

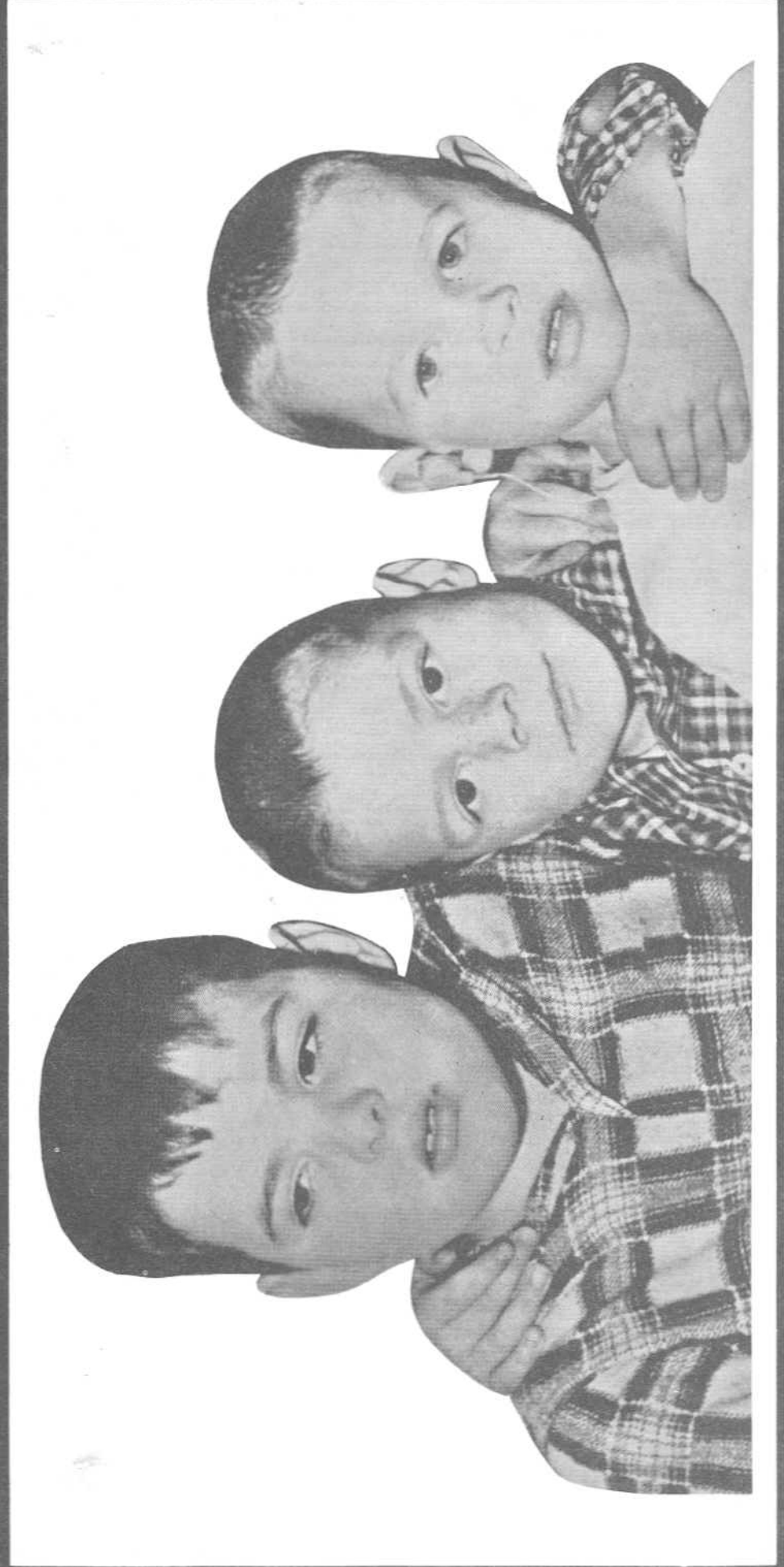
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Following the Leader

AL BURGESS



The day of November 20, 1964 held one of the greatest experiences of my life. At 9:00 A.M. on that day I was privileged, along with fourteen other district presidents, to visit the Institute Of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas. I shall never forget that day and the lesson I learned there.

