

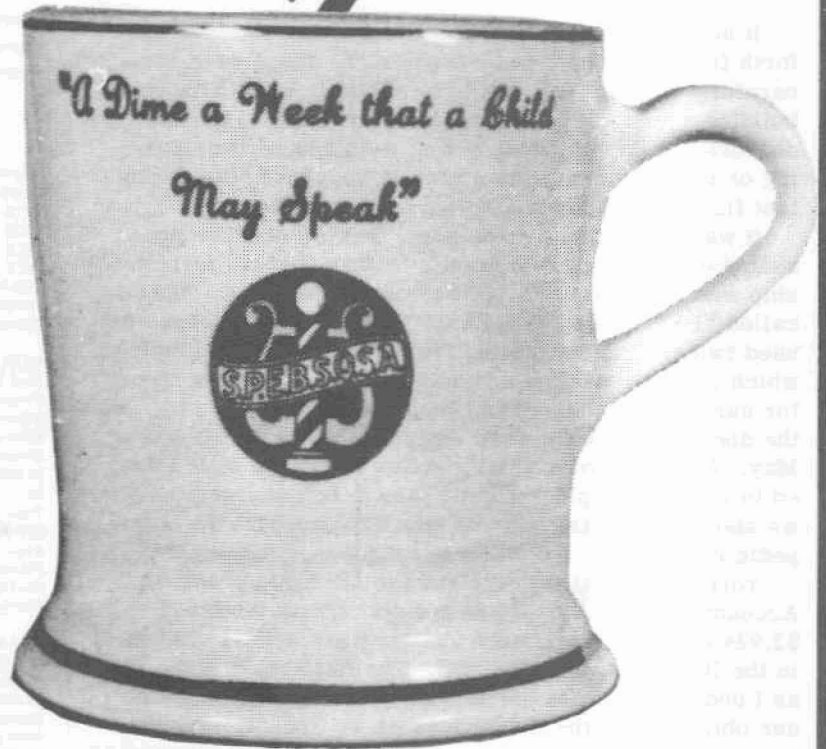
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... THAT A CHILD MAY SPEAK



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Utterings
from
Oonk



It seems to your editor that enthusiasm is bursting forth from all corners of our district. Plans have been carefully made to enhance our chances for a really great building year in 1966 in a great many fields of our endeavors. It is with the fear that we might be overlooking or not extending ourselves in a couple of very important fields that I pound away on the typewriter.

It wasn't too many months ago that Troubadour presented an idea for a worthwhile feature that the membership was asked to use. Maybe you remember it. 'Twas called "EYE POPPIN' IDEA CORNER". The column was used twice, once suggesting the district's "Traveling Jug", which is still traveling around the district earning money for our representatives in Chicago and the other idea was the district logopedic show staged in Battle Creek last May. And now I have finally gotten around to what I wanted to in the first place. Let's take a look at just where we stand as a district in our efforts to support the logopedic cause.

Total contributions received for Michigan Suspense Account - \$3,364.74. We, as a district, have a total of \$2,924.00 in the Restricted Category and a total of \$440.48 in the Balance Available Fund. The Restricted Fund, as I understand it, is the money that is needed to fulfill our obligation to the three children we are supporting for one year. Total Society contributions from all sources totaled \$71,585.18 during 1965. The Illinois District led the field of district contributors with a total of \$8,783.07.

What is all this leading up to? We need another "EYE POPPIN' IDEA" to raise some more money for our kids in Wichita. The big blast in Battle Creek last year was a dandy and raised a total of \$1,115.86.

There are a couple of dandy Society "Spectaculars"

for the logopedic cause now in the works. A big one will take place April 11 in Carnegie Hall. The show will feature the Four Renegades, the Four Statesmen and the Buffalo Bills. We of the Michigan District must come up with an idea of our own that will make for us the money we need to maintain and better our part in the logopedic cause. We need ideas...and they must come from a thinking membership. Do this editor a favor. Tonight, instead of glaring at the idiot box, spend an hour of your time thinking "big" for the Michigan District and the kids at Wichita. Jot down your ideas and send them to me and let me present them to the entire district next issue. Maybe...just maybe, we, as a district, can come up with another first for logopedics. An hour from you tonight would mean over 1300 hours of thought given to this most worthwhile cause and 1300 hours of thought has got to produce a couple of "EYE POPPIN' IDEAS".

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NEW AREAS LISTED

The following is the new area format for the Michigan District: Area 1 - Grosse Pointe, Windsor, Detroit Yachtsmen; Area 2 - Dearborn, Redford, Detroit; Area 3 - Oakland County, Northwest Detroit; Area 4 - Wayne, Ann Arbor, Monroe; Area 5 - Milford, Pontiac, Utica-Rochester; Area 6 - Oscoda County; Area 7 - Boyne City; Area 8 - Sault Ste. Marie; Area 9 - Saginaw, Flint, Holly-Fenton; Area 10 - Gratiot County, Lansing; Area 11 - Grand Rapids, Greenville, Ionia; Area 12 - Muskegon, Holland, Big Rapids; Area 13 - Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Three Rivers; Area 14 - Fruit Belt, Niles-Buchanan and Area 15 - Jackson, Hudson.

Areas 1 through 5 are Zone I, areas 6 through 9 are Zone IV, areas 10 through 12 are Zone III and areas 13 through 15 are Zone II.

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**From
the
Pen
of the
President**



After careful consideration, consultations and deliberations, we have picked the crew to man our ship and we are ready to sail. Want to get aboard? Don't be left behind. From the pilot house it looks like the course we have charted is going to be an interesting one.

There will be many points of interest along the way that I am sure you won't want to miss.

