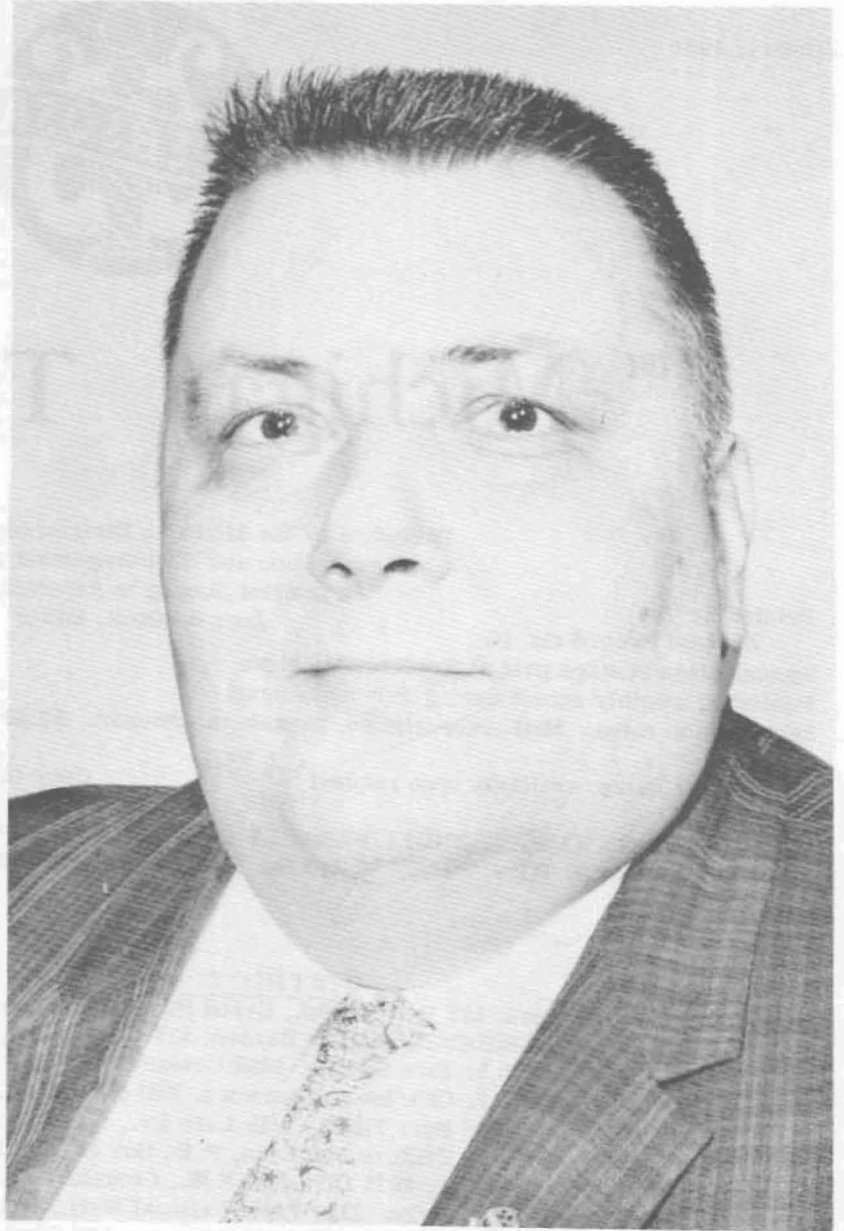


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Utterings from Oonk



District Names New Editor

Announcement of Jack Oonk as Troubadour editor was made last month by Past President Bill Hansen. Oonk assumes his responsibilities with this issue. He is 35, married, has two sons, ages 8 and 4. He is employed as advertising manager of the Zeeland Record, a weekly newspaper.

Introduced to barbershop in 1946, Oonk has served the Holland Windmill Chapter in many phases of chapter government, including the presidency. He has sung in quartets that have won the Bush League, Novice, Junior, and District Championships and has twice represented the Michigan District in International Competition as bass of the Chord Counts.

About The Troubadour

Perhaps every member in the Michigan District is aware of the fine job one James O. Davenport accomplished as editor of the "Michigan Troubadour". Perhaps very few of you know that in reality Mr. Davenport served as errand boy, mail clerk, labeler, bindery department, lay-out man, paste-up man, typist, treasurer, secretary, business manager, advertising manager as well as editor of our district mouthpiece. A dedicated barbershopper above and beyond the call? You be the judge.

Under the management of your new editor, some of these jobs are now being done by the printing company.

Certain printing costs have been trimmed and corners are being cut so as to enable your new editor the opportunity to publish a Troubadour which mimics the one born by Mr. Davenport and which has drawn acclaim from the far corners of our Society.

Mr. Davenport believed that this publication belongs to the membership. This belief will be strictly adhered to by your new editor.

The make-up of the Troubadour will be changed during the next few issues in an effort to find the most economical way of publishing. Future advertising rates will be made more realistic.

The District board feels that the cost of the Troubadour is excessive and your editor agrees. Steps will be taken to cut these costs down without jeopardizing the news content value of the publication.

This is your publication. With it our District and our Society can grow. If you feel you are not getting your two-bits worth from the Troub, the blame is partly yours. You need not have the journalistic flair of a Roscoe Bennett to get your views, compliments, ideas, or gripes into the Troubadour. Just write them in or call them in. They will be made most welcome.

ON THE COVER

Ed's Note - The District is entering a new year under the leadership of many new officers, the biggest of whom is our new President, Al Burgess. To give a clear picture of the man who will run our affairs in 1964, I have sought out a veteran performer to draw the picture. He has done so in that wonderful style that he and he alone possesses. The Michigan District can rejoice as Roscoe Bennett has agreed to semi "harness up" to pull some of the editorial load of the Troub. Thanks Roscoe.

Al Burgess, the new president of the Michigan district, is a big man and as such the Pioneer district, seeking to preserve and encourage some of the traditions that made this first district in SPEBSQSA outstanding over the 25 years of its existence, has assigned to this big man a big task. The job, of course, is to start the Michigan group on its way upward, seeking to restore the days when its name was magic in the society, its men leaders, its productions the finest and its singing men the most and most harmonious.

It's doubtful that any list of qualifications could be devised in theory or in dream that would portray the ideal leader--a district president in SPEBSQSA--that Michigan's new president does not have. First, he is an accomplished musician and being a musical society this is vital. Burgess is a leader, a school music teacher of high attainments and successes. He's a man among men, quartet singer, chorus leader---four times an internationalist-. He's a choir director, school group leader, whether vocal or instrumental, or just academic in his field. He's been chapter officer, committee worker, community leader, fraternal worker, a family man and impeccable in all social habits and associations. But above it all he is dedicated to two big things--SPEBSQSA and helping the other fellow-his community.

