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Utterings
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It all began Friday evening with the District Delegates meeting. This event was well attended and produced a new president plus three new vice presidents. Awards were presented to our Banner chapters. The Area Counselor of the Year Award was presented. International President, "Reedie" Wright, and Hugh Ingraham from Kenosha-land made some wise and witty remarks and then settled down to baring some cold hard facts about the district's past, present and its future. Current vice presidents, secretary and treasurer made their reports and President Al has his say. The floor presented and discussed some subjects pertinent to district problems. More detailed information about the meeting can be found in Secretary Harrington's "minutes" found elsewhere in this issue. It behooves every interested Michigan district barbershopper to read them over carefully.



PRESIDENT AL RECIEVES STANDING OVATION



PRES. WRIGHT PINS PRES. SCHULTZ



TRACY DISPLAYS AC OF YEAR AWARD



REEDIE RECIEVES DISTRICT TOKEN

The Saturday morning prelims found seven quartets competing for the district quartet championship. Although few in number the caliber of singing was great. No one could be sure who was leading when the final chord was drifting away. The same seven competed again in the evening finals and all sang a fine performance. The judges seemed to please everyone with their verdict which was as follows:

THE FOUR FITS NEW DISTRICT CHAMPS Wearing - Seely - McCalpin - Burke see cover pic

NAME	SONG	VE	ARR	HA	B&B	SP	SUB	TOTAL
1. 4 FITS	1	73	46	59	65			
	2	77	43	63	68	158	652	
	3	78	66	70	73			
	4	75	60	64	71	162	719	1371



THE CLOSE CHORDERS

Scooros - Thompson - DuMonthier - Balka

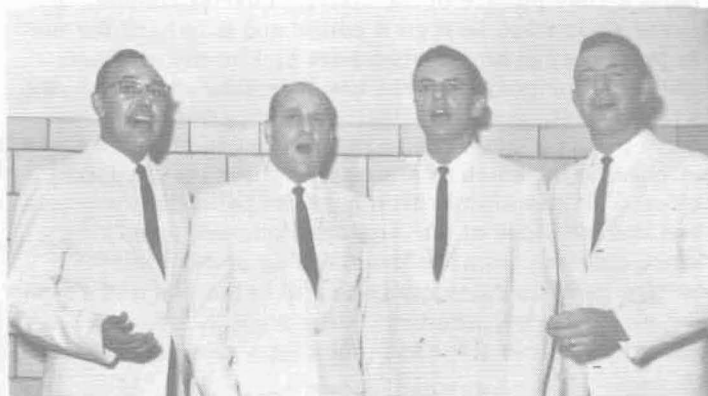
2. CLOSE CHORDERS	1	50	62	64	62			
	2	44	60	64	64	119	589	
	3	66	57	70	70			
	4	70	50	63	68	132	646	1235



DELTA AIRES

Benjamin - Beaver - Grumbley - Johnson

3. DELTA-AIRES	1	79	42	64	56			
	2	72	40	62	62	112	589	
	3	78	50	67	65			
	4	76	45	59	63	128	631	1220



ESPRIT DE CHORDS (bottom picture 1st column) Smith - Swisher - Davey - Ware

4. ESPRIT DE CHORDS	1	64	55	52	58			
	2	75	52	58	56	127	597	
	3	70	53	60	58			
	4	67	57	60	57	113	595	1192



THE BARONS

Sell - Kelly - Dykema - Hoppe

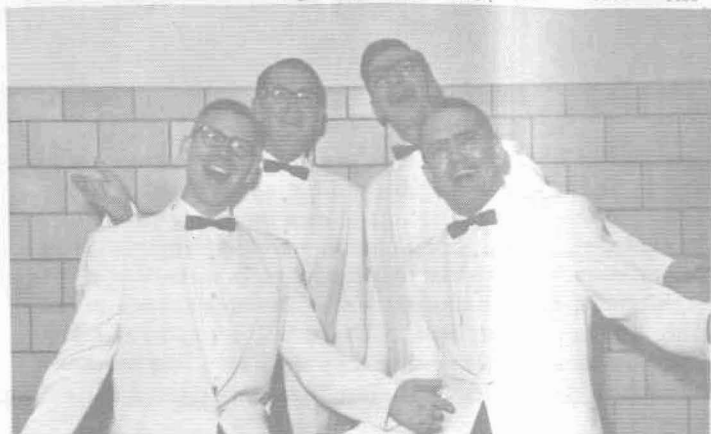
5. THE BARONS	1	46	66	54	59			
	2	47	64	42	57	150	585	
	3	54	62	56	70			
	4	50	53	48	66	146	607	1192



ARBOR CITY FOUR

Millard - Miller - Oliver - Webber

6. ARBOR CITY FOUR	1	67	47	49	52			
	2	60	47	45	56	96	521	
	3	50	70	53	64			
	4	55	68	47	61	116	584	1192



DUNE TONES

Scrivnor - Kendall - Van Bogelen - Martin

7. DUNE TONES	1	40	35	35	52			
	2	50	35	52	54	95	448	
	3	50	62	57	59			
	4	58	40	49	60	107	542	990

Nine choruses competed for the right to represent our district at the International competition to be held in Chicago next year. Muskegon rallied together around new director, Webb Scrivnor, to eke out a five point decision over our representatives of last year, the Detroit Motor City Chorus. To our new champs we wish all the best in their preparations for another crack at the "big contest"

The Judges "earings" were as follows:

NAME	SONG	VE	AVR	HA	PAB	SP	TOTAL
1. MUSKEGON-PORT CITY	1	78	71	73	72		
	2	77	67	79	74	147	736
2. DETROIT-MOTOR CITY	1	74	77	71	74		
	2	73	71	70	75	141	731
3. DEARBORN-CHORD-O-MATIC	1	76	57	65	67		
	2	75	60	67	71	130	673
4. PAYNE-WONDERLAND	1	80	50	61	60		
	2	77	50	62	62	151	697
5. NILES-BUCHANAN-GATEWAY	1	69	63	63	63		
	2	73	64	71	65	117	647
6. OAKLAND COUNTY-BARRON HOST	1	49	53	56	57		
	2	49	53	54	60	121	553
7. MONROE	1	47	52	46	54		
	2	44	51	47	55	101	439
8. SAULT STE. MARIE-INTERNATIONAL	1	49	47	50	52		
	2	50	42	46	54	111	401
9. MILFORD HERON VALLEY	1	44	35	35	40		
	2	39	30	45	38	94	400

The judges for the entire competition were: Bert Szabo-Kalamazoo- chairman of judges, Murph Johnson - Melrose Park, Illinois-secretary of judges, Tom Grove-Dowagiac-harmony accuracy, Carl Brock-Connersville, Indiana-balance and blend, Sam Stahl-Gatlinburg, Tennessee-arrangement, Loton Willson-Boyne City-voice expression, Ed Gaikema-Grand Rapids-stage presence, O. B. Falls, Jr. Jackson-candidate panel chairman, Bob Campbell-Battle Creek-timer, and Ken Yaw-Battle Creek-timer.