As one enters and in a matter of moments he senses the spirit of dedication of Dr. Palmer and his entire staff. These people are extremely sensitive to every individual's needs and problems. Their basic philosophy is one of helping the student do as much as he can for himself so that when he returns to his own home situation his care-load will be considerably lightened for his family.

Some students never return to a classroom situation while others are able to attend a "special education" type of program. There are some who can return to a public school and take their place with the other boys and girls in the community. In any case, the needs of the individual are met "head on" at the Institute, whether these needs be physical, social, spiritual or emotional.

It is impossible for me to tell you the complete story here. Time and space do not allow it. I can only say that nothing has stirred me as has this experience at the Institute in Wichita.

In my opinion, our Society elected a most worthy project when they adopted the Institute of Logopedics.

If you could go there and see for yourself, as I was privileged to do, I'm sure that you too would feel that the spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas must become a part of our everyday living. The true spirit of both of these holidays is in giving of one's self for others. This is the spirit that exists at the Institute. When we, as barbershoppers, catch this kind of spirit...lookout. What a team we'd be...the Institute and the Society.

A gift of song given in service could someday enable a child to return to a more fruitful and productive life. How 'bout that for a return on your investment in your chapter, your district and your society? Show me a better one.

If your chapter presently supports some charitable cause now it is hoped that they would continue their support whatever it may be. The support for the Institute

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of Logopedics is something for all barbershoppers, everywhere.

The Michigan District is planning a GIGANTIC show for "LOGOPEDICS" on May 22, 1965 at Battle Creek, Michigan. This show will be one of the greatest events in scope ever staged by the Michigan District. PLEASE circle this date on your 1965 calendar now. Reserve the entire day for you and Mrs. Barbershopper. More details later.

The adoption of this Society-wide service project is going to fulfill a need for all of us. This will give us a real reason to exist, a real purpose to pull together as an association of chapters...the Michigan District Association Of Chapters.

Gentlemen...we now have a need to sing...to sing better...and as we sing..."WE SING THAT THEY SHALL SPEAK".

May the blessings of this Christmas season abide with you and yours.

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Chapter Bulletin Contest in '65

The COT school held this month in Jackson produced some really great ideas for producing a better Troubadour. Also produced, were some fine ideas for helping the chapter reporter have a more enjoyable time producing his chapter report and to have his chapter enjoy his labors to the fullest. The chapter reporter's job is generally a thankless one. It is also a vital one to a chapter on the move. The Troubadour will endeavor to organize a program that will appeal to the chapter reporter and/or chapter bulletin editor, with the hope that it will be one of the many things that will cause the Great Michigan District to "come alive in '65".

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58 Attend District C. O. T. Session

Saturday, December 5, dawned bright and clear in Jackson for the Chapter Officer Training School. Fifty-eight newly elected officers gathered to spend a day to become better qualified to run their chapters.

After coffee and donuts were served, the first general meeting started. President Al Burgess stated the goals of the Michigan District for the coming year. Then the meeting "broke up" into specialized sessions for chapter presidents, vice presidents of membership and program, treasurers, secretaries and bulletin editors.

The specialized classes lasted until 12:30, when all men congregated in the hotel's main ballroom for some



lunch. The rafters rang with good old chords under Bob Tracy's direction, just before the meal arrived.

After lunch, president Al Burgess gave an inspiring talk on his recent trip to the Logopedics Center at Wichita, Kansas. It is known by all men in attendance that Logopedics is more than just a word to Al and his hopes for having the Michigan District become active in it. The film, "We Sing...That They Shall Speak", was shown to all. If your chapter has not seen this film, PLEASE contact Al Burgess with three open meeting dates, that he may try and work out a showing date for you. It is a District film and there is no charge.

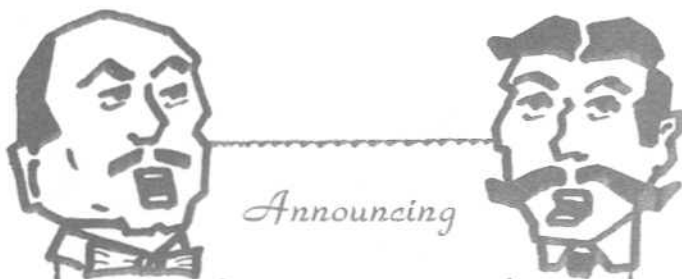
The afternoon sessions ended and the men all gathered for a question and answer period with no question "off limits". Believe it or not, we all ended up friends.