Versatility is another facet in the Burgess character that attracts. He can conduct a chorus through some amazing mysteries of complex barbershop chords; step into a spot in a quartet and sing virtually any part; lead a discussion in the intricacies of almost any kind of music or step to the rostrum for a speech on barbershopping, chapter organization, committee work or any aspect that pertains to this organization. There are many who recall to this day, a time when he stepped from the platform at one of the Great Lakes Invitational side events where he had been directing a chorus, picked up a saxophone and sat down in a jazz combo, and gave out with some of the hottest jives that the old ballroom walls of the Pantlind hotel had ever heard, and that is versatility of highest rating.

The Burgess background is solid. He came from a Hastings family where father and mother were regular church goers and the dad a choir singer. Incidentally, Dad Burgess is still giving out with an adequate bass every Sunday in the same Methodist choir loft and also sings quartet with a Hastings senior group. The usual high school career was followed by study at Michigan State where he ac-

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Klaiber Befuddled... Seeks Help

Jack Klaiber, the energetic and reliable treasurer of the Michigan district is a much bemuddled, befuddled and disappointed man these days. You see, for some 20 years or thereabouts Jack has been the treasurer of the district. That is he records the money that comes in, the money that goes out at the district level and tells once every year, around January 1st, what is left in the pot and what should have been in the kitty.

He just can't figure it out this year. Last year, 1963, the district voted a \$4.00 per capita tax for every member, 1571. The chapters in the district were to collect the \$4.00 each and then send it in to Klaiber quarterly. It would go to the secretary first and then to Klaiber and he would come up with the figures.

As things turned out just a week or so ago Jack began figuring. After all the other income was recorded all the bills paid he figured he would have a nice little balance. It didn't work out because, believe it or not, there are 279 SPEBSQSA members in this district who have not paid their \$4.00. That is a total of \$1,116.00. If the books had balanced as our treasurer had expected we'd have \$6,284.00 in the treasury rather than the \$5,168.00 there actually is. Quite a mess, figures our figure demon, and it can all be straightened out if the 279 get their dough in.

Going further into the facts of a treasurer's life, Jack finds that 14 chapters owe him this per capita money. Some have made an effort to pay and have come up with some of it. Others haven't paid any attention at all--which is frustrating in itself. "Why, one chapter owes the pot \$216.00 alone", he pouted. "That's bad. On the other hand there is one group, a chapter, that owes under \$25.00. He isn't such a big worry but he's worry enough--after you try to figure all this stuff out and you can't. Woe is me."

In plain language Klaiber wants those per capita dues paid now, right now and pronto.

District Chapters Win Awards

Just released from Kenosha are the names of the winning Chapters for the "Over - all" Membership awards in the Michigan District. Winning top spot is PONTIAC with 112.19% followed closely by MILFORD with 110.33%. BATTLE CREEK wins third place and the Distinguished Chapter Plaque with a 99.99%. The first place Chapter is to be awarded a banner, appropriately inscribed, and the second place winners will receive a gavel for their efforts. Troub and the District extend their congrats to these Chapters for a job well done.

SMART MAN

Ed's note - This paragraph was gleaned from the last issue of Troub. It is the parting thought left to us by Chase Sanborn as he retired as our International Representative. I add my Amen.

"As a closing thought in writing my last article and serving my last month as an officer, it is my deep desire that we increase the activity of singing the old songs, of woodshedding, of promoting quartets and that we DO NOT become strictly a chorus society."

MICHIGAN DISTRICT SPEBSQSA

Annual Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses and Capital Expenditures

For period January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963

Cash on hand beginning of period			\$4,755.98
INCOME			
Parade Sanction Fees			
Three Rivers	13.20		
Holly-Fenton	26.85		
Gratiot County	47.50		
Jackson	25.00		
Kalamazoo	185.40		
Greenville	25.05		
Pontiac	93.00		
Niles-Buchanan	95.00		
Dearborn	114.60		
Flint	61.80		
Battle Creek	169.78		
Bayne City	60.94		
Muskegon	32.55		
Coldwater	56.90		
Grand Rapids	236.00		
Blue Water	24.38		
Oscoda County	16.63		
Fruit Belt	66.25		
Detroit #1	407.74	1,779.17	
District Per Capita Dues			
Ann Arbor	35.00		
Battle Creek	152.90		
Bayne City	75.00		
Coldwater	72.90		
Dearborn	336.00		
Detroit #1	339.00		
Detroit Yachtmen	156.00		
Down River	112.00		
East Detroit	190.00		
Flint	96.00		
Fruit Belt	148.00		
Grand Rapids	275.00		
Gratiot County	104.00		
Greenville	81.00		
Grosse Pointe	200.00		
Holland	224.00		
Holly-Fenton	95.00		
Ionia	52.00		
Jackson	195.00		
Kalamazoo	180.00		
Lansing	196.00		
Milford	116.00		
Muskegon	300.00		
Niles-Buchanan	172.00		
Northwest (Detroit)	34.00		
Oakland County	186.00		
Oscoda County	100.00		
Pontiac	164.00		
Redford	114.00		
Saginaw	112.00		
South Haven	124.00		
Suburban Detroit	20.00		
Three Rivers	104.00		
Utica-Hochester	152.00		
Wayne	90.00		
Sault Ste. Marie	68.00		
Windsor	194.00	5,168.00	
Conventions and Concessions			
Windsor (District)	1,041.71		
Lansing (Regional)	204.92	1,246.63	
Miscellaneous			
Refund from Wayne HEP School	138.17	138.17	
TOTAL INCOME			8,331.97
EXPENSE			
Michigan Troubadour			
	3,400.00	3,400.00	
Secretarial Expenses			
Supplies	598.96		
Printing & Mailing (other)	154.31	1,010.31	
Travel			
Presidential Allowance	150.00		
Auto-Towners (Int'l. Contest)	150.00		
The Notaries	150.00		
Dearborn	1,300.00	1,500.00	
Meetings & Schools			
Dist. Ex. Board Meetings	250.94		
Dist. HEP Schools (3)	483.87		
Officer Training Schools	268.34	1,003.15	
Officers Phone & Travel	498.45	498.45	
Miscellaneous			
Advertising (Dist. Contest)	50.00		
Secretarial Assistance	120.00		
Bank Charges (Canadian discounts)	82.46	252.46	7,064.37
NET INCOME			667.60
Cash on hand after income and expense			5,423.58
BALANCE SHEET Dec. 31, 1963			
ASSETS			
Cash in the OLD KENT BANK (Grand Rapids, Michigan)			5,423.58
LIABILITIES			
Net Worth			5,423.58
John W. Klaiber, Treasurer MICHIGAN DISTRICT Association of Chapters			

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Muskegon To Sell Pancakes For Travel Fund

The Muskegon Chapter will sponsor a 12 hour "Pancake Breakfast" February 8, 1964, at the Muskegon Catholic Central Cafeteria. Commencing at 7:00 a.m., it will continue during the day until 7:00 p.m.