The crew has spent much time in planning a trip full of activity with the opportunity for you to participate in many special events. Meeting many new faces and many of your old friends as well, whom perhaps you haven't seen for some time.

How can this become a reality? We need YOU to come aboard. Not just for the ride, but to become an active part of these festivities that we will be undertaking. Your membership card is your ticket. You have paid your way. Don't be cheated out of what you are entitled to. Why not get three of your friends together and form a quartet and be ready for our first big stop over April 29 through May 1 in Dearborn? What a lot of people you'd make happy if you would do just that...and I'm here to tell you that the happiest person of all would be you, yourself. Or why don't you contact one of the crew to see just what you can do to make this course easier for those who have accepted to do the work and I am sure we will all have more time, more fun and more harmony.

As Captain, I want to be the first to welcome you aboard, but hurry we've got a full head of steam and the crew is anxious to get going.

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HELP WANTED

Found elsewhere in the Troubadour is an advertisement for an advertising manager for this publication. Although written in a daffy sort of way, your editor wrote the ad in all seriousness. If you are at all interested, please make work of letting me know...either by phone or mail.

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MUG SHOTS NEEDED

New chapter reporters are urged to send in a picture of himself along with his next batch of copy. It really is important for a better looking and better reading Michigan Troubadour. Any picture will suffice. If it is to be returned ... so state and Troubadour will be happy to do so. Please send self addressed stamped envelope.

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COPY DEADLINE MARCH 3

ON THE COVER

Pictured on the cover of Troubadour is the "Dime A Week...That A Child May Speak" Society Shaving Mug. The idea is simple. Every chapter purchase a mug from International for \$2.50. Display it prominently at all chapter meetings and entice the membership to kick in just a dime a week. Doesn't sound like much but in the entire district participated and you start multiplying 1300 members times 10 cents times 52 weeks you come up with a figure in excess of \$6500.00. Okay...go ahead and subtract the members who don't show up at every meeting and the chapters that meet only once or twice a month and those that take the summer months off. Know what figure you come up with? Neither do I and I surely would like to know so why not every chapter president take it upon himself to see to it that his chapter has a "Dime A Week" mug. It's easy...just send \$2.50 to Kenosha. They will take it from there.

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The Voice Box



BROTHER BARBERSHOPPER

Please pardon this intrusion in your busy life, but I have come up with an idea which I want to share with you. The result is this letter, which I have asked Barrie Best to mail for me.

As I am sure most of you realize, when Owen C. Cash and I started S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. we had no idea in the world it would catch on the way it did. My, how it did grow, and how proud we both were of this growth...to see quartet singing recognized in the fine music halls across our nation.

My personal pride in the Society reached its greatest peak, however, when we adopted the Institute of Logopedics as our service project. I am proud to have served on the committee which chose the Institute. As a matter of fact, ever since that time I have been trying to think of some way that we barbershoppers and the institute can be brought even closer together.

Well, finally, I think I've got it.

Every year, in April, we set aside a week to commemorate the night Owen and I called the first meeting in Tulsa. This "Harmony Week" has been very successful in most communities, but this year I think it can be the greatest ever.

In 1966 I'd like to suggest to you men that we dedicate the week to both Owen C. Cash and the Institute of Logopedics. Let's take that "Dime A Week Mug" we all have and make it a dollar for each man during Harmony Week; put this money together with that collected in the mugs. Then send it all to the Institute of Logopedics as an Owen C. Cash Memorial to be used by the Institute in its music research program.

I know that Owen would have been immensely proud of such a gesture. Barrie and Headquarters have agreed to help us on this, and full information will go out with the Harmony Week kit. I ask your help as well.

Sincerely,

Rupert I. Hall

Editor's Note: Rupert I. Hall was co-founder of S.P.E.-B.S.Q.S.A. His wishes surely should give food for thought to those of us who are now enjoying the fruits of his work.

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FROM KENOSHA WE READ...

Michigan can be proud of its contribution to the Logopedics program. Twin boys, 16 year old Lee and Rich are now attending the Institute because of the generosity of Michigan barbershoppers. Yet even as these two boys start the long road back toward becoming useful citizens, still other children ask that Michigan Barbershoppers "Sing...That They Shall Speak".

Such a child is 7 year old Cindy, whose parents have temporarily left their hometown in Michigan and moved to Wichita so that their little adopted daughter can be helped to have a better life at the Institute. Cindy is a

victim of Cerebral Palsy. She has right Hemiplegic spasticity, and her speech is 90% unintelligible. She has little use of her right arm and hand, but can walk with difficulty.

Examination revealed her linguistic comprehension to be on a 3½ year level, but her language output was only on a two year level. She communicates mostly with gestures but did attempt much vocalization. She has severe drooling, and her chewing, sucking and swallowing reflexes are poorly developed. She can manage only brief lip closure and is unable to drink through a straw. Her breathing is shallow, and thetosis of her tongue musculature makes extension and retraction of it most difficult.

Despite her handicaps, which often warp a child's personality and drive, Cindy is pleasant, happy and very cooperative with children and adults alike. She has learned to dress and feed herself for the most part, and tries to be helpful with her smaller sister who also is adopted. She follows commands and relates well in all situations. The consensus of opinions of the examiners was that she could profit greatly from habilitative training in speech, academic work, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

Cindy's father works in various jobs, and her mother is a telephone operator. The total training fees for the child are \$170.85 per month, but the family is in dire need of \$75.00 each month to help cover the charges.

Will you help? Will you "Sing...That Cindy shall speak?"

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THE CLOSE CHORDERS

DEAR ED

At the Michigan District contest in Battle Creek, the Close Chorders were highly honored by the district by being awarded Novice Championship and Second Place Finalist Trophies.

