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Utterings
from
Oonk



At Troubadour's request, a working member of the Grand Rapids Chapter writes our editorial for this issue. Del Hathaway has this to say.

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We have the most active chapter in the Michigan District. If you say "balogna" to this statement, then here is what you should do to disprove it. Send for our package deal, which is cheap at twice the price, and come to Grand Rapids Friday night the 23rd of April. This is presidents night and this year we think you will find, that it won't be any run of the mill evening. A lot is planned for the evening and there will be plenty of outstanding talent singing some real goodies.

Saturday morning, after you are all still musing over what a good time Friday night was and the throb in your head is beginning to subside a little, the regional quartet preliminaries will just be getting started. If you sing in a quartet, and have never sung in a contest, this is your

chance to get your feet wet and maybe find out where, if possible, you can improve.

Directly after the quartet preliminaries, the chorus contest will follow, and any chorus can win this one... providing that is you can sing better than any other chorus in the state. We here feel that Grand Rapids will be right on top in this particular event, especially since we recently acquired one of the finest directors around. Approximately four in the afternoon the regional quartet finals will begin, and when all the ringing and singing is over we will have two fine quartets as winners, who will be prepared to represent us in international competition June 26 and 27 in Boston. All in all, we hope to present to you one of the finest contests ever held in this area. Our steering committee for the contest has worked almost continuously since they accepted the honor of hosting this event and we know you will help make it a smashing success. Last year during the Great Lakes show, we had a capacity crowd, through a great effort by the chapter membership, on ticket sales. One problem we had that you might be interested in, was the problem of space. Not for the show, but for the other events, such as the after glos, woodshed, etc.

Well, since we are having a contest, besides a show, space for these other events may be at a premium. This is not due to the fact that we have too small a space for these events, but it is due to the fact that the general public in Grand Rapids has found out over the past few years just how much fun is to be had after the show, and a great many of them have been buying tickets to these events. Therefore, it would be a pretty good idea if you were to get in your registration as soon as possible. Thereby insuring you and yours a room here at the Pantlind Hotel, and a place to sit during the activities following the show. We are looking forward to being your host very much.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL

Del Hathaway

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Ways and Means Committee will be held Friday evening, April 23 at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids. Those men of the Michigan District who are members of this all important committee and appointed by President Burgess, are: Jack Oonk, chairman, Gordon Washburn, Cal VerDuin, Tom Pollard, Don Lucas, Bernie Smith, Clint Bostick, Bob Mulligan, Bert West and Doug Beaver.

As was previously reported, our budget for this year exceeds our expected income and it is up to this committee to come up with the needed income to balance the books at the close of the year. Check at the desk for the room number and try to be there about 8:30. If we get done early, maybe we can drum up a quartet and enter the Regional the next morning. Joshing aside, and speaking to the committee, your presence is requested at this meeting. We will hold only two this year, so it is a must that we all make this one.

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BOSTON POSTER DISPLAY

The big news and thing to see at San Antonio was the display presented by thirteen of the fifteen Districts. Last year we had ten posters from each District. This

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year we allow fifteen. Harmony Hall, too, will come up with a display. Start on your poster display now. Please use 17 x 14 cards only. Prepare them horizontally. No more than fifteen posters...Please. Remember: You can display chapter, inter-chapter events; publicity and public relations; social events; programs for logopedics or any charity in which you are vitally interested; ladies' nights, shows, everything that is in good taste. Your posters should be in Boston on June 21 and should be mailed to PROBE, in care of Charles A. Snyder, SPEB-SQSA, Inc., c/o Sheraton Boston Hotel. Mark the package "HOLD FOR ARRIVAL". If you want your posters back - please make arrangements for someone to pick them up the last NIGHT of the convention, or send a first class letter with your package containing remittance for return postage. Be sure the proper names and addresses are included. We had some last year who asked for posters back and did not tell us where to send them. Get going on it NOW.

Last year we were one of the two Districts without a display. Let's come alive in '65.

How about the following chapters each sending in a couple of Michigan Posters to Al Burgess before he leaves for Boston. Holland, Battle Creek, Dearborn, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Oakland County, Sault Ste. Marie and Windsor. It will be a lot of fun and show the rest of this world why we are the "Great" Michigan District.

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MUG SHOTS STILL REQUIRED FROM REPORTERS

Readers of the Troubadour will find a few more pictures of chapter reporters scattered throughout this issue. Many more are still required. Please send them along with your next month's copy. Thanks.

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BULLETIN CONTEST STIMULATING

Hurray for the Michigan District. Since publishing a bit about chapter bulletins and the International judging of same, the caliber of the Michigan District bulletin has improved at least 50%. A few new bulletins have sprung up and the general content of many of the "old timers" has considerably improved. Chapter reporters are again reminded to send to the Troubadour, three copies of each issue. These are needed to send into International for the judging on an International basis.

MEN OF NOTE WINNERS

The following men receive Troubadour congratulations to go along with their tie pins from International. These working members have signed up at least one new member. Let's attempt to triple this list next month.

Courtney Novak, Ann Arbor; Howard R. Spear, Battle Creek; Thrumman N. Holladay, Detroit; Jay Gonyeau, Detroit Yachtsman; Leslie Lang, Flint; William F. Saenger, Montgomery W. Catchell, Fruit Belt; Nate Britting, Garold Fitzgerald, Gratiot County; James Jackson, Russel Seely, Paul L. Johnson, Grosse Pointe; Vernon Lapps, Monroe; Dick Liddicoatt, Donald Cowles, Oakland County; Nels Johnson, Oscoda County; Clifford Douglas, Pontiac; James D. Maxwell, Redford; Eugene Gillem, Frank Bateson, Herb Benjamin, Saginaw; Mike Bourgoin, Wayne; Bruce Martin, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and Paul Eberwein, Tecumseh, Ontario.



