

michigan

troubadour



# THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

## Sends Its Very

# BEST

## To Its Very

# BEST

DURING THEIR  
EFFORTS  
IN

# BOSTON



# 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: 1st of each month

MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES, UNDELIVERABLE COPIES, SUBSCRIPTION ORDERS AND BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE TO: JACK W. OONK, 525 E. LINCOLN, ZEELAND, MICHIGAN PR 3-4381

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: Eric Schultz, 4338 Country Club Dr., Utica, Michigan  
VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE 1: Charles L. Sherwood, 251 Horton Rd., Jackson, Michigan  
VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE 2: Don Lucas, 1439 Eastern Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan  
VICE PRESIDENT, ZONE 3: Henry Tracy, 502 W. Central, Marquette City, Michigan  
TREASURER: R. J. Mike Schmid, G-4443 Miller Road, Flint, Michigan  
SECRETARY: Louis R. Harrington, 2381 First National Bldg., Detroit 48226, (WO 1-1621)  
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: William Hansen, 537 Cayuga Rd., Benton Harbor, Michigan

### AREA COUNSELLORS

AREA 1: Ken Smith, 20323 Regent, Detroit, Michigan 48225, (VE3-3874). AREA 2: Art Schultz, 13303 Longview, Detroit, Michigan 48213, (LA 7-7802). AREA 3: Paul Eberwein, 2970 Aakim, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, (889-5156). AREA 4: Harold Sweeney, P.O. Box 33, Walled Lake, Michigan (MI) 6-5300. AREA 5: Don Ferguson, 19401 Rotherford, Detroit, Michigan 48225, (VE 7-9222). AREA 6: Mel Holderness, 14900 E. 8 Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan 48205 (DL 1-6882). AREA 7: Jerry Maat, Fairview, Michigan. AREA 8: Richard Johnson, Pellston, Michigan. AREA 9: Don Basey, 413 Wellington, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, (A.L.3-9462). AREA 10: Henry Moorshead, 7999 E. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan, (PO 1-9897). AREA 11: E. A. VandeZande, 118 Morningside Drive, Battle Creek, Michigan, (WO 2-2657). AREA 12: Dr. James Bell, 859 Beechey, Plattsburgh, Michigan, (689-5941). AREA 13: Mike Lucas, Chicago Street, Walkerville Woods, Holland, Michigan, (335-8161). AREA 14: Dr. Stuart Anderson, 820 Macomber, Greenville, Michigan, (794-6539). AREA 15: Grant Wright, 507 Second Street, Fenton, Michigan.

### COMMITTEE HEADS

AWARDS: Ted Verwey, 1791 May Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. AUDITING: Les Thomas, 4117 Belford Road, Midy, Michigan. CONTEST & JUDGING: O. B. Falls, Jr., 1900 Berkimer Drive, Jackson, Michigan. CONVENTION: Don Lucas, 1439 Eastern Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. CREDENTIALS: Eric Schultz, 4338 Country Club Drive, Utica, Michigan. ETHICS: William Favinger, 12811 Waaburn, Detroit, Michigan 48204. FINANCE: John W. Klainer, 4821 Division N.W., Comstock Park, Michigan. HISTORIAN: Mark P. Roberts, 11539 Chalmers, Detroit, Michigan 48205. LAWS & REGULATIONS: Ken Childs, 1805 Mayfair Drive, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION: Herman Dykema, 2529 Lombard Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001. MUSIC: Bill Butler, 33748 Pawnee Drive, Wayne, Michigan. NOMINATING: C. D. Soltner, 2815 Edgewale, Drayton Plains, Michigan 48020. 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, 525 E. Lincoln Ave., Zeeland, Michigan 49464.

May-June 1965 Vol. 15 No. 5-6



Our District logopedic effort, held May 22 at Battle Creek, was a sight and sound to behold. District barbershoppers from the four corners were on hand to add to the festivities. An atmosphere of real harmony was in evidence from the first chord to the last. Those who attended came to have a wonderful time and had just that. Barbershop chords were in evidence from the moment you stepped out of your car in the Post Tavern parking lot until at least five bells the following morning, when this reporter and wife collapsed and called it a day.

The Bush League Contest was a well run affair, with some fine talent competing. Winning first place honors were the Esprit de Chords from Mount Clemens. Walking off with second place were the Bucksters from Niles-Buchanan. The Rafter Ringers from the Grand Rapids chapter sang their way to third place. Also singing the dust off the rafters were the Key Noters, Battle Creek;

the 4 Doorsmen, Three Rivers and the Harmony Hounds from Battle Creek.

Last year's champions, the Delta Aires, sang up a storm and presented the trophies to the new champions.

Another highlight of the contest was the crowning of the Bush League King. He is none other than Loten Willson, the man who has been so instrumental in promoting the Bush League for the past 20 years. No better choice could have been made. Jim Blessington, president of the Boyne City chapter, made the presentation of an appropriately inscribed plaque. A true "King of the Bush League" wears the crown.

Judges for the contest were Merle Clayton, Battle Creek, HA; Roger Craig, Dearborn, SA; Joe Jones, Grand Ledge, BB; Lloyd Yunger, Michigan City, Indiana, SP; Mel Holderness, Detroit, VE and chairman of the judges was O.B. Falls from Jackson.

Phase two, the chicken barbeque, was a pure wonder. The food was the finest and the atmosphere surrounding its serving was of real barbershop accord. Almost 1000 servings of chicken were administered to the happy and hungry bunch of songsters attending. The Hudson chapter of hard working chicken tenders get a great big gold star for a job well done. Every barbershopper who partook will attest to the gold star.

The logopedic show was as great as the cause. Roger Knapp, president of the Battle Creek chapter, started off the Benefit by welcoming the many barbershoppers and townspeople in attendance. District President Burgess took over to emcee the show and did his usual fine job of moving the show along. Performing first were the Esprit de Chords, who are current Bush League champions, winning that honor in the morning. Next on the show were the Clef Dwellers. Featured next were the Merri Men followed by the Extension Chords. Our Logopedic film was then shown and President Burgess gave a short resume of his trip to the logopedic center in Wichita, Kansas. After a short intermission, the second half got under way with a fine performance from the Motor City Chorus, our Boston representatives. Then came the hilarious "Never Won Nuthin" champions, the Spar Tone Aires. They were followed with a superb performance from the Aire Males, Auto Towners and the Trebleshooters. To these champion quartets go forth the district's sincere thanks for a job well done. These fine district champion foursomes sang this show free of charge. Proving again that our district is blessed with some really dedicated barbershoppers. It might be well to remember these guys when you book your next parade.

The last pleasing parts of this tremendous barbershop day were the after glows. Singing and dancing were available as long as one cared to partake. Perhaps the highlight of the singing after glo was the performance of the Clef Dwellers. These fellows came in from a couple of states to participate for the cause of logopedics. Crowned champions way back in 1948, they proved they are still champions today.

Credits go to many men who worked hard, long hours to make this "pipe dream" of a few months ago a reality. Credit also must go to the persons who gave their time and talent to perform. I will not attempt to name them as I am sure that everyone of them was repayed by just being a part of this fine district logopedic benefit. I would suppose that most of you who have read this far

-continued on next page-

are wondering if we made any money for the child that our district will help support at the Institute. Not all chapters have reported as yet and a few smaller bills have yet to be payed but when all the dust has settled we should clear between \$1500.00 and \$2000.00. Those of us that worked on the show are pleased with this amount and expect, now that the show is a reality, that next year we should double that amount. If your chapter would like to host next year's district logopedic benefit, drop me a card at 526 E. Lincoln Ave., Zeeland, Michigan 49464.



ESPRIT de CHORDS-Bush League Champs



CLEF DWELLERS-Ain't It Fun?



Del Hathaway



Gordon Gunn

The Michigan District Chapter Bulletin Contest has been completed for this year and we wait now for the verdict on how we stack up against the rest of the Society's bulletins.

We as a district can be proud of our entries in the International contest. We can also raise our heads high for the vast improvement shown in many district bulletins, which, by the way, made our district contest a very close one.

Winning top spots were the Grand Rapids "Forecast", edited by Del Hathaway and the Muskegon "Beacon", edited by Gordon Gunn. Both of these men are also chapter reporters for their respective chapters.

In contention to the very end were a couple of other fine bulletins from the Holly-Fenton and Jackson chapters. These are edited by Art Burnett and Floyd Oosterhoudt.

Other chapter bulletins competing were from Saginaw, Pontiac, Windsor, Utica-Rochester, Battle Creek, Dearborn, Flint, Wayne and Grosse Pointe.

Judging the contest were Bill Hansen, Michigan District International Representative; Jack Oonk, Troubadour editor and Fred Veldhuis, a non-barbershopper who has done work in the journalism field.

+++++

Because of the length of time it took to gather an appraisal of the financial aspect of our District Logopedic show, the May and June issues of Troubadour are combined.

If there are any chapters desiring to advertise July and August promotions please send in the information and if enough is gathered we will produce a summer edition. Troubadour is also prepared to publish a special edition if our dreams in Boston come true. We have entered in competition in the International, two quartets, a chorus, two chapter bulletins and also an entry or two in the poster contest.

