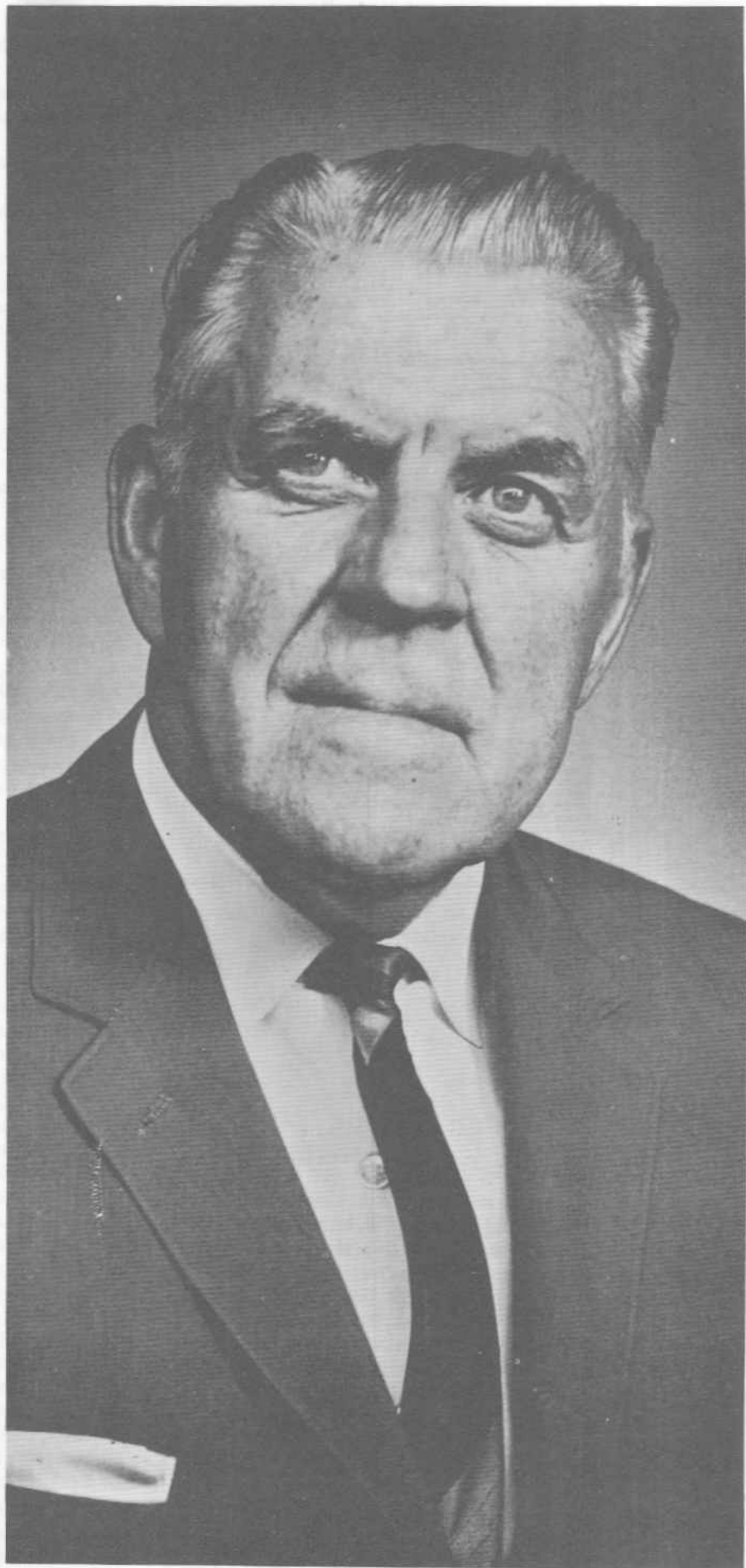


michigan

DECEMBER

troubadour





THE Michigan Troubadour

Published by the Michigan District of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.
Jack W. Oonk, Editor

Printed by The Zeeland Record Co. Inc.

Second-class postage paid at Zeeland, Michigan

Published monthly except during July and August

Subscription rates: Mail subscription, payable in advance: \$2.50 per year

Single copy price: 25 cents per copy

Advertising Rates: available upon request

Copy Deadline: 3rd of each month

MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES, UNDELIVERABLE COPIES, SUBSCRIPTION ORDERS AND BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE TO: JACK W. OONK, 528 E. LINCOLN, ZEELAND, MICHIGAN PR 2-4381

Member of PROBE

DISTRICT OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Al Burgess, 535 Robbins Rd., Grand Haven, Michigan
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: William Hansen, 537 Cayuga Rd., Benton Harbor, Michigan
VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE 1: Eric Schultz, 4338 Country Club Dr., Uica, Michigan
VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE 2: Charles L. Sherwood, 2811 Horton Rd., Jackson, Michigan
VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE 3: Don Lucas, 1439 Eastern Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan
VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE 4: Mervyn Tracy, 502 W. Central, Marquette City, Michigan
TREASURER: R. J. Mike Schied, G-4443 Miller Road, Flint, Michigan
SECRETARY: Louis R. Harrington, 2261 First National Bldg., Detroit 48226, (WO 1-1621)
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: William Hansen, 537 Cayuga Rd., Benton Harbor, Michigan