EYE POPPIN IDEAS CORNER

Dear Mr. Editor,

Oakland County has contrived a little scheme, game, or what have you, which we feel will foster and promote chapter visitations and also benefit the quartets representing our District at the International Convention (1966). I recently was given an old crockery jug, the kind in which grandfather kept his cracked corn and cider...a real "little brown jug" in the area of 90 years old. We wish to proclaim this item of nostalgia the "Oakland County Traveling Jug" and pass it from chapter to chapter with certain stipulations attached thereto which are:

1. The jug shall be passed only to chapters in the Michigan District.
2. The jug shall be passed only by unscheduled (surprise) visitations.
3. The receiving chapter shall deposit in the jug \$.50 per visiting member from the chapter making the presentation, but no more than \$20.00 in total.
4. The chapter presenting the jug shall have at least 20 members at the presentation or shall deposit in the jug \$.50 per member short of the prescribed 20. (This insures a minimum deposit of \$10.00 per presentation and one helluva good meeting.)
5. The presenting chapter will inscribe on the jug, by means of paint, the chapter to whom it was presented, the number of visiting (presenting) members, and the date; and also drop a card bearing the same information to Jack W. Oonk, 526 E. Lincoln, Zeeland, Michigan 49464. The receiving chapter then must pass the jug within five weeks.
6. After chapter "X" has received the jug, it must have been presented to at least four other chapters before it can be presented to chapter "X" again.
7. The chapter holding the jug on June 3, 1966 shall present it to the Oakland County meeting that night. OCC will deposit in the jug the prescribed fee plus an additional \$50.00. The money will then be shared equally by the quartets representing the Michigan District at the 1966 International Convention.

Here is where we need your help. There is nothing to prevent a chapter from holding the jug more than five weeks, but if a "jug tally box" was kept in the Troubadour and (through the post card notification) you could ride the chapters who are holding rather than passing the jug, I feel the program would be a success. I might add, that from the tally box anyone could always tell how much was in the jug by the number of presentations times \$10.00 plus each time there were more than 20 presenting members, \$.50 per member in excess of 20 members.

Our cartoonist member, John Morris, will letter the jug, and if you approve the venture, give your support, we'll start it out. Perhaps it would be best if an item regarding the jug appeared in the Troubadour so it won't be a shock to the first chapter.

As soon as I receive your blessings, we'll start the "jug" rolling.

Dick C. Liddicoatt
Vice president, programs

Ed. note: Let's get the jug a rolling.

The Voice Box



Dear Mr. Editor,

I have some information here that I would like you to print regarding the District Contest.

We would like very much for each chapter to send in, before the contest, a list of those people who will register along with the necessary money, so that we could prepare complete packages for the choruses and the chapter members before Saturday morning's "big rush". Then on Saturday morning a representative from each chorus or quartet would pick up the complete registration and distribute them among their men. We would ask that the quartets follow the same pattern and register ahead of time.

Bear in mind that if an individual cannot attend and has registered we will refund his money. It might be well to note that so far as the District Convention is concerned the total registration for the quartet preliminaries chorus contest and quartet finals is but \$3.50. If they wish to include the Great Lakes Package Deal, as we have it published in the Troubadour, then it is \$7.50. Please indicate on your list of registrations which men desire the \$3.50 District Deal or the very reasonable \$7.50 complete District and Great Lakes Package Deal. In either case, he has a tremendous bargain. We sincerely hope that the individual chapters and individual members of the chapters will thoroughly understand our registration problem and cooperate with us in this advance registration.

As President of the Grand Rapids Chapter and chairman of the District Contest, may I wholeheartedly invite and urge every barbershopper in the state of Michigan to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Gerrit VerVeer, President
Grand Rapids Chapter #4

AN OPEN LETTER TO MICHIGAN BARBERSHOPPERS FROM THE AUTO TOWNERS

Dear Friends,

We write this letter to make formal announcement of the changes of personnel that have taken place in our quartet since last November. It's not exactly news anymore, but we feel that our Michigan friends, that we see all too seldom, might like to hear the why's and where-fors straight from the auto's horn.

Dominic Palmierei has left the quartet. The reasons: Pressure of neglected business, increased responsibility of a large family and just plain weariness of five years of hard work and many weekends away from home. We were quite disturbed and unhappy to hear his decision, but we know he thought long and hard before he made it. And, it was a difficult decision to make.

We were very fortunate to find a tenor who fit very comfortably into the group, both from the standpoint of sound and equally important, from the standpoint of con-

geniality. Bill Wickstrom, formerly with the Air Tonics and more recently with the Occasional Four, has sung with us since early December and has been a real asset to the group.

Now this sounds like an appropriate spot to end our letter, but unfortunately our problems are not yet solved. Bill works for the Federal Department of Labor and is required to be elsewhere on the date of the International contest in June. Needless to say, contest singing is the lifeblood of our quartet. So, once more we reluctantly accept the resignation of a fine tenor as Bill Wickstrom graciously steps down so that the Auto Towners may continue to represent the Michigan District at the International contest.

Well, our luck is holding out. Once again we have found a tenor who we know will be a tremendous asset in every way. Our new tenor is Al Rehkop, who sang with the Wolverines, Sharpkeepers and to date has been the tenor of the Noteries.

Our appreciation of five years of fraternal harmony with Dominic would be difficult to express on paper, except to say that we wish him the best in his every endeavor. We owe many thanks to Bill for having filled in so ably through the winter shows.

So, 'til we see you in Grand Rapids, we remain...

Sincerely yours,

THE AUTO TOWNERS

212 Attend Windsor Chapter Ladies Night

Talk about action. Windsor chapter's ladies night in February was geared to accommodate 150. The turnout was 212. While it was a little crowded everyone had plenty to eat, sing and listen to. Hats off to Art French and Len Slater, who incidentally has got to be the food chairman in the district.

In keeping with our objective of spreading sunshine from the Sun Parlor Chapter we visit Monroe on April 9 and we're looking forward to a great evening.

CHORUS READIES FOR CONTEST

Of course the District convention will get most of our attention this month as the chorus prepares to compete. For our money the Sun Parlor Chorus has never worked harder and we hope the work will pay off.

FIFTH FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 30

As an innovation in our programming this year we have started what we call "Fifth Friday Nights". You guessed it, these nights happen when we have five Fridays in the month. Then mark this date down, Friday, April 30. Prince Edward Hotel, 8:30 p.m. It's open house for all barbershoppers in the District and should be a real fun night full of fellowship. This doesn't happen again until October so don't miss this one.

HARMONY LANE GOING STRONG

Just a reminder to all those within the coverage area of radio station CBE - 1550 on the dial... Friday nights at 6:30 p.m. Paul Eberwein hosts our own barbershop half hour "Harmony Lane". Give Paul a listen and if you like drop the station a note.

See you in Grand Rapids.

reporter: fred sorrell

COPY DEADLINE APRIL 3

ON THE COVER

The cover of Troubadour simply reminds us that the Regional is almost here. Credit for the clever idea goes to Bob Roberts, editor of the Far Western District bulletin.

