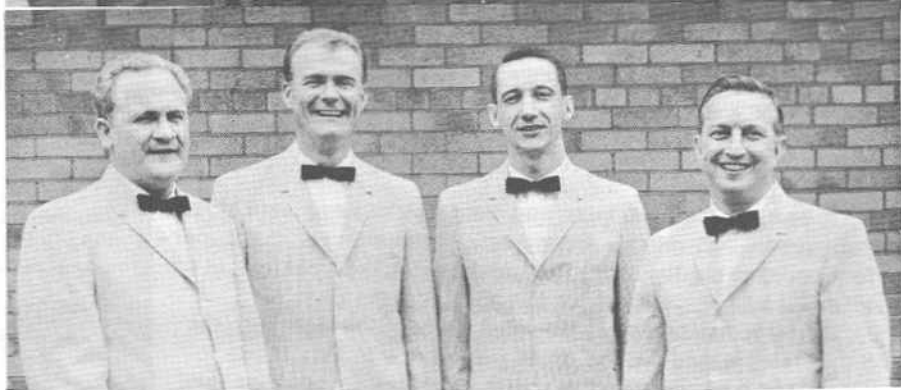


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from  
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It was all the Dearborn and Detroit chapters said it was going to be and more. Every detail was carried out to perfection, making the 1966 Regional one of the greatest in a long list of great Michigan District conventions.

It started with a well attended delegate's meeting, the contents of which can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Prizes and surprises were in evidence throughout the weekend as were the almost forgotten faces of many grand

old barbershoppers who graced the convention.

Past International President, Wayne Foor and his lovely wife, attended all events with Mr. Foor giving inspiring talks at both the delegate's meeting and the evening finals, during which he congratulated the Michigan District for their work in the logopedic field.

The contests were well attended. The quartet contest found 12 acts competing. After the Auto Towners it was a close race. What can you say about the Auto Towners? They have all the poise, polish and talent it takes to go all the way and I for one pick them as our next International Champions. The Four Fits sang their usual fine performance, and won the second spot as our representatives in the International Competition. The Close Chorders sang very well but lost points on a time penalty. The Treble-shooters, with Bernie Smith filling in the bass, did a very commendable job and placed as alternates. The Wonderlads sang very well in the preliminaries but faltered in the finals. Also singing very well were the Motor City Slickers, the Key Rings, the Imperials, the Aftershaves, the Aging Four, the Country Gentlemen and the Mello Aires.

The chorus contest found 12 chapters vying for the District Championship. Detroit won it going away with Bill Butler waving some 60 men into first place. Kalamazoo sang very well as did Oakland County.

The Muskegon Port City Chorus, our International chorus representatives, sang three numbers on the evening show. The combined choruses of Dearborn and Detroit joined up to fill the auditorium with some great sounds with Butler and Dahlke both taking a crack at directing.

The pre-glo and after-glo were both well attended and were run smoothly. Everywhere you looked there were people



and people



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



and people



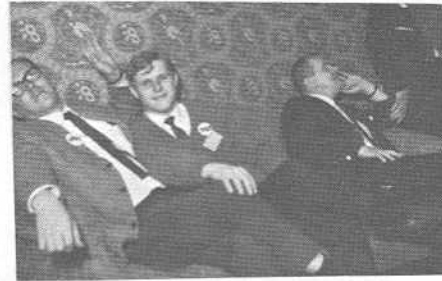
The ladies everywhere are talking about getting reservations for the October District Contest which is to be held in Holland.



singing was everywhere



Pascher directed - Barrett guards the suds - Wayne Foor receives gift - Ford Co. representative gives new fords to lucky barbershoppers for a week.



The Lucas boys. Mike, Bob and Don seem to be running down a little as does Bob Stone.



Some of you will remember this smiling face and when



Troubadour called it a night. it looked like this.

To the general chairman on down the line to the many who took part in making this convention the fine one it was, the Troubadour proudly tips its hat to a job well done.

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## BUSH LEAGUE RESULTS

Word received just as Troubadour was going to press reveals that this years Bush League was bigger and better than ever. Winners in the quartet contest were the Rafter Ringers from Grand Rapids. Second spot went to the Kasual 'D quartet from Muskegon and third place was won by the Cross Towners from Saginaw. Named "King of the Bush League" was Gene Gillem. A complete write-up about the entire affair will be forthcoming in next issue.





AUTO TOWNERS - REPRESENTATIVES

WONDERLADS  
KEY RINGS



FOUR FITS - REPRESENTATIVES

CLOSE CHORDERS  
MOTOR CITY SLICKERS





TREBLESHOOTERS - ALTERNATES

PRELIMINARIES	VE		ARR		HA		BAB		SP	SUB* TOTAL	PEN.	TOTAL
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Auto-Towners	79	78	68	71	85	77	73	74	163	768		768
Four Fits	70	67	49	50	62	60	67	68	149	642		642
Close Chords	64	70	46	58	62	70	51	58	150	629		629
Wonderlads	66	70	47	47	64	66	60	60	136	616		616
Trebleshooters	64	59	52	48	58	51	52	56	156	596		596
Motor City Slickers	58	56	38	39	64	69	43	31	124	542		542
Key Rings	54	57	44	48	56	50	50	52	115	530		530
Imperials	45	50	34	32	41	44	48	52	80	426		426
Aftershave	47	46	39	36	50	45	39	38	82	422		422
Agine Four	32	37	37	36	39	39	40	36	98	384		384
Country Gentlemen	45	34	38	36	32	30	36	32	89	374		374
Mello Aires	35	35	36	36	44	32	35	40	85	378	-85	293
FDALS												PREV. PTS. TOTAL
Auto Towners	81	77	74	76	80	81	79	81	165	794		768 1562
Four Fits	65	71	56	47	60	57	54	56	157	623		642 1265
Trebleshooters	69	71	58	59	58	61	53	54	152	635		596 1231
Close Chords	67	71	55	58	70	73	63	60	123	640	-70	570 629 1199
Wonderlads	61	57	52	48	60	55	51	50	129	563		616 1179
Motor City Slickers	68	60	44	40	62	52	56	58	125	565		542 1107
Key Rings	55	60	50	52	54	50	55	50	127	553		530 1083

**ON THE COVER**

The faces beaming at you from the cover of this issue of Troubadour are not the faces of the happy winners in the regional competition just completed in Dearborn. They are in fact the happy faces of the five quartets that failed to make the finals. Why are they featured and not the win-

ners? Along with the Auto Towners and the Four Fits, this editor feels that these are the quartets that made the convention a real success. These fellows entered the competition knowing full well that their chances of outsinging the winners were very slim, but they did enter. They got their kicks out of singing in a contest and they gained experience that can be gained only by competing in such a contest and they took their defeat like real champions.

