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Utterings
from
Oonk



The regional convention and contest is a thing of the past. To say the very least it was a wonderful weekend. To Paul Eberwein and the Windsor chapter goes our congratulations on hosting a smoothly run, lots of fun affair. The weekend began with the delegates meeting on Friday evening which was very well attended. Thirty-seven of our thirty-nine chapters answered the roll call. After hearing from president Burgess, our district secretary, treasurer and our four vice presidents and after discussion from the floor, international president Dan Waselchuk gave the keynote address.

It consisted, for the most part, of his favorite subject, that of community service. A good share of his thoughts can be found in the May-June issue of "The Harmonizer", page seven. I recommend it to your reading.

The chorus contest was a photo finish. It ended in a tie between Wayne and Detroit with 712 points each. This automatically referred the decision to the harmony

accuracy category which declared Wayne the winner by one point. To both the champion Wayne chorus and to the runner up Detroit chorus, congratulations on a job well done. Eight choruses competed with both Kalamazoo and Utica-Rochester being disqualified for an insufficient number of contestants on stage. Third place went to Windsor, followed by Oakland County, Grosse Pointe and Greenville.

The highlight of the convention was the quartet contest. The caliber of the quartets gives the feeling that the great Michigan district is really on the move. The Auto Towners won top spot. They earned it with a flawless presentation of four great contest numbers. Their poise and presentation won them a first in every category. The Treble Shooters from the Detroit chapter surprised by winning second spot on the strength of one of the cleanest, most enjoyable solid sounds to come out of a district quartet for some time. The Four Fits from the Grosse Pointe chapter sang very well and looked at ease on stage. They faltered (according to the score sheet) in the voice expression category. The Spartans showed their experience on stage by singing a fine job and taking the alternate spot. The Wonderlads show continued improvement and ended up in the fifth spot with two solid performances. The Delta Aires showed a lot of potential with two lusty performances. We look for greater things from this foursome. The Occasional Four made their area proud of them by putting together two fine performances. The Sing Sing Four, brand new bass and all, sang their way into the finals with a good performance in the prelims and then bettered their score at the evening finals. The Huronaires, experiencing voice problems, ended up in ninth place, with a below their par performance. The In-Voices showed a lot of promise as did the Statesmen and the Chorder Masters. Coming in last were the Harmony Hounds, one of the district's top comedy quartets. A tip of the Troubadour hat to them for competing in the contest and backing the great Michigan district all the way.

The Troubadour will put forth effort to publish other important happenings from the convention and delegates meeting in next month's issue. Lack of time and space necessitate the brief sketch found in this edition. Pictures taken at the convention can be found on page 14. They include shots of the finalist quartets placing fifth through eighth. Also a picture of former Troubadour editor, Jim Davenport, in a new position, that of "on the davenport". The nutty Happy Humdingers and the cop who came to check, are a couple of other chuckles.

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Chuck Sherwood Named AC Of The Year

Winner of the coveted Area Counselor of the Year award for last year was made known at the delegates meeting in Windsor May 8. He is Chuck Sherwood, member of the Jackson chapter and current vice president of zone two. Sherwood earned the honor as area counselor for area nine. President Burgess presented him with a plaque and those in attendance honored him with a standing ovation. The Troubadour and the entire great Michigan district congratulate Chuck on a fine effort.

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GOT A CHAPTER PROBLEM???
CALL YOUR AREA COUNSELOR

Michigan District Chorus Champions



WAYNE WONDERLAND CHORUS

WAYNE CHAPTER DALE CLIXBY, DIRECTOR

ON THE COVER

The cover of this issue of the Troubadour presents the three quartets who will represent our district at the international in June. These quartets earned this privilege by singing their way through a fine array of quartets in the Windsor regional. The Auto Towners are from the Dearborn chapter, the Treble Shooters from the Detroit chapter and the Four Fits belong to the Grosse Pointe chapter. These twelve fellows along with the Muskegon Port City chorus will carry the colors of the great Michigan district to San Antonio. A great bunch of fellows from a great district. The Troubadour along with your entire district wish you the greatest of success.

If You Care To "Sing" The Very Best

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AL BURGESS



For the past ten years I've heard and have been a part of some negative thinking regarding our society's membership program.

I once thought that perhaps our minimum membership (to hold a charter) should be dropped to 15 or maybe even less.....I had no certain number in mind. My thinking was that in a small town a minimum of twenty five members was just impossible to achieve. In this same span of ten years I've attended some pretty pitiful chapter meetings where the chapter membership ran from 15 to 25 members paid up and in good standing. Many times I've seen a dozen or so at the chapter meeting.

I must confess...the answer to our problems is not a smaller membership quota for the individual chapter to attain. A weaker "link" just couldn't strengthen anything. The best answer I know is BETTER PLANNING ALL THE WAY.

Ever try to plan a chapter meeting with a dozen to twenty guys? It's tough. The time drags, the singing's lousy and the few "burn out" in a hurry. New members can only be attracted to a goin' outfit.

Let's stop kiddin' ourselves.....if we want a goin' chapter we've got to:

1. Set our own house in order. Convince ourselves that we belong to the greatest singing society on the face of the globe. WE DO.....Or don't you believe it? Maybe yuh just hadn't been told before. Yuh know it now.
2. Get our chapter officers "on the ball" doin' the job we elected them to do.
3. Offer a well balanced chapter program that will attract and keep the member.
 1. Woodshed
 2. Quartet experience
 3. Chorus
 4. Fun and fellowship
4. We've got to make the guest feel wanted and wanted some more.
5. Plan some inter-chapter visits. Let's share our music and fun.
6. Take part in the affairs of the Michigan district. The district officers are not spies for the district or the international...They want to help YOUR chapter be a better and more active chapter.

Let's talk POSITIVE.....Membership? Fifty or more in '64.

Here's my challenge to each of the Michigan district chapters:

The number on the left is your membership as of January 1, 1964. The number on the right is the goal

I've suggested for your chapter for December 31, 1964. Can you do it? Will yuh try?

Let's talk positive.....

