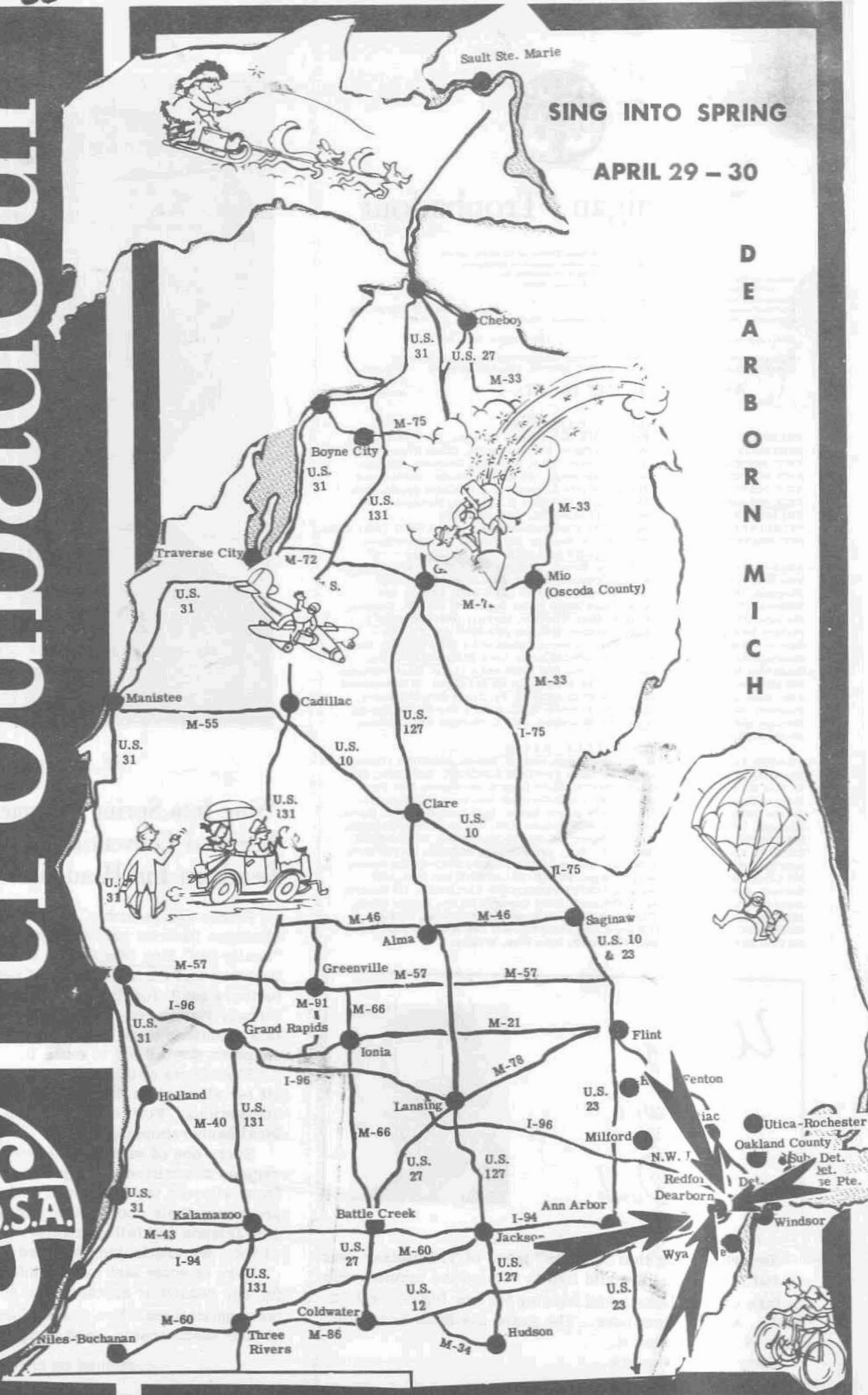


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E. E. PAT RYAN

"Sing Into Spring" Theme Of Regional Convention April 29-30: Dearborn Inn Headquarters Hotel

Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, will see most Michigan District barbershoppers at Dearborn for the "really big" Sing Into Spring International Quartet Preliminary and District Chorus Contest. Are you going to be there too? Judging from the great number of choruses already registered to compete and the many quartets, this promises to be everything the Detroit and Dearborn chapters started out to make it.

