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Utterings
from
Oonk



Okay...vacation is over. Let's sit up and take a look around. Foremost in our minds must be membership. How does it stack up? Glad you asked.

As of December 1964, when we as a district had our number of competing quartets reduced from three to two by the Evergreen District, we had a membership totaling 1485. Evergreen had edged us out of a third quartet by 15 members. They totaled 1500. The Michigan District membership as of August 31, 1965 totals 1327. Evergreen has reached 1503. Enough said? I really don't think so, but I have said it ten times in the 16 issues of Troubadour that I have had the pleasure of editing, with no results. I'll say it again anyway. If we would each sign up one new member this year we would have the third largest district in the Society. So darn easy... one new member from each old one. A couple of phone calls is all it would take.

I might also add that while we look at Evergreen as the district to overtake during these next few months the Southwestern District, during the month of August, has also passed us by seven members. December, 1964 they were some 140 members behind us. Ho hum...maybe next year? Well, you sir, are the fellow that has got to do something about it if anything is to be done. Some men in the state of Michigan are awaiting your call.

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ON THE COVER

Pictured on the cover of this issue of the Troubadour is our International President Elect, "Reedie" Wright. Mr. Wright will attend our district convention in Battle Creek this October 8-9-10. He is currently serving as 1st vice president and will take over the Presidency of our thirty-thousand member organization on January 1, 1966.

He is a long time barbershopper and has held many chapter, district and International offices. A member of the Pasadena Chapter, he has sung with a number of quartets as well as the chapter chorus.

In business life, Wright is manager of the special products division of Arden Farms Company. Born in Oklahoma, he is now a proud Californian and lives with his wife "Dude" in Altadena.

The line-up of events for the district convention and contest to be held October 8-9-10 in Battle Creek are as follows: Friday, October 8, will find the registration desk open at 5:00 p.m. The House of Delegates Meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m. and the pre glo will commence at 10:00 p.m. All of these events will take place at the Post Tavern Motor Inn, which is the Headquarters Hotel for the convention. Saturday morning will find the registration desk open at 8:00 a.m. The quartet preliminary contest will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the Kellogg Auditorium. The chorus contest is scheduled for 2:15 p.m. at the same place. The quartet finals will be held at 8:00 p.m. at this fine singing auditorium. The after glo will be held at the Elk's Lodge at 11:00 p.m. Sunday morning will find the aspirin breakfast and the clinic going on at the Post Tavern at 9:00 a.m.

Housing is being taken care of by Roger Lewis. His address is 405 Boyes Dr., Battle Creek, Michigan 49017. Registrations are being handled by Lowell Wolfe and his address is 88 Wendell St., Battle Creek, Michigan. You should mail your ticket requests and check to him. Both housing and ticket requests will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

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The Michigan District can stand straight and proud. After hours and hours of hard work, after hundreds of printed words, after diligent planning and completion of certain events, after the fabulous Logopedic show in Battle Creek, after many chapter and personal contributions we would like to introduce every member of the district to Nora, a 22 year old girl from the Michigan District,

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who is trying earnestly to salvage her life and make it useful at the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas. Nora suffers a serious speech defect as a result of a brain injury.

Examination at the Institute of Logopedics revealed that she had difficulty talking and her expressive writing was poor in construction and spelling even though she had attended school to about fourth grade level. She spoke in a monotone. Nora was a pleasant person and pathetically eager to receive help with problems which had plagued her all her life. She scored high in verbal comprehension and visual recognition, but low in verbal output and eye-hand coordination.

Examiners recommended a year's trial training period for Nora and her progress has been better than anticipated. She has made excellent academic gain and advanced one full grade in word knowledge, discrimination, reading and language in a six-month period. Additional training time for Nora is definitely warranted.

The cost: \$450.32 per month.

Nora's father, an insurance, is presently paying \$180.32 per month toward her habilitative cost. The additional \$250.00 must come from other sources.

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

All these facilities are available to Nora, all under the supervision of experts in their field. We Will help give Nora the speech she needs to take her rightful place as a worthwhile happy citizen.

"We Shall Sing...That Nora Shall Speak."

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Late word, just received as we were going to press, from our nominating committee gives me the opportunity to pass on along to you the slate they have chosen.

