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Dake - Glashower - Alexander - Palmer  
THE SPAR-TONE-AIRES  
GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.



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### DOCTOR'S REPORTS CONTINUED IN THIS ISSUE

The final installment of reports from our area counselors and vice presidents are to be found on pages 12 and 13 in this issue. Read them carefully and digest what they have to say. Constructive criticism can benefit our district if we heed what we read. The Troubadour thanks these men who took time in a busy schedule to present their ideas and openly invites them to continue to use the pages of the Troubadour to the betterment of our district and our society.

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### PRAISES APPRECIATED

The Troubadour wishes to take this opportunity to say a sincere "thanks" to those who sent in the many letters of congratulations and compliments it has received. Although space has not been afforded these letters, your editor wants you to know that they are deeply appreciated.

### WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

The Troubadour sings "You're As Welcome As The Flowers In May" to the Happy Humdingers, the district's newest officially registered quartet. Born to the Wayne chapter, their contact man is area counselor, Mike Mudgett, 8147 Perrin, Garden City, Michigan.

Since January, I have received from international, notices of seven district quartets dropping from the "officially registered" list. May the Happy Humdingers be the first in a long line of replacements. Noticed in chapter reports were a couple of new quartet names such as the In-Voices, the Car Tunes and the I Scream Tones. The Troubadour would like to hear from all new quartets via a picture and some information.

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### WHAT'S "WORLD WAR III" GONNA BE?

The wildest, zaniest, fightinest, competinest, craziest mixed up night ever witnessed by the Michigan district. Dearborn and Holland chapters locked in a duel, with the winner to be known as the "chapter of champions". Both chapters are loaded with big name quartets. Both have choruses that are consistantly in contention for district honors. Both chapters are bringing forth hidden talent which has been kept under wraps and will be displayed at this gigantic event. With Bob Stone agitating in his area and Don Lucas and Yours Truly in ours and with Chuck Sherwood and the boys alerting the National Guard in Jackson, it promises to be a night to remember to say the least. What's it for? It is in reality a wild scheme to raise money for the Muskegon chapter's chorus travel fund. That my friend is a needed and worthwhile cause. It is also a golden opportunity to show potential members just how much fun barbershopping can be. How much does it cost? Only a "buck". Pack up the chapter (and guests) for a relaxing night of old fashioned barbershop fun and harmony. Attend "World War III" in Jackson, Saturday, March 28. Sorry ladies..... It's stag.

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### BUSH LEAGUE QUARTET DEADLINE APRIL 15

Boyne City Bush League officials request that all district quartets who plan on competing in this year's enlarged contest register the name of their quartet, the names of the members and the part they sing. Registrations must be received by April 15. Send to Loten Wilson, Boyne City, Michigan.

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### TROUBADOUR GREAT FINANCIALLY

Efforts to cut the overall cost of publishing the "Michigan Troubadour" are coming along in great shape as far as your editor is concerned. The main reason for this fact is the wonderful response that has been given to me by the district quartets and chapters. When asked to use the pages of the Troubadour as a means for advertising their wares, they have responded above and beyond the call. To the chapters that have advertised in 1964 my thanks. To those chapters that have parades, etc., coming up, please keep up the good work. To the quartets that are advertising a special thanks and to the membership of the district I can only ask that you hire the quartets and make an effort to attend at least three parades a year. By doing this you will assure the Troubadour of continued support in the future.

## MEET THE QUARTETS ON THE COVER

Did you ever meet the eight fellows featured on the March cover of the Troubadour? Most of you will probably have to say, "Nope". Let me introduce you to them in the "ON THE COVER" features in this issue. The district is blessed with other quartets like these who will be featured in later issues of the Troubadour. These two quartets are a couple of real "work horses" for the district. As yet they have not attained the stature of some of our better known foursomes but for down to earth, hard working barbershoppers, you would have "TO WALK A MILLION MILES".

Both quartets are busy selling our product to the public. At chapter level they are and have been key leaders in the success of their respective chapters. The Troubadour is proud to present to the membership of the district, the Occasional Four from the Muskegon chapter and the Spar-Tone-Aires from the Grand Rapids chapter.

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### BARBERSHOP HARMONY WEEK APRIL 5-11

This is the week that barbershoppers throughout our organization are supposed to put forth a little effort to sell our barbershop product to our fellow man. This year, 1964, let's not let the other fellow do it. Let each of us make a personal effort to "do a little more" during Harmony Week. Chapters have received the "Harmony Week Kit" from international. It is filled with a lot of goodies that can help us in our efforts. Let's dig them out, read them over and put some of the ideas to use.

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### DISTRICT FIELD MAN HERE IN APRIL

Chet Fox, administrative field man from our international office will visit the Michigan district April 4-8. Fox will address the next district board meeting April 4 which will be held during the Great Lakes Inviatational in Grand Rapids. He will make his visit with district officers during the next week, visiting Greenville the 6th, Detroit on the 7th and Kalamazoo on the 8th. His meetings will include all district officers and area counselors only.

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### WHAT'S WITH 50 OR MORE IN '64?

This question has been asked by some barbershoppers ever since the slogan was blurted out by Barrie Best. The answer is simple. With a few exceptions (and their always are) a chapter with less than 50 members either is or will be a weak chapter. Records reveal that 30 of the 38 chapters in the Michigan district have less than 50 members.

A survey of our society reveals that the average chapter attendance is only 55 to 60%. It is obvious that the chapters with less than 50 members, particularly those with only 25 to 30 members (meaning an average attendance of only 15 to 21 men), experience difficulty in chorus work, programming and quartet promotion, not to mention an undesirable "atmosphere" for attracting and holding new members.

Your editor suggests that we have more fun, less work, more quartets and a bigger sound by signing another member this week. Here's to Barrie Best and 50 or more in '64.



Bob Johnson

### DIRECTOR OF MUSICAL ACTIVITIES TO TOUR MICHIGAN MAY 15 - 22

Our society director of musical activities, Bob Johnson, will march on Michigan this May. Bob will work from five chapters as home base and president Burgess asks all nearby chapters to take advantage of Mr. Johnson's sessions. He will work the following schedule. Friday, May 15 - Ann Arbor, Monday, May 18 - Lansing, Tuesday, May 19 - Flint, Wednesday, May 20 - Mio, Thursday, May 21 - Battle Creek and Friday, May 22 - Benton Harbor. To help the membership feel at home with Bob during his stay, the Troubadour presents this sketch.

Robert D. Johnson, 46, is director of musical activities for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, an appointment he received in December, 1961. At the time, he was serving as director of the society's 1961 international chorus champions, "The Chorus of the Chesapeake" from the Dundalk, Maryland chapter.

He left his post as chairman of the music department of Patterson High School in Baltimore to assume his new duties at Harmony Hall.

Bob has studied all musical instruments, plays the piano, and has done some arranging and composing. A graduate of State Teacher's College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in public school music. He earned his Master's Degree in Education at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, and served as an assistant professor of music at that college for five years.

As SPEBSQSA director of musical activities, he is responsible for the society's music education program which encompasses not only the preparation of singable arrangements for chapter quartets and choruses but the scheduling and staffing of harmony education schools and seminars at key geographic points in the society and individual demonstrations at chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

He and his wife Betty reside in Kenosha, Wisconsin, with their daughter Jill Anne, age 13. They also have one son, Robert Lee, age 21, who is a cadet at West Point.

