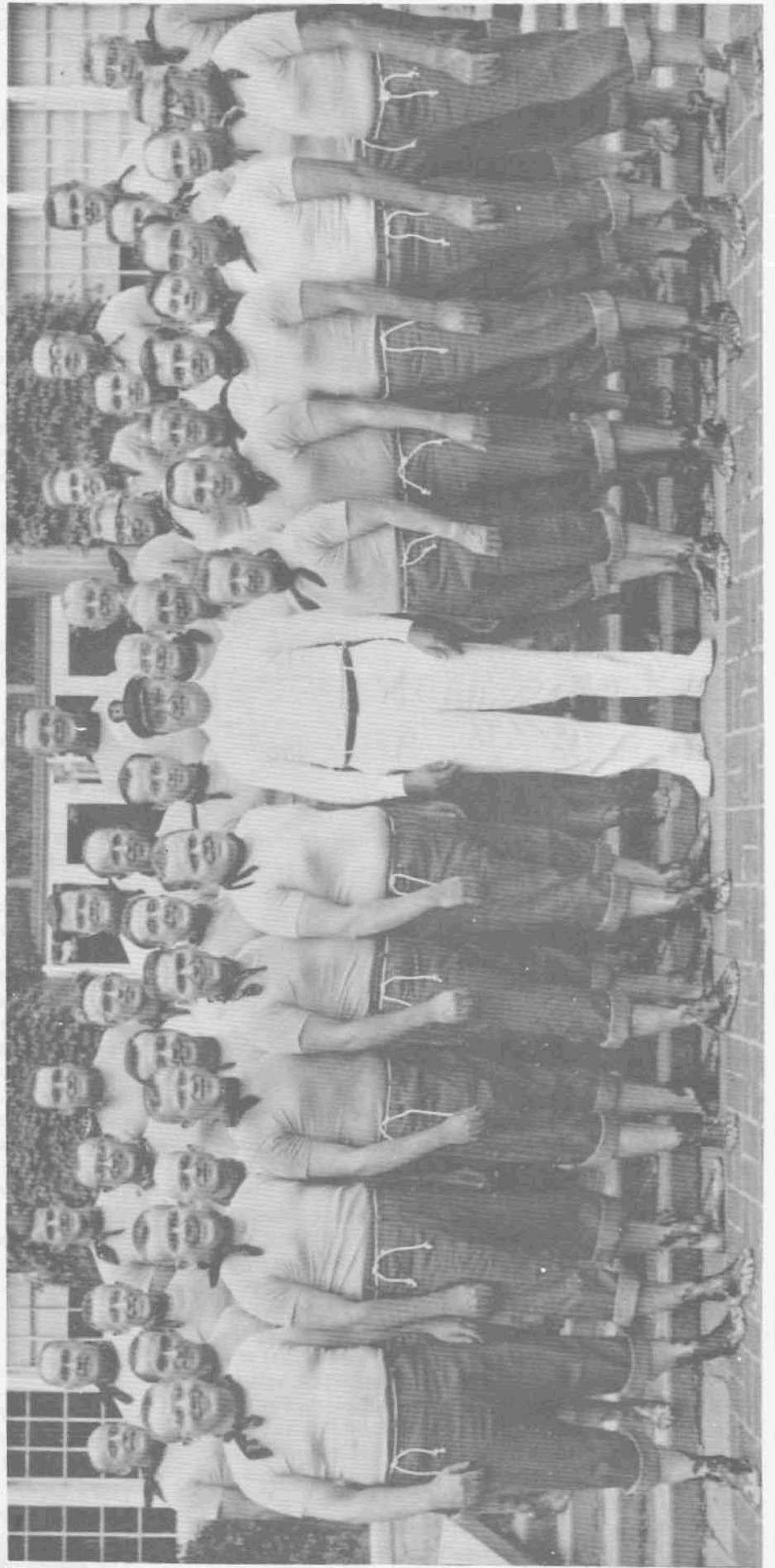


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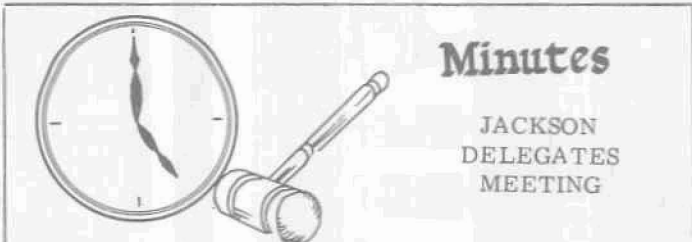
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The annual meeting of the Michigan District House of Delegates was held on Friday evening, September 25, 1964, at the Hotel Hayes, Jackson, Michigan. President Burgess called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. William Hansen led the assembly in singing "The Old Songs", and William Favinger delivered the invocation. A roll call showed a quorum present. All District officers were in attendance. Reading of the minutes was dispensed in view of the fact that they had been printed in the "Michigan Troubadour".

The report of Treasurer Klaiber disclosed that the balance in the District Treasury as of September 25, 1964 was \$5,883.60. Secretary Harrington, in his report, emphasized the necessity of prompt reporting of the chapter officer elections and attendance at the Chapter Officers Training School for newly elected officers. He also announced that the District Board had awarded the 1965 Spring convention to the Kalamazoo chapter. Reports of the Vice presidents were received.

The chair then introduced International Director Barrie Best and Field Representative Chet Fox. Mr. Best informed the delegates of the progress of the Society's project, the Institute of Logopedics, and showed a film acquainting them with the institute's activities. He invited the chapter in the District to participate in the program.

Under new business, two proposals were submitted to amend the District By-Laws. The first was a proposal from the Dearborn chapter to provide for an additional District Vice-president to be designated as First Vice-president. This matter was discussed in detail and voted upon. It was defeated. The second proposal was received from the Lansing chapter requesting that the District sanction fee of 5% on gross ticket sales be eliminated and that in its place and stead a sanction fee based upon the net earnings of a show be substituted, and that a new percentage be fixed at 15% of the show's net earnings. After considerable discussion, this proposal was also defeated.

