windsor, all critique sessions will be held on Sunday morning, without interfering activities (after-glow, etc.), so that adequate time may be devoted to the sessions.

This change was recommended by your District Board to the Convention Committee Chairman as a result of a formal letter to our District President from a member of a competing quartet. All our quartets and choruses should benefit from this action.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

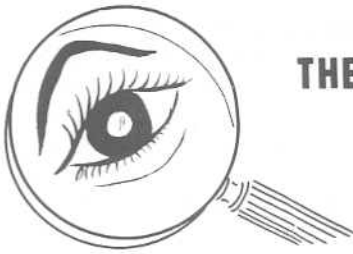
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THE FEMININE OBSERVER

By Ellen Harrington



Holland chapter's "Little International" District convention attracted barber-shoppers from all over the country to pay a well deserved tribute to Bill Diekema.

Among our own District members attending the event were Mr. and Mrs. William Boyden, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Klaiber, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stahr, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gaikema, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Elderkin, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Damm, Mr. and Mrs. William Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. William Wales, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schirmer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. John Wearing, Mr. and Mrs. William Wickstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Limburg, Mr. and Mrs. John Zinnikas, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Wolfe, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Borton, Dr. and Mrs. Duplissis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weir, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jalving, Mr. and Mrs. Halley Dion, Mr. and Mrs. William Hislop, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Calderwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gillem, Mr. and Mrs. William Favinger, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cantwell, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mace, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Holderness, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Scrivnor, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Zerbe, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Essenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Oonk, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oonk, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Tillitt, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Falls, prior to his departure for Hawaii, and many others.

Participants included Paul Eberwein, Al Burgess, William Van Bogelen, John W. Klaiber, Robert Walker, Ray McCalpin, William Wilcox, Roger Craig, Wm. Butler, Ted Verwey, Dick Ryan, John Ford, Joe Rouffer, Andy McCort, Marvin Burke, Russ Seely, Ken Childs, Arthur Schulze, Cliff Jorgensen, Bruce Weigand, Dale Clixby, Owen McGill, Tom Pollard, Mike Mudgett, Sam Cushman, Tom Cushman, Bud Knorpp, Vic Vigan-sky, Duncan Hannah, Bob Burrell, Don Ware, Fred Kendall, Al Martin, Bob Bonnett, Ken Bilton, Gordon Lang, Stan Salter, Hank DeVries, Gordon Dubrul, Ray Strachan, Al Rehkop, Norm Dake, Stu Palmer, Bill Alexander, Lou Glashower, Al Fricker, Tom Severs, Lavonne Zelmer, Phil Pierce, Richard Kelly, Richard Peterson, Roger Valentine, Harlan Quinn, Joe Wildner, Arnie Staffen, Jack Wood, Stuart Anderson, Thomas Venus, Francis Jones, Jerry Meade, Norman Lantry, Dick Pancost, Bill Clark, Roger Lewis, Dan McCarthy, Bob Graham, Don Backus, Bob Miller, Bob Mulligan, Bill McTeer, Bud Dubrul, Vic Van Yorx, Jack Swisher, Duane Peltier, Ralph Guthrie, Bob Carroll, Gene

Schnieder, Ken Brown, John Seemann, Jim Hamann, Chuck Lindberg, Del Doctor, Herb Benjamin, Bob Glover, Emil Franz, Barden Borst and Allan Davenport.

Enjoying the festivities were Hank Clay, Al Maier, Cliff MacLean, Burt Szabo, Frank Tritle, Bob Stone, Lou Kapczi, Clarence Wenman, Earl Keith, Burdette Bottom, Homer Winegardner, Ted Schrock, Roger Knapp and many more.

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Lansing's annual parade, with a minstrel show format, was enthusiastically received by the audience. Seen were Mr. and Mrs. James O. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Tillitt, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Oonk, Jack Oonk, Marty Hardenberg, Mike Lucas, Chuck Sherwood, Sam Cushman, Bud Knorpp, Red Shaw, Burdette Bottom, Homer Winegardner, Tony Stornant, Monty Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Harold McAttee, Warner Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Lefty Hamilton, Don Lucas, Cal Verduin, Sid Helder, Don Hall, Bob Miller, Dan McCarthy, Bob Graham, Don Backus, John Hill and scores more.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marty Graham of Grand Rapids on the birth of their daughter.

MICHIGAN SINGS

By Roger Craig

The November 1963 tag of the Month is a dandy. The tenor is really smooth. The lead follows the melody religiously until the last few chords. The bari is not too high and doesn't require a doctor's degree in music to read and the bass can really get his kicks on this one.

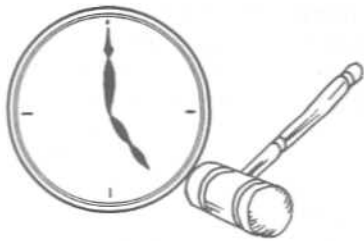


As in past issues of Michigan Sings, this one also features a Michigan quartet and arranger. Who sings this one? Your quartet. Who arranged it? Maybe you.

In the past, Troub has solicited tags from Michigan quartets and arrangers and the response has been overwhelmingly unsuccessful. We know you are out there. We have heard you sing or have heard about your singing. How about sharing your favorite gem with your fellow Michigan Taggers?

It is really a simple thing to do. Just fill in your tag on the enclosed tag card. Then write a brief history of your quartet, chorus or the arranger and send it to me. If you cannot write music very accurately, please do not hesitate to try. Just put dots on the lines and spaces and "ye olde tagge editour" will attempt to make sense out of it. (Actually most of the tags we have printed thus far were sung to me over the telephone or written in ancient Greek script on the back of an old kleenex tissue.)

The response from other districts has been great and many tags have been submitted to me from quartets and arrangers outside of the Michigan District.



Minutes

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

HELD AT SAGE LAKE, MICHIGAN
SEPTEMBER 21, 1963

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Michigan District was held on September 21, 1963 at Sage Lake. President Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Also present were Vice presidents Burgess and Tracy, Treasurer Klaiber, Secretary Harrington, International Board Member Sanborn and guests Editor Davenport, Loton Willson, Gordon Grant, Ed Gaikema, Area Counselors Gene Gillem and Bill Van Bogelen.

President Hansen first brought up the matter of chapters who are in difficulty financially. Loton Willson discussed the situation as it pertained to Boyne City and related that plans for a possible consolidation of the former members of defunct chapters in the northwestern part of the state might solve the problem. Saginaw problems were discussed by A/C Gillem and Gordon Grant.

President Hansen announced that the new field man to be appointed by International is slated to visit the Michigan District as one of the 4 districts on his assignment.

The Chair then discussed the possibility of an award to chapters in addition to the current Achievement Awards being made. A long discussion was had, and a motion was made and passed that the District Board select, at the end of the 1963 calendar year, chapters which excelled in participating in community service for the year and that the same be recognized.

Secretary Harrington then presented to the Board a request from the committee in charge of the 1963 Fall District Convention at Holland for permission to limit the finalists in the District quartet contest to 5 because of the fact that the Saturday evening show will take the form of a tribute to Willis A. Diekema and that several visiting quartets are slated to appear causing a time problem. Considerable discussion was had on this point, and the Board voted to deny the request pointing out that the District By-laws provide for 8 quartets in the finals.

The subject of purchasing a Thermofax machine for the District Office was brought up, and the Board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of same.

It was then decided that a joint conference of the present District officers and the 1964 District officers be held early in November, and that the District Secretary be authorized to make arrangements for it at some central location.

