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Points by Pete



Well, there still seems to be some confusion as to where to send the material for the Troubadour. The place is: Troubadour c/o of Pete Elkins, 2152 Airway Drive in Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505. Some of the news that I have is old and some of it still new but that is the way things happen on the way out west. Speaking of the way out west, the Michigan District can be proud of its two Representatives, THE SHARP-LIFTERS and THE CLOSE CHORDERS. I know the whole District wishes you guys the best in Los Angeles - so Break a Leg (that's show biz talk)

This editor attended the Bush League in Boyne City (9th time too) not bad for being just a kid. As always Leton Wilson, Arnie Hagerburg and Len Dudiez and all the rest of the gang threw a real bash and too as always the competition was real tough. I hope as long as I am a barbershopper there will always be a Boyne City.

The summer is upon us and with a three month bread we of the Troubadour staff hope that we can get the September issue out on time. One thing that will help is the chapter reporters. You fellas that are doing this thankless job, if you could get your reports in by the 3rd of the month it would sure help because they are coming in every week and so some of them will get in and by the time the next Troubadour comes out the news is very old. Another thing that would be nice is more pictures. I don't have any pictures from the last competition so we can't run any pictures of our representatives going to Los Angeles. I cannot print them if I don't have them.

It is summer and everybody slacks off but the champs. It is time for picnics and golf and swim-ins and sunburns, mosquitoes, 6-12, vacations, fishing and just about everything barbershoppers do in the summer.

Nest fall the singing will be happening in Windsor The Michigan District Contest and Convention. I understand it is to be one of the biggest ever. I know of one new chapter that will be there, - wait, I know of two, Traverse City and Owosso. Owosso is making great strides to becoming a chapter and should be full fledged by October.

So, until October in Windsor, - Yours for a tag

Pete

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

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May 12, 1967		Fifth-Man School,	Saginaw
May 19, 1967		Travers City Charter	Night
July 3-8, 1967		International Conven-	tion in Los Angeles
July 21, 1967		Detroit Moonlight	
August 11-13, 1967		Arrangers School	
September 9-10, 1967		Chorus Directors	School
September 30, 1967		Gratiot County Parade	
September 30, 1967		Fruit Belt Parade	
October 6, 1967		Big Rapids	
October 13-15, 1967		District Convention,	Windsor
October 21, 1967		Lansing Parade	
October 21, 1967		Oakland County Parade	
October 21, 1967		Saginaw Parade	
November 4, 1967		Detroit Parade	
November 25, 1967		Holly-Fenton Parade	
March 16, 1968		Monroe Parade	
March 23, 1968		Battle Creek Parade	
April 20, 1968		Great Lakes Invitational	Grand Rapids
May 3-5, 1968		International Prelimin-	aries, Muskegon
October 18-20, 1968		District Contest,	Monroe
April 12, 1969		Great Lakes Invitational	Grand Rapids
April 25-27, 1969		International Prelimin-	aries (tentative)
October 10-12, 1969		District Contest	(tentative)



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ISSUE OF THE TROUBADOUR?
IF NOT WHY.....



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

OFFICIAL NOTICE - ANNUAL CONVENTION

MICHIGAN DISTRICT SPEBSQSA

Notice is hereby given that the annual convention of the Michigan District of SPEBSQSA will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 13-15, 1967, in the City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The District headquarters will be at the Norton Palmer Hotel.

The District House of Delegates will meet at 8:00 P.M. on Friday October 13, 1967 at the Norton-Palmer.

The election of District officers for 1968 will be held at this meeting and any other business properly noticed will be discussed.

For hotel reservations, contact Don Martin, Manager of the Norton-Palmer Hotel in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Entries of quartets and choruses should be forwarded to District Secretary Louis R. Harrington at 2361 First National Building in Detroit, Mich. 4

The following changes should be made in your District Directory:

The Jackson Chapter now meets at the Elks Temple on South Mechanic on Friday nights.

District C. & J. Chairman, Burt Szabo has moved to 1920 Forest Drive in Kalamazoo, Mich.

igan - Zip Code 49002 - Phone 327-2864

Area 8 Counselor, Don Bazely has moved to 52 The Drive in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.

