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"SING INTO SPRING"

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

Plans have been finalized by the convention committee which is made up of members of the Detroit and Dearborn chapters for what we are sure will be the greatest spring convention ever held.

With the beautiful Dearborn Inn serving as headquarters hotel for the convention, it is expected that well over 1,000 barbershoppers from all over Michigan, the Windsor area and some parts of Ohio will attend.

Pat Ryan and Carl Dahlke, co-chairmen of the "SING INTO SPRING" convention, are pulling all stops to make sure this convention will be one that Michigan barbershoppers will be talking about for many years to come. Carl says, "Our goal this year is to encourage quartet competition from every chapter in the Michigan District." The co-chairman for this year's fabulous event went on to say that he felt at least one quartet should be entered from each chapter.

In addition to selecting the two quartets which will represent Michigan at this year's International Convention, the Michigan District Chorus Championship is up for grabs. Because the chorus contest is always one of the highlights of any convention, it is expected this spring's event will leave the chords of some of those wonderful songs still ringing in the ears of everyone in attendance. A special treat for those fortunate enough to get tickets for the Saturday night show will be a combined chorus of 100 voices made up of the Detroit Motor City Chorus and the Dearborn Chord-O-Matics under the direction of Bill Butler and Carl Dahlke.

The contests will be held in one of the newest high schools in the Dearborn area, the Edsel Ford High School. This school auditorium is noted for its acoustically perfect sound and its beautiful seating arrangement. It is located just a short distance from the headquarters hotel. Plenty of parking facilities are available.

Also available for everyone will be tours of the world famous Greenfield Village and Edison Institute Museum. Many landmarks of American history are collected at Dearborn's Greenfield Village. Founded by Henry Ford, it is now the greatest collection of Industrial Americana that can be seen anywhere in the world. Among some of the attractions are over 165 early automobiles. The museum contains a gallery of fine arts, a street of shops, (which incidently includes a fine old barber shop) historic old airplanes, steam engines, old carriages and many other interesting exhibits.

Greenfield Village displays a collection of old historic houses from all parts of America. Among some, The Court House from Lincoln, Illinois where Abraham Lincoln practiced law, Edison's Menlo Park Laboratory where he invented the world's first electric lamp, the first phonograph and many others.

Also available close to the convention headquarters are several fine motels and eating places (more about those later).

The schedule of events for Friday evening starts off with the Michigan District House of Delegates Meeting at 8:00 p.m. All evening a special room has been set

Utterings
from
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*The dates of April 10 - 16 constitute our Society-wide Harmony Week. Chapter Officers are urged to take full advantage of the Kits offered by International.

Formost on all our minds is the gigantic Regional Convention co sponsored by the Detroit and Dearborn Chapters. Troubadour turns this column over to Bill Smyth who gives the format.



BILL SMYTH

aside for the wonderful event we all know as WOODSHED-DING. About 9:30 p.m. all barbershoppers will be gathering for a real blast to start the real fun with a bang-up PRE-GLO. The next morning, following the quartet briefing at Edsel Ford High School, the quartet preliminaries will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. This in itself should prove to be a wonderful contest with between 15 and 20 quartets competing for the right to sing in the evening finals.

At 1:30 p.m., after everyone has had his lunch, back at Edsel Ford High, the chorus contest will get under way. As you know the Michigan District chorus championship will be decided at this year's "SING INTO SPRING" convention and you can bet the chords will be ringing in ole Edsel Ford for many days after. What a show and contest is planned for that Saturday night. This is the time when all stops are pulled, butterflies start in the stomachs of everyone as they listen to the best singing of the contest. Everyone hangs on every note looking at the judges, trying to guess if their favorite quartet is going to be one of the lucky ones to go to the International contest in July in Chicago, to represent Michigan. After the suspense is over and the quartets have been selected, the evening will hold a surprise for everyone, a special treat. The winning chorus will thrill the audience with some special renditions of barbershop songs. (Don't miss this for sure.)

Now, in the meantime back at the ranch or the hotel, those workers from Detroit and Dearborn chapters who had to leave the contest, will be busily preparing the Inn

for the fantastic AFTER-GLO. O. C. Cash once said, "anyone who misses an after-glo is out of their cotton pickin' mind." He didn't have any idea that what he said will be the under statement of the century. If you get to bed at all that night you are sick.