Correspondence from International was reviewed in which they suggest that the Districts may, if they so desire, amend their By-laws so as to have District delegates' meetings at times other than during District contests. The consensus of opinion was that the established procedure encourages better attendance than having the meetings at another time.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis R. Harrington, District Secretary

DELEGATES' MEETING

HELD AT HOLLAND ON OCTOBER 13, 1963

A meeting of the Michigan District House of Delegates was held on October 13, 1963, at the Warm Friend Hotel, Holland, Michigan. The meeting was called to order by President Hansen at 10:30 a.m. Past President Clarence Jalving led the assemblage in singing "Keep America Singing." William Favinger gave the invocation. A roll call revealed a quorum; 31 chapters being represented by delegates. Other officers present included vice presidents Burgess, Schultz and Tracy, Treasurer Klaiber, Secretary Harrington and International Board Member Sanborn. Among the guests were Barrie Best, Bill Otto and Charles Snyder of the International Office, and also Rudy Hart, International vice president.

The treasurer's interim report indicated that the District is operating at a loss in 1963 but that there is a balance in the District Treasury of \$5,498.62. The deficit for the current year is \$1,466.67. Clarence Jalving gave the report of the Auditing Committee and approved the treasurer's report.

The Secretary reported on the status of collections of the District per capita tax and also discussed briefly information relative to taxes, parades, parade clearances, achievement reports, chapter incorporation and other matters of concern to the chapters.

Vice presidents Burgess, Schultz and Tracy reported briefly on the conditions in their zones.

The Achievement Award Committee's report was given by Ted Verway who announced the winners and plaques were presented to the Dearborn chapter in the gold division and the Pontiac chapter in the silver division.

The Chair then announced that the District would pre-

MICHIGAN DISTRICT SPEBSQSA Statement of Income and Expense and Capital Expenditures For Period April 27 to October 6, 1963

Cash on hand beginning of period			\$6,965.29
INCOME			
Per Capita District	\$1,534.00		
Show Sanction Fees	406.99	1,940.99	
Conventions & Contests			
Lansing (Regional)	204.92	204.92	2,145.91
EXPENSE			
District Publication	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Secretarial Expenses	217.25		
Supplies	89.16		
Printing & Mailing	77.43	383.84	
Travel			
Presidential allowance	150.00		
Auto-Towners	150.00		
Noteries	150.00		
Dearborn Chord-o-matics	1,050.00	1,500.00	
Officers phone & travel	173.37	173.37	
Miscellaneous			
Advertising (Dist. Program)	50.00		
Bank Charges	5.37	55.37	3,612.58
	Net Income (LOSS)	(1,466.67)	(1,466.67)
	Cash on hand		5,498.62

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Klaiber, Treasurer
Michigan District Association of Chapters

sent certificates of merit to several chapters which had made substantial contributions in the field of community service. These were Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Dearborn, Detroit, Flint, Fruit Belt, Grand Rapids, Gratiot County, Greenville, Holland, Jackson, Muskegon, Oakland County, Oscoda County, Pontiac, Three Rivers, Utica-Rochester, Wayne and Windsor.

The Chair then called for consideration of the proposition to change the name of the Michigan District. Duane Mosier made a motion that no discussion be had on the proposition, and that an immediate vote be taken and that a second ballot limited to only two names be had. Harrington moved to amend this motion to substitute the figure "4" names in place of two for further consideration. The amendment was defeated. The motion was then put up for a vote and passed. Under the motion, as adopted, the Chair was forced to rule out any discussion on any of the names. The first ballot resulted in the following; Michigan 14, Paul Bunyan 11, Great Lakes 10, Michigan-Pioneer 2, Pioneer 2 and Michigan-Windsor-Soo 1. No other suggested name received any votes. In view of the results and the motion adopted by the House of Delegates eliminating any discussion, the Chair then immediately called for a second ballot on the top two names which resulted in Michigan receiving 29 and Paul Bunyan 11.

Duane Mosier was then called upon to give the report of the Long Range Planning Committee. It was a lengthy report and was received with acclaim by the House of Delegates. A motion was made that the report be accepted and that the District Board take such steps to implement the recommendations as it sees fit and necessary. This motion passed unanimously.

Under new business, a discussion was had relative to the billing of the District per capita tax. It was suggested that the chapter treasurer be included in the billing.

Clarence Jalving then gave the report of the Nominating Committee as follows: President Al Burgess; Vice President Zone I Eric Schultz, V. P. Zone II Charles Sherwood, V. P. Zone III Bart Tillitt, V. P. Zone IV Clifford Mac Lean, Treasurer John W. Klaiber, and Secretary Louis R. Harrington. A motion was then made that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. This motion passed unanimously.

Clarence Jalving then inducted the new officers and presented William Hansen with his past president's pin. Hansen was then presented with a gift of a traveling bag from the District.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis R. Harrington, District Secretary

PLEASE: THIS IS THE MONTH

A reminder that the International Quartet Contest Quota Deadline has been changed from 5:00 p.m. February 28th, to 5:00 p.m. December 31st of each year.

Official membership reporting cards must arrive in International Headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. of the last business day of December 1963.

These quartet quotas will be subject to review pending receipt of payment of per capita billings for the 4th quarter of 1963.

WHAT THEY SANG

CHORUSES

Cereal City Chorus (Battle Creek)

"Mighty Like a Rose" "I'd Love to Live in Loveland"

Port City Chorus (Muskegon)

"When You're Smiling" "Old Love Letters"

Niles-Buchanan Gateway Chorus

"Are You From Dixie?"

"Just Like a Butterfly That's Caught in the Rain"

Clintonics Chorus (Utica-Rochester)

"California, Here I Come"

"Old Pal, How I Miss You Tonight"

Wonderland Chorus (Wayne)

"New Ashmolin Band"

"When Your Old Wedding Ring Was New"

Barbery Host Chorus (Oakland County)

"California, Here I Come"

"Dear Old Gal, Who's Your Pal Tonight"

Greenville Chorus

"After the Ball Medley" "Freckles"

Sun Parlor Chorus, (Windsor)

"Girl of My Dreams" "I'm Sitting on Top of the World"

Holland Windmill Chorus

"Trolley Song" "Picardy"

Motor City Chorus (Detroit)

"Are You Going My Way Baby" "Mary"

Great Lakes Chorus (Grand Rapids)

"Somebody Stole My Gal"

"Oh By Gosh, By Jingle"

Jacksonaires Chorus (Jackson)

"Goodnight Sweetheart" "California, Here I Come"

WHAT THEY SANG

QUARTETS

Note-Nuts (Grand Rapids)

"Somebody Stole My Gal"

"You Talked About Your Sweetie"

Insomniacs (Blue Water and Fruit Belt)

"There'll Be No New Tunes on This Old Piano of Mine."

"You Talked About Your Sweetie"

Aire-Knights (Windsor)

"You're Nobody's Sweetheart Now"

"Toot-Toot-Tootsie, Goodbye Medley"

Foremasters (Muskegon)

"Way Back When"

"That Wonderful Mother of Mine"

"Teacher"

"My Heart Stood Still"

Bucksters (Niles-Buchanan)

"Bye Bye Blues"

"Old Friends Seem to be Total Strangers to Me."