The finals Saturday night included songs from the winning Muskegon Port City Chorus and the fine singing Trebleshooters, who sang their swan song as District Champions. This great foursome, who but for a couple of fine quartets and a non-existent membership drive, should have represented us at Boston, will be hard to



TREBLESHOOTERS SING SWAN SONG

beat in the Regional quartet pre-lims where ever they are to be held. Al Burgess did his usual great job of emceeing the affair and introduced incoming presidents Reddie Wright and Eric Schultz, who gave forth with impressive talks to the barbershoppers in attendance. The highlight of the evening show was the appearance of the Auto Towners. One look at these fellows and you know just how tired they are, but they set aside this weekend to be with the Michigan District quartets during their "big hour".

The Troubadour tips its hat to this great singing foursome with the hope that with the Auto Towners leading the way, the district's quartets may again rise to the pedestal of supremacy we once held in the Society. It is my sincere hope that Clint, Al, Carland Glenn will be able to



AUTO TOWNERS BRING DOWN HOUSE

work the Holland District Convention into their schedule when they are International Champions next year.

The after-glo was a long affair with the competing quartets putting out some fine relaxed sounds. Guest quartets that made appearances were the Harmony Hound the Smithtonians and more fine songs from the Trebleshooters and the Auto Towners. To the convention committee a hearty thanks from the District for a job well done.

ON THE COVER

The cover of this issue of the Troubadour features the 4 Fits quartet, who hail from Grosse Pointe. Four happier fellows you could never meet as they sang their way to the championship of the Michigan District, October 9 in Battle Creek. This quartet has been a real workhorse for the district the past couple of years. The likeable foursome sang like pros during both of their performances to outdistance the other competing quartets. Because they are district workhorses and because I know they feel as I do I am going to take the liberty of using their column to get a load off my chest.

For a Society that is supposed to be preserving and encouraging barbershop quartet singing our district must hang it's head in shame. 1250 singing men in our Michigan District and the gigantic total of 28 fall out to compete for what should be the biggest prize of all, the quartet championship. It seems to me that it is past time for some of us who have been taking all we can get from barbershopping to start giving just a little bit in return. If I were a good editor I would right now be trying to paint a rosy picture of the district quartet contest. I never claimed to be a good editor and it is hard for me to paint rosy pictures when I am sick to my stomach. The time for rosy pictures has long since departed. We, as a district, are stumbling. It is imperative that we start putting forth some earnest effort in place of a lot of cheap talk, which is motivated by our lackadaisical efforts. It has always been my firm belief that quartets are the life blood of our organization. We must have more quartets from the membership of our district if we are going to raise ourselves up to the place of respect we, as a district, once held in the Society. What are we going to do about it? I have made it a personal goal to

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triple the number of quartets that competed in this contest by the time next year's district contest rolls around. How do I start? I publicly make the announcement that my mellow tones will be heard in said contest. Bob Stone from the Dearborn chapter has promised me he would work up a quartet and compete. Bart Tillet (see ad in this issue) will be in there giving the judges a workout. In a bit of a dilemma as to where to go from here I decided to (with tongue in cheek) go to the top. Officers who will be in command next October are President Eric and Vice presidents Lucas, Gillem, Ryan and Vande Zande. I am expecting a foursome from each of them. From here on in it will be up to the readership of the Troubadour. Some of you fellows that talk alot at the meetings, put your vocal chords to work with those of three other members of your chapter and start now to prepare for competition in next year's district contest.

BIG RAPIDS CHAPTER BUT A SONG AWAY

A new chapter in Big Rapids, Michigan is coming closer to reality every day. Vice President of zone III, Don Lucas, states that his hopes for the 35 charter members needed are but a few weeks away.

Already in the fold are a number of men who are eager to pay their dues and become a part of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.

The Monday night meetings are averaging around 30 men who are singing under a very capable director from Ferris Institute.

The Holland Windmill Chapter gathered together their chorus, the Extension Chords and the Young-Uns from their ranks, added the Rafter Ringers and the Spar Tone Aires from the Grand Rapids chapter and the Delta Aires from Saginaw and journeyed north to Big Rapids to put on a barbershop "parade" in the hopes it would benefit the growing chapter. The show was staged at the Starr Auditorium, on Saturday October 2. It was a great success and a healthy district "thanks" goes forth from the district to these fellows who gave of their time and talent to help in the growth of the potential Big Rapids chapter.

NEXT DISTRICT TO BE GIGANTIC AFFAIR

Plans are underway for the 1966 district convention to be held in Holland. It shapes up now as being bigger and better than the "Little International" held there in 1963. We know you all want to get your reservations in now but we are not quite set up to take them. Watch the pages of future issues of the Troubadour for further information on how to include an entire city in a district barbershop convention.

FOUR NEW OFFICERS ELECTED TO DISTRICT BOARD

The delegates meeting in Battle Creek produced a new president and three new vice presidents. Eric Schultz will replace Al Burgess as president of the district. Don Lucas is the only holdover. He remains on as vice president of Zone III. Pat Ryan takes over for Eric as vice president of Zone I. "Van" Vande Zande replaces the retiring Chuck Sherwood for Zone II and Gene Gillem takes over Zone IV in the place of Bob Tracy. These men will assume their duties as of January 1, 1966. All of them will need support from all of us. Lou Harrington continues to serve as secretary as does Mike Schied as treasurer.