The report of the Achievement Award committee was given by Ernest Dossin and plaques were presented to the winners--Dearborn in the Gold Division, and Wayne in the Silver Division.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis R. Harrington,  
District Secretary

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The District contest is over and a talented bunch of fellows from the Detroit Motor City Chapter walked off with all the marbles. Their chorus of 38 voices sang a flawless job on two fine numbers to win the chorus contest with a total of 766 points. Holland was second with 720 followed by Wayne with 686, Dearborn 679, Barbary Host 631, Greenville 587, Jackson 574 and our newest chapter, Floral City with 507. The quartet contest saw the Trebleshooters, also members of the Detroit chapter, win in a breeze with a point total of 1488. The Delta Aires were second with 1362, followed by the 4 Fits with 1335, the E'sprit de Chords 1248, the Occasional Four 1183, the Foremasters 1178, the Bucksters 1067 and the For-Tune Tellers 507. Quartets eliminated in the prelims were the Quadri Chords and Note Able Four and the Staffmen.

The Weekend began Friday evening with a well attended, spirited delegates meeting. The minutes of this most important meeting follows:

IMPORTANT: All address changes should be given to your chapter secretary. Make sure your chapter secretary forwards this info to International (source of our mailing labels). THEN you can be sure the Troubadour will be mailed to the correct address.



## PROMISES PROMISES PROMISES

Last issue of Troubadour carried a promise of a feature article on our new Society wide service, Logopedics. Because of the fact that some most pertinent information has not as yet arrived from International, I will apologize and promise it to you next month. (I hope)

## WE ARE REALLY DOING GREAT

The pleas for every Michigan District SPEBSQSA member to sign up only one new member are really paying off. The last MEN OF NOTE bulletin received by the Troubadour shows a net increase of seven new members. That's about one new member signed up by every two hundred and some fun lovin' Michigan barbershoppers. It is with these deplorable figures in front of us that I repeat a message of a couple of issues ago, written by our District President, Al Burgess.

## Following the Leader

AL BURGESS



No news is "BAD" news. Yup - when we fail to hear anything from yer chapter we just figure nothin's happenin'. Ninety nine per cent of the time we're right. It's been said that "silence is golden". Not so with barbershopping. It just means yuh ain't done nuthin'.

I suggest we git busy doin' and then blab about what we're doin'. This great Michigan District needs to have every member of every chapter busy doin' somethin' to further the cause of SPEBSQSA, Inc. What have you done? What are you doin'? What can you do?

I challenge you - Mr. Barbershopper - to tell the "Barbershop Story" to one friend (or enemy) so that he becomes so well sold on your story that he too wants to be a part of this great society. No greater thrill can come to you as a barbershopper than that which comes when you can point with pride to a new member and say, "I was responsible for telling him about our society."

We'd have no membership problems anywhere if we'd all do this much. To how many have you told the story? Did ya quit after the first one or two? Keep tellin' it until you get yerself a new member. Don't give up the ship.

Let's not wait for the next couple of guys to start. Let's us (you and me) start it. Will yuh do this much please?

PLEASE just drop me a post card and say, "I've got one new man to join.

How 'bout that???

I'm goin' to look forward to havin' to get a bigger mail box.

I NEED TO GET 1500 POST CARDS FROM YOUSE GUYS -----LET'S BE HEARIN' FROM YUH.....

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Michigan MEN OF NOTE are: Cecil Embury, Battle Creek; Montgomery Gatchell, Fruit Belt; Jay Welch, Holly-Fenton; Dr. John Labos and Donald Schroeder, Monroe; Doug Beaver, Saginaw and Al Fricker, Wayne.

# ON THE COVER

Pictured on the cover of this issue of the Troubadour is the Michigan District regional chorus champion. They will represent the Michigan District in Boston at the International next year. They earned this right by outsinging a field of eight eager choruses, who some feel, put out one of the finest displays of talent ever witnessed in a Michigan chorus contest. The Motor City Chorus was well rehearsed in all phases of barbershop chorus competition. They won every category with the exception of voice expression. Now that they are the champions their work is just beginning. They must not only prepare for the actual singing in Boston but they must earn a bunch of money to get there. This is where we, as chapters in the Michigan District, can show that we are proud to be represented by them. Let's make an effort to give them a hand with the expense part of being a champion.

## BIG RAPIDS SHOW ALL SET

The call sent out in the last issue of the Troubadour for talent to stage a Parade in Big Rapids has been answered. The show is being staged with the hope of chartering a chapter there. The Greenville chapter chorus will perform along with the Chord Counts, the Extension Chords and the Spar-Tone-Aires. The show is being put on with the Big Rapids Optimist club. It will be held on Saturday, October 24 in the Big Rapids auditorium. Why not make plans to attend and be a part of sponsoring a new chapter? An after-glo is planned for the many barbershoppers expected to attend.

## COT SCHOOL SCHEDULED DECEMBER 5

If you were elected to office in your chapter this month or if you are elected, write down the date of December 5 on the calendar. This is one of the most important meetings you will attend as an officer in your chapter. The Chapter Officers Training School will be held at the Hotel Hayes in Jackson. Some fine instructors have been lined up. Complete details will be found in the November issue of the Troubadour. You will be a better officer, a more informed officer and will do a better job of running your chapter if you attend. Chapters are asked to help with the expenses of their officers.

## FOUR NEW QUARTETS REGISTER

The Troubadour sings, "You're as Welcome as the Flowers in May" to our four newly registered quartets. They are: the Scallywags from Grand Rapids, the Staffmen from Holland, the Tonsil Poppers from Three Rivers and the Foremasters from Muskegon. Welcome fellows.