Barbershoppers were saddened to learn of the deaths of Gordon Grant of Saginaw, past District President; Mel Holderness, Past President of Oakland County Chapter; Joseph Cantwell, Past President of Muskegon; Jo Tiggleman, the wife of Frank Tiggleman, a Past Pres-



THE FEMININE OBSERVER



ELLEN HARRINGTON

The International Convention in Los Angeles attracted a large delegation from Michigan and the motel housing the Detroit chorus was a popular gathering spot. One of the highlights of the convention was the medley the "AUTO-TOWNERS" sang as they turned over the trophy to the new champions. Seen enjoying the convention were Eric Schultz, Al Burgess, Ed Conn, Emerson Sperling, Roger Knapp, Burt Szabo, Les Lang, Marvin Skupski, Glenn VanTassel, Al Rehkop, Jay Rickens, Nick Kiptick, Clarence Wenman, Bob Farrington, Bill Wickstrom, Ron Dumonthier, Hal Bauer, Mike Arnone, Herman Kykema, Burt West, Ralph Schiemer, Duncan Wallace, Art Schulze and Messrs. & Mesdames E.E. Rya William Warner, Tom Pollard, Del Doctor, Otto Vogel C. D. Sanborn, Matt Calderwood, George Acree, Bill Butler, Bob Luscomb, Carl Dahlke, Clint Bostick, Larry King, George Dyar, Bob Mulligan, Bob Winteres Mike Mudgett, John Seamann, Joe Coburn, Norm Thompson, Tony Scooros, Gene Bulka, Bill Pascher and many more.

It was a real treat to renew friendships with former Michiganders who are now residing in California such as Wes Meier, Bob McGrath, Walter Eby, Don Wright, Jerry Larkins, Goldie and Bill Wales, Betty and Joe Sipots, Norma Gibbs, and to see Bob Burrell, now living in Ohio, in competition.

The Detroit moonlight, which is one of the summer's most popular events, was an enjoyable evening. The Toledo and Pontiac chapters chartered busses to join the group. Seen aboard were Roger Knapp, Mike Arnon, Russ Seely, Art Seely, John Wearing, Marvin Burk, Ray McCalpin, Carl Restivo, Bob Whitley, Bill Whipple, Lyle Melvin, Messrs. & Mesdames Ed Lilly, Cliff Douglas, Bill Pascher, Norm Schram, C. D. Sanborn, Otto Vogels, Bernie Smith, Pay Ryan, Art Schulze, Bill Butler, Clint Bostick, Bud Dashiells, Emerson Sperling, Floyd Albert and many more.

Name This Group





Triumph Over Adversity - that's "Red" Masters

by Duane H. Mosier, District Co-
Historian

How can any man lying prone, completely immobilized, except for his hands, for over forty years become a dedicated barbershopper?

The answer to this intriguing question is found in the life of Thurlo (Red) Masters who died May 7, 1967 while hospitalized, at the age of 65. His life reads like a fiction book story, hard to believe.

He was a native Michigander born January 16, 1902 at Milan, not far from Ann Arbor, where he spent his boyhood days. While the Ford Motor Company was still turning out Model T's and A's young Masters seized the opportunity of becoming employed by this industrial giant. After a few years at the Route plant he was taken into the Labor Relations Department, which in those days was a battleground in more ways than one. Out on the assembly line, it was discovered, was a man the FBI and police had on their most wanted list of criminals. He was called in and questioned by Masters. His identity being established, Masters directed a secretary to call the police. Instead of moving out of earshot the crook overheard her and started to run down a long corridor with Masters in hot pursuit. In the scuffle which ensued he fell on his back rupturing certain nerves causing a complete paralysis, except for mobility in his forearms. The next eight years were spent in the University of Michigan and Henry Ford Hospitals.

The company made a substantial cash settlement with him, the proceeds of which were used to purchase a lovely home where he spent the rest of his life among his many visitors.

As a visitor at the hospital a certain young woman by the name of Nellie Carroll became acquainted with Red and gave him sympathetic attention and assisted him in many ways over and beyond the routine services of the nursing staff. In time her sympathetic attention ripened into mutual love and (you guessed it) on January 13, 1934 they were married there in the hospital.

At his insistence he was transferred to his new home where for the past thirty-three years he and Nellie have lived in perfect happiness. "Never during all those years," she says, "was he ever downhearted, never gloomy, never feeling sorry for himself, always greeting me in the morning with 'hello, honey', cheerful all day long."

Determined to live a useful life instead of being just a household care he ordered a special kind of bed and wheelchair and had installed two telephones, one on each side of his bed within reach of his hands. For over thirty years he carried on a very lucrative business representing seventeen insurance companies. Nellie was his faithful secretary until his business grew to the point where he had to employ full time help.

What has this to do with barbershopping?