The men they have selected to lead our district through the next critical year are: President, Eric Schultz; vice presidents: Pat Ryan, Zone I; Elton "Van" Vande Zande, Zone II; Don Lucas, Zone III; Gene Gillem, Zone IV. Louis Harrington will continue as secretary and Mike Scheid as Treasurer. Al Burgess will replace Bill Hansen as International Representative. Troubadour will carry stories and pictures of the men who are voted into office in a later issue.

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While most of us were pleasantly wasting away the summer months, a few barbershoppers were hard at work laying groundwork for a new Michigan District chapter. Among those workers was Chet Fox, International Field Representative, who spent three days in Big Rapids trying to piece together the loose ends. By the time the next issue of Troubadour reaches your mail box we should have a definite picture of just where we stand in our quest for our district's newest chapter.

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Not being able to attend the convention in Boston, I have asked President Al to use his column to give you his views of the contest. I, like you, through the pages of the Harmonizer have kept informed. To our entries a great big "job well done".

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Following the Leader

AL BURGESS



For a number of years the song, "Seems Like Old Times", has been the theme song for the Arthur Godfrey show. If I may, I'd like to use this song title to point up some of the activities and events of this past International contest and convention at Boston.

It truly did seem like old times having a Michigan District quartet in the medalist category. The Auto-Towners did a superb job of singing as they stormed into fourth place. Congratulations go to Al, Glenn, Clint and Carl. To the Aire Males and the Motor City Chorus we extend congratulations for fine district representation. The Michigan District can be proud of everyone of our competitors.

It seemed like old times to hear as much woodshedding as I heard. I've not sung that much since the 1958 convention at Columbus, Ohio. The chords were dropping all over the place.

It seemed like old times to see and hear once again the Detroit Taggers...complete with "jokes"...Everywhere they went, Bob, Cecil, Tom, complete with red tam, and Grandpa Al (for the umpteenth time) entertained in regal style. And...those zaney Harmony Hounds from Battle Creek (with chauffeur Vande Zande)...lugged all that stuff up and down in those hotels, drivin' everyone nuts with their goin's on.

And...it seemed like old times to see Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Adams, who asked about so many of their Michigan District friends. Incidentally, Carroll was in charge of the woodshed room...EVERY NIGHT.

NOW...let's take a look at the old times...I mean the real old times...remember:

1. when you last attended an International convention? 1966 it's in your backyard...better take ma and the kids in the buggy.
2. when the Michigan District had a hospitality room? Why not? I'm fer it.
3. the Detroit contest?

Would seem like old times havin' another.

How many times have you heard it said that conventions and contests just aren't the fun they used to be?

I have a comeback for this one now...If anyone had more fun, did more singing, talked more barbershop and just enjoyed themselves being among the finest friends in the world than I did...I'd call him some kind of a nut or a "KOOK" even.

It's you and a lotta other guys that make conventions "Seem Like Old Times". See yuh in Battle Creek, Holland and Chicago...and in that order.

SEE YOU AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

BATTLE CREEK

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Milford Chorus Named Huron Valley Chorus

Here are some ripples from the Milford pond of barbershop.

June 19 was President Ernie Richmond's annual fish fry. What a night of barbershop and food. We certainly had a ball and the festivities were magnified with the presence of the ForTune Tellers and the Smithtonians. It was indeed a night to remember. Our special thanks go to Millie and Sue who assisted Ernie and Sweeney in catching all those delicious fish. A great barbershopper Ernie proved to one and all that he can fry fish with the best of them.

Milford is still proceeding with plans to attend participate in the District convention. Our chorus is all decked out with a new name...The Huron Valley Chorus. We feel the new name covers the area we now serve.

Friday, July 30, we jourined north and had a wonderful night visiting the Saginaw chapter. Just to see the look in their eyes we know every member there was on cloud nine while blending chords. Every time I looked up there was a new group wood-shedding. The Note Trumps and the Delta Aires lead the way with some wonderful songs. We from Milford are looking forward to returning to Saginaw.

Remember all...accentuate the positive...and we'll grow grow grow.

reporter: tom shall

Windsor Announces New Meeting Place

The Windsor chapter has had a quiet summer barbershop wise, but now that fall is here we are ready to roll again.

Our July dinner meeting was very successful with about 50 barbershoppers in attendance. The highlight of the evening was the fine performance given by the Progressive Four. This terrific quartet along with the Sun Parlour chorus entertained members of the Yacht Club until the wee small hours.