## NEW FEATURE TO BEGIN

Beginning in the next issue of the Troubadour, a feature on the man who founded our Society will begin. The research and writing has been done by Duane Mosier, who graciously accepted this challenge some months ago. O.C.Cash is a man few of our newer members know anything about. Most of the old timers merely knew him as a great barbershopper. Mr. Mosier has worked through International and Mrs. Cash to gather the material. Watch for it next issue.

## EYE POPPIN' IDEAS IGNORED

Somewhere in our Michigan District there has to be a man who thinks that the idea published last issue of putting on a show of past District champions with the proceeds going to the Institute of Logopedics, is a good one. Be he a VP, an AC, a quartet man, a chorus man or a fun loving barbershopper, there has just got to be ONE who will give this idea a try. I am going to publish the idea again in the hope that one letter will grace my mail slot. I am more than eager to help all I can. My address is: 526 E. Lincoln Ave., Zeeland, Michigan 49464.



## EYE POPPIN' IDEAS CORNER

We, as a District, are blessed with a goodly amount of District champion quartets who are still actively producing great performances throughout our Society. Could we join all our champion quartets together for one great show a year with all proceeds, after expense, going for this prodigious cause? Impossible? I have had the privilege of singing in a District champion quartet, the Chord Counts, and speaking for this quartet, I would feel it an honor to sing on such a show. I know personally the members of all the other past District champions and a greater bunch of barbershoppers you will never meet. To a man they are interested in our District and our Society. It is very possible that this idea would catch on in other Districts and in a year or two we could have talent exchanges between the Districts. The publicity possibilities of putting on this "service show" are great. Is there a barbershopper in the Michigan District who would like a crack at producing this show? Is there a quartet who would undertake it, or a chapter? Sure it's a gigantic task, but the satisfaction of producing it would be gigantic also. Drop me a line if you want to "Do More In '64".

This corner is open to every barbershopper in the District. We all have ideas. We all have witnessed promotions that have helped our membership or chapter meetings. Like the "Harmonizer" says, "Share the wealth".

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Dear Barbershoppers:

On behalf of the Trebleshooters I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and your courtesy shown to us at the Michigan District Contest held in Jackson in September 1964.

As State Champions, we wish it were possible to sing for each and every chapter and member in the entire District. Knowing that this is impossible, we wish to go on record that we, as State Champions, will sing anywhere and everywhere possible and will try our utmost to retain the honor and glory that previous champions have earned. We will deem it a privilege and a pleasure to help the Michigan District at anytime when called upon.

We look forward to an unforgettable year and to share many moments of music with you.

Sincerely,

THE TREBLESHOOTERS  
Robert B. Mulligan

## JUNIOR AND NOVICE CHAMPS NAMED

The Michigan District Junior Quartet Championship was won by the E'sprit De Chords from the Utica-Rochester Chapter. We can look for greater things from this new sweet singing foursome. The Novice Championship was taken by the Note Able Four from Jackson. They edged out the Staffmen from Holland for the honor. Congratulations to both of these foursomes on their victories.



## THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT AND ITS MEN OF HARMONY



By Mark P. Roberts  
continued

The International preliminary contest and Spring meeting for 1952 were held at Mt. Clemens and were sponsored by the East Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Hamtramack and Mr. Clemens chapters. The general chairman was our old friend, Ed Schwoppe, Michigan's first SPEBSQSA member. It was time to elect new officers again and Howard Tubbs, charter member of our first chapter and one of Michigan's greatest barbershoppers, was elected District President. Loton Willson, of Boyne City, and Rush Wyman, of Lansing, were named Vice-presidents and Lou Harrington and Clarence Jalving continued as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Only eight quartets showed up for the contest that year and the judges selected the Crow-Matix of Muskegon and two new comers, the Extension Chords of Grand Rapids (Helder, Lucas, Verduin and Hall) and the Wolverines of Dearborn (Rehkop, Joe Sipots, Ray Sipots and Bill Bond) as Michigan's three quartets to compete at the International at Kansas City. That was the year the Four Teens won the International title and, for the first time in history, Michigan failed to place a quartet in the International Finals. We were not shut out, however, as our Edwin S. Smith of Wayne chapter was elected International President. This was also the year in which the Clef Dwellers made a month long tour of overseas Army bases to entertain our armed services personnel, in much the same fashion as the Harmony Halls who made the same trip in 1950.

## MICHIGAN'S FIRST CHORUS CONTEST

The first Michigan District chorus contest was held in Wright Park, Alma, Michigan, on Sunday, July 27, 1952, with Mark Roberts as General Chairman. The Gratiot County Chapter was host to this historic event and its committees provided everything necessary to make it a success, including perfect weather and a crowd of about 2,500 people. Prior to the contest, a committee composed of C.W. Coye, John Hill, Fran Hodgeboom and Tom Needham had drafted the rules for the contest, there being no International rules covering chorus contests at that time. With picnic baskets, kids, six-packs and practicing groups everywhere, it all added up to a great day. It was summer; it was Michigan; it was barbershopping; it was terrific. Howard Tubbs was emcee and the all-Michigan panel of judges, consisting of Loton Willson, Rawley Hallman, Henry Schubert and Mark Roberts, Chairman, was in good ear. The Grand Rapids Chapter with Fran Hodgeboom directing, came prepared

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to overcome and they did with a fine performance. The Detroit chorus, Ed Easley directing, finished second and John Hill's Lansing group was a close third. Other choruses competing were Dowagiac, Tom Groves, director; Holly-Fenton, Andy Yalch, director; Ionia, Stanley Knoll, director; Gratiot County, Chester Robinson, director; and Manistee, Roger Campbell, director. As we said, it was a great day and, except for the second contest which was held at the same place the following year, we haven't had as much fun at a chorus contest since, thanks to all those wonderful people in and around Alma. As one non-member put it, "I don't know what's going on except some singing, but this is the friendliest, happiest group of people I've ever seen".