Cross Towners (Saginaw)

"What a Wonderful Wedding It Will Be"

"Roll Out of Bed in the Morning"

Spartans (Oakland County)

- "Angel Eyes"
- "Roll Out of Bed in the Morning"
- "Lorabelle Lee"
- "I'm All Alone"

Occasional Four (Muskegon)

- "Dapper Dan"
- "Just a Bundle of Old Love Letters"
- "Down Where the Swanee River Flows"
- "Little Pal"

Sing Sign Four (Dearborn)

- "Tumbled Down Shack"
- "When You're Smiling Medley"
- "So Tired"
- "You Made Me What I Am Today"

Spec-Tacul-Aires (Greenville)

- "You're In Love With Everyone"
- "Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie"

Huronaires (Ann Arbor)

- "Make Up Your Mind"
- "All By Myself in the Morning"
- "Dream River"
- "Honeymoon Lane"

Noteries (Dearborn and Wayne)

- "How's Every Little Thing in Dixie"
- "Baby Shoes"
- "T'was Only An Irishman's Dream"
- "Cherry Blossom Lane"

Three Rivers City Four (Three Rivers)

- "What a Wonderful Wedding There Will Be"
- "California, Here I Come"

Wonderlads (Utica-Rochester and Oakland County)

- "Did Your Mother Come From Ireland"
- "The Banjos Back in Town"
- "Corabelle"
- "When You're Smiling"

Sunsetters (Utica-Rochester)

- "Yona, From Arizona"
- "Daddy, Dear Old Daddy"

4-Fits (Grosse Pointe)

- "South Rampart Street Parade"
- "It's Just a Little Street"
- "Let's Bust a Chord"
- "Little Pal"

CONTEST RESULTS

Quartets competing:

- Old Timers' -- 2
- Never Won Nuthin' -- 3
- District Champions ---16

Winners:

- Still Tryin' Four
- Spartonaires

District Champions: The Noteries (Dearborn & Wayne)

District Second Place: The 4-Fits (Grosse Pointe)

District Third Place: The Wonderlads (Utica-Rochester, Oakland Cty.)

District Junior Champs: Aire Knights (Windsor)

District Novice Champs: Spartans (Oakland County)

Choruses competing: 12

International Representatives: The Port City Chorus
Muskegon

Second Place: The Holland Windmill Chorus



MICHIGAN SALUTES AL BURGESS

- * NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENT
- * CHORUS DIRECTOR SUPREME
- * QUARTET COACH SUPREME



Muskegon Chorus Director, Al Burgess, accepts plaque from emcee Bill Hansen



The Schmitt Brothers helping us honor the Willis "Bill" Diekemas



New president, Al Burgess, accepts gavel from Bill Hansen



O.K., Who's the fifth man?



THE WONDERLADS



What we do between events at a convention.



THE SUNSETTERS



Find Mrs. Robert Tracy (Florence) and who is she listening to.



THE AIRE KNIGHTS



Past Champions: THE CURBSTONE SERENADERS



THREE RIVER FOUR



CROSS TOWNERS



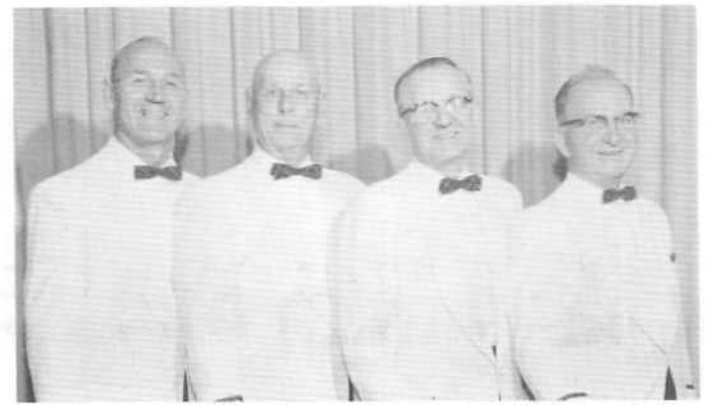
THE SCHMITT BROTHERS



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY FOUR

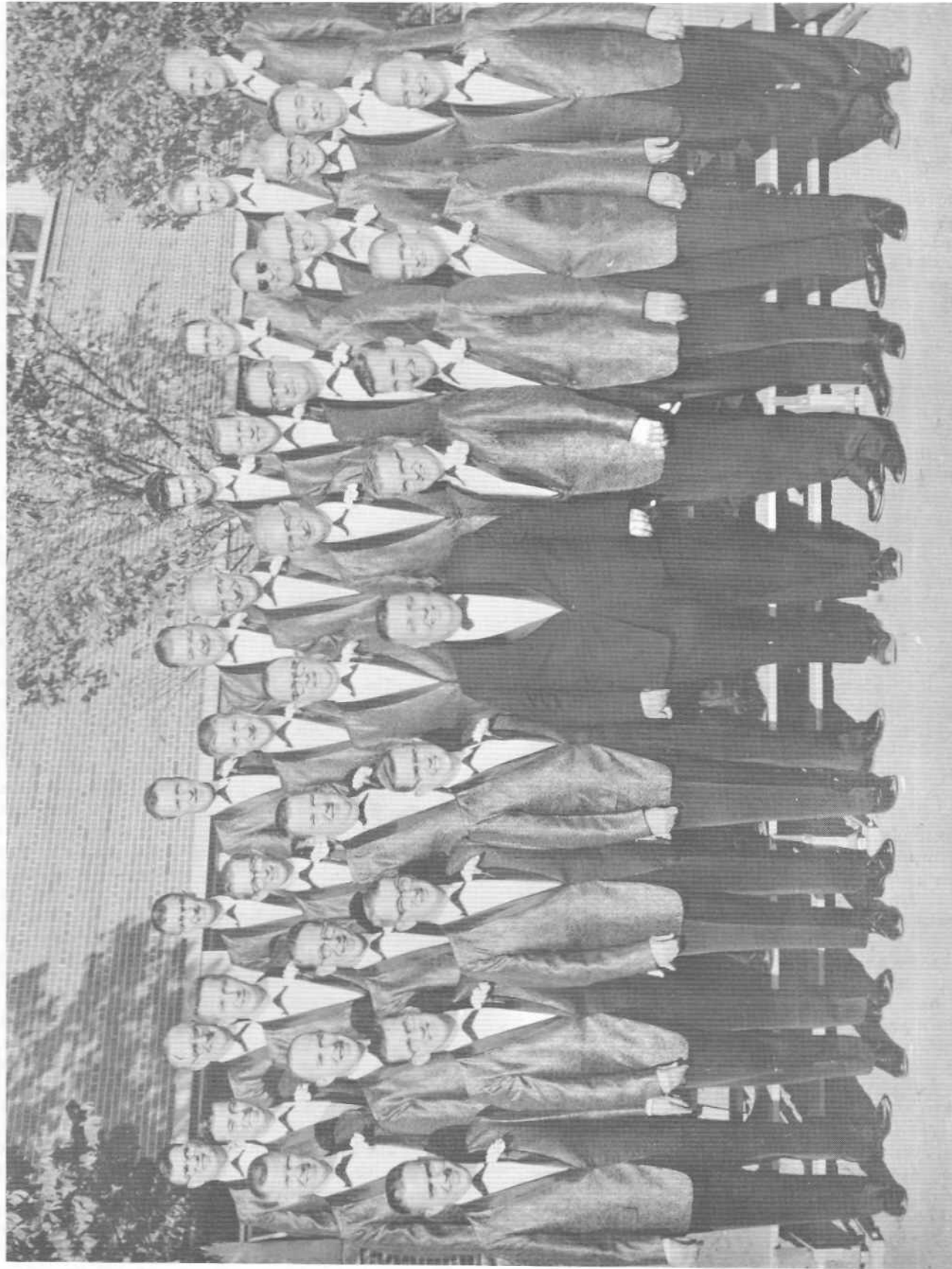


THE 4-FITS



THE STILL TRYIN' FOUR

on to international....