Sometime the next morning, a breakfast will be held at the Inn for all those who can make it. Following this wake-up session will be the quartet and chorus clinic.

The hardest part of the planning of the "Sing Into Spring Convention" was the establishment of the price for all these wonderful events. And now the biggest treat of all... the all events ticket is going to be priced at only \$4.00. That's right...only \$4.00. Now for those wonderful people who make it all possible, the contestants, the price is just \$2.50. (All registered contestants will be required to purchase an all events ticket.)

Let yourself go and SING INTO SPRING at Dearborn on the weekend of April 29.

The convention committee plans to see that you are welcomed into Dearborn as you have never been before. Members of both Detroit and Dearborn chapters will be on hand to see that you have the greatest time of your life, even the Mayor of Dearborn and the Governor of the state have been invited. Mayor Orville Hubbard has proclaimed the week "Harmony Week" in special honor of all Michigan District barbershoppers.

About where to stay: If you get your reservations in early, you can count on a beautiful room at Dearborn Inn or their wonderful motor court. Bob Stone, housing chairman for the convention, says there are many fine motels in the area, some of those mentioned besides the Dearborn Inn at 20301 Oakwood, Dearborn, are the Fairlane Inn-Motel at 21430 Michigan ave., the Holiday Inn at 22900 Michigan, the Dearborn Travelodge at 23730 Michigan and the Mercury Motor Inn at 22361 Michigan Ave. All five places have restaurant facilities and ample parking. All reservations will be handled by the individual barbershoppers Stone said. A letter will be mailed to all Michigan District barbershoppers around the middle of March, giving them more details on the convention, housing and tickets. However, don't wait to get your reservations in...DO IT NOW. Mail ticket reservations to: Ralph Schirmer, % Superior Detroit Co., 14830 Fenkell, Detroit Michigan 48227. Remember...tickets to all events are only \$4.00. Tickets to all events for registered contestants are only \$2.50. Get yourself off dead center and join the gang of people who will be at Dearborn to help "SING INTO SPRING!"

TICKET ORDER	
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APRIL 29 AND 30, 1966	
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From the Pen of the President



During my visits to various chapters during the last few months I find an enthusiasm I haven't seen for a long time and to say the least it is most heart warming.

I find chapter meetings starting on time with a planned program that keeps moving and in good taste and interesting, giving the membership just what they joined this Society for. Business meetings were short and to the point, visitors from other chapters were given time to make announcements, guests were introduced and not forgotten about after the activities got under way. I saw some quartets singing with the guests taking an active part, there was gang singing of some of the old chestnuts and everyone enjoyed them. The "Dime a Week Mug" added a beautiful note each time someone dropped a coin into it.

After the gang singing the chorus director joined the crowd, he didn't conduct the chapter meeting or dictate policy, the emcee for the evening carried out his planned program.

During a break I found the quartet promotion man helping a newly formed quartet over some of the hurdles that are ever present in a new or even a seasoned quartet. During the meeting the membership vice president invited all who so desired to join his chapter and take active part in chorus and quartet singing and states the purposes and aims of his chapter in community affairs.

Several quartets made commitment to me personally that they were going to compete in the district's contest and in the Bush League contest at Boyne City May 14, 1966.

Choruses are hard at work for the spring convention in Dearborn April 29 - May 1, 1966.

Is yours such a chapter? If not...why not? If you are not getting this kind of fun get off your "duffs" and do something about it, make some noise. Take the bull by the horns. You have all the rights to them, you are a member so become a member of the singing Society. Don't ask what is this Society doing for you. You are the Society. And it will never afford any more fun than you make. Let's make this fun contagious by becoming infected yourself and see how it will spread. Because of this lack of infection we have drop outs and are constantly rebuilding our district membership.

Between December 31, 1965 and January 31, 1966 we lost 119 members in the Michigan District. Where did they go?

I charge each chapter with the responsibility to go over their records and find those lost men and bring them back into the fold. Consider these people as you personal friends who for some reason don't come to visit you anymore. What have you done to offend them? Where and how have you made them feel not welcome at your house?

I want to know the answers.

ON THE COVER

(Ed. Note) The "biggest" sentence this editor has ever had honor to print is found in paragraph 3. Read it and you will have to agree that the Michigan District is "Waking Up".