It was in the last contest that we didn't have enough quartets entered for any quartet not to make the finals. This is a great start in the right direction. We are a cinch to have twenty quartets competing in the Holland contest next October.

The Troubadour tips its hat to all twelve quartets who gave their best in the Dearborn competition and tips it twice to the featured five on the cover.

Do me a favor will you? Take a minute of your time and fill out this form and mail it to me at 526 E. Lincoln Ave., Zeeland, Michigan 49464. I need the information and pictures for promotion of the convention in Holland and in the Troubadour. Don't put it off...do it RIGHT NOW. Thanks...you just saved me a \$100.00 phone bill.

OUR QUARTET IS GOING TO

**SING**

IN THE OCTOBER DISTRICT CONTEST  
IN HOLLAND

QUARTET NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT MAN \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

**Windsor "Hisses" Booming Economy**

After months of looking forward to competing at our "Sing Into Spring" contest, especially by our new members, the Sun Parlor Chorus had to forego this pleasure due to limited attendance at recent rehearsals and possibly at the contest. Even part of City Hall is working overtime.

However, we are carrying on with our rehearsals for our sing-outs. The next one is for Leamington's Home for Senior Citizens in May and we hope to be present in full force in Holland in the fall.

You all know about tag-quartets, but tagging chorus directors is something else again. We enjoyed this experience on April 22 at our visit to Monroe chapter, when five chorus directors alternately led a combined chorus of Toledo, Jackson, Wayne, Windsor and Monroe chapters. Among the highly entertaining quartets were the Town Criers from Wayne, a new quartet from Jackson, the Chordeliers from Toledo and the Merry Matics from Windsor. What a memorable night.

May holds two visitations for Windsor. One to Dearborn and one to Pontiac. Both are eagerly anticipated.

reporter: ted verwey

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## From the Pen of the President



Progressive organizations always look ahead, the things that were accomplished yesterday are the things that are to be surpassed today. They are only the stepping stones for tomorrow's new achievements. However, allow me to go back to the Michigan District convention of April 29 to May 1, hosted by the Dearborn and Detroit chapters long enough to say hats off for a job well done. Hats off to every committee chairman and to the host of men who carried out every detail that he was assigned to. Hats off to every chorus, every director, every quartet and to each and every member who attended the convention. Hats off to the many wives who accompanied their husbands. Hats off to the judges, timers, delegates and to Wayne Foor, who gave us words of encouragement and a standing ovation to our convention chairman, Pat Ryan, who did a magnificent job coordinating every detail and making this convention the success it was. The Michigan District can be justly proud for it has proven that through cooperative effort "it can be done."

We have proven we can work together in harmony and we know that if we practice the same song we can sing together in harmony. Well, you prove this to me at the Holland convention by removing the center pages of this issue of the Troubadour. A new song, words and music by Roger Craig, written for the Michigan District and take it to chorus practice and learn it...sing it...let's convince everyone that its fun to sing in Michigan. If we can do that I am sure Roger will be most pleased and maybe he will direct the community singing at our fall convention just to see if you really know it.

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## Barbershopping Loses Proud Booster

The ten line death notice ended its inconspicuous presence in local newspapers as the busy world pressed on towards its material goals. When William A. Craig passed on on April 3, the Chapter of Champions, in particular, and barbershopping, in general, lost a fine, fine friend. The memory of the slight old man's angelic smile will remain vivid in the hearts of loyal Dearborn troubadours for many years. The bubbling pride he exuded as "his" Chordomatic Chorus entertained his friends at the Allen Park Convalescent Home at Christmas will be an eternal tribute to him and an everlasting inspiration to us all.

The personal grief in his passing experienced by his son, Cecil, and his grandchildren, Roger and Robert, was shared equally by members of this chapter. Past-president, Cecil, long has been an active "sparkplug"...one of the workhorses of the chapter. He also is a longtime, loyal quartet man singing lead with the Detroit Taggers.

Past-president, Roger, devotes much time to the cause being a former chorus director. A "sparkplug" like his dad, he sang base with the Aire-Males. Robert, former Detroit and Dearborn chorus director, also sang bass and baritone with the Sharpkeepers.

Men like Cecil, Roger and Robert serve as the enviable living examples of our fine organization. A man like William serves as an everlasting symbol of the joy and pleasure our organization can muster.

"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

With heavy hearts we forged ahead with plans for the district convention. The crispness in the air carried into the contest arena as the events were the biggest success ever. You missed a sure bet if you hesitated a moment to attend all the sessions.

Our district, the finest in the Society, can be mighty proud of the likes of Bill Warner, Glenn Van Tassell, Pat Ryan and Carl Dahlke. These men gladly shared the tremendous burden of this undertaking. Many more loyal Detroiters and Dearbornites worked feverishly with no spotlight to produce a magnificent show.

Our own Auto Towners "beep-beeped" their way to the top as what could only be "the start of something new?"

We are mighty proud of our AfterShaves, Ed Conn, bass; Clay Jones, baritone; Scottie Davies, lead and George Meinschein, tenor for their showing in the contest. Hard workers these guys, going places.

Convention momentum carried the Chord-O-Matic Chorus to a standing ovation on May 5, after the finale of a performance before the 32nd annual conference meeting of the Industrial Management Clubs of the YMCA in convention in the Crystal Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. Forty chorus members and the "wheels" basked in the warmth of the reception. Bobbie Bostick gave her usual fine assist and was justly "petalled" by the audience.

Dearborn is on the move; mystery bus trip, visitations, outdoor meeting, hospital entertainment and convention attendance all planned for the summer.

Let's all recruit, plug and boost our "Keep America Singing" goal in memory of the likes of William A. Craig.

reporter: frank colosimo

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## Insomniacs Sing For Niles-Buchanan

April found the Niles-Buchanan boys out beating the bushes for advertising copy and loot for the recent May 6 show, which of course is now history. This really is not an excuse for the Gateway Chorus missing the convention in Dearborn. Would you believe we weren't ready?