#### MORE CONTESTS AND CONVENTIONS

The Chippewa Hotel and the famous Ramsdell Theater will be remembered by those who attended the 1952 District Convention and Quartet Contest held at Manistee on October 11. The quartets on hand were the Fun Addicts of Grand Rapids, Muskegon Four Fathers, Overtones of Fruit Belt, Harmo-Niters of Manistee, Extension Chords of Grand Rapids, For-Tune Tellers of Jackson, Town Criers of Kalamazoo, Wolverines of Dearborn, County Seaters of Dowagiac, Chordinators of Grosse Pointe, Sharplifters of Detroit, Chieftans of Traverse City and the Chordials of Lansing. The Extension Chords of Grand Rapids (Sid Helder, tenor; Don Lucas, lead; Cal Verduin, baritone; and Don Hall, bass) were in great form and the choice of the judges as new District Champs. Second place was taken by the Wolverines of Dearborn (Al Rehkop, tenor; Joe Sipots, lead; Ray Sipots, baritone; and Bill Bond, bass) and third place went to the Town Criers of Kalamazoo (Louis Johnston, tenor; John Baker, lead; Earl Cook, baritone; and Ken Barrett, bass). The Junior Champ was the County Seaters of Dowagiac with John Hayden, tenor; Phil Beardsley, lead; Richard Brown, baritone; and Harold Cobb, bass. The Sharplifters of Detroit took Novice honors with the parts being handled by Max Wilworth, tenor; Ralph Schirmer, lead; Harry Shumann, baritone; and Jon Sinnikas, bass.

The 1952 May-June issue of the "Michigan Troubadour" came out with a new editor, Roscoe Bennett, who succeeded Lou Harrington. Lou originated the District publication back to 1948 when he issued the "Secretary's Bulletin", a brief and newsy bulletin which provided a much needed media of communication with the District membership. The bulletin was continued for about 18 months until the publication of the first Troubadour with Lou as editor. Roscoe came out with a new newspaper size format and the Troubadour became the most extraordinary barbershop publication ever issued. Roscoe, one of the organizers of the Grand Rapids Chapter and the Michigan District, was a much respected and veteran newspaperman and sports Editor of the "Grand Rapids Press". He applied all his experience and skill to make the Troubadour the greatest source of barbershop information ever issued as a regular publication. He covered everything from news of the International organization down to personal notes about Society members. His editorial comments covered the whole barbershop spectrum with the effect, sometimes, of leaving some readers seeing only one color of the spectrum - red. Nothing fazed by those who might disagree with him on some controversial matter, Roscoe continued on as editor of the Troubadour until the 1961 February-March issue, a nine year span, when ill health caused his resignation

as editor. We will never know how this dedicated man found the time to carry this particularly onerous burden for so long, but we do know that no Michigan man has contributed more of his time and talents for the good of his District and the Society. Roscoe Bennett was a truly great barbershopper for whose services and labor of love we shall be eternally grateful.

The Fruit Belt Chapter and Benton Harbor hosted the 1953 District Convention and International Preliminary Quartet Contest. New District officers elected at this meeting were Clarence Jalving of Holland, President; Loton Willson of Boyne City and Don Wright of Hudson, Vice-presidents; Lou Harrington, Secretary; and Tom Grove of Dowagiac, Treasurer. Qualifying to represent Michigan in the International Quartet Contest, held that year in Detroit, were the Onchords of Saginaw (Bill Ahrens, tenor; Earl Keith, lead; Ed Peitsch, baritone; and Dick Lee, bass) the Town Criers of Kalamazoo (Johnston, Baker, Cook and Barrett) and the Wolverines of Dearborn (Rehkop, Sipots, Sipots and Bond).

The 1953 International Convention and Contests were held in Detroit. The official sponsor of the convention was the Metropolitan Association of Chapters with Seaborn Lawrence as General Chairman and Lou Harrington as Associate Chairman. The International office staff and about a hundred Detroit area barbershoppers worked to make this an outstanding event. The Vikings of Rock Island, Illinois, won the quartet title that year but Michigan came on strong when the Grand Rapids chorus, with Bob Weaver directing, won the chorus championship in this, the first International Chorus competition. The Detroit chorus, Ed Easley directing, also competed and performed well. Grand Rapids had to be good to sing down 17 well trained groups from all over the country under the leadership of the Society's finest directors. The success of this first International chorus competition convinced Society leaders that chorus competition at the International level was a desirable activity and it has continued ever since. - to be continued -



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JOHN MORRIS

# Treble Shooters District Champs



Bob Mulligan-Bob Winters-Cliff Jorgensen-Bob Whitledge

A bright new light popped on in Jackson. It came in the form of the new Trebleshooters. A comparatively new quartet, the Troubadour presents this brief profile of them.

The Trebleshooters, 1964-65 Michigan District Champions, were organized in the winter of 1963. Originally they consisted of Bob Boint, Bob Winters, Cliff Jorgensen and Bob Whitledge. They competed in the Utica-Rochester Novice Contest, taking third; the Boyne City Bush League Contest, second; Michigan Regionals, second; 1964 International, 35th.

After a summer of inactivity, the tenor Bob Boint decided to move to California. A replacement was found in the Detroit Chorus, Bob Mulligan and rehearsals started two a one half weeks before the contest. Through hard work and good luck, in two weeks time, the championship sound was formed.

Bob Whitledge, bass, age 33, married, has three daughter, works for Detroit Edison. Cliff Jorgensen, baritone, early 40's, married, has four sons, is a manufacturer's representative for point of purchase display signs. Bob Winters, lead 28, married, is History and English teacher at Ferndale High School. Bob Mulligan, 30, married, contact man, has two sons, and is president of Harper-Mulligan Funeral Home.

All four men are active in the Detroit # 1 Chapter, sing in the Champion Chorus and expect to have a busy year as Michigan District Champions.