Windsor has lost their Troubadour reporter, Fred Sorrell, to a better job opportunity with R.K.O. television in Toronto. So far he's commuting back and forth from Toronto to Windsor, so basically he's still with us.

Our president, Doran McTaggart, attended the HEP School at Hamilton, Ontario last month and is wound up like a two dollar watch to get Windsor rolling again. From what Doran Tells me this school is a must for every barbershopper.

The Windsor chapter will start its fall visitations with a trip to Redford September 24, so all Michigan District chapters look out...cause here we come.

ALL CHAPTERS TAKE NOTE

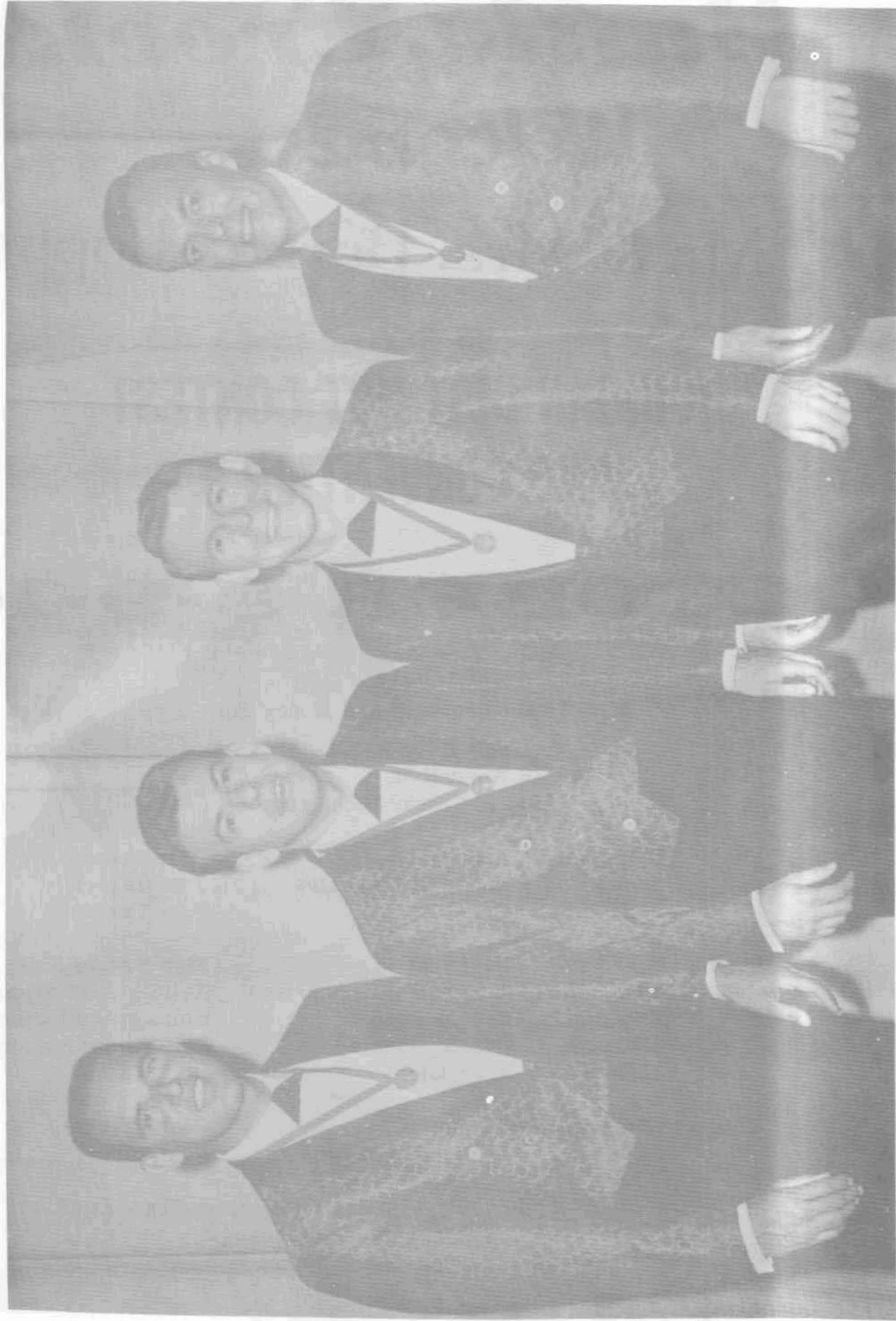
The Windsor chapter has a new meeting place. Starting September 10 the Windsor chapter will meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at the Drop In Tavern on Tecumseh Road East. It's easy to find...just ask anybody in Windsor.