The "All You Can Eat" menu consists of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. The cost is \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12. Chairman for the event is Hally Dion and tickets can be obtained from any chapter member or by writing to Don Courtright, 2474 Pinegrove, Muskegon, Michigan. Why not pack up the family and drive over for a frolicsome good time?

San Antonio Anyone ???!

The Muskegon Chapter is contemplating the charter of a commercial airplane to take their chorus to the International in San Antonio. The capacity of the plane is 85 which will leave 40 seats for District passengers who may wish to take advantage of this opportunity and save an approximate \$40.00 in fare. The flight will leave on Wednesday and return on Sunday. If you are interested write to Don Courtright, 2474 Pinegrove, Muskegon, Michigan. He will be most happy to give details about the proposed trip.

MUSKEGON HALL OF FAME CANDIDATES

President Burgess made known at the December past presidents chapter meeting, the two men nominated to the coveted Muskegon Chapter Hall Of Fame are, Roy Harvey (deceased) and Louie Seguin. Both are deserving barber-shoppers. Doc Kennebeck, emcee for the evening, read a citation commending Bill Van Bogelen for his outstanding work as area 8 counselor the past two years. The evening was marked with comedy and fine singing by the Mike Testers, the Occasional Four, the Foremasters and the Chord Counts.

reporter: joe cantwell

Cross Towners Entertain Flint Installation

The Flint Chapter started off 1964 with a ladies night on January 14, at which time our area counselor, Herb Benjamin, officially installed our chapter officers for 1964. This gave the wives a chance to proudly witness their husbands become officers in the grandest institution in the world.

For entertainment we enjoyed the superb chord bending of the Cross-Towners and the Whatever-Four, (newly formed girls quartet from Flint). Food and refreshments topped off a fine evening.

This is the time of year for taking inventory of 1963 and making resolutions for 1964. I hope barbershoppers everywhere will join me....."I hereby resolve that I will have more fun in 1964 by active participation in all my chapter activities so when I take inventory next December I can truthfully say, this has indeed been a wonderful year."

reporter: les lang

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copy is ready for photographing, a
minimum of \$5.00 will be added for
set-up or art work.



Great Lakes Sings For Handicapped

The Great Lakes Chorus sang in Christmas programs at Sunshine Memorial Hospital and the Michigan Veterans Facility. We dusted off the repertoire that night-----enjoyed every minute of it.

At the Vet's Facility, so help me, you can't do anything wrong. The old timers there are so eager for our type of music it's like lights going on, even when you first walk in. What little we did for them is small by comparison to the reward we received---that special inner glow that makes you feel about ten feet tall. Left there too, a little bit hoarse but mighty happy.

Our Christmas party followed with an excellent program prepared by Tom Elderkin. Featured were the Four-Ex, the Spartanaires, delightful as always, the Funatics---reunited for this eve and the Chord Counts, making a final appearance. Marty Hardenberg, tenor is moving to Flint. Stand by over there.

With the soft light and candle glow the ladies never looked lovelier. A very fine evening capped off with a visit



by Santa (By Dodge) Claus and helper Sperling.

LOOKING AHEAD to the Great Lakes Invitational----April 4th with the BUFFALO BILLS. More on this later.

GRAND RAPIDS SIGNS TEN

Welcome to the newest members of the chapter and chorus. They are, basses: Leon Gould, Lauren(bottom-note) Larsen. Baritones: Chuck Hesselbring, Gale Summerville, Larry Miller, and Mike Schuidema. Leads: Carol Stander, Jack Pierce, Jim Eton and -by golly- Dell (need help) Hathaway.

A special award goes to our director, Bob Weaver, for bringing in two members. A tie-tack for himself and earrings for Mrs. Weaver. Well done Bob...