+++++

- |                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| June 23-26, 1965    | International Convention, Boston    |
| July 16, 1965       | Detroit Chapter Moonlight Boat Ride |
| August 21, 1965     | Oscoda County Parade                |
| September 25, 1965  | Graiot 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    |

# ON THE COVER

BY HAROLD SEPULL

## EXPERIENCE AND TALENT...BOSTON BOUND

Michigan's quartets going to Boston add up to many years of experience and hard work often overlooked by us average barbershoppers. This briefly outlines facts most barbershoppers don't know about our representatives.

The Auto Towners were organized in March 1960 with Dominic Palmieri as tenor and six weeks later became Bush League Champions. That fall they placed second (to Aire Males) for the District Championship. They won the 1961-62 District Championship and the right to represent Michigan in the Internationals in 1961, 62, 63, 64 and now 1965.

They improved and advanced every contest: Philadelphia 1961 (16th), Kansas City 1962 (9th), Toronto 1963 (8th), San Antonio 1964 (6th)...and Boston 1965 (???)

Tenor, Dominic Palmieri, retired in January 1965 to devote more time to his business and family, Bill Wickstrom temporarily replaced him to work in the Dearborn Show and Al Rehkop took over in March 1965.

Tenor, Al Rehkop, is an International "veteran" singing with the Wolverines: Kansas City 1952, Detroit 1953, Washington 1954, and Miami 1955. Also with the Sharpkeepers: Columbus 1958, Minneapolis 1959 and Dallas 1960. With the Noteries at Toronto 1963. Boston will be Al's 9th International.

Lead, Glenn Van Tassell, is another "nine-timer" singing with the Wolverines: Washington 1954, with the Treble-makers in 1955 at Miami, Los Angeles 1956 and with the Combust-A-Chords in 1957. Then, five Internationals with the Auto Towners (see above).

Baritone, Clint Bostick, sang professionally prior to joining the quartet; originally with the Don Large Chorus then with the Spell-binders for six years on the Patti Page Show in New York, coast-to-coast, and for the U.S.O. in Japan and Korea. Boston will be Clint's 5th International.

Bass, Carl Dahlke, is quartet arranger. Previously he sang briefly with the Sophisticords, two years with the Dynamics, one contest with the Chord-Masters, before joining the Auto Towners. Carl directs Dearborn's 1965-66 District Champion Chord-O-Matic Chorus. Boston will be Carl's 5th International.

The Auto Towners are an "active" quartet having sung in twenty three states in International contests and appearances in out-of-state chapter's annual shows. It is a rare week-end that the quartet isn't singing away from "home".

Glenn Van Tassell said, "If there is any one single key to being a part of a good competition quartet it is to become convinced of one's own ability and to combine that ability with determination. Having accomplished this, seek out the best possible combination of voices available and get-to-work. Don't hesitate to enter competition; no matter how new your quartet may be. In addition to the obvious exhilaration competition affords, there is the more important educational value. Only by



AIRE MALES

AUTO TOWNERS

TRYING, maybe failing and TRYING AGAIN do you learn what makes a good quartet."

Talent and experience? Our representatives have it; The Auto Towners total 28 years at Internationals with the Aire Males not far behind with 24 years. That's an impressive record which totals thousands of hours of work.

The Aire Males were 1960-61 District Champions and represented us at the 1960, 61, 62 and now 1965 International Contests. First organized in August 1959 with Bill Haubrick as tenor, two months later they were a close second to the Chord Counts in the District contest. Haubrick's work schedule forced him to step down the following December and Bill Wilcox took over. In the spring of 1960, they and the Sharpkeepers went to the Dallas International. The fall of 1960 they won over the Auto Towners as District Champions.

Tenor, Bill Wilcox, sang many years with the Four Huron Hoarsemen while yet attending college in Ypsilanti. That popular quartet competed in contests and sang state wide. Boston will be Bill's 4th International.

Lead, Tom Pollard, sang with Michigan Champion Pitchblendaires, who competed in three Internationals. He later joined the Forebearers of Harmony placing 13th at Los Angeles. Now with the Aire Males, Tom competes in his 8th International Contest.

Baritone, Dale Clixby, started with the Pitchblendaires, moved to the Dynamics, that popular chord-busting group in the mid 1950's. Boston will be his 7th International. Dale's extra activity was directing the Wayne Wonderland Chorus to the 1964 District Championship.

Bass, Roger Craig, commenced his career with the Dynamics, composed of Clixby, Dahlke, Craig and Palmieri. From this quartet blossomed both the Aire Males and the Auto Towners. Roger has been and is active in numerous District activities, including directing Dearborn's Chord-O-Matic Chorus to a District Championship and as International finalists at Toronto. Boston will be Roger's 5th International.

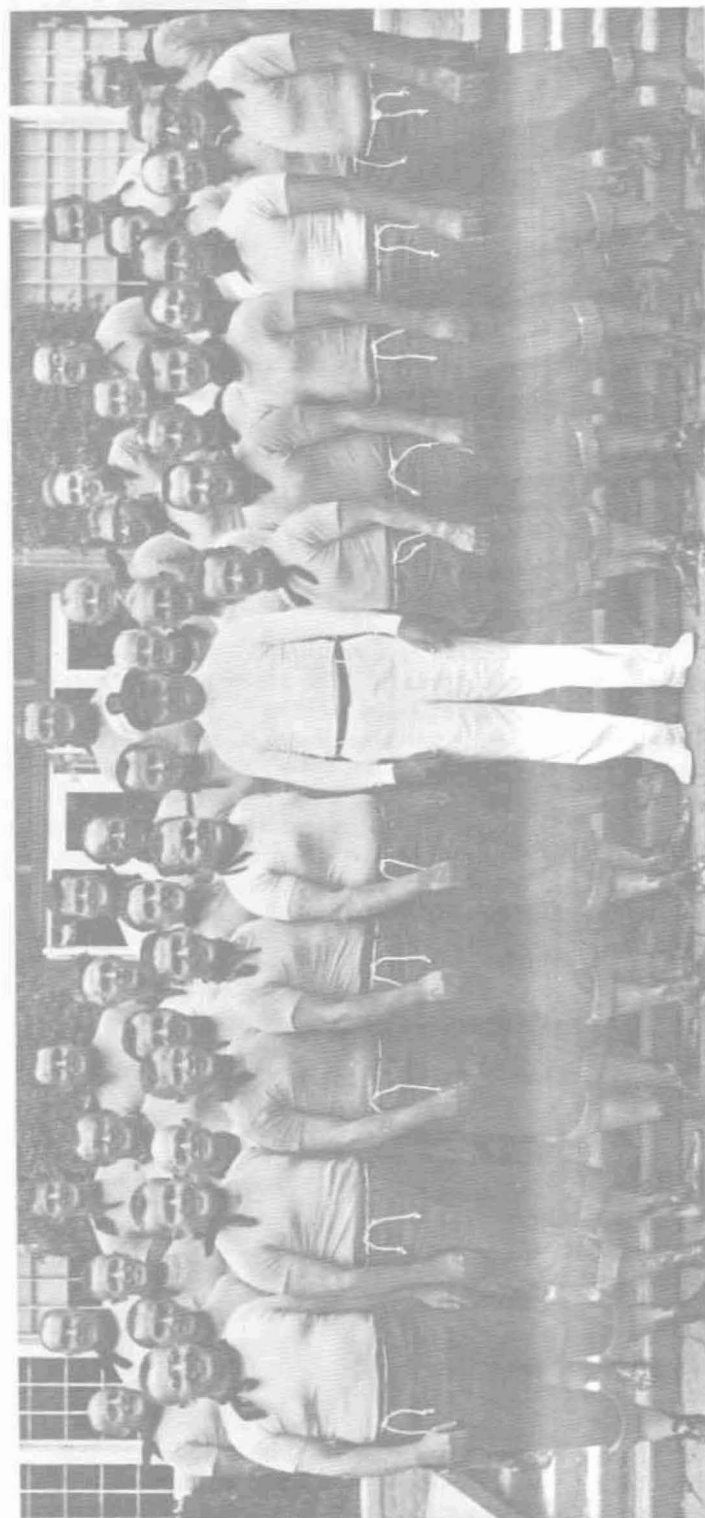
Dale, Tom and Roger are past chapter presidents. All four men have been active chapter members contributing their efforts and talents to help their chapters and the district in general.

The Aire Males have sung all over the country, being a highly entertaining quartet with their World War I comedy routine plus really smooth singing. They earn their name through frequently being "air bound" on singing engagements with fellow barbershopper Jerry Reed in his private plane.

Roger is quartet arranger. Many of his arrangements are published by the Society for International distribution. The quartet is highly honored to be returning to International Competition after a two year absence and they promise their best efforts to bring honor to their chapters and the Michigan District.

Roger Craig said, "Barbershopping should not be a spectator sport for the active, interested member. Participation is the key to full enjoyment of any activity. My advice is find three other guys and start singing. Barbershopping has been very good to us and we would love to share that fun with everyone."

GOOD LUCK...fellows. Your district wishes the very best for you and we know we can depend upon you lads to do your utmost towards bringing home those medals. Sweet singing and the breaks.



The Detroit Motor City chorus will carry our chorus banner into the chorus contest in Boston. Under the able direction of Bill Butler, the chorus has progressed into one of the Society's great choruses. Plans call for a group of around 50 men on stage in Boston when the competition curtain rises. Our very best to this great bunch of fellows. If you heard them at the Logopedic Benefit, in Battle Creek, you know they will carry our banner HIGH.