A tip of the hat and a "WELL DONE" from the District to the class instructors; Al Burgess-president's school, John Cairnes-membership vice president, Lloyd Tucker-program vice president, Jim Sell-secretary, Charles Sherwood-treasurer and Jack Oonk-bulletin editor.

How about John Cairnes and Lloyd Tucker of Toronto, Ontario, Canada? They drove through snow storms for 11 hours to attend and Bob Tracy who needed 7 hours on the road to make the school.

I wish to thank all men attending the school for taking of their time and efforts to better barbershopping in the Michigan District.


Charles Sherwood



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O. C. CASH

FOUNDER OF OUR SOCIETY

Last issue of the Troubadour, Duane Mosier presented his first installment of the story of O.C. Cash, founder of our barbershop Society. The Troubadour is proud to present the second installment with the hope that we will get to know a little better the man to whom we are so indebted.

(Punch lines from O. C. Cash's "Founders Column", December, 1952: "Society is no longer an infant", "Old Hank shocks 100 timid and refined barbershoppers", "King Cole plants a building fund seed", "Postscript comments.")

In 1953, SPEBSQSA was slipping into the fifteenth year of its life. Its phenomenal growth in numbers and enthusiasm was apparent to every barbershopper. It was on the move and fast. Carroll Adams, International Executive Secretary, and his small staff of assistants were working day and night to catch up on volume correspondence, reports, personal interviews, attending meetings, editing the Harmonizer, keeping up-to-date records and doing whatever was vital to keep the Society rolling. All this was done in a small store building on Fenkell Avenue, Detroit, totally inadequate both in space and environment for the purposes of a healthy, growing organization such as ours. It was apparent that bigger, better and more purposeful quarters were imperative if a staff of dedicated people were to function efficiently. We will let O. C. Cash pick up the thread:

"Many of you boys know old Hank Wright of Oklahoma City. Well, old Hank and I were sitting in the lobby of the Muehlebach Hotel during the Kansas City Convention when along came old King Cole and gave us a sales talk on his building fund idea. Now while these two brethren are considerable my senior (and both look much older) yet after all they are comparatively young men. You will understand I use the term "old" as one of affection and endearment.

"Before I get into the main subject of this column, I think I ought to tell you something about old Hank. He read something about our first meeting here in Tulsa in April 1938, and without contacting any of us, drove over to Arkansas City, Kansas, the day of our second meeting, picked up his old high school quartet,

consisting of Ed Reed, Ray and Rex Garris, and hauled them down to Tulsa, rehearsing on the way. This quartet had not been together for twenty or twenty-five years. When these boys entered the room, Brother Puny Blevens was directing about 100 fellows in gang singing. When the song was finished, Hank yelled out, "Quiet, you bums, we want to sing a song." We were all shocked at this language, as at that time the bunch was quite refined, timid and conservative besides being backward. Without waiting for an invitation or any encouragement, the quartet launched into "Roll Away Jordan" and simply laid us in the aisles. It was the first organized quartet we had heard and it sounded mighty satisfying.

"Since then Hank has sung in a number of quartets and his present outfit is the Boreesome Foursome, consisting of, besides himself, Ernie Dick, Clarence Sloan and Britt Stegall. These boys sing a song, "My Cutie is Due at Two to Two Today", which is about the niftiest thing I have ever heard any quartet do. Old Britt puts the stinger on the end of it and this arrangement should be recorded and put in the archives of the Society so it will not be lost to posterity.

"Now, back to my news please," as Gabriel Heatter would say. Well, after old King had gone his way, Hank and I sat there in the Muehlebach lobby discussing the early days of the Society and the prospect of eventually having a national shrine in the shape of our own permanent headquarters building. We could hardly realize that such a project was so near a reality, but as we discussed it after being inspired by Brother Cole's enthusiasm, we came to the conclusion that raising the money would be quickly and easily accomplished if every chapter absorbed just a little of the fervor and ardor for the project displayed by Brother Cole and many other brethren in the Society. I said to old Hank, "Why can't the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Chapters interest all the chapters in Oklahoma in putting on a special building fund parade at Oklahoma City some Saturday night, then bring the talent and show over to Tulsa for a Sunday matinee?"