Few people are privileged enough to be in on the start of something big. We were privileged recently when we attended a meeting where the Dearborn and Detroit chapters of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. decided to co-host the Michigan District 1966 Regional Contest. This contest will be held on the weekend of April 29 - May 1, 1966 and with the combined talents and energies of these two fine chapters pulling together, we promise you, the Michigan District barbershopper and friends, that this will be the finest regional contest and convention this district has ever known.

First of all, those two knock 'em down, drag 'em out, sing all day, sing all night, go anywhere, anytime, yes I'd be happy to help, first rate barbershoppers, Eric Schultz from Dearborn and Pat Ryan from Detroit, will head committees from their respective chapters to organize this whole ball of chords. Then, how about world famous Dearborn Inn as convention headquarters? Edsel Ford High Auditorium (seating capacity 950) for the contest events. Probably so much talent available, we would probably have to use both Friday and Saturday nights to make use of it all. Full house for all events practically guaranteed and so much more you wouldn't think it could be crammed into one weekend.

But, the ripple that really sent chills up our spines, like when the Auto Towners, Extension Chords or Chord Counts ring 'em, was when someone said, "wouldn't it be nice if this joint effort worked so well that the Michigan District went to Los Angeles in 1967 with a bid so fantastic that we would win the right to host the 1971 International Convention hands down?"

How's that for being in on the start of something big?

Yours till we have more to tell,
GENERAL CONVENTION COMM.

Dearborn and Detroit Chapters
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NEW AREA FORMAT LISTED AGAIN

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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SING INTO SPRING APRIL 29 - 30

THE 20th ANNUAL
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back.

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Detroit Closes In On 100 Mark

Our thanks go out to the Progressive Four who made our evening a most enjoyable one. These four grand guys have been entertaining barbershoppers for as far back as this reporter can remember and each time their style and easy going manner wins the hearts of all. It is no wonder the Grosse Pointe chapter is proud to call them their own. The Close Chorders, who placed 2nd in the District contest, are shaping up very fast and it is our belief they are the boys to be reconed with in the next contest. We also wish to thank the Tune-A-Bouts, a new group composed of some old pro's. They are all Detroit # 1 members, Ed McCarthy, Lowell Thomas, Bud DuBrul and the fearless Bill Wickstrom. They are developing that sound which makes up championship material. I am told they have a fine selection of numbers and are ready for parade engagements.



This was our first meeting in our new meeting place and we are off to a good start. Our next meeting on the third Friday in March will be Brass Hats Night. The officers of ALL chapters are invited to this one.

Bill Butler is whipping the chorus into shape and is now working out the finishing touches to our numbers for the contest in April. At the last count we had 68 and I believe they will all be on stage for the big one.

Another note: We are about to hit the century mark in membership. Just four more members and we will achieve the coveted 100 mark, we believe that our chorus is responsible for the tremendous growth and enthusiasm which is glowing through our chapter today. Come visit us some Monday night and you will engage in a most exciting evening of barbershop.

Most of the arrangements are now made for the Regional contest with Dearborn and Detroit working as a team to make this one a really big convention. It is our job to make the 1966 Regional contest one of your most unforgettable barbershopping experiences. Don't miss it.

Take an active part. Michigan is on its way to greatness. Don't forget our new meeting place. V.F.W. hall, 7001 Puritan - one block west of Livernois.

reporter: john wearing

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Greenville Show Leaves 'Em Breathless

The 4th annual show is over and we are breathing normal again. And what a show it was, with the Road Runners, Extension Chords, Spartonairens and the Young-Uns.

Next on the chapter calendar is a visit to the Lansing chapter in March.

We sing every Monday at 8:00 p.m. above the Commercial State Savings Bank in Greenville. Come sing with us sometime.

reporter: bob hansen

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



Chase Sanborn Honored By Holly-Fenton

We started 1966 with thirty-nine members and have instituted a plan of action to promote better attendance at all meetings, especially chorus rehearsals, more and better public appearances, better public relations and more new members. So far it is working out better than we had anticipated. During February we hosted an area meeting, visited the Milford chapter, sang for a Father and Song banquet in the the Congregational Church in Grand Blanc and appeared in two spots on the Fenton Living Theatre Series Variety Show. Two membership applications have been requested and in all possibilities we should show a very good increase in membership this year. Our membership now stands at the highest point since the Holly and Fenton chapters were combined back in 1951.