## Following the Leader

AL BURGESS



Let's get the business out of the way...I wanna sing. Seems like the business of the chapter, district and society mounts each year until it has edged out much of our valuable singing time. In many organizations a certain amount of business becomes necessary...and it must be handled properly.

My plea here is to keep the business at a minimum when it is brought up at a chapter meeting.

Give a brief treasurer's report. Members are entitled to know how much and for what their money is being spent.

Keep the discussion at a minimum. Singing at the chapter meeting is primary. The discussion is reserved mainly for the chapter board meeting.

See that important announcements are made concerning chorus sing-out times and dates, also chapter parade and ticket information, future meeting information etc.

These are the type of things that need to come before the chapter membership. Fifteen minutes should be plenty of time in which to expedite most chapter business. Keep that business meeting short and keep it moving.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Sault Holds A Ted Spry Honor Night

Chorus director Ted Spry really got his "jollies" when we held Ted Spry night. We had just finished a sing-song led by president Ken MacPherson and Ted got up to lead the gang in a chorus practice. Ted gave us a note on the pitch-pipe expecting to hear us sing a chorus number. We broke right into "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow". Ted thought he was hearing things but he was sure pleased when he got the gist of things. President Ken MacPherson did the honors and told Ted how sincerely the whole chorus has appreciated his efforts since he helped to start the chapter in 1960. To show our gratitude we gave him a beautiful transistor radio.



Letters of congratulations came from friends who were unable to attend.

Our entertainment was tops. Carole McGillivray, who was entertaining at a local hotel, came down with her guitar accompanist to sing a few numbers for us with her father Bill, who is a Sault chapter member. Carole and the chorus were then treated to "Play Mr. Banjo" as sung by the Sault's own crazy combo, consisting of Joe "Ivory tickler" Ferguson; Bill "licorice stick" McGillivray; Don Bazely, Joe Rogers, Gerry Clowes all

on banjos, ukes or guitars and Dick Metcalf, an imported guest, on trumpet.

They had us rolling on the floor with laughter. The encore was just as terrific.

Believe it or not, we also combined an important and solemn occasion with all this hilarity. Mr. Ed Briggs and Mr. Jim McClarty were initiated into barbershopping. Welcome to the chapter fellows. The evening came to a close with a very enjoyable lunch being served.

\* \* \* \* \*



President Ken MacPherson, left, presents token of appreciation to Ted Spry.

### MEET TED SPRY

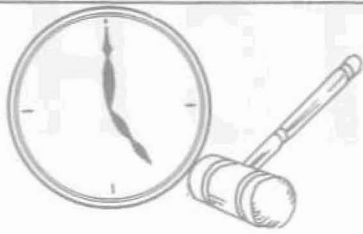
Ted Spry started into barbershopping in 1949 at Guelph, in Southwestern Ontario. He sang in the Royal City Four there and also served as president and as chorus director of the Guelph chapter.

In the 1950's the Royal City Four placed during the Ontario regional competition only to be defeated by the Four Chorders of London. Frank Elliot, presently of the Sault chapter, was also a member of the Royal City Four. In 1950 the Royal City Four sang at the St. Catharines Ontario chapter night. It was here that Harry Shardlow and Ted sang in a quartet. These two men later became members of the Sault's own Borderchorders, another fine quartet. In 1957 the Sprys moved to Brantford, Ontario where Ted was chorus director of the Brantford chapter. At this time Ted founded or helped to found a chapter in nearby Kitchener-Waterloo and became its president and chorus director. While in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ted sang with the Four Dutchmen. Ted came with his family to the Sault in 1958. He supported the Michigan Sault chapter until it folded. With assistance from other loyal barbershoppers, Ted founded a chorus in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in 1960.

Sincere thanks and appreciation goes to Ted for all the effort he has put into the cause of barbershopping. We all hope that his career in barbershopping will be lengthy, rewarding and above all enjoyable.

reporter: frank murphy

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



## Minutes

EXECUTIVE  
BOARD  
MEETING

A meeting of the Michigan Board of Directors was held at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Friday evening, April 23, 1965. President Al Burgess called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Also present were immediate past president Hansen, vice presidents Schultz, Sherwood and Tracy, treasurer Schied and secretary Harrington. Also in attendance were International President Albert L. Smith, Jr., Troubadour editor Jack Oonk and area counselor Grant Wright.

President Burgess announced that he had received the awards from International to be presented to the three chapters which have ranked highest in retention and increase of membership during 1964. Kalamazoo was the highest in the district, Redford was the second and Greenville was third. These awards will be presented at Sunday's House of Delegates meeting.

The Chair then read certain correspondence relative to the violation of ethics by one of the Michigan District quartets. It was decided that the ethics committee will contact the quartet with a warning that any future violation will result in summary action.

It was reported that response to the chapter bulletin editor's contest within the district was very encouraging, and it was suggested that an effort be made to promote Probe meetings at district conventions.

Considerable time was then devoted to the suggestion of membership and extension problems. It was pointed out that the district again had a drop in membership and in the number of chapters, and that three chapters had lost their charters this year...Downriver, South Haven and Suburban Detroit.

Support of the district logopedic show at Battle Creek in May was then urged by the Chair.

Secretary Harrington then read three resolutions which had been submitted for action by the House of Delegates. These will be presented to the delegates at the Sunday morning meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,  
District Secretary

+++++

## Redford Ponders Grace Period Elimination

Redford chapter had as guests at its last meeting the Senior Harmonizers. The junior partner of this alliance is the tenor, our own Tom Hagan, who has turned three score and ten. Since this interesting quartet are all retirees they practise in the afternoon and have become very popular on the "meat loaf circuit".

While most other chapters emphasize the chorus, with success, usually, Redford's half-hearted attempts at chorus organization have been crowned with glorious failure. Ah, but shed no tears, gentle reader. The Redford atmosphere seems to engender a free and easy type of barbershopping with little transmogrification. Many of the sounds produced would hardly fit into any of the

recognized categories, but the look of ecstasy on the faces of the participants seems to make the whole thing worthwhile. Of course, we sometimes add a touch of refinement as when we recently listened to the Auto Towners, Trebleshooters and Wonderlads.

In 1964 Redford chapter was exceeded by only one other Michigan chapter in membership retention and maintenance, indicating that dues collection is not our greatest concern. However, we are in disagreement with the drastic elimination of the grace period for payment of dues. Perhaps three months is too long, but since we claim that ours is a fun organization it is hardly fitting that dues should be collected in the manner of fire insurance premiums. It may be imperative to some chapters to retain the forgetful and neglectful ones in order to maintain the status quo. Too, when the roll is called up yonder in Kenosha, a name's a name, a member's a member, selectivity notwithstanding.

The Carroll P. Adams Trophy for best attendance and participation in the annual Pontiac chapter woodshed, which is the quintessence of barbershopping, was again taken by Redford chapter. Unfortunately, however, our president, Tony Scooros, was adjudged "best baritone". We are keeping our fingers crossed. Up to now, Tony has been "one of the boys", but this may be his undoing.

reporter: george cox

+++++

## Hartgerink Wins Holland Award

Holland's annual parade of quartets, held during the tulip festival, again proved to be a success. Playing before a full house, the various acts thrilled and delighted the audience with performances varying from slapstick humor to sublime, straight barbershop.

Headlining the show were the fabulous Schmitt brothers, 1951 International champions, who thrilled the crowd with their sound that just seems



to get better as the years go by. The Imposters, present fourth place finalists from Skokie, Illinois, were a hit with their renditions of pure barbershop. The Spar Tone Aires, of Grand Rapids, brought the house down with their side splitting humor. The Extension Chords and Chord Counts both gave their usually good performances. A bit of variety was added with the Young Uns, a folk singing trio from Holland, who really gave the audience a lift with their clever renditions. The Kord-E-Nators, of Holland, made their first appearance, doing a very fine job. The show was opened by the Holland Windmill chorus, directed by Mike Lucas. The show closed in a thrilling finale with the combined quartets and chorus singing, "Keep America Singing", directed by its composer, Holland's own Willis A. Diekema.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the barbershopper of the year award to Ivan Hartgerink, who was presented the award for his loyal and unselfish giving of his time and efforts for the good of the chapter. We of the Holland chapter salute you, Ivan, for a job well done. All of you who attended the Battle Creek show saw the Holland chapter's Tulip Time float, which was Ivan's creation.

reporter: norm bredeweg

# GOLF MATCH

*The Flawless Fortune Tellers*  
*The Honorable Harmony Hounds*  
*The Superb Spar-Tone-Aires*

CHALLENGE THE  
**MISERABLE "SINGING" MICHIGAN  
DISTRICT QUARTETS**  
*(all of them)*

Being extremely proud of the mellow, golden throated tones of the three afore mentioned quartets and their smooth dignified styles of delivery, we hereby challenge any quartet in the Michigan district to a contest of golfing, eating, singing or any other field in which they might have at least a little talent.

Realizing that any quartet is a decided underdog, we will agree to a set of rules decidedly in their favor...to be judged by Hudson's competent judging staff, of course.

We hereby throw the gauntlet down the throats of any or all Michigan district quartets, hoping that they'll have the *guts* intestinal fortitude, to accept and give us at least a small bit of competition.