The efforts of this fine group of men are going to pay off for all of us in the district for both this and for future conventions. You're going to see a new feeling built into local barbershopping.

Every one of us who have been privileged to work in various committees, are justly proud of the way chapters from all over the state have gotten behind the district by promising their cooperation and participation. Our Canadian friends and fellow members are solidly lined up with us too. We are looking forward to seeing all of them again.

Here is some last minute information for quartets who for one reason or another have not yet sent in their contest applications. You can still get in. Just bring proof of your membership (each man) to the convention with

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Utterings
from
Oonk



Before turning this "quickie" issue of Troubadour over to Pat Ryan & Co., I would like to remind the membership to take care of tickets and housing for our big convention NOW. Another reminder...The grand ole Bush League on May 14. Don't miss it.

Okay Pat, it's yours...

you. Look up Pat Ryan, the convention chairman, and he will tell you what to do.

And for all the rest of you...you will never forgive yourself for not joining in on the fun by coming. The fun starts Friday night with a big pre-glo. If you are coming over Saturday, be sure to get to the Dearborn Inn to register in. We must emphasize again that no person without the proper tickets will be allowed into the convention auditorium or back stage areas at any time. This includes all competitors. You must be properly registered and ticketed.

As of right now, we will have no fewer than 16 choruses and perhaps as many as five more. The quartets too, are coming in, although not as fast. Certainly, we will have not fewer than 10 or 12, maybe more.

To all of you reading this memo, remember this, if you compete you will be singing for fellow barbershoppers and their wives. As of right now it looks like every seat will be held by "our kind of people" What an audience that will make.

If your chorus decides to sing at the last minute, come on over. There is always room for one more, as the saying goes. All late entries will be placed at the head of the program.

For heavens sakes, if you plan to be with us, call or wire Ralph Schirmer for ticket reservations if you have not already done so. We are going to have a sell-out crowd. And that's no baloney.

In the next issue of the Troubadour, we will give a complete rundown of the many things that happened. You will see a lot of pictures. Let us hope that you are in some of them. Jack Oonk, our fearless editor, would appreciate copies of some of the pictures you will be taking. Be sure to identify the people in the shots and tell him where they are from. It'll be a great convention. You will enjoy every minute of it.

E.E. Pat Ryan,
Convention Chairman

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From the Pen of the President



I am happy to say I believe the Michigan District is waking up. There is evidence from almost every corner of this great district. Barbershoppers are writing to me, calling me, asking questions, making suggestions, showing interest, planning activities, gaining new members and retaining the old members. Chapters are conducting more interesting meetings, area counselors are meeting with chapters they are counseling and their reports are coming in as never before. District vice presidents are active in their respective zones. A new chapter with 38 members has been licensed with a full slate of officers, chorus director and a new quartet.

It does my heart good to see such interest and enthusiasm, it can only result in a stronger district, a better district and a growing district.

May I ask continued cooperative effort on the part of every barbershopper in the Michigan District, regardless of your capacity. Continue to show the interest you have shown during the first three months of 1966 and you can rest assured that by this effort when December 1966 rolls around our Michigan District will be a district that we all can be proud of and most of all we can be proud of ourselves because of our accomplishments. So, let us continue to work together. If you have a gripe, instruct your delegate to bring it up at the House of Delegates meeting at the Spring Convention in Dearborn for airing. If you have something others can use...let everyone in on it, regardless what it is. Let us work together. We are all members entitled to the same benefits and I am here to see to it that you get it.

We have great talent in this district. All we have to do is to activate it to the fullest, a prime example of this talent is Roger Craig's contribution. A song written and arranged by Roger, just for the Michigan District. When it appears in the Troubadour, remove it, it is your personal copy. Take it to your next chorus practice and get your director to teach your chorus this great song. Perhaps by the fall convention we will not only be having the Michigan District working together but also singing together.