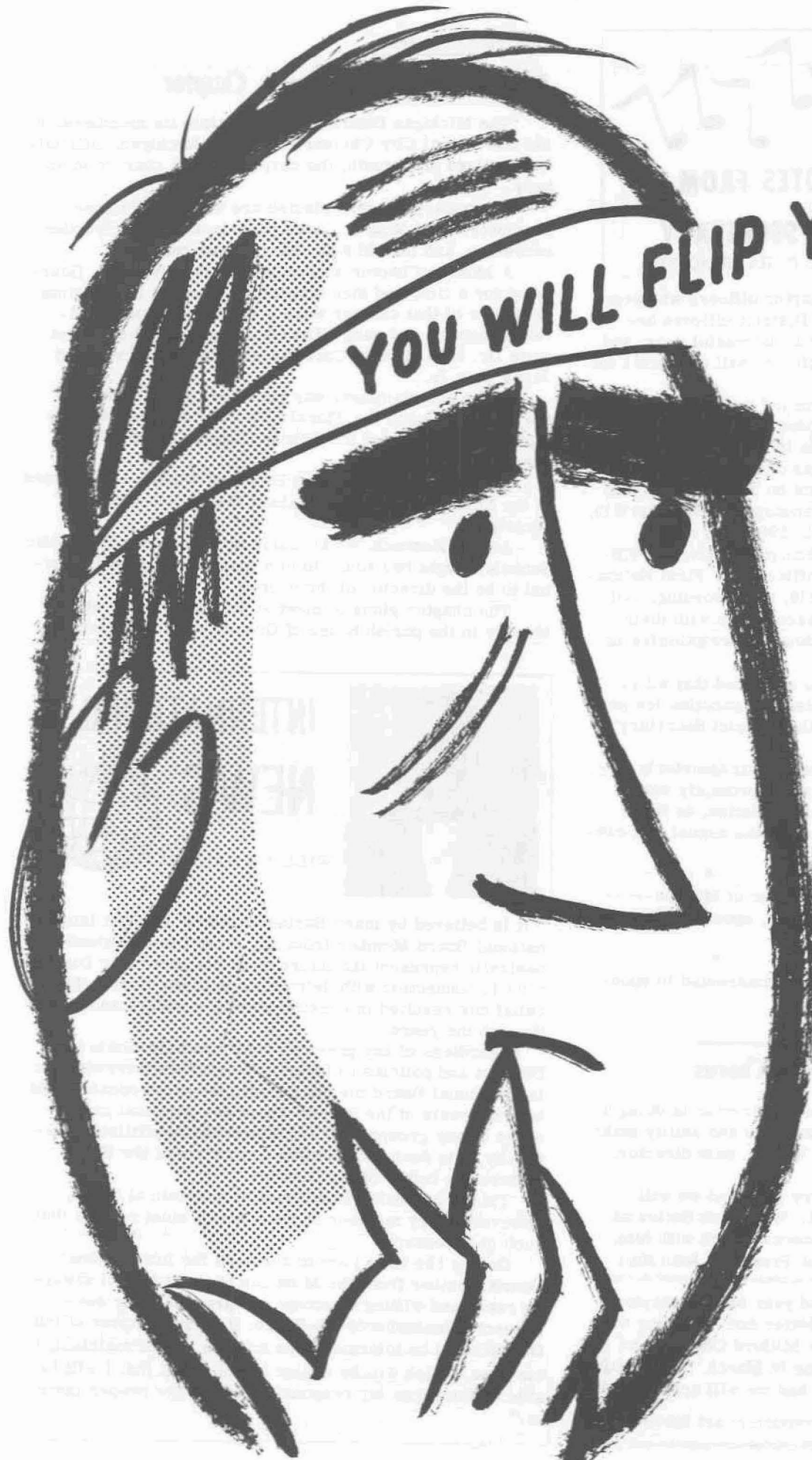
NURSERY NOTES

Hum to yourselves a minute fellahs, whilst I entertain the real readers of the Troubadour. It's a boy, (a big one) for the Larry Humphrey's, the Eldon Graham's, and the Pete Elkin's (a tenor he says). A girl for the Gale Graham's. Congrats to each of you.

reporter: jack sidor

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* **THE AIRE-MALES**
PAST MICHIGAN CHAMPS

* **THE NOTERIES**
1963-64 MICHIGAN CHAMPS

* **THE SING SING FOUR**
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THE SECRETARY**
LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Congratulations to all new chapter officers who are now assuming their duties. Your District officers are ready and willing to help you have a successful year, and it is hoped the outgoing chapter officers will cooperate for a smooth transition.

Every chapter's attention is called to the District per capita tax of \$4.00 which was adopted by the House of Delegates in 1962 and which is payable in January and based upon each chapter's membership as of December 31st. This may be paid in one installment on January 31, 1964, or in four equal installments on January 15, 1964, April 15, 1964, July 15, 1964 and October 15, 1964. All checks should be made payable to the "Michigan District, SPEB-SQSA," and should be sent to my office, 2361 First National Building, Detroit, Michigan 48226, for recording. All chapter officers will be billed in accordance with their membership figures. The Troubadour subscription fee is included in this amount.

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

Chapter secretaries should send their Quarterly Reports to the District Secretary's office promptly when they are due, and also their chapter bulletins, as these form the basis of the computations for the annual Achievement Awards.

Welcome to the Floral City Chapter of Monroe----- the Michigan District's newest chapter, sponsored by the Detroit Chapter.

Bids are welcome from chapters interested in sponsoring the 1965 Spring convention.

Robinson Directs Holly-Fenton Chorus

Gordie Robinson, our new chorus director is doing a fine job with the chorus. His personality and ability make him a natural for this job. Grant Wright, past director, is working with Mr. Robinson.

Membership renewals are very good and we will strive for an increase during 1964. With Dick Bailey as president and other seasoned officers to work with him, this should be accomplished. Past President John Hall did a wonderful job during 1963.

Although 1963 has been a good year for the chapter, our aim is to make 1964 an even better one. Starting with January 21st we will entertain the Milford Chapter and hope to return their visit sometime in March. Ann Arbor wishes to exchange visits with us and we will arrange the dates with them later.

reporter: art burnett

Congrats to Detroit

District Welcomes Newest Chapter

The Michigan District welcomes into its membership the new Floral City Chapter of Monroe, Michigan. Officially organized last month, the chapter has 25 charter members.

Temporary officers elected are William Whippen, president; Jason King Jr., vice president; Dale Schroeder, secretary, and Donald Schroeder, treasurer.

A Monroe Chapter was organized in July, 1948, flourished for a time and then disbanded. Four of the original members of that chapter were present at the organizational meeting and sang "The Old Songs". In the quartet were Dr. R. A. Frary, Carl Curson, Robert Jeffrey and Jason King Jr.

Other entertainment was provided by the Spartans, the Car-Tunes and the Floral City Four of Monroe. The Motor City Chorus of the Detroit Chapter demonstrated choral singing.

Area counselor, William Butler of Wayne, and officers of the Michigan District explained the functions of our Society

Arnold Hosbach, vocal music teacher in the Ida Public Schools, taught two songs to new members and was selected to be the director of the chorus.

The chapter plans to meet at 8:30 p.m. every other Monday in the parish house of Grace Lutheran Church.



**INTERNATIONAL
NEWS**



WILLIAM HANSEN

"It is believed by many Barbershoppers that the International Board Member from any given District should basically represent the interests of his particular District in connection with deliberations of the Board. This belief has resulted in considerable mis-understanding through the years.

Regardless of any previous positions held within the District and policies followed in connection therewith, an International Board member must thereafter consider the best interests of the Society above any personal preferences of any groups with which previously affiliated. Naturally, this does not preclude any action of the Board member on behalf of his District.

This relationship is difficult to maintain at times, however, every member of the District must realize that such is necessary.

During the time I am to serve as the International Board member from the Michigan District I shall always be ready and willing to accept any proposals for subsequent submission to the Board. If every member of our District will be tolerant of the attitude I must maintain, I am sure my job will be easier to the extent that I will be able to discharge my responsibilities in the proper manner."

Noteries Are Proven Champs

The Noteries of Dearborn-Wayne, current District champions, were organized in the spring of 1962 "for the fun of it," and placed second in District competition that fall. The following spring they won the right to represent the District in International competition at Toronto and more recently won the District championship at Holland. The personnel comprises a wealth of barbershop talent.