"Red" Masters loved music and could sing a good lead with any threesome. Soon after the Detroit chapter was organized in July, 1939, relates Carroll P. Adams, former president and later secretary of International SPEBSQSA, Adams joined the chapter and two months later Red joined. "Red was an avid barbershopper," says Adams, "loved to sing, traveled to many International Conventions, had a specially constructed automobile in which his bed and chair could be put in and taken out and once was driven all the way from Detroit to Oklahoma City for an International Convention. He seldom missed a chapter meeting, come rain or shine, and frequently joked about his condition."

Red and Nellie attended all the district conventions and in 1944-45 he was a member of the International Board and had for many years been an officer of the Decrenits. Up until the last year he attended all the Detroit Chapter parades in the Ford Auditorium thoroughly absorbed in the offerings of the many quartets and choruses.

To further his insatiable appetite for close harmony, he built a rumpus room in the basement of his home where his barbershop friends rendezvoused in great numbers. It was fitted out with a rack full of shaving mugs and a barber's chair which he gave to the International when the headquarters was moved to Kenosha, where they now repose with appropriate recognition.

Anyone looking through the myriad photos and snapshots pasted in the scrapbooks and packed in cartons, as the writer was privileged to do, would know without asking that Red was a dedicated barbershopper. They form a gallery of his most cherished friends.

This grand personality is now in the afterglow of a life full of happiness and harmony; a life which exemplified the highest in courageous living; a life of triumph over adversity. For over forty years he carried a cross, a very heavy cross, but on May 7, 1967 he exchanged it for a crown.

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Joe Wolff, first President of Detroit #1 Chapter and International Board Member (1940-41), who was a close personal friend of Red's, had this to say about him:

"It can be assumed that because of what the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. had to offer in barbershop quartet harmony along with the spirit of good fellowship, no member of our Society has ever derived as much genuine pleasure from it as did Red Masters."

As a confirmed barbershopper, Red sincerely believed in the Society's Code of Ethics, and what is more, he lived up to its precepts.

We shall mourn his passing."

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IF NOT....WHY NOT?



Jack W. Round

Michigan district has lost one of its most dedicated barbershoppers, Jack W. Round, who died suddenly on July 15 while enjoying one of his favorite hobbies, golf. He was assigned by his employer Armco Corporation to come to Detroit in 1951 to take charge of its steel sales manufacturing business in Michigan after having shown executive ability in the home office of the company located in Middletown, Ohio. While there Jack became an enthusiastic barbershopper. His Middletown chapter was one of the strong chapters in the Johnny Appleseed district which produced many top ranking quartets and choruses.

When he came to Detroit he brought his enthusiasm along with him. Right away he joined the old Northwest Detroit Area Chapter when it had a live, sixty member roster. His knowledge of barbershopping and barbershop music and his natural ability as a leader was soon discovered and he was prevailed upon to direct the chorus. This labor of love extended over a ten year period. He was a thorough going precisionist demanding the highest essentials in chorus harmony before entering into competition.

Jack was born in Scotland on June 30, 1910, but when the family came to America they first settled in Philadelphia where his father, an accomplished musician, became pipe organist in churches for many years. On July 18, Judd Arnett, a close friend of Round and a columnist of the Detroit Free Press, devoted his whole column to Jack. The following paragraph is taken from his article:

"One of his great days was when he received his final citizenship papers, an occasion so auspicious that not even the antics of an overbearing federal official could ruin it. He never talked much about Scotland, except on request. His interest was here and now - in the America he loved, in his family, in his job with the steel company, which he had represented in Detroit since 1951."

Jack leaves his wife Ida May, a devoted barbershopper, a son Jack Jr., and a daughter Jeane.

by Duane Mosier

FLYING WHO?



From the Pen of the President



By Eric Schultz - District President

"Protenction" has been the byword in 1967 throughout the entire society. And where it has been applied it has proven successful, for the society can now boast of 31,000 members as of June 30, 1967, and still 6 months to go to climb to still greater heights.

We in the Michigan District have also gained in membership, in fact we have more members as of June 30, that we had in 1966, but have you looked at the membership in your chapter as compared to last year? Is your chapter taking advantage of protention? For if you are not it could be the reason your chapter is on the minus side rather than the plus side.

We still have 5 months to go in 1967, plenty of time to prove to yourself and the entire membership "Protenction does the Trick"! You don't know what protention is!? Ask your Adm. Vice President in your chapter about it, (it's for free) and all joiners become winners!