Ann Arbor	31	35
Battle Creek	42	50
Boyne City	25	25
Coldwater	21	25
Dearborn	85	100
Detroit	86	100
Detroit Yachtsmen	48	55
Down River	30	35
East Detroit	21	25
Flint	31	35
Fruit Belt	33	40
Grand Rapids	77	85
Gratiot County	27	30
Greenville	32	50
Grosse Pointe	43	55
Holland	47	55
Holly-Fenton	33	35
Hudson	49	55
Ionia	22	25
Jackson	53	65
Kalamazoo	41	60
Lansing	51	60
Milford	36	40
Monroe	New chapter	40
Muskegon	50	70
Niles-Buchanan	38	45
Northwest Detroit	32	35
Oakland County	64	75
Oscoda County	25	30
Pontiac	49	55
Redford	28	35
Saginaw	27	35
South Haven	27	30
Utica-Rochester	42	50
Three Rivers	26	30
Wayne	47	60
Sault Ste. Marie	44	46
Windsor	50	60

Total 1836

I challenge each of the four zones to charter one new chapter each. Let's work for some licensed chapters in the smaller towns.....

We could pick up another 100 members here if we'd really scratch gravel.

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Ionia Chapter Starts "3M" Drive

The big news from our chapter is the formulating of our 3M membership campaign. The 3Ms stand for "Member for Member Membership". We in Ionia hope to bolster our membership through this drive and some hard work.

Sorry we did not get in the Troubadour last month, but we made a few delightful visits to our neighbors during March.

During April Harmony Week, we had some fine write ups in our local papers. We gave a special thank you to our radio station WION for playing several barbershop selections and giving elaborate notes on our chapter and organization.

We were very pleased to have our counselor, Stu Anderson, and Jack Wood from Greenville at our last meeting.

reporter: clarence speckin



DELTA AIRES

Delta-Aires New Bush League Champs

Your reporter descended (in Klaiber's plane) on Boyne City early Friday evening, April 24. He was armed with his trusty Brownie Hawkeye, his pad and pen, ready to do a bang up job of big city reporting. By 10:00 Friday evening he had broken his trusty Brownie Hawkeye, and lost his pad and someone borrowed his pen, so he proceeded to sing for 48 hours with about 48 different four-somes and the way he remembers it, there wasn't a bad note in the bunch.

He did take time out to attend a long but interesting board meeting. The Woodshed contest was a lot of chuckles with some old pros and some comparatively newcomers joined together to emit some startling sounds.

The contest saw a bunch of quartets sing way over their heads (later disproved at the regional) to put on one of the most competitive contests that the north woods has ever heard.

The Delta Aires were crowned Bush League champions over a field of nine quartets. This foursome from the Saginaw chapter put together a fine performance for the honor. Members of the quartet are Herb Benjamin, Doug Beaver, Len Johnson and Bill Grumbley. The Treble Shooters came in next followed by the Occasional Four. Giving close chase were the Sing Sing Four, the Spartans, the In-Voices, the Bucksters, the Pop-U-Laires and the Soo Border Chorders. Judges for the contest were: Cliff MacLean, SP; Al Burgess, Arr; Bart Tillitt, HA; Robert Tracy, BB; Loton Willson, VE; Secretary, Chase Sanborn; Timer, Lou Harrington.

The Woodshed contest held Friday evening was won by a foursome made up of Gene Gillim, Jack Comloquoy, Ed Laux and Louie Seguin. The show was new and very well received. The headliners, Harmony Hounds, Wonderlads and Spartan Aires left them hollering for more. The after glo was a frolicsome affair and the dance was well attended with the band emitting wailing sounds until the wee wee hours. Financially...who knows...but for a good old fashioned great Michigan district fun weekend it was tremendous. Crowned Bush League King for this year was a tried and true Michigan barbershopper, Chase Sanborn. Congratulations Chase.

To Jim Blessington and his chapter a tip of the hat from the Troubadour and a sincere wish that the Bush League may continue for many more years to be one of the great weekends in a great Michigan district.

Oscoda County Chapter to Host

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SATURDAY

JUNE 6

Public Show - Mio High School Auditorium
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Mass Chorus (over 100 voices)

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Singing - Food - Fun

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Contact John Handrich (Tenor), Mio, Michigan for
tickets and lodging

P.S. After After Glo - - Walker's Hotel

All Barbershoppers Bring A Guest



THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT AND ITS MEN OF HARMONY

By Mark P. Roberts

Lost in the shuffle of moving the Troubadour from Ann Arbor to Zeeland was a goodly amount of copy written by Mark Roberts on the "Michigan District And Its Men Of Harmony". Graciously Mark consented to re-write the lost material. Troubadour proudly continues his interesting work on the "Michigan District And Its Men Of Harmony".

DISQUIETING DEVELOPMENTS

The district reached its peak in number of chapters and members in 1947. In 1948 there was a sufficient loss of members to indicate that our singing brotherhood was not destined to go on forever showing a favorable balance of membership gains over losses. Just as we had shown a steady membership gain for several years, we now commenced a decline. The shattering of our barbershopper's euphoria, to which we had become accustomed, was rather shocking. For a few years, at least, it seemed that chapter success and membership gains came automatically with the receipt of a charter, and charters could be had for the asking. There was a multitude of joiners, attracted to the fun organization with the funny name and, for a couple of years the boys at Tulsa were really swamped with requests for information on how to join, organize a chapter, etc. It seemed that everyone wanted to get in on the fun, although some of the early enthusiasts had only a vague idea of what a barbershop quartet might be and no idea whatever of the distinguishing characteristics of barbershop harmony. It cost practically nothing to join in those (the writer paid two bucks and swore he was being robbed) and, if nothing else, society membership provided a status symbol for the musically uncultured. While this whimsical attitude toward the society by both its members and outsiders was one of its early attractions, it also produced a state of extreme confusion because no one had any idea where we were going or, at any given time, where we were. The confusion ended with the appearance of administrators, such as Carroll Adams, who couldn't abide the happy chaos which prevailed and with the end of confusion came controls, disciplines, rules and regulations and, of course, the collection of dues. All this business-like approach meant that the organization was now taking itself somewhat seriously and we began to talk of improving our singing and instituted programs designed to make more barbershoppers more proficient in the art, and even to making barbershop singing more palatable to the world of orthodox music. Surely there was and is no reasonable basis to oppose the improvement of our music or to oppose a business-like administration of society affairs but, just as surely, society membership lost its attraction for uncouth thousands of American males who, as singers, like their barbershop renditions straight, uncomplicated, unpracticed and casual. They are of the cult of fun, song and fellowship and, for better or for worse, they are lost to the society forever simply because modern barbershop singing has become a precise, sophisticated art, the