# International President Waselchuk To Attend Regional Convention In Windsor May 8-10

Michigan's forthcoming regional preliminary contest, May 8-9-10th, to determine which 3 quartets will represent the Michigan district in international competition in San Antonio, Texas, in June; and to determine the District chorus championship will once again be sponsored by the Windsor chapter. Paul Eberwein is the chairman of the event. The Prince Edward Hotel, conveniently located in downtown Windsor opposite the tunnel exit, will be the headquarters hotel and reservations should be made directly through the hotel, 384 Cuellette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The House of Delegates meeting will be held on Friday, followed by a pre-glo. The contest sessions will all be held on Saturday at the Cleary Auditorium on Riverside Drive (four short blocks from Hotel Headquarters). The For-More quartet from Madison, Wisconsin will be the guest quartet for the evening show and after-glo. A clinic will be held Sunday morning. All events package tickets are priced at \$6.00 and can be obtained from Don Bennett, 3340 Dominion Blvd., Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Friday, May 8, at 8:00 p.m. House of Delegates meeting (Prince Edward Hotel)
- Friday, May 8 at 10:00 p.m. Pre-glo (Prince Edward Hotel)
- Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. Quartet Preliminary (Cleary Auditorium)
- Saturday May 9 at 2:00 p.m. Chorus Contest (Cleary Auditorium)
- Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 p.m. Quartet Finals (Cleary Auditorium)
- Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 p.m. After-glo (Prince Edward Hotel)
- Sunday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m. Quartet Clinic (Prince Edward Hotel)

\*\*\*\*\* Prices \*\*\*\*\*

Package Tickets ---- All Events ----\$6.00

Individual Tickets

Pre Glo ---\$1.00	Chorus Contest - \$2.00
Preliminary - \$1.50	Quartet Finals - \$2.00
Afterglo ----- \$2.00	

Advance tickets write directly to:

Don Bennett, 3340 Dominion Blvd.,  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

The Michigan regional convention will be highlighted this year with the appearance of Dan Waselchuk, our society president. Waselchuk will address the delegates meeting, Friday May 8 and district members will have a chance to meet and talk with him throughout the weekend. He is 37, a resident of Green Bay, Wisconsin and has sung bass in two quartets. His past administrative experience has qualified him well for his new position as president. Waselchuk joined the barbershopping movement in 1950 and found himself appointed chapter secretary after only one month of membership. Following 18 months of service in this capacity he was elected president of the Green Bay, Wisconsin chapter, a position he held for three consecutive terms. During this time the chapter tripled its membership.



Dan Waselchuk

Such talent was soon recognized by the Land O' Lakes district organization, and Waselchuk moved up through the ranks as assistant district treasurer, and in 1958, district president. Two years later he was elected to the international board of directors, in 1962 to the executive committee where he served as vice president and first vice president before attaining the society's highest office in 1964.

In daily life he is assistant superintendent, maintenance and construction, for the Fort Howard Paper Company of Green Bay. He is married, and his wife Patricia has blessed him with eight children.

Don't Miss It.....

## FLINT PARADE

featuring  
Michigan Personalities

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 8:00 p.m.

Grand Blanc High School  
7 miles south of Flint on Saginaw Rd.

featuring

- \*Merri Men    \*Noteries
- \*Four Tune Tellers    \*Wonderlads
- \*Grand Blanc High School Quartet



*O.K. Fella's...*

**Here's the Pitch !!**



BOYNE CITY CHAPTER 23

PRESENTS

18th ANNUAL FUNTIME

# Bush League Quartet Contest

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 25 - 2:00 p.m.



## Variety Show

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 25 - 8:00 p.m.



**Spar-Tone-Aires**

1963 never won nothin' champs



**Wonderlads**

1963 bush league champs



**Harmony Hounds**

top comedy group

Quartets send entries to  
Loten Wilson, Boyne City

Send housing requests to  
Dilworth Hotel, Boyne City



### Hollanders Present Scholarship

Shown receiving a \$100.00 music scholarship from members of the Windmill chapter is Hope College music major, Ellis Julien. It has been a community service of the chapter for the past few years to present this scholarship to a deserving male vocal music student of the college. Julien hails from Oak Lawn, Illinois and is in his junior year. He sings tenor and has won several music contests. In the picture left to right are Mike Lucas, Julien and Si Krol. The presentation was made during the February chapter night.

### HIGH SCHOOL BENEFIT PERFORMED TO 500

February 29th was the night of the big West Ottawa show. The Spartanaires were in their usual good voice and Bill Alexander's jokes had them in the aisles. The Extension Chords and the Chord Counts, chapter quartets, also lent their melodious talents. It is amazing how they make quartet singing look so easy. The Windmill chorus sang a few numbers as did the West Ottawa Glee Club and Choir. It was a very enjoyable evening and performed before a full house. Proceeds go to the school music department.

At our last chapter meeting we had our chapter party night, and due to the diligent planning of the program committee, we discovered considerable hidden talent(?) in our midst. Several lost chords were uncovered by spontaneous "Fours", quartets made up of four crows. Everyone looks forward to these chapter nights, for they are getting more interesting.

Everything is moving along in fine shape for the Tulip Time show and we should have a fine program lined up for the tourists. Tickets are available now from any of the chorus members.

### WINDMILL WORRIED?

We don't want this to get around, but the chorus is practicing for the night of World War III. We would be the last ones to admit that we are worried about this little contest, so we are practicing under the guise that we need some brushing up for the contest in Windsor. Seriously though, we are looking forward to this meeting of talents, and the results will be most interesting. We hope every member of the district will attend.

reporter: bob birce

# ON THE COVER

Editors note: Bill Alexander, emcee and baritone of the Spar-Tone-Aires is a "funny" man both on stage and off. I asked him to jot down some information for me on his quartet for the Troubadour. After much delay and a few threatening phone calls I finally received his letter. Although Bill will hate me forever I present it to you just the way I received it. It arrived through the mails in this envelope.



MR. JACK OIN  
526 E. LINCOLN,  
ZEELAND, MICHIGAN

It said this:

"Dear Jack,  
Here 'tis.

Could have said a lot more but it was making me sick. Some of the things I didn't say are that we argue a lot, can't agree on anything and the only time we finish together is when we eat.

We originally organized in 1954 and have been active since, except for approximately one year when the original bass gave up barbershopping for business reasons. We acquired our new bass, Lou Glashower in 1961 and have been very active since.

The quartet members are:

Lou Glashower - bass - plant superintendent in Grand Rapids and has three children.

Bill Alexander - baritone - insurance consultant for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Grand Rapids and has three children.

Norm Dake - tenor - engineer of production control at Extensol Corporation in Sparta and has two children.

Stu Palmer - lead - owns and operates a flower and gift shop in Grand Rapids and has three children.

( ALL MEN HAVE ONE WIFE.)

All members are very active in chapter functions and every member has held chapter offices. Bill and Norm are currently serving on the chapter board of directors. Bill is also vice president of Chapter 4.

The Quartet gives graciously of our talents, both to other chapters and charitable groups. For example: This Past Christmas we drove through a blizzard to sing for 500 handicapped people and when we got there it was 504. We also sang for a muscular dystrophy kick

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off and Sunshine Sanitorium in Grand Rapids recently. We have never turned down any chapter when asked to appear.

We have contributed our talents to Bush League competition four times. Never finished last. Our most thrilling moment came in Holland 1963 when we won the first district competition for entertaining quartets which finds us current champions of the "Never Won Nothin' " contest.

The quartet is widely known for comedy routines, but are capable of ringing a pretty good chord at that. We are coached by Bart Tillet of Holland and Grand Rapids.

We are currently booked to appear on shows for Muskegon, Greenville, Grand Rapids and some in Ohio and possibly? Holland?

See ya,

Bill "

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### Ho - Ho - Ho -

Gleaned from Evergreen district publication is the following, and it might be well for the entire district to read it.

#### "STATISTICALLY YOURS

Between December 31, 1963 and January 31, 1964 Evergreen District dropped from 9th to 10th place among districts membershipwise. Obviously, this drop, occasioned by a loss of 309 members, is due entirely to old members not paying their dues on time.