See you at the District convention in Dearborn April 29 and hear the chorús roll by.

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IS YOUR CHAPTER MENTIONED IN THIS
ISSUE OF THE TROUBADOUR?
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APRIL 29 AND 30, 1966

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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

All chapters are reminded that the House of Delegates meeting will be held at Dearborn Inn on Friday evening, April 29, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Although only delegates are entitled to the privileges of the floor, everyone is welcome to sit in as an observer.

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Several questions have been asked by chapter officers regarding the income tax forms which have been forwarded to all chapters. Your district secretary will be available after the formal delegates meeting to answer any questions and explain the intricacies of internal revenue form 990-A which must be filed on or before May 15.

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Chapters interested in entering competition in the BETY contest which will choose the best chapter publication in the Society (the contest being held during the International Convention at Chicago) are requested to immediately send six copies of three consecutive issues of their bulletin, published anytime between January 1965 and February 1966 to the district secretary's office, 2361 First National Building, Detroit, Michigan 48226 or bring them to the spring convention at Dearborn.

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Michigan District 1966 directories have now been mailed to all members in the district and to officers of other districts. Several corrections should be made to bring them up-to-date:

Page 2 - Vice president Vande Zande of Zone II has jurisdiction over Areas 13, 14, & 15 only. Vice president Lucas of Zone III has jurisdiction over Areas 10, 11, & 12 only. Vice president Gillem of Zone IV has added to his jurisdiction Area 9 in addition to Areas 6, 7, & 8.

Page 14 - "Fruit" chapter should read "Fruit Belt".

Page 15 - Second chapter listed as "Grand Rapids" should read "Gratiot County".

Page 18 - Oakland County's new secretary is Robert McDermott, 1859 Maryland Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan, Phone MI 7-4807.

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DYC Chorus Ready For Contest

Following a most successful annual Ladies Night, the chorus has been busy preparing for the District Chorus Contest. Among their engagements was an appearance at the official ceremonies of the blessing of the fleet on Belle Isle. The chapter recently enjoyed a visit from the Close Chords at a chapter meeting.

reporter: louis harrington

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COPY DEADLINE MAY 3

Saginaw Unveils New Quartets

After some three issues of Troubadour and no news from Saginaw I will try to make it up in this issue.

Since our last writing, and I might add...very ably done by Earl Keith our chorus director, many things have happened over on this side of the district.

Our program vice president, Ted McDonald, has been planning many and sundry things for future meetings and inter-chapter doings. We should have quite a summer and fall.



The chorus has been working very hard for the contest in Dearborn April 30. Incidentally, the Timberland Chordsmen are intent on winning first place that day in April.

We have at last count 41 members on our rolls, which is the most we have had in a long time. We are shooting for fifty in the next quarter. Our chapter is rolling again, what with our now very popular St. Paddy's Day Post Parade Thaw out of the way a huge success. This year it consisted of those zany Harmony Hounds, their antics and Lowell Wolfe; the Four-Fits, the Key-Rings (more about them later) and last but not least, the Timberland Chordsmen under the direction of Earl Keith. Note: attendance approximately 650.

I have the pleasure to announce we have a newly formed and registered quartet called the Key-Rings, composed of Len Johnson and Doug Beaver, formerly of the Delta Aires, Bob Glover, former lead of the Cross-Towners and Frank Bateson, who is relatively new to barbershopping, but singing like he has belonged for years.

Another quartet being formed under the name of Cross-Towners is composed of Ted Mc Donald, Herb Benjamin, Bill Doelzel and Emil Franz. These quartets are anticipating Dearborn and Boyne City for the contests.

We have been holding inter-chapter meetings with Holly-Fenton and Flint on a contest basis; winning chapter qualifying by increase of membership and retention of same. Losing chapters have to furnish food and refreshments at location designated by winners and also on their meeting night. Seems to be very successful in this day and age of incentive plans.