mastery of which requires concentration, discipline and much practice. While there are possible solutions to other problems involving membership losses, there can be no turning back or turning from the course we have chosen, even if we wanted to, because it involves basic concepts of the society's purposes and the status of our music. So, let us shed a small tear for those carefree, irresponsible days when we sang barbershop solely for the fun and satisfaction we got out of it and without concern for its musical status or the status of the society under whose auspices we performed. Because of the simplicity of barbershop harmony at that time, it qualified as a form of American folk music, but the society's success in improving this form of harmony singing and making it more sophisticated has removed it from this category. Some old timers contend that we have improved barbershop harmony beyond recognition and that what we are now doing is not barbershop at all. Under either the old or new concepts, barbershop singing was and remains the greatest hobby ever conceived. It is the happiest recreation, the most complete diversion and, as practiced by our society, is unsurpassed as a vehicle for fellowship and fraternalism.

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Flint Parade Brings Crowds And Cheers

The Flint Parade of Harmony for 1964 is history and what sweet history. It was the best show, the best crowd and the most compliments in years. But, the show is not over.....This success is an inspiration to greater heights for the 1965 show, which is now in preparation with more new members and more new ideas. We have a lot of activity planned for this spring and summer and full participation is the only way we are going to get the most enjoyment out of barbershopping.

reporter: les lang



Spartans Sing Way To Alternate Spot

The Spartans quartet from Oakland County and Detroit have been singing up a barbershop storm this past month. Their latest achievement was singing their way to the alternate spot in the tough competition of the regional. Previous to this they won top spot in the Utica-Rochester sponsored Novice Quartet contest held in Rochester on April 10. Two weeks later they competed at Boyne City and did a creditable job placing in the top half. The quartet carries with them a lot of barbershop quartet years and their smooth delivery of tough arrangements shows this. The quartet is composed of left to right, Bob Mulligan, Bill McTeer, Bud Dubral and Vic van York.

QUEEN FOR A YEAR



Helen Dion being serenaded by the Fourmasters

Helen Dion Muskegon Speb-Squaw For '64

Editor's note-The following article, with five pictures, was featured in the "Muskegon Chronicle." I thought you might like to read about the affair as seen through the eyes of Nancy E. Schulze, Chronicle staff writer. She says:

THEY SANG AND CROWNED A QUEEN

There's at least one wife who got breakfast in bed today.

She's Helen Dion....and not only is she Halley Dion's queen.....she's queen of all the Muskegon barbershoppers for a year.

And the first thing Halley asked her as she received the title "SPEB-Squaw" Friday night was, "What do you want for breakfast?"

After all these years of devotion to the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America Inc. cause, she deserves to sit back, relax, get breakfast in bed, yawn a bit and feel real luxurious. But only for a moment. Typical of Helen, she'll be right back on the job again, back at the very things that earned her the title, a crown, a dozen roses and heartfelt thanks of Halley and his cosingers.

The Muskegon barbershoppers have been doing this every year since 1958 - paying homage to a wife among them who has not only encouraged her husband to participate, but has given the entire chapter a whole bunch of morale boosting when they needed it most. Last year it was Mrs. Louis Sequin, and she's the one who put the crown on Helen's head last night.

The festivities took place at the group's annual ladies' night at the Occidental Hotel, with about 100 members and guests doing what the like best - singing.

Muskegon's "Music Men" (The Occasional Four) were program arrangers and emcees for the evening,

taking turns at the mike in introducing the Spec-Tacul-Aires from the Greenville chapter, the Tri-City Mrs. from Grand Valley Sweet Adelines chapter, state champions the Port City Chorus directed by Wilber Scrivnor in the absence of Al Burgess, the Foremasters and incidentally, themselves, singing some of the music which gained them fame as the quartet in Muskegon Civic Opera Association's "The Music Man."

The four are Fred Kendall, Mr. Scrivnor, Alvin Martin and Bill Wickstrom.

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They were the quartet which made the SPEB-Squaw choice last year. This year the honor fell to the Foremasters, with Tom Damm making the announcement. The honored lady was wheeled in on an elaborately decorated - what else - barber's chair. This is a real antique, nearly 100 years old, which turned up opportunely for the first SPEB-Squaw award in 1958 and has been used every year since as the "throne" for her majesty.

Today a whole community of quartet singers are agreeing that if some wife is to have breakfast in bed, it couldn't happen to a nicer person than Helen Dion.

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Monroe Works With Miss Michigan

This fast growing chapter continues to entertain in its community with a dual performance of the Monroe chorus and quartets. The performances will be given at the Monroe Hospitality Day function during Michigan Week. The theme of the show is "The Old Songs". Miss Michigan will be present to represent our state at this function.

reporter: don porrier

MICHIGAN DISTRICT SPEB-SQUAW May 8, 1964			
Statement of Income and Expense and Capital Expenditures for period January 1, 1964 to May 8, 1964			
Cash on Hand Beginning of Period			\$5473.58
INCOME			
Per Capita District	\$3892.00		
Sanction Fees	440.88	4332.88	
District Contest Holland	500.00	500.00	
Show Comm. Refund	160.00	160.00	
Total Income			4,992.88
EXPENSE			
District Publication (Including Mailing)	1500.00		
District Directory (Including Mailing)	284.51	1784.51	
Printing, other	73.32		
Telephone	25.00	48.52	
District Board Meetings	91.42	91.42	
District President Expense	33.45		
District Secretary Expense	309.87		
Area Committee's Expense	237.71		
A/C at large	89.40	580.23	
Other expenses			
Officer Badges	14.50		
Discount Canadian checks	13.37	27.87	
Total Expense			2,532.55
Net Income			2,460.33
Cash on hand after income and expense			7,953.91
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			
Equipment			
Thermo-Fax Duplicator	351.87	351.87	7,532.24
MICHIGAN DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET			
May 8, 1964			
ASSETS			
Cash in Old Kent Bank (Grand Rapids)			7,532.24
District Properties			
Thermo-Fax Machine			351.87
Total Assets			7,883.91
LIABILITIES			
Net Worth			7,883.91
Respectfully, J.W. Klaber Michigan District Treasurer			

John Hill Composes Michigan District 'Song Of The Year'



JOHN HILL

One night in 1945 Frank Brown brought a guest to a Lansing chapter meeting, introducing him as John Hill. John said he was an engineer and a 1933 graduate of Michigan State University. Yes, he liked music, had even done some arranging for a band in his college days. It wasn't long before John found out what the society was all about and became a member of the Lansing chapter.