REGIONAL REGISTRATION FACTS AND FIGURES
Registration desk will be open on Friday, April 23 from 7:00 to 10:00p.m. (Later if necessary.) On Saturday, April 24, it will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (We figure that anyone who's coming should be here by then. Right?)

ALL-EVENTS PACKAGE

The registration all-events package includes admission to six separate events.

1. Friday night special meeting - 9:00 p.m. \$1.00
2. Quartet prelims - 10:00 a.m. Saturday. 1.50
3. Chorus contest and quartet finals - 1:30 p.m. 2.00
4. Reserved seat for Invitational - 8:00 p.m. 1.00
5. Woodshed - 10:30 p.m. 2.00
6. Dance, including refreshment - 11:00 p.m. 2.50

Total value, six events...\$10.00. PACKAGE PRICE...\$7.50.

Now, maybe you are thinking that the \$1.00 seat for the Invitational is just our way of getting rid of some hard-to-sell dogs, and you would rather have a \$2.00 or \$3.00 seat. If so, we'll be glad to oblige you. But...we'd like to tell you that we have pulled sections D, Q and R of the upper balcony for use in the all-event package. These sections have always been the first to sell out, so they are far from being dogs. In fact, all that separates them from the \$3.00 seats is about six feet of aisleway.

SINGLE EVENTS

Tickets for any of the individual events will be available at the cost stated for the event.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

We gave a lot of thought to what might be the best and easiest way to handle this, and finally came up with the following procedure. Your request will be acknowledged immediately, so you'll know we really received it. Tickets, etc., will be placed in a sturdy little envelope bearing your name, and this envelope will be held at the registration desk ready for you to pick up upon arrival. This will eliminate any possibility of your tickets being lost or delayed in the mail, being inadvertently left "home on the dresser", etc., and also will save us a little postage. However, if you prefer we send them direct, let us know. We'll co-operate.

Advance registration orders should be sent to: Bud Konkle, 1230 Dorroll St., N.E., Grand Rapids, 5, Michigan. Deadline...order must be received no later than Monday, April 19. Check or money order should be made payable to Chapter Four - S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.

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Milford Chapter Seeks Chorus Director

Way over here on the banks of the Huron River, the Milford Chapter is having a very active season. On January 30 we had our formal installation of officers and a dinner at Thompson's Inn (interrupted at times by some singing). On February 6 we put on a show in Howell for

the Livingston County Nurses Association to raise some funds so that they might send some deserving girls through nurses training. On February 13 our chorus sang on the Milford Sweet Adeline Show. February 16 we made a chapter visitation to the Holly-Fenton Chapter and had a ball. On February 23 we had a "bring a guest night" to try to add to our 31 members, and our membership chairman went all out to make this a gala evening. Chow, prizes, and plenty of singing were the rule of the night. We now look forward to our ladies night on March 20 and to our second annual scholarship fund show to be held at the Milford High School on Saturday, May 1.

In closing, we have a real need that some of you good barbershoppers may be able to help us with. We are very, very badly in need of a chorus director. If you can help us drop a line to our secretary or to me.

reporter: ed nealer

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Holland Tulip Time Show May 14

The Windmill Chapter has been busy during the month of February singing a chapter show in Zeeland and preparing for the annual Tulip Time show.

The Tulip Time show, May 14, looks as though it will continue to uphold the tradition of fine barbershop shows put on by the Windmill Chapter.

Headlining the show will be the fabulous Schmitt Brothers of Two Rivers, Wisconsin. We need not go into detail expounding the merits and credits of this fine quartet. All that is necessary to say is that they will be here. The Imposters, International finalists of Skokie, Illinois, with one of the finest new sounds in barbershop will also be featured. Filling out the show will be the Extension Chords and the Chord Counts of Holland, the Spar Tone Aires from Grand Rapids and the Young Uns, a real swinging folk trio from Holland. The Windmill Chorus under the direction of Mike Lucas will lend their talents to add the frosting to what shapes up as a real fine show.

reporter: norm bredeweg

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Alexander Appreciated By Great Lakes

Every month after carefully reading the Troubadour over here, we see many articles about individuals in other chapters or in the District that are doing outstanding jobs. So it's time you all heard about a man from Grand Rapids, who is an outstanding barbershopper and also does an extra fine job as our program chairman. That man is Bill Alexander. We like to have fun on our meeting nights and Bill does the job of providing both fun and talent. He has been running Friday nights now for almost two years and still is coming up with new ideas for entertainment. This is a great burden on one man, especially when he is singing in a quartet several times a week. If you have never visited Grand Rapids on the 2nd or 4th Friday of the month, we would certainly like to have a chance to shake your hand very soon, so if you like to woodshed and have a ball, we think Chapter 4 has the best program chairman in the District and we would love to share him with you. There is plenty of him, and enough fun for all. Thanks Bill, from all of Grand Rapids.

reporter: del hathaway

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1230 Dorroll N.E.
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Shirley Cantwell Muskegon Spebsquaw

Shirley Cantwell was named Muskegon's SPEBSQUAW for 1965. Her selection was announced by the Foremasters, hosting the annual Ladies Night meeting on February 19. Shirley's first words upon being named, echoed



the thoughts of everyone present. "I wish Joe was here." At this poignant moment, emcee Tom Damm, introduced husband Joe, via speakerphone from Phoenix. Joe moved to Phoenix last summer for his health. He reports feeling much better, and Shirley and the children will be moving soon to join him. The Extension Chords were the real entertainment hit of the evening. They were called back again and again by the pleased Ladies Night crowd.

QUARTETS LINED UP FOR PARADE

Co-chairmen, Wilson Hislop and Dr. Paul Borton, have signed outstanding quartets for the Muskegon Parade. The Kipper, from Independence, Missouri will headline the event. The Road Runners from Gary, Indiana and the Harmony Hounds from Battle Creek will be here. Muskegon's own Foremasters and the Port City Chorus will complete the program at the Michigan Theatre on May 8.

reporter: gordon gunn

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Ann Arbor Signs New Quartet

February was another successful month for the Ann Arbor Chapter. Both of their meetings had a good attendance of regular members, plus several new faces and their regular "part time" members. They can boast two new members this far for 1965. That's about a 6% increase.

They had big plans for a "guest night" in February, but were unable to get the material from International in time. However, they are planning to tire Wayne Chapter out again as soon as they recover from their "Stampede" Parade.