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## Lansing Sings and Swings at Pre-Glo

The Lansing Chapter's minstrel show was one of the bright highlights of the Jackson convention. Working the Friday night pre glo, they gave the crowd a lot of laughs with a highly polished presentation. The ever popular Merri Men worked in well with the show and presented several timely numbers. Working with black light, end men, instruments and some great costumes the show was a fast moving production from beginning to end. Pictured above are the Merri Men crooning a tune to a captive "pre glo audience".

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## Labor Day Outing Applauded

Talk about your grass roots barbershop --- it grew too tall to cut Labor Day week-end at Harrisville, Michigan. Barbershoppers and their families swarmed in on Friday and Saturday with a total of forty-five families being registered, most of whom camped in the State Park and the remainder in local motels. In cooperation with the Chamber Commerce and the local city officials, a week-end of exciting events took place. On Saturday night, we put on an outdoor show for the entire community that featured the Aire Males, 4-Fits and Wonderlads and a combined chorus of about thirty voices all tied up in a neat package and emceed by Tom Pollard. The public address system, lights and stage were at our disposal at the City Marina Park and due to the newspaper and radio advertising throughout three counties, it was well attended by both natives and tourists. The show was taped by Ray McCalpin and a copy will be sent to International. The show was followed by a wing-ding at Ki Cuyler's Emporium where we were once again enthusiastically received until the wee hours of the morning.

Sunday noon, the Ladies Auxillary of the V.F.W. put on a dinner for us which was attended by about 100 people. At 3:00 PM we did a repeat performance of the show. Although we lost the Wonderlads and the Aire Males, Tom Pollard again put his talents to work and whipped up a show of impromptu quartets including a Sweet Adeline group and Tom Rafferty's family quartet. The 4-Fits did a great job of headlining this show and sharing the limelight was a tag quartet routine that included the entire chorus. The crowd especially liked this portion of the program. Russ Seely broke it up by tagging all four members at once. We closed the program singing "Keep America Singing" while Tom Rafferty closed the program with a few words of appreciation.

The entire week end added up to many gains for our Society. The families had a grand outing together and harmony could be heard from early morning until late at night. We introduced our hobby to an entirely new group of people and most importantly, we have acquired the respect and support of a warm hearted community that is already making plans for our return next year.

If the enthusiasm of our group is any indication, we should more than double this year's attendance of the annual Labor Day meeting of the "Harrisvillens Chapter".

His Honor, Mayor Otis Goodwin has already set aside that time as "Harmony Weekend". Next year we are going all out and present only one show on Sunday afternoon. This will give more barbershoppers a chance to take part in it. The Mayor has already written a letter of welcome that includes all the barbershoppers and their families throughout the State. It looks like we have a great thing started and with your attendance it will grow.

If you want to know what you have missed ----- Ask the men that were there. John Kee Smith

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## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Congratulations to our new champions and an appreciative salute to co-chairmen Henry Moorehead and Charles Sherwood and their hard working committees for making the District convention at Jackson so enjoyable. Even though they were busy with committee assignments and competition, the For-Tune Tellers added much to the fun and merriment. It was a pleasure to have the Road Runners, Cardinal District champions, and Barrie Best and Chet Fox from the International office with us.

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We all shared a feeling of pride in our Lansing chapter when they turned over the check they received from the Jackson chapter for staging their minstrel show at the Preglow to the Logopedic Fund. Donations have also been made to this Society wide project by Bill Diekema and the Detroit Yachtsmen Chapter.

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There will be a Chapter Officers Training School the first week of December in Lansing, and it is important that we receive the Official Report of New Chapter Officers immediately following chapter elections (which are held this month) so that notice can be sent to the proper parties.

Prompt reporting of newly elected chapter officers will also expedite and facilitate compilation of the District directory.

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Kalamazoo chapter has been awarded the Spring 1965 convention.

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## Ionia "Eyes" New Director

Our first meeting this past month was guest night. We had one of the best evenings in quite a while. Thanks to the Greenville Chapter attending, we sincerely appreciate their part in the program. Also on hand was a young prospective director for our chapter, Bernie Hendricks, a music instructor from nearby Saranac. As soon as Bernie gets us straightened out on a few songs we have a few important re-engagements for our chorus.

At the last board meeting, plans were made and committees appointed for our area wing ding Friday night, October 30. We may not be a large chapter, but the love of barbershop harmony inspires each and every one of us to make this one of the biggest goding wing dings in this area.

reporter: cy speckin

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The Detroit Yachtsmen Chapter has been officially invited by the Historical Commission to appear and sing at the blessing of the Great Lakes fleet on March 13, 1965. This affair officially opens the Great Lakes shipping season.



**OCCASIONAL FOUR — MUSKEGON**



**DELTA AIRES — FLINT**



**QUADRI-CHORDS — BENTON HARBOR**



**NOTE ABLE FOUR**



**BUCKSTERS — BUCHANAN**

Pictures of other competing quartets not available.



**STAFFMEN — HOLLAND**



**THE  
FEMININE  
OBSERVER**

ELLEN HARRINGTON



Highlights of the District contest at Jackson: the jubilation of the Detroit chapter with their double victory; Holland's hospitality room with its Western saloon decor and costumes in keeping with the theme of the chorus; appearances of the Road Runners, current Cardinal District champions, our reigning Noteries and such past champions as the Merri Men, Aire Males, Auto Towners and Curbstone Serenaders.