He took readily to the organization and soon found himself trying his hand at songwriting and arranging, with some very good results. Several members of the chapter prevailed upon John to direct a chorus made up of chapter members. This chorus, the Capitolairens, introduced many of John Hill's arrangements to the public. Until that time there was little organized chorus singing and very little barbershop harmony especially written for the chorus. In addition to chorus directing, John served the chapter as secretary for a year or two, still finding time to turn out many fine quartet and chorus arrangements. These arrangements may have been a little ahead of their time, but many of the ideas John put down on paper for the first time make up a great part of the standard arranging technique in 1964.

Some of the quartets which John coached along the road to success are the Merri Men, Extension Chords, Tune Vendors and the Chordettes. His arrangements of "Son of the Sea", "Rose on Your Cheek", "All Dressed Up With A Broken Heart" and "Mammy" are known throughout the society. One of the most popular of quartet songs has been "Cruisin' In My Model T" --- words, music and arrangement by John Hill.

During the early 1950's, John was very active in the International Society, especially with the contest

and judging committee, having been certified to judge in all five categories. It was due to John's influence at that time which led to the standard five man judging panel in use today throughout the society. Some of you may remember the Swipe Swap Shop in the "Harmonizers" of this same time. John was the proprietor of the Swipe Swap Shop, later changing its name to Barbershop Craft, a term in universal use in 1964. As a member of the College of Arrangers and the song arrangements committee, John helped to produce the "Songs for Men" series of singbooks which have helped so many budding quartets get started with good quartet arrangements.

During his barbershopping career, John has attended almost all the International conventions and most of the contests held in the Michigan district, judging many contests both District and International.

The Song of the Year idea was initiated by John Hill around 1953-54 with the song "Mandy Lee" and was followed the next year by "Son Of The Sea". This year's Song of the Year, "The Charm of Erin" was composed and arranged by John Hill.

When he is not barbershopping, John is busy with the construction company of which he is a partner. He flies his own plane to and from company projects around the state of Michigan.

John also finds time to direct a Sweet Adeline chorus in Lansing. This year, as they did in 1961, the chorus placed 1st among choruses under 30 voices at the recent Sweet Adelines Regional Contest in Detroit.

Barbershoppers throughout the society owe much to John Hill for helping to bring barbershopping to its present musically high state. Those of you who don't know John personally can best get acquainted by singing the songs which he introduced or arranged for the enjoyment of all those who love to sing. The list is practically endless, but you might start with "Son of The Sea", "Cruisin' In My Model T", "Mandy Lee", and "The Charm of Erin", Song of the Year for 1964. This is John Hill.

by Burt Szabo

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Detroit Fathers Monroe Charter Party

On April 11, Monroe's newly organized Floral City chapter held their charter party at the Riverside Hall in Monroe. The party was well attended and many ardent barbershoppers were in the audience. Eric Schultz, vice president of zone one, emceed the program. Lou Harrington, district secretary, presented the charter to president William Whippen. Several gifts were also presented which should prove helpful in running the chapter.

Contributing to the evening's entertainment were Monroe's own newly formed chorus and of course our own Motor City Chorus directed by Don Ferguson in the absence of Bill Butler. We are the sponsoring chapter. The quartets who gave their "all" were the Curbstone Serenaders, the Four Fits and the Noteries. Also the family quartet the Smithtonians.

A fine evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all, topped off with a delicious buffet lunch.

Thanks to the Tool Engineer's convention in Detroit for bringing a couple of ardent barbershoppers to town. Our chorus was honored with a visit from Nick and John Gang from the Montreal, Canada area. These fellows are members of the South Shore Saints chorus from the St. Lambert, Quebec chapter. reporter: otto vogel

Have Tunes... Will Travel



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THE FEMININE OBSERVER

ELLEN HARRINGTON



Grand Rapids' Great Lakes Invitational attracted a sell-out crowd including Mrs. Frank Tiggleman from Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brower from California, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Perkins from Illinois, Al Burgess, William Hansen, Eric Schultz, Charles Sherwood, Roger Knapp, Mike Lucas, Don Lucas and Messrs. and Mesdames Gerrit Ver Veer, William Alexander, Herman Baker, Roscoe Bennett, Edward Bloem, Kenneth Childs, Norman Dake, E.L. Klaiber, Tom Elderkin, Edwin Gaikema, Lou Glashower, Donald Hall, Gordon Hall, Robert Hazenberg Sid Helder, Bob Jeltima, John Klaiber, D.A. Konkle, Lou Mahacek, Lloyd Mitz, Sidney Muskin, Stuart Palmer, Richard Palmer, Peter Pell, Emerson Sperling, Wilbur Stahr, Cal Verduin, Wallace Waalkes, Robert Walker, Ted Wietke, William Wild, Peter Elkins, Bart Tillitt, Robert Tracy, Louis Seguin, Paul Borton, Tom Damm, Chuck Lindberg, Del Doctor, Jim Middleton, Jack Oonk, Chet Oonk, Jerry Guimond, Bob Brown, Ray Leatz, Gil Bugh, Royal Zerbe, Robert Weaver, Ed Berry, Vic Vigan-sky, Tom Severs, Lavonne Zelmer, Stuart Anderson, Phil Pierce, Joe Wildner, Arnie Staffen, Jack Wood and many more.