Tenor Al Rehkop, a bachelor, is an auditor with Great Lakes Steel Corporation and received his first exposure to barbershopping at the 1950 International convention at Toledo and immediately became a member, then sang with the Wolverines, competing in International contests in 1952-53-54-and 1955, placing as a finalist in 1955, and District champions in 1953-54. He later joined the Sharpkeepers who were District champions in 1957-58 and competed Internationally in 1958-59 and 1960. Al is well known for his compositions and solos.

Lead Bernie Smith teaches instrumental music at Central High and joined the NW Detroit Chapter in 1956 where he sang with the Tune Types. He later joined the Staff Sergeants, 1958 District champions and later the Chorduroys who competed Internationally in 1961. His entire family shares his hobby. Together with his attractive wife, Peggy, who is a member of the SOC's current championship chorus, and their daughter Leslie and son Barry, they have a family quartet known as the Smithtonians and are a popular attraction at ladies nights.

Baritone Gordon Limburg, who is an accountant at Snyder Corporation, joined the Society in 1947, having sung in quartets in school. As a NW Detroit Chapter member, he sang with Collegians and Bel-Aires who competed Internationally and later sang with Sharp Keepers along with Al Rehkop. He and his charming wife, Roberta, have a son, Robert, who is one year old. Gordon has also won acclaim as an arranger and director of the Barbary Host Chorus of Oakland County and currently with the Chord-O-Matics of Dearborn.

Bass John Zinnikas has been both a school principal and a barbershopper for 15 years, and is now principal of



John - Bernie - Gordon - Al
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

the new Frank Murphy Junior High. He originally belonged to Detroit and NW Detroit Chapters and is now with Dearborn. He sang with the Sharp Lifters who won novice honors 13 years ago, then with the Bel-Aires who competed Internationally. He and his pretty and petite wife, Theresa, have 3 sons and 1 daughter--one son is a graduate chemist in Cincinnati, another is studying for his doctorate in California while the younger boy and girl are at the University of Detroit. John highly recommends barbershop harmony as an avocation, and says the standing ovation the quartet received recently at Holly-Fenton was a great thrill. The quartet is especially appreciative of the efforts of District President Al Burgess in coaching them.

Oakland County Names New Officers

At our January Meeting, Chase Sanborn installed the following men into office for 1964: Brad Laughlin, pres.; Phil Smith, program vice president; Chuck Demerly, membership vice president; Dick Liddicoatt, corresponding secretary; John Redmond, treasurer; and Leo Doran, recording secretary. In December, Ed Weir was the recipient of OCC's Charlie De Long Award, an annual presentation to a chapter member, non officer, for his service to the chapter and society.

The Barbary Host Chorus was quite busy in December in their efforts to bring a little Christmas Cheer (through song) to others. The Senior Citizen's Club of both Royal Oak and Hazel Park, the Royal Oak K of C Christmas Party, Beaumont Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, and last minute shoppers in Ferndale and Royal Oak business districts were the recipients of our songs. We wish to thank other chapter members who participated in our annual caroling.

We are filled with high hopes and expectations as we look on into the new year and wish the best to all the new officers of the many chapters and long to see and hear you at our meetings.

reporter: dick liddicoatt

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OBSERVER**

ELLEN HARRINGTON

Many chapters arranged Ladies Nights during the holiday season to add to the festivities. The Dearborn Chapter hall was gaily decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vasu, and a delicious meal was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Shamus and entertaining barbershop harmony and carols by the Aire Males, Auto Towners, Noteries and Sing Sing Four and chorus. Among those enjoying the event were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tritle, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Chiodo, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bostick, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Conn, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Al Maier, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dahlke, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Favier, Jerry Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kapczi, Duke Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Limburg, Mr. and Mrs. John Zinnikas, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Smith, Al Rehkop, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Palmieri, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Van Tassell, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. William Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pollard, Mrs. William Wales, Mrs. Otto Vogel, William Wilcox, Gene Schieder, Ken Brown John Seemann, Jim Hamman, Larry Winchester and many more.

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. John W. Klaiber of Grand Rapids who was hospitalized recently.
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hafer are now residing in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he is associated with a data processing firm.

Mid-States Join Dearborn Talent For Parade

The Mid-States Four quartet is being imported to compliment the outstanding local Dearborn talent of the Autotowners, the Noteries, the AirMales, the Sing Sing Four, and the Dearborn Chord-O-Matic Chorus.

The Dearborn Parade will be held this year on February 22nd, Washington's birthday, at Fordson High School on Ford Road in Dearborn. This is always a good show and usually sold out two or three weeks before show time. If you plan to see the show this year, get your tickets early. Tickets may be purchased by calling Ed Conn at 427-5141. All seats are \$2.00

Gordie Limburg, our chorus director and baritone of the Noteries, was feted for his work with the chorus. Dearborn is proud to have him as a member and very pleased with his work as director of the Chord-O-Matic Chorus.

The "Chapter of Champions" had an outstanding Christmas party. The wives were invited and the Noteries, Michigan District Champions, were emcees. The songs were flowing, both Christmas songs and good old barber-shop songs. As usual, Shamus and Krew filled our bellies with good food.

reporter: ed conn

East Detroit Surprised By Detroit

The last meeting of East Detroit was enlivened by a surprise visit of twenty members of the Detroit Chapter. Thanks loads, fellows. We at East Detroit surely appreciate your looking in on us. Hope you do it again soon. However, a word to the wise, if a certain fellow whose name sounds like Bob Boint and who just happens to be in the neighborhood, and just happens to be a tenor and just happens to like singing, don't roll out the red carpet and start looking for the application blanks. Wait. Use caution. He may just happen to be a member of the Detroit Chapter.

The first affair of the new year was our installation of the new officers January 10th at Putnam Hall, for members, friends, and their wives. Our good friend and area counselor Ray McCalpin presided.

reporter: maynard johnson

Breslin Boss Of Battle Creek

Monday night, January 6, the Cereal City Chapter #10 held it's installation of officers. Lowell Wolfe, our outgoing president, turned over the gavel to the new president Bob Breslin and with that bit of formality the new administration took office. The new officers who will be helping Bob are Roger Knapp, vice president-membership; Clair Wickman, vice president-program; Aaron Heldt, secretary and Hank Clay, treasurer. Merle Clayton will continue as chorus director and Roger Knapp will be chapter delegate.

NEW QUARTET IN FOLD. They have registered as the "Pop-U-Laires" and the personel are Aaron Heldt, bass; Cecil Embury, bari; Ron Mell, lead; and Bob Campbell, tenor. We also hear rumblings of two other quartets that are getting together, presumably for rehearsal, but nobody is talking so maybe we're in for a surprise in Windsor. At any rate, this should help our chorus and chapter participate in more community activities.