"We could thus put on two shows with two sellouts with a minimum of expense." Old Hank was striving to break in on the conversation, but I shut him up and continued: "With all profits going to the building fund I am sure the quartets would participate for their actual expenses. These two shows could easily clear, for the building fund, from six to ten thousand dollars." I couldn't restrain old Hank any further and he broke in with, "Nell's Bells, Cash, we can do all that in our chapter. We don't need the help of you Tulsa boys, and I doubt if you all would be much help anyway. You boys just see how much you can clear with your show and then we will top it in our chapter."

"This plan for raising our building fund is the most painless, the quickest and most feasible one I can think of. Let's get it going and relieve old King of his worries. If Oklahoma can raise from \$5,000 to \$10,000 quickly on shows at Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Enid, many of the northern and eastern states should be able to do much better, and during the fifteenth year in the life of our Society we can easily have this building fund deal buttoned up."

Cash was doubtful at first that the building fund idea would succeed but as it gained momentum, his doubts

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turned to enthusiasm. He felt the plan was feasible and would do more than anything else to insure the permanency of our Society. That it did succeed is history. But in 1956 when International Board talk was strong for removing headquarters out of Michigan, the alarm was sounded. At the district convention at Cadillac in April a strong resolution of protest was unanimously adopted and copies sent to all International board members.

International had several committees working on possible sites. One committee was instructed to probe the Detroit area for a building suitable to relieve the overcrowded Fenkell Avenue headquarters but nothing was found. District President, Lou Harrington appointed a committee consisting of Bill Favinger, Ray McCarpine, Bill Bond and myself to do whatever was possible to keep headquarters here. After several meetings going over blueprints and discussing way and means, it was decided that the writer should present the views of Michigan District to the International Board at the 1957 Minneapolis Convention in June. His plea was heard with respect but to no avail as the Board had definitely decided at the Pittsburg Mid-Winter Meeting to purchase the Kenosha property and no deviation would be considered.

The Alford mansion which cost \$385,000 to build in 1928 was purchased for \$75,000, with \$25,000 down, the balance financed on favorable terms to the Society. This postscript is added to inform the newer members that Michigan did not sit by the side of the road and watch the parade go by without protesting. No plan could come near competing with the Kenosha deal although many had been advanced. What Michigan lost, the Society gained.

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Pontiac Parade January 23rd.

Our 22nd annual "Holiday of Harmony" parade scheduled for January 23, will keep every member up to his ears in duties and responsibilities from now until show time. Ticket sales, program advertising sales, stage scenery construction and chorus rehearsals are keeping us on the move. Our line-up of talent we are sure will provide a fine barbershop program with the Rhythm Counts of East York, Ontario; the Roadrunners, Gary, Indiana; the Trebleshooters, our fine new District champions and the entertaining Foremasters of Muskegon plus the Revelaires Chorus.

1965 OFFICERS NAMED

New Chapter officers elected for the coming year are Larry Robertson, president; Clif Douglas and Homer Richmond, vice presidents; Terry Fraser to guide the monies and Chase Sanborn to handle the duties of secretary.

The membership has again made the decision to donate to the Kay Pickering Leukemia Fund at our December Christmas meeting. A share of our show proceeds will be used aid in our great Society's Logopedics project.

reporter: chase sanborn

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Yachtsmen Plan March Ladies Affair

The Detroit Yachtsmen chorus presented a concert at the Women's City Club and were well received. With Ernest Dossin at the helm, the chapter is making plans for the new year, including a Ladies Night program at the Detroit Yacht Club on March 20, 1965.



Family Foursome Thrills Audiences

That fabulous foursome, now well established as the Smithtonians, has been moving into high gear since the story about them was published in the April issue of the Troubadour. The name is Smith - you guessed it. Under the careful tutoring of dad, Bernie has shaped up this family group into one of the outstanding entertaining barbershop quartets of the year. They now have mastered several bell ringing quartet numbers and are working on more.