Among the early arrivals enjoying the minstel show staged by the Lansing chapter were International Director Barrie Best, Ben Landino, Morrie Lagrou, Wally Joure, Mark Roberts, Lou Walley, Ernie Dossin, Dud Ruegsegger, Roger Knapp, Bob Farrington, C. D. Sanborn, William Pascher, Jim Davenport, Bert West, Al Burgess, William Hansen, Merle Clayton, John Klaiber, Robert Walker, Peter Pell, Bob Sorensen, Fred Kienitz, Bob Mulligan, Bob Whittleage, Bob Winters, Cliff Jorgensen, Grant Wright, Tony Stornant and Messrs. and Mesdames Ralph Wilkins, Mel Holderness, Loton Willson, Otto Vogel, William Favinger, Eric Schultz, George Dyer, Ed Gaikema, George Moeke, John Wearing, Russ Seely, Robert Tracy, Mike Schied, Bart Tillitt, Chet Oonk, Jack Oonk, Jack Essenberg, Cliff MacLean, Norman Thompson and Stuart Anderson.

Busy hosts included Messrs. and Mesdames Henry Moorehead, William Boyden, John Comloquoy, Leo Rudloff, Art Sweeney, Phil Weisgerber, Clarence Wenman, Ken Preston, Ed Hilden, Dick Simpson, Sam Cushman, Red Shaw, and Bud Knorpp.

Seen at the contest sessions were Ray McCaLpin, Marvin Burke, Floyd Albert, Mike Lucas, Mike Mudgett, Herbert Benjamin, Homer Winegardner, John Hill, Burt Szabo, Ted Robbins, Al Rehkop, Duncan Hannah, Gordon Meiselbah, Bob Miller, Bob Weaver, George Meinschein, Lou Kapczi, Roger Craig, Virgil Duke, Clint Bostick, Glenn Van Tassell, Dominic Palmieri, Pat Ryan, Ed McCarthy, Ralph Schirmer, Duncan Wallace, Gus Reeves, Bob Biasi, Her Marschke, Art Ruts, Messrs, and Mesdames Royal Zerbe, Lowell Wolfe, Clarence Jalving, Joseph Jones, Gordon Limburg, John Zinnikas, Bernie Smith, John Thomas, Duane Mosier, Matt Calderwood, George Acree, Tom Pollard, William Smyth, Sam Vasiu, Victor Favier, Norm Shamus, Carl Dahlke, Frank Tritle, Art Schulze, Jerry Guimond, Bill Butler, Ed Laux, Pete Elkins, Bob Jeltema, Richard Palmer, William Whippen, Robert Hart and Norm Schram.

Contestants included Kenneth Russell, Kenneth Hel-der, Terry Greenwood, Norman Bredeweg, Jack Swisher, Jim Bennett, Dan Davey, Don Ware, Bob Hansen, Don Hall, Sid Helder, Frances Jones, Rom Venus, Tom Damm, Dr. Paul Borton, Del Doctor, Don Van Dyke, Phil Pierce, Vic Vigansky, Lavonne Zelmer, Tom Severs, Bill Wickstrom, Webb Scrivnor, Al Martin, Fred

Kendall, Bill Grumbly, Len Johnson, Doug Beaver, Arnold Hosback, Bob Boint and Dale Clixby.

Enjoying the events were Gerrit Ver Veer, Emerson Sperling, George Alexander, Stuart Palmer, Lou Glashower, Norm Dake, Herman Dykema, Don Barrett, Ken Barrett, Jerry Laroux, Bob Deming, Floyd Albert, Earl Keith, Bill Strong, Paul Eberwein, Andy McCort, Howard Hawkins, Doug Stephens, Bill Wilcox, Jerry Reid, Timber Queen, John Linehan, Bud Kepler, Owen McGill, Al Fricker, Barney Campbell, Allan Davenport, Harold McAttee, Warner Dyer, Lefty Hamilton, Des Milligan, and Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Brown, Gordon Washburn, Dale Bulock, Dick Lee, Wendell Derby, Bob Marshall, Cliff Douglas, Tom Rafferty, Ed Lilly and many more.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tiggelman, formerly of Grand Rapids and now residing in Florida, delighted their friends with a surprise visit.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Charles Sherwood and Rober Breitmayer of the Jackson chapter, who were recently hospitalized.

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**19th CENTURY FOUR**

### Grosse Pointe Wins Seniors Contest

A gay foursome of "old timers" from the Grosse Pointe Chapter gave the Friday night pre glo audience a treat as they walked off with the Seniors Quartet Contest Championship. Singing a couple of peppy old time tunes with a lot of old time barbershop spirit they seemed to really enjoy their task. Meet the new Michigan District Seniors Quartet Champions, the 19th Century Four, who line up with Meinrad Braun, tenor; Art Dupuis, lead; Joe Troe, baritone and Ben Landino, bass. The Grand Rapids Chapter's Presidents came in second, while the Still Tryin' Four from Muskegon garnered third.

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**COPY DEADLINE NOVEMBER 3**

# Have Tunes... Will Travel



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**Spec-Tacul-Airs**

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Meet the  
**WONDERLADS**

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**Spar-Tone-Airs**

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CHORDS**

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## Meet the Happy Hummdingers

Shortly after this group made their first appearance before an audience, someone suggested that they change their names to the Twilight Tones because their humor was way off in outer space. Well, they decided to keep the name of the Hummdingers, but their humor is still nauseating audiences all over the Michigan and Johnny Appleseed districts. What started off as just a gag for a chapter meeting has turned into a very busy schedule for these four men of delightful comedy.

Tenor is held down by "Ellie Mae", Andy Griffing, who is sales supervisor for General Foods. Andy is married to very charming and talented Jo Griffing and they have one son, Andy Jr.

Lead is sung by "Paw", Bob Powell. Bob is contact man for this ugly mass of humanity and is one of the quartet's hardest workers. Ugly Bob is married to Mary Lou Who and they have seven little Pow-wows raising whoopie in their tee-pee.

Baritone is sung by bare-bellied "Gomer", Jerry Reid. Jerry is salesman for Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury. Jerry is also past president of Wayne chapter and is married to Grace Reid. Grace and Jerry have five off-springs. (Including twin boys.)

Bass is pushed out by gravel voiced "Zeke", Mike Mudgett. The "Big M" is the day dreamer of the group and thinks up most of the gimmicks that the quartet uses in its act. Mike is also past president of Wayne. He is married to Nursie Helen and they keep four lively children in tow.