I have to mention H.D.M.P.S. (for you guys that don't know what this means please ask your membership vice president. I am very happy to announce that in the first quarter, due to the afore mentioned, we have added to the fold the following new members: Gene Secor, Duane Fox, Roger Wyte, Earl McCoy. Added transfers are as follows: Jack Stephens from Minneapolis, Bud Carpenter from Indianapolis and Buster Qualls from Gratiot County. We also have three new membership applications in the works. Welcome to Saginaw fellows.

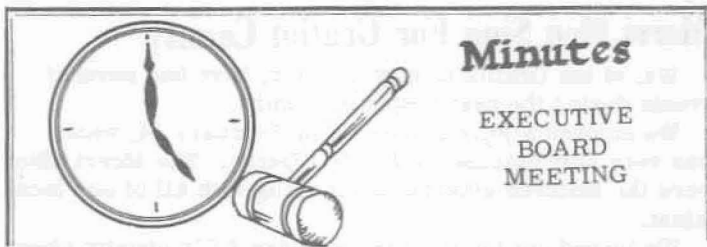
The winner of most points under this new plan (H.D.M.P.S.) in the first quarter is Frank Bateson with 425 of them. This entitles him to 1967 dues paid in full.

Here's to a very successful year to all of you and hope to see you all in Dearborn and don't forget Boyne City.

reporter: gene gillem

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SING INTO SPRING
APRIL 29-30



A meeting of the Michigan District Board of Directors was held at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, on Sunday, March 20, 1966. President Eric Schultz opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Also present were vice presidents E.E. (Pat) Ryan, E. A. Vande Zande, treasurer Schied and secretary Harrington. The chair announced that during the past week the charter of the Three Rivers chapter, which had been revoked for failure to meet minimum charter requirements, was reinstated. This reinstatement was effected by International President Wright with the consent of the the International Executive Committee in view of the fact that the International Board did not have the benefit of information regarding the actual status and the efforts being made by the chapter to reach the minimum membership required.

The Board then reviewed the Chapter Quarterly Reports. It was apparent that many of the chapters are not submitting the reports as required. It was recommended that an effort should be made to contact men who were members of suspended chapters so as to get them back into active chapters. It was brought out that several outstanding past District and International officers no longer held membership because of the fact that their chapters were no longer in existence.

President Schultz announced that the new International representative, Carl Steinkamp, will be in the Michigan District from May 15 to 29 for the purpose of working on extension. Inquiry was made as to the possible location of new chapters. It was the consensus of the Board that efforts should be made to strengthen existing chapters and to bring back former members. It was urged by the chair that we make every effort to take full advantage of the International representative's visit.

Vice president Ryan recommended that newly registered quartets be urged to compete in various contests.

It was also brought to the attention of the Board that the Michigan District chapters submit bulletins for the International bulletin contest to be held at Chicago and the respective vice presidents were requested to give this matter their attention.

It was then announced by Vice president Ryan that past International President Wayne Foor would be the official representative of International at the Spring convention in Dearborn. Secretary Harrington was assigned as host to Foor. A long discussion ensued regarding the expenses of the judging panel at the contest. Vice president Ryan stated that the approximate cost at this Spring's convention for judges would be \$700.00...considerably more than anticipated, and he pointed out that this was creating a hardship for the host chapter and that this is one of the features discouraging chapters from bidding for conventions. A suggestion was made that the district consider subsidizing judging expenses at the contest. No action was taken on this suggestion.

A suggestion was made that district spring and fall con-

ventions be assigned to certain zones and that the vice presidents therein be responsible for obtaining a site for the convention. This suggestion was referred to the Convention Committee and efforts will be made to put this into practice if possible.