We understand that there was a misinterpretation of the rules and that the Barons should have been awarded the Novice trophy. Further, an article in the Troubadour states that suitable trophies will be presented to the Barons at the Regional Contest this Spring.

As far as the Close Chorders are concerned, the only real value a trophy has is the accomplishment it represents. Because of this, we feel the Novice trophies we now have should be given to the rightful owners rather than keep them.

There are two things the District could do that would

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make us very happy in returning the trophies:

1. Allow the Close Chorders the personal pleasure of presenting the trophies to the Barons at the Regional and
2. Provide us with new face plates for the trophies as they have already been engraved with our quartet name.

Please be assured that the Close Chorders were genuinely thrilled to have come in Second and that we are making the above gesture in the proper spirit and without any pressure from the district.

Humbly yours,

Close Chorders

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DEAR ED

Everybody complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it. That's a pretty old phrase, but it still seems to fit a lot of Michigan barbershoppers in recent years. The bad weather we've been complaining about has been the lack of interest in competing in Michigan's contests.

I thought it might be a good idea to mention a few people who have put some feet on their complaints and done something about them. After the district contest last fall with its overwhelming stageful of seven competitors, the first complainer we heard was editor Oonk, who, after bawling the district out, told you what he would do about it. He said he would be singing in the next contest if he had to drag three guys with him. We can't expect more than that from him and I can't wait to see who he drags with him.

In your last Troubadour a likeable giant named Bob Whitledge did some Trebles shooting by pushing for everything from chapter attendance to all out participation by all. What is he doing about it? Singing in a contest and show quartet, singing in his chapter chorus and to fill in the couple of nights he still has free, he sings in a "just for fun" quartet.

In that same January issue your district vice president, Pat Ryan, challenged the rest of the state to match the five quartets each that Dearborn and Detroit are going to enter in the regional contest. Well, I stood in at a Detroit rehearsal, (and I said "stood in" because there

were so many people there I couldn't find a seat) and I heard enough singing to make ten groups. Pat also suggested we seriously consider hosting an International Convention. So, Pat Ryan and his chapter are doing something about the weather and Dearborn's fifth quartet will be entered as soon as I find a stick big enough to instill a little bit of confidence in them.

One barbershopper hasn't been heard from, you. I hope you've been complaining but I hope even more that you will do something about it. Not every one can sing in the contests we know, but every bit of support you give your district at convention time is a boost for Michigan's barbershopping future.

Harmoniously yours,

Carl Dahlke

Quartet Promotion Co-chairman

P.S. The weather forecast for the convention is warm and sunny with quartet scores in the eighties and a good time had by all.

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Gleaned From The Newspapers

MULLIGAN NAMED FOR JAYCEE HONOR

Robert B. Mulligan, who has grown up in Highland Park and launched an active role in the civic life of the community through his membership in the HP Jay-Cees, has been named Highland Park's "Young Man of the Year for 1965".

Selected for honor, Mulligan was cited for his outstanding contributions to the community and presented a "Distinguished Service Award" at the JayCee's 19th annual "Bosses' Night" banquet.

Among the distinguished guests attending were Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, guest speaker for the occasion; State Representative James H. Karoub, Mayor Glusac, a former winner of the "Young Man of the Year" honor and bosses of members.

Mulligan, who has held every office in the HP JayCees is currently serving as treasurer. On the state level, he has served the JayCees as vice president, secretary and national director.

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BARBERSHOP QUARTETS PICK BEST

The only kind of singing he knew was choir singing... until the SPEBSQSA bug hit.

That's the addiction to which Larry Dale, 25, has been tunelessly rolling up his sleeves for the past six years.

We call it barbershopping. They (the addicts) refer to the Society for the Prevention and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, if they have the breath.

To Larry it has meant singing old-time songs (he carries the lead) in quartets wherever his job has taken him. That includes Woodstock, Sarnia and London before Windsor.

And it all paid off Friday when the city chapter named his most valuable member for 1965 at its annual meeting at the Drop-In Tavern. The 45 members presented their first vice president with a trophy for "giving freely of his time and efforts and bringing new members to the chapter."

Larry predicted it will be one of the most important years since the chapter was founded in 1944 as the first chapter outside the United States.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Interest now centers on the forthcoming convention, sponsored jointly by the Dearborn and Detroit chapters, to be held at Edwel Ford Auditorium in Dearborn with headquarters at the Dearborn Inn on April 29-May 1. Committees are working diligently to make this convention both enjoyable and successful and quartets and choruses are hard at work getting ready. Competition is fun and rewarding and all foursomes and choruses are encouraged and urged to enter. Chorus entry blanks have been mailed from (and should be returned to) the District Secretary's office and quartet entry blanks can be obtained from the International Office. The contest sessions will determine the two quartets who will represent our District at the International convention at Chicago in June, and the District chorus championship. Among the early entries are the Auto Towners, Wonderlads, Close Chorders, the Holly-Fenton and DYC choruses. The House of Delegates meeting will be held Friday evening, April 29 at the Dearborn Inn and every chapter should be represented.

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Statements have been sent to chapter secretaries and treasurers for per capita tax payments of \$4.00 based upon International membership figures of December 31. Payments can be made in quarterly installments or lump sums. All checks should be made payable to the "Michigan District, SPEBSQSA," and mailed to my office, 2361 First National Building, Detroit, Michigan 48226, for recording. This \$4.00 per capita payment also includes the Troubadour subscription fee.

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Chapter secretaries should send the Quarterly reports to the District Secretary's office promptly when they are due, and also their chapter bulletins, for use in computing the Achievement Awards.

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The District Board has awarded the 1967 District convention to the Windsor chapter to be held October 13-15. 1967 is the year of the Canadian centennial and big plans are underway.