ERIC SCHULTZ.....PRESIDENT ELECT

Here is a brief sketch of the man who has been chosen to lead the Michigan District to new heights during 1966. Eric Schultz is sales manager for the Milbrand Maintenance Co. of Warren, Michigan. He and lovely wife Ruth are well known to district barbershoppers as they appear at many district functions. Eric and Ruth have three children. They are Eric Jr., Robert Lee and daughter Darlene. All are married.

Schultz became interested in barbershopping during the last war while he was doing field work for the Packard Motor Co. He joined the Dearborn chapter in 1954 and has been a busy barbershopper ever since. He served said chapter as vice president of membership and of program. Then his services were acquired by the district, where he served as area counselor and then vice president of Zone I.

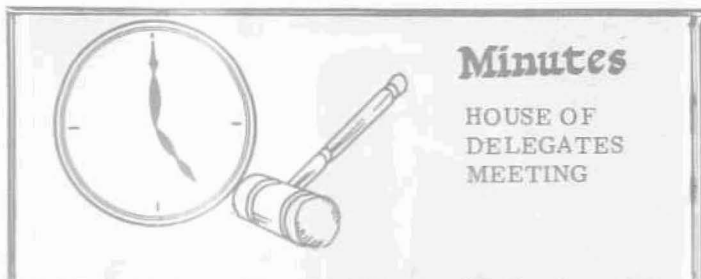
Eric sings lead in both the Chordomatic Chorus and the Transtones quartet. In his short but dynamic speech in Battle Creek during the evening finals he stated that he felt like a wagonmaster sitting high on the seat of a wagon with reins in hand, knowing that without a team of work horses out in front of him, he could never pull the load.

To your editor, these are words of a realist. The Michigan District needs a realist at the reins. Welcome aboard Eric.



JOHN MERRETT
D.C.C.

"THE DOG IS COMING ALONG NICELY"



Minutes

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

The annual meeting of the House of Delegates of the Michigan District was held at the Post Tavern Motor Hotel, Battle Creek, on Friday, October 8, 1965. President Al Burgess called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. Immediate Past President William Hansen led the assemblage in singing "The Old Songs," and President Burgess gave the invocation. Also present were Vice-presidents Eric Schultz, Charles Sherwood and Robert Tracy, Treasurer R. J. Schied and Secretary Harrington. International president-elect Reddie Wright and Hugh Ingraham of the International office were also present. Twenty-six chapters answered the roll call, thereby establishing a quorum. The reading of the minutes of the mid-summer meeting was waived in view of the fact that they were printed in the Troubadour.

Treasurer Schied gave his report, showing a balance on hand in the amount of \$7,214.18 as of September 30, 1965. At this point, the Chair officially introduced Messrs. Wright and Ingraham. President Elect Wright addressed the assembly. His theme was "Today, Not Tomorrow." He reviewed the history of the Michigan District and urged a rejuvenation of the spirit that once prevailed throughout the District and pointed out the loss of membership in the District. He charged the officers and delegates with the duty of a vigorous campaign to strengthen the District both from a musical and membership standpoint. His message was received enthusiastically.

Vice presidents Schultz, Sherwood and Tracy reported on conditions in their respective zones. International Board Member Hansen gave his report relating the latest International actions.

Secretary Harrington then gave his report in which he pointed out that the membership of the District had again fallen and that the membership as of October 1, 1965 was now 1,274 members and 33 chapters...the District having lost Ionia, Suburban Detroit, South Haven and Coldwater during 1965. He also commented on certain tax laws as affect the chapters. The Secretary thanked all of the chapters for their fine cooperation in remitting District per capita dues and sanction fee payments.

President Burgess then gave his annual report reviewing the various activities of the Michigan District during the past year.

The Chair then called upon Ted Verway, Chairman of the District Achievement Award committee, who announced that the Jackson chapter had won the 1964 Achievement Award in the Gold Division and that Battle Creek had won the Award in the Silver Division.

The subject of minimum membership requirements was brought up by several members. The subject of public relations was then discussed by International Board Member Hansen and several other members. The discussion was then joined on this subject by Reddie Wright and Hugh Ingraham. The consensus was that the Michigan District should make more effort to improve the image of the Society in the public eye. Don Funk of the Lansing chapter suggested that more time be allotted for delegate meet-

ings so that these items could be thoroughly discussed and a better foundation established.

At this point, the Chair announced that the Board of Directors had voted the Area Counselor of the Year Award for 1964 to Robert Tracy, and he was presented with a plaque.

The question of approval of the proposal by the International Board of Directors to secure a blanket public liability and property damage insurance policy covering all chapters and districts at an annual cost per chapter and district of \$25.00 each was then submitted for consideration of the delegates. By action of the International Board this protection was to be provided on an "every chapter included basis," providing the proposed policy is approved by a majority of the districts' House of Delegates at their Fall meetings this year. A long discussion was had on the subject with several delegates raising questions. The principal one was a question as to what the phraseology of the policy was as to coverage and exclusion. Insurance men at the meeting stated that a specimen policy and/or proposal is usually furnished when proposals are submitted, and that the District and its chapters should be furnished with such information before they could vote intelligently. Robert Tracy then moved that the matter be tabled until a specimen copy of the policy be furnished to the District and its chapters. This motion was duly seconded. It passed by a vote of 21 to 5.

C. D. Sanborn then moved that the Michigan District Board be instructed to request that copies of the proposed specimen policy be furnished to the District officers and each chapter president within 30 days, and that the chapters be polled by mail and that the chapter president be instructed that the chapter delegate or delegates respond and forward their vote to the District secretary within 20 days after receipt of the specimen policy; that a quorum of District delegates be required to answer before a decision is made. This motion was duly seconded and approved.

C. D. Sanborn then submitted the report of the Nominating Committee as follows; Eric Schultz president, E. E. Ryan, E. A. Vande Zande, Don Lucas and Gene Gillem as vice-presidents, R. J. Schied as treasurer and Louis R. Harrington as secretary. Upon proper motion, the nominations were closed and the slate was elected unanimously.

Eric Schultz was then presented to the assemblage and Reddie Wright presented him with his president's pin and congratulated him. Al Burgess was then presented with a past president's pin and a gift from the District by Immediate past president William Hansen.

An announcement was made that the District Chorus Directors' School will be held in Lansing on October 22-23, 1965.