To "Peg", baritone mother of sweet sixteen year old daughter Leslie and twelve year old Barry, barbershoping is not a novelty. She is a member of the Oakland County Sweet Adelines. "Les" has a strong lead and Barry takes the high ones in his pure lyric voice, while dad hitches up his bass a notch to make a balance and blend that would pass the critical ear of any contest judge.

They have entertained on chapter parades, ladies' nights, and for miscellaneous groups a total of seventeen times and have seven future engagements taking them into the middle of March.

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Dearborn Parade Scheduled February 13

The Dearborn Chapter wishes to express the merriest of merry and the happiest of happy to all fellow barbershoppers for the forthcoming holidays.

The Chordomatic Chorus under the direction of Carl Dahlke have knuckled down to the task of learning new songs for their up and coming parade to be held the 13th of February.

Elected at the October meeting and inducted at the November meeting, Dearborn is mighty proud of their following officers: Bob Stone, president; Cecil Craig, program vice president; Virgil Duke, membership vice president; Frank Tritle, secretary; Art Malecki, recording secretary; Lou Kapczi, treasurer; T.J. McEl-liot and Paul Prill, sergeants at arms; Bill Smyth and Glenn Van Tassell, delegates; Sam Vasu and Thurman Slack, alternate delegates and Nick Kyptik as hospital chairman. How's that for an all-star lineup?

Dearborn also wishes to welcome new members Lloyd Teller and Bill Weatherford, both men being an asset to any chapter. Speaking of assets, how about the Chord-Tones from the now defunct Downriver Chapter, consisting of Doug Arseneau, Jim Cannon, Leo Gatton and Arrne Okkenon. Welcome one and all.

reporter: don sheridan

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ELLEN HARRINGTON

Detroit chapter's 25th anniversary show was a gala occasion. Among the sell-out crowd were Al Burgess, William Van Bogelen, Cliff Jorgensen, Ray Smith, William Smith, Bob Craig, Messrs. and Mesdames Art Schulze, Bert West, C. D. Sanborn, Ed McCarthy, John Wearing, William Warner, Lowell Thomas, Otto Vogel, Ralph Schirmer, Dunc Wallace, William Favinger, Pat Ryan, Bob Winters, Ron DuMonthier, Matt Calderwood, George Acree, Bob Whitlege, Don Ferguson, Bill Butler, Wayne Kniffen, Bob Mulligan, Hal Bauer, Carl Dahlke, Clint Bostick, Dominic Palmieri, Glenn Van Tassell, Gerry Guimond, John Baker, Robert Montgomery, Bud Dashiell, Norman Thompson, William Wickstrom, Robert Luscombe, Jack Rush, Joseph Johnson, George Schmidt and many more.

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Milford's Ladies Night was, as usual, well attended despite a snow storm. Enjoying the festivities were Mrs. Arthur Waite, Al Rehkop, Messres. and Mesdames Ernest Richmond, Tom Shull, Tom Lodden, Norman Thompson, Ed Nealer, John Zinnikas, Bernie Smith, Gordon Limburg, John Tomas, Tom Rafferty, Jim Bennett, Carl Elwing, Jim Lush, Ed Larsen, Elbert Seger and many others.

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Congratulations to new parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas of Detroit.

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Mrs. William Rowell, formerly of Detroit, well-known baritone of the Cracker Jills, has been elected International President of the Sweet Adelines.

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31 Men of Note Award Winners

Troubadour congratulations go to the following working barbershoppers who earned the Men of Note awards: Delbert McDonald, Flint; James C. Horton and Peter Elkins, Grand Rapids; Douglas Devine and Dale Hanson, Gratiot County; John Nuismer, Jack Oonk and Andries Stekete, Holland; Tom Ladden, Milford; Clyde Cawood and Charles Mumby, Monroe; John Heybloom, Muskegon; Gordon Krause and John Redmond, Oakland County and Pete Norling, Norm DeWeese and Earl Keith, Saginaw.