**EVERGREEN GOLF COURSE - HUDSON, MICHIGAN**

**September 25, 1965**



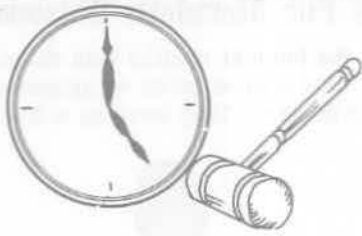
**11 A.M. to 2 P.M. COURSE RESERVED FOR BARBER SHOPPERS**

**9 HOLES OF GOLF - CHICKEN DINNER - INFORMAL SHOW**

For Information Contact:  
Roger Lewis - 405 Boyes Dr.  
Battle Creek, Michigan

**WIVES ARE INVITED TO GOLF**





## Minutes

### DISTRICT DELEGATES MEETING

The Spring meeting of the Michigan District House of Delegates was held at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, on Sunday, April 25, 1965. The meeting was called to order by president Al Burgess at 10:45 a.m. All of the district officers were present and delegates from 29 chapters answered the roll. Immediate past president Bill Hansen led the assemblage in song. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the House of Delegates was waived, upon motion, in view of the fact that the minutes had been printed in full in the "Michigan Troubadour".

At this point, president Al Burgess introduced International President Albert L. Smith, Jr., who was in attendance. Mr. Smith addressed the assemblage and set forth the goals and aims of the Society during the coming year. He urged active participation by the entire membership in achieving said goals and especially urged all chapters to strive to attain the goal of at least 50 members. In discussing the Society's new project, the Institute of Logopedics, he expressed satisfaction and appreciation of the response from all members throughout the Society. He urged contributions to the Harmony Foundation, and these would be credited to each district. His presentation was enthusiastically received.

Vice president Lucas then reported on the progress of the district logopedic show and cited the Battle Creek chapter for its efforts. The respective vice presidents reported on conditions in their zones. Eric Schultz, Charles Sherwood and Don Lucas each outlined the progress being made in their respective zones.

Secretary Harrington, in his report, discussed problems faced by the various chapters in connection with tax matters and offered suggestions thereon.

Treasurer Mike Schied then reported that the district had on hand a balance \$8,071.14.

The Chair then called forward John W. Klaiber, past district treasurer, who had served the district for 11 years in that capacity, and International President Al Smith then presented a plaque on behalf of the Michigan District to him for his outstanding service. The delegates gave Mr. Klaiber a standing ovation, expressing their appreciation for his service.

The Chair then called forward the representatives of the Kalamazoo, Redford and Greenville chapters and presented awards to them for ranking highest in the Michigan District in the field of membership retention and increase during 1964. Kalamazoo placed highest and won honors as the Banner Chapter, Redford ranked second and was awarded honors as the Honor Chapter and Greenville won honors as the Distinguished Chapter.

Immediate past president Hansen discussed activities in the public relations field and reported on a new idea proposed by William Pascher of the Pontiac chapter, which will be fully publicized in the forthcoming issue of the "Michigan Troubadour".

President Burgess, in his report, made a plea for concerted effort in the field of extension work, naming

several cities in Michigan which have no chapters, placing special emphasis on those whose chapters are now defunct. He also commented on the bulletin editor contest. He stated that the condition of the district was encouraging and that progress in the area of extension and membership is anticipated during the balance of the year.

Secretary Harrington was called upon to read the three resolutions which had been presented for action by the House of Delegates;

The first resolution, presented by the Windsor chapter, requested:

"That the Michigan District adopt a policy whereby Michigan District conventions shall not coincide with the convention dates of Sweet Adelines Inc. through cooperative planning by both executives."

This motion was thoroughly discussed and the various problems arising thereunder were presented, and it was the consensus of opinion that cooperation between the two organizations would be in the best interests thereof, and this motion was adopted.

A resolution was then presented by the Redford chapter as follows:

"Whereas the 25 member minimum is an arbitrary number and an unnecessary hindrance to good harmony, resulting in loss of members and chartered chapters, we would like the Michigan representative to the International instructed by this group to propose that this requirement be nullified and that a copy of this proposal be sent to the International Board for their consideration."

This motion was thoroughly discussed and being put to a vote, was defeated.

The next resolution was also from the Redford chapter as follows:

"Whereas there has been at least one case of non-renewal resulting from the late penalty for dues payment, and whereas we feel that more sincere members might fall away, and whereas retention of members was one of the topics considered to be of prime importance at the Executive Board meeting of February 6, 1965, and whereas our chapter secretary feels that the grace period would be of value to him in carrying out his duties, we would like this House of Delegates, in the interest of the members of the individual chapters and the officers, to instruct our representative to the International Board to initiate a proposal that the three month grace period of dues be reinstated, and that a copy of this proposal be sent to the International Board for their consideration." This proposal was also duly discussed and after being put to a vote was defeated.

The meeting closed with a song at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,  
District Secretary

\*\*\*\*\*

#### ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE MICHIGAN TROUBADOUR

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





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

Congratulation to our new district chorus champions, the Chord-O-Matic chorus of Dearborn, to our junior champions, the Greenville chorus, and to the qualifying quartets, the Auto Towners and Aire Males, who will represent the district in Boston. Regretably, due to our drop in membership, we are entitled to only two quartets in International competition.

\* \* \* \* \*

Jerry VerVeer, Ken Childs and the Grand Rapids chapter deserve special commendation for hosting the convention in such fine fashion and on such short notice.

\* \* \* \* \*

Although the date of April 29, 1966 has been assigned to our district by International for next year's preliminary contest, the site has not yet been determined. Chapters interested in sponsoring same, are urged to submit their bids to my office for consideration by the district board.

\* \* \* \* \*

As a result of action taken by the House of Delegates at Grand Rapids, special efforts will also be made to avoid scheduling convention dates that conflict with Sweet Adelines conventions.

\* \* \* \* \*

Quartets are cautioned by the International Ethics Committee against the use of any questionable material or action will be taken against them.

+++++

**Oakland County "Jug" Is Traveling**

Oakland County chapter visited the Windsor chapter on May 28 and awarded our "Traveling Jug". We hope it will move merrily around the district gulping up contributions for travel funds for the quartets who will compete in Chicago in 1966.

Our past-presidents, 18 of them and representing 7 or 8 different chapters, sang up a stormy "Son of the Sea". We hope they will return next year and give us another memorable May meeting. The Trebleshooters and Merrymatics also highlighted our evening, which we topped off with sweet and sour pork over rice with Chinese Fortune Cookies for dessert. Our unmatched purveyor of the calories, Norm Hoemke, did it again.

Our new chorus director, Monti Gerald, organized a chorus sing for his own PTA in Madison Heights and, aided by the Score Keepers, sold some barbershopping to an enthusiastic audience.

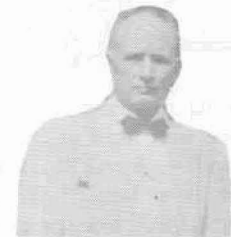
Drop in and woodshed with us the first Friday of the month. Twelve mile road just west of Woodward at the KC Hall...you're always welcome.

reporter: bob mueller

+++++  
COPY DEADLINE SEPT. 3

**Holly Fenton Sings For Merideth Wilsons**

April has been one of the busiest months this chapter has seen in a long time. Our chorus made an appearance at the Fenton Shrine Club dinner. They gave us a fine reception. About fifteen members attended the area meeting in Flint for a great time.



We made a great hit with Meridith and Rini Wilson when they were here to present AN EVENING WITH MERIDETH AND RINI WILSON for the Fenton JC's as part of their LIVING THEATRE SERIES.

We sang as part of the reception for the Wilsons at the Hotel Fenton. He gave us a little talk while we rehearsed and another while we were on stage in which he praised barbershop harmony. You just can't find nicer people than the Wilsons.

Some of us attended the Pontiac Woodshed Contest in Pontiac and had a ball. The old Fentonians sang at a testimonial dinner for former Fenton Mayor Harry Lemon and presented him with an honorary certificate from our chapter. Our annual show date has been set for November 27, pending confirmation.

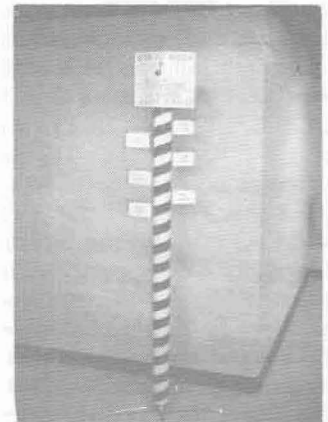
reporter: art burnett

+++++

**Gratiot County**

**Promotes Men**

**Of Note Pole**



Greetings from the center of Michigan, Gratiot County barbershoppers.

The Past Presidents Four entertained at the annual Gratiot County bean smorgasbord, which was climaxed by the crowning of the queen. This foursome made up of Doug Webb, Dale Munson, Lindy Wright and Carew La Blanc also sang at the Jackson chapter's Harmony Week program which featured the Trebleshooters.

The Hymnsingers received a call and had a ball when a dozen of the fellows spent an evening at the Elwell Methodist Church Singspiration on March 28.

April 5 was guest night with 25 members and 8 guests. Our chapter is on a membership drive and here's the picture to prove it. Simply sign up a new member and join the Men of Note on our barbershop pole.

The Sweet Adelines received a surprise visit on the evening of April 19 when we dropped in to wish them luck on their trip to Cleveland, Ohio to their annual regional competition.

reporter: grant colthorp

## Detroit's "Moonlight" Scheduled July 16

On Friday night, June 18, Detroit Chapter # 1 will forego its regular meeting to enable us to attend in mass the quartet benefit night being sponsored by the Dearborn chapter to raise money to send the Auto Towners and AireMales to Boston to represent the Michigan District at the International competition. Let's show these two fine quartets that Michigan is with them all the way.