The treasurer's report was presented and accepted. It was also brought out that many chapters were inquiring as to the preparation and filing of their annual income tax, and secretary Harrington offered to meet with representatives of the various chapters at the conclusion of the meeting of the House of Delegates of Friday, April 29, to instruct them.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,
Michigan District Secretary

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Jacksonaires To Sing Queen's Pageant

I missed a great meeting March 25...a make-up quartet contest within the Jackson chapter with Dan Labumbard as chairman. Sorry fellas, hated to be absent, but, as with all barbershoppers, the family comes first. We had a birthday party at Bill Cones and while you guys were having fun, I was eating some old Prime Rib of Beef (medium rare) au Jus, au Gratin potatoes, tossed salad with 1000 Island dressing...could hardly stand it. "Pass the garlic toast, Dear, I'm not singing tonight anyway."



Winners of the chapter contest, the Knave-L-Chords (the L stands for "lilting"), starring Herb Turner, lead; Ken Preston, tenor; Bob Doty, baritone and Ted Ganong on bass, each received a fine pen set. The chapter appreciated the fine songs by the Insomniacs from South Haven who in turn were amazed at the enthusiasm of Chapter #7. Our hearty thanks also to a wonderful family quartet from Milford...Ernie Richmond, his wife and their two daughters.

The Jacksonaire Chorus and ForTune Tellers enjoyed being on the excellent Sweet Adeline show March 19. Our package show in Manchester March 26 was well attended. Bud Knorpp was elected honorary mayor of Manchester at the afterglow. I didn't know one guy could have so many relatives.

I won't attempt to describe the rousing time the Jackson chapter had at the Battle Creek visitation March 11... you will have to read Bob Dixon's column. We were well represented and we had fun.

The Jacksonaires have been asked to sing at the Southern Michigan State Prison April 17 and for the Queen's Pageant of the annual Rose Festival on June 11. When this issue hits the newstands, our 25th Anniversary Show starring the Buffalo Bills will have been history, magnificent history.

It is inspiring to see new faces at our meetings and practices. An active chapter grows.

"Dear, guess I'll hit the gourmet table for some more marinated herring and garlic toast." "You've had it, Fatso."

See you in Dearborn April 30.

reporter: ed hilden

Joe Vaughn New OCC Reporter

Joe is Editorial Director of WXYZ, Inc., in charge of editorial and community relations programs for both radio and television for the stations. "Prior to that", he quips, "I managed, somehow, to survive as a radio-TV reporter newscaster for 13 years."

He is a native of Ohio; moved to the Detroit area six years ago, and was bitten by the SPEBSQSA bug last Fall. Joe states, "I'll never be the same again."

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Harmony Week added some lustre in the Detroit area this year through the efforts of Oakland County Chapter. With the cooperation of WXYZ-Radio, Detroit, a series of public service announcements promoting the work of SPEBSQSA were produced and distributed to the major radio stations in the Detroit area.



Those mellow voices that surprised a good many people when they popped up among the rock and roll records belonged to the Close Chorders (Gene Bulka, Tony Scooros, Ron DuMonthier and Norm Thompson).

The Harmony Week promotion also reached area newspapers with normal publicity releases and an exceptional piece of art work supplied by OCC's answer to VIP, John Morris.

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Come one, come all to the auditorium at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit on the evening of May 13. Whether the fact that it's Friday the 13th has anything to do with it or not, Oakland County Chapter has been given the opportunity of producing a two-hour musical presentation for the Scribes of Henry Ford Hospital; the organization for secretarial and stenographic employees.

Every penny gained through the sale of tickets for the program, and from associated book and bake sales will go to the Institute of Logopedics. If you can get them, tickets are a dollar per seat: on sale by members of the Scribes. Come join us.

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May 6 is Past President's Night at OCC. All past presidents in the Michigan District are invited to attend this session intended to honor them for their service to SPEBSQSA. As always, the invitation to attend also applies to all current presidents too...as well as to current and past vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers, board members, etc.

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Bob McDermott, OCC's champion neighborhood recruiter, has been given his third Man of Note Award from International. If he keeps it up, he may end up with his own chapter.

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Some other May dates: May 10 - Royal Oak Women's Club, and May 18 - City of Clawson Michigan Week Celebration.

reporter: joe vaughn

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SING INTO SPRING
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Merri Men Sing For Gratiot County

We, of the Gratiot County Chapter, have had several events during the past couple of months.