AREA COUNSELORS

AREA 1: Ken Smith, 20223 Regent, Detroit, Michigan 48205, (VE 9-3074). AREA 2: Art Schular, 13303 Longview, Detroit, Michigan 48213, (LA 7-7602). AREA 3: Paul Eberwein, 2910 Askin, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, (969-5154)
AREA 4: Harold Sweeney, P.O. Box 33, Walled Lake, Michigan (MI 6-3200). AREA 5: Don Ferguson, 19401 Rutherford, Detroit, Michigan 48225, (VE 7-9822). AREA 6: Mel Holderness, 15900 E. F. Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan 48205 (OL 1-5883). AREA 7: Jerry Mast, Fairview, Michigan AREA 8: Richard Johnson, Pellston, Michigan.
AREA 9: Don Sweeney, 413 Wellington, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada (AL 3-9452). AREA 10: Henry Moorehead, 1895 E. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan. (PO 4-3897). AREA 11: E. A. VanderZand, 116 Morningside Drive, Battle Creek, Michigan, (WO 2-0687). AREA 12: Dr. James Smith, 653 Beechey, Plainwell, Michigan, (682-3741). AREA 13: Mike Lucas, Chicago Street, Waukegan Woods, Holland, Michigan, (335-8161). AREA 14: Dr. Stuart Anderson, 820 Macomber, Greenville, Michigan, (754-6539). AREA 15: Grant Wright, 507 Second Street, Fenton, Michigan.

COMMITTEE HEADS

AWARDS: Ted Verwey, 1791 Moy Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. AUDITING: Lee Thomas, 4117 Bedford Road, Holly, Michigan. CONTEST & JUDGING: G. B. Falls, Jr., 1850 Herkimer Drive, Jackson, Michigan. CONVENTION: Don Lucas, 1439 Eastern Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. CREDENTIALS: Eric Schultz, 4338 Country Club Drive, Uica, Michigan. ETHICS: William Favinger, 15611 Washburn, Detroit, Michigan 48204. FINANCE: John W. Klaiter, 4821 Division N.W., Comstock Park, Michigan. HISTORIAN: Mark P. Roberts, 11539 Chalmers, Detroit, Michigan 48205. LAWS & REGULATIONS: Ken Childs, 1805 Mayfair Drive, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION: Norman Dykema, 2525 Loonwood Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001. MUSIC: Bill Butler, 23748 Pawnee Drive, Wayne, Michigan. NOMINATING: C. D. Soborn, 2612 Edgewood, Drayton Plains, Michigan 48026. PUBLIC RELATIONS: Matt Calderwood, 10704 Vernon, Huntington Woods, Michigan. SERVICE PROJECT: Al Burgess, 535 Robbins Road, Grand Haven, Michigan 49417. SONG OF THE YEAR: William Hansen, 537 Cayuga Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan. WAYS & MEANS: Jack Oonk, 528 E. Lincoln Ave., Zeeland, Michigan 49494.

December 1965

Vol. 15 No. 10

Utterings
from
Oonk



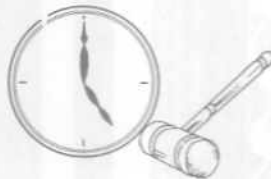
As 1965 draws to a close it seems to this editor that the "tone" of barbershopping in the Michigan District is beginning to jell. 1965 was a year of many problems and frustrations, but like a good quartet our four zones worked a little harder on their own parts and then blended them to the other three. We, as a District are finally beginning to think alike and work together. This fact alone can make 1966 a great year for our great District. Membership is climbing. Quartets are being formed here and there throughout the District. Chapter bulletins are becoming better. Congratulations to Grand Rapids and to Flint on their improvements in their bulletins. I, for one, look forward to 1966 with anticipation as a year of real close harmony for the Great Michigan District.

* * * * *

A couple of things of major importance. Chapter Officers Training School is scheduled for January 8, 1966

in Detroit. (See ad in this issue.) It is imperative that EVERY chapter has all of its officers attend. Your chapter will be a better chapter in 1966 if you take advantage of this opportunity. It is set up with you in mind. Your problems and ideas that will help your chapter will be discussed.

Detroit and Dearborn chapters will host the 1966 International Preliminary Quartet Contest and District Chorus Contest April 29-30. With these two chapters at the helm it will undoubtedly be a convention to be remembered. A very important and productive Board Meeting was held December 4. It behooves every chapter officer and member to read the minutes of this meeting carefully.



Minutes

EXECUTIVE
BOARD
MEETING

A meeting of the Michigan District Board of Directors was held at Marshall on Saturday, December 4, 1965. Present were President Al Burgess, immediate past president William Hansen, Vice presidents Sherwood and Schultz, Treasurer Schied, Secretary Harrington and vice presidents-elect Pat Ryan and Gene Gillem. The meeting was called to order by President Burgess at 10:00 a.m. Reports were given by the secretary and the treasurer. The treasurer's report indicated that there was on hand in the District Treasury as of November 1, 1965, the sum of \$7,045.81

Secretary Harrington reported that as a result of the mail ballot, the board had approved the awarding of the 1966 Spring convention to Dearborn and Detroit. It was announced that Pat Ryan had been appointed general chairman of the convention, and that the contest sessions would be held at the Edsel Ford High School Auditorium in Dearborn on Saturday, April 30, 1966, and that the headquarters hotel will be the Dearborn Inn, and that the House of Delegates meeting will be held Friday evening, April 29. In connection with this report, the advisability of setting a firm registration fee for all contestants, which would prevail at all future conventions as in other districts was considered. The registration fee set by the committee for the 1966 Spring event was announced as \$2.50 for contestants and \$4.00 for all other registrants.