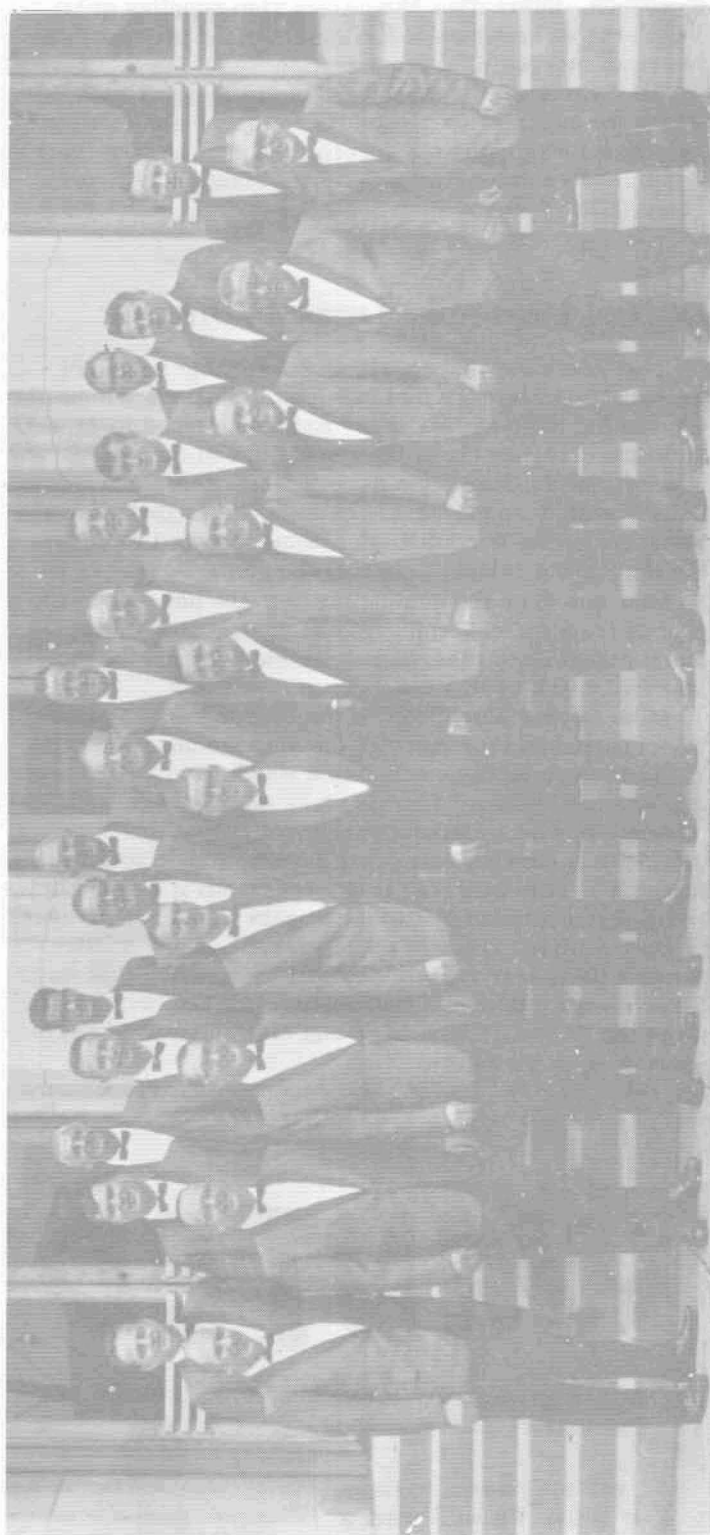
The meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,
District Secretary

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District Now Supports Twin Boys

From Barrie Best comes word that Nora, the 22-year old girl at the Institute of Logopedics who was adopted by the Michigan District, has been forced to terminate her training for the present because of ill health.

Now Michigan becomes parent of adopted twins. Troubadour takes this opportunity to introduce you to 16 year old twin boys, Lee and Rich. Both are from the Michigan District and both are presently enrolled at the Institute of Logopedics, trying earnestly to salvage their lives and make them useful. Lee and Rich are victims of motor expressive aphasia.

Rich's voluntary speech output is on a six year level, yet his straight imitative speech is good. Because of his lack of communication he is apprehensive in most situations. He is unable to monitor his own verbal responses or make necessary changes to correct them. Tests proved him to be educable, and the examining team recommended individual speech training, special education classroom work, creative arts, physical education and residential care.

His brother, Lee, has 60 percent intelligible speech, but his melody, rhythm and accent patterns are distorted. He makes syntactical and grammatical errors and his speech resembles stuttering. In testing, his strong areas were functioning in logical abstract reasoning and color perception; his weakest were series perception and eye-hand coordination. Recommendations for his training include speech, special education classrooms, physical education, residential care and industrial arts to further develop his strong interest in mechanical objects.

Total cost for these two boys is \$684.00 per month.

Their father is an attorney and there are four other children in the family. The parents are able to pay \$500.00 a month. The \$184.00 must come from other sources.

We know that you will want to do what you can to assure these two boys every opportunity to become self-reliant, communicating members of society.

A complete habilitative program is available to them at the Institute of Logopedics, a program which provides all needed services under one roof, a completely integrated 24-hour program planned specifically to meet Lee and Rich's needs.

In addition to individual special training there is academic instruction in 40 ungraded classrooms ranging from pre-kindergarten to high school; occupational therapy; physical therapy and all in an atmosphere which prepares the child to return to a home and community environment.

Residential living offers a new concept far removed from the institutional or hospital atmospheres. The boys will live with their housemother, or houseparents, in an attractive two-bedroom cottage apartment on the Institute campus. They will enjoy supervised recreation, summer day camps, regular church services and citizenship activities, and music. Regular music periods are held in the special education classrooms. This is primarily music education with methods and materials modified to meet the special needs of children with communicative and physical handicaps.

For severely brain injured children there is the Interactive Musiatrics program. In private sessions the child is approached through special music and rhythms composed just for him. His responses and interaction with his instructor often form wedges which open the way

to speech. Interactive Musiatrics also supplies great happiness and enjoyment for the child and may serve as his first successful communication.

All these facilities are available to Lee and Rich, all under the supervision of experts in their field. Will you help give these twins the speech they need to take their rightful place as worthwhile happy citizens? Will you "Sing...That Lee and Rich Shall Speak?"