Seventy-five barbershoppers turned out for the area meeting which included eighteen from Pontiac. They escorted "Chase" Sanborn here to see him presented with a Loving Cup by our chapter as an indication of the high esteem in which we hold him. But there was a sad ending to this. Just as he was leaving the hall for home, he was seized with a heart attack and rushed to a Pontiac hospital. The last word is that he is doing well.

Bill Shannon, president of the Flint chapter, called Les Lang up front and presented him with the Flint chapter Barbershopper of the Year Award. This award was presented to a dedicated barbershopper and a grand fellow. We congratulate him.

Hope to see you all at the District contest in Dearborn. We'll be there, will you?

reporter: art burnett

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Windsor On The Go-Go

The Sun Parlor Chorus sing-out included visits to the sanatorium patients and to Alexander Hall for the blind.

On March 11 Windsor visited Oakland County chapter, the home of the Barbary Host Chorus, where a night of real fun and fellowship is always assured. A few major events are in the early planning stage, but more about them later.

Most members are planning to attend the S. A.'s first show: the Sing-O-Rama, which will be staged in the Cleary Auditorium on March 25.

After one month of operation our H.D.M.P.S. competition shows the marks of becoming a real hot contest. One member accumulated over 100 points, while another has now more than 70 points, so... "Get Your Kicks In '66!"

A harmonious welcome awaits you on the second and fourth Fridays at the Drop In Tavern, Tecumseh Rd. E. at George Avenue.

reporter: ted verwey

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SING INTO SPRING APRIL 29 - 30



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The Dearborn Inn

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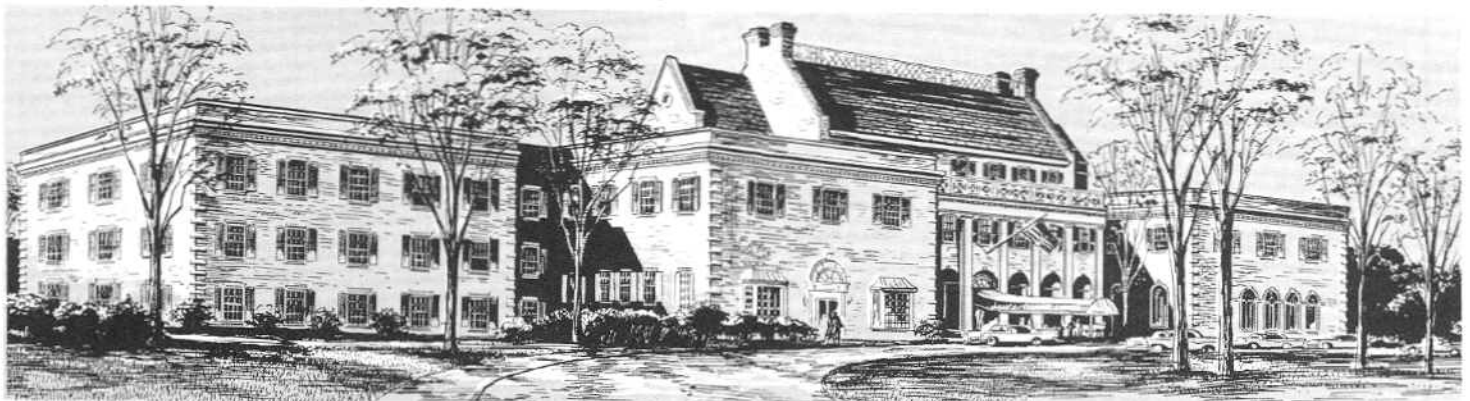
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**NOTES FROM
THE SECRETARY**
LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Indications are that the 1966 Spring Convention will be one of the best in the history of the Michigan District. Committees from the Dearborn and Detroit chapters are working diligently and laying plans to assure each barbershopper and his family of an interesting weekend. With the convention activities centered around Dearborn Inn, it is only a short distance to Greenfield Village and Ford Museum.

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A spirited contest is promised between the several quartets which will compete for the two places which Michigan is entitled to in the International contest at Chicago in July. We also anticipate an entry of at least ten choruses in the district contest at which a Senior and Junior District champion will be crowned.