Monroe was welcomed back to barbershopping by a large number of visitors, quartets and the Detroit chorus at their charter parter, who were in turn delighted with the progress of Monroe's chorus and quartets. Harold Sweeny and Ed Nealer headed a delegation from Milford who arrived in a chartered bus. Enjoying the event were Al Rehkop, Marvin Burke, Russ Seely, Ray McCalpin and Messrs. and Mesdames Eric Schultz, Vic Favier, Lou Kapczi, George Meinschein, Art Schulze, Pat Ryan, Otto Vogel, Robert Whitledge, Bernie Smith, Gordon Limburg, John Zinnikas, John Thimas, Robert Marshall, Ed Lilly, Tom Rafferty, Cliff Douglas, John Wearing, Mike Mudgett, Don Ferguson, Chick Mumby, Don Poirer, Don Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Glen Lassey, John Metz, Steve Cawood, Daniel Kirk, William Whipple and many others.

Boyer City's Bush League contest drew barbershop-pers from all parts of the district in all manner of con-veyances. John W. Klaiber and Jack Oonk arrived by plane, as did Jerry Reid, Mike Mudgett, Emerson Sperling and John Linehan; Bert West, Bob Whitledge, Bob Boint, Bob Winters and Cliff Jorgensen arrived in a Dodge mo-bile home; Dr. William Clark, Dick Pancost and Roger Lewis in a Cortez mobile home; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. William Wild, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Konkle and party arrived in a station wagon fitted out with card table; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jeltima, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sidor and party arrived in a Volkswagon wagon.

Others enjoying the weekend were Chester Oonk, Al Burgess, Charles Sherwood, Bart Tillitt, Art Linde, Ron

DuMonthier, Jack Rush, Lowell Thomas, Bob Campbell, Ron Mell, Cecil Embury, Aaron Heldt, Roger Knapp, Stan Salter, Hank Devries, Gordon Dubrul, Ray Strachan, Bill Wickstrom, Al Martin, Robert Mulligan, Bill McTeer, Bud Dubrul, Vic Van York, Geene Schnieder, Ken Brown, John Seeman, Jim Hays Al Rose, Ted Spry, Don Bazely, Harry Shardlow, John Comloquoy, Cliff MacLean, Don Handrich, Jim Hall, Joe Ferguson, Charles Mummery, Al Hearn, Dave Bracey, Bruce Martin, Frank Murphy, John Hans, Herb Benjamin, Doug Beaver, Len Johnson, Fitch Tooley, Kise McCoy, Leonard Didicz, Herb Parrott, Ross Renwick, Jim Blessington, Chuck Williams, Don Lucas, Don Hall, Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Tracey, Loton Wilson, Arne Hegerberg, D. Middleton, Mike Mi-hulka, Robert Werkema, Dr. Schmittiel, Don Fox, Dick Lee, Tom Severs, Lavonne Zelmer, Vic Vigansky, Phil Pierce, Norman Dake, Stu Palmer, Bill Alexander, Lou Glashower, Fred Kendall, Webb Scrivnor, C. D. Sanborn, Joseph Rogers, Bill Grumbley, Gene Gillem, Louis Se-guin and Ed Laux.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carroll of Utica-Rochester and Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Palmieri of Dearborn.....proud parents of sons.

Congratulations and best wishes to John Comloquoy, Jr. of Jackson and his bride, the former Bede Sparks.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Congratulations and best wishes to our qualifying quartets--the Auto Towners, Treble Shooters and Four Fits, who will represent the district so ably in interna-tional competition in San Antonio, and to our new district chorus champions, Wayne Wonderland. Conventioneers were treated to a fine preview of international competi-tion with the appearance of the Port City chorus from Muskegon.

It was encouraging to note that four of the quartets in the finals on Saturday evening were new quartets and had participated in the Bush League contest two weeks previously. This indicates great promise and potential for the future.

Windsor chapter deserves a special commendation for the beautiful job of hosting the convention. Through the outstanding efforts of Paul Eberwein and his commit-tee, the convention was successful and enjoyable in every way.

Chapters are reminded that bids for the Spring 1965 convention are now being considered, and would be wel-come.

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



Lansing Minstrel Show Keeps Rolling

LanSing chapter spent its April meetings learning two new tunes for inclusion in our package minstrel show. We added not only a medley of "The Old Songs". "I Want A Girl" and "Heart of My Heart", but also the song, "For Me And My Gal". With the help of the Merri Men and the Songmasters, who came out of retirement especially for the event, the show was presented in Grand Ledge on Saturday night, May 2, to a very large and enthusiastic audience. The appearance was sponsored by the Grand Ledge Women's Child Study Club as their fund raising project to help them in the purchase of playground equipment for outdoor parks in the city of Grand Ledge.

NOTERIES SING FOR LADIES

The Noteries were the featured entertainers for the Chapter Ladies Night on May 4. Vern Bauer was the general chairman of this event which honored the wives and sweethearts of LanSing chapter members. A social hour gave the newer members and their wives a chance to get better acquainted with the oldtimers of barbershopping in LanSing. Following a very fine dinner, the Noteries, who brought their wives along for the evening, entertained the assembled barbershoppers and their ladies. Their excellent performance was vociferously applauded. A short community sing gave the ladies a chance to show their vocal prowess as they serenaded the men. LanSing's own versatile MerriMen sang several selections which were enthusiastically received. The remainder of the evening was filled with a little impromptu woodshedding and much dancing. A special word of thanks to Vern Bauer who looked after most of the details for the evening and contributed so greatly to its success.

reporter: burt szabo

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MEET A BARBERSHOP GREAT



EMERSON SPERLING

Who can match the remarkable visiting record of Emerson Sperling from the Grand Rapids chapter? Since this wandering vagabond was transferred to the Detroit area January 1st, this grand old barbershopper (not old in age...but old in membership..23years in the society.) has visited with 23 chapters. His visitations go something like this, Ann Arbor 1, Detroit Yachtsmen 1, East Detroit 1, Flint 1, Gratiot County 1, Alma 1, Grand Rapids 5, Holly-Fenton 1, North West Detroit 2, Wayne 2, Redford 2, Milford 1, Monroe 3, Saginaw 1, and Toledo, Ohio 1.

"The Big Emm" sang tenor for 14 years with the Pitch-Pipers out of Grand Rapids and has been to the Boyne City Bush League for the past 12 years. He says the past 23 years with the society have been great and his big wish is that the good Lord will let him participate in 23 more. The Michigan district seconds this wish.