A discussion then ensued on the determination of the winners in certain classifications in the Fall District contest. It was brought out that due to a misconception of the rules, the Close Chorders were awarded two sets of trophies. According to the District rules, the second place medalists were the winners of the second place trophies and that according to these rules and past practice, the next ranking novice quartet was to have been named Novice Champions. Upon a motion made by Bill Hansen, and unanimously adopted, that the Barons of Kalamazoo be named as Novice champions for 1965-66, and that suitable trophies be presented to them at the Spring convention in Dearborn, and that Secretary Harrington be instructed to write the quartet advising them of the District Board's action.

-continued on next page-

MINUTES CONTINUED

It was then called to the Board's attention by William Hansen that the first Sunday of December of each year is the date set for the annual memorial service by all Elks lodges throughout the country and that on several occasions certain groups of barbershoppers have participated therein by singing hymns during the course of the service. After a thorough discussion, it was decided that this subject be further investigated and that if possible all chapters in the District having choruses, contact the lodges in their communities offering the services of their choruses to participate in these memorial services by singing at least two appropriate hymns.

Secretary Harrington then reported that on the question of the blanket liability insurance policy, proposed by International for the District, and stated that the question was now moot because of the fact that it had been ratified by all other districts in the Society and would become effective as of January 1, 1966, notwithstanding any action the Michigan District might take.

Secretary Harrington then pointed out that the present rules covering Michigan District chorus contests provide no chorus can compete for three years after winning the championship and suggested the rules be changed to two years to comply with the practice throughout the Society. He then moved that the Michigan District rules be amended accordingly. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations were then presented for the Area Counselor of the Year award for 1965 and a choice made. The award will be presented to the recipient at the Spring convention.

As retiring president, Al Burgess thanked the board for their cooperation and handed the gavel to the president-designate for 1966, Eric Schultz, and retiring board members William Hansen, Charles Sherwood and Robert Tracy were commended.

Eric Schultz announced that he was contacting all of the vice presidents and that the list of area counselors should be forthcoming shortly, and that all committee appointments have been made and nominees contacted. He announced that the Budget Committee would have its report ready by the first meeting in January, and that the COTS will be held Saturday, January 8, 1966 and that Chet Fox of the International office, will be in Michigan during the first week in January and will visit Ionia in an attempt to revive the chapter there. A Board of Directors meeting will also be held on January 7, 1966 with Mr. Fox present. Eric Schultz also presented a brief outline of his program for 1966, including a concerted effort for quartet promotion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,
Michigan District Secretary

COPY DEADLINE JANUARY 3

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.



ON THE COVER

In this holiday season it would be fitting that the cover of Troubadour should shout forth season's greetings to the membership of the District. Instead it pays tribute to one of the greatest quartetmen that ever blended a chord in behalf of our great District.

Louis P. Johnston, age 61, died December 4, 1965. Louie began barbershopping with the Jackson Police Quartet during the depression years. He was a charter member of the Kalamazoo chapter. While a member of this chapter he organized the Town Criers quartet and for the last twenty years has been lending his many talents to S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. For the past several years he has hosted the annual "Summer Barbershop Jamboree" at his home "Harmony Acres." As tenor for the Town Criers we will all remember him for his solo renditions of "We Three". The Michigan District has lost another of the "Old Guard" and with his passing this thought comes to mind. "We shall meet, but we shall miss him...there will be an empty chair...first chair."

Holly-Fenton Has 94% Retention In '65

This chapter has had a very good year. We made a number of appearances and have had a good steady attendance at all meetings. We will continue to hold our regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and chorus rehearsals on the other Tuesday nights during the coming year.



Our membership last December 31 stood at 35. We had a 94% retention of membership this year and have increased our members to 38 with more prospects in view. Hope to have two more before December 31 and make our membership 40.

The chapter's annual Harvest of Harmony show was a success as evidenced by the comments coming in. We have plans to make our 9th show an even better one. We have to thank our many friends from the Pontiac, Redford, Flint and Saginaw chapters for their support by being present.

There is no question in our minds but that those Road Runners are tops. They received a great hand from the show audience but litterly "tore the place apart" on the after-glo. It appeared that they enjoyed being on our show as we did having them.

Fred Kienitz sure has that Flint Sweet Adeline chorus well trained. Their costumes were colorful and their singing tops. The Close Chorders, Esprit De Chords and the Smithtonians put the icing on the cake.

Our new officers will be installed on January 18 with all the trimmings. Our program vice president has big plans for that night.