We are sad that our Trebleshooters won't be on stage to compete in the quartet competition, as we feel that they have a bright new sound which will put them on top before long.

I have been told if we would have had just 15 more members these guys would also have been able to represent our district...come on fellas, let's not let this happen to our district again.

The Motor City Chorus will be on their way to Boston in a few days, and the fever of competition is running high. At Bill Butler's request we have had the aid of some of Michigan's most qualified judges. They came on their own time to sit in at our rehearsals and have made some excellent suggestions, which Bill has put into effect. Our thanks go out to these fellows: Joe Jones, Bert Szabo, and Tom Grove, who have helped us so far.

For the information of any of our Michigan friends who are going to Boston the chorus will be staying at the Copley Square Hotel. Stop in to see us.

Don't forget Detroit's annual barbershoppers moonlight, on the Bob-Lo Boat...July 16...see you there. On the third Friday in July we will be going on our annual barbershoppers moonlight. This gay evening of songs is always well attended by our barbershop friends from all over the area.

Last year the Pontiac chapter gave up their meeting night and came in force, in fact a bus load of these great guys showed up at the dock for departure. I also recall seeing a large group from Toledo...so come on out with us and have a ball...July 16...boat leaves at 8:00 p.m. sharp.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the Dearborn Chord-O-Matic chorus and the Windsor Sun Parlour chorus. These two great choruses helped to make our fund raising show a success. The Aire Males, who are singing more solid than ever, had overtones on their overtones. This is the type of cooperation that brings out the true meaning of what our Society stands for. Thanks a lot fellows.

Our own Trebleshooters thrilled the crowd with that bright sound that has made them so popular in the Michigan District. Thanks also to the 4-Fits, who when they appear on any stage, put on a great show. Their new arrangement of "Where The River Shannon Flows" had the audience in the aisles. Thanks Fergy.

reporter: john wearing



## Muskegon Loses Burgess As Director

Al Burgess has resigned as director of the Port City Chorus. In a letter directed to the Muskegon chapter board and to chorus members, Al cited conditions of his own and his wife's health. He stated the necessity of curtailing some of his activities. This vital, popular and most enthusiastic barbershopper began his missive; "This letter is most difficult to write. Words cannot express all of my feelings."

Al became director of Muskegon's chorus in 1955. Under Al's directorship the chorus compiled an enviable record. The chorus represented Michigan in International competition on four occasions, they won two fourth places. In addition, several District titles, an appearance at the State Fair in Detroit, and many, many show and program dates all attest to the fine job that Al has done. His final appearance as director of the Port City Chorus was on Muskegon's parade, May 8. Manager, Halley Dion, stated that the chorus is presently in a state of reorganization.

Chapter President, Bob Hart, was awarded Muskegon's barbershopper of the year citation, the "Dr. S.E. Duplissis Award", at the parade. This award, made annually, is in recognition of outstanding achievement in services rendered to the chapter during the preceding year. The presentation was made by Halley Dion, last year's recipient. Other previous recipients include: Joseph Cantwell, Andy Van Donkelaar, Jack Bennett, Gordon Gunn and Al Burgess.

The WARB-elairs quartet is planning a bang-up barbershop meeting for Tuesday May 25, when the Grand Rapids chapter will visit Muskegon.

reporter: gordon gunn

+++++

## Dearborns Dahlke Double Winner

One of the happiest men in Grand Rapids April 24 had to be Carl Dahlke, director of the Chordomatic Chorus and bass of the Auto Towners, as the Dearborn chorus took first place in the chorus competition and the Auto Towners took first in quartet competition. It was a grand day all around for Dearborn members. Overjoyed as chorus winners, they were doubly pleased to see the Auto Towners and the Aire Males (Dearborn and Wayne) take first and second spots in quartet finals. Our thanks to the Grand Rapids chapter for the fine hosts which they are and for the fine way the whole affair was run.

A unique experience was afforded the men of the V.A. hospital where on Dearborn hospital night they were treated to a 42 boy barbershop chorus headed and directed by Aarne Olkenan (formerly with Downriver chapter). The boys sang a number of barbershop tunes and of special interest was, "I'm Sitting On Top Of The World", a Dearborn chorus number. All patients of the hospital, plus Dearborn members who worked the hospital that night, had nothing but praise for this highschool group of boys. Our many, many sincere thanks to these boys for making our April hospital night one to remember for a long time.

A call is still being issued for former chorus members and future chorus members to attend rehearsals... we need men now for up and coming contests...nuff said.

reporter: don sheridan

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





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.

In 1939 the infant SPEBSQSA was only one year old. It had emerged from the cradle and like a healthy child was growing every day. It was taking on height and breadth. The seed which O.C. Cash had planted a year previous had its roots deep in the hearts of men who, it seems, were just waiting for someone to bring back the good old days of barbershop harmony. The birth of our great society came at a period in our National life when men of courage needed a tonic that would make them forget the dark depression days of the early thirties. As Mrs. Cash stated in a previous article: "It was ready for an outburst and SPEBSQSA was an escape valve."

Little did Cash realize that from a handful of men gathered together just to harmonize on a few of the old nifties, a spark had been ignited that would so soon burst into flame. The spark touched off a prairie fire that spread in all directions. The momentum of the infant organization had its impact behind the desks of some of our leading magazine writers. One of the country's leading magazines, "The Reader's Digest," caught the spirit and, in an article entitled "Americans Have A Club For It," published a short but comprehensive story of the founding of the then young Society. The article is reprinted with permission from the September 1939 Reader's Digest, (copyright 1939 by the Reader's Digest Ass'n. Inc.) as follows:

"The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., started casually a little over a year ago by O. C. Cash in Tulsa, Oklahoma, now flourishes from New York to Hollywood, from Texas to Canada. As tax attorney for three oil companies, his life harried by government regulations at every turn, Cash felt he must find a hobby as an antidote. Remembering the unfettered days of his youth, he hit on the idea of old-fashioned close harmony and asked a dozen men to join him. Three times the number came, and as news of the society spread, requests for other chapters poured in from all over the country. Celebrities

and unknowns, rich men and poor have been drawn together in one of the most democratic organizations America has ever had. The original Tulsa chapter has among its active members wealthy oil executives, plumbers, lawyers, clerks, bankers; in an Arkansas chapter, two reliefers were in the quartet a banker took in his limousine for a personal appearance still talked of in Fort Worth. Bing Crosby heads the Hollywood chapter and serves on the society's national advisory board, as does Dr. Sigmund Spaeth; Owen D. Young, Jim Farley, Senator Champ Clark and Many other senators and governors are among the society's long list notables. At the first national convention in June, Cash was elected to the society's highest office: Permanent Assistant Third Vice-President.

Anywhere from 150 to 300 men attend meetings of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. They are divided into sections of leads tenors, baritones, and basses for a giant quartet; later there are regular and impromptu quartets in barber shop harmony. The keynote of the whole movement is struck in the society's theme song:

The old songs, the old songs,  
The good old songs for me,  
I like to hear those minor chords  
In good close harmony."

We are indebted to the Digest, not only for the use of the article, but for its unconscious help perhaps in helping the growth of the Society. The writer has in his possession correspondence between a staff writer on the Seattle Star and O. C. Cash inspired by the story which he read in the magazine. The correspondence led to the formation of a chapter in the far western city.

While the humor in Cash's nature assembled the eight letters symbolizing the name of our Society more as a back-handed slap at the hundreds of government alphabet agencies prevalent at the time, somehow the name appealed to the membership and it stuck. Attempts have been made from time to time to change, or at least shorten, the name but all attempts have failed. SPEBSQSA and O. C. Cash have been linked together by an unbreakable chain. The Society's name has become a living institution and will undoubtedly remain such.

The previous articles published in the Troubadour have stressed the human side of the founder. Perhaps there was no one closer to O. C. Cash than Rupert I. Hall of Tulsa, first International President of SPEBSQSA and present Vice President of Harmony Foundation who summed up his recollection of his close friend in these words

"The best recollection I have of Owen was that he was raised in Rogers County, Oklahoma. Now there was something peculiar about people who were raised in Rogers County, Oklahoma. You know Will Rogers was raised there and these people you loved to visit with - they just had something, and a great sense of humor. I don't know if it was the soil or the water but Cash was a typical Rogers County person, a wonderful conversationalist, just a great guy."

Those who knew O. C. best will attest that he was a "great guy". The thousands of barbershoppers across the land who were not privileged to share the warmth of his good nature nevertheless share in the rich legacy he left in the founding of our Society we love so well. His life was cut short by his untimely death in August 1953, but he lived to see the Society firmly planted in the heart of barbershoppers. If you are listening, O.C., we say, "thank you".