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Battle Creek Hosts Johnson May 21

Battle Creek will be host chapter for a visit from Bob Johnson on May 21st. Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Coldwater and Three Rivers are the participating chapters. Any Barbershopper that is in the area that night is welcome to join us. The place is the V.F.W. Club, 869 W. Columbia Ave. (Across the road from MacDonald's Drive In.) Time is 8:00 p.m.

On March 30th, the Battle Creek chapter enjoyed being entertained by the LanSing chapter when Burt Szabo and group visited Battle Creek. The chorus, the very funny End-Men, and those ringing chords of the Merri-Men made it a night that won't be forgotten. This was just the tonic we needed after about three months of rehearsals for our annual Night of Harmony of March 21st.

FOUR FITS SURPRISE OPEN HOUSE

The open house held on April 6th was high lighted by a surprise visit from the Four Fits from the Detroit area. Their late arrival was soon forgotten as they were called back time after time for just "one more song".

reporter: bob breslin

Gratiot County Sings For Retarded Kids

The Gratiot County chorus enjoyed singing for the retarded children's benefit on April 1st. The chorus sang three or four numbers to start the show, sat back and watched the rest of the show, and then had refreshments afterwards.

April 17, 18 and 19 Gratiot County held a home show exhibition at the Alma High School. Who do you suppose was singing and eating? You guessed it, the Gratiot County barbershoppers.

The chorus would sell a hot dog and sing a couple of songs. It was nice to think the people liked their singing so much, the way they kept coming back for more, or was it the hot dogs?

reporter: leon webb



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WILLIAM HANSEN



The Executive Committee of our society recently endorsed Bill H.R. 9587 and requested endorsement of the International Board of Directors. I believe such endorsement will be made by the International Board; therefore, I am taking this opportunity to apprise all of you regarding the details.

Bill H.R. 9587 allows for the establishment of a National Council on the arts and a National Foundation to assist in the growth and development of the arts in the United States. The original proposal, known as Bill S. 2379, was adopted by the United States Senate, without dissent. Unanimous consent by the House of Representatives would provide the final act in allowing the President of the United States to sustain the cultural arts so essential to our Nation's well-being.

As barbershoppers we should all be interested in the successful promotion of Bill H.R. 9587. I urge each of you to consider a personal contact with your respective Congressional representative for the purpose of promoting the passage of Bill H.R. 9587. Each of us should be vitally concerned with any legislation of this type.

Several months ago president Burgess asked me to serve as chairman of the Senior Quartet Contest, which will be held for the second time during our Fall convention at Jackson. I gladly accepted this job because I firmly believe this particular event is of great benefit to our district, as well as the society.

The first such contest, staged last year at Holland, was not too successful from the standpoint of number of competing quartets; however, it was successful from all other standpoints. I know personally that many men in the audience that night wished they had followed through with their original intentions of being among the competitors.

Contrary to previous billing given the contest, it is definitely not an "Old-Timers' Contest." In an effort to remove any such thinking from the minds of any members, the district board has unanimously voted to lower the minimum age requirement to 45. If any man thinks he is getting old at 45 - for shame.

Details concerning the contest will be spelled out in future issues of the Troubadour. In the meantime, let's get those quartets organized and start rehearsing.

**ADVERTISING RATES FOR
THE MICHIGAN TROUBADOUR**
Full page: \$40, 1/2 page: \$30, 1/4 page:
\$20, 1/8 page: \$15. However, unless
copy is ready for photographing, a
minimum of \$5.00 will be added for
set-up or art work.



Jackson Honors Harts On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hart of Albion celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their sons' home in Marshall on Sunday, April 19. About all Carl could think of to say was, "You crazy guys," when a big gang of his fellow barbershoppers (and wives) dropped by bringing a beautifully decorated cake and plenty of songs. Best wishes to the Harts from the Jackson Chapter.

Thanks Hudson chapter, for a fine evening April 10. Your hospitality and food were the greatest.

When you get our For-Tune Tellers and the Harmony Hounds from Battle Creek at the same meeting---well, you are going to have much entertainment and laughs galore.

The Phil Weisgerbers were in charge of Ladies Night activities April 24. They did a bang up job. Wonderful orchestra, games, prizes, gifts and of course, delicious chow.

The Jackson chorus has been busy as usual having a ball singing for the insurance agents April 14, Rebekkah Lodge May 2, and a package show at St. Johns High School May 1.

The St. Johns show was terrific. In addition to good chorus singing under the direction of Sam Cushman, the quartets were the Merri Men, Noteable Four, For-Tune Tellers, and last but certainly not least, from the Sweet Adelines, the Ramle-Aires. Each one did a real fine job of singing.

Announcing our latest addition.....new arrival.....our own S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Banner. The grand unveiling was in April, and it now hangs in front of the Hayes Hotel.....our meeting place....for all to see. We're proud to be barbershoppers.

Our chapter has a very fine program chairman we'd like to salute right now for doing a good job of keeping our chapter in the "sing" of things. Thanks to Clarence Wenman, a true barbershopper and good friend.

reporter: floyd osterhout

Blue Water Off and Running

In the April issue of Troubadour, an article on page 12 pointed out the fact that only seven of the 38 chapters in the district had sent in news items. I don't know about the rest of the chapters, but Blue Water has a reason for not sending in reports of late. We've been hibernating. Our little group has been meeting faithfully each Wednesday evening and singing up a storm, but as to participating in any activity that would warrant space in the Troubadour, we haven't done a thing since Ted Schrock's anniversary party back in February.

Unless a reporter has something to write about that will be of interest to at least a few members outside of the chapter, he may as well keep his pencil behind his ear and his notebook in his pocket. Anyway, Blue Water chapter finally opened up its big blue eyes (I attribute it to Spring), got off their butts and ventured up to Saugatuck to sing a group of numbers for the Legion Post there. Our membership has been at a standstill and the thought behind this appearance was to sell barbershop-ping to a fresh new group of potentials. We sang to a small but enthusiastic audience and will report later on whether we did a selling job or not. At any rate, we were asked to come back for another appearance on May 8 at the high school. reporter: bob van zandt

Regional Review



The Voice Box



The Michigan district welcomes aboard the Monroe Floral City chapter in Monroe Michigan. On April 11, 1964, this great chapter officially received their charter from Michigan district secretary Lou Harrington. What a presentation night it was.