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Holland Loses Mike Lucas As Director

That energetic, hardworking, personable bundle of barbershop knowledge that has led the Holland Windmill Chorus for the past five years has been forced to depart from the directorship of the chorus due to the acceptance of a new job in Grand Rapids.

It is with deep regret and unbounded gratitude that the members of the Windmill Chorus bid farewell to one of the truly great talents in barbershop today.

Mike has been the guiding force in the success of the chorus from district and regional competition to the many parades and other appearances made during the last five years by this busy group.

Mike has not only directed the chorus but has also been responsible for many of the arrangements and all of the various motions and antics which have been a trade mark of the Windmill Chorus these past few years. These talents alone made Mike a standout director, but it is that little something extra that endeared Mike to us, Mike made us want to sing. At every rehearsal it was the drive and desire exhibited by Mike that gave us that little spark to work a little harder to make everything just a little better. He rehearsed this way and he directed this way. It has been a grand five years with Mike at the helm and we of the Windmill wish Mike and his family the best of everything in the future.

reporter: norm bredeweg

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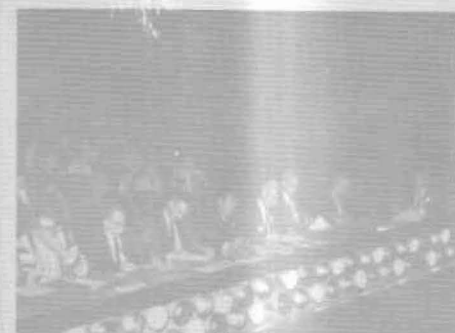
Three voices to form a quartet to compete in the district quartet contest.

I will sing tenor, baritone or bass. We will meet a couple of times the month before the contest to pick our songs and rehearse them. We will shape them up the Friday night of the contest.



Write: BART (RASPY) TILLET
2035 Lake Drive S.E.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan

P.S. Al Rehkop, Clint Bostick and Carl Dahlke need not apply...I have to sing one of those parts.



The Voice Box



Dear Barbershoppers:

The Trebleshooters wish to thank the Michigan District for all the courtesies extended to us during our reign as champions. The many chapters and shows to which we were invited will long remain with us as pleasant memories. The many fine associations and friends which we made during that time are what makes this organization so great.

Our congratulations to the Battle Creek Chapter for the fine district convention, which was first class in every way. Our sincere congratulations to the 4 Fits. We hope their year will be as enjoyable as ours. They represent true barbershoppers who have worked hard for their championship.

We thank you again for the many considerations shown to us and hope to sing for many other barbershoppers in the coming year.

Sincerely,

THE TREBLESHOOTERS

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Bill Hanson Explains Public Relations

The term "public relations" has been defined in the following ways: (1) Information given to the public, (2) persuasion directed at the public to modify attitudes

and action, (3) efforts to integrate attitudes and actions of an institution with its public and of the public with that institution. The definitions imply that public relations is concerned with personal and organization behavior which has social and public significance.

It is a well known fact that many organizations throughout the country, industrial and otherwise, spend millions of dollars annually for the purpose of promoting highly-developed public relations programs. Unfortunately, individual Society chapters are not in a similar financial position; however, this does not preclude the promotion of a simple, low-cost program which can be successful through the cooperation of all chapter members.

Industry enjoys the distinct advantage of being able to engage in a public relations program keyed to products which are constantly in the public eye through advertising or actual usage. The product of our Society is usually promoted only when it is heard. This comparative lack of exposure obviates the necessity of performance perfection, exemplary behavior and constant promotion by the individual chapter members.

In keeping with a public relations program of little or no budget, a chapter can selectively engage in promotion other than through a public singing performance. Bill Pascher, Pontiac chapter, has suggested that chapter members should contact their respective barbers regarding the possibility of displaying a suitable and informative poster which will attract the attention of customers. Bill is of the opinion, and I agree, that a barber shop is one place which is frequented regularly by men who usually gaze at every detail in the place during each visit. The display of a poster becomes a constant invitation to partake in the exciting benefits of barbershop harmony and its fellowship. One poster, placed selectively, would be selling barbershopping to hundreds of potential prospects each and every month.

Needless to say, there are many and varied approaches which can be utilized to promote barbershopping. A program which is successful in one area might not prove to be so in another area. Despite this, a public relations program, regardless of magnitude, is a must for each chapter and should be carefully planned to fit the area and needs of the individual chapter.

The problem of membership has plagued all levels of our Society for a considerable number of years. I am convinced that this situation results from the fact that too much of our public relations effort has been directed to the membership within our Society rather than to the public where it belongs. My personal experience has shown that the people who are aware of our Society constitute a definite minority in comparison to the people who are not aware of our Society. This situation is bound to reverse when we start selling ourselves.

If the Michigan District is to grow and prosper, each of us must do everything possible to promote our product. The answer to our success lies in the willingness of each member to cooperate.

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NOTICE

Starting October 29, Paul Eberwein's "Harmony Lane" will be on the air every Friday from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. over C.B.E. Windsor. That's 1550 kc on the dial.

The material Paul uses are tapes made from shows in the area plus barbershop quartet and chorus recordings.



Mike Bill Bob

Holland Wants You To Meet The Young-uns

The Holland Windmill Chapter proudly presents to the membership of the Michigan District the Young-Uns, a teen age folksinging group with as much enthusiasm for music as a "dyed in the wool" barbershopper. Although youngsters, this trio radiates the showmanship of a professional act. They are blessed with a great sound and have a feeling for a song that belies their age. The group has been a tremendous asset to the Windmill Chapter during the past couple of years singing and playing numerous chapter promotions. Two members of the group sing with the Windmill Chorus.

It is our pleasure to introduce to you: Mike Oonk, age 17, plays the guitar. He is the son of Chet Oonk, long time barbershopper and baritone of the Chord Counts. Bill Schwarz, age 16, plays the piano, string bass, lute and the mouth organ. He is one of those talented musicians that come around once in a lifetime. The third member of the act is Bob Lucas. Bob is also 16 and plays the guitar, banjo and mandolin. Bob is a brother to Mike Lucas of the Chord Counts and Don of the Extension Chords.