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Sun Tones Headline Wayne Parade

Sun Tones, Aire Males, Tom O'Malley, Derby Dolls, Reminise Sirs, and Wayne Wonderland Chorus...How's that for big names in barbershopping? Where can you see such an array of talent? Why, at the Wayne Pitch Pipe Parade on March 5 at the Edsel Ford High School on Evergreen in Detroit. We are fortunate in acquiring the talented and wonderfully wacky Mr. Tom O'Malley from Pittsburgh. For those of you who have never been exposed to his zany antics, you are in for a treat. The Sun Tones and Air Males need no elaborating in the

circles of chord bustin'. The Derby Dolls are a Sweet Adeline quartet from Lima, Ohio and one of the best around. The Reminise Sirs are a new quartet made up of Bob Marshal, tenor; Tom Rafferty, lead; Gordon Limburg, baritone and John Zinnikas, bass. You can get your tickets for the show from any Wayne chapter member or by contacting Tom Pollard, 15019 Flamingo, Livonia, Michigan, telephone GA 1-8499. If you order by mail send a self addressed, stamped envelope.

Attendance is up. Fun is up. Guest attendance is up. Harmony is up. Wayne chapter meetings are on the first and third Fridays and are a boon doggling success. All you lovers of a chord are invited to drop in anytime... especially you guys from the surrounding areas of Redford, Dearborn and Ann Arbor.

The new chapter officers for 1966 are: Morrie Giles, president; Mike Mudgett, membership vice president; Mike Bourgoin, program vice president; John Linehan, treasurer; Bob Heater, corresponding secretary; Pete Anderson, recording secretary; Fred Bjork and George Elliott, sergeants at arms.

That's all from Wayne this month...see you all next month.

reporter: mike bourgoin

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Delta Aires Sing For Holly Fenton

Our 1966 officers were installed on January 18 by Grant Wright, area counselor, and a fine job he did.

About one hundred were on hand, including our wives, guests from Flint, Saginaw and Milford chapters, plus several from Fenton. The Delta Aires from Saginaw were there with their new tenor, who is a member of our chapter. He makes a lot of difference in the sound



of the quartet. Also, a quartet from Flint, one from Milford and both the Milford and Holly-Fenton choruses entertained. We discovered another talented man in our chapter in Tom Lathrop. He is a pantomime artist and what he did to "Red Hot Mamma" kept the crowd in stitches.

Our annual show chairman, Jack Stevens already has a headliner for the show. Other quartets are being contacted.

We are engaged so sing for a father and son banquet in Grand Blanc on February 16. Other sing-outs are in our schedule at a later date. One of these is the appearance of our chorus in the chorus contest at Dearborn on April 30. Believe this is a first for our chapter and we are looking forward to it.

Quite a number of our members attended the Pontiac show and we will attend the Flint Installation of Officers Night.

reporter: art burnett

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Detroit Announces New Meeting Place

After many years of holding our chapter meetings at the Wolverine Hotel in Downtown Detroit, we find it to our advantage to now move to a new meeting place. Henceforth we will gather with all our barbershop buddies at the V.F.W. Hall located at 7001 Puritan, just one block west of Livernois.



Well, our annual Detroit Ladies Night is past, but this was another event which will not be forgotten. If I am not mistaken every member had a duty and did it well. To name a few: Hank Wiechman, Nick Zito, John Neighorn, Ron DuMonthier and Larry King. I have deliberately left Ralph Schirmer's name until the last because Ralph and his lovely wife Evamae were in charge of feeding this huge group and we know that this is a thankless and tough job. Our thanks go out to Ralph and Evamae for a job well done.

Ron DuMonthier (lead of our Close Chorders) arranged for the quartets with the theme being Detroit's Past, Present and Future Champions, namely the Trebleshooters, who are getting back in the swing after a brief layoff, are singing those great sharp sounds that made them the champions and to everyone who has ever heard them they will always be champions. Also, the 4-Fits, who if I do say so are *GREAT, FANTASTIC and EXTRAORDINARY* nuff said. Then out came our future, the Close Chorders, four great guys who are singing like champions right now, Gene, Ron, Tony and Norm. They are working every free moment to be ready for the big one.

Bill Butler then put the chorus through their paces and the hall is still ringing. Our chorus is growing and it looks like we will have 70 voices come next contest.

Bert West, our outgoing president, gave a brief and inspiring message. Bert is now singing bass with the Wonderlads, Stan, Hank and Gordy. They tell me they are about ready to do some shows, so if you need talent remember the "Lads".

Our new officers were then sworn in. They are as follows: William Warner, president; Lowell Thomas, vice president; Ron DuMonthier, program vice president; Robert Hickey, recording secretary; Thurm Holladay, corresponding secretary and Larry King, treasurer.

Michigan District President, Eric Schultz did the honors and one thing that Eric said we MUST remember, "These fellows cannot do it alone...so if they ask for your help...JOIN 'EM."

Detroit #1 and Dearborn chapters are sponsoring the next Regional competition on April 29 through May 1... several meetings have been held and you will be hearing more on this shortly.

So fellas form a quartet and join in the fun.

reporter: john wearing

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COPY DEADLINE MARCH 3

OCC Wonders About Their "Traveling Jug"

The Oakland County chapter is hoping the OCC Jug is still circulating. They're looking forward hopefully to the June 3 chapter meeting. No jokes, please. The jug is intended to help finance Michigan District winners in quest of International honors in Chicago. OCC president, Dick Liddicoatt would appreciate hearing from someone as to the current whereabouts of the jug.