NIGHTHAWKS ON "NIGHT OF HARMONY"

Set aside the date of March 21, which is a Saturday night, for the best show in Southwestern Michigan. It's the 9th annual "Night of Harmony" presented by the Cereal City Chapter. Roger Lewis, show chairman, has lined up the Nighthawks, the Wonderlads, the Four Tune Tellers, the Harmony Hounds, the Pop-U-Laires, the Cereal City Chorus and the Sweet Adeline's Chorus. It looks like a terrific line-up and due to the fact that last year we had a near sell-out, tickets should be obtained early to assure good seats. Tickets are \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50. For tickets or information write Dr. William Clark, 421 Minges Rd., Battle Creek.

For our chapter, the highlight of the show will be the presentation of two scholarships to Kellogg Community College for male students in music. Sure does make a person feel good knowing someone might not be able to further their education without our help and who knows but what it might bring a great talent into this tremendous Society of ours.

reporter: robert campbell

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Kalamazoo

quired the necessary degrees in music to qualify as an educator in the art.

It was while teaching at Portland High school that the new president first came into contact with barbershop music. He attended Portland chapter functions and recalls even now one big outdoor show wherein the Harmony Halls were top guests. Portland is only a short distance from Lansing and it was inevitable that this young man's thirst for close harmony knowledge would lead to the Lansing chapter and finally to the ever famous John Hill. "Many, many a night", he recalls, "I spent hours in the Hill basement, singing, writing, listening and drinking in barber-shop techniques and knowledge. It was, one might say, "a finishing school" because there I became thoroughly indoctrinated."

From Portland to Grand Haven, then to Muskegon chapter SPEBSQSA, is a trail well known to all who know Burgess. Quartet after quartet, chorus after chorus, committee after committee and hours upon hour of work completed the journey to the highest chair Michigan barber-shopping can offer.

"What are you going to do with this district?", Burgess was asked during a lull in activities at a recent board meeting in Muskegon.

The big fellow was silent for a time, his eyes brightened and sparkled and one of the most noticeable features of this big chap is his eyes. They virtually snap when he concentrates upon a subject of which he is intense. "I think I am going to try to make my best efforts something good for the community. That is, all of the communities of the district, the state of Michigan. I think I am going to concentrate on civic interests, offering to help people where we can; give of ourselves physically and talent-wise. If we can help people we will be helping ourselves personally and as a social force more than we ever know. We have talked and preached of community effort for the last 20 years. Some in widely separated instances have done good things. However, we in Michigan, I feel have not done enough. We know that community effort is a desirable thing but we have done less thinking, less planning and given less effort on this phase of our lives than anything else. That being the case I think this is a good place from which to start for making Michigan barbershoppers a dynamic force in our culture, our communal work, our charities, and among our youth."

Rising to the bait in another loaded question, "But how are we going to get more members, more quartets, more choruses and make the district bigger and so on?" Burgess leaped. "By influence", he said, "that is when we can do things community wise in our district. People will begin to notice us and if we do well, we will gain their applause. If we get to be better known as a community venture, rather than a selfish little group just entertaining, charming and satisfying ourselves with our own sweet voices, we'll always be hiding our light under the basket. If people get to know that we can think of and do things for others, we'll be accepted. And in acceptance we will get more and more men seeking to join us, work with us and above all, sing with us. We'll get the members easy enough if we can make ourselves worthy of them."

The new Michigan president, as of right now, is a very busy and worried man. There are problems at hand that demand attention and are time consuming. For example, raising money to take the district championship Port City

chorus to Texas is a job at hand. With the Muskegon chapter, he's working on that now. There are such things as finances of the district, goading from international, committee assignments, chapter show, contests, meetings and visitations of all sorts, area counselors and a huge number of problems that must be met. "These are bothersome for a working man like me", Burgess admits, "but I feel I'm bright enough to handle them and still have time to inspire some of us to other efforts and the building of other images."

It would seem that the Michigan district has first of all placed in its top position a man of inspiration. He's big and he is robust, but there has not been a man big enough and robust enough to do a big job all by himself. He needs help and as he said it: "If we work together. If there are many who will help, and gain for themselves the spirit of the doctrine I preach, we can do a big job. I'm going to give it a wholehearted try."

Speaking of big in the Burgess case. He hasn't found a scale yet that can accurately record his weight. That is, a scale in any normal bathroom, rest room or even a doctor's office. "I just stay away from them", he quipped. The average scale stops at 300 pounds. Yes, he's really BIG.

Following the Leader



AL BURGESS

First off, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a belated but "happy New Year". Here's hoping it is loaded with barbershop 7th chords that'll ring right up to the 1st chord of 1965.

In this column your President has been asked to speak his views on pertinent barbershop problems, so let's get down to the business at hand:

COMMUNITY SERVICEThat's right.....

I ask that each Chapter board in the Michigan District discuss item #10 of our Society's Code of Ethics at your next board meeting.

I feel that many times we, as a Society, exist for selfish reasons only... In essence I say, "I like to sing and belong to my singing club SPEBSQSA." When I approach a friend to buy a ticket to the annual show I'm really saying, "Will you buy a ticket so I can sing?" Selfish? And how....

How much better the approach would be if we could say, "Our Chapter is sponsoring a Harmony Show to help raise money for _____ (any worthwhile charity). Would you help us help others in this cause?" What a different approach. You've helped others and the Society and most of all yourself.

AREA COUNSELORS.....VICE PRESIDENTS
Has the Troubadour recieved your completed forms?
If notwhy not.

Contest and Judging Program Revamped

In the year 1964, it is the hope of the District C&J Committee to institute certain specific programs which will provide a sound foundation for building a larger staff of certified judges and an expanded list of judge-candidates. Following is a brief outline of the proposed program.

A necessary prerequisite to the success of this program is the determination of the list of those persons in the District who have some interest in becoming a judge-candidate. Will anyone - and I really mean anyone - in the District who has a desire or feels that he has some capability of becoming a judge-candidate and then a certified judge please let me know at once. A simple postcard sent to me at my home address, 1930 Herkimer Drive, Jackson, Michigan, will receive prompt attention. I promise to faithfully reply to any request that I get and will investigate carefully any name that is submitted. Let me hasten to state, however, that the mere submission of a person's name does not necessarily mean his acceptance as a candidate. There are specific procedures to be followed, and it is important that everyone understand this. I intend, however, to follow these rules and regulations closely and will administer them fairly and justly.