Harmony Lane radio program featuring our barbershop quartets and choruses will be broadcast again starting in October over radio station C.B.E. (1550kc). The day and time has not yet been established but will let you know in the October publication of the Troubadour.

reporter: paul eberwein

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	10:00 p.m.	Pre Glo	Post Tavern
SATURDAY, 9th	8:00 a.m.	Registration	Post Tavern
	10:00 a.m.	Quartet Preliminaries	Kellogg Auditorium
	2:15 p.m.	Chorus Contest	Kellogg Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Quartet Finals	Kellogg Auditorium
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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Attention now focuses on the District contest and convention to be held in Battle Creek, October 8-10, 1965. Those who attended the recent Logopedics benefit show know what wonderful hosts Battle Creek Boasts. Headquarters will again be the Post Tavern Hotel and the House of Delegates meeting will be held there Friday night, October 8th. Contest sessions will be held at the nearby Kellogg Auditorium, beginning Saturday with the preliminaries at 10:00 a.m., the chorus contest at 2:15 p.m. to determine which chorus will represent us in International competition next year in Chicago, and the finals at 8:00 p.m. Clinics will be held Sunday morning.

Entry blanks have been mailed to all registered quartets and chorus entry blanks to chapter secretaries. Newly organized quartets may obtain entry blanks by wiring to my office.

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The District Board awarded the 1966 District contest to the Holland chapter, but the 1966 International Preliminaries have not, as yet, been awarded. International has now assigned dates for our future contests as follows: International Preliminaries - April 29-May 1, 1966, April 14-16, 1967, April 26-28, 1968 April 11-13, 1969 and District contests - October 13-15, 1967 and October 18-20, 1968. Chapters interested in bidding are urged to send their bids to my office for consideration by the Board.

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Chapters are reminded that elections of chapter officers should be held in the month of October, and the results reported promptly to the District Secretary's office so that the new officers can be advised of the time and place of the Chapter Officers' Training School.

Jones Gears Greenville For Contest

Greenville kicked off the fall barbershopping season with an Open House and Guest Night on September 13. We needed a boost in our membership and this night produced several good prospects. Entertainment for the evening centered around the fabulous Extension Chords from Grand Rapids. Also on hand to help us get things going was a bus load of Muskegonites...all barbershoppers of course.

Our chorus sang on a float in the Danish Festival parade and also the Belding Labor Day this past month. Al Reinhardt and Jack Wood were co-chairmen of preparing the float.

Director Fran Jones has begun chorus rehearsals for engagements on October 2 in Big Rapids, October 8 for the Eastern Star in Greenville and the biggest one of all, October 9 in Battle Creek. Sure would enjoy a trip to Chicago.

reporter: bob hansen



Muskegon Barbershopper Dies Suddenly

"The shouting and the tumult dies...The captains and the kings depart..."

In the ensuing days since the sudden passing of Wilson Hislop, we have had time to reflect on the truly great loss it was...to his family, to his many friends and to all of us who were privileged to "barbershop" with him, for "Willie" was a devoted barbershopper.

Wilson became a member of the Muskegon chapter in 1953 and the Port City Chorus soon after. To many of us he will be remembered best in the chorus at back row center with his pitch pipe ready. Others will remember Wilson singing lead with the Cord-Cutters quartet in 1957-58, with Bob Hart, Tom Garzelloni and Walt Malstrom. Since 1960 he has sung with the Warb-Elairs with Web Scrivnor, Al Martin and Bob Hart.

Wilson loved barbershop harmony. In addition to his quartet and chorus work, he was always ready to woodshed a few or quite a few. He always fulfilled his barbershop obligations. When the chorus had a job to do, Willie was there.

He was appointed to the chapter board in 1964 and was subsequently elected program vice president for 1965 and to the board for 1965 and '66. Wilson represented the Muskegon chapter as a delegate to District conventions in 1964-65.