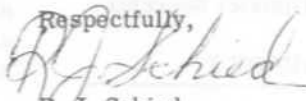
reporter: art burnett

MICHIGAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF CHAPTERS S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.
 Statement of Income and Expense
 For Period of May 1, 1965 to October 31, 1965

Cash on Hand Beginning of Period		\$6,115.28
<u>INCOME</u>		
Per Capita Dues	2,751.00	
Less Canadian Discounts	5.76	
	2,745.24	
Sanction Fees	946.80	
International Refund	25.53	
	3,717.57	
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
District Publication	1,500.00	
(Including mailing)	19.51	
	1,519.51	
District:		
Board Meetings	151.34	
Convention	44.53	
	195.87	
Officer:		
Presidential	46.90	
Secretarial	346.16	
Vice Presidents	206.41	
	599.47	
Travel:		
District President (Boston)		150.00
Miscellaneous:		
C & J School	132.45	
Awards & Plaques	99.87	
Blank Checks	2.00	
Chorus School	87.87	
	322.19	
	2,787.04	
Net Gain		930.53
Cash on Hand at Close of Period		\$7,045.81

MICHIGAN DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash in Michigan National (Flint)		\$7,045.81
District Property (Thermo-Fax Machine)		316.50
		\$7,362.31
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Net Worth		\$7,362.31

Respectfully,

 R. J. Schied
 Michigan District Treasurer

SEASONS



GREETINGS



*To every Michigan
District Barbershopper
and their families*

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



INTERNATIONAL News



WILLIAM HANSEN

As I look back it seems almost impossible that eight years have passed since I started serving the Michigan District in the first of many capacities. To say the least, it has been a most memorable and rewarding experience. To those who helped me along the way, I extend heartfelt gratitude.

I should like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere and best wishes to President elect Eric Schultz and his District Board for every success during the coming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

+ + + + +

Pontiac Show To Blast-Off January 22

Our 1966 officers will be installed at the regular December meeting. Performing the installation ceremonies will be Ed Lilly. Taking over the responsibilities for the ensuing year: Norm Schram, president; Clif Douglas, program vice president; Jerry Leroux, membership vice president; Terry Fraser, treasurer and Ardean Ryden, secretary.

President Larry Robertson has selected the following committee to perform the necessary details for our 23rd annual Holiday of Harmony parade of quartets: Jerry Leroux, general chairman; Bill Pascher, staging and production; Chase Sanborn, tickets and quartets; Rawley Hallman, publicity; Homer Richmond, program advertising and Whitey Ryden, after-glo. The show scheduled for Saturday, January 22, will feature our 2nd place medalists, the Four Rascals from Marblehead, Massachusetts, our current District champions, the 4 Fits, the Aire Males and the Spar Tone Aires.

The chapter welcomes a new member to the fold in the person of Keith Coble. Keith is a music instructor in the Lake Orion School District.

Members of other chapters are reminded that the Pontiac Chapter has moved to a new meeting hall at the AmVets Hall, 570 Oakland Avenue. We welcome you every third Friday.

reporter: chase sanborn

+ + + + +

Monroe To Headline Imposters, Auto Towners

Ticket sales are going very well for the parade and we are looking forward to a sell out audience. Monroe will have a wonderful array of talent for the show, which will be presented at St. Mary Academy Auditorium. If you attended last years show you will know the acoustics there are truly excellent. The featured quartets in the parade of talent will be the Imposters from the Chicago area, the Auto Towners from the Dearborn chapter and the ForTune Tellers from the Jackson chapter. This, as you can see, is the making of a really great show. Any one interested in obtaining tickets can contact Don

Poirier, 155 Richards Dr., Monroe, Michigan, CH 1-5401. Hurry, as they are going fast, as we said before we hope to have a complete sell out.

The Monroe chapter was saddened by the untimely death of one of our charter members, Floyd Hoppert. On November the 18th Floyd was stricken and died of a heart attack while working on his farm at Ida, Michigan. Floyd was a charter member of the Monroe chapter. and the bass member of the Idalizers quartet. We will all indeed miss him and his resonant bass voice, both in the quartet and the chorus, and we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his family. The upcoming Monroe parade this February 5 will be dedicated to Floyd and his memory.

reporter: john falconer

ATTEND

Chapter Officers Training School

Saturday, January 9, 1966

**Hotel Fort Shelby
Detroit**

(Lafayette and First Streets)

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All officers are urged to attend

Anyone desiring room reservations,

contact

S. Charles Nowak, Sales Department



It's a puzzlement and we'll never be able to figure it out.

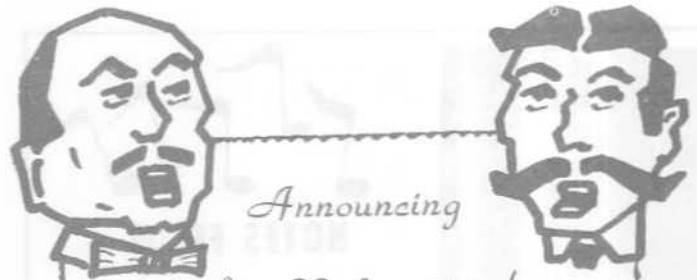
You know, it's great to be called champs when you've really worked for the honor, but how much greater that feeling would have been if you knew that more than just a handful of Michigan barbershoppers were not only working but having the kind of fun that we've been having for the past five and a half years. It's a constant source of astonishment to the 4-Fits to meet so many talented guys around our great District and yet find so very few who are willing to hook-up with three other Joes to produce the greatest harmony around.

The screwy part of the whole situation is that during our years as a society quartet we've had at least 25 guys tell us what we should and shouldn't do as an active quartet...doggone good suggestions too since, lord only knows, we needed all the help we could get...but dammit, most of our critics are fellas that aren't even singing in a quartet. This IS a quartet society isn't it?

The irony of the whole thing is that the real kicks of our organization come from four guys telling a story in song (tags are great, but...). And yet our last convention showed just how few are realizing the full value of S.P.E. B.S.Q.S.A.