THE MUSKEGON PORT CITY CHORUS

SPECIAL

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE OCTOBER 12, 1963

It has become increasingly apparent over the years that our Michigan District has retrogressed from the once prominent position it occupied in the Society as the pioneer district.

Not only have we lost members to an alarming degree but we have failed in quartet and chorus promotion, both as to quality and quantity of our quartets and choruses. Interest in both International and District contests has witnessed lagging support in attendance and enthusiasm. We rate low among the 15 districts in many of the society activities where we should be setting the pace. There are, obviously reasons for this condition. What are they?

President Bill Hansen has recognized the situation and is undertaking means to get out of our lethargy and start moving forward again. As a possible incentive in that direction he proposed last January a Long Range Planning Committee to study the cause of our decline and make helpful recommendations for improvement. This was done. A committee of 11 dedicated barbershoppers who have a deep-seated interest in Michigan District was organized. I was asked to chair the committee. At this point I wish to give full credit to the following members who have devoted much time and thought to the engagement they were asked to perform: Chase D. Sanborn, Mark Roberts, Clarence L. Jalving, Al Burgess, Tom Pollard, Roscoe D. Bennett, William Favinger, Eric Schultz, Louis R. Harrington, James O. Davenport, and Theodore Verwey.

Early in February letters were sent to them asking for concrete suggestions, and reasons therefor, after receipt of which they would be summarized and briefed. This was done. All committee members received the summary for study. It was pointed out that after careful consideration of the many ideas advanced, a meeting would be called for discussion. On Saturday, September 7, the committee met starting at 10 a.m. and concluding their deliberations late in the afternoon.

Following are the recommendations of the committee for such action as the delegates and district board may determine:

1. It was felt that first and foremost to improve lagging interest and chapter membership decline there is and must be better chapter leadership and programming. Too often chapter presidents are chosen for reasons other than administrative ability with the result that meetings are not properly planned. They become dull and lack interest to both old and new members. In consequence, they feel that an evening has been wasted and eventually drop out. It is felt that chapter officers should be thoroughly indoctrinated in their duties upon taking office and that leadership should be stressed at all times.

To that end the Committee recommends that soon

after election of Chapter officers, but not later than December 15th, the District Board should call a meeting of all chapter presidents and secretaries and area counsellors, in joint meeting with the district board, together with an International representative, for a two-day session where the duties of the respective officers and counsellors will be thoroughly explained and stressed. Attendance upon this meeting will be considered mandatory. Excuses will not be recognized except for the most urgent reasons, in which event it is expected the officers named will send other chapter representatives. Expenses of the chapter representatives and area counsellors for lodging, meals and transportation will be paid by the district.

In order that the officers and area counsellors do not become afflicted with sleeping sickness following this important meeting, the Committee recommends quarterly zonal meetings to be called by each of the Zone Vice Presidents for the purpose of checking results, discussion of chapter problems, and stimulating further interest in chapter activities. Such meetings should prove of immense value to the entire membership.

2. Recognizing that programs good or bad either make or break a chapter, the committee gave this subject considerable attention. This is a fact which you all are well aware of. The Committee felt that a committee of experienced barbershoppers could well assist local chapters in setting up programs of interest by way of help and suggestion after careful study either as to originality or by adoption of successful programs used by other chapters.

The Committee therefore recommends that the district president appoint a standing committee, of such members as he may choose, to effect the purposes herein set forth.

3. The original intent and purpose of area counsellors was an important and laudable one. They were supposed to visit the chapters within their area frequently to observe, counsel and advise and, if need be, criticize the conduct of the meeting. This office, as you well know, has fallen into disrepute in our district during the past several years and has become one in name only. There was a feeling among some of our Committee members that the office should be abolished and in its place a part-time field man should be employed to function in place of area counsellors. He would act as liaison between the chapters and district board making written reports and performing such duties as directed by the board. The question of expense ruled out this possible alternative. It was finally considered and the Committee so recommends that all area counsellors be required to attend at least two district board meetings during the year to make report and receive such instructions as the board may have to offer.

4. There was strong feeling in most of the committee members that the minimum of 25 members to form and maintain a chapter is too high. This does a disservice to smaller communities where a chapter could well function with a smaller number. This, however, is a matter solely within the jurisdiction of the International Board. Michigan has protested before without success but again, to put our protest on record, the committee recommends a letter of protest by the district board to the International to reduce the minimum to a more reasonable required number.

In this connection there are many areas in our state where the possibility of establishing chapters should be explored. The Committee recommends that action be taken by the district board to carry out such exploration in such manner as the board may deem advisable.

5. Every barbershopper I am sure recognizes that musical education in our field is a difficult but extremely necessary element to our success. How to attain that element of success is not easy to accomplish. If we are to succeed quartet and chorus-wise the committee feels it is essential that adequate training must be furnished our quartets and chorus directors in the elements necessary for successful competition. We have altogether too few quartets and choruses in competition and the main reason is they feel inadequate in the matter of training.

To help in such training the Committee recommends that the district board set up and promulgate schools of musical education for quartets and chorus directors, preferably under the direction of one of the many capable International musical leaders, and that effort be extended as soon as possible.

6. Michigan district rates low among the 15 society districts in the matter of certified contest judges. At the present time Michigan has only 7 where some districts have twice that many. This is not a healthy condition. There certainly are many, many men among our chapter membership who would make good contest judges. Sure, certification requires work and dedication of purpose, but others have attained it and so can many more. It is not only an honor but a major accomplishment in barbershopping.

The committee recommends the appointment by the district president of a Committee to work with the District Associate Chairman of the Contest and Judging Committee who shall be a member thereof. The members of the committee need not necessarily be certified judges. The function of the committee will be to seek out candidates and assist in training them for this very important post.

7. During the months of July and August when chapters either suspend activities or function on low gear and the Troubadour does not find its way to the printing press, the Committee recommends that the district secretary supply the chapter presidents with a bulletin particularly publicizing events and such matters as he deems of interest to the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Mosier, Chairman

SINGING OUT



Read in last month's issue of the Troubadour about the first contest which saw Muskegon's Saw Dust Four and the Unheard of Four take top honors the first three years. We mention this because our present "Still Tryin Four" have two members that saw action with those two fine groups. Bill Griffith sang bari with both groups and besides still sings bari with the Still Tryin Four, he holds the esteemed office in the Muskegon Chapter of "Third Assistant Temporary Vice-Chairman". The

other member of the Still Tryin Four that saw action way back as lead with the Unheard of Four was Henry Klooster and still is a very active chapter member. The tenor is Floyd Roach who a lot of you will remember with the Flexibles in 1946. By the way, Floyd's son, Barclay, sang lead with the "Keynotes" when they won the High School Championship in Grand Rapids in 1961 and is now singing lead in the Port City Chorus. Last, but not least, let's point with pride to the quartet-est bass in the Michigan District and maybe in the whole Society--who else but Louie Sequin whose enviable record includes service with over twenty quartets in twenty years including a term with one of Muskegon's most famous quartets, The Continentals.

While checking a few facts for this article, I talked with Bill Griffith about the founding of the Muskegon Chapter (which I found out was Bill's doing) and I learned the Muskegon Chapter's original charter was granted to a unique group--three organized quartets made up the entire membership. They were The Saw Dust Four, The Port City Four and The Clock Quartet. As near as we can find out, this was a first and the record still stands.