Evergreen was passed by Southwestern who now assumes the number 9 slot. Michigan remains in the number 8 position. This type of thing is the key to a permanent 3rd quartet in the International Contest for Evergreen District.

What is necessary to get a strangle hold on that 3rd quartet? We must pass Michigan District in membership. We should be able to achieve this position this year. While Evergreen was gaining 64 new members in 1963, Michigan was losing 21 for a net Evergreen gain of 85 over Michigan. At the end of 1963 Michigan had only 66 more members than Evergreen. If all Evergreeners will make every attempt to get new members and push the old members to pay their dues we should jump from 10th to 8th in size, and by beating out Michigan get that 3rd quartet for 1965.

GET MORE IN '64

BEAT MICHIGAN"

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to change in Editor of this magazine: All news (chapter news - columns - pictures - etc.) and business correspondence should be sent to:

JACK W. OONK  
526 E. LINCOLN AVE.  
ZEELAND, MICHIGAN

## Following the Leader



AL BURGESS

### BAG - SAM

When's the last time your chapter had a "planned" guest night? Yuh say it was only a few months ago? I'm talkin' 'bout the type where everyone, (and I mean everyone), gets into the act. Yuh know, the evening when fun, harmony, and hospitality are presented at their very best. EVERYONE Brings A Guest, hence----BAG SAM. BAG - Bring a guest and SAM - Sign a member. We gotta make a team effort on this. Every chapter in the district must give it an honest try between now and the end of June.

At your next chapter board meeting PLEASE bring up the BAG - SAM idea, then set your plans. Set up your committees and let's work for a great membership drive.

June 30 is V-Day. The day when the entire district looks into the magic mirror. What'll we see? Will it be the sad and forlorn faces of barbershoppers who didn't carry out their part in BAG - SAM? I prefer to think that we'll be able to look at those simlin' Michigan district faces most happy in the news that the district membership has gone into orbit; LIKE UP.

I challenge your chapter to make a 15% increase in the next three months.

What are you, Joe Barbershopper, gonna do about it?

What can yuh do? Get your chapter officers in gear. Then follow up.

We've got a big "BAND WAGON". Let's load 'er up.

ALL ABOARD.....

GOTTA

BAG - SAM

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### East Detroit Sports New Quartet

A new quartet called the Clippers has been making itself heard around and about, and spreading the word of East Detroit and barbershopping. Hank DeMars, Dick Brouckert, Don Anderson and Vince Koelzer sang at a grand opening at the Gabriel Rochelle Post, V. F. W. on Nine Mile Road recently, and for a P. T. A. membership drive at the Violet Elementary school, St. Clair Shores on February 20th. We hope to hear more from this group.

### SURPRISED BY GROSSE POINTE

The meeting of February 11th turned into another ball, with a bigger gang than when the Down Town Detroit chapter appeared last month. The more the merrier, fellows. I heard Walt Heeder suggesting that East Detroit offer some sort of plaque as a prize to the chapter showing up unexpectedly with the largest group during 1964.

reporter: maynard johnson

# ON THE COVER

The Occasional Four quartet originally got together as one of two groups which represented the Muskegon chapter at an Area 8 makeup quartet contest held in Holland on February 8, 1962. They won first place honors and were encouraged to continue singing together as a group. Their experience was gained via the PTA circuit and by singing at chapter meeting, package shows and other functions in Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Holland, Greenville and South Haven. They officially registered with international headquarters as the Occasional Four on August 8, 1962 and are one of many currently active "chorus member" quartets in our Michigan district and is the sixth registered foursome developed from the ranks of the Muskegon chapter's two-time international medalist Port City chorus. ( Many district members will remember the Kord-Adix, Beacon-Aires, Harmony Jesters, Cleftomaniacs and W.A.R.B.-Elairs of recent years.) Entering district competition for the first time in October, 1962 at Windsor, they won the district No-vice Title, were district finalists in international preliminary competition at Lansing in May, 1963, placed second in the annual Bush League Contest at Boyne City two weeks later, and finished 4th among the 18 quartets

contesting for district championship honors at Holland on October 12, 1963 and they plan to compete again at Boyne City and in Windsor this spring.

During their brief two year life span, the Occasional Four have made 94 singing appearances at club banquets, meetings, parties and other functions and at chapter meetings, package shows, parades, etc. One of their most memorable experiences was the quartet role they played in the Muskegon Civic Opera production of "The Music Man" in November, 1962.

Certain occupational factors place a constant limitation upon this quartet's activity, ( the tenor is on the road much of the time, the lead's job involves frequent evening appointments, and after school chorus and choir rehearsals, recitals, etc., often occupy the baritone's evenings ), but the desire to sing in an active, registered competing foursome has been strong enough to enable this group to flourish despite these restrictions.

## MEET THE OCCASIONAL FOUR

Tenor, Bill Wickstrom, is 38 years old, married ( wife Maureen sings bass in her own Sweet Adelines quartet ), has three sons and works as an employment representative for the Federal Government. Bill has been a Muskegon chapter member for 18 years, serving as vice president, historian, publicity chairman and executive board member, has served on district public relations, quartet promotion and inter-chapter relations committees. He has sung in the following quartets; the Pitch-Blends, the Four Hymns, the Aire-Tonics who were 1956-57 district champions, and with the Port City

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**"WE DEARBORN SINGERS WOULD RATHER FIGHT  
THAN SOUND LIKE THE HOLLAND CHORUS"**





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chorus. Bill is also active in American Legion, VFW, and AMVET veteran group activities.

Lead, Fred Kendall, is 44 years of age, married, has five children, and is employed as an insurance representative. Fred has been a member of the Muskegon chapter for seven years and is presently a member of the chapter executive board. He also sang with the Sheldon-Aires quartet and has been a member of the Port City chorus since 1960.

Bari, Webb Scrivnor, is 42 years old, married, has one daughter and works as a local highschool vocal music teacher. Webb is a ten year veteran of barber-shop and has served as chapter president and board member in Indiana and is currently assistant director of the Port City chorus. He has sung in the following groups; the Michigan City chapter chorus, the Cardinal district's 1958 third place winning Deans of Harmony, the W.A.R.B.-Elairs and the Port City chorus. He is also active in local civic opera and church choral group activities.

Bass, Al Martin, is 38 years old, married, has 12 children and works as a tool design engineer for a local manufacturing plant. Al is a 13 year member of the Muskegon chapter and has served several terms on the chapter executive board and as chapter chorus manager. He has performed with the Four Hums and the W.A.R.B.-Elairs and has sung with the Port City Chorus since 1953. Also, he sings in his church choir and in most local civic opera productions.

## Van Donkelaar Heads Muskegon Show

Under the capable guidance of Andy Van Donkelaar, the Muskegon show is in the final stages of completion. The show will be headlined by two district champion quartets, the Varieties from Illinois and our own Noteries. The show will be held April 18 in the Central Campus auditorium. The headliners will be supported by the Foremasters, the Occasional Four and the Port City chorus all from the chapter. An added feature will find the Banjo Tainers strumming up the wonderful storm they always render. The show is put on with the help of the Excaliber Club and has the Muskegon Center for Handicapped Children receiving the fruit of the labor.