The Oakland County chapter is finding out that finishing sixth in a nine-team league isn't really that bad. Board members, Liddicoatt, Dick Van Dyke, Bob Fangert and others have been beating the bushes. The result is a developing concert series for the Barbary Host Chorus, extending into late May. They're all for our favorite charity, the big one, in May, at Ford Hospital in Detroit. More details upcoming.

reporter: joe vaughn

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Flint Initiates Chapter Quartet Contest

Flint had a very active January attending Saginaw installation of officers by Gene Gillem, district Vice President, and a ladies night featuring the Trebleshooters, the Holly-Fenton installation by Grant Wright, also ladies night, featuring the Delta Aires, two regular meetings and our own installation by Gene Gillem, featuring the Close Chorders and the Four Tune Cookies. Also a group attended the Pontiac show.



Special guests in January were Bill Butler, charter president of the Flint chapter, now director of the Detroit Motor City Chorus, Hap Angsbury from Owosso, who with Bill Butler, Ray Goodall and Fred Kienitz, brought fame to the Flint chapter about 1959 singing as the Flint Tones. (They still sound pretty good.)

We have two new chapter members: Gerald Franklin, charter member of Three Rivers and Ronald Scott, transfer from Detroit #1.

A tri-chapter meeting is scheduled for February 15 at Holly-Fenton to start the area affairs, of which we hope to have six this year to stimulate retention and entice new members.

Starting in February and running through May we have an attendance and new membership contest in which four captains and their teams will compete for a real good steak dinner and night out for the winning team and wives.

Neil Norman, program vice president, has started a chapter quartet contest and hopes to have a couple of quartets for district competition. This is the way it works: Each member makes out a card listing three fellows he wants to sing with and four guys he would like to hear. Each week a card is drawn and then announced as the quartets that are to sing the following meeting. They must give themselves a name and select a spokesman to announce their numbers. They must pay a nickle each to sing and a quarter if they want to tell a joke. This money will accumulate to pay for trophies for the winning quartet, which will be selected at a contest next fall.

Looks like Flint is really going to roll in '66.

reporter: les lang

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



Battle Creek Parade March 26

The Battle Creek chapter has been busy working on the annual parade scheduled for March 26, headlining the Mid-States Four, the Citations and Extension Chords. We are looking forward to a really big show and invite all the Michigan District barbershoppers to attend.



On January 24 the Battle Creek chorus sang for the Nottawa Trails Council Boy Scouts of America, Court of Honor at Fort Custer. On February 15 the sang for the Urbandale Methodist Church annual talent show, not competing, but as major entertainment. The Harmony Hounds are representing the chapter and singing for the First Baptist Church annual Father and Son Banquet.

It seems that the old saying "activity begets more activity" is certainly true, and I for one hope the chapter can keep this busy. If every chapter can keep busy, we will soon be able to put the Michigan District back on top of the heap.

The Battle Creek chapter is hosting the Jackson and Grand Rapids chapter to an evening of song fun on March 11 at the Post Tavern Motor Inn in downtown Battle Creek. We heartily welcome any barbershopper to this evening and although the door charge has not been decided upon, we guarantee it to be nominal.

We, in Battle Creek, are working hard on our membership drive. It is hoped that by the end of the year we will have 50 active singing members. I might also state at this time to anyone who is anticipating a move to Battle Creek, not to stay away from us for fear of being number 51. We also are actively promoting the formation of new quartets in the chapter. The winds are telling me that there is an old man's quartet (all members over 50) on the threshold of life. Looking forward to seeing and hearing same.

Four couples from Battle Creek had the very pleasurable experience of going to Hillsdale for the annual Ladies Night steak fry sponsored by the Hudson chapter. This was an evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hudson chapter for their warm hospitality on behalf of the others who attended. Couples in attendance were the Robert Dixons, Larry Swans, Van Vande Zandes and the Lowell Wolfes.

See you next month.

reporter: bob dixon

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Niles Buchanan Ladies Night A Success

SNOW, PARLOR GAMES, HAM AND HARMONY

Add about sixty people to the above formula and you have the recipe for fun, Niles-Buchanan style.

Phil Pierce, Vern Nevill, Lavonne Zelmer and Vic Vagansky hosted the chapter's first ladies night of '66 on the 25th of January and what a night it was. The weather was the worst, but the turn out was large and who cares about the weather when you're having fun.

Harvey Davies, Joe Bachman, Lavonne and Vic, that

fantastic foursome of Buchaneer fame and fortune dug a couple of routines out of the moth balls for the occasion. Art Mould showed us all some movies and slides which brought back some happy memories to the gateway group. Eddie James beat a few numbers out of the Gateway Chorus. Oh yes, on this night a star was born...Jack Righter... He's our star auctioneer. If you want to raise a couple of bucks, see Jack because he can sell anything.

I note with delight that Boyne city is again hosting the Bush League contest. This is an event that should be backed by everyone in the District. If you miss this event, you are denying yourself an outing that is the most in barbershopping fun. Ask anyone who has participated in this event and I'm sure someone in your chapter has been there who can back up what I'm saying. Don't let the term "bush league" fool you. The competition is tough. Check back and see who the winners have been.

Here is the place for both old and new quartets to get their feet wet in a "for real contest" and perhaps get rid of a few butterflies before the District and Regional contests get to you. See you in Boyne City?


Our 1966 schedule is shaping up nicely. We are entertaining the local Lion's Club early in February. We hope to entertain a lot of people in Dearborn come April and on May 7 we plan to display the best in barbershopping to a lot of area fans. It's show time again.

We've signed the Mid-States Four and the Road Runners from out of the district and the Merri-Men and the 4-Fits from our own District. A word to the 4-Fits: "We have taken precaution regarding the phantom."