THE LANSING CHAPTER PRESENTS AN INTER—

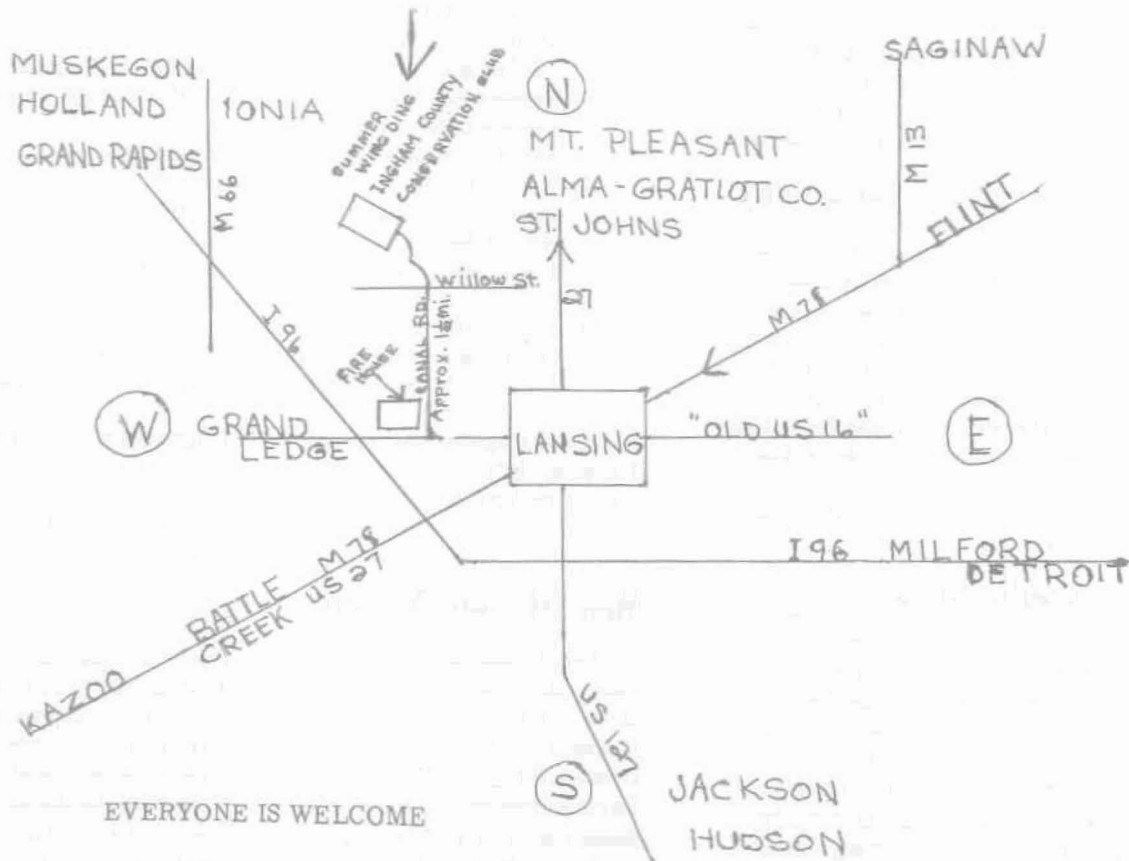
# AREA WING DING

## July 16

### Old Fashioned Fish Fry

FROM 8:00 p.m. UNTIL ?????

## Ingham County Conservation Club



## Flint Praises Redford Champions

April 13 the Flint chapter was host to a joint meeting of Flint, Holly-Fenton and Saginaw. Holly-Fenton furnished the food and Saginaw the refreshments. Sixty-eight barbershoppers had a wonderful evening of singing and fun. The Delta Aires were the guest quartet.

April 23, 24 and 25 Mike and Bea Schied and Les Lang attended the district convention and contest in Grand Rapids. Anyone not there sure missed a lot of harmony and fun.

May our best wishes accompany the Auto Towners, the Aire Males and the Motor City Chorus to Boston.

April 30 the Flint chapter bared their tomahawks and invaded the Pontiac chapter woodshedding contest with Lanford, De Shano, Goodall and Wrice leads, Kienitz, Hohn and Lang tenors, Gillies and Andrews, baritones and Matis and McDonald basses scalped their way through the masses from Pontiac, Utica-Rochester, Holly-Fenton, Oakland County, Detroit, Wayne, Grosse Pointe and then we finally ran into them Rebel Sojers from Redford, who apparently had not forgotten the beating we gave them last year, because we were lucky to come out of that one with our shirts. Congratulations to Redford, the 1965 Woodshedding Champs.

May activities included two regular meetings, pre Bush League Contest at Rochester, Battle Creek Bush League Contest and Logopedics Benefit, visitation from Dearborn, plus goodly numbers from Holly-Fenton and Saginaw.

The board decided to continue regular meetings right through the summer. If any of you barbershoppers are in Flint on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, drop in and harmonize with us. Also, on June 5, a mystery Ladies Night will give our wives a chance to hear some good quartets and have some fun before vacations start.

Gerard Wrice and Les Lang will be attending HEP school at Hamilton on August 20, 21 and 22.

A chapter picnic is in the planning stages for sometime in August. Our newest member, Lloyd Brown, was officially initiated into the chapter on May 28. Let's have a lot more of this. We want to wish all barbershoppers a pleasant summer, a nice vacation and let's all get in the pink, so come fall, we will be able to put a lot of healthy enthusiasm into barbershopping and have some real activities to report. In the meantime...let's Sing That They Shall Speak.

reporter: les lang

+++++

## Lansing Praises Logopedic Show

Excuses are easy and this reporter could present many that would be justifiable, however, time ran out for each month's reporting to the editor of our Troubadour. So after talking last night on the telephone with Uncle Jack and placing the add that appears in this issue, I wanted to add a post-script from the Lansing chapter.

Things have been happening in Lansing, as history, that have not happened in many years. Meetings have been very well attended, everyone is singing and with a wonderful ladies night, since past, surprise bus trip,



special show produced and presented at Michigan State University for some 600 people from Universities all over the United States and Canada, we have been promoting barbershop.

However, there comes to mind the matter of public service. We, as a Society, have adopted the Institute of Logopedics...WE SING THAT THEY SHALL SPEAK... and fellow barbershoppers, this should be considered one of the greatest opportunities that you with a God-given voice have.

This brings me to the show staged by the Battle Creek chapter and the tremendous effort they put forth for the show. Any member who did not attend this show missed not only the opportunity to help in his own way (by raising the amount taken in) but some of the best barbershopping this side of the old Missouri. It was truly a wonderful experience and the Lansing chapter wants to here and now thank each and every quartet for their efforts to make this successful. Also, the Motor City chorus...WOW... what control and the effort of Lansing's own Merri Men.

I realize this may be a little windy, but when wound up, go till unwound. Tony Stornant mailed the following to me and I think all of the members should read this over with some thought as to the building of bigger chapters.

### HOW TO KILL SPEBSQSA IN 13 EASY STEPS

1. Stay away from meetings.
2. If you do come, find fault.
3. Decline office or appointment to a committee.
4. Get sore if you aren't nominated or appointed.
5. After you are named, don't attend board or committee meetings.
6. If you get to one, despite your better judgment, clam up until it's over. Then sound off on how things really should be done.
7. Do no work if you can help it. When the Old Reliables pitch in, accuse them of being a clique.
8. Oppose all banquets, parties and shindigs as being a waste of the members' money.
9. Never accept a place at the head table.
10. If everything is strictly business, complain that the meetings are dull and the officers a bunch of old sticks.
11. If you aren't asked to sit there, threaten to resign because you aren't appreciated.
12. Don't rush to pay your dues.
13. Read mail from headquarters only now and then; don't reply or confirm an inquiry if you can help it.

Thanks again, see you all at the SUMMER WINGDING-Lansing-July 16-All the fish you can eat and singing until you're hoarse.

reporter: don funk

+++++

## Men Of Note Named

The Troubadour congratulates the following men of note: Rolland Raft, Battle Creek; George T. Acree, Detroit; Arthur Rutz, Fruit-Belt; Del L. Hathaway, Gale Graham, Bob Gerdes and Tom Elderkin, Grand Rapids; Dennis Fitzgerald, Gratiot County; Dale Bekker and Bernie Rosendahl, Holland; H. A. Chipman, Jackson; James Witson and Paul Parker, Monroe; Art Bodley, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada; and Larry E. Dale, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.



Fran Jones and Bob Hansen admire the "1965-66 Junior Chorus Champions" award and the "Distinguished Chapter" plaque received during the regional convention.

## Greenville Helps Send Band To Worlds Fair

"MICHIGAN DISTRICT 1965-66 JUNIOR CHORUS CHAMPIONS". No one could be prouder of that title than the Greenville chapter. Many thanks to the Michigan District, its officers; our hosts, the Grand Rapids chapter; our director, Fran Jones; our sponsor, the Commercial State Savings Bank of Greenville; and most of all those everlovin' judges. Thanks all.

International president, Al Smith, honored the chapter at the recent House of Delegates meeting in Grand Rapids. Greenville received the Distinguished Chapter Award plaque for its 90% membership retention and its 10% increase. We plan to do as well for 1965.

The chorus sang a benefit to help send the Edmore high school band to the New York World's fair this summer. Chapter events in the near future include a ladies night and the annual summer picnic.

Our refridgerator is well stocked; next time you're passing through on a Monday evening, stop and bust a chord. We'll lubricate your vocalizer.

reporter: bob hansen

+ + + + +

## Redford Wins Pontiac Woodshedding Contest

The Pontiac chapter enjoyed hosting another successful woodshed contest, April 30 with 135 Michigan District members in attendance. The Redford chapter won the Carrol P. Adams Bennington Trophy while the best voice awards went to the following men: Ed Lilly, lead; Gene Bulka, tenor; Tony Skooros, baritone and Clif Douglas, bass. Bill Pascher, who originated the contest, served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Program chairman, Clif Douglas, is planning a mystery bus trip for the chapter and has all of us guessing as to our destination.