We will miss him.

reporter: gordon gunn

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MEN OF NOTE

The Troubadour congratulates the following men of note:

Dr. Robert Martin and Loton Wilson, Boyne City; Rayland Schied, Flint; Douglas Webb, Gratiot County; Louis Herman, Grosse Pointe; Glen Loveland, Clayton Martin, Sam Cushman, Jackson; Lyle Rapp and Howard Strong, Kalamazoo; Reese Olger, Lansing; Bill Whippen and Ron Hawkinson, Monroe; Tom Garzelloni, Delmer Doctor, Robert Alexander and Lloyd Carter, Muskegon; Herb Benjamin, Saginaw and Jim St. Amand, Utica-Rochester.



INTERNATIONAL



WILLIAM HANSEN

The following action was taken by the International Board during the convention in Boston:

Approval was given to a \$300,000 single limit, public liability and property damage, with a \$1,000 medical coverage, blanket insurance policy to cover every chapter and district. Individual chapter meetings and chapter sponsored shows are covered. IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE DISTRICT HOUSES OF DELEGATES THIS FALL, THE COVERAGE BECOMES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1966. The cost per chapter and district will be \$25.00 each on an annual basis. Full details will be furnished in the near future.

Approval was given to the formation of an International District to accommodate chapters in foreign countries. Countries will be assigned to specific Districts, thus providing a medium for contest participation. Twenty-five chapters are required in any one country before a separate District can be formed.

Licensing procedures were revised to the extent of increasing the licensed chapter fee to \$5.00, with a recommended pay-as-you go plan, increased services and office manuals, etc. Only one six-month extension will be allowed beyond the license period. Also, "Associate Status" chapters are now allowed one six-month extension beyond a full year as an "Associate" chapter before a revocation of charter takes place.

The Board strongly reaffirmed the Society's policy of disapproval in the use of any alcoholic beverages during chapter meetings. All officers at every Society level are asked to aid in stressing adherence to this policy.

The 1969 International Convention and Contests were awarded to St. Louis, Missouri.

The inclusion of the District secretaries, or other District officer as designated by the District president, at the annual Districts president's conference at Kenosha was approved on a one year trial basis.

The Society's legal documents (International By-Laws, Standard District Constitution, Standard Chapter By-Laws and Society Articles of Incorporation) were slightly revised to reflect the necessary changes making the Society's application for a blanket (c) 3 tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service eligible for immediate and favorable action. All chapters and Districts will receive additional information as to the action required by them.

The International Board received a report from the International SERVICE Committee which revealed that more than \$31,000 has been contributed to our SERVICE project, WE SING...THAT THEY SHALL SPEAK since June, 1964. It was also revealed that the Ontario, Far Western Seneca Land, Illinois, Johnny Appleseed and Michigan Districts have all raised sufficient money to undertake the sponsorship of their District's child.

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The Voice Box



Dear Michigan Barbershoppers:

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of Dr. Martin F. Palmer, founder and head of the Institute of Logopedics. His love of music was exceeded only by his love of children, and one of the proudest moments of his life came in San Antonio in 1964 with the wedding of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. and the Institute... "We Sing... That They Shall Speak."

I am sure that as a Society we will increase our effort to carry on the great work of a great man.

Yours in "SONG AND SERVICE"

Barrie

Barrie Best,
Executive Director

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Flint Schedules Film On Boston Finals

Welcome back to barbershopping all ye who have needed the call of sun and surf. Let's put all that accumulated vim and vigor into making the following season the most active in chapter and District history.

Flint had an active summer with regular meetings and many guests from other chapters, which has proven to us that we can not afford to discontinue meetings during the summer.

In June, besides regular meetings, we attended Beans for Boston, mystery ladies night and the Utica-Rochester show.

July saw a special birthday party, Bob-Lo moonlight excursion, Holly-Fenton Raft Ride and party at Neil Norman's.

August, tri-chapter meeting at Saginaw, Pontiac Korn Roast, Hamilton Hep School and Flint picnic.

September's calendar includes Holly-Fenton picnic, Pontiac Ladies Night and joint chapter chorus.

Our Canadian friends certainly were gracious hosts at the Hamilton Hep School and it truly was one of those experiences only barbershoppers are privileged to enjoy. Imagine singing in a chorus of a hundred voices, which included 13 organized quartets. Bob Johnson surely



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spent that week end in the overtones.