It was also pointed out that the Saw Dust Four actually held the Michigan District title for three years (1940 to 1943) because there was no state contest in 1942 and the title was extended until the 1943 contest in Saginaw which saw the Unheard of Four, also from Muskegon, win the honors. This group was made up of Len Horton, tenor; Henry Klooster, lead; Bill Griffith, bari; and Johnny Buitendorp, bass.

The next District Contest (1944) was held in Muskegon and the Unheard of Four established the precedent



Unheard of Four, Muskegon. Tenor, Leonard Horton; lead, Henry Klooster; bari, Bill Griffith; bass, Johnny Buitendorp.



Saw Dust Four, Grand Rapids, 1940. L to R: Mayor Grand Rapids, George Welch; Pres. Schubert Club, Mr. Reemar; bass, Geo. Hansen; bari, Bill Griffith; lead, Ray Johnson; tenor, Len Horton.

of not competing after having won the championship. This was adapted by the District and was really the start of the Society's policy of "once a champion, always a champion".

Joe Cantwell

Chapter News

HOLLAND

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Birce

Now that the convention is over, the Holland Chapter voted to have another convention just for themselves for everyone was so busy that all the events passed us by with our hardly being aware of them. We hope that everyone had as much fun and enjoyment as they said they had, and that those of you who couldn't make it will realize what a weekend you missed.

Actually our successful weekend was possible because of the cooperation we received from everyone in the District and we could fill this whole issue if we were to list the names of all those who deserve thanks. An undertaking of this size could not even be considered without the help of the International, the District, the neighboring chapters, the local business and civic organizations, the participating quartets and choruses, the excellent masters of ceremonies of each of the many programs, the chapter members and their wives, and a host of others. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all. The most disconcerting part of the whole affair was that our primary purpose was to honor Bill Diekema and we couldn't say a word about it before the show for we wanted it to be a surprise and in that much we were successful.

We would also like to congratulate all the winning quartets and choruses and offer our condolences to those who didn't win this time. We are suffering from a bad case of self condolence, but our chorus is looking forward to the next competition where we plan to sing.

To wind it up, we enjoyed being your host, we hope you enjoyed yourselves, and we thank you all again.

GREENVILLE

Chapter Reporter:
Bob Hansen

Elections are over and the polls closed and the following officers will take over on January 1, 1964: Chuck Vining, President; Eldon Hansen, Membership and Administrative Vice President; Orrin Wood, Program Vice President; Dr. Allan Ralph, Treasurer; Bob Hansen, Secretary; Tom Venus, Francis Jones, and Bob Powers, new board members. Dr. Stuart Anderson will become our immediate past president.

Congratulations to the Holland Windmill Chapter from the entire membership of the Greenville Chapter for an excellent District Contest. Now that we have had our first taste of competition, look out. We're already making plans for Windsor in the Spring.

Those of you who noticed our "Harmony Hunting License" tags at Holland might be interested to know that Norm Lantry came up with the idea just three days prior to the convention, and Jerry Meade had them printed the next day. Not bad for a quick job, huh? We thought they were pretty clever.

Greenville members enjoyed themselves at the Ionia Wing Ding on November 1st. Sorry more of us weren't able to make the affair. We'll try to do better in the future. The "Jaw Harps" held up the Greenville end of the show by coming out of retirement and walking off with the "Sterno Award".

Chapter member Bob Early has donated the use of his baby grand piano for our chapter room at the Commercial State Savings Bank. All we have to do now is get it up there.

Next time you are in the Greenville area, stop in and see us. We meet EVERY Monday, 8 p.m. sharp.

MUSKEGON

Chapter Reporter:
Joe Cantwell

The Muskegon Chapter, The Port City Chorus, The Occasional Four, The Foremasters and The Still Trying Four want to thank The Holland Chapter and everyone connected with the District Contest and Convention for making it one of the most memorable weekends ever.

We wish to comment that the "Bill Diekema Award Nite" was a fitting tribute to a fabulous Barbershopper.

Of course, we in Muskegon feel the weekend was added to by what could be called "Al Burgess Weekend". Al coached the "Still Trying Four" to the Old Timers Title and The New Michigan District Champs, The "Noteries". This was partly overshadowed by the victory of the "Port City Chorus" under Al's direction. Then to top the whole thing, the District saw fit to elect him District President for 1964.

It makes us real proud to have Al Burgess as a member of the Muskegon Chapter.

As soon as everyone got settled down from the Holland's Little International, work started at once on plans to get the Port City Chorus to San Antonio in June.

The first affair was our regular October Chapter Meeting which had been planned as a Ladies Night and Halloween Party, but at the last minute was expanded to include a "box social" with the proceeds from the sale of the boxes to go to the Chorus travel fund. Having cleared about \$75, we figure we are about half-way to Ferrysburg.

By the time this goes to press the Port City Chorus will have been featured at the "Greater Muskegon United Appeal Victory and Award Banquet" at the Occidental Hotel before 400 of the city's civic leaders and volunteer workers.

Last month saw the annual chapter elections and the officers for 1964 are: President, Bob Hart; Immed. Past President, Ken Barnhard; Adm. Vice-Pres., Bill Duplisses; Program Vice-Pres., Del Doctor; Secretary, John Heybloom; Treasurer, Don Courtright; Historian, Jack Bennett; Delegates, Bob Hart and Joe Cantwell; Correspondent to Troubadour and Harmonizer, Joe Cantwell.

Plans for the coming month include a Singing Groups Guest Night on Friday, November 22, 1963 at which the following groups will be guests of the Muskegon Chapter: The Choraleers (Grand Rapids-Leer Corp. Industrial Chorus), The Cosmopolitan Male Singers (Muskegon male chorus), Central Methodist Church Choir (leading Muskegon Church Choir), Greenville Barbershop Chorus, The Port City Chorus, The Occasional Four, The Foremasters, and the Still Trying Four. With wives and guests, there should be well over 200 at this meeting.



BATTLE CREEK

Chapter Reporter:

Well, the contest is over in Holland, the dust is settled, and our chorus is back to work--going to try for Windsor. Why not?

Battle Creek is proud to have had the opportunity to compete in Michigan's Little International. We would like to express our thanks and congratulations to the Holland Chapter for hosting a very fine District Contest.

We are sure everyone noticed the varied types of conveyances our District quartets are travelling in now-a-days. The Four-Tune Tellers from Jackson have their own bus, and our own Harmony Hounds made their debut in their converted hearse decorated in Barbershop style.

By the way, now that the Hounds have their limousine, they are planning to make surprise visitations to Chapters throughout the District. Their plan is to schedule a practice night on regular meeting nights of various Chapters, and then just show up and sing--so keep an eye out and maybe you will have time to get all the doors locked. Seriously, if you would like to be visited by the Harmony Hounds or the Battle Creek Chapter, drop a line to Dr. William H. Clark, contact man for the Hounds, 421 East Minges Road or Lowell E. Wolfe, President of Battle Creek Chapter, 88 Wendall.

If the Harmony Hounds are contacted, they will do all possible to work their meeting night into your schedule. If the Chapter is contacted, we will work out a Chapter visitation on a date to suit everyone. Just invite us, and, if at all possible, we will be there.