Now then...this bus I keep yakking about. It's still here and...does anybody need a ride to Boyne City?

reporter: vic vigansky

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**THE
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ELLEN HARRINGTON

Monroe chapter's second annual show, featuring the Auto Towners, ForTune Tellers and Imposters, was well received by a large and enthusiastic audience. Among those present were Bud Knorpp, Tom Cushman, Al Rehkop, Clint Bostick, Carl Dahlke, Glenn Van Tassell, Messrs. and Mesdames Pat Ryan, Don Howard, Art Linde, Sam Cushman, Red Shaw, Bob Black, Clyde Cawood, John Craven, Carl Curson, Charles Daniels, John Falconer, Gene Finley, Les Graber, Rawliegh Gregory, William Gryder, Max Guinnup, Roy Hawkinson, George Hennig, John Laboe, Vern Lapps, Glen Lassey, Robert Lee, Wilbert Matthes, John Metx Jr., Charles Mumby, Paul Parker, William Pickett, Allen Pixley, Don Poirier, Bubb Riggs, Al Schatz, Dale Schroeder, Donald Schroeder, Paul Sheldon, Richard Smith, Gordon Sauer, Paul Stotz, Ed Vacek, Robert Vensel, William Whippen, William White, James Wilkie, James Wilson, Roger Younglove and many more.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Anderson of Wayne on the birth of their daughter.

Meet

Pat Ryan
Vice
President
Zone 1



The following represents an abbreviated summary of Pat Ryan's completed twelve years in barbershopping. Twelve years ago Pat Ryan joined the Detroit chapter rather on the spur of the moment without any invitation from a member. He just walked in and after an evening of entertainment asked for and got an application blank.

Pat had some previous quartet experience with the Thirteenth Air Force quartet, which was formed while overseas during World War II.

Pat has always been an active chorus member. Perhaps the fact that his wife, Jeane, and he have been blessed with eight children, coupled with his job responsibilities, has pre-empted the possibility of his wanting to join an active quartet.

He is employed by the Campbell-Ewald Advertising Company of Detroit on General Motors as a creative merchandising planner...in short, he writes for a living. This is a relatively new experience for him, as heretofore he had been on the other side of the desk in advertising with several of the automobile companies.

In barbershopping, Pat has had the pleasure of working on various service projects and committees from the very beginning. There is hardly a chapter committee on which he hasn't served. Several years ago, in 1957 to be exact, he transferred his membership to the Toledo, Ohio chapter of the Johnny Appleseed District, after establishing residency in that city. Less than a year later he was named to fill the unexpired term of the 2nd vice president when he became ill with cancer. He was re-elected the following year to this same office, programming the chapter activities. Then he served as the membership vice president and subsequently, as chapter president.

Slightly over a year later, he returned to Detroit and again transferred his membership to his home chapter. committee work took up the first year back and in 1963 he served as chapter treasurer. For 1964 and to date he has been the manager of the Motor City Chorus.

"My philosophy on barbershopping," Pat says, "is really very simple. It has over the years given to me much more than I personally have contributed. You normally get out of something what you, yourself put into it. I also believe that nothing will happen unless it is made to happen. This can be a chapter meeting or it can be any business activity. There has to be a guiding hand and a plan. You can't just sit back and hope that everything will fall into place. It just doesn't work that way.

I hope, in the coming months, to be able to submit ideas to the Troubadour that might be given consideration for print...primarily dissertations on what can be done to make chapters just a little bit stronger, and the members just a little bit better barbershoppers. Mostly these would be eyeball observations on what others are doing, seasoned in part with what my own firsthand experience has been."

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Dearborn's Octet Contest Slated March 4

We of the Dearborn chapter wish to thank all the Detroit area barbershoppers who attended our wonderful show Saturday, February 12. The Renegades gave a superlative performance. They wowed the audience with encore after encore, proving beyond a doubt they are truly the International Champions. Our own Auto Towners came up with some tremendous new arrangements and they'll be knocking at the door for that much coveted first place trophy next July in Chicago. Under the able hands of Carl Dahlke the Chord-O-Matics never sounded better. Carl has proved that new sounds and new arrangements coupled with hard work are the necessary ingredients for a top notch chorus.



The chapter is off to a flying start this year with Glenn Van Tassel at the helm and Dearborn is looking forward to joining the select ranks of the century club. At our January meeting we had close to 200 people in attendance which indicates Dearborn is still "The Chapter of Champions". Our hats off to Ed Conn, our new program vice president.

I called Roger Craig this evening to confirm arrangements for what usually is our greatest meeting of the year. It all started ten years ago when Dearborn got the idea for a Michigan District Octet Contest. Yes, this is our tenth annual octet contest and it's going to be the greatest yet. With Roger emceeding the show and with the anticipation of well over 15 octets competing, it's bound to be even bigger and better than last year. ALL OF THE MICHIGAN BARBERSHOPPERS ARE WELCOME and by all means invited to form an octet and compete in the contest. Here are the rules:

1. All members of the octet must be from the same chapter.
2. No more than two members of the octet can be members of the same registered quartet.
3. No contestant may sing in more than two octets.

That's all there is to it fellows. Give Roger Craig a call on LO 5-6456 and register your octet now.

Remember...DON'T miss the tenth annual Michigan District octet contest at Dearborn on Friday, March 4.

reporter: bill smyth

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Jackson Parade To Feature Buffalo Bills

"The action is in Jackson," says Dick Simpson, 1966 chapter president. "Jackson is a going and growing chapter and we are planning great things in 1966, Jackson's 25th year of barbershop harmony. Last year we had a 15% growth increase and we have four or five applicants already this year."

Dick is pleased with the enthusiastic start of his committees and at this time he wishes to present to the Michigan District the other 1966 chapter officers: Glen Loveland, secretary; Leo Rudloff, treasurer; Dan LaBumbard, program vice president; George Dyer, membership vice president and Sam Cushman, chorus director.