They sing their own arrangements of traditional folk tunes and have composed a number of songs.

Their repertoire of about 80 songs includes some from other countries, such as Italy, Germany and Israel.

Their first big engagement was as featured entertainment at the 1964 Miss Holland Pageant. Since then they have sung all over Western Michigan for people of all age groups. They appeared at barbershop functions in Jackson, Muskegon, Holland and Lansing. Last summer they toured the South and sang at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and appeared on several TV stations in Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee.

Two week scholarships were awarded to them for the All State choir at Interlochen Music Camp, where they were recognized as a group.

Here in Holland we are proud of these young gentlemen and suggest your giving them a try if you are looking for a change of pace for a chapter show or party. After hearing them you will be glad you took our advice. With all the barbershop blood they have in their veins it is only a matter of time before they take up the challenge of a barbershop quartet.

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Windsor Chorus Director Transferred

Gordon Lang, Windsor chorus director, was transferred to Toronto during the summer. Gord is a talented barbershopper, whose presence will be missed not only in Windsor but also in the Michigan district. We wish Gord well and for his many hours of service what else can we say but, "Thank you".

WINDSOR ELECTIONS OCTOBER 22

The big night for Windsor barbershoppers will be on Friday, October 22, when careful consideration of the slate of officers for 1966 will be the main item on the agenda. Full attendance and good judgment will be needed in order that the chapter reins will be in capable hands.

WINDSOR ON THE MOVE

September 24 Redford was invaded by a singing horde from Windsor and Grosse Pointe. Al Maier kept the program moving right along. The highlight of the evening was the appearance of one of the Detroit chapter's favourite sons, Bert West, making his debut as bass in the Wonderlads. Bob Farrington topped the night off with a feedbag fit for a king.

November is "Do Not Get Sick Month" in Windsor. The reason why is obvious. November 5 we visit Oakland County. On the 12th Pontiac invades our meeting place at the Drop-In Tavern. Canada Night will find us at Detroit on the 19th and Dearborn returns a visit to us on the 26th. Get your cold tablets...you don't want to miss these dates.

ON THE AIR

The Windsor-Detroit area can mark Friday, October 29 on their calendars. (Outlying areas raise your antennae.) Why? Paul Eberwein's Harmony Lane takes to the air waves again. Time-6:30 to 7:00 p.m. every Friday on radio station C.B.E., 1550 on your dial. Send your cards and letters to the station so they can see that the program is appreciated. (Wait until after the 29th.)

reporter: doran mc taggart

Four Fits Acknowledge Marv McClary

Not once, but twice during our past Michigan District Contest held in Battle Creek, the 4 Fits quartet reached that very nervous edge, or shall we say the breaking point...

Once in the preliminaries as we were preparing to get dressed, Russ discovered his vest for the gay nineties outfit had been left in his room at the motel. The second time, it was Marv, he had forgotten his gloves in the dresser drawer.

Each time we got that cold jab in the stomach feeling and beads of perspiration on our foreheads, but then to our rescue came Marv (moose) McClary, whom everyone remembers as that great resonant bass of the Chorduroys. Marv practically flew from the Kellogg Auditorium to the motel and each time returned in time with the much needed accessory.

The 4 Fits salute you...our hero, MARV MC CLARY. May every quartet in time of need have a friend such as you.

Renegades To Headline Detroit Show

On Saturday, November 6, 1965 the Detroit chapter is presenting their 26th annual Parade of Harmony. The show is being held in Detroit's beautiful Ford Auditorium, which has a capacity of 2500. This show promises to be a complete sell-out. I am told many of the guys have sold out their complete allotment of tickets.



The show features our International Champions, the Renegades, thanks to our brilliant talent procurer, Ralph Schirmer. Also appearing will be those popular Schmidt Brothers, the Southern Aristocrats, our 1965 District Champions, the Trebleshooters...top this off with the 1965 Michigan District International chorus representatives, the Motor City Chorus and we have a really big show. Get your tickets NOW.

On the third Friday in November come to the Wolverine Hotel and join us in our annual Canadian Night. Last year we had over 26 chapters from Michigan, Ohio and Canada.

Bill Warner, who has taken over as emcee and talent getter, tells us this will be the biggest Canadian Night ever. Bill also expects some help from the weather man. Our friends who took that long cold bus ride from south of the border will appreciate this. It was worth it wasn't it fellas?

The 4 Fits, who have been a bright spot at this affair each year, promise to have some new stuff to make the evening interesting. We have promises from four-somes all over Michigan this year and Canada will not take a back seat, as we all know.

Do come on out November 19 for Canadian Night...Wolverine Hotel, downtown Detroit.

How about some of you guys in Jackson, Niles, Grand Rapids, Holland, Lansing, Benton Harbor, Flint and Saginaw?

reporter: john wearing

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Pontiac Parade Scheduled January 22

The Pontiac chapter started the fall season with a very successful Ladies Night program, Saturday, September 11, at the Waterford CAI Building. A crowd of 250 enjoyed a fine evening of dancing and barbershopping. Guest quartets for the event were the 4 Fits and the Four Tune Tellers.

Another night of harmony and fellowship will prevail Friday, October 29, when we embark on a mystery bus trip. The Utica-Rochester chapter will join us in this venture. We have been advised by our hosts for the evening that a total of eight chapters will be in attendance for the event and that a special hall has been reserved for the turnout. This promises to be a real harmonious blast.

The committee for our 24th annual Holiday of Harmony show scheduled for Saturday, January 22, will be under the general chairmanship of Jerry Leroux. Our feature quartet for the program will be our current 2nd place medalists, the Four Rascals of Marblehead, Massachusetts.

reporter: "chase" sanborn

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YOUR CHAPTER GOT A PROBLEM?
TRY YOUR AREA COUNSELOR



ROBERT TRACY

Bob Tracy Named AC Of Year

The District Board of Directors voted the Area Counselor of the Year Award for 1964 to a man who has been one of the District's hardest workers for many years. Tracy has fought the hard battle of keeping our district's northernmost chapters alive despite International's efforts to lop off the smaller chapters. He continued his work this year as vice president and we as a district are reaping rewards from his endless miles of travel and hard work. From reports gleaned from those in the know our northland chapters are gaining strength. An example would be the competing of the Sault Ste. Marie chapter in Battle Creek this year. Another would be the gain in membership of the Boyne City chapter. Many nice things could be said about Bob and his barbershop accomplishments both as a singer and as a worker for barbershop and our district. The District Board did it by recognizing him as AC of the year. Troubadour would like to chip in the appreciation of the entire membership with a simple but earnest "THANKS BOB for a job well done."