Our aim as champs will not be to sell barbershopping as it is but as it should be and that is with the emphasis on QUARTETING. What a great reward it would be to our hard working District officers if each chapter could be represented with at least one new quartet before next fall. Don't kid yourself, barbershopping is sold by quartets. Build quartets and you'll build our District. To the 4-Fits it seems silly that we should have to sell people on having a ball...It's a puzzlement.

THE 4-FITS



Announcing

the 23rd annual
**"HOLIDAY
 OF
 HARMONY"**

CONTINUOUS YEARS OF OUTSTANDING STAGING

SAT. JAN. 22 1966

8:15 P.M.

PONTIAC

\$2.50

NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

"FOUR RASCALS"

BOSTON, MASS.
 1965 2nd PLACE INT'L

"FOUR FITS"

GROSSE POINT
 1965 MICHIGAN DIST. CHAMPS

"AIRE MALES"

WAYNE-DEARBORN
 1965 INT'L QUARTER FINALISTS

"SPAR-TONE AIRES"

GRAND RAPIDS
 HILARIOUS COMEDY

REVELAIRES

PONTIAC CHORUS

for tickets write:

CHASE SANBORN
 2612 Edgevale
 Drayton Plains,
 Mich. 48020





NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and a hearty "well done" to the outgoing officers who have done such a splendid job for the Society. We especially appreciate the prompt reporting of the newly elected officers which will greatly facilitate compilation of the District directory.

* * * * *

Every chapter officer is urged to attend the Chapter Officers Training School on January 8, 1966. Full details as to time and place are given in another article in this issue of the Troubadour. A faculty of experienced men, including Chet Fox of the International office, Vice-president Charles Sherwood, Treasurer R. J. "Mike" Schied, 1966 President Eric Schultz and Dr. James Sell will be there. Others will also be on hand to answer any question which may arise. This is an opportunity for each and every officer, new or old, to prepare himself to do an outstanding job in his post next year. See you there.

* * * * *

As a result of a correction of the misinterpretation of the District By-Laws at last fall's quartet contest at Battle Creek, the Barons of Kalamazoo (Herm Dykema, Dr. Richard Kelly, Dr. James Sell and John Hoppe) were designated District Novice quartet champions for 1965-66



THE BARONS Sell - Kelly - Dykema - Hoppe

by an action of the District Board of Directors at its meeting of December 4. They will be properly recognized and trophies presented to them. It will be recalled that the Close Chorders, also a novice quartet, finished second in the contest and as a result were named runners-up to the champion 4 Fits and presented second place trophies. Under the rules, the next ranking novice quartet should have been named champions of that division. The applicable rule covering Junior and Novice quartets states: "Quartets in any classification are eligible for the top three places in the Senior Division. If they win one of the top three designations, then they shall not be eligible

for an award in one of the lower divisions." This, in effect, provides that no quartet shall win two awards.

* * * * *

District champion choruses will now only be ineligible for competition in the District contest for two years after their victory instead of three years as in the past as a result of the amendment of the rules by the District Board of Directors at its last meeting. This policy conforms to what is prevalent throughout the Society.

* * * * *

As a result of the approval by the delegates of the 14 other districts of the proposal of the International Board of Directors to secure a blanket public liability and property damage insurance policy covering all chapters and districts in the Society, at an annual cost of \$25.00 each, the question became moot as far as the Michigan District was concerned. We are informed that the individual chapters will be furnished with the policies indicating in detail what the coverage will include.

* * * * *

The 1966 Michigan District Spring Convention in connection with the International Preliminary Quartet contest and the District Chorus contest will be sponsored jointly by the Dearborn and Detroit chapter on April 29-30, 1966. The contest events will be held at the Edsel Ford High School auditorium in Dearborn with the Dearborn Inn designated as the headquarters hotel and the site of the House of Delegates meeting and other business sessions. E. E. "Pat" Ryan is general chairman. Several committees have already been appointed and are hard at work to make this convention a memorable event. More on this next month, but save these dates.

* * * * *

Best wishes to all members and their families for a Merry Christmas and a happy and harmonious New Year.

++++++

Bachman To Head Gateway In '66

Happy holiday greetings to all of you fine people in our Michigan District.

Our chapter is looking forward to a happy Christmas and a new year filled with activity. It's good to report that the Gateway Chorus has returned to the active list. We are singing again and enjoying every minute of it. Why we ever slowed up is hard to understand.

Joe Bachman will be heading up the administration as our new president and Ed James will be our singing task master for 1966. Every man in the chapter is going to share in the responsibility of making 1966 one of our most active years.

Last month we were thrilled to participate at a function that I believe was a "first". We entertained at a joint dinner meeting of the local Shriners and the local Knights of Columbus. Differences were shoved aside in the interest of charity and just plain friendship. Charity gained some money from the event, but I believe the real beneficiaries were the gentlemen in both organizations and our chorus.

Our compliments to Bill Hansen and his cooking buddies. The 29th of October found us partaking along with many others, of Fruitbelt hospitality. Keep those smelt running every year fellows.

By the way, does anybody want to buy a bus? It was owned by a little ole chapter that didn't drive or sing very much.

reporter: vic vigansky

Flint Bulletin To Publish Your Chapter Even

November activities consisted of regular meetings and chorus practice plus attending Detroit's show, Milford Ladies Night, Canada Night at Detroit and Holly-Fenton show.