We enjoyed a jolly Ladies Night February 14, which was very ably emceed by Wendell Derby. The Merri Men were the featured entertainment along with all of our local talent.

We turned out for the Breckenridge J C's charity show and you have never heard fourteen fellows ring 'em any better. The Hysingers have sung at two churches, the Elwell Methodist and the Alma Eastminster Presbyterian.

A correction is in order: It was Doug Webb and not Doug Devine who resigned as our director and moved to Tawas as director of their hospital. Good luck Doug.

We are all working hard for our April 18 meeting when six quartets comprising two or three regular barbershoppers and a member from the community are scheduled to make their appearance.

Happy barbershopping.

reporter: grant colthorp

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Battle Creek Awards Three Scholarships

The Battle Creek chapter has received some fine comments regarding our eleventh annual Night of Harmony on March 26. It was a pleasure to have such fine quartets as the Extension Chords and the Citations with us for this event. The audience response is a testimonial for our appreciation. The Country Gentlemen and Harmony Hounds from Battle Creek did a fine job and it was the first time for many to hear the Hounds with their new tenor, Dick Spear. He is upholding the good reputation of the Hounds by doing an admirable job for them. The Mid-States Four did their usual fine job.



The Battle Creek chapter was very proud to be able to present three scholarships to Kellogg Community College for \$150.00 each for the school year 1966-67. The recipients qualified through their academic and musical talents were Darwin Houston, Jerry VanderSchaaf and Greg Wolfe, all of whom should become good future barbershoppers, we hope. Battle Creek will also have four young people touring abroad this summer with musical groups and we are pleased to be able to contribute towards the expenses which they will incur. Greg Wolfe and Janis Chamberlin will be touring Europe with Music Youth International while Jerry VanderSchaaf and Janet Embury will be off to South America with Michigan Youth Chorale. We are proud to have these young people representing Battle Creek.

The Battle Creek chapter is looking forward to fun night to be hosted by the Jackson chapter on May 9. We will have our "Singing Cruiser" in operation that night and oh boy...what fun.

We are also working on a quartet promotion which we are hoping will develop some competition quartets. I personally think that we will be represented by no less than three and very possible five quartets in the fall convention. Can your chapter top this?

reporter: bob dixon



THE FEMININE OBSERVER

ELLEN HARRINGTON



Wayne chapter's annual parade featured the Sun Tones, Derby Dolls, Aire Males, Reminis Sirs and Wayne Wonderland chorus and was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience. Seen at the event were James Alexander, Andy Alfien, Peter Anderson, Bill Bailey, Bill Beattie, Fred Bjork, Mike Bourgoin, Don Campbell, Bob Derda, George Elloit, Jim Freeman, Maurice Giles, Bob Heater, Bud Kepler, Bob Lacroix, John Linehan, Owen McGill, Howard Meyers, Mike Mudgett, Ron Ouellett, Arnold Pohto, Bob Powell, Neil Prieskorn, Ruben Queen, Timber Queen, Jerry Reid, Bernie Sanders, Earl Scherbarth, Marty Schlenker, Lee Shelton, Marv Skupski, Dan Smith, Bruce Wangen, Don Welke, John Welsh, George Woodrow, John Yaroch, Pat Ryan, Tom Rafferty, Bob Marshall and Messrs. and Mesdames Dale Clixby, Jack O'Brien, Bill Wickstrom, Al Fricker, Gordon Limburg, Tom Pollard, John Kee Smith, Bill Wilcox, Ed Smith, Tom Needham and many more.

Congratulations to Robert Marshall of Oakland County chapter on his promotion as assistant vice president of the Wayne - Oakland Bank.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Queen of the Wayne chapter on the birth of their daughter.

Ann Arbor 1st Quarter Retention 100%

It sure isn't hard to find bright, cheerful things to write about in the Ann Arbor chapter of late. Not only have we experienced a nice gain in membership, as reported last month, but we have ended the first quarter without losing even one man.