On hand to help Monroe celebrate this momentous event were the 4-Fits from Grosse Pointe, the Curbstone Serenaders from Oakland County and Pontiac, the Treble-Shooters from Detroit, the Noteries from Dearborn and Wayne, the Invoices from Detroit, the Motor City Chorus from Detroit, the Ida-Lisers from Monroe, the Floral City Four from Monroe and the Floral City Chorus. How's that for a line up fellas?

Congratulations to all the quartets who participated, but an extra special tip of the barbershop hat to the Ida-Lisers, the Floral City Four and the Floral City Chorus for a great job that was well done. The Michigan district will be hearing a lot about this Monroe chapter in the months to come.

Mike Mudgett

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Great Lakes Perform For 'Puppy' People

The Great Lakes chorus participated in a package show at Rockford for the Hush Puppy people. Featured were the Spartanaires, the Extension Chords and the chorus assisted again by Tommy Low and Barb Chambers. Tommy plays a dandy banjo and Barb dances as we do "Swanee River". It's a departure from pure barbershop but a tremendous crowd pleaser.

This was the last performance with Bob Weaver as our director. Bob leaves an enviable record behind and a large pair of shoes to fill. Candidates for the job are being considered--perhaps by next column time we can announce our new director.

BACK TO GRADE SCHOOL

Activities are still popping around here. Following a successful Great Lakes Invitational have been two sessions of our new training program of music and harmony. Thus far we've had some solid basic information and background from Lou Mahacek and Bob Sorenson. Each was granted 15 minutes but took more. Nobody cared because the program became so interesting.

Part of the captivated audience was formed by new members, Jerry Telman and Dan Hulmont. Welcome fellows.

SIDOR'S WINNING "FISHY"

Yours truly finally won first prize in a chapter quartet contest....a raw fish.....compliments of Bill Alexander. That guy. Ask him about Boyne City this year. If he tells you he was acting as guide sitting on an automobile hood at 4:00 a.m. - in search of food - believe him.

reporter: jack sidor

Greenville Ladies Affair On May 23

Because barbershopping, as we know it, is for men only; and we've spent so much time harmonizing lately, we felt it was time we entertained the little lady. On May 23 the Greenville chapter is holding a "Wives' Night". The local barbershop widows will be wined, dined and entertained, barbershop style, of course, at the Clifford Lake Hotel just outside of Greenville. We hope to make this a memorable affair for the wives, at least enough to hold her for another year.

ANDERSON "BIG SELLER"

Once again Dr. Stu Anderson, area counselor for area 10, was the top ticket salesman for the Greenville show. He accounted for 45 paid admissions. Last year he only sold 43. By the way, next year's show date has been set for Saturday, March 13. We've had a sellout for two straight years. Want to order your tickets now?

SUMMER PICNIC JULY 19

Remember the picnic Greenville sponsored last year for Area 8 and 10 chapters? Well, we're going to do it again. The date is set for Sunday, July 19. While the location is not definite, it will undoubtedly be held at Townsend Park, near Grand Rapids, the same as last year. This is a family affair, for the wife and kids, so plan now to attend. Bring your own food and we'll furnish drinks (both hard and soft) and the dessert.

FOX AND DELTA-AIRES IMPRESS

We had a nice visit with Chet Fox, international administrative field representative, in Greenville on Monday, April 6. Also on the same date the Delta Aires from Saginaw dropped in on us and provided some good solid quartet entertainment. Boy, what power those boys have.

OPEN ALL YEAR AROUND

Does your chapter close up shop for the summer months? Not in Greenville. We meet 52 Monday's a year. Come sing with us next time you're in the Greenville area on a Monday night. You can always find us at the Commercial State Savings Bank, our home and sponsor, from 8 o'clock on. That goes for our July 19th picnic also. All barbershoppers are welcome. We hope to see a good turnout for the picnic from our neighboring chapter members in Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Holland, Gratiot County and Ionia.

reporter: bob hansen

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Three Rivers Sings For Educational Group

On Wednesday evening, April 15, the chorus and the Tonsil Busters entertained the St. Joseph County chapter of the Michigan educational association at their monthly meeting in the village of White Pigeon. They were well received and asked to come back at some future meeting.

On Friday evening, April 17, the chapter held an Old Timer's Night. The attendance of old timers did not come up to expectations, but those who did attend had a good time, and all had a harmonious evening.

reporter: oscar brast

Promisory Notes Win Holly-Fenton Affair

The Holly-Fenton chapter celebrated the society's 26th anniversary with a party for its members, wives and friends in the American Legion Hall in Fenton on Saturday night, April 11th. About 60 persons were in attendance to enjoy the harmony and fun.

Past president, John Hall, was general chairman of the affair. Mr. and Mrs. Virtol Hall and their committee served the lunch which was delicious as attested by the way the food disappeared.

The Four Scores of Pontiac were the guest quartet



Four Scores

and gave us a lot of harmony as they always do. Later in the evening, we were pleasantly surprised by a visit from area counselor, Herb Benjamin with his quartet the Delta Aires from Saginaw. They added more harmony and fun to the program.

John had previously selected five quartets from the membership to compete in a contest. The Four Scores acted as judges. The winners were the Promisory Notes composed of Dr. Wm. DeHart, tenor; Al



Promisory Notes

Young, lead; Grant Wright, bari; and Art Strom, bass. They were presented with a suitable prize.

Everyone enjoyed our typical Holly-Fenton hospitality as evidenced by the many complements we received from the guests.

Roy DeShano of Flint acted as Master of Ceremonies.

reporter: art burnett

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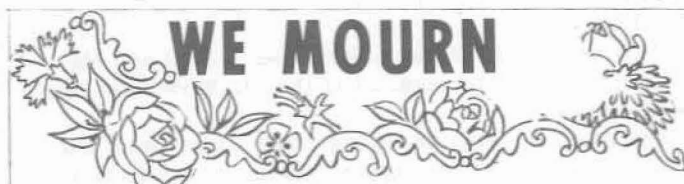
Appointment of Don Sheridan as Dearborn chapter reporter was made known to the Troubadour this month. Sheridan replaces Ed Conn who had to relinquish the position due to business commitments. The Troubadour welcomes Don into the family.