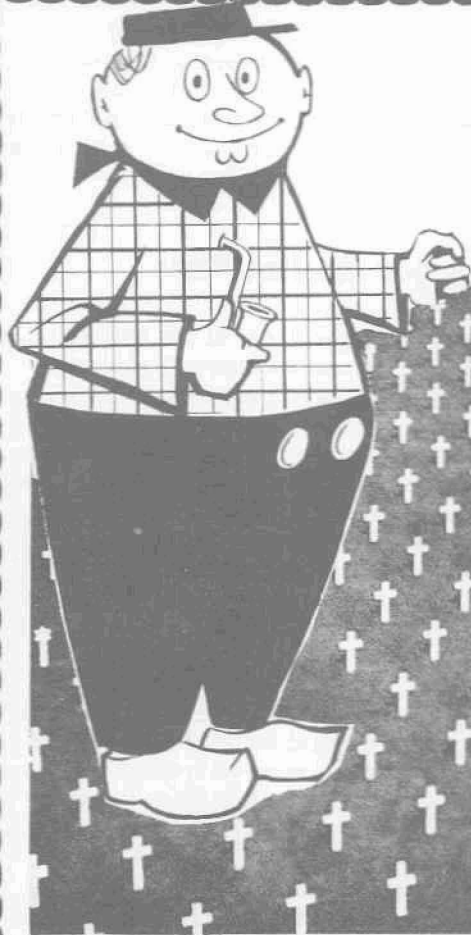
### WARN "SWIMMERS"

Muskegon chapter is eagerly awaiting the big showdown between the Dearborn and Holland chapters this March 28. We have, as a chapter, felt the wrath of the "Windmill" and warn the "Swimmers" to be prepared for a real battle. The chapter will witness this gigantic event to a man.

### A HEARTY "THANKS"

We would like to thank the Grand Rapids chorus and chapter and friends from Holland, Greenville and Lansing who attended our Pancake Festival and helped make it a huge success. The chorus travel fund is some where between Palestine and Robinson, Illinois.

reporter: joe cantwell



**MARCH 29, 1964 - THE DAY AFTER THE "WAR"**

HERE LIES THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE CHAPTER KNOWN AS

**DEARBORN**

THEY FOUGHT  
A GOOD FIGHT  
BUT THE BLADES  
OF THE TALENTED  
**Windmill**  
HACKED THEM  
DOWN



**THE  
FEMININE  
OBSERVER**



ELLEN HARRINGTON

Detroit Yachtsmen chapter staged a gala ladies night at the Yacht Club attended by an enthusiastic, capacity crowd. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Golding, Mr. and Mrs. Lenny Guion, Owen McGill, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Washburn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCalpin, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bullock, Howard Hawkins, Russ Seely, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burke, Mr. and Mrs. John Wearing, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gonyeau, Mr. and Mrs. George Lettevete, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lisle Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meuer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Thuererkon, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hock, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hebert, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Filter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. John Shorter, George Ryan and Ruth Carruthers, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brelmyer, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wayne, Mr. and Mrs.

**"Hounds" Entertain Gratiot County**

The Gratiot County chapter held it's annual ladie's night show February 10, at the Ithaca Presbyterian Church with the ladies of the church serving a delicious roast beef dinner for about one hundred people. Favors for the wives and sweet adelines were red and white valentine carnations. President Dale Hanson turned the meeting over to the program vice president, Bud Fitzgerald.

He started the show off by calling on the Past President Four, consisting of Dale Munson, lead; Lindy Wright, tenor; Douglas Webb, bari; Carew Leblanc, bass. They sang a couple of numbers from the "Music Man".

Next up were the Curtain Calls, a Sweet Adeline's quartet consisting of Shirley Collison, lead; Carmen Stone, tenor; Bernice Boyer, bari; Helen House, bass.

Following this quartet were the Impuraires doing "Way Back When", "Kentucky Babe", and "Goodnight Ladies". The Gratiot County chapter chorus and the Sweet Adelines each sang a few renditions.

Then came the highlight of the show. The Harmony Hounds were next doing their comedy routine with a lot of good harmony and their crazy antics, which had the people in stitches the rest of the evening. A really great foursome.

reporter: leon webb

IS YOUR CHAPTER MENTIONED IN THIS  
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IF NOT....WHY NOT?



Ken Palmer, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Sharrer, Dr. and Mrs. Sherman Faunce, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schnell, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Young, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Granville, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dossin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benzinger, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fecteau, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marra and many more.

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Dearborn's outstanding show was a sell-out enjoyed by a most receptive audience. Seen were Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bostick, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Derby, Mr. and Mrs. John Zinnikas, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Limburg, Bernie Smith, Al Rehkop, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Van Tassel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Craig, Cale Clixby, Tom Pollard, Bob Wilcox, Owen McGill, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Favier, Nick Kiptyk, Harold Coughenour, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kapczi, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sepull, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Shamus, Mr. and Mrs. William Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tritle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vasiu, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Schnieder, Mr. and Mrs. John Seemann, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hamann, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Sanborn, Bob Whitledge, Cliff Jorgensen, Bob Boynt, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ryan, Hal Bauer and many others.

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Congratulations to new parents Mr. and Mrs. Russ Seely of Grosse Pointe on the birth of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steel, formerly of Redford and now living in the east, on the birth of their son, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boxel of Fruit Belt on the birth of their daughter.

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dominic Palmieri of Dearborn and Len Field of Jackson, recently hospitalized. Robert Hafer, now residing in Florida, has been ordered to take it easy by his doctor because of high blood pressure and an enlarged heart.

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**Ann Arbor Changes Meeting Place**

We will meet in the Civic Room of the Arborland Mall on the second Friday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Arborland is a new shopping center on Washtenaw, east of Ann Arbor, and adjoining the I-75 expressway. You can get on and off the expressway at Washtenaw, so we're easy to find. By the way, this is the reason for the second change. We now meet one Friday a month so the fellows from other chapters (as well as our own) can woodshed without worrying about getting up for work the next day with only three hours sleep. The coffee pot is on - would love to have everyone join us.

We have been singing the new sheet music from international. Try this new one for February - words and melody line only. We heard seven arrangements of it last Tuesday - all by the same quartet at the same time. Excuse me - they weren't all singing the same time, either. It's good old-fashioned "down on the corner" barbershopping.

Our two quartets are on the circuit. One of them even hit a political convention in Ann Arbor this month.

reporter: sumner s. maule

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23rd Annual  
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## Utica-Rochester Sponsor Contest

A Pre Boyne City Open Novice Quartet Contest is being presented to the district for the first time this year by the Utica-Rochester chapter. It will be held Friday, April 10, at the Rochester Country Club at 8:30 P.M. The winning quartet will receive a \$50.00 first prize. The ladies are welcome and refreshments will be served.

- Quartets wishing to enter must abide by these rules:
1. Must be a registered quartet to win. (We will register you if you win.)
  2. A quartet cannot have placed in top three positions in district competition. (You can compete if you have only two members of original quartet.)
  3. Winner must compete at Boyne City Bush League Contest.

The door charge is only \$1.00 per person. Quartet entry fee is \$4.00 with no door charge. Please contact Harry Tom, 1269 West Hamlin Road, Rochester, Michigan for quartet registration.

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## Jackson Prepares for "World War Three"

Hotel Hayes will be jumping with jive Saturday night, March 28th with the "Singdown" between the Dearborn and Holland chapters. For this stag night affair, ten to twelve choruses and eighteen to twenty quartets are expected to be on hand. So, we hope no one in the whole district misses this big affair.

### JACKSON BUSY SINGING - WORKING

Sunday January 26th, next day after our annual Parade of Harmony, a zone officer's school was conducted here by Chuck Sherwood and zonal officers. Twenty-six chapter officers representing ten chapters were in attendance.

The Jackson chapter chorus has busily enjoyed the spreading of barbershopping goodwill. They sang benefit appearances for the Albion Elks on January 29th, (we have several devoted members from Albion), and for the school bandboosters in Manchester on February 7th and for the Rebekah Lodge on the 22nd. We are looking forward to a lengthy show at the Veteran's Hospital in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, March 18th.