A personal letter is being addressed to each man who is presently listed as a judge-candidate, with the intent of determining that candidate's desire for his future progress.

Now for the brief outline of the program:

1. Determine the interest of everyone in the District regarding his potentiality as a judge-candidate and see that each person indicating such interest is fully informed with regard to the required procedure.
2. Have a C&J Workshop which, we hope, can be within the first quarter of 1964. It is intended that this should take a full Saturday and possibly part of a Sunday. Every judge and candidate will be expected to take part, unless a dire emergency arises to keep him away. Each candidate and certified judge will be contacted shortly to obtain an indication of their feelings with regard to this matter.
3. Take positive steps to promote each candidate's progress toward certification. I realize that there are some in the District who are discouraged over their progress or lack of it in the judging program. It is only natural that everyone wants to know just where he stands and what further steps are necessary in order to reach the goal of certification. All may be assured that every effort will be made to thoroughly study the record of each candidate and to discuss his progress with him on a personal basis. Much of this will be incorporated into the format of the proposed work shop.
4. Judging opportunities will be developed in every way possible. This will include an opportunity for each judge-candidate to judge at every District contest under chairmanship of a certified judge. Also, every effort will be made to arrange for judge-candidates to practice judge at contests in nearby Districts as a means to more quickly attain the required number of practice-judging sessions.
5. Current certified judges - Certainly none of us who have reached this goal can afford to sit back



O. B. Falls, Jr.

Chairman Contest & Judging Committee

and relax; competition is becoming keener as each year passes, and we must stay abreast of it. Certified judges will be used in every instance feasible, but it is suggested that even though a certified judge is not selected for official judging on a panel, they sit together with the judge-candidates on the practice panel. There is nothing like keeping your hand in and your ear tuned.

The above program is aimed at establishing the very best C&J program and the very finest list of judge-candidates and certified judges that it is possible to have in the Michigan District. Suggestions are welcome, as well as criticism - either pro or con; but if you have anything to say about this program, please say it to me.

O. B. Falls, Jr.

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Ed's note - After talking briefly with Mr. Falls at the recent board meeting in Muskegon, I am convinced that one of the major problems in the District is in very capable hands. Being on a "more in '64" kick, I suggest to the barbershoppers in the District who want more from barbershopping to give this some serious thought. Judging is a real challenge, a chance to learn, a chance to work with other working barbershoppers and a great way to give the Michigan District a big lift in our fight to reach higher goals.

Noteries To Headline Greenville Revue

The Greenville Chapter show is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th at the Greenville High School Auditorium. The theme and title of the production is the "Gay Nineties Barbershop Revue". The Noteries, current Michigan District Champs, will be making their first Western Michigan appearance since being crowned champions. The Greenville show will not be a quartet "recital" but a full-scale stage production featuring the quartets and the Greenville Chapter Chorus. Producer and director of the show is Bob "Las Vegas" Powers. Last year's show was a complete sellout 10 days prior to the show date. If you're interested in tickets to the show and after-glo write to Eldon Hansen, 203 S. Webster, Greenville.

Our recent "Open House" produced 17 prospective members in attendance. So far two new leads have signed on with us. Keith Neitzel receives the "Men of Note" award for bringing in Roger Jensen. With the joining of Floyd Rasmussen, Orrin Wood brings in his second new member within the past three months. Orrin will soon need a special jewelry box to keep his "Note" awards.

Jerry Meade, chorus director, has been putting us through the paces on his arrangement of "Sonny Boy" and the society rendition of "Hello My Baby".

We are one of the few chapters who meet every week, 52 weeks out of the year, every Monday night at 8:00 p.m. in "our" room at the Commercial State Savings Bank in downtown Greenville. Sure would like to have you visit us next time you're in the area.

reporter: bob hansen

Moeke Wins Windmill Presidency

The men who will lead the Windmill Chapter during 1964 are as follows: George Moeke Jr., president; Bill Kurth, administrative vice president; Don Lucas, program vice president; Bob Birce, secretary; and Si Krol, treasurer.

The Holland Windmill Chapter would like to compliment the Boyne City Chapter on the wonderful weekend they presented to us in December. Everyone had a wonderful time and the warm hospitality of this chapter more than made up for the cold bus ride up and back. After this pleasant sample of inter-chapter relations, we should plan at least one trip a month.

HARDENBERG HEADS FOR FLINT

Marty Hardenberg of the Chord Counts announces that his business commitments have forced him to move to Flint. Marty's moving will leave an irreplaceable vacancy in the quartet, chorus, and chapter, and we will miss him. Flint, be on the lookout for Marty - - our loss is your gain.

Incidentally the Chord Counts' record is now available, so those ringing chords have been preserved and those of you who wish to purchase this record can send your request to any of the members of the quartet or to our chapter. This collection of songs is absolutely their best.

reporter: bob birce

Yachtsmen Plan Ladies Night

Installation of officers and a gala ladies night is being planned by the Detroit Yachtsmen Chapter for Saturday, February 29, 1964, at 9:00 p.m. at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. All barbershoppers and their ladies are invited to attend this affair. Further information and tickets may be obtained by any chapter member or from Lou Harrington's office.

reporter: ernie dossin

Seven Acts Headline Jackson Show

Our annual Barbershop Quartet Parade of Harmony will be held at the Jackson High School auditorium on January 25th at 8:00 p.m. Again we are working with the Jackson Rotary Club to make this benefit show a big success. The proceeds will be used for crippled children's activities and equipment, and to see that many get an opportunity to go to camp. We are looking forward to seeing our many friends from other chapters at the show. You will hear the Extension Chords from Grand Rapids, Aire-Males from Dearborn, Merri-Men from Lansing, and from Jackson, the Sweet Adeline Chorus, the Jackson Chorus, the Four-Tune Tellers, and the Note-Able Four. The after-glo will be held at the Elk's Temple.

The chapter had two big, enjoyable events in December. The 13th was Old Timer's Nite when we got many past members to come back to relive old memories. Many from the Hudson Chapter were over to add to the fun. It was ladies night on the 27th. All attending had a grand time dancing, (twisting?), singing, eating, and stuff like that there...