Plans for upcoming Harmony Week are progressing nicely. The weekly publication, "The Huron Valley Advisor", is working with us to put out a big article about our wonderful organization...complete with photos by our own pro photographer, Sam Sturgis. Bet our Arbor City Four will be much heard from this Harmony Week too.

At our meeting on the 4th Friday in March we were visited by a new quartet, the Richtones (Ernie and family) from Milford. They really sparked up our meeting.

If any of you readers out there in easy chair land happen to live or be within 30 miles or more of Ann Arbor on Friday, April 22, get off your easy chair and drive the X-way to Ann Arbor's meeting which is held in the basement under the mall in Arborland Shopping Center, which is located between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti on Washtenaw Road but slightly closer to Ann Arbor than Ypsilanti, al-

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Pontiac Reports "Chase" Doing Well

Our tenth annual Woodshed Contest takes place on our regular meeting night, April 15, 1966. Twenty or more quartets competing for the Best Voice Awards and helping their individual chapters win the Carrol P. Adams Bennington Trophy. This years battle centers around defending chapter Redford and challenges coming from the Flint and Utica-Rochester chapters.

Our new meeting place, the Amvet's Hall on Oakland Avenue will be ringing with those good old fashioned barbershop chords far into the night. Appearing as the featured quartet will be the Close Chorders, who will also act as the judges for the woodshed contest. All barbershoppers are invited to visit and compete in the greatest woodshed contest in the state. Bill Pascher and crew have all the props ready. All we need is your presence.

Pontiac's Mr. Barbershopper "Chase" Sanborn is well on his way to rejoining his host of friends in the Michigan District. Although he will curtail some of his activities we are happy to report you will be seeing him in the near future.

For the first time in years it looks like Pontiac will be represented at Boyne City and at the Spring Convention by a dark horse group of barbershop stalwarts. Ed Lilly, and Cliff Douglas of Curbstone fame are hard at work with Ray Guerin and Lyle Howard polishing those chords etc. Great sounds from this group are ringing around the area and Pontiac wishes them the best. Maybe a hospitality room at Dearborn to cheer them on. Norm Schram, Pontiac president, predicts much more fun and the "action is at Pontiac" so come and join us on the third Friday of the month.

reporter: whity ryden

Flint Attendance And Membership Grow

There is not too much to report as the Flint chapter has been busy getting the chorus and program ready for our Parade of Harmony on April 2.

We have had weekly chorus practice all through March with very much enthusiasm and very good attendance. One new member in, one signed, and two very good prospects.

The 15th of April we go to Pontiac to challenge Redford for possession of the Bennington Woodshedding Trophy. April 29 we expect a nice attendance at the Regional Convention in Dearborn and the Bush League Contest on May 14 at Boyne City.

reporter: les lang



though if you have trouble following these directions, we couldn't imagine why, pick up the nearest pay phone and when Bob Miller answers your call to HU 2-4365 just yell "HELP" and he will get you to our meeting for sure and how's that for a long sentence, if it really is one sentence, dear editor?

reporter: james o. davenport

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Sault Chapter Sports New Meeting Place

The Sault chapter has a new meeting place. Now we are in the Steelton Hall - 321 John St. - Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Since January we have had the pleasure of welcoming three new men to our chapter; Gord Saxby, Dick Farrell and Cecil Bolitho. Welcome fellows.

International Chorus #158 is all spruced up for the Spring Contest. We have new midnight blue tuxedos and with the exception of a few baggy seats and padded shoulders we will look very smart. Our chorus contact man for the contest is Clarence Ban.

Jim McClarty has the job of "pay as you go Joe" this year. The chapter appreciates his efforts at this job.

We are having a Millionaire's Night on the 22nd of April at the Steelton Hall. If any of you fellows can make it up here come on. It will only cost you \$1.50 and the lunch is really terrific. Johnny Hands gets all the credit for his superb menu.

Ted Spry, our chorus director, really works hard to get us into shape. He deserves a great deal of credit for his efforts.