The Flint chapter is starting something a little different this fall at chapter meetings. At each meeting a name will be drawn for stage hand who will be responsible for setting up the chairs and stage complete with barber poles, speaker's table and display table on which the bulletin editor will put current bulletins from other chapters, area event activities, news releases and anything else of interest to the members.

The meeting will start with chorus practice followed by a short break, then the president or vice president will call the meeting back to order and make necessary announcements, followed by singing the welcome song for guests. The meeting will be turned over to the program chairman, who will put on a short program.

Programs are to be put on by a different member each meeting to give everyone a chance to participate, followed by singing "Keep America Singing". Then lunch and woodshedding until??? The program will be put on complete with stage presence just like a regular show. This gives everyone some experience in this area and in spite of what some members may say, sing-outs and quartet appearances in public are "show biz" and where can anyone get better experience than at chapter meetings. The program chairman will also see that everyone present participates in the activities, round robin or whatever.

How about more joint area events and chapter visitations? Maybe some chapter visitation ladies night?

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL BARBERSHOPPERS

Tuesday, October 26, 1965 at Croation Hall, 529 S. Dort Hwy, Flint is the night for showing the film on the finals of the Boston Convention from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. Door fee is \$1.00 and stag only.

Let's not forget how fortunate most of us are to be able to be contributors instead of recipients of Logopedics and continue to "Sing That They Shall Speak".

reporter: les lang

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Holly-Fenton Chorus Appears In Centennial

Activities slowed up a bit during July and August. We held no special chorus rehearsal nights during these two months but with September 6 we will meet every Tuesday night as before.

Besides appearing in the Holly Centennial two days, entering a float in the Fenton 4th of July parade, having our annual Lake Fenton Raft Ride and attending the Area meeting in Saginaw, we haven't been too busy.

All members are working toward a bigger and better Harvest of Harmony show on November 27. They want to make it the best yet.

This chapter has been approached concerning a barbershop night in conjunction with the Fenton Living Theatre Series. Nothing definite yet. This would be one of the best pieces of publicity we could ask for. More about this in the future.

reporter: art burnett





**THE
FEMININE
OBSERVER**

ELLEN HARRINGTON



Following a round of fund-raising events and parties, the summer barbershop season was climaxed by the International contest and convention in Boston.

Many of the Detroit chorus members and their wives traveled by bus, enjoying a sightseeing stop-over at Niagara Falls. The group included Ron DuMonthier, Harvey Freeman, Al Hess, Robert Hickey, Thurman Holladay, Don Howard, Wayne Kniffin, Paul Lucht Jr., Paul Lucht Sr., Ed McCarthy, James McCue, Jack Pate, Ralph Ryan, Dic Ryan, Art Schulze, Ron Scott, William Smith, Ray Smith, Er Zurakowski, Ward Taylor, Bert West, Bob Whitledge, Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Butler, George Acree, William Amperse, Matt Calderwood, Maurice Davignon, Nelson Gotshall, Lawrence King, Art Linde, Bob Luscombe, Bob Milligan, Jack Rush, Dave Russell, Pat Ryan, Ralph Schirmer, George Schmidt, Carl Sheffer, Craig Sherwood, Nick Zito, Lowell Thimas, Otto Vogel, William Warner, John Wearing, Henry Wiechman and Bob Winters. Other Detroit chapter members in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. William Favinger and Mr. and Mrs. Dunc Wallace.

Seen participating in the street parade were Lowell Wolfe, Roger Lewis, Dr. William Clark and Dick Pancost in their Harmony Hounds' hearse.

Among those proudly watching the Auto Towners win their medals were Clarence Wenman, Roger Knapp, E. A. Vande Zande, William Whippen, Charles Sherwood, Al Burgess, William Hansen, Burt Szabo, Al Eason, Ron Seely, Ed Conn, and Messrs. and Mesdames George Dyer, Ron Jones, Bert Escott, Carleton Scott, W. A. Diekema, C. D. Sanborn, Robert Stone, Cecil Craig, Al Fricker, Paul Kernen and Norman Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were attending their first International convention.

A popular gathering spot for the Michigan conventioners was the Wayne chapter suite. Seen there were Tim Queen, Des Millican, Jerry Reid, Bud Kepler, Al Maier, John Linehan, Al Rehkop, Clint Bostick, Carl Dahlke, Glenn Van Tassell, Roger Craig, Dale Clisby, Tom Pollard, and Bill Wilcox. The Paschers of Pontiac were among the late arrivals due to car trouble.