December promises Christmas caroling and Santa Claus. Also, the preparation for chapter activities for 1966.

We plan to arrange all special events far enough in advance and notify all area bulletin editors, so they may notify their chapter members. This may result in greater attendance and area participation and enthusiasm.

Notice to bulletin editors: Pontiac, Utica-Rochester, Milford, Holly-Fenton and Saginaw. The Flint bulletin, "Flint Notes", is issued on the Friday prior to the 2nd Tuesday of each month and we will publicize any activity in your chapter if notified prior to that date. Send your new president and bulletin editor's address to 4401 Detroit St., Flint, Michigan 48505.



COMING EVENTS

January 22, installation of officers and Ladies Night. Entertainment featuring the Close Chorders, local talent and dancing, refreshments and food.

April 2, Flint Parade of Harmony.

The Flint chapter extends holiday greetings to all, and wish that you may have a prosperous and harmonious 1966.



RAYMOND GOODALL

1965 FLINT CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Ray has been a member of the Flint chapter for eight years. He lives at 220 Sawyer Place, Grand Blanc, is married to Nola (an ardent supporter of barbershop) and they have three children, the youngest being born in 1965 while he was president. He is a member of the Grand Blanc City Council and volunteer police and fire departments. Ray heads the sales and service department of the Krutka Co., an industrial equipment company.

Ray has sung lead in three quartets, the Cavaliers, Flint-Tones and Suspend-A-Chords. He has also been

known to tag tenors and basses in round robins. Mike Schied, district treasurer, installed Ray as president along with the other Flint chapter officers on January 12, 1965.

His participation in many chapter and area events is attested to by the following activities during his tenure as president: Installation of officers at Holly-Fenton and Saginaw, hosted a tri-chapter meeting for the visit of Chet Fox of International, a very successful parade on April 3, three tri-chapter membership drive meetings, hosted chapter visitations from Oakland County and Dearborn, had a mystery ladies night bus trip to the Utica-Rochester show, a very nice chapter picnic, showed the Boston convention film at a joint chapter jubilee and held bi-monthly board meetings regularly.

Various chapter members participated in nearly all the Holly-Fenton regular meetings, many Saginaw meetings, some Pontiac meetings and various others. They attended shows at Holly-Fenton, Pontiac, Lansing, Utica-Rochester, Mio and Detroit. Ladies nights at Saginaw, Holly-Fenton, Pontiac and Milford. Sweet Adeline shows at Flint, Milford, Holly-Fenton Raft Ride, Holly-Fenton picnic, Pontiac woodshedding contest, Pontiac Korn and Kielbasa Roast, Milford visitation to Saginaw, Saginaw Half-vast contest, Saginaw Halloween ladies party, Bay City Paddy's Day Thaw, Beans for Boston, C.O.T. school in Jackson, H.E.P. school at Hamilton, both district conventions, Canada night at Detroit, etc.

Ray has certainly been an inspiration to area barber-shopping and we are proud that he is a member of the Flint chapter.

reporter: les lang

+++++

Fun, Service, Competition Milford Theme

Milford's Huron Valley Chorus is on the move and in the right direction. "Fun, Service and Competition" is our motto for 1966.

Reflecting back to "65" we feel that under Ernie Richmond's able direction we made great strides for barber-shopping. We have more active, singing and participating members. Our chorus participated in the chorus competition and many members attended the District convention for the first time. So Ernie...expand your chest for a job well done.

October 26 we participated in a halloween party for the patients at the Woodside Medical Clinic and Convalescent Home in Pontiac. The entire audience was in wheel chairs. The highlight of the year occurred when an elderly patient joined our chorus, while they were singing, "Wait Till The Sun Shines Nellie".

Ever on the move, November 13 we travelled 250 miles to Durdalk, Ontario. Joining with the Hamilton chorus, we presented a show at the local high school. This indeed was a week end to remember. The red carpet rolled out and not even the Queen could get such a royal welcome. We hope to return next year.

A tip of the hat and a mighty big thank you to the Smithtonians for giving us a big lift at the Durdalk show.

We have had many visitations the last two months and hope to continue.

Our installation banquet was held December 11. Hope to see everyone at the spring convention.

reporter: tom shall



ELLEN HARRINGTON

Oakland County's installation of officers was the occasion for a Ladies Night where the Left Overs, Close Chorders, Smithtonians, Esprit de Chords and Reminisce Sirs entertained beautifully. In attendance were Tom Rafferty, Bob Farrington, Bob Hann, Ken Keeley, Floyd Albert, Jim Chene, Bill Nevaus, Norm Thompson, Ron DuMonthier, Eugene Bulka, Jack Swisher, Dan Davey, Tony Scooros, Bob Wharton, Ray Strachan, Phil Smith, Al George, Stu Nevin, L. C. Wilkinson, Norm Swanson, John Morris and Bill Bruce.

Others enjoying the event were Messrs. and Mesdames Pat Keomke, Ken Sandry, Bill Green, Bernie Smith, Don Ware, Don Cowles, Bob Fangert, Bill Fangert, Leo Doran, Dick Liddicoatt, Walt Lange, Ernie Richmond, Dick Van Dyke, Roy Strause, Bob Marshall, George Ellis, Charles Demerly, Del Badgley, Otto Vogel, Joe Kiley, Don Kohler, Herb Prange, Bud Laughlin, Gordon Limburg, John Zinikas and Duncan Hannah and friends.