Both Jerry and Bob are licensed pilots, so this quartet is able to fly to most of their out of town engagements. This fact in itself has created a lot of hilarious incidents that space does not permit us to retell. If you see a Hummdinger walking by, ask him how he became an honorary flying farmer of Michigan.

This group claims that they are available for wakes, weddings, coronations, clam bakes and possum hunts. They can be reached by writing or phoning Bob Powell, 35003 Chestnut St., Wayne, Michigan (PA 1-6559).

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GOT A CHAPTER PROBLEM???  
CALL YOUR AREA COUNSELOR

## Holland Looks to Next Year's Contest

Were you there when "Wildcat Kelly" bit the dust? "Where?" you ask. Why Jackson, of course, that last outpost of barbershop harmony. He didn't really bite the dust, he just quietly moved into second place. It really wasn't too quietly either because everyone knew he was there. And that corral of his - wow - did you ever see such a collection of gorgeous women? This wildcat "cat" must have gotten around.

Seriously, the Holland chapter was both proud and glad to have attended the convention in Jackson. We are little sad about the outcome, but when you consider that we were beaten by a real solid sounding chorus, we do not have many regrets. Actually our wives, "Wildcat Kelly's Girls", were more disappointed than the chorus members, and we noticed the absence of the judges from the corral after the competition because the word got around that not all of their guns were cap pistols. We were well pleased with the attendance in our hospitality room and we would like to think that all those sharp looking "Girls" were responsible. We never saw beer and popcorn draw crowds that well before.

We would like to thank Jackson for allowing us a part in a very well organized convention. They were excellent hosts and everyone must have had as good a time as the Holland chapter.

Now that the contest is a thing of the past, we are going to start on next year's competition. We have a couple of shows to prepare for in the near future and anyone visiting chapter rooms on Monday nights for the next couple of months, is going to hear a lot of singing going on. We have come to the conclusion that the only way to be the best in the District is to practice for a whole year on two songs, so look out for us next year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the best chorus director in the whole District for his untiring efforts with our chorus. If Mike Lucas hadn't been handicapped with a whole corral full of tone deaf wildcats, he would have come in with a winner this year.

reporter: bob birce

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## Oakland County To Host "Hootenanny"

The summer doldrums are now over and the barbershop year is starting; at least the increased activity tends to indicate such. Perhaps the District Contest is that little push which revives our enthusiasm which dwindled during the summer. OCC had a wonderful time at Jackson, and our claim to fame was in having the gayest fifth-place chorus at the convention. We want to thank our host, the Jackson Chapter, for their hospitality and wish the best to Bill Butler and the Motor City Chorus in the coming months.

Those attending our October meeting saw five fellows inducted into the Society; Don Cowles, Bob Daniels, John Moultrup, Bill Nicolow and Bror Nilsson. Welcome y'all. Officers elected for 1965 are Leo Doran, president; Kerry Keeley, membership vice president; Dick Liddicoatt, program vice president; Del Badgley, corresponding secretary; John Redmond, treasurer; Art Leaf, recording secretary.

On October 24 at Royal Oak Dondero High School, OCC is putting on their annual show, only with an inno-

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vation which creates a "first" - A BARBERSHOP HOOT-ENANNY. This isn't just another parade of quartets, but a real big show. Dunc Hannah is producing a "great one" with barbershop quartets, hootenanny, calypso, etc. A couple of the hootenanny stars will be Chuck Mitchell and a group known as the Triangles, both of which are well known on the college campus' in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Of course, OCC's own Don Cowles, who sings a tune or two at the Chez Beaux in Detroit, will be on hand. Tickets are going fast for this blowout (plus a special gift to some lucky person) at \$1.50 each. If you know the right person, tickets can be obtained for the session held later. Have you ever attended a hootenanny afterglo? You can listen to the wonderful chords of the Noteries and with the Triangles you'll do more than listen. For tickets write Dick Liddicoatt, 622 Fairway Drive, Royal Oak, Michigan. Afterglo tickets \$1.00 each, obtained at show or at the afterglo door.

reporter: dick liddicoatt

### Flint's Rayland Schied Honored

Mike Schied, treasurer of the Flint Chapter, was elected District Treasurer at the District meeting in Jackson on September 25. Hearty congratulations to Mike from all of us.

September 8, our regular meeting, was well attended and we were pleasantly surprised by a visit from the Delta Aires, a grand bunch of talented fellows.

September 22 was another singing meeting enjoyed by all.

At Jackson September 25-26-27, Flint was represented by Rayland and Bea Schied, Fred and Joan Kienitz, Girard and Jackie Wrice and Les and Irene Lang. What a week end of Harmony.

We were very proud of our own area Delta Aires.

We paid a visit to the Holland hospitality room and you know I never saw a fellow in so many places at one time as that "Wildcat Kelly". No wonder he had so many girl friends and incidentally we never did find out who was the real "Wildcat Kelly", but I think Jack Oonk got a picture of him after I loaded his camera. On our way home we attended the Holly-Fenton picnic.

We are having a Ladies Night on November 7 at our regular meeting place. Guests are welcome to come and see our chapter, complete with beautiful scenery (our wives).

reporter: les lang

### Three Rivers Works For County Chapter

On Monday night, August 31, we held a guest night with 31 men attending. Men were from Three Rivers, Constantine, Sturgis, Burch Lake, Centreville and Kalamazoo.

President, Dan Luther, welcomed the guests. George Diffenderfer was in charge of the program with Lloyd Carter directing the chorus.

Jerry Wright spoke on the advantages of membership in the Society.

This was the first of a series of guest nights to be held on the first Monday night of each month this fall in an effort to build a St. Joseph County Chapter of 50 or more members.