Additional Men of Note are: Howard Spear, Battle Creek; L.V. Willson, Boyne City; Maurice Humphrey, Fruit Belt; Douglas Webb, Gratiot County; Francis Jones and Larry Brown, Greenville; Jay Welch, Holly-Fenton; Donald Funk, Tom McKinny, Bernie Ulrich and Orrin Hamilton, Lansing; Tom Hagen, Redford and Dave Knapp and Doug Beaver, Saginaw.

Three Rivers Chapter Number 56 will hold their meetings at the Farm Bureau Building in Centreville, Michigan.

District Loses Occasional Four

It is always with great reluctance and a sense of regret that we must from time to time report the demise of one of our more active registered quartets. Such is the feeling we have upon receiving notice of the breakup of the Occasional Four from the Muskegon Chapter. This personable and appropriately named foursome compris-



ing Bill Wickstrom, tenor; Fred Kendall, lead; Webb Scrivnor baritone and Al Martin, bass has been forced to disband as a result of their tenor's recent job promotion and relocation in Detroit.

One of the first groups to be featured in the Troubadour's continuing series, "Meet Your District Quartets" (see April, 1964 issue of Troubadour), the Occasional Four won Michigan Novice Champion honors in 1962 and earned finalist ratings in four subsequent District contests during the quartet's three year life span. Indicative of these fellows' continued willingness and desire to represent their chapter at the District level was their undaunted competitive spirit at the Fall District Contest in Jackson, (they placed fifth) even though they had not been together as a group since Wickstrom's move to Detroit in June....Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned here by some of our active quartets who often decide not to enter District contest for reasons of not having had sufficient opportunity to prepare for competition.

To the Occasional Four goes the thanks of the entire District for a job well done. May we be fortunate to hear all of you singing "sevenths" again in the very near future, in new quartets.

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Fitzgerald Heads Gratiot County

The Gratiot County Chapter of the SPEBSQSA held its annual election of officers meeting Monday, November 2, 1964, at the Saginaw Savings and Loan Building. Representing the nominating committee were Wendell Derby, Harrison Burnham and Ray Tomlin.

Candidates nominated and elected were as follows: Garold Fitzgerald, president; Gerald Jenkins, program vice president; Tad Robins, administrative vice president; Dale Hanson, treasurer; Leon Webb, secretary; Doug Webb, director and Maynard Peacock, director; Doug Devine, chorus director.

reporter: leon webb

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Great Lakes Foursomes Entertain Greenville

A dozen barbershoppers from Grand Rapids Chapter #4 dropped in for a surprise visit. They like to harmonize and they seemed to like our beer. Hope they'll drop by more often. They entertained us with two quartets: the Scallywags; Bud Konkle, bass; Larry Miller,



Scallywags Konkle - Miller - Telman - Elkins



Rafter Ringers Humphrey - Elderkin - Lovell - Horton

baritone; Jerry Telman, tenor and Pete Elkins, lead; the Rafter Ringers, Larry Humphrey, lead; Tom Elderkin, tenor; Bob Lovell, baritone and Jim Horton, bass. The Rafter Ringers are serious quartets and with a little encouragement, they'll be in the Spring contest. Give 'em a try on your next program night. They sounded great in Greenville.

SPERLING VISITS 35 CHAPTERS

We had the honor of entertaining and being entertained by "The Barbershopper" himself, Mr. Emerson Sperling from Grand Rapids. Emerson's visit to Greenville made this his 35th chapter visitation this year. Some of us have difficulty in visiting one chapter a year.

ANDERSON APPOINTED SHOW CHAIRMAN

Dr. Stu Anderson has been appointed show chairman for the third annual "Gay Nineties Barbershop Revue" to be held in Greenville on Saturday, March 13, 1965. Circle your calendar and plan to be with us.

ENTERTAIN GRATIOT COUNTY

The chapter motored over to the Gratiot County Chapter in Alma on Monday, December 7 and helped them install their new officers. The chorus entertained at the annual Lincoln Heights School open-house on December 17.

Chapter member Larry Brown provided the pictures for this issue.