Our song-learning sessions, working on the old songs, are scheduled twice each month with Bill Pascher and Tawley Hallman sharing the directing.

We will be back at the K. of P. Hall again in May after using the Amvets Hall for the woodshed contest only.

The Pontiac chapter members face a full schedule of

summer activities. In lieu of slowing down after our very successful Woodshed Contest, the board has planned our annual chartered bus trip to Detroit to enjoy the Moonlight Cruise on the ship Boblo with the men of Detroit #1 and hundreds of other barbershoppers on Friday, July 16. Sunday August 1, is the date for our family chapter picnic, to be held on the shore of Galloway Lake, with Norm Schram serving as our host for the day. Friday, August 20, we will again take advantage of the Schram's hospitality to stage our Korn and Kielbasa Roast at his resort with plans to have the Flint, Holly-Fenton and Utica-Rochester chapters as our guests for the evening.

Committeemen, Jerry Leroux, Bill Pascher, Whity Ryden and Clif Douglas are hard at work planning our September 11, Ladies Night.

Who said Michigan barbershopping was on the wane?  
reporter: chase sanborn



INTERNATIONAL  
NEWS



WILLIAM HANSEN

The members of the Grand Rapids chapter are to be complimented for their efforts. In addition to staging their annual, and very enjoyable, Great Lakes Invitational, they managed to stage a successful District convention. Congratulations fellows, you can be proud of a job well done.

\* \* \* \* \*

An out-of-state visitor to our recent convention in Grand Rapids made a remark to me which I consider to be very significant. The remark made by this gentleman was to the effect that there seemed to be a decided lack of younger barbershoppers in attendance at the convention. At the same time he commented favorably regarding the attendance of so many older barbershoppers.

The significance of this gentleman's remarks lies in the fact that the younger members are not attending District conventions; and, their absence makes one wonder as to the reasons.

What are some of the reasons? Perhaps the matter of finances keeps many away - if so, it is a valid excuse. On the other hand, perhaps we should consider the possibility that our particular type of convention does not hold enough interest for those younger people who have grown up in an ever-changing world. If such might be the case, appropriate action should be taken in order to insure that our conventions are attractive to more people.

The so-called older members of our District - God love 'em all - are to be complimented for their constant devotion to the District as convention participants and workers. These barbershoppers have provided us with a heritage which must not be allowed to decline.

Harmony Lane heard over CBE will not be on the air during the summer months.

It will return to the air again in the fall about the last week of October.



THE FEMININE OBSERVER

ELLEN HARRINGTON



Grand Rapids was privileged to have International president Al Smith from Texas in attendance at the contest and Great Lakes Invitational. Other out-of-townners were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brower from California and Mr. and Mrs. Cy Perkins from Illinois.

Hosting were Gerry Ver Veer, Ken Childs, Bill Alexander, Lou Glashower, Norm Dake, Stu Palmer, Larry Humphrey, Bob Lovell, Cal Verduin, Sid Helder, Don Hall, Em Sperling, Russell Miller, Al Mullett, Peter Pell, Messrs. and Mesdames Gordon Hall, Ed Gaikema, Jack Klaiber, Robert Walker, Tom Elderkin, Don Lucas, Pete Elkins, Jim Eaton, Dave Sidor, Bob Jeltema, Jerry Telman, Jack Sidor, Bill Stahr, Ed Berry, Bob Sorenson, Byron Dodge, Bud Konkle, Lou Mahecek, Lloyd Mitz, Bart Tillitt, Jim Horton, Herman Baker and Bud Klaiber, recently returned from Hawaii.

Participants included Paul Borton, Don VanDyke, Tom Damm, Del Doctor, Bill Grumbley, Doug Beaver, Len Johnson, Tom Grove, Stan Salter, Hank DeVreis, Gordon Dubrul, Ray Strachan, Al Rehkop, Glenn Van Tassell, Clint Bostick, Carl Dahlke, Bill Wilcox, Tom Pollard, Dale Clixby, Roger Craig, Cecil Craig, Dick Webber, Gene Oliver, Dean Millard, Bob Miller, Bob Mulligan, Cliff Jorgenson, Bob Whitledge, Bill Smyth, Ron Mell, Roger Knapp, E. A. VandeZande, Dr. Stuart Anderson, Bob Hansen, Francis Johnes, Lowell Wolfe, Roger Lewis, Dr. William Clark, Gordon Lang, Doran McTaggart, Paul Eberwein, Red Verwey, George Spidy, Stan Dufour, Phil Pierce, Vic Vigansky, Ed James, Earl Keith, Gene Gillem, Nick Kipytk, Ed Conn, Virgil Duke and Norm Shamus.

Enjoying the events were Burt Szabo, Al Burgess, William Hansen, John Wearing, George Cox, Dr. Sherman Faunce, Mel Holderness, Clarence Wenman, Grant Wright, C. D. Sanborn, William Pascher, Larry Robertson, Tony Scooros, Bill Butler, Ralph Schirmer, Bill Warner, Bert West, Bob Farrington, Art Turz, Frank Brown, Burdette Bottom, Robert Hart, Bill Hislop, Jerry Reid, Owen McGill, Bill Russell, Dave Russell, Messrs. and Mesdames Loton Willson, Cliff MacLean, Royal Zerbe, Ed Laux, Bob Winter, Jack Oonk, Chet Oonk, Charles Sherwood, Eric Schultz, Jerry Mace, Sam Vasiu, Vic Favier, Louis Kapczi, Robert Tracy, Clarence Jalving Mike Schied, George Dyar, Merle Clayton, Ted Spry, Herb Benjamin, Otto Vogel, Frank Tritle, Robert Stone, William Juchartz,

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.



Elmer Koenig, George Meinschein, Duane Mosier, Ted Robbins, Jr., Richard Kormelink and Dick Lee.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sid Helder of Grand Rapids on the birth of their daughter, to Dr. and Mrs. Don Huldon of Jackson on the birth of their daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Herm Baker of Grand Rapids on the birth of their grandchild, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Welch of Holly-Fenton on the birth of their son, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Strom of Holly-Fenton on the birth of their son and to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lewis of Battle Creek on the birth of their son.

Heartfelt sympathy to Al Maier of Redford on the death of his wife, Della, and to William Wild of Grand Rapids on the death of his wife, Fran.

Ann Arbor Hears Delta Aires Quartet

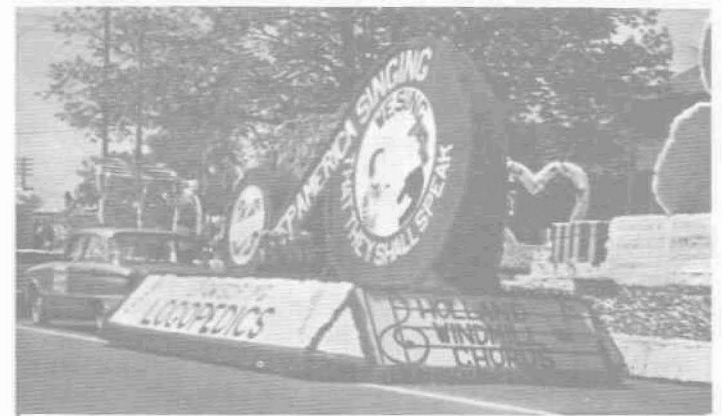
The word for the day is "visit". Utica-Rochester came to call on us this last month and what a visit they make. There were about 50 fellows in attendance. Surely makes for a nice size meeting. A fellow can almost choose his partners for a quartet. The fellows were great. They joined right in the pick-up quartets and made the evening one to be remembered.

Also the Delta Aires from Saginaw payed a surprise visit to Ann Arbor. They evidently came to practice on us, for we taught them all we knew and they beat out our Arbor City Four in the contest at Grand Rapids.

Ann Arbor plans to go to Dearborn for one of their May meetings. We want to see if some of their winning ways will rub off on us.

The Huron Valley Ad-Visor ran us a half page front cover spread for Barbershop Harmony Week...picture and all. It brought around a few members we hadn't seen in some time as well as some new candidates.

reporter: sumner w. maule



Pictured here is the float which advertised our Society project, logopedics, to some 250,000 persons during the annual Tulip Time Festival held in Holland, May 12-15. Designed and constructed by chapter members, the float was used in all of the street parades during the four day affair. The Windmill chapter's parade of quartets is the Friday night highlight for visitors and townspeople alike. Once again the performance was to a full house in Holland Civic Center. Headlining the show were the Schmitt Brothers, The Imposters, the Chord Counts, the Extension Chords and the Spar Tone Aires. The float was also featured in Battle Creek at our successful logopedic show.



## Dearborn Summer Doings Scheduled

With summer (vacation time) approaching, Dearborn extends a hearty welcome to one-and-all, should you be in our area. Our regular meetings are always the second Friday of every month and always some area chapter visits us; always assuring good attendance with lots of singing and fun. Dependable Norm Shamus (kitchen kook) always has a palate-tickling buffet and always refreshments iced. Meetings start promptly at 8:30...lots of time for singing. Never been to a Dearborn meeting? Come...you'll enjoy it.

In American Legion Hall, 4211 Maple, East Dearborn; one block from the City Hall. Go to the corner of Michigan and Schaefer, west on Michigan one block, turn left two blocks.