The Dearborn Chapter of Champions wishes to express their sincerest congratulations along with the hundreds of other congratulations not only to the winners of the Regionals held in Windsor May 8-9-10, but also to everyone contributing to, competing in, and comprehending this the finest type of barbershop entertainment.

At the time of this writing the Dearborn chapter along with the Wayne chapter have been kicking around, discussing, and sometimes debating the possibility of a combined effort resulting in a Dearborn-Wayne parade in the future.....More on this in the future.

If all you chorus directors within reading distance of this column want to put some real barbershop fun into a sometimes rather strenuous rehearsal take a tip from our able leader Gordon Limburg and drop into rehearsal unexpectedly a little bomb known as "Woodshedding Gems" as handed down from the headquarters at Kenosha... Many of the chorus members hearing this type and singing this type of music for the first time since joining the society went away from rehearsal experiencing a finer appreciation for barbershop harmony.

reporter: don sheridan



Frank Lewis, a man well known at Southern Michigan Prison, died in his sleep Sunday night, March 29. The cause of death was a coronary occlusion. He was 78 years old.

Originally from Detroit, Frank had been at SMP since 1957, the year he began serving a 12½ to 15 year sentence received in Clare County.

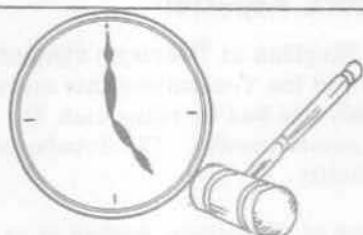
A quality that brought Lewis to the attention of SMP men was a readiness to do things for others. He was officially recognized for this in 1959 when he was given an award by a local Dale Carnegie club for outstanding efforts to aid his fellow man.

A pet project of Frank's was SMP's Community Service Committee, an organization (discontinued three years ago) of inmates who collect funds to buy and dispense ice cream, cake and soft drinks to men in the hospital throughout the year.

Another form of recognition Frank received for outstanding efforts to help his fellow men was his being chosen as Spectator's Man Of The Month in July 1961.

During the years of his imprisonment, Frank had been an instructor in the Academic School, teaching the elementary classes. He also had taught a night class for a few years.

A parole petition was signed by 225 Michigan barbershoppers in Holland at the October Convention. The parole was granted, but Frank's age and health denied him his release.



Minutes

WINDSOR DELEGATES MEETING

A meeting of the Michigan District House of Delegates was held at the Prince Edward Hotel, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, on Friday evening, May 8, 1964. President Burgess called the meeting to order at 9:00p.m. Paul Eberwein of the Windsor chapter led the assemblage in singing "America" and "God Save the Queen". Bob Young of the Detroit Yachtsmen chapter gave the invocation. The roll call disclosed that all district officers were present and that delegates from 37 of the district's 39 chapters were in attendance.

Paul Eberwein, in his capacity as convention chairman, welcomed those assembled, and on behalf of the Windsor chapter presented plaques to Al Burgess, district president, and Dan Wasselchuk, international president, who were in attendance.

The reading of the minutes of the last House of Delegates meeting was waived in view of the fact that they had appeared in the "Michigan Troubadour."

The treasurer's report disclosed that as of May 8, 1964, the balance in the district treasury was \$7,532.24.

The chair then called upon the officers to make their reports. Immediate past president Hansen made several presentations of merit awards earned during 1963 by district chapters.

Vice presidents Schultz, Sherwood, Tillitt and Mac Lean reported on the condition of the chapters and areas in their zones.

Secretary Harrington, in his report, discussed show clearances and explained several phases of tax matters affecting the chapters. He also announced that the convention committee had not as yet awarded the Spring 1965 convention and that bids for same were welcome.

Treasurer Klaiber reported that only three chapters were delinquent in paying per capita for 1963.

President Burgess reported on several matters and reviewed the progress of the district during the past four months. He announced that Bob Johnson of the international office will visit our district during the latter part of May, starting with a meeting at Ann Arbor on May 15, Flint May 19, Mio May 20, Battle Creek May 21, and Benton Harbor on May 22. He also commented on the possibility of a comedy quartet contest in the district and also emphasized the importance of advance planning on the part of chapter officers. He announced that a chapter officer's training school will again be held next fall. In looking to the future, President Burgess listed membership quotas for each chapter during the coming year with the end result of striving to attain a district membership of 1800 by December 31, 1964.

Dan Waselchuk, international president, was then introduced for the key note address. He outlined the current objectives of SPEBSQSA and emphasized the necessity for concerted efforts in the future to attain them. He predicted a bright future for the society in the years to come.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,

FROM
SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT
OF BARBERSHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA
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Utica-Rochester Register Two Foursomes

The Utica - Rochester chapter is forging ahead in 1964 for more quartets. We now have two registered quartets that are new, the Statesmen and the Back Room Four.

We are planning a chapter novice contest with the winners to sing on our show. This way we hope to stimulate more members into joining quartets.

The chapter is planning to go to Pontiac's 8th annual wood shedding contest. Hang on to that trophy Utica - Rochester is coming. reporter: "cy" pelican

Coming Events

May 23, 1964

June 6, 1964

August 15, 1964

September 19, 1964

September 25-27, 1964

October 3, 1964

October 3, 1964

October 17, 1964

October 24, 1964

November 7, 1964

November 28, 1964

January 23, 1965

February 6, 1965

February 20, 1965

March 6, 1965

March 13, 1965

March 27, 1965

June 5, 1965

October 9, 1965

Downriver Super Glo Dinner,
Wyandotte

Utica-Rochester Parade

Oscoda County Parade

Blue Water Parade, South Haven

District Contest, Jackson

Gratiot County

Fruit Belt Parade

Lansing Parade

Oakland County Barbershop

Hootenanny

Detroit Parade

Holly-Fenton Parade

Pontiac Parade

Monroe Parade

Niles-Buchanan Parade

Wayne Parade

Greenville Parade

Battle Creek Parade

Utica-Rochester Parade

District Contest, Battle Creek