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Wayne Foor, of Rochester, New York, past International president of SPEBSQSA, will be International's official delegate to the convention and will give the keynote address at the House of Delegates meeting on Friday evening. Wayne and his charming wife, Jeanette, are well known to Michigan barbershoppers and they will be renewing many acquaintances on their visit here.

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Chapters interested in hosting the 1967 Spring Convention and Quartet and Chorus Contests are invited to submit their bids to the District Secretary. The assigned tentative dates are April 14-16, 1967. This is an opportunity to develop the Society in your community and at the same time realize a satisfactory amount of revenue. Net profits of the contests are split 50-50 between the district and the sponsors. Further details may be obtained by contacting your District Secretary. In 1968 the dates assigned to the Michigan District are April 26-28 and October 18-20. The 1967 Fall Convention has already been awarded to Windsor, Ontario for October 13-15, 1967.

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Lansing's Annual Fish Fry June 24

Well, just guess we are too busy or lazy to sit down and write the news, but no excuses here it is, such as it is.

1966 has found us changing the time of our meetings to 8:00 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m. to allow a full hour of chorus practice at each meeting. We are still meeting the first and third Mondays of each month at the Moose Hall on East Grand River Ave. Come and see us...we'll ring a chord or two with you.

At our installation of officers on January 17, we were honored to have as special guests for the evening, district President, Eric Schultz, and the district champions the 4-Fits.

On February 12 a group of 12 couples went by bus to

Dearborn for a wonderful, delightful evening of good barbershop harmony. Our congratulations to Dearborn for a real great show.

We have decided to make our fish fry an annual event with appropriate trophies. The date this year is June 24. We will report more on this later, but mark your calendar now.

We are looking forward to entertaining the Senior Citizen's Sunset Club on March 14 and are busy shaping up our show.

reporter: reese olger

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Jackson's "Big Parade" Slated April 16

"Boy, you've got a real live chapter here", said Tom Venus after the Friday night, February 25, regular chapter meeting. Now this was Tom's first meeting since he moved to Jackson a few months back from Greenville. He has been very busy seeing about the construction of a new home. Welcome Tom.



Sam Cushman was the program chairman for the evening and there was never a dull moment. Every man participated in an octet contest. I believe the judge was bribed. The Jacks'N'Kings and Note-Able Four each sang a couple of numbers. The evening's highlight was many songs by four fine gentlemen with terrific voices...the Close Chorders. Now if I understood correctly, Gene, Tony, Norm and Ron, each is a member of a different chapter. Very unique. Seems like they should have closer quarters, and it seemed in John Wearing's column, the Detroit chapter claimed ownership of the Close Chorders. Well John, the Jackson chapter adopted them. Thanks for a wonderful evening and good luck in future contests to the Close Chorders.

Didn't see it in the Troubadour, but the Jackson chapter will be in the coming chorus contest too. I can foretell (and I'm not even a For-Tune Teller) that even before the contest starts, Jackson will be right up on top. Haven't the slightest idea where they'll be after the contest.

Our annual Parade of Harmony will be April 16 at Jackson High School. At that time we will be celebrating our 25th year of barbershop harmony. We cordially invite everyone in the Michigan District to be on hand to help us celebrate. The Buffalo Bills headline the program...but take a look at our ad elsewhere in this issue.

To whip the chorus into shape for the show and contest, "Simon" Cushman's trained seals did perform at the Friendly Home March 16, on the Jackson Sweet Adeline Chapter show March 19 and then a package show in Manchester on March 26.

Recent visitors to Jackson were Jim Skura, band director, and our old friend Jim Stevens, music instructor at Schaeffer School in Southgate and Bob Campbell, Larry Swan, Bob Dixon and "Van" Vande Zande from Battle Creek. Probably had others too that I missed, but when in Jackson on a Friday evening check with the Hotel Hayes. You will likely find us there straining our tonsils. We would enjoy your visit.

reporter: ed hilden

JACKSON CHAPTER No. 7

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8 P.M

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Sam Cushman

104 N. Blackstone

Jackson, Michigan

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Szabo Expounds On Contest Judging

Just a couple of notes regarding the forthcoming contests in Dearborn:

The drawing for order of appearance in the big contest will be drawn about one week prior to the contest. Late entries will sing first in the order in which they are received. I, myself, can comprehend no reason why a quartet needs to enter late. We should urge all quartets to get their entries in now. It certainly would not reflect unfavorably on the quartet if they have to drop out of the competition for some reason.