Chorus rehearsals every Tuesday, 8 p.m., same address, under the able direction of Carl Dahlke (of Auto Towners). We're "gunning" for the right to represent Michigan in the Chicago International contest next year. If work (plus Dahlke's efforts) are the answer we should make it. Everyone is welcome at Dearborn, even at chorus rehearsals. How'd you like to try it?

Since Troubadour doesn't publish in July and August here's our schedules for those months:

June 11 - Regular meeting; Monroe visits us.

July 9 - Outdoor appreciation gathering dedicated to the Auto Towners and Aire Males. Auto Towners are emcees. Detroit Chapter visits; so we'll have their Boston-bound chorus with us too. What a night. Refreshments? Certainly. To reach Ford Park go to Greenfield, turn left one block north of Ford Road. You're there. You shouldn't miss this fun-event. Welcome out-staters.

August 13 - Regular meeting: Oakland visits. That's always another rip-snorthing, good singing affair. Make it.

Our visitations are Grosse Pointe (June), Ann Arbor (July) and the entire chorus is going, Monroe (August).

We entertained our "gals" on May 14, showing movies of the Toronto International Contest. A goodly group was present, including a delegation from Ann Arbor. Thanks folks.

Chapter officers emceed, Roger Craig led several "gang sings" and the Auto Towners pre-viewed their Boston competition numbers and many others. Shamus cooked up something delicious.

The May 28 mystery trip to Flint (Kapcz's baby) was a huge success and enjoyed by a busload of Dearbornites. We're grateful to Flint for the hospitality; especially so since they changed their regular meeting night to accommodate us. Many thanks, Dearborn would like to visit Flint anytime, anyway annually as a minimum.

So-long Michigan until September. In the meantime please remember we extend a warm welcome to one-and-all to visit us.

reporter: harold sepull

+++++

## Jackson Steak Night July 9

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to what the gals have been thinking about all winter...and after taking a survey, we came up with 11 June anniversaries and 10 birthdays. This represents a pretty good percentage of barbershoppers here in Jacksonland and seems worthy of mention. The anniversary wishes go to: the Robert Dotys, Robert Beckwiths Sr., Cornell Marx, Dr. Don

Huldons, Charles Sherwoods, Leon Shaws, Clayton Martins, Floyd Osterhouts, George Dyers, Sam Cushmans, Herbert Chipmans and birthday wishes go to Robert Beckwith Sr., Mrs. Leonard Field, Mrs. Robert Breitmayer, Lyle Jordon, Mrs. Frank Sinisgalli, Richard Lane, Dwight Jordon (son of Lyle), Mrs. Henry Moorehead, Lynn Jordon (Lyle's daughter), and Dan LaBumbard. Our best wishes to one and all.

This is past history now, but we think the Battle Creek Chapter deserves a LOT of credit for the fine job they did with the Logopedics show. We like to kid around but the sincere admiration of everyone goes out to anyone who can handle such a mammoth undertaking so well. Everyone who was there had a great many comments about their day...all good. And of course, the Hudson chapter's chicken bar B-Q was a highlight of the festivities. We're sure the gift of hope and financial help to a child was their best reward.

Our good friend, John Sakmar, who has been of great assistance to us as "head overseer" of the Hotel Hayes, retired on June 1. We'll miss him on Friday nights but wish him "all the best" on his retirement. You can bet we'll hope to see John as a most welcome visitor any time.

### LEO'S STEAK NIGHT COMING UP

One occasion we always look forward to is Leo's Night when we gather at his Wolf Lake cottage for fun, food and you name it. We've been told the songs have been heard as far away as Lansing on a good quiet night. Leo says "welcome" to one and all and each one is all set for a big shin-dig on July 9. reporter: floyd osterhout

### SUPERIOR DETROIT COMPANY

14830 FENKELL AVENUE - DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48227  
TELEPHONE VERMONT 7-4370 - AREA CODE 313

### PRECISION TOOLS AND MACHINERY

#### TOOLING

ACME DRILL BUSHINGS AND PUNCHES  
BOKUM BORING AND RECESSING TOOLS  
CLEVELAND UNIVERSAL JIGS  
DE-STA-CO TOGGLE CLAMPS  
DE Vlieg MICROBORE TOOLING  
FUTURMILL INDEXABLE CUTTERS  
GILMAN SLIDES AND SPINDLES  
INDUSTRIAL TECTONICS TOOLING BALLS  
INTER-LAKE MACHINE BASES  
MONROE FIXTURE CLAMPS  
POWERHOLD CHUCKS AND DRIVING CENTERS  
SKINNER CHUCKS  
WESTERN EXPANDING MANDRELS AND CHUCKS

#### MACHINERY

ACME HYTRON AUTOMATIC TURRET LATHES  
BURGMASER VERTICAL TURRET DRILLING UNITS  
CLAUSING LATHES, MILLS AND DRILL PRESSES  
DE Vlieg MICROPOINT TOOL GRINDERS & PRESETTING MACHINES  
GROB DRILL GRINDERS  
HANCHETT MAGNETIC CHUCKS  
KALAMAZOO METAL CUTTING BAND SAWS  
K. O. LEE CUTTER, TOOL AND SURFACE GRINDERS  
LEONARD CARBIDE GRINDERS  
MANEX MILLING MACHINES, JIG BORER AND GRINDER  
SUPERIOR HONING MACHINES

SUPERIOR DETROIT COMPANY OFFICES ARE THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE DETROIT CHAPTER. THE MOTOR CITY CHORUS REHEARSES HERE EVERY MONDAY EVENING AT 8:30. A VISIT FROM YOU IS WELCOME.



"I HEARD YOU SING SOME PRETTY TERRIFIC TENOR IN THE WASH ROOM FINCHLY..."



"OKAY BOYS, KEEP AMERICA SINGING, AND GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!"



"HE'S A TRUE BARBERSHOPPER ALRIGHT."



"DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE AUDIENCE BOYS... WE'VE GOT EM OUT NUMBERED!"

# Have Tunes... Will Travel



Meet the  
**Spec-Tacul-Airs**

contact  
**Dr. Stuart Anderson**  
123 E. Cass St.  
Greenville



Meet the  
**WONDERLADS**

contact  
**Hank DeVries**  
1257 Potomac Drive  
Rochester

Meet the  
**HAPPY  
HUMMDINGERS**

contact  
**Bob Powell**  
35003 Chestnut St.  
Wayne



Meet the  
**Spar-Tone-Airs**

contact  
**Stuart Palmer**  
1503 Plainfield N.E.  
Grand Rapids



Meet the

**DELTA-AIRES**

contact  
**Bill Grumbley**  
4545 Two Mile Road  
Bay City



Meet the  
**MERRI-MEN**

contact  
**Doug Stephens**  
1403 Cooper Ave.  
Lansing



Meet the  
**FOREMASTERS**

We make other quartets  
look good

contact  
**Tom Damm**  
18148 Lovell Rd.  
Spring Lake



Meet the  
**HARMONY  
HOUNDS**

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



Meet the  
**CHORD COUNTS**

Ladies & Chapter  
parties only

contact  
**Chester Oonk**  
55 E. 17th Street  
Holland



Meet the  
**EXTENSION  
CHORDS**

contact  
**Don Hall**  
2243 Cambridge  
Grand Rapids



## Labor Day Outing Applauded

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

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

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

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

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

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

+++++

### Editor's note:

The above story is a reprint of a story found in a Troubadour last year. It is reprinted as a reminder to those who would like to take advantage of this great affair. For further information contact Eric Schultz, 4338 Country Club Dr., Utica, Michigan.

FROM  
SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT  
OF BARBERSHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA  
INCORPORATED

To

ROBERT L. MILLER  
576 DE SOTO  
YPSILANTI MICH

I56



Wayne Chapter

NO. 31

Home of Wayne Wonderland Chorus  
1964-1965 Michigan District Chorus Champions

Met 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8:30 P.M.  
K of C HALL  
30159 Ford Road Garden City, Mich.

May 26, 1965

Mr. Jack Oonk, Editor  
Michigan Troubadour  
826 E. Lincoln St.  
Eeeland, Michigan

Dear Jack:

Re: Editorial in April issue of Troubadour.

As President Wayne Chapter # 31 of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc. and a member of the "WAYNE WONDERLAND CHORUS" I feel it is my duty to call your attention to the last paragraph of the editorial in the April issue of the Troubadour and I quote, "Dearborn replaces Holland as District Chorus Champions."

We of the "WAYNE WONDERLAND CHORUS" wish to take exception to this statement as we are the immediate past "Michigan District Chorus Champions." Therefore, the "Dearborn Chord-O-atic Chorus" does not replace Holland, but replaces the "WONDERLAND CHORUS" as District Chorus Champions.

Being justly proud of our honor, as immediate past District Champions, we feel that a retraction of the statement is hereby justified, and that said retraction be printed in the next issue of the Troubadour.

With a feeling of deep regard to you and to the excellent efforts that you have extended in publishing the finest journal in our society, and of all it's complexities, we of the Wayne Chapter hold you in the highest esteem. Hoping this finds you and yours all well I remain,

Chord-ially yours

Owen McGill  
Owen McGill, President  
Wayne Chapter # 31  
S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc.

### Editor's note:

Hokey smoke...I didn't...Not me. But I did and I blurt out my apologies.