In the January note they mentioned that they had lost their two quartets. This isn't exactly true. Ann Arbor lost them in their original form, but some of the members now appear in a new form. This quartet, as yet unnamed, participated in a faculty fun night at the University of Michigan. They returned to the chapter meeting and sang for them too. If they did nearly so well for the faculty as they did for Ann Arbor, barbershop got a great boost. Ann Arbor figures they are ready for competition this year.

Two more meetings are planned in March...Friday, March 12 and Tuesday March 23. Everyone is welcome.

reporter: sumner maule

Flint Parade Scheduled April 3

Our parade of harmony arrangements are now complete and the cast is:

Timberland Chordsmen, Trebleshooters, Delta Aires, Harmony Hounds, AireMales and Puckerless Four. The place will be Grand Blanc High Auditorium, April 3, at 8:15. The afterglow will be at the Flint Elks Club.

We have had a real lively February. One special meeting, February 26, when Oakland County Chapter paid us a visit, a whole bus full of harmony headed by the Wonderlads, who sounded like a million, and the chorus made the club rafters ring.



BENNINGTON TROPHY "EYED" BY OCC

We were displaying the Bennington Trophy, which our visitors eyed with envy, and they promised us we would have a hard fight to retain it this year. We like a challenge.

Spring events in our area include Bay City Paddy's Day Thaw March 21, pre bush league contest May 14, Pontiac woodshedding contest, three Holly-Fenton, Saginaw and Flint joint meetings, besides our chorus practices and regular meetings. Looks like a busy spring. But...we will not be too busy to "Sing That They Shall Speak".

reporter: les lang



NOTES FROM

THE SECRETARY

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

"Double the pleasure, double the fun," according to the popular jingle...and the date is April 24, 1965, combining the International preliminaries, District chorus contest and the Great Lakes Invitational. Anyone who has attended either of these events, knows what is in store and anyone who hasn't should plan to do so. Entry blanks should be filed at once...quartet entries to International and chorus entries to my office. Among the early entrants are the Noteries of Wayne, Trebleshooters of Detroit, Rafter Ringers of Grand Rapids and the Great Lakes chorus. Contest sessions will be held on Saturday, April 24, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the preliminaries, the chorus contest at 1:30 p.m. and the quartet finals at 3:30 with the Great Lakes Invitational show at 8:00 p.m. The House of Delegates meeting and clinics will be held Sunday morning. Requests for accommodations should be sent direct to the Pantlind Hotel. International President Al Smith of Fort Worth, Texas, will attend the convention.

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Watch your local theatres for the short subject, "Keep America Singing," which was filmed at the San Antonio convention last summer and features the Sun Tones and other quartets and 2,000 conventioning barbershoppers.

Osterhout Recalls The "Good Old Days"

Jackson was alive back in '45...

Ah yes, we do remember the "good old days" of barbershopping when we and the Society were youngsters... full of enthusiasm, harmony and...quartets. There were the Acoustical Persecutin' Four, Harrigans, Tonsil Benders, Ninety-Four, Rusty Four, Balladiers and the Debonnaires. A sizeable list. That was the year we boasted of have 104 members.

Flint hosted the state finals in '45 when the AP Four and Harrigans made the top 15 and the Tonsil Benders just missed. State champs that year were the Gardenaires of Plymouth.

April 11 of that year marked the 7th anniversary of the founding of our Society, with the 8th through the 14th proclaimed "Founders Week" by Phil Embury, International President.

There were a few (?) restrictions in those days of rationing, food stamps, shortages and gas stamps. In order to save those precious gas stamps four regional contests were held in '45, so you could pool enough to go to the closest one. The AP Four and Harrigans carried the Jackson colors to Cleveland, Ohio. Unfortunately this trip ended on a sad note since we not only lost out in the competition, but nearly lost the lead for the AP Four. Research shows that the steamer carrying our travelers hit a bit of rough weather and as the waves got higher, Bob Breitmayer went lower. Some say they never saw the same shade of green before or since.

Our 4th annual parade highlighted the Misfits, Continentals, Doctors of Harmony, Gardenaires, Travellers, Food City Four, Sing Sing Singers and Sunshine Four, plus one gals quartet, the Charmerettes and of course our own quartets.

Twenty years...a long time? Not really. The quartets have changed...new faces are to be seen...but the old enthusiasm is still here. Barbershopping is like a pleasant disease, growing and growing in intensity with the years. the Cure? Who wants one? Not Jackson...we're still trying to spread the symptoms

Floyd Osterhout - Jackson reporter

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Holly - Fenton "Eyes" Lucas Challenge

Lots of action around this little old chapter with requests for both quartet and chorus appearances coming in. Not an active quartet in the chapter but a couple trying to get going. On February 22 the chorus made an appearance at a dinner in the Holly Presbyterian Church with seventy-five people in the audience. This was a very warm reception and a very nice place to sing.

Plans now call for a return visit to Milford, a visit to the Flint Chapter during this month, two appearances during April and one in June. Attendance at rehearsals is way above average. Arrangements for our Ladies Night, Raft Ride, Annual Picnic and Harmony Highlights Show are not complete at this time. We haven't forgotten Mike Lucas and his challenge from area 13 to area 15. We'll have to fit that one in there somewhere, and when we get through with those sorethroatedfellows over there we will be ready for bigger and better "game".

reporter: art burnett

TICKETS FOR THE LOGOPEDICS BENEFIT
ARE ON SALE NOW...WOW

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TO ATTEND REGIONAL



AL SMITH

Al Smith, 35, of Fort Worth, Texas, is President of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. As President he is responsible for the Administrative supervision of the organization's 30,000 members scattered throughout the U.S. and Canada in 675 chapters.

In business life Smith is a general contractor, and although he lists bridge and golf as hobbies, most of his hours away from the office are spent barbershopping.

He joined the Society in 1954 and since then has held almost all chapter and District offices. He was elevated to the International Board of Directors in 1962 and became First Vice President in 1964.

Al is a singer as well as an administrator and his bass voice has been heard with the Diplomats, Chordialaires and Jesters quartets and the Dallas and Fort Worth choruses.

He is married and lives in Fort Worth with his wife and two children.

Smith will attend the Michigan Convention in Grand Rapids April 24.

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Oscoda Starts '65 With Benefit Singing

Our winter activities have included singing Christmas songs and hymns at the Mio Rest Home. On January 23 we sang on the Mio P.T.A. variety show...January 30 we sang at the Curran March of Dimes show. This we have done for several years. February 20 we sang at Fairview P.T.A. show.