Compare your chapter membership as of 6/30/67 to 6/30/66. Have you gained members? You are on the right track if you have. If you have lost members, start asking yourself why, - could it be protention?

Remember These



MICHIGAN DISTRICT
FALL CONVENTION
 Quartet and Chorus Contest
 WINDSOR, ONTARIO
 October 14, 15, 16, 1967

HEADQUARTERS

Norton Palmer Hotel

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CONVENTION News In Brief

Wes Meier, our new International President, is well known in Michigan. Some years ago he was a resident here and was an active member of the Grosse Pointe chapter. He also served as Area Counsellor and served on the International Committee during the Detroit convention.

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Bill Hansen, who served as District President in 1964-65, and was the director of the Fruit Belt Chorus, is no longer in Michigan. Bill, who is with the F. B. I. was transferred to the San Antonio office by the department.

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Chapters are reminded that arrangements should be made in September for the holding of chapter officer elections. It is imperative that these be held early and the results forwarded promptly to your District Secretary so that the 1968 directory may be compiled as early as possible.

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Billings of per capita assessments have been mailed out and remittances should be forwarded to my office.

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District President Eric Schultz of the Dearborn Chapter has been named to the International Board of Directors.

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The District Convention in Windsor promises to be outstanding as in the past. Several committees have been working diligently formulating plans so as to assure every barbershopper and his family an outstanding time. It is a pleasant experience to visit a "foreign country" for our conventions.

The Hotel Norton-Palmer will be the headquarter with the District delegates meeting set for Friday, October 13, 1967 at 8:00 P.M. A pre-glow is scheduled for 10:00 P.M. Both of these events will be at the Norton-Palmer and the hotel has ample parking facilities.

The quartet preliminaries are set for Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. The chorus contest will begin at 1:30 P.M. This chorus contest will determine Michigan's representative at the Pittsburgh convention next year. Saturday's quartet finals are set for 8:00 P.M. The singing events will be staged at the Clearly Auditorium. An after-glow at the hotel will start at 10:30 P.M.

More details about the convention will be forwarded to all chapters. However, hotel reservations and requests for hospitality rooms are now being taken by Mr. Don Martin, manager of the Norton-Palmer Hotel in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Single rates are \$5.25 and up with double room rates starting at \$8.75.

Quartet and chorus entries have been mailed out and should be returned to my office as soon as possible.

Kalamazoo chapter has changes its meeting place to "Chicken Charlie's" located at 3124 South Westnedge in Kalamazoo, and the secretary, John T. Gillespie has moved to 712 Newgate Road, Kalamazoo 49007. Please change your district directories accordingly.

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5th ANNUAL BARBERSHOP LABOR DAY WEEKEND

PLACE: HARRISVILLE, MICHIGAN

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LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
Phone: GA 1-8499

WINDSOR - OCTOBER 14 - 15 - 16

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD AT THE HAYES HOTEL IN JACKSON
ON APRIL 14, 1967

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Michigan District was held at the Hotel Hayes in Jackson, Michigan on April 14, 1967. President Eric Schultz called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Also present were Immediate Past President Al Burgess, Vice Presidents Gillem and Ryan, Treasurer Schied and Secretary Harrington. International Vice President Wesly Neier was a guest.

A discussion was had regarding final arrangement for the District Convention being held that weekend in Jackson.

President Schultz announced the schedule of Lloyd Steinkamp and also announced the International Fifth Man School to be held at Saginaw on May 12-13 & 14. Notices are to be sent out by the District Secretary to all chapters.

The question of sponsoring an International COTS in December, 1967, or January, 1968, was discussed but it was decided to forego such a project because of the expense entailed.

The secretary reported on the bids received for the 1968 Spring Convention and informed the Board that Muskegon's bid was the only formal bid, but that it would have to held on a date other than the International suggested dates because of the fact that a large convention was scheduled for Muskegon on those dates. The Board voted to recommend to the House of Delegates that the convention be awarded to Muskegon.

A report from Bert Szabo, District G & J Chairman, was presented in which he indicated the expenses of the Judges Seminar to be \$102.57. The Board approved the payment of this item.