Our big show April 16 is to celebrate our 25th birthday. The main attraction will be the best...the Buffalo Bills.

We'll have beauty on the program too with the Beane Town Four from the Lima, Ohio Sweet Adeline chapter. Also performing will be our chapter chorus, the crowd pleasing For-Tune Tellers, the Note-Able Four and Jackson's newest quartet, the Jacks 'N' Kings. This foursome has Dan LaBumbard on lead, Bill Price on tenor, Chuck Sherwood on baritone and Phil Weisgerber on bass and their blend has contest winning quality. Watch for our show ad in the next issue of Troubadour.

The Jackson chapter and quartets were busy last year with package shows, civic singing engagements, caroling, visitations and parties. Dan LaBumbard, program vice president, has ambitious plans to keep us hopping this year. Thirty-three men, including our three quartets, visited the Dearborn chapter January 14. We enjoyed the harmony, the 1965 Boston convention film and food...ah, the aroma was tantalizing...I wonder how it tasted. We just had to get the old bus on the road.

The chapter puts on a show for the Jackson Kiwanis Club on February 17, a package show for Albion Elks on February 19, a visit to Battle Creek chapter March 11, are on the Sweet Adeline show at Jackson Parkside High School on March 19 and on March 26 we'll have a ball at Manchester putting on another Junior Chamber package show which will include the Merri-Men from Lansing. Now, that brings us up to our 25th Anniversary show on April 16.

The For-Tune Tellers and Note-Able Four have heavy schedules. They are pleased to get an assist from the new and talented quartet, the Jacks'N'Kings who were well received when they sang recently at Milford's Ladies Night. The Jackson chapter has another quartet in the building stage.

Didja Kno Department: Red Shaw (you know who he is. He's the guy with all that red hair who sings lead with the Tune Tellers...or is that the one with the Note-Ables?) is now directing the Jackson Sweet Adelines.

So, fellow barbershoppers in the Michigan District, drop in and see us and sing with us any Friday night (except when we are away on a job or visitation) at the Hotel Hayes. Come to where the action is.

reporter: ed hilden

Gratiot County Loses Doug Devine

The Gratiot County chorus received a warm welcome at the Michigan Masonic Home during an evening of caroling. Several of these oldsters have their own choir which accepts engagements in the surrounding area. Singing is for the young at heart. Their average age is 81.

During January we traveled to Edmore 22 strong and sang for a Lion's club ladies night. We also paid a visit to the Greenville chapter.

February 14, Valentine's Day was our annual ladies night. A good time was had by all.

We will soon be putting our Half Vast Trophy up for competition. It's a dilly, although its usefulness is somewhat limited. Watch for further news on it.

All is not lightness and laughter however. Our new director and old time barbershopper has been forced to resign due to accepting a new position in East Tawas. They don't have a chapter, but I'll wager that Doug Devine will find them if they can be found. Good luck Doug and may fortune smile on you. Come and see us now and then because you really are a supreme barbershopper and molder of men.

reporter: grant colthorp

Greenville Parade Features Circus Theme

Our 4th annual Barbershop Revue will become a reality Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 p.m. in the Greenville High School. Using a circus theme, this year's show promises to be better than ever.

Headlining the show will be one of the most sought after quartets in the Mid-west, the Road Runners from Illinois. Plus the Extension Chords, past district champions and International competitors from Grand Rapids, and one of the funniest quartets ever, the ForTune Tellers from down Jackson way. These three, plus the Greenville chorus, present Michigan District Junior Chorus Champions, will make for a great barbershop evening.

Show chairman, Dr. S. L. Anderson, has the following committee chairmen working with him: Tickets and music director, Fran Jones; scenery Jack Orrin and Norm Wood; talent, Arnie Staffen; publicity, Rev. Elmer Katterjohn; programs, Joe Wildner; after glo, Bob Hansen; costumes, Keith Neitzel; make up, Frank Mattison and house, Lloyd Swierenga.

Advance tickets may be purchased by writing or calling Hansen's Music House, Greenville. Phone, area code 616-754-3803. If you have never been to a Greenville barber-shop function, you owe to yourself to be with us on March 12. We do have great fun.

Howard Olsen has just become our newest chapter member. Arnie Staffen wins another Men of Note award to add to his collection.

Emerson Mr. Barbershopper Sperling, of the Grand Rapids chapter, made Greenville his first visitation of the new year. Why don't you stop and see us when you are in the area on a Monday night?

Twelve members motored to Grand Rapids on Friday, January 28 to pay a long overdue visit to our brothers of



Chapter #4. One of the purposes of the visitation was to present Grand Rapids with the "traveling jug" originated by the Oakland County chapter. The purpose of the "jug" is to help raise funds to pay the expenses of the competing quartets from the Michigan District in the International contest in Chicago this summer. We kicked in our share, \$14.00 to be exact. Greenville president Stu Anderson is shown presenting the "jug" to Grand Rapids president Bill Wild.

During the course of the evening a quartet contest was held and the winners were the Short Sticks. One of the more popular losers in the contest was made up of this foursome.

Grand Rapids is in hopes of taking in four new members, who incidently are a quartet called the Princetones. Sure would be great to take in four like that...already formed.

reporter: bob hansen

Four Fits Work For Windsor

Yes, that's the slogan of Canada's most southerly chapter, located in the "Sunparlour of Canada."

Windsor started the new year just like that. After initiating seven new members at our Ladies Night in December, we opened 1966 with a wonderful meeting on January 14.

President, Doran McTaggart, outlined the highlights of the program for the entire coming year and passed out our new 1966 issues in booklet form.