We also have sponsored a boy to Boys State again this year.

We are now making plans for our August 21 show. We know it will be better than ever. Keep that date open.

reporter: j.b. wilcox



O. C. CASH
FOUNDER OF OUR SOCIETY

Troubadour proudly presents another Duane Mosier installment on the fortunes of O. C. Cash, founder of our wonderful Society. Read it and laugh a little.

(Question—Was it the handsome, curly haired tenor who played such a contemptible trick by slipping in Article 4 in the Sweet Adelines' Constitution, or was it _____? You have one guess - it's as good as mine.)

In the early days of the wild and woolly West, before it settled down to become somewhat law-abiding, every man was a law to himself. His authority spoke from the business end of his six-shooter which always dangled near his finger tips. Indian Territory had its share of bad men and Ike Sellers was one of them. The vigilantes saw to it that Ike's ruthless antics were abruptly curbed. O. C. and his itinerant school teacher, Jim Wiley, drove over to Beard's general store to buy some sugar and a few twists of Granger chewing terbacker when they saw a human form hanging from the limb of a Sycamore tree. Sure enough, it was Ike. The Coroner's Jury brought in a verdict "death from natural causes." A crude sign pinned to the seat of his pants read:

"This is Ike Sellers.

Ike was a mighty bad man in some respects and a damn site worse in others."

"As bad as Ike was," says Cash, writing his November 1945 column in the "Harmonizer", "he wasn't as bad as a certain coyote" who slipped in an Article (No. 4) in the Sweet Adelines' Constitution. In O. C.'s humorous way he tells all about it:

"The barbershop singing women in Tulsa got their organization off to a good start and finally picked the name "Sweet Adelines, Inc." They were having a lot of fun, doing a lot of singing and developing quite a few good quartets, when this guy pulled the trick on the sisters that I'm going to tell you about.

Well, these Sweet Adelines didn't know when they were well off and some of them began to agitate adoption of a Constitution. Not knowing much about such stuff they asked this hyena that I am telling you about, to help them write it up. He fixed them up a document about like any

Constitution should be prepared, but while they weren't looking he slipped in this provision:

No. 4 Morals. That every member constitute a committee of one to be on the alert for any malicious remarks about a fellow member or the Society, and to report same to the parliamentarian who shall report same to the Board of Directors. Any one found guilty will first be reprimanded; second, be fined; third, be suspended from the Society.

Now, brothers, just contemplate that for a moment. What fun could any woman have all bound up with those restrictions? This slick villain sure knew his wimmen and how to mess them up.

Nobody paid much attention to the thing and it was presented for adoption at one of the regular meetings. Of course there are a lot of big words in all constitutions and when the Secretary began to read it, passing up some of the big words and mumbling over some of the others, the sisters lost interest and just about that time a slick little item breezed into the meeting, wearing a perky hat, with a frilly veil that trickled down over her face like a rippling waterfall, and one of the women said, "Isn't it just too darling for anything." Another remarked, "Oh I think it's terrible."

Then all the women jumped in and got to talking about this Jane and her new hat and one said that she couldn't understand what her husband saw in the dame; that her house always looked terrible; she never washed the dishes; was always running around singing in a quartet; etc., and the meeting sort of resolved itself into a general discussion pro and con of the subject women always like to talk about...the other woman. The net result was that in the mumbling and skipping of phrases and clauses in the Constitution by the Secretary, no one noticed the trick section that this bum put in. The Constitution was adopted unanimously when put to a vote and no one thought anything more about it until they received copies in the mail and had time to read it over carefully. Then all hell broke loose. Every member suspected everybody else of trying to slip something over on them, all of them being of the opinion that if they were prevented from talking about the women in the club they didn't want to belong to no singing society nohow.

All the time this clown who done the dirty work and who is a bachelor and had no woman to get crippled or bruised up in the inevitable fracas, was sitting on the side lines enjoying all the friction and confusion. He is a sadistic sort of guy - enjoys gore, bloodshed, misery and hell raisin' in general.

By the time the next meeting of Sweet Adelines took place the sisters were all worked up to a terrible frenzy. The offensive provision of the Constitution, of course, was eliminated but only after a whale of a fight. After the meeting my woman came hobbling in home about two o'clock in the morning, all bedraggled and bunged up, with the new \$18.75 dress I had just bought her, in shreds, so bruised up she was no good around the house for a couple of weeks. You would have thought she had been to a bargain sale.

Now all us husbands who have had to wash the dishes and make the beds for the past few weeks while broken bones were knitting and wounds were healing are going to "church" this handsome tenor singing bachelor with the curly hair that played this lowdown joke on our wimmen.

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But everything is lovely now amongst the wimmen. They've got more members than we have, got a bunch of good quartets and are making plans for a chorus. They are learning the hard way how to run their business and if hospital facilities don't run out they will make it all right.

Hoping you are the same, I am, etc.

OWEN"

P.S. The November issue also announced the formation of the Mid-Atlantic States Association of 12 chapters in four states and Greater New York City; also the formation of Manhattan Chapter, New York City No. 3, Sigmund Spaeth, musician, arranger and long-time contributor to the "Harmonizer" was named chairman of the Program Committee.

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Dearborn Grabs Octet Contest Title

In our swinging singing 9th Annual Octet Contest held at Dearborn on February 12 the Dearborn Octet comprising Eric Schultz and Cecil Craig (leads), Bob Hammerlee and Thurm Slack (baritones), Roger Craig and Carl Dahlke (basses) and Bill Wilcox and Bob Stone (tenors) emerged victorious over a highly competitive field. Ousting the champion Detroit Octet after five years straight running Dearborn scored 553 to Detroit's 547 followed by third place Wayne with 518 points.

The contest exceeded by Roger Craig brought out a record attendance of 120 barbershoppers from eight chapters. Chapters represented were Dearborn, Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Milford, Northwest Detroit, Oakland, Redford and Wayne. The lineup of talent read more like a parade than a chapter meeting. The evening saw such quartets as the Auto Towners, Aire Males and Treble-shooters perform with the Motor City Chorus and Dearborn Chord-O-Matics joining in the festivities. Competing for Octet honors brought forth no less than eight octets. Dearborn and Detroit chapters each sponsored three while Redford and Wayne chapters presented one octet each.