WAYNE

Chapter Reporter:

Owen McGill

The sentiments of the Wayne Chapter members are pretty well summed up by Wayne's President and I would like to quote him from an article that was in our bulletin: "Wayne Chapter participated in the Michigan District Convention and Chorus Contest at Holland, Michigan. The crowning point had to be when they announced Wayne Wonderland Chorus had placed fourth in the state. With just cause, any Wayne member can let his shirt buttons burst with pride considering the size and class of the competition we were up against. A big bouquet of Barberpoles to Dale Clixby and Tom Pollard for making the high placement possible. The sharing of talents of these two great Barbershoppers with us is what makes Wayne Wonderland Chorus and

Wayne Chapter what it is today."

Wayne's Ladies Night will be held on November 19, 1963 at our new hall located at 30759 Ford Road and it promises to be one of the finest affairs of the season. Old-fashioned potluck supper, plenty of Barbershop chords by the Aire-Males, Wayne Drops, Wayne Wonderland Chorus and possibly the 4-Fits from Grosse Pointe. When the dinner and singing is over there will be dancing. All for only \$3.00 per couple.

Wayne Chapter will install its new officers on December 3rd. The fellows who will be endowed with the job of taking Wayne Chapter through 1964 are: President, Bill Beattie; Vice-Pres., Program, Owen McGill; Vice-Pres., Membership, Don Welke; Recording Secretary, Andy Alflen; Treasurer, John Lineham; Corres. Secretary, Morrie Giles; Sgts. at Arms, Bill Bailey and Bernie Sanders. Congratulations are in order for these men. I am sure that with the efforts they will put forth, Wayne Chapter can look forward to a really great year in 1964.

DOWNRIVER

Chapter Reporter:

James D. Maxwell

After an enjoyable summer and a fantastic fall, the Downriver Chapter is stepping up its winter pace. Several activities are being planned for the coming months.

The highlights of the summer months were a secrecy shrouded "mystery trip", and a corn roast. The Downriver boys? were joined by some hale and hearty lads from Wayne and after some rambling, arrived at one of the Pontiac Chapter's monthly meetings. It was literally a night of song.

The corn roast, at the Leo Gatton's, featured more corn than an Iowa cornfield, and not all of it was on the cob. The wives of the members were present at this song-feast and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

On October 18 the chapter paid a visit to the Dearborn Chapter. Twenty-seven of the Downriver men and their guests were present. Combined with the Dearbornites, a "rafter rattlin'" sing-a-long occurred. The Dearborn Chapter went out of their way to make us feel welcome, and we would like to thank them for a memorable time.

Mel Laginess is the new director of the local chorus and we are learning a new song (to us) "Shanty in Ole Athlone", which is enough to bring tears to a Northern Irishman. Drop in to see us if you're flying over.

FLINT

Chapter Reporter:
Les. Lang

The Flint Chapter held elections on October 22, 1963 and the following is the new slate of Officers and Directors: President, Ronald Gillies; Vice-Pres. of membership, Ronald Sawdon; Vice-Pres. of Program, Bill Shannon; Secretary, Tex. Wallace; Treasurer, Mike Schied; Board members, Lyle Gardner, Roy DeShano, Bob Elson, Dwight Hammer.

Our new Area Counsellor, Herb Benjamin, was on hand to help with the entertainment. He brought three other barbershoppers with him, so we had a guest quartet, two tenors, one lead and one bari and they sang real good. They even hit some chords that were out of this world, or they must have been because I never have heard them before.

We had refreshments and food and woodshedding and gang singing and FUN. This editor sang until hoarse and then trotted home.

We had a very enjoyable evening at the Flint Elks Club on October 5 when the Flint Chapter, Sweet Adelines had their Mens' Night. They called it a "Barbershop Hootenanny". Guest quartets were the Wonderlads and the Footnotes. Local talent included the Sweet Adelines Chorus, the Creshentos, and a surprise girls quartet called the Hootenanny Four. It included the lead, bari and bass of the Creshentos and Nanny. This was a comedy group and funny, especially when Nanny turned out to be Fred Kienitz (tenor of the Suspend-a-chords). Gordy Robinson, of the Holly-Fenton Chapter, emceed the show and he is tops.

A good number of the Flint Chapter were in attendance at the Holly-Fenton Ladies Night, held at Linden on October 19th. We enjoyed the dulcet tones of the FOUR SCORES, Cross Towners, Resonaires, Creshentos, and Holly-Fenton Chorus. Our thanks to them for a very wonderful and harmonious evening.

The Flint Chapter takes this opportunity to congratulate Al Burgess and his officers and cabinet. May they have a successful reign. Also, congratulations to the District champions, The Noteries and Port City Chorus. We are very happy to see our old friends and oft-time guests, the Wonderlads, place high in the District.

Good luck and good singing to them all.

OAKLAND COUNTY

Chapter Reporter:
Dick Liddicoat

At our October meeting, OCC paid tribute to one of its quartets, the Wonderlads--truly a fine quartet made up of four grand fellows. The emcees for the evening were the Tic Tac Tones. It was great to hear from these four fellows again, and special mention of their lead, Dick Lankin, who proved himself to be quite a lyricist.

It was thrilling indeed at our October meeting as the Frankenmuth Four, more properly known in the Society as the Progressive Four, displayed their excellence by enrapturing the audience with their resounding harmonics. They sound as great as ever.

The officers elected for 1964 are: Brad Laughlin, president; Phil Smith, program vice-president; Chuck Demerly, membership vice-president; Dick Liddicoat, corres. secretary; Leo Doran, recording secretary; John Redmond, treasurer; Dick Lankin, Joe Kiley, Bill Winchester and Stu Elliott, directors.

On October 26th, at Royal Oak Dondero High School,

OCC presented "Harmony Highways", a new concept in Barbershop Shows.

DEARBORN

Chapter Reporter:
Ed Conn

The "Chapter of Champions" was well represented in the Holland "Little International" Quartet Contest October 10-13. Dearborn-Wayne Chapters' Noteries became Michigan District Champions; and the Sing Sing Four, a new quartet to Dearborn and to barber-shopping, were finalists. We are very proud of both quartets.

The following Tuesday our chapter visited the Wayne meeting and helped them celebrate their fourth place finish in the chorus competition--just four points from third. A very respectable finish, one to be justly proud of.

The next Friday was our regular monthly meeting. We had a good turnout--about 80 singers. And everyone sang. We enjoyed the presence of the Noteries and the Sing Sing Four. Everyone had a good time topped off by the good food of Shamus and Krew.

The next night, Saturday, was Dearborn's Ladies Night, held at the Warren Valley Country Club. A fine meal, good woodshedding, and some real top entertainment. We heard from some of Dearborn's own Championship quartets: The Auto Towners, the Aire Males, the Sing Sing Four, and even the Dynamics plus Dom.

Our next regular meeting will be November 8th at our regular meeting place, American Legion Hall, 4211 Maple. Hope to see you there and "Hear the Chords go by."

IONIA

Chapter Reporter:

Had a real whing ding Friday night. Theme of the evening was "Hoboes in Tuneville". The affair was well attended by chapters on all sides of us, as well as some from outlying areas, making the event a success beyond our greatest expectations.

We were very pleased to have Pres. Bill Hansen lead off the evening by directing the group singing. Ionia chorus sang two songs, followed by the "Tune Tones" and the "Four Exes" from Grand Rapids. The Great Lakes chorus wandered around the place with "Alexander's Band" till Director Bob Weaver got them back on board.

The impressive "Rose City Four" from Jackson were followed by the "Tune Mates" from Battle Creek. Next in order was the Jaw Harps" from Greenville, the "Past Presidents Four" and "Impureaires" from the Gratiot chapter.