Grand Rapids cleaned out our refrigerator during November but it's stocked up again so drop in and see us on a Monday night. Dr. Ralph's food specialty for December is salami, popcorn and pickle on a cracker. Bartender, Dutch Wood, will help you wash it down. There's plenty of singing, food and liquids, so stop in and see us any Monday.

reporter: bob hansen

Detroit Show Sell Out Event

This was our 25th anniversary show and so we went all out to make it our greatest...The Nite-Hawks - London - International Medalists, the Auto Towners - Detroit - International Finalists, the Trebleshooters - Detroit - our own Michigan District Champions, the Four Nubbins - Iowa - comedy sensation and the Meadow Larks - Toledo - song birds.

These fine foursomes made it just that and the Motor City Chorus left the patrons calling for more.

Al Burgess, Michigan District President, handled the chores as emcee and kept the show running smooth as silk. Al endeared himself to one and all with his genuine manner and his barbershop know how.

The annual harmony award was earned by Mrs. Edwin O. Bodkin.

The 25th Detroit parade of harmony was just what we hoped it would be.

CANADIAN NIGHT BIG AFFAIR

The third Friday our regular meeting night found us playing host to our south of the border friends at our annual Canadian night. Despite winter's first attack on the Motor City our friends from Canada turned out 150 strong. The London chorus fought the windy roads four hours - however, they had jolly Jim Turner, lusty lead of our favorite Night Hawks, who kept them singing all the way.

Canadian barbershoppers did themselves proud with choruses and quartets such as Canadian Southernaires, Chordial Four, Vocal Chorders, London Chorus and it was a joy to hear Windsor's Sun Parlor Chorus, under the direction of Gord Lang, giving our ears a twang with their "Toot Toot Tootsie" medley.

Michigan also had a surprise for them as those terrific Rhythm Counts flew down and were here to greet their buddies at the door. They came on a night like this and had to rush back for their own chapter show Saturday. These fellows are great barbershoppers and are sure to be in contention come next International.

We were thrilled with the sound of a new chorus, the Timberland Chordsmen, directed by Earl Keith.

Our own Trebleshooters, Michigan District Champions who are singing like mad all over the District, performed in championship style. The Wonderlads sang flawlessly and the 4 Fits rounded out the evening with songs and hijinks that left us holding our sides. They came dressed in true Gay Nineties style with high collars, derbys and staches.

Hats off to Bill Warner who acted as emcee, entertainment getter, ticket seller, weather worrier, room reserver, chef, program arranger and sweeper.

We would like to thank Windsor, Monroe, Detroit Yachtsmen, Chatham, Toronto, Saginaw, Oakland County, London, Sarnia, Utica-Rochester, Stratford, Grosse Pointe and East Detroit for their support.

CHORUS READIES FOR BOSTON

Bill Butler is working diligently with our chorus to be ready for the big one in Boston. We hope to bring back the trophy which has long been absent from the Michigan District. But win or lose, we are proud to represent our District and let the chords ring as they will.

reporter: john wearing

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GOT A CHAPTER PROBLEM???
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS



WILLIAM HANSEN

As 1964 turns the corner, it is time to heed our mistakes and look to the future with renewed determination to improve our chapters, our District, and the Society.

The officers of the great Michigan District, all very capable and willing, are looking forward to the coming year. Hard though they will work, their efforts will go for naught unless the entire membership of our District is willing to cooperate. Any member of the Society who has ever served in a position of leadership, regardless of the level, knows that there is absolutely no substitute for cooperation in achieving success.

Let us resolve now that each of us is going to extend the cooperation which will result in a banner 1965 for our great Michigan District.

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I have enjoyed my role as International Board Member during the past year and am eagerly looking forward to the coming year.

One thing which has proved disappointing to me during the past year has been the apparent lack of interest shown by members of our District relative to International activities. I assume this attitude has prevailed because I have not received a single inquiry regarding International matters.

I stand ready and willing to answer any questions posed to me by any member of our District. Ask me the questions--I'll guarantee the answers.

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Kazoo Signs 13 Members During 1964

The Kalamazoo Chapter is continuing to grow. Almost a net of 13 new members for 1964. We welcome into our fold, three members new to barbershopping, Max Knuth, Lloyd Dick and Hugh Klukowski. Five year veteran, Jim Vail, joins us from the Fruit Belt Chapter by transfer.