Judges for the contest will be: Loton Willson on voice expression from Boyne City, Tom Grove on harmony accuracy from Dowagiac, Rush Wyman on balance and blend from Akron, Ohio, Cliff MacLean on stage presence from upper Michigan and Sherman Crawford on arrangement from Denver, Colorado. Candidate judges who plan to sit on the practice panel should communicate with O.B. Falls or myself as soon as possible.

It is doubtful that at this late date, new candidates can be readied to serve on the practice panel at the Dearborn contest. The district is sorely in need of additional judges and judge candidates. We cannot promise you anything in the judging program except hard work and long, busy hours. There are no rewards like travel to exotic places (unless you consider Holland or Indianapolis exotic). However, as a judge candidate you will learn much about barbershopping that will make you a better quartet and chorus singer or chorus director. As a judge, you will meet more wonderful barbershoppers than you thought possible and, best of all, experience the satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that you have really helped a quartet to find the way to better singing and greater enjoyment of our hobby. Can there be any greater reward in a singing society?

If you think you may be interested in the judging program, write to Ob B. Falls or to me immediately and get started soon. If you need to be "sold" on the pleasures of being a judge candidate, look up Lowell Wolfe (of the Harmony Hounds) when you get to Dearborn.

Burt Szabo

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TO ALL CHAPTERS IN THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT,
DISTRICT OFFICERS, AREA COUNSELORS AND
CHAPTER DELEGATES

Notice is hereby given that the annual Spring meeting of the Michigan District House of Delegates will be held Friday evening, April 29, 1966, at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan, at 8:00 P.M.

The House of Delegates consists of the duly accredited chapter delegates, elected District officers, Area Counselors and Past District Presidents.

Any chapters having matters for presentation to the House of Delegates should submit same in writing to the District Secretary at least 15 days before the said meeting.

All District officers should prepare their reports in writing and submit a copy of same to the District Secretary for the official District records. Guests are invited to attend the sessions but only members of the House of Delegates will be recognized for floor privileges.

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,
District Secretary



1300 hours of thinking has produced one Eye Poppin' idea. It comes from Ted Verwey. He suggests...

It occurs to me that a large number of barbershoppers are doing their share in work and monetary donations for our Society's worthy service project, so why not give John Q. Public a chance to do some of the same for a very worthy cause, while receiving good value for their money?

And what could be a better tie-in with "The Old Songs" than an old fashioned Strawberry Festival, for which the theme could well be... "We Sing...that Cindy Shall Speak?"

You think the potential isn't very large? Read on, since you got this far.

A local organization, in which I helped organize such an event more than 10 years ago is still staging it annually and with success.

If 98% of the chapters in our great district staged such an event, either singly or two or three combined, an equal amount could be raised with less personal effort and expense than a centrally located "big blast!" And we can also maintain our weekly dine and other donations in the Logopedic Mug, which, I hope, each chapter has prominently displayed.

There isn't too much work or expense. Requirements are: suitable member's or church lawn; mostly local talent (a brass band helps as well); a couple of strings of colored lights; strawberries can be purchased at the peak of the season and kept frozen, so you can pick your most suitable date; ice cream bought wholesale. An event like this can be enlarged upon for additional profits with an assortment of booths, such as fish pond, raffles, etc. With some publicity and organization it could be a successful money raiser, besides the value of good public relations you chapter would receive.

Ted Verwey

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Colosimo Named Dearborn Reporter

Being a relative newcomer to barbershopping, I am delighted to begin what I hope to be a long tenure in office as the reporter to all you Troubadour readers on the fellows who "Sing...That They Will Speak" at the "chapter of champions!"

Well deserved accolades are still being heaped upon chairman Bob Stone, director Carl Dahlke, associate director Aarne Olkkonen and emcee Nick Kiptyk for the fine entertaining "Old and New" they produced to a packed house on February 12. Dearborn sincerely thanks the Lansing chapter spokesman who startled the poor ticket agent at Fordson High School by requesting to purchase 25 tickets for the bus load of members who wended their way to take in our show. Harmonious people such as these make up our fine organization.