We paid a visit to the Kalamazoo chapter on the 15th of April. This was a lot of fun and there were umpteen quartets hogging the spotlight. The Bucksters met and remembered their old tenor, Tom Severs, but found out they had forgotten a song.

Speaking of visits...Fruitbelt and the ever beautiful Bill Hansen dropped in on us the other night. They deposited that certain thing and slipped away after scuttling a very serious evening in Niles. Incidentally, it was very pleasant to see and hear the Insomniacs back in action again. Even though they belong to the Fruit Belt Chapter, they are good.

These chapter visits are terrific and certainly turn a routine evening into a riot. Barbershoppers are a friendly bunch(except at a quartet clinic) so when you get a large group together...well...you know...you're one.

reporter: vic viganaky



## Detroit "Moonlight" Scheduled July 15

In the words of Eric Schultz, our Michigan District President, "Michigan barbershoppers are on the move." We are waking up to the fact that in order to grow we have to quit being self-fish and tell our friends about this great hobby of ours.

We, at Detroit #1, are doing just that. Our roster has swelled to 99 members. At this writing we have 70 singing men in our chorus and more are on the way.



When you attend one of our chorus sessions you can feel the enthusiasm and warmth abound from these members making anyone who passes through these portals feel welcome and at home.

Detroit Chapter #1 is proud to have won the Michigan District championship in Dearborn, but we feel this is the first stop to our goal, which is to represent the Michigan District in California at the International competition in 1967.

While we are on the subject of competition, I for one would like to thank the members of Detroit and Dearborn chapters for making this past regional competition one of the finest and best organized competitions it has been my pleasure to attend.

Now, back to the subject...Our goal at Detroit is not only to represent Michigan but to also break into the top five categories. To do this we need more voices, so if you have a friend or neighbor who has not been exposed to our great hobby, bring him over and we will make him feel at home.

We would also like to publicly give praise to two great fellows who are working extremely hard for our chorus... Bill Butler, our stout hearted leader who has taken much ribbing, and also Dunc Wallace who has taken over as chorus chairman. Dunc has done an excellent job replacing Pat Ryan, who is now our Michigan District Vice President.

Up to this point we are of the opinion that Detroit #1 is only a chorus chapter. Guess again. We had two complete Detroit quartets, The Imperials and the Motor City Slickers. We also had members in four other groups, the Wonderlads, Close Chorders, Trebleshooters and the Four Fits. We have many more groups on the way which you may not have heard as yet, such as the Tune Abouts. One thing sure...if you want to sing...we want you.

Now is the time to start making plans for our annual Barbershopper's Moonlight to be held on the 3rd Friday in July, that is July 15. Let's get a group together and have a ball. Tickets are now available.

reporter: jon wearing

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Roger

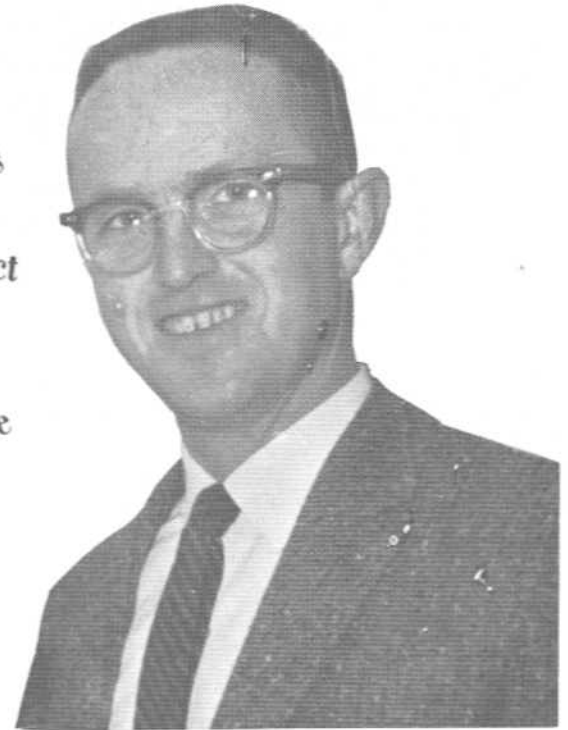
Craig  
Presents

District

"Song

of the

Year"



Something we Michigan barbershoppers have always known is that "The Singing's Fun In Michigan" but have we convinced enough of our audiences of the fact? Why not do the convincing in song. Enclosed in this issue of the Troubadour is an effort to do just that. It sure looks good on paper but the proof is in the singing. Pull out the center pages and take it to your next chapter or chorus meeting and put the thing to use. There is a lot of good rhythm in it and the message is just what we want to tell everyone.