The Board then devoted considerable time to discussing the Michigan Troubadour and its editorship. It was decided to hold a meeting on April 29, to which any prospective editors should be invited to make their presentations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,
Michigan District Secretary

SCHEDULE FOR LLOYD STEINKAMP

Michigan District

September 1-2-3-4 Harrisville Labor Day Jamboree

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September 5-6-7 South Haven

Contact Dick Burrows
419 Erie Street
South Haven, Michigan

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September 8 Grand Rapids

Contact William Wild, Jr.
1023 Oakland, N.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Phone 361-9298

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September 11-12 Grand Haven

Contact Al Burgess
535 Robbins Road
Grand Haven, Michigan
Phone 842-5908

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September 13 Tecumseh

Contact John Howell
519 Semindle
Tecumseh, Michigan
or c/o Grals Mfr. Co.

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September 14-15 Utica - Rochester

Contact Duane Peltier
135 Glendale Avenue
Rochester, Michigan
Phone OL 1-6767

Wayne

- WAYNE WINS TWO -

We do love our chapter wives - All of them! Did anyone fail to notice the enthusiastic feminine rooting section the Wayne Wonderland Chorus had at the contest in Jackson? At each convention our wifely entourage becomes greater in number. They make us feel like real champions whether we win or lose.

The Wayne Wonderland Chorus is ecstatic yet humble to have been once again crowned Michigan District Champions. We had this same honor back in 1964 at Windsor. Feeling it in keeping with the duties of the "District Champions" we hereby pledge to make as many public appearances during the coming year as we are able to. We will never turn down a worthy cause.

We have already put on a show for the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor, a church convention in Ypsilanti, a Livonia educators group at Plymouth and we have signed up for an outdoor show in Flatrock.

We are also very proud of our SHARPLIFTERS. Don't they have a glorious sound? Who would ever think that a quartet that has been together only four months could possibly become proficient enough to represent the Michigan District at Los Angeles?!

During the past three months we have been honored to host the "Metro-D" Sweet Adelines Chorus and their husbands plus the TAYLOR MAIDS at our Chapter Meetings. More recently we were entertained by the past District Quartet Champions, THE FOUR-FITS. Those guys just exude enthusiasm.

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.



Last Labor Day Weekend at Harrisville, Wayne had 23 members plus their families in attendance. This year we hope to pass that number and will buy lollipops for any chapter that beats us!

Our chorus will be using Harrisville as a dress rehearsal for the contest in Windsor - come on our & sing!!

Remember, if you don't talk enthusiastically about your own chapter, noone else will - so boast-a-bit.

REPORTER.....MORRIS GILES

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News from the North

Owosso Makes Firm Start

We are progressing real well. I sent in the licensing application with 24 names on it. I have four more that have signed up since that time. I feel in the next three or four weeks we will have at least 35 members. We are meeting every Monday night at 8:30 P. M. at the Y.M.C.A. and go until about 11:00 P.M.

The FOURSOME were over from Lansing and were a big help. Last night we had 28 men and the original CROSS-TALKERS. Gene Gillem & Co. were down from Saginaw and really helped us learn the barber-shop style. Bill Gouders is directing us and will do us a good job when he learns the barber-shop style himself.

Our temporary officers are Robert Mikan as President, Allen Fritz as Vice President, George LePage as Program Vice President, Leslie Smith as Secretary and Don Horton as Treasurer. Bill Gouders is our Chorus Director and George LePage is our Bulletin Editor with all of the above acting as a Board of Directors.

We are planning a ladies night for June 9th. I am seeking as much outside entertainment as possible. I think the Saginaw and Lansing chapters will be here and I am hoping for some support from Grand Rapids. I am also trying to get the 4 TIRE-TOLLERS from Jackson. All visitors wives are encouraged to attend.



Gratiot County

The MID-STATESMEN are up-and-at-'em and Gratiot County is ringing. A couple of this years activities have been the Sweethearts Night Banquet and a program for the old folks in the Masonic Home.

Maynard Peacock did a masterful job of guiding the Ladies Night Banquet. The food and singing were fabulous. The DRIFTERS from Grand Rapids were our guest quartet. Thank you, and good luck in '67.

It sure was fun singing to the folks at the Masonic Home. They are certainly a good audience and so appreciative. After we sang one of them played the piano and they had a dance session. Ken Beckworth, a member of the Masonic Home, has joined us in a couple of our meetings.

Doug Webb, our truant move-away baritone is with us once again and so are the PAST PRESIDENTS 4.

Look out Flint because here we come on March 12 Tad Robbins, our new President, is really pushing so "67" looks bright in the center of Michigan.

Thanks go to Lowell Boyer, our new Bulletin Editor, for a job well done. Few men will tackle the job of starting a chapter bulletin.

Do come see us about 8:15 P.M. any Monday in the basement at Central National Bank in Alma.