JIM SELL ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Kalamazoo Chapter announces its officers for 1965. Jim Sell, president; Jim Chene, administrative vice president; Gilvie Bugh, program vice president; Bill West, secretary-treasurer and board members, Al-Bos, Bob Coleman and Howard Henry.

CHANGE MEETING NIGHTS

Effective January 1, 1965, the Kalamazoo Chapter will meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday nights at 8:15 p.m., replacing the 2nd and 4th Mondays during the past year. The meeting place remains the same in the Holiday Inn. Come and see...you are welcome.

Kalamazoo Chapter show committee has put things into high gear. We feel that an excellent parade has been planned and you'll see more about it in our ad in next month's issue of Troubadour.

reporter: jim sell

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Ionia "Fishing" For a Director

We still have not found ourselves a chorus director, but we are still fishing. If we keep throwing out our harmony bait, maybe we'll hook one yet.

GLENN ADGATE PASSES AWAY

The Ionia Chapter members were saddened by the unexpected loss of a good friend and fellow barbershopper, Glenn Adgate, of nearby Saranac. Glenn, a faithful baritone of the Ionia Chapter for 17 years, became seriously ill while participating in his favorite past time...golf. The following morning, November 2, 1964, this lover of harmony went to sing for the greatest of all song leaders. Glenn, a former Saranac business man and retired mail carrier, was 71 at the time he passed away. We shall all miss him very much.

ENTERTAIN SENIOR CITIZENS

Even though the weather was terrible, the Ionia Chapter entertained a large group of the Ionia senior citizens organization at the JC Center on November 20. This was a very warm and appreciative group and those members who were able to make it, felt very rewarded for their efforts.

COMMONAIRES SING FOR SERVICE

On November 28, the Commonaires quartet were participants in the annual Palo Memorial Day talent show. This show is held annually to provide funds for decorating the graves of the war dead in the Palo Cemetery. They had a lot of fun for a good cause.

The Ionia Chapter is planning several things for the near future, which we will be reporting on in future issues. There will be chapter visitations and more community service.

reporter: ron curtis

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Mr. and Mrs. Carroll P. Adams were in Detroit for a short visit recently and were honored by a number of close friends. Pictured are (left to right) Louis R. Harrington, Duane Mosier, Seaborn Lawrence, Joseph Fecteau, Joseph P. Wolff, Carroll Adams, Hal Bauer, Mark Roberts and Ted Robbins.

IS YOUR CHAPTER MENTIONED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE TROUBADOUR? IF NOT....WHY NOT?



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Found deep in the files of Troubadour are some really great pictures of the barbershopping of yesteryear. As space permits we will share them with you.

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Coming Events

Requests for parade date clearance and sanction fee payments should be sent to District secretary, Louis R. Harrington, 2361 First National Building, Detroit 26.

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| January 15, 1965 | Detroit Chapter Ladies Night |
| January 23, 1965 | Pontiac Parade |
| February 6, 1965 | Monroe Parade |
| February 12, 1965 | Dearborn Octet Contest |
| February 13, 1965 | Dearborn Parade |
| February 13, 1965 | Kalamazoo Parade |
| February 20, 1965 | Niles-Buchanan Parade |
| March 6, 1965 | Wayne Parade |
| March 13, 1965 | Greenville Parade |
| March 20, 1965 | Detroit Yachtsmen Ladies Night, Detroit Yacht Club |
| March 27, 1965 | Battle Creek Parade |
| April 3, 1965 | Flint Parade |
| April 10, 1965 | Bush League Contest, Boyne City |
| April 24, 1965 | Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids |
| April 30, 1965 | Pontiac Woodshed Contest |
| May 8, 1965 | Muskegon Parade |
| May 14, 1965 | Holland Parade |
| May 22, 1965 | Battle Creek Logopedics Benefit Show |
| June 5, 1965 | Utica-Rochester Parade |
| July 15, 1965 | Detroit Chapter Moonlight Boat Ride |
| September 25, 1965 | Fruit Belt Parade |
| October 9, 1965 | District Contest, Battle Creek |
| October 29, 1965 | Ionia Hobo Wing Ding |
| November 6, 1965 | Detroit Chapter Parade |
| February 5, 1966 | Monroe Chapter Parade |
| November 5, 1966 | Detroit Chapter Parade |