Dearborn Chapter would like to herewith extend an invitation to any chapter locally or outstate to compete next year in what will be our 10th Annual Octet Contest to be held the second Friday in February 1966. Just come on down or contact any Dearborn Chapter member and tell him you would like to be included next year and I'm sure he will be glad to keep you posted on the details.

DEARBORN SHOW RECEIVES PRAISE

February proved to be a short but active month, as the day following the octet contest found us on stage performing for our annual parade. The Dearborn Chord-O-Matic Chorus directed by Carl Dahlke (magnificent in his debut) couldn't help but coming up with a winner with talent such as the Cracker Jills, Banjo-tainers, Aire Males and Auto Towners performing at their very best. The Dearborn Chapter wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to all those talents for making our parade a success.

reporter: don sheridan

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CHECK YOUR AREA COUNSELOR'S LISTING
PAGE 2 FOR YOUR NEW AREA NUMBER.

Detroit Recognizes Paul Eastman

At our annual old timers night we've had great attendance in the past, but the turn-out this year was the greatest.

Among those present were: Joe Wolfe, Glen Shields, Wally Jones, Joe Jones, (all are past presidents of Detroit Chapter). Others were Tim Weber, Rawley Hellmon, Carl Restive, Mike Arnone and Art Seeley of the Progressives, known to many as the Frankenmuth Four. Ed Raszik, Ed Mulkep, Morrie La Geau, Al Kaekowski, Nol Bayer, Bud Dubrol and Duane Mosier.



Each year an old timer is honored on this occasion. The member to receive this year's award was Paul Eastman. Paul sang in the Metropolitan Detroit chorus, the Precisionaires chorus and the Motor City chorus. He has been an active member since he joined the chorus in 1945. Congratulations Paul.

On hand to take in the fun was the Northwest Chapter who brought a fine group.

The Bernie Smith family (The Smithtonians) were on hand to entertain us with their smooth barbershop singing family style.

We heard the Trebleshooters rehearsing before chorus practice the other night and they are sounding great. Our boys are working on some excellent new arrangements that really give the ears a thrill.

Word has it that a new foursome is working out and we hope to have more information for you next issue.

The chorus is working very hard to be ready come Boston time and are making plans for a money raising show in May.

reporter: john wearing

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Kalamazoo Wins Retention Commendation

Kalamazoo Chapter has received commendation from International Headquarters for being one of only 15 chapters in the Society with 100% retention of members in 1965. We hope other Michigan chapters shared in this honor.

Jerry Smith, new chorus director, led the 40 man Mall City Chorus of many new members in four refreshing recent selections at Kalamazoo's 23rd Annual Serenade of Quartets in February. Michigan's own Chord Counts and District champs, the Trebleshooters, joined the Night-hawks and Note Cracker Sweets for a real talent loaded parade.

DYKEMA WINS B.O.T.Y. AWARD

Herm Dykema was the proud recipient of the annual chapter B.O.T.Y. award for 1964 (Barbershopper of the Year) presented by past winner, Gilvie Bugh.

Meeting nights have been changed to 1st and 3rd Friday Nights, 8:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Events of the District as well as those planned by the chapter have stimulated enthusiasm which will likely produce some new quartets in the near future.

Three Rivers has challenged Kalamazoo for an April 3 meeting, which will be judged by the Battle Creek Chapter. Depending on how we make out will determine whether we report it, or they.

reporter: jim sell

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**THE
FEMININE
OBSERVER**



ELLEN HARRINGTON

Dearborn's fine show, with its Homecoming theme, attracted a sell-out crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Palmieri did a beautiful job on decorations for the Afterglo, honoring the Cracker Jills with an enormous Valentine heart. Enjoying the event were Nich Kiptyk, Carl Dahlke, Doug Arseneau, Ed Conn, Harold Coughenour, Lou Kapczi, Len Tampa, Harold Sepull, Virgil Duke, Norm Shamus, John Thomas, Doug Beaver, Len Johnson, Al Maier, Dale Clixby and Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Smyth, Bob Stone, Bill Wickstrom, Cecil Craig, Eric Schultz, Glenn Van Tassell, Bob Weaver, Clint Bostick, Thurm Slack, Sam Vasiu, Roger Craig, Vic Favier, Arne Olkkonen, Frank Tritle, George Meinschein, John Comloquoy, Norman Thompson, Dave Hoover, Sherman Faunce, Harold Reinhart, Paul Eberwein, Bill Wilcox, Tom Pollard, Ken Sandry and many more.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jay Welch of Holly-Fenton and Don Fagan of Dearborn, who are on the sick list.

Utica Rochester Lists New Location

Last month Jerry Glomsted, one of our chapter members, hit the jack-pot. He was able to find us a permanent home. It is called "Mac's Wee House". (Pronounced Wee House.) Mac, the owner, is a scotchman, who likes bagpipes and barbershoppers. So, we will probably be there a long time.

"Mac's Wee House" is located on Rochester Road, M 150, one eighth of a mile north of Auburn Road, M 59.

We are to have a house warming the last Friday in April. It is not our regular meeting night, but we invite everyone who can come to do so, to help us in our celebration.

NOVICE CONTEST SCHEDULED MAY 14

Our novice contest will be held May 14 at our new home. Motel reservations and any other information may be obtained by calling or writing Harry Tom, 1269 West Hamlin Rd., Rochester, Michigan. Phone OL1-6681.

reporter: cy pelican

Best wishes to Thurman Holliday of the Detroit chapter and Marilyn Evans who recently announced their engagement.

Congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gilbert of Holly-Fenton and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dale of Windsor on the birth of daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Doran McTaggart of Windsor on the birth of their son.



**BATTLE CREEK
MICHIGAN**

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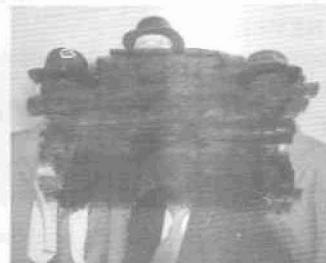
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Jackson Sings Jaycee's Benefit

Manchester High School was the scene of "big doin's" February 27 as the annual Jaycees program just missed the blizzard of the last few days. Manchester boasts that the Four Tune Tellers are their own, and if you heard the applause, you know how they approve.

Chuck Sherwood as emcee delighted the audience with his explanation of what barbershop singing is, using the Four Tune Tellers to illustrate. The Noteable Four performed capably as always and were called back for encores.



The "frosting on the cake" was the appearance of the Merri Men. Boy...can those guys keep a show in high gear. Heard on comment from the audience that if the quartets could sing as long as the audience would like, they'd NEVER quit.