### OSTERHOUT NEW CHAPTER EDITOR

Floyd Osterhout is the new editor of our "Barbershop Notes". Good luck to Floyd and "thanks a million" to Bill Boyden and Sam Cushman for doing such a swell job in the past. And we are proud to announce we have added four new members to the chapter.

Clancy Wenman and his committees are doing a terrific job keeping the regular chapter meetings exciting, interesting, and much fun. Drop in on our meetings: second and last Fridays of the month at the Hotel Hayes. We are hoping on May 8th to have a visit from the Roadrunners quartet from LaPorte-Millcreek, Indiana chapter from our neighboring Cardinal district.

On April 10th, we will visit the Hudson chapter and we will have another ladies night on April 24th.

reporter: ed hilden

# Meet Your Area Counselors and Vice Presidents

The following reports are meant to acquaint you with our area counselors and their ideas on how we can better out district.

After careful digestion of each letter I have tried to sort out the feelings of the writers to publish in this condensed form.. These letters come from men who have earned a very important position of leadership in our district. Some of our counselors have many years of barbershop behind them. Others look at us through the eyes of comparative newcomers to our society. These letters are meant to help us in our efforts to improve our society. Read them and digest what they have to offer

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## AREA 3

MEL HOLDERNESS, Counselor

Mel is a 10 year veteran of our world of barbershop, and a member of the Oakland County chapter. His wife's name is Rosanne and he has a son and a daughter and five grandchildren. He has held many Chapter offices including the presidency in 1963. A singing barbershopper, Mel was baritone of the popular Chorduroys, International Quarter Finalists in 1961, and is a member of the chorus. He is a Standard Oil Dealer and boosts fourteen years at the same location.

Mr. Holderness views our present situation and offers that a complacency in our attitude during the past few years has caused inertia, weak programming and indifference, in supplying outlets that our membership demands. He suggests that the leaders of chapters are more important than they realize and pledges his support to all his area chapters in an effort to make Area 3 the most improved area in the district.

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## AREA 5

JERRY MAST, Counselor

An enthused man is Jerry Mast. Only six years a barbershopper, Mast has served as vice president, two years as president and now as area counselor in Oscoda County. Jerry and wife Doris have three children, Gary, 16, Gloria, 15, and Michael 14. Forest products are Jerry's livelihood. He cuts logs and pulp and does his own trucking.

Mr. Mast believes poorly run chapter meetings contribute to our losing new members before they really learn what true barbershopping can mean. He believes we can learn from each other by attending other chapters on their meeting nights. Jerry will try to stimulate more inter-chapter get togethers in an effort to get the membership to work as a unit in our efforts to improve the district during 1964.

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## AREA 9

HOMER WINEGARDNER, Counselor

Area 9 has for it's counselor a man who has been through both the fat and the lean years of the Michigan

district. Homer, a real estate broker for the past 20 years, and a barbershopper for almost as many, believes that the lack of quartets has been the key factor in our fall from greatness into mediocrity. He goes on to say that he believes two of the major reasons for the lack of quartets are the high standards our judging system has set and that the recent emphasis on choruses has tended to "discourage four men from taking the jump". Winegardner sang bari in one of Michigan's great quartets, the Songmasters, who won 4th place medalist in the 1949 International. He also sang in the Lansingers and has ruled the Lansing chapter in 1952 and again in 1963. Homer heads a household of redheads, wife Betty, Patrick, Connie, Jeffrey and Judson.

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## AREA 11

ROYAL ZERBE, Counselor

A barbershop family is a boast of Royal, a charter member of the Blue Water chapter, his wife Beulah is a charter member of the Sweet Adelines and a past president. His two sons Dewain and Charles have a total of 20 years of barbershopping between them. Zerbe, when not barbershopping is by trade a decorator and painter. He has served his chapter two years as president, nine years as secretary, and has even had a fling at area counseling in 1957-58.

Royal lists four ways to improve our district. They portray real down to earth thinking. 1. Follow the recommendations of Duane Mosier and his committee on their recent report of "Long Range Planning". 2. Stress quartets, both in promoting them and helping them through coaching, etc. 3. Help the smaller chapters. Zerbe states that a chapter of 30 with an average turnout of 20 has a hard time planning interesting programs week after week. He states that to sell the "complete barbershop program" a meeting must consist of more than just chorus practice. 4. Chapter leadership must be improved. Royal suggests that a barbershopper should prove himself by working on committees and as a vice president before being given the presidency of a chapter, "just because he's a nice guy".

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## VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE I

ERIC SCHULTZ

Mr. Shultz began his barbershopping in 1945 while stationed in Galesburg, Illinois with the Air Technical Command. When he and wife Ruth moved to Michigan he joined the Dearborn chapter and has served as vice president and as president of that chapter. He has served the district as area counselor of Area One. He is a member of the Chord-o-matic chorus and sings lead with the Transitones. He is employed as job sales manager of Milbrand Maintenance Inc.

Eric states, "We have lost ground in the Michigan district because we have become clannish or high hatted. We gain new members in good numbers every

year, but we fail to retain them. We fail to fill the new man's desire and we do not fulfill what this new man joined this society for. We do not take this man under our wing so as to speak and as a result he fails to attend meetings and visitations after a while and finally doesn't attend at all."

Mr. Schultz goes on to say, "To improve our district requires many things. Some of which are being done - however, unless we have good administration, and a good and constant means of communications between district and chapter levels we will not advance. We must have active leaders, especially in the chapter levels and area counselors. Area meeting should be held at least every three months attended by district vice presidents, area counselors, and officers of the chapters in that district to discuss various problems confronting each chapter."

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#### VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE 2

##### CHARLES SHERWOOD

Chuck and wife Rita have three children, a son 7, and daughters 6 and 5. Joining the Grand Rapids chapter in 1944, Sherwood transferred to the Pontiac chapter in 1956 and then to Jackson in 1961. He has acted in the capacity of chapter officer in all three chapters. At district level he has served as an area counselor and now as a vice president. Chuck was privileged to sing in five quartets including the Key Knights of Pontiac. As to the Troubadour's questions, Chuck has this to say:

"I feel one of the greatest improvements can come if the district actively helps the individual chapters. The position of area counselor has been not developed because of many factors. One of which is the lack of funds at the district level to reimburse the area counselor for his many extra expenses. The Michigan district has been blessed with many active men who were "financially independent" and could pursue this hobby with little regard to extra expenses. But the district has now demanded more time and effort, and there are many men willing and able to spend this time and effort if they could be assisted somewhat in the extra expenses."

My program as a vice president, is to make the Michigan district known to all barbershoppers, and to help all chapters become more active whatever their problems may be. I want to share my knowledge and singing with any chapter or person who wants to better barbershopping."

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#### VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE 3

##### BARTON TILLITT, Jr.

The Tillitt household is comprised of wife, Marvelle, Barton C. (Kip) 20, who is currently in submarine service for the USN, Nancy 12, Donald 6, and Jay age 2. Bart is the department manager of the Gyro Production Engineering Department of Lear Liegler, Inc.

Joining barbershop in 1953, Tillitt has sung in several quartets and proudly claims he sang baritone in the "workingest quartet in the business", the Ewald quartet of Minneapolis, who for two years sang between 20 and 25 jobs a month. He moved to Grand Rapids in '59 and has served both the Grand Rapids and Holland

chapters. He is presently a member of the Windmill chapter.

Bart, admitting little knowledge of our district's history, suggests that we might have begun to "feel independent to the point of rebellion". He feels that, "a member should not think only self, or quartet, or chorus, but should think of the good of his chapter, and so the chapter for the district, and the district in turn for the society. We are only parts of the whole, and only as such can we survive as parts or as whole. This is the greatest organization in the world for pure fellowship. Let us be motivated by our better instincts, not our lesser ones".