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





THE FEMININE OBSERVER

ELLEN HARRINGTON



Highlights of the District convention at Battle Creek were appearances of new winners, 4 Fits and the Muskegon chorus, past winner Trebleshooters and Auto Towners, comedy antics of the Harmony Hounds and the appearance of International president-elect Reddie Wright from California.

It was nice to see so many past District presidents in attendance including Gordon Grant, Mark Roberts, Loton Willson, Halley Dion and William Hansen.

Among the early arrivals were Al Burgess, C. D. Sanborn, Gerry VerVeer, Bill Wild, Lou Walley, Bill Van Bogelen, Al Maier, Tony Scooros, Ron DuMonthier, Gene Balka, Cecil Craig, Virgil Duke, Doug Arseneau, Ed Conn, Aarne Olkkonen, Wayne Kniffen, Dave Russell, Ed McCarthy, Nick Zito, Lowell Thomas, Bill Warner, Bill Butler, Art Schulze, Ed Nealer, Jack Klaiber, Bert West, Bob Mulligan, Cliff Jorgensen, Bob Winters, Bob Whittedge, Messrs. and Mesdames Ed Gaikema, Robert Tracy, R. J. Schied, Jack Oonk, Paul Eberwein, Doran McTaggart, Norm Thompson, Otto Vogel, William Favinger, Frank Trittle, Robert Stone, Sam Vasiu Lou Kapczi and Wally Joure.

Hosting were Roger Knapp, Cecil Embury Bob Campbell, John David, Ken Yaw and Messrs. and Mesdames Lowell Wolfe, Roger Lewis, E. A. Vande Zande, Merle Clayton, Jim Hoglen, Dick Pancost and Howard Spear.

Enjoying the weekend were Tom Grove, Burt Szabo, Al Rehkop, Clint Bostick, Glenn Van Tassell, Clarence Wenman, Red Shaw, Ray Barrett, Don Barrett, Herm Dykema, Jim Sell, Gordon Limburg, Ralph Schirmer, John Linehan, Bud Kepler, Al Fricker, Bob Miller, Dick Liddicoatt, Herbert Marschke, Gus Reeves, Art Rutz, William Whippen, Ted Verwey, Robert Hart, Al Martin, Robert Farrington, Hal Bauer, Don Funk, Doug Beaver, Bill Grumbley, Len Johnson, Jack Swisher, Dan Davey, Marv Burke, Dick Webber, Dean Millar, Gene Oliver, John Hoppe, Dr. Richard Kelly, Fred Kendall, Bill Wickstrom, Tom Severs, Lavonne Zelmer, Vic Vagansky, Phil peirce, Norm Shamus, Nick Kiptyk, Bill Smyth and an enthusiastic delegation from the Soo including Ted Spry, Ken Mac Pherson, Cliff MacLean and many more.

Others in attendance were Messrs. and Mesdames Carl Dahlke, Les Langs, Henry Moorehead, George Dyar, Eric Schultz, Don Fagan, Pat Ryan, Matt Calderwood, George Acree, John Wearing, Tom Pollard, John K. Smith, Bernie Smith, Bob Jeltma, Wendell Derby, Webb Scrivnor, Ed James, Royal Zerbe, Herb Benjamin, Don Ware, Ray Mc Calpin, Russ Seely, Dick Lee, Gene Gillem, Vic Favier and many others.

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C. O. T. SCHOOL DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Sault Sings For Art Festival

Millionaire's Night was a big success at the Sault. As a fund-raising project it was the first time our local chapter had attempted one. Every fellow who attended had a chance to win or lose all his funny money on the various games. (e.g. Crown and anchor, blackjack, horse-races and craps.) The money raised will help finance our chapter chorus to get to Battle Creek.



Our chorus was warmly received at the local Allied Arts Festival. We used our Battle Creek songs on this audience and all members really did their best to give them an earful of barbershopping. Did the tones ever ring in our Memorial Arena.

Our local elections are coming up. In the middle of October we plan to swing a new executive into office. (Some of the more experienced leaders will remain in office I'm sure.)

The local Kinsmen Club requests our chorus to 'publicly' appear at Halloween time. I'm sure they will consider that the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Sault Chapter has given them a TREAT rather than a TRICK after they have heard us.

We have tickets for our HI-LITES in HARMONY on November 6. Only \$2.00...anyone interested? The Spar-Tone Aires, Road Runners and Four Masters will be participating.

President, Ken MacPherson has a new son and consequently a future barbershopper. Congratulations Ken.

reporter: franklin murphy

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Holly-Fenton To Sing For Theatre Group

After a not too busy summer, the chapter is back on it's regular schedule of meeting every Tuesday night. During July and August, we only met the first and third Tuesdays.

We entered a float in the Fenton Fourth of July parade, held our annual Lake Fenton Raft Ride and our annual picnic on September 12. The picnic was well attended with more guests present than



members. Lots of fun and woodshedding with the Crescendos from Flint and the Close Chorders from Detroit furnishing the entertainment together with a couple of quartets from our own chapter.

Chorus director, Gordon Robinson, attended the HEP school in Hamilton, Ontario and gave us a good insite on just what went on.

The chapter has been contacted by the Fenton Living Theatre Group for an appearance in the Hotel Fenton in honor of Ray Middleton, who will be presenting a musical entertainment night for them on April 23. We have accepted the invitation.

reporter: art burnett

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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Congratulations to our new quartet champions, the 4 Fits Ray McCalpin, John Wearing, Russ Seely and Marv Burke are four loyal barbershoppers who have given freely and generously of their talents and time in assisting smaller chapters and appearing at many chapter and community functions. They are a true credit to our Society and will be splendid champions. The Close Chorders who were second and the Delta Aires who were third and the Arbor City Four, our junior champions are also to be congratulated.

An appreciative salute to the Battle Creek chapter for hosting our Fall meeting. Roger Knapp and his committees have our thanks for a job well done.