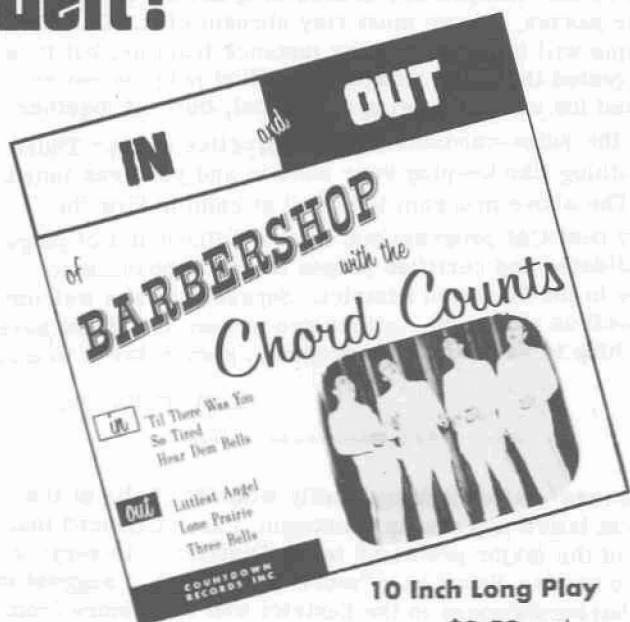
The chorus carried on its good works by entertaining the Senior Citizens on December 9th, and those at the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Home on the 23rd. Also the chorus went Christmas caroling on two nights, the 17th and 20th.

reporter: ed hilden

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WE, the HOLLAND WINDMILL CHAPTER, the District's "Personality Chapter", question the right of the Dearborn Chapter to the title of "Chapter of Champions" and do hereby issue the following

CHALLENGE

TO THE **DEARBORN** CHAPTER

Whereas, we of the Windmill Chapter, the Michigan District's "Personality Chapter", believe the Dearborn Chapter to be a Chapter of Chumpions, not champions and,

Whereas, we believe your President to be a burned out bulb under a casket basket and,

Whereas, we feel your Board to be of questionable character and humbly suggest ~~an ortopsy~~ an audit of whatever dirty books they keep and,

Whereas, we feel that the Dearborn Chorus ~~smells~~ is in need of a bath, and would so recommend, but for the fact that we are aware that your uniforms leak and,

Whereas, we know your chorus director is cheesy, and feel he should wear blue and practice at intersections and,

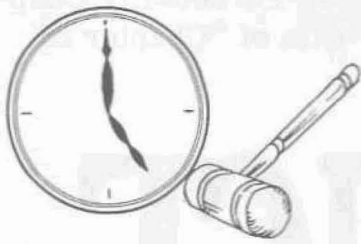
Whereas, we believe the Auto (leave) Town ers, the No(talent)eries and the Air (fe)Males deliver nothing but gurgles and gargles, WE, The Holland Windmill Chapter, the District's "Personality Chapter", do hereby challenge the Dearborn Chapter of Chumpions to a showdown of talent to settle once and for all who should wear this coveted title YOU so brazenly lay claim to and,

If you do accept our challenge, we do hereby suggest we hold this bloody showdown at a halfway point between our fair city and your big dirty one, and that the host chapter of that city pick unbiased judges to judge this gigantic event.

We do also demand that the entire membership of the Michigan District be invited to witness this event and that a fee be assessed with all proceeds to go to the Muskegon Chorus Travel Fund.

The confident "Windmill" will await your answer in the February issue of the Troubadour.

Dis/ Respectively Submitted,



Minutes

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Michigan District Board of Directors was held at the Black Angus Restaurant, Muskegon, on January 11, 1964. President Al Burgess called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Present were Vice-presidents MacLean, Sherwood, Tillett, Treasurer Klaiber, Secretary Harrington and the following invited guests: Jack Oonk, new editor of the Troubadour, Don Lucas, O. B. Falls, Clarence Jalving and Roscoe Bennett.

The first subject discussed was the question of the Troubadour --the editorship of which was being taken over by Jack Oonk with the January, 1964 issue. He advised that the issue would be ready in about two weeks. He reiterated to the Board that the \$3,750.00 budget for the "Michigan Troubadour" would take care of all the expenses thereof for 1964. Many phases of the Troubadour operation were discussed and the question of the rising costs considered. It was the consensus of opinion of the Board that Mr. Oonk be allowed to develop the situation and that the Board will explore the situation further at the end of the year. He requested that everyone in the District cooperate with the enterprise.

Don Lucas reported on the fall convention at Holland and advised that the books have not been closed and that no financial report was ready yet. He further recommended that the senior quartet contest idea, initiated last fall, be given further consideration in the future.

The Chair then called on O. B. Falls, Chairman of the District's C & J Committee and he outlined his program for the development of judges and judge candidates in the Michigan District. He advised that he would attempt to set up a C & J workshop in the very near future.

President Burgess then read a communication from Bob Johnson of the International Office relative to his proposed visit to the Michigan District, and it was suggested that the dates for said visitation be set for May 15-22, 1964. The Chair also brought out a communication from Chester Fox, International Field Representative, in which he expressed a desire to meet with the Michigan District Board of Directors to discuss operations in the District. It was suggested that the opportune time for this would be April 4, 1964, in connection with the Great Lakes Invitational at Grand Rapids. President Burgess advised that he would communicate with both gentlemen as to their availability for these dates.

The Budget Committee then reported. There was considerable discussion relative to many of the items contained therein. The majority of the Board was of the opinion that the District should expand its operations and that the budget should reflect this factor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,
Michigan District Secretary

FROM
**SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT
OF BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA**
INCORPORATED

To

ROBERT L MILLER 156
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SPECIAL: Word was received from the International Office, January 20, confirming the proposed visit of Bob Johnson on the May 15 - 22 dates. The District will begin at once to prepare for his visit and to make the very most of it.

Also gleaned from Harmony Hall was the fact that no figures as to how many quartets we will be sending to represent us at the International will be released before January 31, 1964. Troub will have this data for the February issue.

COMING EVENTS

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

January 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 at NYC
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 4, 1964	Flint Parade
April 11, 1964	Monroe Charter Party
April 18, 1964	Muskegon Parade
April 25, 1964	Bush League Contest, Boyne City
May 8-10, 1964	REGIONAL CONTEST, Windsor
May 15, 1964	Holland Parade
May 16, 1964	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada Parade
May 23, 1964	Downriver Supper-Glo Dinner, Wyandotte
June 6, 1964	Utica-Rochester Parade
August 15, 1964	Oscoda County Parade
September 19, 1964	Blue Water Parade, South Haven
September 25-27	DISTRICT CONTEST, Jackson
October 17, 1964	Lansing Parade
November 7, 1964	Detroit Parade
March 27, 1965	Battle Creek Parade
October 9, 1965	DISTRICT CONTEST, Battle Creek