Reunions were enjoyed with former Michigan men, Burt Staffen and Wes Meir of the west coast and Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Craig, William Rowell, Tom Steele, Carroll Adams, Don Dobson and Ed James of the east.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitledge of Detroit on the birth of their son and to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Oonk of Holland on the birth of their daughter.

Barbershoppers were saddened to learn of the death of Barney Brooks of Antler fame in Flint.

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Sault Readies For Contest

August wasn't even over when we resumed barber-shopping for 1965-66. Our first meeting was a good indication that we will probably have a successful year.

At this meeting Bob Tracey was able to tear himself away from his busy schedule and Mackinaw City to lead us in a chorus sing-song and woodshedding. The Smith-



tonians from Detroit, you know...that fabulous family group, entertained us with beautifully performed selections. We hope they come back again soon to the Sault.

Ever since our first meeting we have been practicing for Battle Creek and the October 9-10 week-end. Looks like the Sault gang will be down in full force, so all other competitors take note.

A new switch this year...instead of May, our annual parade will be on November 6, at 8:15 p.m. in the Clayton auditorium (Sault Collegiate Institute). We have some A-1 quartets coming for the event of the season...Spartone-Aires and Road Runners (1965 International quarter finalists). Let's not forget the Sault Ste. Marie chorus, under the capable direction of C. E. "Ted" Spry, will also sing.

See you in the Sault for our November parade fellows.
reporter: frank murphy

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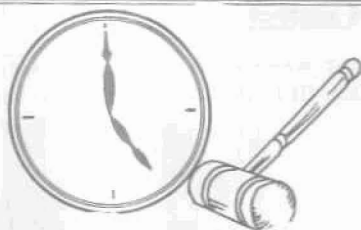
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Minutes

EXECUTIVE
BOARD
MEETING

A meeting of the Michigan District Board of Directors was held on July 24, 1965, at the Holiday Inn, Battle Creek. The meeting was called to order by President Al Burgess at 10:00 a.m. Also present were immediate past president Hansen, Vice president Charles Sherwood, Treasurer Mike Shied, Secretary Louis Harrington and Troubadour editor Jack Oonk.

The chair read a letter from Bob Johnson relative to his Chorus Directors School in Michigan to be held October 22-23 and 24, and that he would also visit other points in the District as follows; Soult Ste. Maire, Ontario on October 25 and 26, Boyne City October 27, Windsor on October 28 and Pontiac on October 29.

A discussion then centered on the possibility of the District providing a seminar and special coaching for chorus directors strictly on a District level.

The dates of the District contests were then discussed, and the secretary then reported that the Holland chapter had submitted a bid for the 1966 Fall District contest and convention. It was then voted unanimously that the said convention be awarded to Holland on the dates of September 30 through October 2, 1966. A report was then made on the progress of plans for the 1965 Fall convention at Battle Creek.

President Burgess then reported on several steps taken by the International Board at the convention in Boston in June. He announced that the charters of the Ionia and Coldwater chapters were revoked for failure to maintain the minimum membership of 25 as required. He also reported that the International voted to subscribe for a blanket liability bond to cover each chapter and district, and that each chapter and district would be billed \$25.00 per annum for this bond. This would be mandatory. This action is subject to approval by the various Houses of Delegates.

Bill Hansen then reported that he had suggested a small brochure be provided by International and given to all chapters free of charge to be placed in programs at parades and conventions to inform the general public of our charity.

President Burgess then reviewed the membership status of the District, revealing another marked decline.

He also reported that Chet Fox of International would be in the District to work on expansion on September 13 through 17, and that Big Rapids is one of the prospects.

A general discussion then ensued regarding District problems and suggestions for membership, extension and more activity within the District.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,
District Secretary

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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.

October 2, 1965	Fruit Belt Parade
October 9, 1965	District Contest and Convention, Battle Creek
October 22-23, 1965	Lansing Parade & District Chorus Director's School
November 6, 1965	Detroit Chapter Parade
November 6, 1965	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Parade
November 13-14, 1965	Chapter Officers Training School
November 27, 1965	Holly-Fenton Parade
January 22, 1966	Pontiac Parade
February 5, 1966	Monroe Parade
February 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)