As a result of their fine performance, the Port City Chorus of Muskegon will carry Michigan's hopes into the International chorus contest at Chicago next year. This year they are under the direction of Webb Scrivner for the first time. He succeeds Al Burgess, their long-time helmsman.

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Jackson and Battle Creek chapters were announced as the winners of the District Chapter Achievement awards for 1964. Henry Moorehead and Robert Breslin were presidents of the two winning chapters during 1964. Other high ranking chapters in the Gold Division were Dearborn, Muskegon, Grand Rapids and Oakland County. The leaders behind Battle Creek in the Silver Division were Saginaw, Greenville, Wayne and Windsor.

Robert Tracy won the honors as Area Counselor of the Year for 1964.

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Special mention and recognition is due to Michigan District chapters which showed the greatest gains in membership during 1964. Numerically Kalamazoo made the greatest stride, adding 13 members. Saginaw was runner up gaining 10, while Monroe gained 8 and Redford added 7. From a percentage standpoint, Suburban Detroit had a 43% gain with Saginaw showing a 37% gain, Greenville 34%, Monroe 32%, Kalamazoo 31% and Redford 25%.

Wayne Changes Meeting Night

Hear Ye...Hear Ye...ANNOUNCING-Wayne Chapter has changed its meeting time and place. Meetings from here on will be on the first and third Fridays at 37609 Ford Road, one half block west of Newburgh Road. Meetings start at 8:30 P.M. Come on out and pay us a visit anytime.

To all of you guys and gals who consider yourselves barbershoppers and passed up the Labor Day Weekend at Harrisville...from all us "Harris Villians" our condolences. What a way to bid adieu to the good ole summertime. Singing unlimited, family fun, campfires, golf,

swimming, you name it, we did it. The town rolled out the red carpet for us. We barbershoppers in turn put on a show for the local people. Appearing in the show were those fabulous Four Fits, the sparkling Smithtonians, the nifty Nineteenth Century Four and a new Sweet Adeline quartet called the Four Tune Cookies. Watch these gals, they are great. The Wayne Wonderland Chorus under the direction of John Kee Smith, performed.

All in all it was a weekend that sent you home with chords ringing in your head. If any red blooded barbershopper passes up the event next year, you are missing one of the outstanding, memorable times of your life.

At Harrisville, the Smithtonians had a miraculous escape, when their car was wrecked minutes before they were about to get into it. Because of their fine singing they were asked to sing just one more, thereby averting what could have been a tragedy.

We at Wayne have lined up the Sun Tones for our parade on March 6, 1966. More about that later, see you next month.

reporter: mike bourgoins

Flint Asks For Program Exchanges

If September is any barometer of fall attendance and activity, we are off to our best season of area events.

October 26 is the Boston convention film at Flint, November 9 and 23 are regular meetings and November 27 is the Holly-Fenton show.

Our last meeting was well attended by members and several guests. They saw the start of our fall contest, which gives members points for attendance, guests and new members, also an organized program. There was a lot of activity, especially by the program participants.

We are working on a Ladies Night installation of officers early in January, seems like the ladies like to see their favorite barbershopper officially become an officer in the grandest society in the world.

What would you program chairmen think of an exchange of ideas for programs? We would be happy to correspond with anyone interested.

Visitations by other chapters are always welcome, so hope to see a lot of you fellows this fall and winter.

As for me, I'm going to the meetings boys, those choros are calling me to "sing...so the twins shall speak."

reporter: les lang



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INTERNATIONAL

News



WILLIAM HANSEN

Al Smith, International President, recently directed correspondence to all district presidents and International Board members informing us of the deep "dip" which takes place in membership figures at the end of each quarter. He indicated that this observance is based entirely on a study of Society membership records. President Al pointed out that nearly all of our losses are eventually regained; however, we also lose entirely too many barbershoppers.

All chapter presidents throughout the Society have been requested to personally contact each member whose membership expired as of September 30, 1965, and solicit this man's renewal. In those instances where a member decides to not renew, the chapter presidents have been requested to ask for an "honest" reason. The chapter presidents have also been requested to compile a list of all reasons for non-renewal, excluding names, and forward same to International headquarters for subsequent study.

As President Al pointed out, the above-described procedure has been tried before and is worthy of another try. If a substantial number of reasons for non-renewal are secured, such a listing could well prove to be valuable as a tool in solving one of the many problems which continually confront our Society.

It seems logical to compare the above-described procedure with research techniques employed by industry in an effort to secure opinions regarding products. Like industry, we have a product to sell. We should make every effort to determine what, if anything, is possibly wrong with our product.

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Greenville Signs Up Six New Members

Needless to say, the Greenville chapter was disappointed at not being able to enter the chapter chorus in the contest at Battle Creek. We'll try not to let it happen again. The summer layoff, our first in four years, made it impossible to prepare the chorus in time for the regional contest. We're looking forward to the spring contest.

Membership-wise things are looking up again. New members include, Art Kipp, baritone; Gary Hansen, tenor; Frank Mattison, bass; Don O'Conner, bass; Lloyd Swierenga, lead and Eugene Smith, lead.

Recent singing engagements for the chorus include a performance before the Eastern Star in Greenville and the local Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Hope you'll make it a point to stop and visit us next time you're in the Greenville area on a Monday night.

reporter: bob hansen

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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.

November 6, 1965	Detroit Chapter Parade
November 6, 1965	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Parade
November 27, 1965	Holly-Fenton Parade
January 22, 1966	Pontiac Parade
February 5, 1966	Monroe Parade
February 12, 1966	Kalamazoo Parade
February 12, 1966	Dearborn Parade
March 5, 1966	Wayne Parade
March 12, 1966	Greenville Parade
April 2, 1966	Flint Parade
April 16, 1966	Jackson 25th Anniversary Parade
April 23, 1966	Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
April 29-May 1, 1966	International Preliminaries (tentative)
September 30-Oct. 2, 1966	District Contest and Convention, Holland
November 5, 1966	Detroit Chapter Parade
February 11, 1967	Kalamazoo Parade
April 8, 1967	Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
April 14-16, 1967	International Preliminaries (tentative)
October 13-15, 1967	District contest and convention (tentative)
April 26-28, 1968	International Preliminaries (tentative)
October 18-20, 1968	District contest and convention (tentative)