"Fellowship in harmony is the true key to the greatness of our society. We as a district need a budget commensurate with a level of activity both appropriate and desirable. Not a level pruned to starvation to fit within an arbitrary and anemic district budget."

He believes new quartets need much more help than we are offering them. Bart hopes to set up quartet schools in barbershop craft in the beginner and intermediate levels as well as the finishing school for the well versed quartet. He proposes to plan, organize and get budgeted, these schools on a district wide basis. He states, "I will exert what influence I can at district level to get the afore mentioned suggestions programmed and budgeted as district activities."

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#### VICE PRESIDENT ZONE 4

##### CLIFFORD MACLEAN

Bringing knowledge from chapters all over the country is our vice president from Zone 4. Cliff has belonged to chapters in the Panama Canal Zone, Cheboygan, Merrimac chapter in Norfolk, Virginia, the Lakewood Ohio chapter and is presently a member of the Sault Ste. Marie chapter. He is retired as a captain, after 34 years of Coast Guard duty.

Cliff has sung bass in competition in the Dixie District Contest with quartets he organized while serving in the Canal Zone. He is a charter member of the Panama chapter and has served as president of that chapter and the Cheboygan chapter. He served the Michigan district as area counselor at large in 1963 and has been a stage presence judge since 1959. MacLean is presently a full time student at Northern in Marquette. He and wife Mary have two children, Joan and Dave, both married and both singers.

Cliff believes that, "our decline in standing is due mainly to loss of members, mediocre quartets and choruses (in the main) compared with other districts; smug attitude on part of the membership in many chapters, district controlled often by people who were satisfied with status quo and a lack of publicity throughout the state".

MacLean will complete his schooling this spring. (He is taking the necessary courses to enable him to teach math and science.) During this period, he will lean heavily on area counselor at large, Tracy, to work his zone. With his schooling completed, Cliff will try to establish a chapter at the eastern end of the upper peninsula as one of his major steps in improving Zone 4 in '64.

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MEET ALL OUR AC's & VP's IN WINDSOR MAY 8 - 10

## Kalamazoo Membership Up 25 Per Cent

In the first month of 1964, the Kalamazoo chapter increased its total membership by 25%. This increase of ten new members in one month was the result of a well planned and well executed guest night held last December. Many of us had friends whom we wanted to introduce to barbershopping, so we decided to set aside a particular night for this purpose. The Extension Chords provided some great entertainment for us and we were on our way. Newest chapter members include; Bob Coleman, Harry Kamps, Jack Cook, Dave Schmidtke, Bill West, Jim Nulf, Bud Klacking, Roy Sibbersen and Jim Chene. These fellows are making a real contribution to our chapter. We hope this will represent many years of barbershopping experiences in the future.

In case you're in Kalamazoo and drop in for a visit at a Kalamazoo chapter meeting, we have a new home and meeting night. The Kalamazoo chapter SINGS on the second and fourth Mondays, 8:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Come and visit us soon - everyone of you..... are welcome in Kalamazoo.....

### NEW DIRECTOR A DANDY

As many of you know the Kalamazoo chapter has been without a chorus director for about a year. We were very fortunate to come into contact with a fellow who is rapidly whipping us into a barbershop chorus again. Our new chorus director is Jerry Smith, a vocal instructor at Comstock High School.

### OFFICERS FOR '64

The Kalamazoo chapter is proud to announce its officers for 1964. President, Herm Dykema; administrative vice president, Jim Sell; program vice president, John Hoppe; secretary-treasurer, Bill Maze; board members, Al Bos, Gilvie Bugh and Howard Henry. Congratulations to Gilvie Bugh for being selected Kalamazoo Barbershopper of the Year for 1963.

The Kalamazoo chapter members tip their hats to Jack Oonk who has so ably taken the reigns of the Troubadour and is continuing to make it the finest district publication in the society.

reporter: jim sell

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## Flint Parade Scheduled April Four

The Flint chapter proudly announces the headliners for their 1964 Parade of Harmony. Heading the show will be the Merri Men, the Tune Tellers and the Noteries. The show will be held April 4 at the Grand Blanc High School auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Roy DeShano is selling tickets like mad and it looks like an early sell out.

### CHAPTER MEETING IMPROVED

The Flint chapter held their regular meeting on February 11 and there was a nice turn out plus several guests from Holly-Fenton, Saginaw had a nice group there including their live wire tenor and our area counselor, Herb Benjamin. He is an amazing fellow. I get around to area meetings a lot and everywhere I go there is Herb. He held a meeting in Flint Sunday, February 23, in an effort to get more activities started. February 25th was a good singing meeting with

several guests from Holly-Fenton and Saginaw. Also our old friend and past chapter president, Bill Butler was there. Nice to have Bill with us again. After the meeting three of us hardier woodshedders escorted him to his motel and busted a couple of chords, just like old times.

From my observation one of the things that are hurting barbershopping is the old pros getting together at meetings and woodshedding and leaving the new and less experienced, and guests just stand there. That is why I take my hat off to fellows like Herb Benjamin and Bill Butler with the spirit: - Come on and let's sing a song. You don't know it? Okay, I'll help you. That in my opinion is barbershopping that we enjoy so much. If we make the new members and guests feel they are wanted, they will attend and after all how much fun can the pros have at a meeting if nobody show up to listen to them?

reporter: les lang

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## Yachtsmen Ladies Night Big Success

Detroit Yachtsmen chapter's annual installation of officers was celebrated at a ladies night attended by an overflow crowd of over 500 at the DYC ballroom. Lou Harrington, member and district secretary, officiated and installed the new slate of officers headed by Ken Palmer, C. T. Schnell, Ernest Dossin, Lisle Melvin, Ray Meurer and Ed Hock. The show, ably emceed by Jack Stevens, featured the Merri Men of Lansing, Four Fits of Grosse Pointe in Gay 90's costumes, Top Kords of SOC and the DYC chorus.

reporter: ernie dossin

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## Pontiac Revelaires Chorus Busy

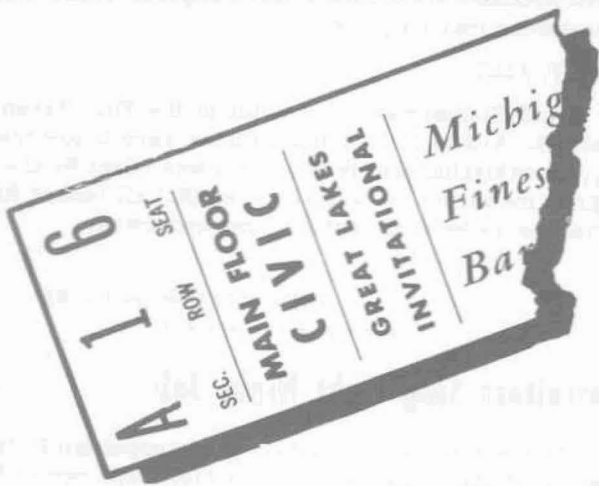
The Harmony Week, April 5-11, appearance at the Pontiac Mall Shopping Center has been firmed up. This joint operation with the Utica-Rochester chapter will be broadcast over the local radio station WPON.

The Pontiac Revelaires chorus entertained at the First Methodist Church in Birmingham on February 28. Among the invitations the chorus has received is one to sing on April 29 before the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority area Founders Day celebration. This should be very interesting as approximately 150 women are expected to attend. Sorry, but the chorus will not accept members of neighboring chapters for this one engagement only...