* * * * *

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Liddicoatt of Oakland County on the birth of a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. James Rudloff of Jackson on the birth of a son and to Mr. and Mrs. James Horton of Grand Rapids on the birth of a son.

* * * * *

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hock of the Detroit Yachtsman chapter are enjoying a Caribbean cruise and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ford are planning a trip to South America.

* * * * *

Congratulations to Bert West of the Detroit chapter on his election to the Board of Governors of the Mortgage Bankers Association.

* * * * *

Best wishes to Nick Kiptyk of the Dearborn chapter on a speedy recovery from recent surgery.

+++++

Windsor Chapter Reaches Membership Goal

One of the big goals of our chapter was reached this year. We now have over fifty members. Congratulations fellows.

November was a great month. We were able to raise \$50.00 for the community centre the night Dearborn visited us.

In December we have another full schedule. On December 10 we held our annual Ladies Night. Guests for the evening were the Close Chorders, along with local talent. On the 19th we are going on a caroling tour. We will be visiting the Huron Lodge (senior citizen's home) Alexander Home For The Blind, Riverview Hospital, Maryvale Home for Girls and last but not least our city jail.

We in Windsor would like to wish the Great Michigan District a warm and hearty Merry Christmas and a Happy Barbershopping New Year.

reporter: larry dale

Grosse Pointe Honors Four Fits

Whenever Grosse Pointe chapter decides to hold a special event you can rest assured that it will be done first class.

On November 12 the Pointers threw a combination victory party for the 4-Fits and Little Ladies Night (chapter members only). This party was no ordinary beer and pretzels bash, but a genuine champagneball. Lobster, crab, oyster, caviar and the like comprised the 900 hors d'oeuvres that were served along with the bubbly.

Outgoing president Hal Seely proposed a sparkling toast to the Fits who are the first Grosse Pointe quartet ever to hold District champ honors. In appreciation to the 4-Fits for their efforts over the years, Jim Jackson, on behalf of the chapter, made four beautifully framed awards proclaiming Marv, Ray, John and Russ "Grand Guys of 1965". One of the thrills of the 4-Fits winning the District was that the trophy that has been presented throughout the years was designed and built by Grosse Pointe's own Ben Landino. It was rather like a homecoming for the coveted award. Incidentally, Bennie is also the creator of the International Trophy.

The Close Chorders, current 2nd place winners, helped to provide some real fine singing...this group is getting tougher...along with the Grosse Pointe Glee-men and the 4-Fits.

Grosse Pointe now looks forward to the annual pre-holiday quartet contest with our motor city neighbors. So c'mon Detroit don't give us that "who's got the trophy" jazz. Try to lose gracefully.

reporter: russ seely

+++++

Greenville Show Set For March 12

On Monday, December 6, we found ourselves entertaining the ladies in our chapter room. The Ladies Night occasion gave us a chance to initiate the new members and install the incoming officers. Jack and Orrin Wood were co-chairmen of the affair. Entertainment included lots of chorus and quartet singing as well as an appearance by the Onchords, of local female foursome. Onchords personnel include Marilyn Eley, tenor; Tudy Middleton, lead; Betty Povol, baritone and Ruth Hansen, bass. Gene Smith and Herb Reinke handled the refreshments.

Membership is gradually inching upwards. We now have 41. The latest additions include Joe Wildner, lead. Joe is sponsored by his son, Joseph Wildner. Arnie Staffen has signed up another brother, Lossie Staffen, tenor.

Show chairman Stu Anderson reports that plans are well under way for our 4th annual show to be held on Saturday, March 12, 1966, 8:00 p.m. at the Greenville high school. The theme of this year's extravaganza will be the circus. Headlining the entertainment will be the Road Runners quartet, the Extension Chords from Grand Rapids, the ForTune Tellers from Jackson and the current Michigan District Junior Chorus Champions, the Greenville Barbershop Chorus, directed by Fran Jones. Make plans now to be with us on March 12.

The Greenville Chapter wishes everyone a Happy Harmonious Holiday Season.

reporter: bob hansen

+++++

COPY DEADLINE JANUARY 3

Grumbley To Head Saginaw Chapter

The Timberland Chordsmen sang on December 5 for the Sunday afternoon Elk's Lodge Memorial Service. This is a lodge service held annually throughout the state to honor the memory of the deceased brothers of B.P.O. ELKS. According to the responses after the performance, there was ample reason our audience was literally tearful. Earl Keith, our director, indicated, "It was one of those times everything was perfect as a chorus." Imagine the thrill in being a part of those 21 voices.

December also brings Saginaw out to carol at the VA Hospital, the TB Sanitarium and elsewhere around the Tri-City area. These jobs are informal and really give us a "boot", not to mention the community relations we like to achieve.

Finally, the district probably wonders if we'll sponsor another St. Patrick's Day show. The previous two programs, headlining the best talent of our district, were smash sell-outs. The 3rd annual St. Paddy's Day Post-Parade Thaw will be held right after the big Bay City parade. The village hall at Johnson and Woodside Streets will again be filled with people, quartets chicken harmony and fun. All plans are laid and tickets will be back from the printers by the time this article hits the press. All committees are working and the expectation is upwards of 1,000 guests, no kidding. The secret? Best chicken anywhere, best show to go with it and good hard work. Bay City folk are still buzzing about last year's show and we're hoping to leave them that way again. Reservations are available from the Saginaw chapter in the event anyone care to assure a table for their group.