The Chordtones continue to work and sharpen up for contest time by handling several engagements monthly. Aarne Olkkonen, bass and director; Leo Gatton, baritone;

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Doug Arseneau, lead and Jim Cannon, tenor are willing to meet all comers.

Alligator shoes and suntans are the fad in Dearborn as our own "wheels" return from a highly successful tour of the "Everglade State".

A goodly turnout and an enjoyable evening were the key notes at our well attended and well represented octet contest on March 11. Emcee Roger Craig came through with flying colors, as usual.

Another reminder...the Michigan District Regional contests and convention will be held April 29 - May 1 at the Dearborn Inn and Edsel Ford High School. Plan now to attend.

Remember...quartet promotion a go go.

reporter: frank colosimo

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Lang Named Barbershopper Of The Year

Flint chapter enjoyed two regular meetings in February, which saw our attendance and new member contest start off with unusually good attendance, also the quartet contest is creating lots of interest.



A tri-chapter meeting of Flint, Holly-Fenton and Saginaw was held on February at Fenton. Several members of the Pontiac chapter were in attendance so about 90 men had an enjoyable evening. Highlights of the evening were the presentation of a trophy to Chase Sanborn by the Holly-Fenton chapter in appreciation of his many contributions to area barbershopping and the Flint chapter presentation of the Barbershopper of the Year plaque to Les Lang.

March promises lots of activities plus preparation for our Parade of Harmony on April 2, at Grand-Blanc High School.

April will bring, besides our show, the regional contest at Dearborn. It looks like an active spring.

reporter: les lang

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Three Rivers Back In The Fold And Active

The Three Rivers Chapter would like to take this opportunity to tell everyone in the Michigan District that we are a full fledged chapter once again.

We signed up seven new members in January and four more applications are out and we haven't even started our membership drive yet.

We had a capacity audience of 400 people at our Ladies and Guests Night on February 5. We want to thank the Wolfe Cubs and the Merri Men for putting on a wonderful show.

We agree fully with the Michigan District that chapters must be active to stay alive; so for March 14, we invited the Sturgis Sweet Adelines over and in April we are having a Ladies Night and quartet contest with five local quartets competing.

In May, we are having our annual Strawberry Shortcake Feed which is open to the public.

Our quartet and chorus are singing benefit engage-

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ELLEN HARRINGTON

The Detroit Yachtsman's annual Ladies Night attracted an enthusiastic, capacity crowd. Among those present were Eric Schultz, George Ryan, Tony Scooros, Messrs. and Mesdames Ernest J. Dossin, Ron Filter, John Baker, Doug Brown, Bob Hermes, Kenneth Palmer, Bill Montgomery, Bob Bensinger, Pete Wayne, Doc Schnell, George Levette, Lisle Melvin, Charles Sharrer, Kenneth Carter, Bob Young, Ed Hebert, Ed Hock, Jay Gonyeau, John Thueurkorn, Paul Ross, Bill DiMaria, Pat Ryan, Vic Favier, Duncan Hannah, Frank Tritle, Bud Dashiell, Robert Wharton, Sam Cushman, Tom Cushman, Dave Young, Charles Knorpp, Red Shaw, Roger Craig, Dale Clisby, Bill Wilcos, Tom Pollar, Norm Thompson, Gene Bulka, Ron DuMonthier and many more.

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Dearborn's annual show was outstanding and very well attended. Seen enjoying the event were Edwin S. Smith, Merrill Bird, Hoopy Arthur, Virgil Duke, Clay Jones, Eric Schultz, Ed Conn, Nich Kyptyk, Harold Coughenour, George Hoke, Al Rehkop, Clint Bostick, Len Johnson, Doug Beaver, Bill Butler, Gene Bulka, Al Maier, Ron DuMonthier, Tony Scooros, Jim Davenport and Messrs. and Mesdames Bob Stone, Glenn Van Tassell, Cecil Craig, Bill Smyth, Frank Tritle, Lou Kapczi, Sam Vasuu, Thurm Slack, Roger Craig, Carl Kahlke, Tony Chiodo, Vic Favier, Elmer Koening, Aarne Olkkonen, Bob Weaver, George Adams, John Seemann, Dave Young, George Meinschein, Bill Wilcox, Norm Shamus, Bill Juchartz, Tom Pollard, Dale Clixby, Paul Eberwein, Norm Thompson, Bill Warner, Bill Favinger, Norm Hoemke and many more.