### NEW OFFICERS DOING FINE JOB

Each year most chapters elect first term officers, in some cases with certain misgivings or doubts. In Pontiac, the nominating committee without misgivings, selected Curbstone bass, Cliff Couglas as our program vice president and Bob McHale as treasurer as novice officers. Bob is keeping a fine set of records and paying the bills on time in the best traditions of his office. Cliff is proving that he can do something besides singing a good bass, by selecting fine talent and capable emcees. The February meeting, conducted by another first-timer, emcee Bob Bossard, presented a fine and entertaining program, topped by the Wonderlads of the Utica-Rochester and Oakland County chapters.

reporter: larry robertson



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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS



WILLIAM HANSEN

The matter of membership retention in our society has been, and continues to be, both a problem and a challenge. Part of the problem lies with the fact that we are losing too many experienced barbershoppers. The challenge lies with the fact that we must have a majority retention of our membership in order to maintain our standards and the position for which we have strived so diligently through the years.

The principles of our society are based on vocal harmony and fellowship. We are not doing everything possible to always encourage our type of singing; however, the promotion of same is excellent in many instances. Where we are really remiss is in the category of fellowship. And, I can't think of anything that is more important to the welfare of any chapter in the society.

Fellowship is something that has to be practiced by every member - not just a few who might happen to be on a membership committee. It entails an attitude on the part of each member whereby he wants all other members to participate in chapter activities to the fullest extent of their capabilities. As such, each member should take it upon himself to see that his attitude and attendance will encourage others.

A great many quartets are remiss in their attitudes in that they fail to sell the society within their own chapters. These quartets give the impression that they have no time for anything except themselves. To the uninitiated, particularly, a guest or a new member, such an attitude does not encourage affiliation or participation.

The acute problem of membership retention will continue to plague our society until such time as each member takes it upon himself to sell the society through his own friendly attitude. Let us start right now and have More of America Singing.

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## Grosse Point Welcomes Back Progressives

Word from reliable sources has it that the Grosse Pointe chapter will have the good fortune to be seeing more of one of our favorite quartets around the old meeting hall. The Progressive Four, a group of 22 years standing. Mike Arnone, Carl Restivo, Art Seely, and Lyle McKerrill comprise this sterling group - - - Welcome back Progressives.

## WINDSOR VISITS GROSSE POINTE

Save your Canadian money, fellows, Windsor visited Grosse Pointe on Friday, March 6, in reciprocation for the outstanding time shown Grosse Pointe last month. Their championship quartet, the Noisepickers, really brought down the house with their act. The Four-Fits and Progressives were in fine style too. An unnamed but promising aggregation of young men consisting of Lou Walley, Mark Roberts, Wally Jour and Hal Seely

were noticed. With a little more experience, these youngsters may go places.

## FRESH FISH

Cold Gleemen sang hot notes at the Fair Haven fish festival. Although the temperatures were below freezing, an enjoyable family afternoon was spent by the chorus members. It was rumored that all tenors found it necessary to break out the long underwear.

reporter: dale petrosky

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## Detroiters Sing Eight Night Job

The Builder's Association of metropolitan Detroit and the Michigan Horticultural Society, sponsors of the Builders, Furniture and Flower show, used barbershop quartet and chorus entertainment for eight of the ten nights that the show ran. Cliff Jorgensen and Bert West were co-chairman for contacting quartets and choruses in the metropolitan area to perform.

On February 22 a quartet from Detroit chapter #1 known as the I Scream Tones, entertained. The Auto-Towners from Dearborn were scheduled to sing February 23, but due to illness of the tenor, were unable to appear. On February 24 the Motor City chorus of Detroit chapter #1, under the direction of Bill Butler, performed. After listening to the chorus, the Four Freshmen (non barbershop), internationally known quartet, were called on to sing a song. One of them exclaimed, "Do we have to follow these guys?"

On February 25 the South Oakland County chapter of the Sweet Adelines performed under the direction of Margery Raeside and were enthusiastically received.

On Thursday a brand new quartet known as the Car Tunes from Detroit #1 sang.

The Oakland County chapter chorus, the Barbery Hosts, under the direction of Dunc Hannah, performed February 28th.

All of these programs were given as a public service and all chapters in the metropolitan area were invited to participate. All were so favorably received that they are invited back for next year's Builder's, Furniture and Flower show.

Bill Favinger emceed at all performances.

## CARL SHEFFER HONORED

It was heartwarming to see so many of the old time barbershoppers turn out for our Old Timer's Night meeting held at the Wolverine Hotel, Detroit, in tribute to Carl Sheffer who was the honored old timer of the evening. Cliff Jorgensen, chairman of the affair, did a commendable job as emcee.

We were pleased to see so many of the Utica-Rochester chapter members present in response to our invitation, also the surprise visitation by the Windsor, Ontario chapter.

Thanks to the quartets who contributed to the evenings entertainment, the Progressives, from Grosse Pointe, the Sun Setters, from Windsor, the Humdingers, from Wayne, our own I Scream Tones and newly formed In-Voices, consisting of Du Monthier, lead; Art Linde, tenor; Jack Rush, bari; and Lowell Thomas, bass.

reporter: otto vogee



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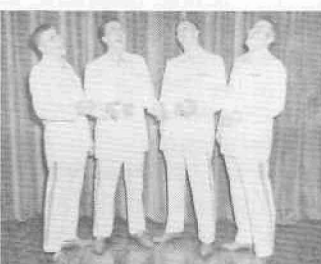
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## Great Lakes Invitational Loaded

Plans are now complete for the 21st INVITATIONAL on April 4th, at the Civic Auditorium. This will be a solid two hour show, packed with a variety of talent. The "best of barbershop entertainment", as we often say, this year features the BUFFALO BILLS. Area residents are well aware of the SPARTAN AIRES laugh-promoting abilities. Add to them the FOUR NUBBENS of Iowa who are equally adept with music and mirth. For balance there will be the show-stopping music of the BANJO-TAINERS and some delightful numbers by the GREAT LAKES CHORUS.

Knowing that many barbershoppers will want to attend the Wood-Shedde and/or dance after the show, D.A. "Bud" Konkle is offering pre-registration this year for your convenience. Send your check or money order to him at 1230 Dorroll N.E., Grand Rapids, and your tickets will be reserved. Just pick them up at the desk upon arrival. The Wood-Shedde will be \$2.00---- the dance (refreshment included) \$2.50 and president's night Friday, April 3rd, (if you're in town then) is 50¢. Package price for the whole works is only \$4.00.

### GREAT PROGRAMS CONTINUE

Bill Alexander, chapter 4's program director continues to knock 'em dead as old members and guests are pouring in. On February 14, for instance, his valentine to the chapter was a real live girl who did a couple of hulas, complete with grass skirt. Never saw a girl move so many directions all at the same time. You could have raked the eyeballs off the guys with a stick.

More recently we were visited by the "Beatles"--- a teenage combo of gals who pantomimed the whole bit to perfection. At each meeting there is a contest where Bill sees to it that everyone gets into the act and entertainment by guest quartets. President, Gerry Ver Veer, has organized an educational program of quartet training in order to have more fellows get more enjoyment from singing. He plans to start it soon and devote about 15 minutes of each program for this purpose. If you can make it to Grand Rapids of the second or fourth Friday of the month look us up at the Pantlind, watch Bill and sing along.

reporter: jack sidor

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## Dearborn Ready for "Windyhillers"

The Holland chapter has challenged Dearborn to a "sing off" to determine which chapter can rightfully wear the mantle of "Chapter of Champions". It appears Holland is trying to up-grade their standing in the Michigan district by association. It is up to the Dearborn chapter to put them in their place.

Don't miss this thrilling "sing off". We will match them man for man, quartet for quartet, chorus for chorus, and chapter for chapter. And we will beat them... Jackson's Hayes Hotel is the place. The time is 7:00 p.m. on March 28th. It is all in fun and proceeds go to the Port City chorus travel fund. See you there.