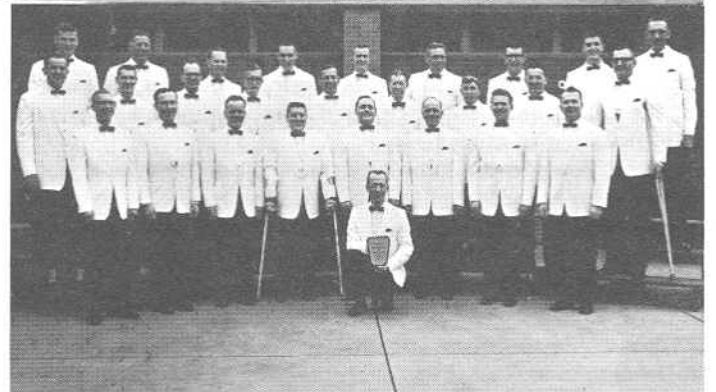
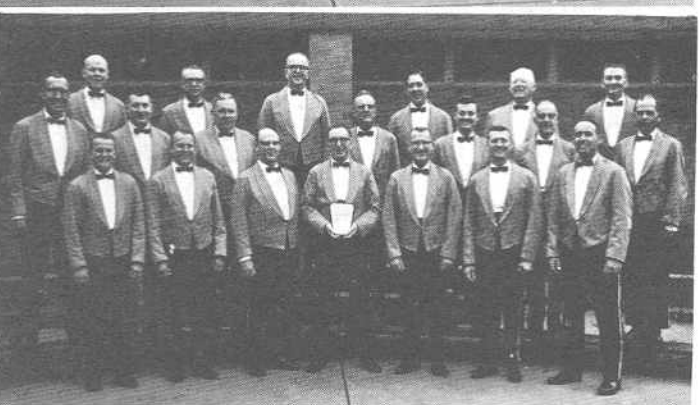
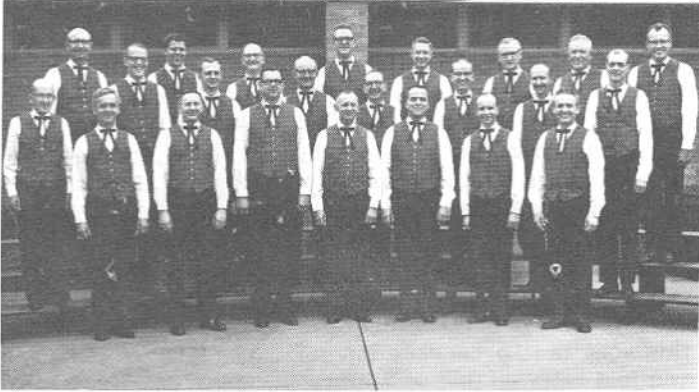
The most important thing to remember when singing this song is to pronounce Michigan as "MichiGUN." (Now you just gotta do that or nothing rhymes.) After you have accomplished that feat have some fun with the introduction which is a parody of "Christmas Tree, My Christmas Tree" and many other songs. Tenors and baritones get some real kicks on the end of this. Put a little hold on the word "love". Then you leads can take right over by setting up the chorus with some lively pick-up notes on "We're proud to". Basses come into their own pretty soon with some short (but beautiful) solos and away it goes. The whole tune should move moderately fast and should sound rhythmical at all times. (Come on you guys don't sing like a bunch of stiffs; loosen up.) Once the chorus starts, keep the tempo constant right to the last note.

You will notice that I probably left your chapter out of the lyrics. Now there are only so many notes in the song so don't blame me. You hereby have the author's permission to insert your own chapter's name anywhere it fits best. (Go on...be a composer.)

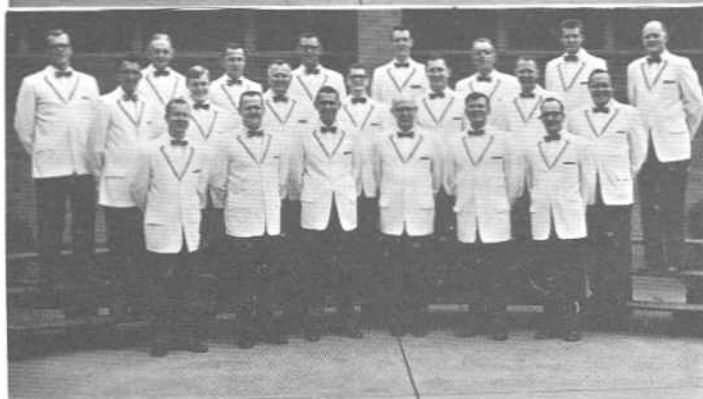
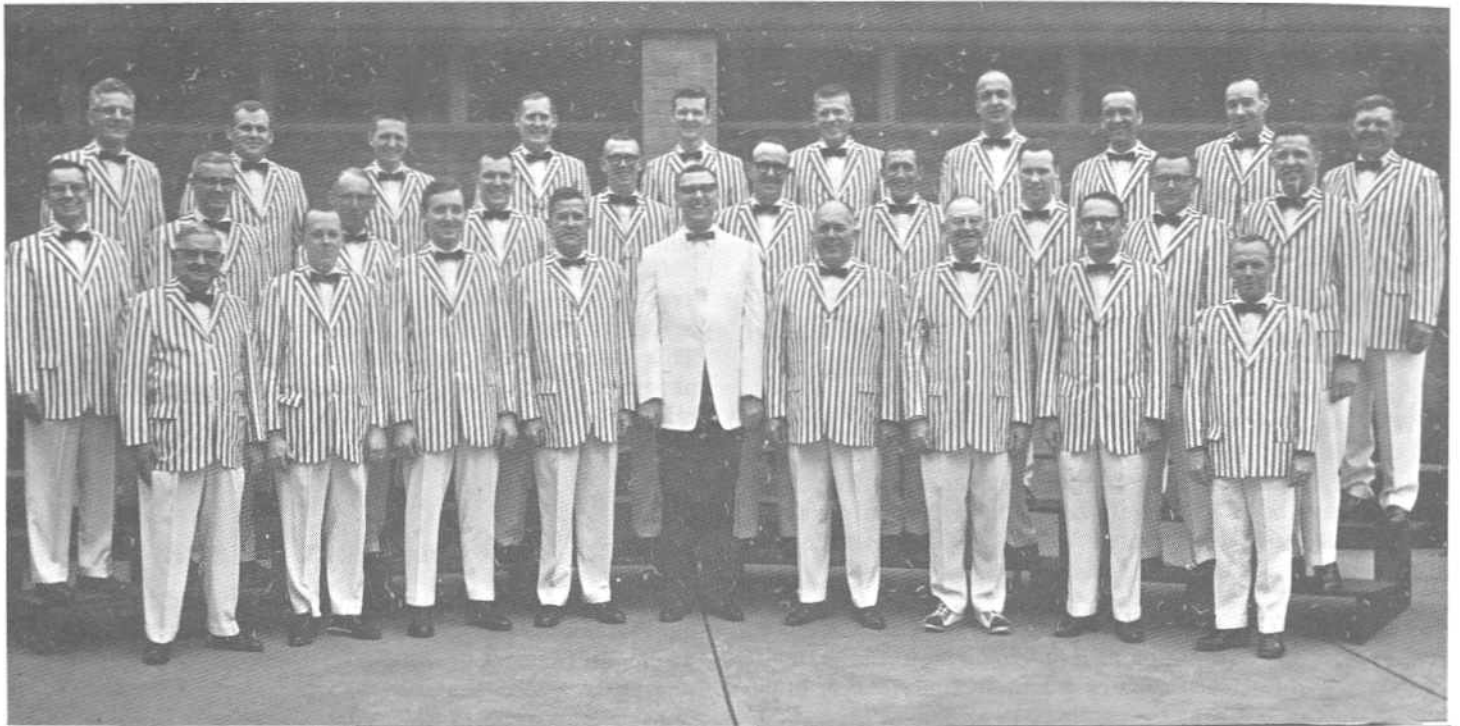
Being an old Wayne State University grad it really hurt to put "Hail To The Victors" in the tag but it fit nicely so there you are. Now if the song feels a little high that's good because it sounds better up there. However, for all the "chicken choruses" feel free to do it in good ole B Flat.

I hope you enjoy the 1966 "Michigan District Song of the Year". Nothing would please me more than hearing about one thousand Michigan men raising the roof with it at the next convention. You know, the singing really is fun in Michigan.

Roger Craig







	VE		APR		HA		E&B		SP	TOTAL
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Motor City Detroit No. 1	76	76	68	64	68	67	72	70	158	719
Kalamazoo Kalamazoo	68	73	65	68	69	75	65	56	140	679
Bartary Host Oakland County	76	73	60	62	69	68	66	65	123	662
Timberland Chordsmen Saginaw	68	77	40	59	68	67	67	66	118	630
Great Lakes Grand Rapids	70	69	50	70	54	60	57	58	125	613
Holland Windmill Holland	68	70	62	62	64	59	50	52	99	586
Gleemen Grosse Pointe	59	73	58	56	51	45	60	58	120	580
Fruit Belt Fruit Belt	55	60	56	52	62	59	57	56	115	572
Clinatories Utica-Rochester	58	62	48	50	48	51	51	53	113	534
Holly-Fenton Holly-Fenton	39	38	50	50	48	49	48	50	98	470
International Sault Ste. Marie	38	42	42	42	43	40	40	50	110	456
Huron Valley Milford	38	33	39	36	40	35	40	40	80	381



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

With awarding of the 1967 Spring convention to Jackson and the 1967 Fall convention to Windsor, bids are now solicited for the 1968 Spring and Fall conventions...the dates of which have been tentatively set by International for April 26-28, 1968 and October 18-20, 1968. Please forward your bids to the office of the District Secretary.

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The District owes a vote of thanks to the committee in charge of the convention at Dearborn and to the entire Dearborn and Detroit chapters for their contribution in staging one of the best conventions in Michigan District history. It was well attended and with 12 quartets and 18 choruses entered, the entry list was the largest of any in the District's history.

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A committee headed by Matt Calderwood offered a pleasant surprise at the Afterglow. A representative of Ford Motor Company presented the use of 15 Fords for a week and another 15 Ford cars for a weekend to lucky winners which were determined by lucky tickets placed under chairs in the hall. A dozen miniature battery-operated Mustangs were also presented at the House of Delegates meeting.

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Past International President Wayne Foor and Mrs. Foor of Rochester, New York were the official representatives of International at the convention, and we are sure that his report of the convention will be a favorable one.

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The following changes have been made in chapter officers and should be changed in the directories:

Gratiot County Secretary: Fred Hanson, 4498 Arcadia, Alma. Oakland County Secretary: Robert McDermott, 1859 Maryland, Birmingham. Saginaw President: William Dolezel, 708 Marsac, Bay City, Phone 892-0081.

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**Lansing Fish Fry June 24**

A few weeks ago we sang a program for the Senior Citizens Sunset Club of Lansing. Our own Merri Men sang a few songs and more than delighted everyone with their usual high quality of showmanship. I think everyone enjoyed doing the program as the chords really rang. On March 21 we had a tri-chapter meeting with Jackson and Greenville coming to Lansing. There was lots of good singing and woodshedding and everyone had a real good time. The Greenville chorus shook the building with a few songs. We had another tri-chapter meeting May 9 at Jackson along with Battle Creek. On May 16 we had Flint chapter visit Lansing. We have hopeful plans to visit Alma in the future.

April 18 we held our Old Timers Night, which was a real success. We had a good turnout of members and

"old timers" (past members) who enjoyed lots of good singing while snacking on hot dogs and sauerkraut. Our special thanks go to the Aging Four from Lansing and the Rafter Ringers from Grand Rapids for providing some great entertainment. Their singing was enjoyed by all.

The plans for our annual fish fry are shaping up good. It is being held on June 24 this year at the same place... The Ingham County Conservation Club. We are planning something a little different this year with a little singing competition. All attending choruses and any quartets available are invited to compete for one of the 1st, 2nd or 3rd place trophies to be given away in each category. This also will add to the entertainment portion of our program. Of course, there will be plenty of fish-n-trimmings for all.

Congratulations to Jackson for a real great show.  
reporter: stew sigourney

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**Jackson Sings For Queen Pageant**

Congratulations to the Auto Towners and Four Fits, quartet winners at Dearborn, who will represent the Michigan District at Chicago and to the Trebleshooters who earned the alternate spot. The Close Chorders, Jackson's sentimental favorites, dropped from a close second place standing to fourth in the evening finals due to an overtime situation in scoring. You will make it next year fellows.



Congratulations to director Bill Butler and the Motor City Chorus for doing a fine job in winning the Michigan District chorus championship, and to Burt Szabo and his Kalamazoo chorus for taking the junior championship.

Congratulations to Dearborn and Detroit chapters for a wonderful convention. We at Jackson were honored and pleased to be awarded this convention for next Spring which will be held April 14-16, 1967.

I guess while I am congratulating all over the place... the same goes to general chairman Dan LaBumbard and the whole Jackson chapter for the tremendously successful Parade of Harmony we had April 16, featuring the Buffalo Bills. We had an overflow crowd. Enough said.

The Jackson chapter will host the Battle Creek and Lansing chapters on May 9 at the Holiday Inn. May 27 will be "mystery night" at Jackson with special guests coming. June 3 we go to Milford and to Pontiac on June 17.

Notice...instead of June 11, it is June 18 the Jacksonaires Chorus sings for the Queens Pageant of the annual Rose Festival.

reporter: ed hilden

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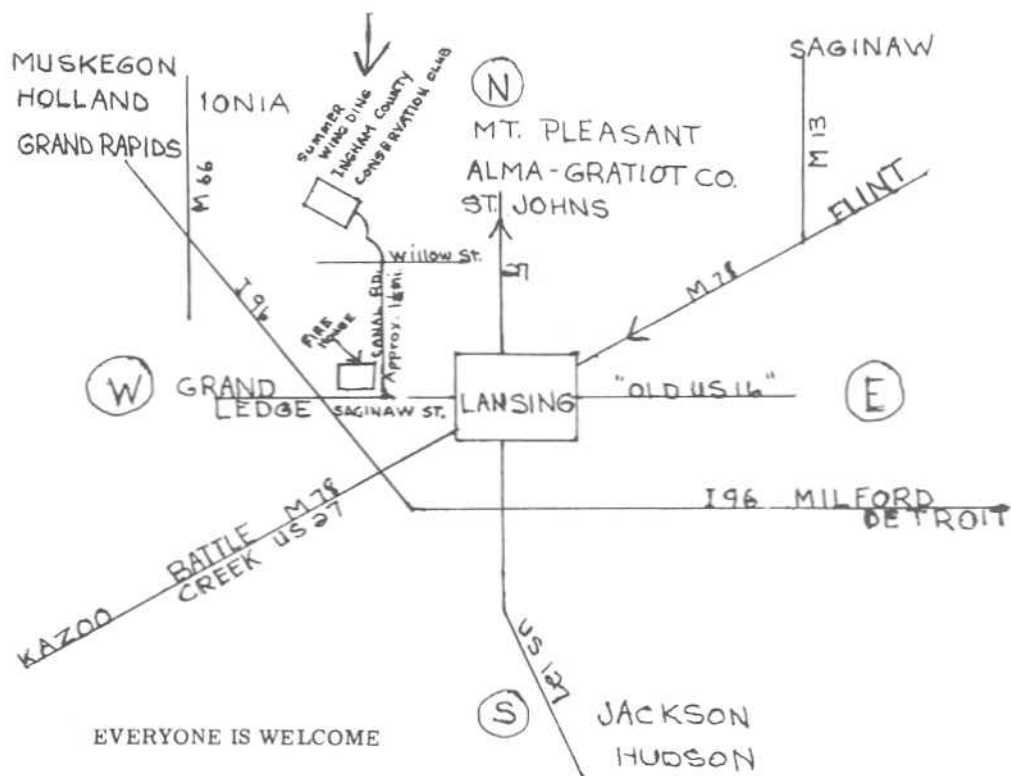
## JUNE 24, 1966

BUFFET FROM 7:30 PM UNTIL ?

Chorus *and* Quartet Contest / APPROPRIATE TROPHIES

### ***EVERYONE INVITED!***

## Ingham County Conservation Club







**THE  
FEMININE  
OBSERVER**

ELLEN HARRINGTON



Dearborn and Detroit chapters did a splendid job of hosting the Spring convention. Michigan was honored with the presence of Past International President Wayne Foor and his lovely wife, Jeanette, from Rochester, New York. Among the past District presidents in attendance were Gordon Grant, Robert Walker, Edwin S. Smith, Mark Roberts, Loton Willson, Lou Harrington, Halley Dion, William Hansen and Al Burgess.

Hard-working committees included Tom Tompos, Nick Kiptyk, Harold Sepull, William Smith, Ed Conn, Clayton Jones, Bill Wilcox, Bob Rock, as well as Messrs. and Mesdames E. E. Ryan, Matt Calderwood, Art Schulze, Don Ferguson, Frank Tritle, Otto Vogel, Robert Stone, Carl Dahlke, Glenn Van Tassell, Clint Bostick, Roger Craig, Bert West, Larry King, Bill Warner, Lou Kapczi, Elmer Koenig, Aarne Olkkonen, Tom Olkkonen, Bill Smyth, Sam Vasiu, George Acree, Ralph Schirmer, Ray Smith, Nick Zito and Dunc Wallace.

Contestants included Mike Lucas, Don Lucas, Bob Lucas, Don Hall, Cal Verduin, Chet Oonk, Mike Gonk, Bill Whippen, Don Bazely, Robert Biasi, Gus Reeves, Art Rutz, William Wild Sr., William Wild Jr., Lou Walley, Ed Berry, Harold Seely, Russ Seely, Ray McCalpin, Marv Burke, John Wearing, Gordon Robinson, Art Strom, Lee Thomas, Harold Sweeney, Bob Glover, Frank Batson, Doug Beaver, Len Johnson, Stan Salter, Gordon Dubrul, Hank DeVries, Gene Bulka, Marshall Hill, Emrys Davies, Paul Stotz, Don Poirier, Bubb Riggs, Carl Restivo, Mike Arnone, Jim Gross, Austin Miller, Ed Holtz, Vince Kornstein, S.L. Gladfelter, Rudy Loudenslager, Ron Jones, Dick Liddicoatt, Al Davenport, Al Rehkop, Tony Scooros, Gil Bugh, Earl Keith, Lou Mahacek and Herman Diekema.

Enjoying the events were Eric Schultz, Tom Grove, Burt Szabo, E. A. Vande Zande, Gene Gillem, Paul Eberwein, Del Doctor, Ted Verway, Lisle Melvin, Ray Meurer, Chuck Sherwood, Norm Schram, Jerry Reid, Bud Kepler, William Pascher, Jerry LeRoux, Bob Farrington, John Thomas, Virgil Duke, Bob Hart, Webb Scrivnor, Ted Robbins, Al Maier, Dick Palmer, Bob Murphy, John Hancock, Harold Coughenour, Emmerson Sperling, Bill Wickstrom, Bud Dubrul and Messrs. and Mesdames Cliff MacLean, Willis Butler, Jack Oonk, R. J. Schied, Doran MacTaggart, John Klaiber, Henry Morehead, Ernest Dossin, Royal Zerbe, Duane Mosier, Lowell Wolfe, Grant Wright, Howard Spear, Robert Campbell, Norm Thompson, Tom Elderkin, Bob McDermott, William Amperse, Ron DuMonthier, Art Linde, Bob Luscombe, Ed McCarthy, Bob Mulligan, Bob Winters, Cliff Jorgenson, Bernie Smith, Dave Russell, R. R. Ryan, Lowell Thomas, Bob Whitledge, Henry Wiechman, George Meinshein, Wally Joure, Ed Lilly, Pete Elkins and Dick Lee.

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Grand Rapids again attracted such former residents as Don Dobson from Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin

Brower from California, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tiggelman from Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Cy Perkins from Illinois.

Among others seen enjoying the events were Dave Goetshal, Emmerson Sperling, William Wild Sr., Don Lucas, Don Hall, Cal Verduin, Sid Helder, Peter Pell, Bud Klaiber, Bob Sorensen, Ed Berry, Richard Palmer, Russ Seely, Marv Burke, John Wearing, Ray McCalpin, Lowell Wolfe, Roger Lewis, Dr. Wm. Clark, Howard Spear and Messrs. and Mesdames Gordon Hall, William Wild Jr., Byron Dodge, Tom Elderkin, Ed Gaikema, Robert Walker, Jack Klaiber, W. Stahr, Pete Elkins, Jim Horton, Bob Jetlma, Bart Tillett, Stuart Palmer, Ed Laux, Royal Zerbe, Chet Oonk, Bill Diekema, Ken Childs, Jerry VerVeer, Lyle Jordan, Lou Mahacek and many more.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tompos of Detroit on the birth of their daughter, Dawn Marie. Congratulations and best wishes to Peter Springer of the Detroit chapter and his lovely bride, Liz Thoresen. It is also rumored that Bob Kile of the Detroit chapter will join the married ranks in September.

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## Flint Continues Tremendous Chapter Work

April was a month of many activities. The Flint Parade of Harmony featured the Grenadiers, Merri-Men, ForTune Tellers, Reminisce Sirs and the Flint chorus. It was the best show yet and the after-glo was the best I have ever attended. Pontiac's woodshedding contest was attended by eleven Flint members...not enough to win the trophy but everyone of us had a real ball and two Flint members were on the winning quartet. Dwight Hammer and Ron Sawdon of Flint, Bill Bishoff of Holly-Fenton and Jack Stephan from Saginaw walked off with the badges for best quartet of the evening.



Our regular meeting on April 26 turned out to be a real whing-ding, thanks to the appearance of the Resonaires from Pontiac and the Key Rings from Saginaw plus our area vice president, Gene Gillem. Gene officially presented our 1965 chapter officers with their beautiful silver money clips. Our thanks also goes to several members from Holly-Fenton. To complete a very wonderful evening a couple of songs from our own area winning quartet. Many thanks to Ron Gillies, emcee and song leader, Rawley Hallman for directing some gang singing and Len Johnson for leading a rousing "Keep America Singing". This was barbershop at its best.

The Michigan District convention was attended and enjoyed by Mike and Bea Schied, Ron and Norma Gillies, Ray and Nola Goodall, Neil and Irene Norman and this reporter.

Our congratulations to the Auto Towners, Four Fits and Bill Butler and his Motor City Chorus.

May promises many activities. May 10 a tri-chapter meeting at Flint, May 14 Bush League contest at Boyne City, May 16 Flint visitation to Lansing, May 24, final of our attendance and membership contest. Flint has joined the district to "Sing Into Spring" and a good start on GOYESBAM.

reporter: les lang

## Verwey Reports On Delegates Meeting

The meeting of the House of Delegates was called to order by District President Eric Schultz at 9:05 p.m., April 29, 1966. The meeting opened with singing of "The Old Songs", led by Bill Pascher, after which immediate past President Al Burgess offered the convocation prayer.

Secretary Harrington conducted the roll-call which established a quorum was present.

Each chapter delegate was then supplied with a "booster button" from International.

The reading of the minutes of the District Board meeting was dispensed with as same are reported in Troubadour.

District President Eric Schultz introduced the keynote speaker, past International President, Wayne Foor. After a few statistics on membership in our district, Wayne Foor stated that we have done a very good job in Logopedics. We are now sponsoring three children in the institute and are making progress towards the fourth child. He expressed International President Reedy Wright's wish that each chapter would be up to its December 1965 membership in June 1966 and have at least on registered quartet in each chapter. Some of Wayne Foor's key points were: Barbershopping is a selling proposition. No hobby is worth anything without having some work attached to it and the load should be carried by each and every member. Desire builds energy and pride builds energy. The purpose of meeting is to learn more of your society. Sixty-eight per cent of the members that leave leave because of indifference from other members and a good slogan is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We must see the people to sell. The "booster button" displayed by most men in the room was then explained as follows: Get Out Your Enthusiasm Sell Barbershopping And Be A Millionaire.

Wayne Foor described a visit to the Logopedics Institute and recommended same to each member. A little patient came up to him and said, "I speak your name, because you sing"

Al Burgess announced he has the Logopedics film in his possession and offered it to anyone for showing to clubs etc.

Donations acknowledged were: Hudson chapter-\$26.00, Three Rivers chapter-\$150.00, other chapters and quartets have made sizeable contributions.

The vice presidents reported on their respective zones: Pat Ryan stated his aim to strengthen every chapter. New formed Zone I, staffed by two officers from each chapter this year, next year three officers. They are aiming for a bid on the 1971 International Convention in Detroit.

Mike Schied, district treasurer, reported the financial statement to be contained in the Troubadour.

Secretary Harrington thanked all chapters for their cooperation. Every chapter but one had paid its obligations. He also expressed regret for chapters lost in the district Election of officers should take place in October and results must be immediately forwarded so that the district directory can be mailed around January 1st. Spring convention for 1967 is still open and would welcome bids.

International Board Member, Al Burgess, urged support for the annual Boyne City Bush League Contest. He recommended strongly that each member of the district attend the convention in Holland this Fall.

It was stated that the cost of procuring judges for this convention is tremendous and that this expense may be inhibitive for some chapters. As there is an acute shortage

of certified judges it was recommended strongly that more barbershoppers enter into the candidate judging program.

O. B. Falls, contest and judging chairman, recommended the District Board to lend greater support to the candidate judging plan.

Dr. Stuart Anderson of the Greenville chapter, was acclaimed Michigan District Area Counselor of the Year.

Dick Simpson, president of the Jackson chapter, in making a bid for the 1967 Spring convention, commented on the fantastic growth in membership, over 30% in the last six months. He mentioned a recent successful show and all indications pointed to an abundance of enthusiasm in Jackson. High school auditorium has about 1500 seats and Dick promised "Action In Jackson".

A bid for same convention was offered by Bill Whippen for the Monroe chapter, which is two years old and has no previous convention experience. High school auditorium seats 1160 and as Monroe is mainly a farming community it was suggested that possibly a fall convention may be more suitable for them. It was decided that Jackson will host our 1967 Spring convention and Monroe would have choice of either convention in 1968 as both are open.

Meeting adjourned with "Keep America Singing" at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Windsor Chapter Delegate

*Ted Verwey*  
Ted Verwey  
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## Traveling Jug Due Home June 3

The Oakland County Chapter is preparing a gala welcome home for the wandering jug. It is due back at the June 3 meeting. Proceeds from the Jug's tour of the Michigan District will help finance the trip to Chicago for the Auto Towners and the Four Fits. Both Michigan District winners will be on hand to accept the Oakland County Chapter's send-off.

Unless the Monroe boys want to welsh on a bet, they will show up for the June 3 meeting at OCC. It was a little side bet on the Sing Into Spring chorus competition and OCC considers its third place finish more than enough to eliminate any talk about taking unfair advantage of a situation.

There is also the chance the June 3 gettogether will have an international flair. There is talk of a visit from the Windsor Chapter. It wouldn't surprise anyone with the drawing cards we've got going for us.

The celebration we started in Dearborn after the results of the competition were announced probably will still be underway on June 3.

Don't be disappointed if you missed the OCC Jug the first time around. We will give everyone another chance on June 3. See you then.

Chorus engagements: June 2 - Father and Son Banquet at All Saints Episcopal Church in Royal Oak.

reporter: joe vaughn

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copy deadline June 3



## Don Bazely Directs Sault Chorus

We were very sad to hear that Ted Spry, our former director, was being transferred by his employer to a city in Southern Ontario. Ted will certainly have joined a chorus and a quartet by the time you read this. We will miss him. His leadership, patience and keen sense of humor are, without doubt, an asset to any chapter. We wish you the happiest of futures in your new area Ted.



However, we are not lost completely. Don Bazely, a faithful and devoted member of our chapter, was able to step in and fill the vacancy.

Don is a fine fellow, an excellent musician in his own right, and one whom we are proud to call a member of our chorus. Don and his wife, Mary, have a lovely family of six children. Virginia is 10, Veronica is 9, Paul is 7, Mark is 4, James is 3 and Andrew is 1 year old.

Don is a structural engineer for Fenco. This company is at present working in affiliation with the Algona Steel Corporation in the Sault.

Don first joined barbershopping in 1956 in the 10th province of Canada, Newfoundland. The American Air Force Base there was headquarters for the chapter in the city of St. Johns. Don was one of the most active members of the chorus. In other words he was "hooked." He became a member of the Caboteers. Any Canadian who knows his history will tell you what Cabot stands for. This quartet sang in many circles in St. Johns.

Don has had an interesting life. He was raised in India and educated in English schools there. He and his family spent approximately two years in Nigeria, Africa. He wanted to start a chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. there but somehow the local inhabitants found his musical tastes considerably different to theirs. Maybe they considered him a "witch doctor".

I'm happy to say that within a week after coming to Sault Ste. Marie (April 1962) Don had joined up with #158 Sault Ste. Marie International Chorus. So to Don Bazely, his fine family and lovely wife, Mary, we are proud to say, "Glad you are with us."

With such capable leadership in the past from Ted Spry and at the present from Don Bazely, our chapter can not help but flourish and grow.

Millionaire's Night was held at the Steelton Hall in April and was a great success. All those who supported our cause, were satisfied that their evening had been well spent. Many thanks go to Jerry Clowes and his organization committee for a job well done. Clarence Bax must also be given credit for his fine bookkeeping. He came up with a profit. The whole chorus turned out to help with the booths. Thanks to Mickey Contini, Bruce Martin and I now know how to run a Crown and Anchor booth. We sure learned in a hurry.

During April, Robert Tracey paid us a visit. Mackinaw City is a little far away for Bob to come and see us every Monday night, so when he does drop in it is a pleasure. Your constructive criticism of our singing was very helpful to the chorus, so many thanks Bob. Bob also promised he would bring Vice President of Zone IV, Gene Gillem,

## 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

June 4, 1966	Utica-Rochester Parade
July 15, 1966	Detroit Moonlight Excursion
September 24, 1966	Gratiot County Parade
September 24, 1966	Fruit Belt Parade
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1966	District Contest Holland

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF CHAPTERS S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Statement of Income and Expense For Period of January 1, 1965 to December 31, 1965

Cash on Hand Beginning of Period			6,674.30
<b>INCOME</b>			
For Conita Dues			
Less Canadian Discounts	5,864.00		
	<u>39.11</u>	5,830.89	
Sanction Fees		2,016.53	
Total Income			7,847.42
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
District Publication (Including mailing)	3,532.46		
District Directory (Including mailing)	215.46		
Printing (Other)	<u>96.68</u>	3,844.60	
District Meetings: Executive Board		279.09	
Officers Travel:			
Presidential	160.60		
V. Presidential	273.84		
Secretarial	<u>69.70</u>	504.14	
Officers Expense (Phone, Supplies, etc.)			
Presidential	124.95		
V. Presidential	123.15		
Secretarial	<u>597.70</u>	845.80	
Travel (Other)			
Mr. Hansen (Int'l. Delegate)	100.00		
Auto Tonnage	160.00		
Air Miles	160.00		
Detroit Chorus	<u>1,200.00</u>	1,520.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Awards & Plaques	113.82		
Chorus School	87.87		
C & J School	112.90		
Blank Checks	2.00		
Flowers "H. Conklin	15.60		
Treasurer Bond	10.00		
Lorocopic Film	<u>95.55</u>	437.74	
Total Expense			7,531.37
Net Gain			316.05
Cash on Hand at Close of Period			\$ 7,000.35
<b>MICHIGAN DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET</b>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash in Michigan National Bank (Flint)			\$ 7,000.35
District Property (Thermo-Fax Machine)			316.00
Total Assets			\$ 7,316.35
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Net Worth			\$ 7,316.35

up to see us in the near future. Bring him up Bob, we'll have the welcome mat down for him.

Our trip to the Detroit Spring contest was very enjoyable. Clarence Bax deserves credit for making reservations for us and Gord Saxby for arranging car transportation. Many thanks also to the men of the chapter who provided their cars, Don Bazely, Joe Rogers, Ed Briggs and Dave Bracey. Twenty-one of our thirty-one men attended and I know that they must have enjoyed every minute of it.

In closing, don't forget our barbershopper's annual parade to be held on Saturday, October 22, 1966. President Ken MacPherson and his committees are working hard to make it as successful as it usually is. Wouldn't you like to come up and enjoy it?

reporter: franklin murphy