Saginaw # 6 has been very active in recent weeks. We were well represented at Detroit for the Canadian International Night program. Various visits have been made to other functions around the state as well. Wherever barbershopping is, there is Saginaw too, we hope.

Our chapter is both honored and highly pleased to boast that Gene Gillem has begun his duties as District Vice President for Zone IV, areas 7-8-9. A man of his caliber, enthusiasm and energy on behalf of our Society does not come along very often. We're glad Gene is a Saginaw barbershopper and stand behind him in his efforts, both morale-wise and travel-wise, if he so requests.

January 8, 1966 will see the Saginaw chapter and their lady guests entertaining other district chapters in their own inimitable manner. This time it will center around the installation of officers for next year to be as follows: President, Bill Grumbley; administrative vice president, Frank Bateson; program vice president, Ted McDonald; secretary-treasurer, Ed Foulds and board members Bob Glover, Bill Dolezel and Dave Szutkowski. Already talent is secure, program plans firm, menu selected and we expect about 150 guests at the Elk's club in downtown Saginaw at 8:30 p.m. This is an open invitation for the district to join us on that night. We can promise a good time for all.

All in all Saginaw is active and the coming months appear to be the best in our long history. This means one whale of a lot of fun in our corner of the map.

reporter: earl keith

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



Have Tunes..

Meet the

Spar-Tone-Airs

contact

Stuart Palmer
1503 Plainfield N.E.
Grand Rapids





Meet the

MERRI-MEN

contact

Doug Stephens
1403 Cooper Ave.
Lansing

Meet the

HARMONY HOUNDS

contact

Dr. Wm. Clark
421 E. Minges Rd.
Battle Creek





Meet the

DELTA-AIRES

contact

Bill Grumbley
4545 Two Mile Road
Bay City

Meet the

FOREMASTERS

We make other quartets
look good

contact

Tom Damm
18148 Lovell Rd.
Spring Lake



Will Travel

John Seemann New Dearborn Reporter

I am taking over as reporter for the Dearborn chapter. I moved my wife and two girls up from Toledo in the Michigan District and now reside in Dearborn Heights. Those who do not know me may remember the quartet that lived in Toledo, Ohio and belonged to the Dearborn chapter, known as the Sing-Sing Four. I sang baritone in the group and hope to muster up three unlike parts and form a competing quartet for up and coming contests. It certainly is a shame to come from a district (Johnny Appleseed) that had 56 quartets competing for the district honors and then to go to Battle Creek and see only seven (I spelled seven out so it would look bigger.) I hope to do all I can to promote barbershop singing in the Michigan District.



Combined efforts of the Dearborn and Detroit chapters to host the International Preliminaries April 29-May 1 1966 should prove to be the greatest ever in the Michigan District. The reason being that our own Auto Towners and the other quartet to represent the district need the combined efforts of every chapter. I'm sure when all those attending the convention in Chicago in "66" leave to go home, it would be nice to say, "I belong to the Michigan District, home of the International Champions of 1966, the Auto Towners."

The Dearborn chorus held a Christmas party for their wives and sweethearts on December 10. The Auto Towners and Air-Males did some mighty fine singing and with the chorus under the direction of the "shy one" sang some songs of the season.

The chorus also made appearances at the Oakwood Hospital and Allen Park Convalescent Home during the Christmas season.

reporter: john seemann

+++++

Detroit Owns Six Active Quartets

This is the time of year to make our resolutions and we would like to suggest every loyal barbershopper add one more to that long list.

Let's not let up on this one until it has been accomplished. Resolve to bring one friend or neighbor or perhaps one fella from your church choir to just one barbershop chapter meeting or show in 1966.



If each one of us does this just once in 1966 our chapter roster will swell and we will have more quartets because fellas, let's face it, we have something to sell and it is a great product. However, we are all selfish but let's share this great thrill with someone.

In 1966 Detroit # 1 will have no less than six active, competing quartets. We are going after that trophy again. we defy anyone to take it away from us.

So...don't wait for someone to ask you to sing in a quartet...start one yourself.

reporter: john wearing

ALBERT FRICKER
30881 NYE CT I 41
LIVONIA MI 48154

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.

January 8, 1966	Chapter Officers Training School
January 22, 1966	Pontiac Parade
February 5, 1966	Monroe Parade
February 12, 1966	Kalamazoo Parade
February 12, 1966	Dearborn Parade
February 26, 1966	Detroit Yachtsmen Ladies Night
March 5, 1966	Wayne Parade
March 12, 1966	Greenville Parade
March 26, 1966	Battle Creek Parade
April 2, 1966	Flint Parade
April 16, 1966	Jackson's 25th Annual Parade
April 23, 1966	Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
April 29-May 1, 1966	International Preliminaries, Dearborn-Detroit at Dearborn
May 7, 1966	Muskegon
June 4, 1966	Utica-Rochester Parade
September 24, 1966	Gratiot County Parade
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1966	District Contest and Convention Holland
November 5, 1966	Detroit Parade
February 18, 1967	Kalamazoo Parade
April 8, 1967	Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
April 14-16, 1967	International Preliminaries (tentative)
October 13-15, 1967	District Contest and Convention (tentative)
April 26-28, 1968	International Preliminaries (tentative)
October 18-20, 1968	District Contest and Convention (tentative)