We thoroughly enjoyed the surprise visit of our "buddies" the 4-Fits, current district champs, who sang like true champs and also a brand new quartet the Reminisce-Sirs. Singing lead, Tom Rafferty; tenor, Bob Marshall (remember those melodious Curbstone Serenaders?); Baritone, Gordon Limburg and bass, John Zinnikas, both of the No-teries fame. They really sang like birds and are a real asset on any program.

Windsor's own Merri-Madics and Four-Joes rounded out the program.

Installation of 1966 officers highlighted the meeting on Jan 28.

February 11 Windsor was the "vocal point" of two mystery trips when Monroe was joined by Toledo, Ohio, Johnny Appleseed District. This Tri-Chapter does promise to be a real chord-buster.

Judging by last year's successful visitation of Wayne in Windsor, the event on February 25 is guaranteed to be a night filled with "good close harmony"

reporter: ted verwey

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Grand Rapids Gives \$500.00 To Logopedics

Hello all you people out there in barbershopper land. No, we haven't dissolved. Grand Rapids still has a little activity going on with just under a hundred members who are quite active. We have a new board now and practically all new officers. Bill Wild Jr. is our new president and he is a real hustler. The other day, for instance, he approached me and being a very tactful type guy he asked me if I knew who the Troubadour reporter was because he hasn't seen anything lately in the Troubadour about Grand Rapids activities for quite some time. Well, naturally there was no place to hide and no one else to point the finger at, so I had to confess it was my fault. Our new

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first vice president is none other than the thin man of the barbershop set Bill Alexander. Bill just finished a two year stint as our very capable program chairman and has now been relieved of this extremely tough job by a man who is just as capable ... big Jim Horton. Jim sings bass in the great Rafter Ringers quartet and is a real up and coming leader in barbershopping circles. We also are lucky enough to have back for his second year as treasurer, Jack Schneider. We won't talk about Jack too much because we don't want the district or International to find out just how good he is. As our new secretary we were lucky enough to obtain the services of an ex-prisoner of war, Mr. Edward Bary. He takes the minutes of the meetings quite well, but we can't seem to get him to sign his name to them.

The next thing on the agenda seems to be the Great Lakes Invitational, which is coming upon us much too rapidly, as usual. This year we were again lucky enough to obtain the services and talents of some very talented groups. First, the Red Garter Band from Chicago, which is a real swinging dixieland band consisting of banjos, piano, and brass. The other great groups consist of the Harmony Hounds from Battle Creek, the Four Fits from Grosse Pointe and headlining the show will be those four master of sound, the Four Rascals, from Marblehead, Massachusetts. We will also hear from the Great Lakes Chorus under the new leadership of our own Lou Mahacel

By the way, we intend to win the spring contest with Lou so you have all had fair warning. One more important item and I promise to end this mess. Under the gentle (and that's an understatement) prodding of our now past-president Jerry Ver Veer, we are proud to announce that chapter number four has contributed \$500.00 to our very near to us all Logopedics fund. We don't feel however that this is all we are going to do and contribute to this great cause. Manytimes there are other things that can be done to help a great cause, but this is a cause that only money and research can help to find the cure and prevention for this particular crippler of little children. We can't help with the research end of this disease, but we can help financially to this great undertaking.

reporter: del hathaway

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Muskegon SPEBSQUAW Passes January 25

Dave Hollar, one of the faithful, steadfast members of Muskegon chapter, has been slowed down, but not stopped. He is resting well in Hackley Hospital after being struck by a car on February 10.

When the other members of the quartet Dave is now active with (Don Van Dyke, Del Doctor and Bill Duplissis) stopped in to cheer him up, Dave said, "Flat on your back is no position to sing in, but give me a short time and the halls of Hackley Hospital will start to ring."

Gertrude Van Bogelen, wife of Bill Van Bogelen, well known barbershopper from Muskegon chapter, passed away on January 25 after a long illness. Gert was one of the most faithful supporters of the Muskegon chapter. She was awarded the highest honor given to a wife of a Muskegon chapter member, when she was picked as the SPEBSQUAW of the year in 1961.

Gert will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. The sympathy of the entire Muskegon chapter is extended to Bill and his family.

reporter: mel struthers

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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.

March 5, 1966	Wayne Parade
March 12, 1966	Greenville Parade
March 26, 1966	Battle Creek Parade
March 27, 1966	Hudson Parade (afternoon)
April 2, 1966	Flint Parade
April 16, 1966	Jackson's 25th Annual Parade
April 23, 1966	Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
April 29-May1, 1966	International Preliminaries, Dearborn-Detroit at Dearborn
May 7, 1966	Muskegon
May 7, 1966	Niles-Buchanan Parade
May 14, 1966	Bush League Contest Boyne City

Sault Lists Busy 1966 Schedule

Michigan District take note...we plan to be down for the spring contest and we would sure love to take first place.

Speaking of first place, would someone please tell us where we can go to compete for the half-vast woodshedding trophy? Last time I saw it was in Boyne City. Let us know...we want to compete for it.

Our chapter is back up to 30 members. We hope to make it 50. We may be small but we aren't letting any grass grow under our feet. Sorry if I'm bragging, but I love our chorus and barbershopping.

We plan to have a very busy year. Some special events are as follows: March 8 - sing-out for Lionettes fashion fiesta, March 21 - special night, April 2 - voices of spring, April 22 - millionaire's night, April 25 - pizza and refreshment night, April 29-May 1 - spring contest, May 30 special night, June 27 - wind up night for summer, August 29 - start up for another year, September 6 - meeting night, September 23 - special night to raise money for Holland, September 30 - district convention, October 2 annual parade, November - any time, any place, any where and December 10 - annual Christmas dinner and dance.

reporter: franklin murphy