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Congratulations to the Sodts of Jackson on the birth of their son.

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery to C. D. Sanborn of Pontiac who was hospitalized due to a heart attack.

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ments for logopedics and we will be sending in a check soon for at least \$100.00.

We may have some news for the next Troubadour that will benefit the entire district. And to think that a month ago, they were trying to kick us out of the Society.

We certainly want to thank E. A. Vande Zande of the Battle Creek chapter for his stirring speech on our behalf. We hope we can continue to prove him right.

reporter: george dieffenderfer

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



Ann Arbor Signs Nine New Members



(Ed. Note) Sorry Jim but I just couldn't help myself

You can't know what you are missing until you have attended a "fourth Friday" meeting of the Ann Arbor chapter led by "Red" Cosgrove. Red, as program vice president, is just one of the top-notch men that old time barbershopper and new forward looking president John Hancock has picked to help him get results. Results we are already seeing too. Let's look at what just two months under this leadership have done:

Membership has jumped from 25 to 34 men. Obviously, if we and membership vice president Pete Forsythe can just keep that up, we could have 79 members by the end of the year and 565 men in 10 years to make us the society's largest chapter.

Our chorus is meeting the first and third Tuesdays for serious study under musical director Gene Oliver. Gene is proving that you can have a ball being serious.

Wayne/Ann Arbor member, Marty Schlenker, has been serving up grub that is enough in itself to bring a visitor back enough times to join our organization.

Members are now voluntarily contributing to what may well be the society's first voluntary dues increase as recommended by treasurer Sumner Maule and our board of directors. This is in anticipation of...Incorporation of the chapter. When we have accomplished this, we will have realized a dream of some five or six years.

We in the Ann Arbor chapter are so proud of our one working quartet, the Arbor City Four, that dime to doughnuts, we'll be reporting in with a couple of new quartets pretty soon.

We, in the Ann Arbor chapter, are proud of the progress we have made in these last couple of months and feel we are just started.

We welcome Guy Bennett, our newest member, who has transferred in from North Carolina.

reporter: james o. davenport

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Battle Creek Plans Guest Night

During the month of February, the chapter installed its new officers in a very impressive ceremony. Van Vande Zande acted as installing officer very ably. The officers installed were Merle Clayton, president; Roger Lewis, program vice president; Jim Hoglen, administrative vice president; Dick Spear, secretary and Hank Clay as treasurer. Roger Knapp was presented his pin as immediate past president. The new officers were presented the charge and accepted the responsibility of always endeavoring to improve barbershopping in Battle Creek and Michigan with unbounded enthusiasm.

The Battle Creek Chapter wants to invite all barber-



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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 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 Muskegon
May 7, 1966	Niles-Buchanan Parade
May 7, 1966	Bush League Contest Boyne City
May 14, 1966	Utica-Rochester Parade
June 4, 1966	Detroit Moonlight Excursion
July 15, 1966	Gratiot County Parade
September 24, 1966	Fruit Belt Parade
September 24, 1966	District Contest and Convention Holland
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1966	Lansing Parade
October 29, 1966	Detroit Parade
November 5, 1966	

shoppers and wives to the eleventh annual Night of Harmony to be held at Kellogg Auditorium on March 26 at 8:00 p.m. This show promises to be an evening to remember with the Mid States Four, the Citations and from our own great Michigan District, the Extension Chords and local talent. There will be seats available at the door or they could be ordered from any Battle Creek barbershopper at \$2.00 and \$1.50 each. All seats are reserved.

On March 28, two days after our show, we have a guest night scheduled at the Post Tavern Motor Inn in downtown Battle Creek. We are looking forward to having our current Michigan District Champions, the 4-Fits on hand to keep the festivities rolling and we would welcome all barbershoppers to Battle Creek for this night of fun and singing.

The Battle Creek chapter, along with their Hounds-a-howling, will be visiting another chapter in Zone II on their regular meeting night sometime in April. If it turns out to be your chapter, will you have more members than guests present?????

reporter: bob dixon