On Tuesday, September 29, the Three Rivers chorus did a bang up job of entertaining at the District meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

reporter: oscar brast

### Greenville To Sing Big Rapids Show

The "big" contest is over and as much fun as it was, it's great to be able to relax for a few weeks once again. Finishing sixth at Jackson, we hate to admit just how many hours went into the "Gay Nineties Medley" and "Wedding Bells" the last couple of months. You know, if we could put the southeastern part of the state in another District, Greenville might just move up another notch or so. We want to wish the best of luck to the Motor City Chorus in Boston next summer. The Chicago trip will fit our pocketbook better anyway.

Hope the District Board will set a policy on tickets for contestants before the next contest. We're still not sure whether competing chorus members need a ticket for the chorus contest. How about it, do we or don't we? We also had a little trouble finding out if there was to be a director's briefing, when it was, and where; also where our chorus warm up room was. It would make things a little less hectic if this information were published in advance instead of being kept secret.

On September 10 we visited the Ionia Chapter and met their new chorus director. The chorus entertained on September 14 for the Gibson Management Club; sang for the Gibson dealers of Vining Sales on the 24th; and performed for the 60th anniversary of the Eastern Stars in Lyons, Michigan, September 30.

The chorus will sing on the barbershop show in Big Rapids, sponsored by the Optimist Club, on the 24th of October. It looks as though Big Rapids is ready to "hatch" its own chapter. Let's hope the show's a huge success and gets them started on the fun of barbershop-ping.

For the third straight year the chapter will entertain at the kickoff dinner of the Montcalm County United Fund Drive on October 13.

reporter: bob hansen

MICHIGAN DISTRICT SPERBGA			
September 25, 1964			
Statement of Income and Expense and Capital Expenditures			
For period of May 9, 1964 to Sept. 25, 1964			
Cash on hand beginning of period			\$7,532.24
<b>INCOME</b>			
District Per Capita	1,212.00		
Sanction Fees (Parades)	552.90	1,864.90	
Regional Contest (Wintour)	336.85	534.65	
Total Income			2,421.55
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
District Publication (Troubadour)	1,100.00	1,100.00	
C. of Judges (Fee)	103.25	103.25	
Secretarial Expenses	190.33		
Piappes	48.24	238.67	
Travel			
W. Hansen (Dist. Delegate)	100.00		
Presidential allowance	150.00		
Auto-Townsend (Dist. Contest)	200.00		
Four-Fits	200.00		
Treville Shooters	200.00		
Port City Chorus	1,536.00	2,350.00	
Presidential Phone	24.75		
V. Press. phone & travel	50.00		
Area counselors expenses	28.70	111.45	
Dist. Ex. Board meetings	129.55	129.55	
Miscellaneous			
Gift (Dist. President)	13.00		
Flowers (Bennett Funeral)	26.53		
Bank charges	5.07	45.02	
Total Expense		4,070.10	
Net Income	(LOSS)	1,648.64	\$1,648.64
Cash on hand after Income and Expense			\$5,883.60
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash in Old First Bank (Grand Rapids, Michigan)			\$5,883.60
District Property (Thermo-Fax machine)			551.47
			\$6,435.07
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Net worth			\$6,435.07

Respectfully,  
  
 W. W. Klaiter  
 Michigan District Treasurer



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS



WILLIAM HANSEN

In the September issue of the Troubadour, part of this column was devoted to a matter of great importance; namely, the Society's adoption of the Institute of Logopedics as a service project. So wonderful is this project that it deserves additional mention.

During the recent convention at Jackson, the House of Delegates meeting included the showing of a motion picture which clearly and simply tells the story of the Institute of Logopedics. This film, sponsored by our Society, is available to any chapter which desires to show it.

I sincerely urge all chapters in our great Michigan District to arrange for a presentation of this fine film. The presentation of the film to chapter members, as well as invited guests from community service clubs and other related organizations, will afford any chapter an excellent opportunity to promote the Society's service project. Although monetary support of the project is not mandatory, all chapters should at least support the project to the extent of informing their respective communities regarding the Society's adoption of the Institute.

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The problem of membership continues to plague our Society despite the many suggestions and plans which have been offered in an attempt to improve the situation. The September issue of "Roundup", official monthly publication of the Southwestern District, contains a well-written and thought provoking article on membership, submitted by Chuck Abernathy, District President. I'm sure Chuck will not mind that we repeat the following paragraphs from his article:

"I believe that if you try to convince a man that he should join our Society, you will become a better member as a result of it. You will re-sell yourself on the attractiveness of our hobby, for you will be concentrating on all of the good things we have to offer. You will be thinking a positive manner for you cannot sell with a negative approach.

Prepare your sales pitch right now. List the plus features of SPEBSQSA. What good have you derived from you membership? Review them again - get them set in you mind.

Now go tell someone about it."

Meet the

## HAPPY HUMMDINGERS

contact

Bob Powell  
35003 Chestnut St.  
Wayne



FROM  
SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT  
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# Coming Events

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

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| October 24, 1964  | Oakland County Barbershop Hootenanny  |
| November 7, 1964  | Detroit Parade                        |
| November 28, 1964 | Holly-Fenton Parade                   |
| January 23, 1965  | Pontiac Parade                        |
| February 6, 1965  | Monroe Parade                         |
| February 13, 1965 | Dearborn Parade                       |
| February 20, 1965 | Niles-Buchanan Parade                 |
| March 6, 1965     | Wayne Parade                          |
| March 13, 1965    | Greenville Parade                     |
| March 27, 1965    | Battle Creek Parade                   |
| April 3, 1965     | Flint Parade                          |
| April 24, 1965    | Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids |
| April 30, 1965    | Pontiac Woodshed Contest              |
| May 8, 1965       | Muskegon Parade                       |
| June 5, 1965      | Utica-Rochester Parade                |
| October 9, 1965   | District Contest, Battle Creek        |
| April 23, 1966    | Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids |
| April 1, 1967     | Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids |