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Utterings
from
Oonk



A couple of favored contenders came through in the district contest. The Close Chorders walked off with the quartet championship while the Detroit Motor City Chorus won the right to represent us in the 1967 International.

The affair started off with the Delegates meeting and the Pre-glo. The minutes of the Delegates meeting can be found elsewhere in this issue. The Pre-glo was a fun

affair featuring Al Burgess and his great Dixieland Band. Added attractions were the Chord Counts, Extension Chords and the Young-Uns.

Saturday was as all contest Saturdays are...a busy routine for all concerned. The quartet preliminaries, the chorus contest and the night finals kept everyone on the go. The score sheets of these contests can be found elsewhere in this issue. All agreed that the judges and emcees did a really wonderful job. The after-glo was kept moving by emcee Mike Lucas. The Harmony Hounds highlighted the evening with their hilarious routine mixed with the smooth, relaxed singing of the competing quartets. To Chet Oonk, who was pressed into duty as show chairman, goes our congratulations for carrying the ball in such a fine manner. To the fellows of the Windmill Chapter, who pitched in their talent whole heartedly, a tip of the Troubadour hat.

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Troubadour Editor Resigns

After trying for the last couple of months to hold down my regular job of production control at Holland Die Cast, starting up my own Finishing Company and put out the Troubadour, it has become evident that it cannot be done. This was made evident by the quality of the past couple of issues of Troubadour.

After talking with President Eric concerning the situation it was decided to seek a replacement through the medium of Troubadour.

Editing Troubadour is really a rewarding job. If you can produce a chapter bulletin you can produce a Troubadour. The job does require a few nights a month burning the midnight oil. It also requires a dedicated barbershopper who can make decisions as to what is printable and constructive to our barbershop world and what is not.

The man who takes over the publishing of Troubadour inherits an IBM typewriter, a camera, a couple of files filled with pictures and information, a checking account and a bunch of dedicated reporters. He will also receive assistance from President Eric Schultz, the hard working Harringtons, the Duane Mosiers of the district and myself, if so desired. He will receive bales of information from International also.

The publishing of Troubadour is now set up so that the typing and labeling is paid for. Any printing concern with off-set equipment would be happy to take over the printing of it, so that poses no problem.

If the challenge of being editor of our district publication appeals to you, would you please contact either Eric Schultz or myself. You can call me collect at PR2-4381. I will be more than happy to spend an evening explaining the fundamentals in putting out an issue of Troubadour.

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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Congratulations to our new district champions, the Close Chorders, an outstanding group who will be a real credit to our organization. It was gratifying to see so many new foursomes in competition this year.

As a result of their splendid performance, the Motor City Chorus of Detroit will represent Michigan in international competition in Los Angeles next summer.

It was a pleasure to have International President-elect James Steedman, of Buffalo, New York, in attendance at the convention.

The results of the election of district officers at the House of Delegates meeting was as follows: President, Eric Schultz of Dearborn; Vice Presidents: Zone I, E. E. Ryan of Detroit; Zone 2, Dr. James Sell of Battle Creek; Zone 3, Dr. Stuart Anderson of Greenville; Zone 4, Gene Gillem of Saginaw; Treasurer R. J. Schied of Flint and Secretary Louis R. Harrington of Detroit.

The chapters winning the Achievement Awards were Detroit in the Gold Division and Lansing in the Silver Division.

Holland chapter did a fine job in hosting the convention and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

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Chapters should now elect their new officers for next year and send in their report of new officers to your district secretary at once so that the district directory can be compiled promptly.

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Bob Johnson, the Society's musical director, will visit Michigan during October conducting clinics and a chorus directors school. This is an opportunity for everyone to learn barbershop craft. This school is primarily for directors and assistants and aspiring directors. Your chapter is invited.

Bob Johnson's Schedule

Monday, October 24 - Niles-Buchanan - barbershop craft
Tuesday, October 25 - Muskegon - 8:00 p.m. "
Wednesday, October 26 - Flint - 8:00 p.m. "
Thursday, October 27 - Detroit area chapters at DYC
Belle Isle - 8:00 p.m. "
Friday, October 28 - Chorus Directors' School - Prince
Edward Hotel - Windsor - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 29 - Continuation of directors' school
in Windsor - 9:00 a.m.

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Pontiac Chapter Honors Four Fits

Our September 16 meeting was billed as a replay of the Chicago convention via film and recording. All in attendance thrilled in the sight and sound of our best quartets giving their all and our own Auto Towners receiving the champion's trophy.

The main event of the evening was the surprise honors

bestowed on our District Champions, John-Russ-Ray and Marv. The individual type plaques presented to each of these men by Pontiac's Harmony Knights quartet was just a visual token of what each member of our chapter feels about these true champions and four great guys.

Also in attendance, to make the meeting a complete success, we heard the fine renditions of the RichTones, the Four Tune Cookies and the Harmony Knights, who also emceed the evening.

This writer sat in on Pontiac's board meeting last Wednesday night and I would like to pass along this bit of news at this time. For the benefit of any one barber-shopper or non-barbershopper who reads the coming show advertisements in the Troubadour and thinks to himself, "Huh, another parade of quartets," please take note. Call or write any Pontiac chapter member right now and reserve your tickets for our truly barbershop show. (Not a parade of quartets.)

This unique show will be on January 21, 1967 and will surely be a sellout.

reporter: ed lilly

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Sault Readies For Busy Fall Season

About two weeks ago the gang had a terrific time at Ron Taylor's "Ponderosa" at Goulars Bay. It was a Saturday night Beef Bar B-Q and the committee who organized things certainly deserves a great deal of credit. Many thanks to Ron for letting us have his rancho for the occasion.

We are in the process of getting the parade ready for October 22. That means extra time for rehearsing, but we don't mind. Do we fellows?

Don Bazely, our chorus director, has to be commended for the hard work he puts into our chapter and his directing of the chorus. That goes for all the other fellows too. Art Bodley is in charge of parade advertising and the chorus members have been helping him get paid advertising for the program brochure. Ken MacPherson has had the tickets printed and they look great. A real display of originality.

The Harmonaires (Sweet Adelines) are selling tickets for our show also.

reporter: franklin murphy

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Holly Fenton Meeting Every Week

We have returned to meeting every week after a summer curtailment of meetings. Our Kensington Lake boat ride was very well attended and according to all reports, everyone enjoyed themselves. The annual picnic at the Tryonne Sunken Gardens proved to be a fine one. A large crowd and a beautiful but cool day proved a success with nineteen entered in the golf tournament and everyone taking part in the games.

On September 21 the chorus sang at a dinner party at the Shore Acres Golf Club, sponsored by the Lake Fenton Kiwanis Club. This turned out to be a very nice party and we enjoyed it. October looks like a very busy month for us with the attractions coming up plus the chorus rehearsals for their part in our annual Harmony Highlights show on November 26. Headliners will be the Auto Towners and Harmony Hounds. This year, our show will be one of the feature attractions on the Fenton Living Theatre series. This will be a big boost for our chapter.

reporter: art burnett

From the Pen of the President



Once again it is that time of the year when all chapter officers should have been elected and the various committees appointed. However let us not stop there. The job isn't finished, it has just begun.

I suggest you call a meeting of all the officers, including the current officers and the entire standing committees such as program, membership and induction, publicity and promotion, interchapter relations, community service, house, food and beverage, achievement and objectives, controller and audits and any and all other members of your board.

Now that you have then all together let's plan a full year of activity. Let's plan what dates you are going to visit your neighboring chapters, have the chairman of this committee follow through on this by confirming these dates with those chapters and find out what dates they can revisit your chapter and when all these dates together with the dates of all your others chapter activities are confirmed and agreed upon, compile a "chapter calendar of events" booklet with a 12 month calendar noting these events on each respective date. These are to be distributed to each member of your chapter as a constant reminder of all the various activities your chapter will participate in during the next 12 months and also to note any other event you may decide on at a later date.

The first pages of your booklet should probably list your officers and board members, also the chairman and members of your committees. Next, perhaps, all other chapters in your vicinity and their addresses, their meeting nights, etc. Next, your 12 month calendar, devoting one page for each month. Next list every chapter member, his address, telephone and even perhaps his wife's first name, just in case you call his house and his wife answers you can call her by name...seems more personal and friendly to me anyway. Leave a few pages in the back of the book for new members you will sign before the year is over, or to add notes, etc.

Now, how about your membership chairman...does he have a planned program for the year? Don't forget he is the life blood of your chapter, if you don't sign new men you will not only stand still, you will degress, as you will know each year you loose some of the old members either because they loose interest, move away, or through death. You have to have new members to replace those you lose just to break even, but you want to grow. Well then, make sure you have a good man and a good program on membership.

How about quartet promotion? Isn't that what we are in this thing for? Is the man who has assumed this duty going to do a job? What are his plans? Will you have new

quartets in your chapter this year so that your chapter can be represented at the district and regional conventions? And how about your very own chapter meetings? Wouldn't it be nice to have a quartet to give encouragement to the other members on meeting nights?

Let's not stop with just those few people I have mentioned in this letter. If you are looking for a successful year, you must plan a successful year. It won't just happen by itself. You as officers must show leadership and receive co-operation from every member in your chapter. Let's show some enthusiasm, you will find it is contagious.

Eric Schultz

P.S. Lou Harrington, your district secretary, is waiting for the names, addresses, telephone numbers and zip code numbers of you next years officers. Unless you get them in now they will not be published in the district directory. HURRY.

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In 1967 Bob Johnson will conduct three HEP schools in the Michigan District.

If your chapter is interested in hosting one of these schools drop me a line and advise regarding your facilities, etc.

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OCC Spintones Quartet Reorganized

The contest is over. The Barbary Host salutes a great chorus, the Motor City Chorus. We are quite proud of our second place finish, but like the car rental agency, it means we try harder. We will go to International, and soon. We will continue to practice once a week around the calendar until we do.

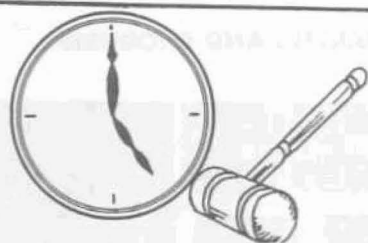
This month we have the honor of scheduled visitations by the Windsor and Detroit chapters. Our emcee for that evening will be Don Cowles, who recently returned from South America where he spent about four or five months for business purposes. The tags will ring again at O.C.C.

September saw sixteen families from Oakland County go to Harrisville. Can any other chapter make that statement? Next year we hope to have 30 families from Oakland County.

The Barbary Host has grown from 22 to 33 in a year. We hope to grow more by the time the Spring contest comes around. We have some engagements coming up. The first is a gratis job for the Clawson Kiwanis to benefit underprivileged children in their city. Where ever possible, our engagements include the Con-Chords, the Reminisce-Sirs and the Score Keepers. The SpinTones are reformed again with president Dick Liddicoatt singing baritone, Del Badgley on lead, Norm Swanson on tenor and Bror Nillson on bass. They will soon join the parade of quartets to sing on our shows.

Joe Vaughn, our chapter reporter, sends his thanks to the editor for displaying his face with the last edition news release from the Sault chapter, however, the rest of the chapter offers its condolences to Franklin Murphy of the Sault whose name was associated with that picture. Frank, if you are ever in Oakland County, Joe Vaughn will pick up the tab for all the suds you can drink at our chapter meeting.

reporter: dick van dyke



Minutes

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

The annual meeting of the Michigan District House of Delegates was held at Holland on Friday, September 30, 1966. The meeting was called to order by President Eric Schultz at 9:00 p.m. A quorum was ascertained. Among those in attendance were International President-elect James Steedman and past International president Clarence Jalving. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived in view of the fact that they had been published in the Troubadour.

Vice-presidents Lucas, Gillem and Ryan reported on the activities in the zones. Treasurer Schied reported that the District had on hand \$7,149.34. The president gave a resume of the progress made in the Michigan District during the past year.

The Jackson chapter reported on plans being formulated for the 1967 Regional Contest and Spring convention.

The secretary then read a resolution presented by the Dearborn chapter suggesting that the chorus competition rules be changed so that the International representative would be chosen in the Spring of the year in which the chorus is to appear in International competition. A motion was made and duly seconded that this motion be adopted. A lengthy discussion ensued and a motion was then made and passed that the resolution be tabled.

Ted Verway then presented the report of the Achievement Awards Committee and plaques were presented to the winners...Detroit in the Gold Division and Lansing in the Silver Division.

President Schultz announced that there will be three HEP schools in the Michigan District in 1967 and that details regarding same will be published later. All chapters are urged to participate in the programs being offered by Bob Johnson during the last week of October in the district, which includes a chorus directors school at Windsor on October 29-30, 1966.

The Nominating Committees report was presented: president-Eric Schultz, vice presidents-E. E. Ryan Zone 1, Dr. James Sell Zone 2, Dr. Stuart Anderson Zone 3, Gene Gillem Zone 4, treasurer-R. J. Schied and secretary - Louis R. Harrington. There were no other nominations and upon proper motion, the entire slate was elected unanimously.

James Steedman, International President-elect, then addressed the delegates and complimented the Michigan District on its activities during the past year and urged a great participation by all.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,

ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE MICHIGAN TROUBADOUR

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Gratiot County Now Mid-Statesmen

The Gratiot County barbershoppers just finished a very successful show. We would like to publicly thank our headliners, the 4-Fits, the Harmony Hounds and the Young-Uns. At a later date we will let you know how the proceeds are to be divided among the various charities.

Since last writing, we have sung at the Alma Lion's Club and several local churches. We plan on many more singing engagements in the future. A busy club is a growing club and we at Alma need to grow. Our new director, Walt Myhrum, did a masterful job of leading us through the show. Looks like we have made a new convert.

Our chapter has a new name to go with the new resolution. The name was submitted by Maynard Peacock, now the owner of a new barbershop record album. From now on we will be known as the Mid Statesmen. A perfectly logical name considering where we are located, in the very center of Lower Michigan.

Here is a big thank you to all the barbershoppers and Sweet Adelines who helped make our show and afterglow a grand success.

Doug Webb, our former director, came down from Tawas to sing with us. Doug says he sure wishes there were some barbershoppers in his area. Are there?

reporter: grant colthorp

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Jackson Chapter Congratulates Champions

The Jackson chapter thanks the Holland chapter and the district officers for their extensive preparation and hard work in conducting the Fall Convention.

Our hardy congratulations to the Close Chorders and the Motor City Chorus.

Jackson's chorus steering committee composed of Tom Venus, Ivan Bruder, Russ Bailey and Joe Hubbard has submitted some fine suggestions to improve our Jackson chorus. Their report was based on many replies from members on a thought provoking questionnaire. I believe good things are already happening because it's terrific to see many new guys at our meetings that are now going full blast after summer vacations.

The Jackson chorus sang recently for the PTA of the Bertha Robinson School and the Note-Able Four entertained at the Veteran's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

When in Jackson on a Friday night, stop in to sing with us. Our regular meetings are the second and last Fridays of the month at the Hotel Hayes and the chorus is there the other Friday nights.

reporter: ed' hilden

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Windsor Finds New Meeting Place

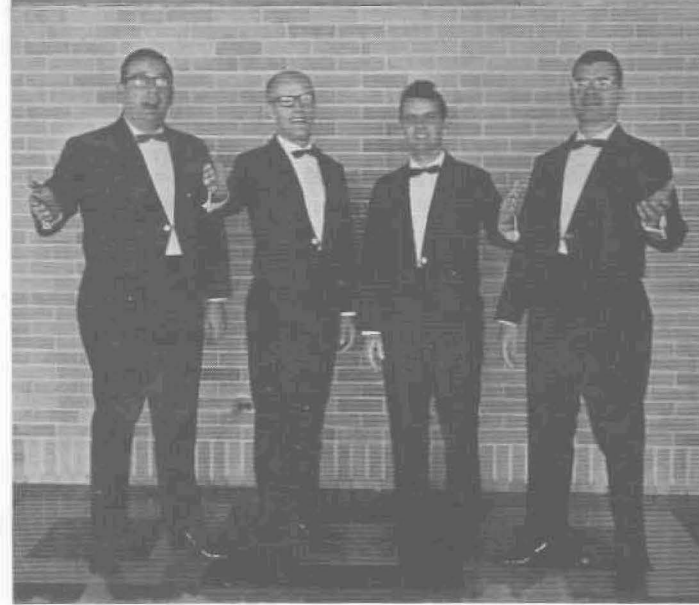
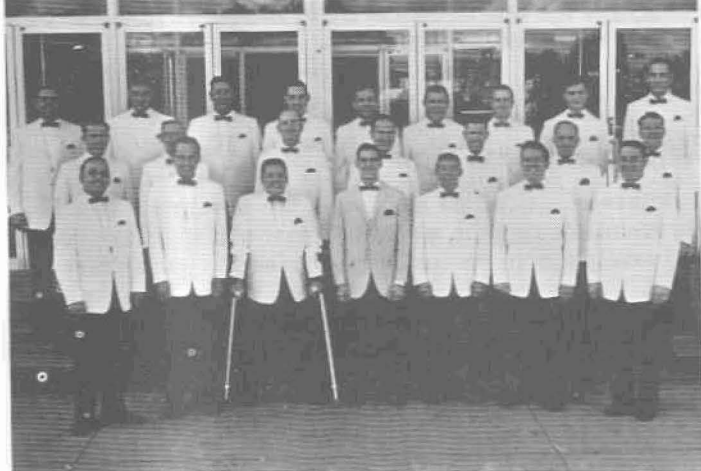
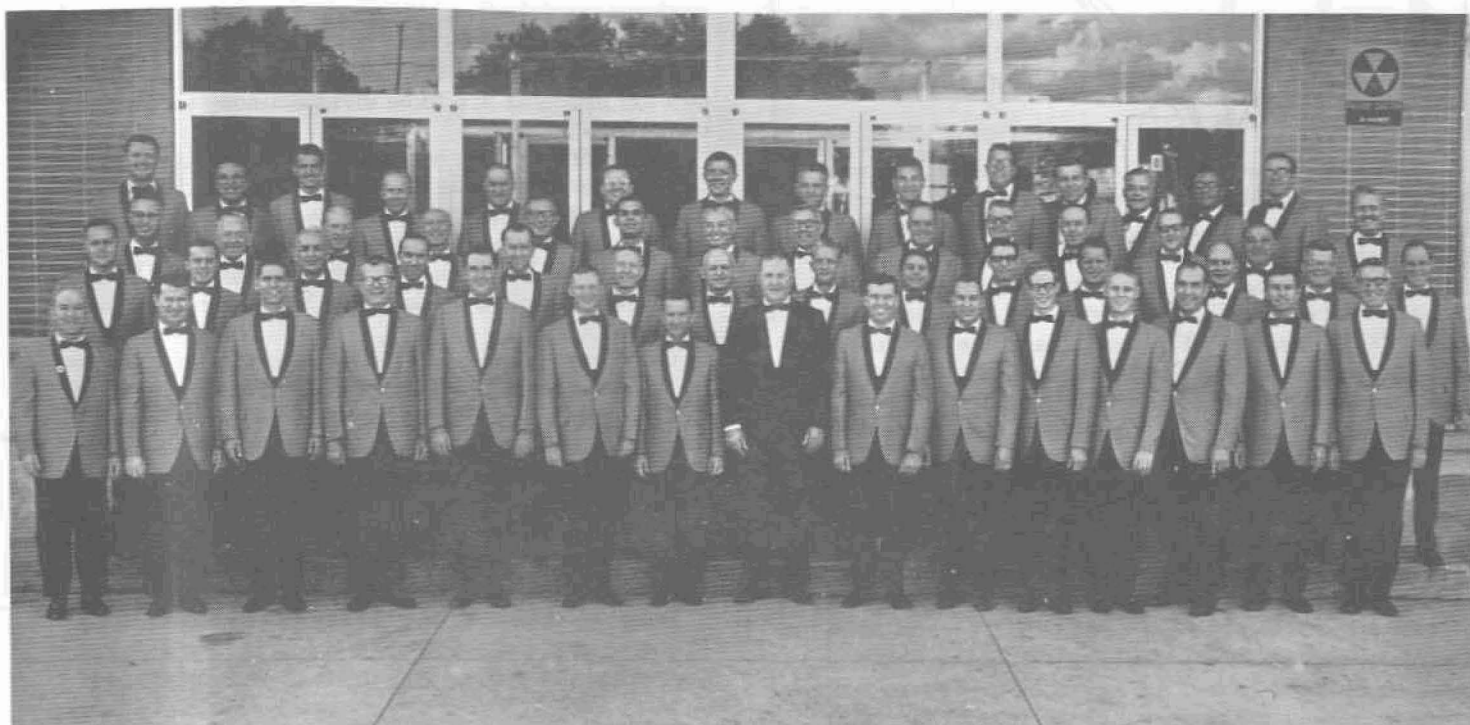
Windsor's welcome mat is out for November 25 for old members reunion night and guest night. These events will take place in the cafeteria of the Norton Palmer Hotel.

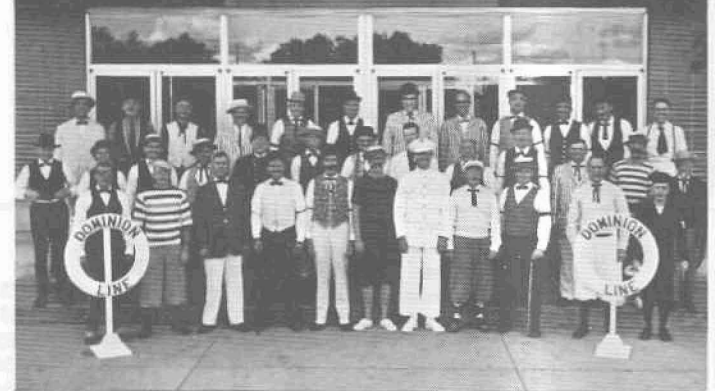
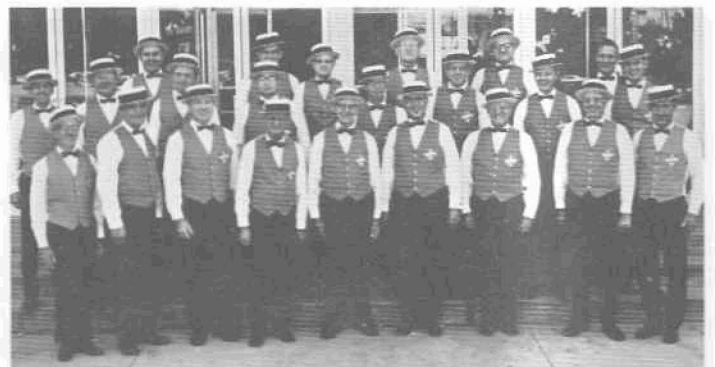
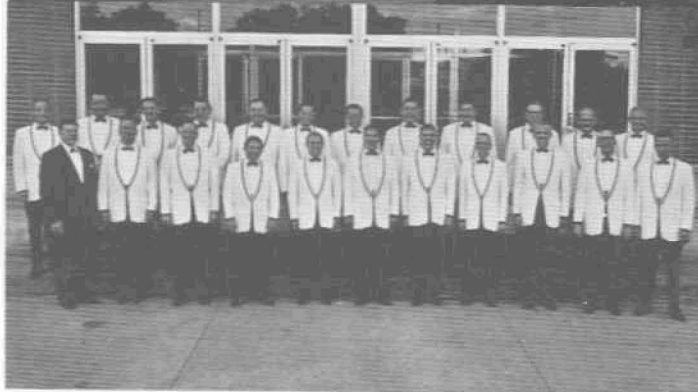
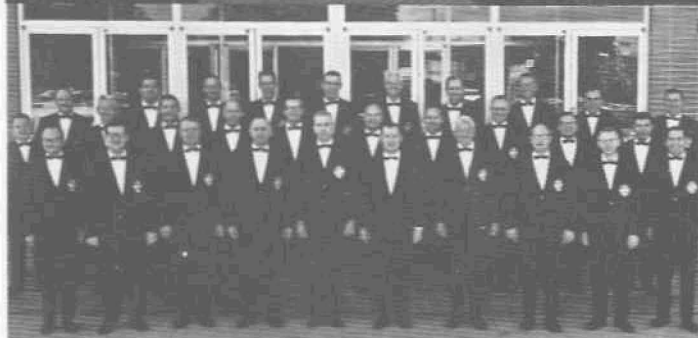
Please note change of meeting place 2nd and 4th Fridays at Norton Palmer Hotel, one block to the left from tunnel exit.

Windsor's Christmas party will be held on December 2 at K of C. hall, Lauzon Rd., (Riverside) ladies welcome.

reporter: ted ver way

DETROIT MOTOR CITY CHORUS CHAMPIONS AND OTHER COMPETITION QUARTETS AND CHORUSES







MICHIGAN DISTRICT QUARTET CONTEST

	VE	ARR	HA	BB	SP	SUB TOTAL	TOTAL
Preliminaries							
Close Chorders	69 68	64 67	62 72	71 73	124	670	670
Crosstowners	68 65	57 49	74 67	62 62	137	641	641
Casual - D's	62 67	61 64	63 69	65 63	108	622	622
Harmony Hounds	63 63	55 44	60 54	54 55	142	590	590
Insomniacs	57 57	58 50	59 46	49 54	130	569	569
Notations	55 63	55 50	40 45	66 68	121	562	562
Bean Town Four	56 59	59 55	57 60	58 60	81	545	545
Note Able Four	48 42	48 52	45 48	44 40	79	446	446
The Con Chords	35 42	45 30	38 35	47 46	95	413	413
Aging Four	39 34	40 44	30 35	43 45	83	393	393
FINALS							
Close Chorders	69 76	70 69	63 64	68 70	129	678	1348
Crosstowners	63 66	58 56	60 60	53 55	112	583	1224
Insomniacs	57 58	70 73	66 73	66 64	106	633	1202
Casual - D's	64 57	63 60	68 64	52 54	97	622	1201
Harmony Hounds	62 60	60 50	61 63	55 58	126	595	1185
Bean Town Four	53 57	58 60	59 40	50 52	94	523	1068
Notations	60 57	54 48	43 40	54 55	107	518 - 50 pen.	1030

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHORUS CONTEST

Motor City	80 79	72 75	75 73	78 77	140		749
Oakland County	76 65	64 66	74 70	75 73	116		679
Saginaw	67 72	62 64	67 73	58 62	112		636
Kalamazoo	62 74	65 70	50 65	53 58	132		629
Wayne	61 66	61 63	68 56	63 65	102		605
Monroe	58 63	60 60	52 59	60 64	98		574
Lansing	39 48	48 51	40 43	50 52	105	- 40 Time Pen	436
Jackson	49 48	54 56	42 42	47 50	94	- 65 Time Pen	417

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 SP Ed Gaikema

The Voice Box



Dear Michigan Barbershoppers:

The twins from you district whom you sponsor are making fine progress in their training programs. According to our philosophy of total habilitation, each is being trained as an individual according to his own needs and are in different classrooms and training programs.

You recall that when the boys were examined last fall Lee's speech was 60 per cent intelligible. He is making great strides with his speech and today even able to answer the telephone. The result of his first six months training has brought spectacular progress particularly in reading. It was found that he had a muscular malfunction of the left eye contributing to his other problem of brain injury which was inhibiting reading. In just six months his reading level has jumped from zero to a third grade reader.

These first months of training indicate that he will need more than one year at the Institute, but I only wish you could see for yourself the tremendous gains this boy has made in this short time period.

Rich had less speech than his brother at the time he was examined and because of this lack of communication, was apprehensive in most situations. However, in his individual training program he has progressed to speaking short phrases, works well in group activities and hold the respect of his classmates. He has progressed one full level in reading which is more in terms of what we might expect in this length of time. Rich is persevering and will recopy a paper any number of times required to make it perfect. He wants so much to learn and he has the stick-to-it-iveness to do so. At this time, progress indicates we should sequester funds beyond the first year's training for Rich. He apprehension has decreased almost to the disappearing point which, in itself, is good progress for this short time.

Both boys are very well-mannered and have made a place for themselves in our community. With your help, given time and opportunity, they will be able to do the same in their own community. They will thank you all their lives for your kindness in Singing...That They Shall Speak.

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Wurth,
Executive Director
INSTITUTE of LOGOPEDICS

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Dear Ed

I am writing for the Con-Chords, with whom I have the privilege of singing baritone. We are five months old as a quartet and this, of course, was our first contest. (Holland in October) It will not be the last. I felt that the critique was a very good one with much constructive criticism for us. It was worth ninth place just to get the advantages of the years of experience of the

judges. We were not very "musical" in contest, but not a single judge suggested that we take up another hobby. They all suggested instead, that we keep at it. It is very encouraging to us, or to anyone, to hear encouragement from this caliber of barbershopper.

While I am writing, I would like to take this opportunity to offer congratulations to the Close Chorders. I think they will be the greatest champion quartet to come along in a long time. It was a real pleasure to sing on the same show with them, even if we are not yet in their league. May I add this...their tenor, Gene Bulka, was supplied by Oakland County, so we can claim the whole quartet as Oakland County, right?

It seems strange to me that, although there were hundreds of barbershoppers registered at the convention, there were only ten quartets competing. I can name at least fifteen quartets that have never been district champs who did not compete. Maybe it is because the competition was too stiff.

Our thanks to Holland for letting us get our feet wet. at your convention.

Dick Van Dyke
For the Con-Chords

DEAR ED

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My basic reaction to the over-all aura of Mr. Scrivnor's letter was to admire the editorial policy of the Troubadour for publishing it in the first place, but I do have one specific objection and that is to his statement that "neighboring chapters should put the best men from their chapters at the disposal of the winning chorus. Dual membership is a requirement of course, but it is a technic used by many competing choruses and it seems essential to recognize the fact."

The above quote is factually and patently an untruth and strictly against the Official Chorus Contest Rules of our Society and please allow me to quote from the pertinent paragraph:

ART. 5 (a) Chapters may not combine to form one competing chorus.

(b) No member of a competing chorus which has been eliminated in a Society chorus contest held for the purpose of selecting the district's representative to the International chorus contest can be permitted to compete at a higher level with another chorus which won the contest except in those instances where a member has had dual membership in both of the chapter involved for one year or more prior to the contest in which one chorus was chosen and the other eliminated; or has, after the elimination contest, actually changed his place of residence, as evidenced by filing of the usual change of address form at Headquarters. End of quote.

As a past member of the Michigan District, and, I might add, a competing quartet man in Michigan District Quartet Contests it certainly did my heart good to see a Michigan quartet get to the top spot after such a long drought, but I'm reasonably sure the majority of the Michigan membership does not share the views of Mr. Scrivnor, but would rather rise or fall on the merits of their own chapter.

Most chordially, Wesly R. Meier

Chairman International C & J Committee



AN EMBLEM FOR THE AGES

written by
duane mosier

Who but a woman would think of engraving the Society emblem on a grave stone? We doff our hats and bow low to "Bick" Fischer of Grand Rapids for this original and thoughtful idea, placed there in honor and memory of her husband Cecil, a truly fine man and dedicated barbershopper. Not only is it a tribute to him, but to "Bick" as well since barbershopping is and always has been a part of her life. Two people could not have had more in common than the Fischers. Not only in the quiet of their home life but in many cultural aspects did their tastes fine unity. Both had a great love for music. Cecil showed unrestraint in four part harmony with any three men who could take a lead, tenor or bass, while "Bick's" talents ran to instrumental. She is a talented pianist and arranger. Some of her barbershop arrangements are being used by the Traverse City Chorus of the Sweet Adelines. She is still using her talent in her local church.

During the many years that Cecil was selling our hobby to chapter members she accompanied him, particularly on week-ends, when he found it impossible to return home. During the years Cecil Fischer was International Board member (1950-1952) and later as Michigan District President (1958-1960) he made it an obligation to visit every chapter in the district at least once each year, and oftener if possible. Salesmanship is a trait that many desire but few achieve but to Fischer it was as natural as stepping into a trio and adding his rich baritone voice to wring out some choice harmony. He was a salesman of merchandise. His spontaneity accompanied by a million dollar smile were qualities he used to good advantage in getting his message across in a chapter meeting. Members listened to him. He impressed them by his earnest and appealing manner to make more of barbershopping not only in their immediate chapter but in outside activities. The district thrived under his two years of leadership. Someway we miss that spark and energetic drive now that he is gone. Would that we had more of it in every chapter.

Mrs. Fischer to some, but "Bick" to her friends, says, "I did not ask SPEBSQSA if I could use the insignia...too

many things coming up at one time...but I have the insignia on the headstone anyway. If they want to place me in jail for it, I'll go willingly. It'll be a change of pace." Her fears in that respect are merely a fantasy. Perhaps she has started a trend. The thought behind the deed reflects not only a perpetual memory of a great barbershopper, but a memorial which Cecil himself would have loved. It is lasting. It is enduring. It is unique and appropriate.

The rains may come and beat upon that headstone but the rains will not wash it away. The wintry snows may cover it with their downy white flakes, but on the approach of spring when the sun's first soft rays touch it, there it will be, face upward where passersby will see it and perhaps wonder what those letters stand for, but to those who know they will say "Well done, Bick."

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Redford Inherits "Little Brown Jug"

About 95 barbershop zealots attended Redford's last chapter meeting. Now, that is about 300 per cent of our membership. This is due to formal visitations from Grosse Pointe and Windsor and the incurable barbershop addicts from neighboring chapters who come to Redford to "get a fix". A delegation came from Pontiac and, to our consternation, unloaded on us the Little Brown Jug. When we pass it along it will come as a complete surprise to the recipient. As Windsor's faithful Paul Eberwein entered the hall he was volunteered to act as emcee and Paul, without one complete organized quartet, put together an interesting program, interspersed and followed by that "revelry by night" characteristic of Redford chapter. There could be found an abundance of delightful informality mentioned in the last "Harmonizer" by Dean Snyder, Society historian. After such a meeting as this the mortar joints in the building have to be pointed up.

Redford chapter's Ladies' Night was an innovation. It could be described as a "slack girdle" affair...no cor-sages, no favors, no fattening dinner, thus no change in the usual door donation. Far better than food was the musical fare provided by the ChromaTones, an engaging Sweet Adeline quartet from Utica-Rochester, the Harmony Knights from Pontiac, the Richtones, a family group from Milford and the Smithtonians, who in the past couple of years, have delighted more audiences than any quartet hereabouts. In considering who might be a suitable emcee for this meeting all heads nodded in assent when someone mentioned the name of Edie Gaunt, tenor of the Taylor Maids. The knowledge of Edie's friendly manner and her passion for close harmony extends beyond the boundaries of Zone 1. We made one concession to formality in having a hostess...Virginia Maier, whose capacity for making one welcome is well known by all who have entered the home of John and Virginia Maier.

We have come to admire the fortitude of our president, Maury Lagrou, who in an accident at his home last winter, changed his walking ability from difficult to impossible. Maury's cane has always been regarded as part of him; now we are getting used to his aluminum fram walker. Maury is past retirement age, but if we had in our organization more members with his interest and tenacity there would indeed be rejoicing in Kenosha.

reporter: george cox

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Grand Rapids Membership Night Nov. 11

That warm hearted enthusiastic little guy Lloyd Steinkamp was here and Chapter Four is still rattling. International sure picked a winner to represent them. He kidded us, praised us and chewed our tails and we loved it.

The ailments of the Society, the district and the chapter are one and the same he pointed out. We lose many good members each year. Why? The chief cause is not caring enough.

If Joe Not-So-Hot is allowed to stand around and does not participate in the fun and games he is soon gone and who can blame him? We have shown him we don't care. We did not take the time to teach him those sweet and tricky chord progressions.

Well sir, our board of directors has the ball rolling to improve things. We are going to have a membership drive with a super-doo guest night on November 11 and you are invited. Don't show up without a guest and a couple of great big smiles.

Our chorus is being reorganized to something solid and moving. Moving? Well we expect to follow our director, Lou Mahacek, all the way to Pittsburg in 1968.

Jim Horton, program chairman, has set December 9 for our next inter-chapter contest to promote new quartets. Winners of the previous contest, the Drifters, will be on hand to award a trophy to their successors.

Speaking of new quartets, we have been fortunate to hear two of the newer groups recently. Al Van Iwaarden brought in three fellows from his church choir. They are Larry Franken, Garth Crump and Roger Groot. They call themselves the Princetons. Sound pretty good.

Three of the Lansing chapter Schmidt brothers plus their bass, namely the Fowler Four, popped in and delighted us with many songs and gags. Wish I had the time and space to repeat the gags. Why not give them a call and ask them over.

We are going to have the Wisconsin Schmidt Brothers on our annual show April 8. Along with them will be the Big Four Adeline quartet and headling the affair; our International champions, the Auto Towners.

Plans are underway to include the 5th place winning Sundowners, who brought the house down in Chicago. They are a sparkling young quartet and have only been together for a year.

All in all we are looking to having a busy season. Come look us over and bust a couple any Friday night.
reporter: jack sidor

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Harmony Lane Back On Air

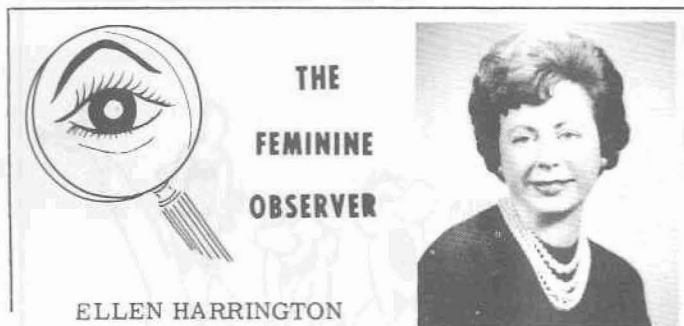
Harmony Lane will begin the Fall season starting November 4. Enjoy barbershop harmony on C.B.E. radio (1550KCS) every Friday 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Address requests for favorite songs and quartets to: Paul Eberwein, %C.B.E. Radio, Security Bldg., Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

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ELLEN HARRINGTON

The Fall Convention attracted barbershoppers to Holland from the entire district and was honored with the presence of James Steedman, International President-elect, from Buffalo, New York. Hosting were Bob Birce, Si Krol, Don Lucas, Sid Helder, Cal Verduin, Don Hall, Norm Bredeweg, Messrs. and Mesdames Clarence Jalving, Chester Oonk, Jack Oonk, George Moeke, Mike Lucas, Marty Hardenburg, Robert Essenburg, John Nuismer, and Jack Essenburg. Among the early arrivals were Eric Schultz, Al Burgess, Gene Gillem, Loton Willson, Ed Gaikema, Jim Horton, Emmerson Sperling, Bill Wild, Ted Verway, Bill Whippen, Del Doctor, Bill Duplissis, Dick Van Dyke, Dave Hollar, Burt Szabo, Charles Sherwood, Roger Craig, Robert Stone, Tom Damm, Bob Miller, Ted Schrock, Bob Hart, Dick Liddicoatt, Bob McDermott, Alan Davenport, Doug Beaver and Messrs. and Mesdames Bart Tillett, Pat Ryan, Mike Schied, Ron Gillies, Neil Norman, C. D. Sanborn, Art Schulze, Paul Eberwein, Doran Mc Taggart, Don Ferguson, Stuart Anderson, Otto Vogel, John Kee Smith, Sam Cushman, Matt Calderwood, George Acree, Larry King, Bill Butler, Ralph Schirmer, Lowell Wolfe, Cecil Craig, Bill Warner, Gus Reeves, Wally Joure, Hal Bauer, John Wearing, Bill Wickstrom, Bob Winters, Tom Pollard, Gene Bulka, Tony Scooros, Norm Thompson, Ron DuMonthier, Peter Elkins, Bob Jeltma, Harold Sweeney, William Amperse.

Also enjoying the weekend festivities were Bob Campbell, Larry Swan, Ken Yaw, Bob Sorenson, Ron Mell, Bob Miller, Speed Gladfelter, Rudy Loudenslager, Ron Jones, Dick Kelly, Dick Burrows, Roger Valentine, Harlan Quinn, Tony Stornant, Dave Russell, Nick Zito, Lowell Thomas, Floyd Albert, Gordon Limburg, John Linehan, Jerry Reid Bud Kepler, Bob Farrington, Mike Arnone, Russ Seely, Marv Burke, Ray McCalpin, Bob Mulligan, Bob Whitley, Cliff Jorgenson, John Seamann, Ed Conn, Herman Dykema, Bill Van Bogelen, Al Fricker, Herb Benjamin, Ted McDonald, Bill Dolezel, Len Johnson, Dick Spear, Roger Lewis, William Clark, Joe Coburn, John Evans, Bill Nevaux, Bill Boyden and many more.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Humphrey of Grand Rapids on the birth of their daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sweeney of Milford on the birth of their son, Jerome Patrick, who is already attending conventions at the age of two weeks.

IMPORTANT: All address changes should be given to your chapter secretary. Make sure your chapter secretary forwards this info to International (source of our mailing labels). THEN you can be sure the Troubadour will be mailed to the correct address.



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Detroit Show November 5 . . . Sellout

Yes, the long hours of practise and the efforts of so many of our friends gave us the edge in Holland and so we will be California bound in July 1967.

We are proud to carry Michigan's banner to the far west and if long hours of effort and hard work will make us champions, we will bring back the honors.

Congratulations to the Close Chorders - Gene, Ron, Norm and Tony. Fellows...you proved that when you set a goal and are willing to work for it, you can come home with the bacon. We know you will be great champions.

The CrossTowners showed great promise and will have to be reckoned with in the next big one.

Did you hear the "big sound" that Oakland County's Barbary Host Chorus produced with just 35 men? Great job fellows.

In all it was a most memorable week-end and Holland chapter, as usual, did a fine job as host.

From last reports our show, which is on November 5, is just about sold out, so if you plan to go I hope you can find someone with tickets. The Auto Towners, Buffalo Bills, Roaring Twenties and the Michigan District Champions, the Close Chorders are going to be there to entertain you.

reporter: john wearing

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November 5, 1966	Detroit, Parade
November 26, 1966	Holly-Fenton Parade
February 4, 1967	Monroe Parade
February 18, 1967	Kalamazoo Parade
February 18, 1967	Windsor Parade
February 25, 1967	Dearborn Parade
April 1, 1967	Muskegon Parade
April 8, 1967	Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
April 8, 1967	Flint Parade
April 14-16, 1967	International Preliminaries (tentative)
April 29, 1967	Battle Creek Parade
October 13-15, 1967	District contest and convention (tentative)