A good share of the folks adjourned to the Sportsmens Club for a really nice after glo. Breitmayer asked for the "Shovel Song" and the Merri Men, aiming to please, complied with the request.

CORNELL MARX...BARBERSHOP GREAT

Little did Cornell Marx realize what lay ahead as he came to the United States from Austria in 1913. "Dutch" has made his "marx" in sports as well as barbershopping. He played semi-pro football for the Nespo team in 1921 when they became Indiana state champions. And on teams here in Jackson, among them the Maroons and Pennels.

Another of his favorite sports was boxing, and in 1922 he won the Michigan amateur middleweight championship. Not believing in half doing things, when Dutch tries, he puts every bit of energy into his efforts and goes on to win.

A happy family stands behind his success, for a wife and four children (3 girls and 1 boy) complete his life. Having worked for the railroad many years, he retired at 55 to enjoy barbershopping.

During nearly 20 years with our chapter, Dutch has done lots of singing. With the Rose City Four, a few years ago, for one instance. You may remember them...Spencer Kilpatrick, Larry Troxell and Leo Rudloff were his sing-mates. This year he's assisting Leo Rudloff, our treasurer. Known as "pay as you go Joe", he collects our hard earned money at the door every Friday night. But we know him best for his version of his favorite songs, "Old Aunt Dinah" and "Old Joe". A jolly good fellow is Cornell Marx.

Jackson's alive in '65. See you next month...if I survive.

reporter: floyd osterhout

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Wonder-Lads Entertain Oakland County

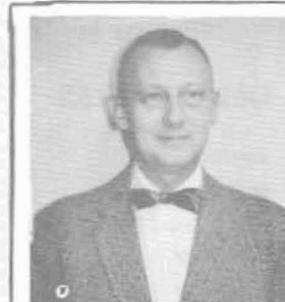
The Oakland County Chapter rang 'em again at our February 5 meeting and in many different ways. Featured, were the Form-A-Chords from Milford, a new group but a good sound and on the way up; a genuine SWEDISH quartet who sang in some foreign language (they said it was Swedish) and their folk songs and drinking songs were really something. They have attained a certain notoriety with one that we have nicknamed "King Kong". Our headliners were the Wonderlads who now stand with tenor and bass in the center and their new big sound is something to behold. We could just sit back and listen to these guys until they run out of songs. Our usual logopedics raffle was well patronized and the winners of the Sun Tones' record and the snake bite remedy were indeed pleased.

MYSTERY BUS TRIP ROUSING SUCCESS

Our mystery bus trip to visit the Flint Chapter on February 26 could have been done without the big snow, but a real happy time cannot be denied a group like OCC. Refreshments aboard the bus kept it jumping all the way up and back. Highlights of the evening were the wonderful Wonderlads and the winning pick-up quartet composed of Leo Doran, Brad Laughlin, Don Cowles and Gene Bulka, who are four of the hard working "wheel horses" in OCC.

Don't forget to drop in on OCC the first Friday of the month for some never-to-be-forgotten wood-shedding and save May 15 for our Ladies Night. More about this later.

reporter: bob mueller



INTERNATIONAL NEWS



WILLIAM HANSEN

During the fall of 1964, the U. S. Congress passed the "National Arts and Cultural Development Act of 1964" to establish a National Council on the arts to provide recognition of, and assistance, encouragement and promotion for, the nation's artistic and cultural progress. Twenty-four members are to be appointed to this Council by President Johnson.

Since our Society is perpetuating one of our nation's native art forms, and since barbershop harmony is certainly part of the nation's cultural heritage, your International Board of Directors, while meeting in Wichita, Kansas, during January, decided to recommend to President Johnson that a member of our Society be appointed a member of the Council. The unanimous nominee of the Board is Rowland F. Davis, Past International President and current Trustee of the Harmony Foundation.

There can be no doubt as to the importance of this Council with respect to cultural development in the United States. To have our Society represented on this Council is something which all of us should hope will become a reality. Any member of our Society, so inclined, can assist our cause by directing appropriate correspondence to his congressman or senator.

Sault Ste. Marie Holds Gala Valentine Party

The Moose Hall looked pretty good with red and white streamers, hearts and cupids for our Valentine Party on Monday, February 15.

The gents and their ladies turned up in grand style and chorus director Ted Spry led the happy group in a sing-song. The ladies accepted the challenge to sing and rendered some selections on their own.

President Ken MacPherson was unable to attend and past president Don Bazely welcomed the ladies. The chorus sounded their approval by singing, "You're As Welcome As The Flowers In May".

There was a brief chorus practice to give the wives an idea of what goes on at our meetings. This year we plan to have our parade in late October or early November.

The gals were taught some woodshedding and introduced to some of the "old chestnuts" during the smoke break.

The chorus entertained the ladies with selections from the chapter's repertoire. We must be good, for take note Michigan District, we raised the goose bumps on at least one wife while singing "Keep America Singing".

There was at least one novelty dance. Partway through the dancing the octet sang "Tell Me You'll Forgive Me" and "Yona From Arizona" for their Valentines and the others. Refreshments were delicious and the dancing enjoyable.

We were glad to see Bob Tracy and his wife from Mackinaw City and Cliff MacLean and his wife from Cedarvill. We know they had a good time.

Besides the terrific fellowship, the barbershopper's wives were able to get to know one another much better. Another Valentine's Night like this is a definite must for the Sault Chapter next year.

reporter: frank murphy

Pontiac Woodshed Contest April 20

With the heavy workload of our annual show behind us the chorus is now pointing to community service. Chorus manager, Homer Richmond, is scheduling appearances at the Haven Rest Home in Rochester, Villa Francisca Catholic Home in Bloomfield Hills, Southfield Senior Citizens Club and Pontiac State Hospital. Prexy Larry Robertson advises that he plans more community service for us in 1965.

The chapter visited the Utica-Rochester Chapter February 12 to celebrate their move to the Rochester American Legion Hall. Program chairman, Clif Douglas, assisted by Norm Schram, worked hard in organizing the trip and were rewarded by a turnout of 60% of our membership.

The chapter hosted a visitation by the Dearborn Chapter on February 20 and with reinforcements from Oakland County and Utica-Rochester Chapters, the ole K. of P. Hall was ringing with harmony. The Wonderlads, who are working diligently for the International Preliminaries, entertained as the guest quartet of the evening.