We have two TV personalities in our chapter. Art Bodley and Don Bazely flew the chapter colors and those of SPEBSQSA in general last Friday night on a local TV program. Thanks fellows.

See you all at Dearborn April 29 - May 1. By the way... don't forget our chapter parade October 22, 1966.

reporter: franklin murphy

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Windsor Expounds During Harmony Week

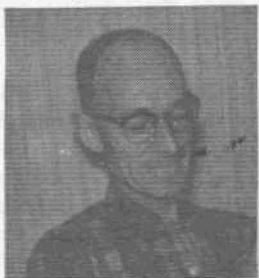
During Harmony Week there have been announcements about our Society's purpose and its progress on our four area radio stations, as well as in the "Windsor Daily Star", due to the efforts of our public relations and publicity man, George Spidy. Also, Paul Eberwein gave an interesting commentary on his weekly "Harmony Lane" program, which you will find on station CBE radio, 1550 on the dial, every Friday at 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

By the way, your postcards, requesting your favorite quartets and choruses or showing your appreciation, will insure continuation of the program. Address: Paul Eberwein, CBE Radio, Security Bldg., Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

April 22 promises to be a real feast of Harmony when Windsor is scheduled to visit Monroe. We are looking forward to "bust-a-chord" with our Jackson barbershopping brothers as well and the grapevine has it there is a possibility Toledo (Johnny Appleseed District) may also make the trip.

The Sun Parlor Chorus is working hard and looking forward to once more joining the ranks of competing choruses at our fun filled district convention. Your reporter is anticipating to again enjoy your handshake in Dearborn.

reporter: ted verwey



Muskegon Chorus Readies For International

Just to let the rest of the district know, Muskegon is still in the state. They say "no news is good news". Muskegon has been very busy with regular weekly chorus practice, monthly meetings, getting ready for a show and a contest in Chicago.

Chorus director, Webb Scrivnor, reports everything is going on schedule and he has high hopes for a fine showing in the International contest.

At a recent meeting, not reported on in the Troubadour, the Muskegon chapter was honored to have the Merri Men entertain for their Ladies Night program. Our own Dune Tones received the honor of picking the "Lady of the Year" Fran Hart, wife of our president, Bob, was crowned as SPEBSQUAW of the Year. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.

Last month's meeting was an old timer's night. Two old timers in charge were Louie Seguin and Bill Griffith. We were glad to see a delegation from Holland pay us a visit. Thanks to that visit, Muskegon has the travel jug, but not for long. All you neighboring chapters better keep the welcome mat out, as we will be dropping in at some chapter meeting soon.

Another interesting evening is in the planning for April 19 with Andy Van Donkelaar and Henry Malmquist as chairmen. If anyone is in the Muskegon area drop in and pay us a visit at the Occidental Hotel.

Show time is coming soon. Del Doctor, chairman of our Parade of Quartets reports everything is in order for a grand evening on May 7 at the Michigan Theater in Muskegon. It takes four good men to make a quartet. The Muskegon show adds up to twelve of these men: The Four Kippers, the For More and the Four Tune Tellers. Add to these the Port City Chorus...a fine show for anyone to see and we hope to see some of the old familiar faces in the seats out front at curtain time. Look for you then.

reporter: mel struthers

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Greenville Visits Capitol City Chapter

Twenty members motored to Lansing on March 21 to pay a long overdue visit to the Capital City Chapter. Guests also attended from the Jackson chapter. We had a grand time.

A word about the after-glo following our recent show... The Road Runners sang up a storm and the Spartonaires were fabulous as usual. If you haven't had these guys on your show lately, better give them a call. If you need an endorsement, ask anybody in Greenville.

The chorus entertained the Masons and their wives at Belding recently. Next chorus engagement is for a city-wide men's breakfast on Sunday, May 1, sponsored by the local Ministerial Association.

When you are in the Greenville area on a Monday evening, stop and vocalize with us. We sing every Monday at 8:00 p.m. over the Commercial Bank.

reporter: bob hansen

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