Jackson chorus gave with a few delightful numbers directed by Sam Cushman, with the assistance of Chuck Sherwood on "After Dark" by the group.

The evening program was topped off by the hilarious gyrations of the "Harmony Hounds" Too bad the "Four-Tune Tellers" could not all be present. We think Mr. Burnside should auction off that dad burn cow.

Our chapter sincerely appreciates the coordination of the program and the efforts by our Master of Ceremonies, Ron Curtis, our Vice President in charge. We hope to have this as an annual affair in Ionia shortly after the district conventions.

Hope I haven't left anyone out. If so, it is purely unintentional, because all contributed to a grand time.

JACKSON

Chapter Reporter:
Ed Hilden

October 25th was past presidents night and sixteen of eighteen past presidents who served Jackson Chapter #7 were present. After the presidents' dinner, the chapter elected new officers for 1964. The nominating committee came up with an excellent choice of officers and all were elected unanimously. Congratulations and good luck to Hank Moorehead, president; Clancy Wepman, first vice-president; Herb Turner, second vice-president; George Dyer, Secretary; and Leo Rudloff, treasurer. 1964 will be another big year for the chapter, especially with the Michigan District Quartet and Chorus Contest being held in Jackson next fall.

Also that night, Sam Cushman, chorus director, tenor of the Tune-Tellers, hard-working barbershopper, janitor, etc., etc., was honored with the bow-tie award of the year. Atta boy, Sammy.

Our chorus showed up at the Holland Contest October 12th. It was getting very late--we sang last--we were tired--we sang in our nightgowns--many thought we should retire--two judges were already asleep. The Four-Tune Tellers entered the "Never Won Nuthin'" contest and they never won nuthin'. Everyone had a barrel of fun and there was all-night singing in our hospitality room at the Warm Friend Hotel.

During a chorus rehearsal last month we had a visitor, Bob Duncan from New Orleans, La. Bob was in town attending sales meetings of Acme Industries. He is a member of the Crescent City Chorus of the Southwest District.

We enjoyed visiting the Ionia Chapter November 1st. Many chapters were represented and all had a blast.

Tom Cushman is on the disabled list. He showed up as a past president with a gash on top of his head. He got out from under the bed on the wrong side one morning. Farming is a dangerous occupation. Tom missed the Ionia trip because he got kicked by a cow and because his back already had a kink in it, he couldn't kick back. Seriously, we hope you're coming along fine, Tom.

Windsor will see us November 8th when we take off by Greyhound.

The Jackson Chapter wishes the best to Jim Davenport in his new job and location. Thanks for a job well done on the Troubadour.

REDFORD

Chapter Reporter:
George Cox

A noisy but harmonious farewell to TOM STEEL, Redford Chapter's president, was expressed at Redford's September meeting. Tom has since left for New York City as the result of an occupational boost. This meeting, of course, was the last chance to hear the Detroit Taggers intact, and Barbershoppers came from many surrounding chapters for the occasion. The Taggers, who had charge of the meeting, spread the participation among as many as time would allow. Polish was added to the evening's music by the Curbstone Serenaders, Four Fits, and the newly organized Spartans. Tom, being an outstanding leader in both music and organizational matters, is positively irreplaceable.

Come mourn with us a while, for now comes word that BILL WALES -- our Bill Wales-- everybody's Bill Wales -- will be leaving for California in Novem-

ber. This scribe has always been captivated by Bill's wit (at least, the part that didn't go over my head). Bill can read an obituary and make it sound funny. Parting is such sweet sorrow. We expect many will attend Redford's October meeting to say au revoir to Bill.

Our meetings this summer have been unusually well attended due, in large degree, to the imagination and diligence of our Program Vice-President, TONY SCOROS, who did not let the programming wither with the heat. By planning ahead and securing the help of some of our best quartets, it was possible this year to maintain interest through the dog days of summer.

ANN ARBOR

Chapter Reporter:
Robert Miller

Ann Arbor Chapter is back in the swing of things with a visitation from Wayne Chapter on October 22nd. The Wonderland Chorus, under Dale Clixby, serenaded us and a grand time was had by all. Lots of pick up quartets formed and the ceiling plaster really took a beating.

New officers elected were President, Bob Miller; V. P. Membership, Court Novak; Treasurer, Dick Webber; Secretary, Mel Evans; and Bulletin Editor, Dan McCarthy. Jim Davenport was elected V. P. Progra, but with Jimmy leaving us it puts us in a hole. We will surely miss this guy, as will the whole District. His contribution to Michigan defies any yardstick.

Dave Gaffney, our new chorus director, has some plans (he won't tell us) of what he is going to do to the chorus. All we can do is wait and see. Oh well, it was fun singing with Dave back at the beginning of Ann Arbor Chapter. We know he will be good for us. The Four Scores and Huronaires have been busy singing thither and yon promoting that good ole barbershop harmony. If you are in Ann Arbor on a first or third Tuesday night, drop in at the Elk's Club on S. Main and say Hi.



"CIGARS, CIGARETTES, THROAT LOZENGES"

NILES - BUCHANAN

Chapter Reporter:
Vic Vigansky

Another big October weekend is behind us. The familiar sights and sounds of: Choruses trying to warm up, trying to form up for pictures, wild-eyed directors peeking around corners, Lou Harrington racing down corridors with a radio clenched in his fist, Bill Hansen and his bow tie, winners giggling, losers scowling at judges, etc. All of these familiar sights and sounds were in Holland. Wow.

The Gateway Chorus placed 5th which is about five below their 1961 finish. This was in Jackson and could a number one finish be made in this city again in 1964?

Our wrettlefretted flatterap is scheduled to make a 40-mile journey to Three Rivers on October 28. Take warning, it could happen to you.

The following men were elected on the 97th ballot to head the chapter for '64. The zeal that these men displayed in their campaign was absolutely astounding. President, Phil Pierce; First Vice-President, Bob Dilkey; Second Vice-President, Vic Vigansky; Secretary, Bob Thomas; Treasurer, Barry Borst; Sgt. at Arms, Jerry Mace. God bless these men.

The big convention in Holland has caused this chapter to come to life once again. We are anticipating a big last quarter and with a membership increase in '64.

Our congrats to the big fellow in Muskegon. If he leads the District as he leads the Chorus, this coming year should be a very harmonious year.

Over and out.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CHASING
AROUND
WITH

CHASE SANBORN



All of us in the Michigan District were greatly disappointed over the fact that our membership of March 1, 1963, was only sufficient in quantity to allow two of our quartets to enter competition in the International Contests at Toronto. Now is the time to expend our efforts to assure sending at least three to San Antonio in June, 1964. Chapter officers are reminded that the date for determining the quartet quota has been changed by the International Board of Directors from March 1 to December 31. The rules now read as follows: That membership reported to International Headquarters as of December 31st shall determine the number of quartets for each District. The month of January shall be allowed to remit any unpaid dues to International Headquarters on those members for whom enrollment cards have been received up to and including the last day of the year.

Many of our members may be unaware of the importance of your Chapter Secretary submitting the Chapter Quarterly Activities Reports. Your Chapter may be deprived of the honor of winning the annual



DETROIT

Chapter Reporter:
E. Tenor

It has been quite a month of Barbershopping with Holland and Detroit's parade. Lots of fun and lots of singing. Detroit's Hospitality Room turned out to be a melting pot for quartets and those who thought sleep to be unnecessary. I know, as my room was right across the hall. Many thanks to our Director Bill Butler and to Motor City Chorus for a good job and a special thank you to Grace Ferguson for being Motor City Chorus' right arm.

The Ford Auditorium rang with some of the finest talent in Barbershopping. The show was definitely the high point in Detroit's year. The house was a sellout and credit should be given to Detroit's unsung heroes. I will try and give credit now with the hope that I do not miss anyone. President, Art Schulze; Stage Director, Wayne Kniffen; Show Tickets, Cliff Jorgenson; After-glo, Bert West, Chorus Director, Bill Butler; and special thanks to our emcees Bob Craig and Bill Rowell. To those I mentioned and to all connected, congratulation on a job well done.

November 22nd is Canadian Night at the Detroit Chapter. The meeting will be held at the Wolverine Hotel. Don't miss this one. The talent line-up will be . . . well--come and see for yourself. The only thing I can guarantee is that there will be three top-notch quartets. See you on November 22nd at the Wolverine.

Achievement Award due to the failure of your secretary to advise the District officers of your activities. Members who feel that the accomplishments of your Chapter would place you in contention for this honor, do not hesitate to remind the Chapter officers of their responsibility.

Complaints are expressed by members each year over the tardiness in publishing the annual District directory. We are most fortunate that our fine District Secretary, Lou Harrington, has arranged for eleven consecutive years for each of us to receive without any cost to the District this important publication. October is the month in which we elect new Chapter officers for the ensuing year and it is important that the list of these men be forwarded to both the District Secretary and the International Headquarters. Lou is forced every year to plead with certain Chapters for receipt of this information. We can all assist in obtaining our directory promptly by suggesting that our Chapter Secretary submit this information as soon as it is available.

It is interesting to note the activities and accomplishments of former Michigan District members now residing in other Districts of our Society. To mention a few of these men would include: Wes Meier, now a certified judge, District President and International Board Member in the Far Western District; Bill James, chorus director of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Jim O'Toole, now teaching at Villanova U.; Bert Steffen, certified judge and music authority in Far Western; Wes Clemens, singing with the Mainstreeters in the Mid-Atlantic District; Rush Wyman, who has served as a certified judge and chorus director in both Seneca-land and Johnny Appleseed Districts and Joe Sipot, recently with the Golden Staters but now working with

a new Los Angeles area quartet. This proves that most Michigan District men when bitten by the barber-shop bug continue their activities after moving on to a new territory.

Following the Leader

By President Bill Hansen

Congratulations are in order to the Holland Chapter for promoting and staging a very successful convention. With one exception, everything about the convention combined to make it one of the finest our District has ever experienced.

The exception is entailed with the questionable behavior of several individuals who saw fit to sing? on the upper floors of the headquarters hotel throughout the entire first night of the convention. I do not know the identities of these individuals, nor do I care to know. I do know, however, that their behavior was certainly not in keeping with what is normally expected of a Barbershopper.

For the first time in many years, the Michigan District was privileged to serve as host to many Barbershoppers from other Districts who were attracted to our convention. Many of these guests left with a bad taste in their mouths as a result of not being able to get a decent night's rest because of the continuous noise on the upper floors. I know this to be a fact because I have been receiving their complaints.

I am extremely proud to be a member of the Michigan District because I believe our members are the finest people to be found anywhere. Despite the questionable behavior of a few I can not believe that any member of our District would wilfully wrong a fellow-Barbershopper.

While there can be no excuse for such behavior as witnessed (or heard) at the convention, there must be a reason for such a happening. Perhaps the reason lies in the fact that everyone was anticipating a tremendous convention and a few let their personal enthusiasm carry them too far.

At any rate, I sincerely hope all future conventions of our District will be such that no one Barbershopper, regardless of his District affiliation, will have any reason to criticize the behavior of another.

Through the years the Michigan District has known many capable officers on both the chapter and District levels. These men have served faithfully with little or no thought about personal recognition. In too many instances the efforts of these men have apparently gone un-noticed.

While serving as your president it has been my good fortune to work with a District board comprised of men who have served well and faithfully. I shall always be grateful to these men for their cooperation.

I should like to take this opportunity to recognize the



efforts of a District officer who is leaving the board at the end of the year. In so doing, it is definitely not my intention to minimize the efforts of any other member of the board.

I refer specifically to Bob Tracy, vice-president of Zone 4, who certainly deserves a lot of credit for his efforts on behalf of the entire District over a period of many years. Barbershopping is not easy in the "north country" what with the sparseness of population and the distances between chapters and towns. Despite these handicaps, Bob has continued to work hard and his efforts have certainly been of benefit to the entire District.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

by Sec. Lou Harrington

Congratulations to Don Lucas and all his committees for their efforts in making the District convention in Holland such an overwhelming success. A pat on the back, also, to all the participants. It was very gratifying to see 19 quartets and 12 choruses in spirited competition, and past District champions as well as so many conventioners on hand to pay tribute to Bill Diekema of whom we are all so proud.



Achievement award winners for 1962 were announced at the District meeting as Dearborn in the Gold Division and Pontiac in the Silver Division. Other chapters which ranked high were Oakland County, Windsor, Fruit Belt, Utica, Wayne, Niles-Buchanan and Holland. Chapters are reminded that the Quarterly Reports are the basis upon which these awards are compiled. These should be sent regularly to the District Secretary as well as copies of chapter bulletins. Many chapters do not receive proper credit because these reports are not submitted.

Under the District and Chapter By-laws, all chapters were required to conduct their elections in October. Reports of these newly elected officers must be in the hands of the International and District Secretary by the end of this month so that the new administrations can be set up. It is important to have this data promptly in order to compile the District directory.

A chapter officer's training program is being inaugurated this year and newly elected chapter presidents and secretaries will be invited to attend the clinic which will be held November 29-30. Names and addresses of all newly elected officers are necessary now so that proper notification can be made.

Bids are open to host the District 1965 Spring convention. Any interested chapter should contact the District Secretary's office.

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.)

December 7, 1963	Holly-Fenton Parade
January 18, 1964	Pontiac Parade
January 25, 1964	Jackson Parade
February 8, 1964	Kalamazoo Parade
February 15, 1964	Niles-Buchanan Parade
February 22, 1964	Dearborn Parade
February 29, 1964	Detroit Yachtsmen Ladies Night
March 7, 1964	Wayne Parade
March 14, 1964	Greenville Parade
March 21, 1964	Battle Creek Parade
April 4, 1964	Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
April 18, 1964	Muskegon Parade
May 8-9-10, 1964	Regional Contest, Windsor
June 6, 1964	Utica Parade
September 19, 1964	Fruit Belt Parade
September 19, 1964	Blue Water Parade, South Haven
Sept. 25-26-27, 1964	District Contest, Jackson
October 9, 1965	District Contest, Battle Creek

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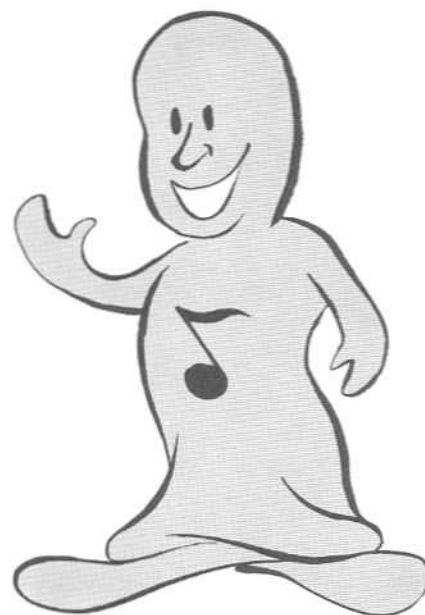


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