### DEARBORN SHOW A SELL OUT...

Once again the "Chapter of Champions" had a sell

out crowd for our 19th annual parade of harmony. Our theme of George Birthington's Washday was well received. Everyone on the show performed well and had a good time.

The only sad note was the loss of the Auto-Towners. Dominic Palmieri had an operation the week before the show and had not recuperated sufficiently by show time to go on. So part of the show had to be re-written. They were missed but the audience still saw a good show. The Aire-Males filled in for them and did an outstanding job.

reporter: ed conn

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## Windsor Readies for Regional

Things are starting to take shape for the regional contest May 8-10. The membership is really digging in and are determined to make this the best regional ever staged. We invite all our singing yankee cousins to take over Windsor for that May weekend. However, we demand that Windsor become a Canadian city again on Monday, May 11.

### HAPPY MEETING PLACE

The Windsor chapter seems to be a gathering place for many district barbershoppers. At a recent meeting we had guests from the Down River, Detroit and Grosse Pointe chapters. Quartets sprang up from everywhere. Among them were the Wonder Lads, the Four Fits, the Night Raiders and the In-Voices, a brand new quartet which sounds as if they will give real trouble to some of the top notch district quartets in the not too distant future.

We invite all barbershoppers who find themselves in Windsor to drop in on us. We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at the Prince Edward Hotel.

reporter: bill fleming

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## Lansing Package Show Ready

Lansing chapter is putting the finishing touches on the spring version of its package show in preparation for an appearance before the Grand Ledge Lions Club late in March. To gain a couple of extra rehearsals, we decided to meet every Monday in March at the Elk's clubrooms in downtown Lansing.

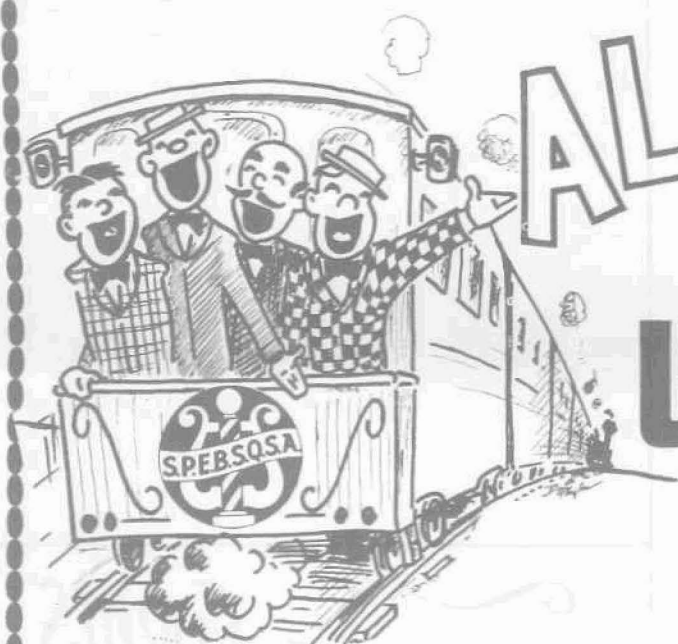
The "Woodshedding Gems" issued recently by international headquarters are getting a good workout in Lansing chapter. To encourage their use we have inaugurated a quartet contest, covering a period of four meetings. One of the rules of the contest is that competing quartets must sing one of these "Woodshedding Gems" at each appearance.

One of our recent meetings was enlivened by the appearance of a band of Milford barbershoppers, led by Harold Sweeney, who stumbled in our meeting after becoming lost in downtown Lansing on one of their infrequent trips to see the sights in the Capitol City. They entertained us in fine style with several gut-bustin' old time songs, the kind daddy used to sing.

Planning is well underway for our fall show. This promises to be one of the best planned shows ever presented by the Lansing Chapter. You'll be hearing lots more about this in the coming months.

reporter: burt szabo

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WHO IS THE CHAPTER OF CHAMPIONS?

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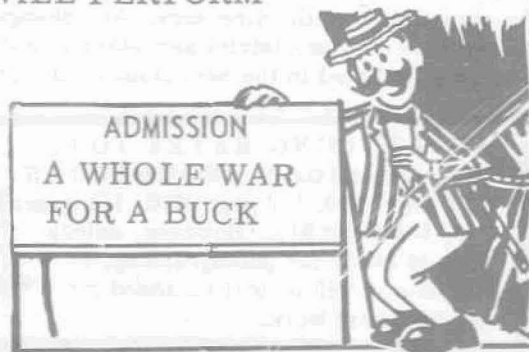
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**NOTES FROM  
THE SECRETARY**  
LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Great plans are underway by the hosts of our regional preliminary and district chorus contest for May 8-9-10, and anyone who has attended a Windsor convention knows what an outstanding event and wonderful weekend it will be. International President Dan Waselchuk, from Green Bay, Wisconsin, will attend. There will be special favors for the ladies. Among the early entries are the Aire-Males, Occasional Four, Wonderlads, Sing Sing Four, Incidentals and Auto Towners. Chorus entries include Grosse Pointe's Gleemen, Oakland County's Barbery Host, Windsor's Sun Parlor and Battle Creek's Cereal City. Quartets and choruses are urged to submit their entries and enter competition. Every chapter should be represented at the House of Delegates meeting. In line with Editor Oonk's recommendation to "do more in '64" (both on chapter and individual basis) we recommend that you attend - - send for your reservations, organize a group from your chapter, invite your friends and by all means take part - - for it is in participation that we can derive the most pleasure and enjoyment.

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Over 200 barbershoppers in the metropolitan Detroit area participated in the 1964 Builder's Home and Flower Show at Cobo Hall. Programs were presented on several evenings to introduce barbershop harmony to the record-breaking crowds. Appearing as a public service the I Scream Tones of Detroit, Four Fits of Grosse Pointe, Cartunes of Detroit, Wayne chorus, Motor City chorus of Detroit, Barbery Host chorus of Oakland County and the SOC Sweet Adeline chorus. The Four Freshmen, famous recording artists, also appeared and were greatly interested and favorably impressed with the barbershop style. The programs were ably presented by William Favinger, president of the Michigan Horticultural Society and past president of the Detroit chapter.

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District directories have now been mailed to each member. It has come to our attention that some chapters have changed their meeting time and place since the compilation of the directory. Any changes should be reported to your district secretary at once so that they may be listed in the next issue of the Troubadour.

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# Coming Events

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

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| April 4, 1964      | Great Lakes Invitational,<br>Grand Rapids   |
| April 4, 1964      | Flint Parade                                |
| April 11, 1964     | Monroe Charter Party                        |
| April 18, 1964     | Muskegon Parade                             |
| April 25, 1964     | Bush League Contest,<br>Boyne City          |
| May 2, 1964        | Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Parade            |
| May 8-10, 1964     | REGIONAL CONTEST, Windsor                   |
| May 15, 1964       | Holland Parade                              |
| May 16, 1964       | Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario,<br>Canada Parade |
| May 23, 1964       | Downriver Super-Glo Dinner,<br>Wyandotte    |
| June 6, 1964       | Utica-Rochester Parade                      |
| August 15, 1964    | Oscoda County Parade                        |
| September 19, 1964 | Blue Water Parade,<br>South Haven           |
| September 25-27    | DISTRICT CONTEST, Jackson                   |
| October 3, 1964    | Gratiot County Parade                       |
| October 17, 1964   | Lansing Parade                              |
| November 7, 1964   | Detroit Parade                              |
| November 28, 1964  | Holly-Fenton Parade                         |
| March 27, 1965     | Battle Creek Parade                         |
| October 9, 1965    | DISTRICT CONTEST,<br>Battle Creek           |