The annual Pontiac Woodshed Contest should be a whopper this year in that the calendar gives us five Fridays in April. Chairman, Bill Pascher, anticipates that we will exceed the 23 quartets who competed last year. The event is scheduled for April 20 at the K. of P. Hall, our regular meeting place on Voorheis Road, just two doors west of Telegraph.

reporter: chase sanborn

Saginaw's "Parade" On March 21

Saginaw's St. Paddy's Day Parade Thaw party will be held March 21 in Bay City at the village hall. We have the Happy Hummdingers and the Aire Males plus the Delta Aires and the Timberland Chorus. Tickets are \$3.50 per person, which includes a chicken dinner and your liquid refreshment. Bob Demming, our program vice president and Earl Keith, our chairman in charge of talent, promise a bang-up good time to anyone who attends.



Hat's off to Ted Hospal's team, they are winning the membership drive contest so far. Want to know what I mean? Write Frank Bateson, 5405 Meadowbrook, Bay City and he will tell you how to set it up. It really has been working for our chapter.

All the guys in Saginaw chapter are looking forward to Battle Creek's very worthy show for logopedics, plus the Bush League Contest. That, as we all know, has always been held in Boyne City. This year it will be held in Battle Creek in conjunction with the afore mentioned. Thanks to the Boyne City Chapter for transferring this traditional contest for a very good cause. This will be May 22, 1965. DON'T FORGET.

I guess I am going to persist in going back to the subject of extension work so that eventually we will have spread barbershop harmony all over the Michigan District again.

I have occasion to meet Cecil Fisher's son, Dean, in my territory and we find two other guys and sing a few. The two other guys are fellows without chapters and too far from any one that is organized. I personally would like to see the time when I could attend two or three chapter meetings a week somewhere in the north country.

I understand there are some rumors about chapters maybe in Alpena and Big Rapids. After these, how about Manistee, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Cadillac?

I see Bob Tracy three or four times a season and with no other male voices available, well, have you ever heard Bob's wife Florence sing lead? We end up many a time in the wee hours of the night with the three of us plus another female from down the street. Now, I ask you, all compliments to the girls, isn't it too bad when you can't get four male voices together?

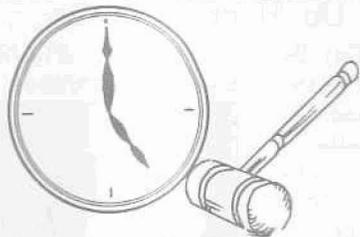
reporter: gene gillem

Yachtsmen Seek "Bulletin" Help

The Yachtsmen have been busy with a visitation to the Northwest Detroit chapter, another appearance at a Dixieland party at the Yacht Club and preparations for appearances at the blessing of the fleet ceremonies and the DYC Ladies Night which will feature the Trebleshooters, Spartans and the chorus on March 20. The chapter is interested in publishing a monthly bulletin and would appreciate it if other chapter editors would send bulletins to chapter president, Ernest Dossin, 961 N. Oxford, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236.

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LOGOPEDICS BENEFIT MAY 22 - BATTLE CREEK



Minutes

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Michigan District Board of Directors was held at the Capitol Park Motor Inn, Lansing, Michigan, on Saturday, February 6, 1965. President Burgess called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Vice-presidents Schultz and Sherwood, Secretary Harrington and Immediate past president and International board member Hansen. Also present were Henry Moorehead, president of the Jackson chapter and Chester Fox of the International office.

The president and secretary each gave a short report. It was announced that Michigan's quota of quartets at the International contest in Boston will be two, based on our membership as of December 31, 1964. International board member Hansen then reported on the subjects discussed at the International Mid-winter board meeting.

Chester Fox then took the floor and requested support by the District for all International projects. While the percentage of membership retention in the Society for 1964 was over 80%, he emphasized that the districts should concentrate on expansion and enrollment of new members. He further discussed the various problems confronting the individual chapter and suggested procedures to be adopted. He reported that he will discuss all of these problems with the chapter officers at the several zonal meetings to be held within the following week in the Michigan District. One of the topics discussed was the question of the length of chorus practice sessions at the regular chapter meetings and the advisability of having well-rounded and programmed meetings. The consensus of opinion was that chapters should not devote more than one to one and a quarter hours of each regular chapter meeting for such chorus practice, the exception being separate chorus rehearsals which are not a part of regular chapter meetings.

An analysis was also made of the chapters in the Michigan District which are below the minimum 25 membership, and it was suggested that the zonal vice presidents and area counselors focus attention upon bringing these chapters up to the required minimum.

Mr. Fox, using the District manual, reviewed the various suggestions therein contained pertaining to the functions of each officer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,
District Secretary

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HARMONY WEEK APRIL 4 to 10

Chapter presidents have received their harmony kits from International. Every Michigan District chapter should do a little advertising during this week. Put a good man on promotion during this week from every chapter and who knows, 100 new members next month?

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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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| March 20, 1965 | Detroit Yachtsmen Ladies Night,
Detroit Yacht Club |
| March 27, 1965 | Battle Creek Parade |
| March 28, 1965 | Hudson Parade |
| April 3, 1965 | Flint Parade |
| April 10, 1965 | Zonal Meeting, Boyne City |
| April 24, 1965 | International Preliminaries and
Great Lakes Invitational, Grand
Rapids |
| April 30, 1965 | Pontiac Woodshed Contest |
| May 8, 1965 | Muskegon Parade |
| May 14, 1965 | Holland Parade |
| May 14, 1965 | Utica-Rochester's Pre Bush League
Contest at Rochester |
| May 22, 1965 | Bush League Contest and Logopedic
Benefit Show, Battle Creek |
| June 5, 1965 | Utica-Rochester Parade at Utica |
| June 12, 1965 | Quartet School |
| June 23-26, 1965 | International Convention, Boston |
| July 16, 1965 | Detroit Chapter Moonlight Boat Ride |
| August 21, 1965 | Oscoda County Parade |
| September 25, 1965 | Gratiot County Parade |
| October 2, 1965 | Boyne City Parade |
| October 2, 1965 | Fruit Belt Parade |
| October 9, 1965 | District Contest, Battle Creek |
| October 22-23, 1965 | Lansing Parade & District Chorus
Director's School |
| October 23, 1965 | Oakland County Parade |
| October 29, 1965 | Ionia Hobo Wing Ding |
| November 6, 1965 | Detroit Chapter Parade |
| November 20, 1965 | Chapter Officers Training School |