REPORTER.....GRANT COLTHORP

The Les Chereaux Chapter got underway the night of May 6th at Cedarville. Twenty men paid their dues to constitute a licensed chapter and we formed a chorus.

At an organizational meeting on April 22nd, the Canadian Soo Chorus, ten members of Boyne City Chapter, and District Vice President, Gene Gillem with three other members of the Saginaw Chapter who sang as a quartet, entertained prospective members from the Cedarville, Pickford, Rudyard, Soo area. About 25 prospective members attended.

We are now trying to decide on a meeting night and looking for a director. Loton Wilson, Bob Tracy and Don Basely respectively have each helped by directing our embryo chorus at our first three meetings.

We are hoping that some of the district quartets will be able to come up and help us get going. None of our new members has as yet formed an organized quartet.

Four fellows from Rudyard have formed a quartet.

For the present time we are meeting each and every Monday at 8:00 P.M. at the Cedarville Town Hall. You are always welcome.

REPORTER.....CLIFF MAC LEAN



FIRST ANNUAL MINI-CHORUS AT MILFORD CHAPTER

The first annual Mini-Chorus Contest was held in Milford on Friday night, May 19. The choruses were limited to a minimum of 15 men and a maximum of 20. Competing were choruses from Detroit (2), Dearborn, Utica-Rochester, Holly-Fenton, Oakland County, and Midland.

The contest was emceed by the WONDERLADS, and the judges were the CLOSE-CHORDERS. A fine time was had by some 150 men present, and we plan to do it again next year.

The picture shows President Irv Melville presenting the winners trophy to Al Davenport, who directed the champs from Oakland County. Our chorus finished second, just seven points behind the champions. Our director, Carl Elwing has worked hard with our chorus and he is now showing results. We would mention also that we have a new quartet working in our chapter. They call themselves THE PAR FOUR and they are doing a fine job.

Chapters Take Note.

REPORTER ED NEALER

Saginaw

The possibility that chords may ring a little louder in our neck of the woods has been given a significant push with the decision by the Saginaw Chapter and the licensed Bay City Chapter to consolidate membership under one group. Details of consolidation, meeting locations and meeting nights, chorus rehearsals, and program nights are being negotiated and progress has been good.

A Chapter reorganization committee is working hard on the entire scope of Chapter activity with a view to general improvement. The consolidation was only one of their recommendations. We hope to implement more of their suggestions and eventually be in a position that compares favorably with the best of barbershopping anywhere.

Our chorus sang at the First Presbyterian Church in Saginaw recently and since we also sang at Messiah Lutheran Church in Bay City. Now it appears that we will be literally flooded with requests to sing in various churches. We hope to do as many of these jobs as is practical.

As this writing precludes the International Contest and the publication will be seen when it is all over; we will wish good fortune to our District representatives and we will see them in Los Angeles!

The Boyne City Bush League Contest provided a fine week-end for many of our Chapter people who were pleased to see our two quartets, the EVERSHARPS and the BEAN TOWN FOUR finish first and fourth respectively.

We also had a fine time with a steak cook-out at the Bateson spread on May 13th. The feed and refreshment supply was completely depleted. The music supply was inexhaustible.

What a bust we had at our area party in Bay City on the 16th of May! We were lucky enough to have as guest quartet the CURBSTONE SERENADERS who were in excellent voice and made the program a great one.

Our chorus, octet and a quartet provided a package show as entertainment for a bowling banquet on May 17th. This was our first experience at this type of effort and the response received augurs favorably to future similar activity. The chorus also sang at two services in the First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw on May 28th and the result was gratifying based on comments subsequently brought forth.

The EVERSHARPS have been busy since the Bush League Contest singing around the Saginaw Valley. They also were lucky enough to gain a spot on the program at the Traverse City Charter Night on May 19th.

Our President, Ted McDonald, has arranged for the entire chapter to visit the newly licensed Owosso Chapter on June 9th. We hope to see some of our friends from other areas of the District there.

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Battle Creek

LADIES NIGHT AT CEREAL CITY

Ladies Night in Battle Creek means steak night. At least that is what it was Saturday night, May 27. That is right, free steak with all the trimmings financed by the Fun Jub or Fine Jug, or sometimes known as the Jug Fund. We had alot of fun for the last year or so with our little brown jug and the fund has grown continually until someone suggested having a free steak supper for the membership. Plans were made, action was taken, and soon it happened, - one of our most successful evenings with the wives of the members invited and entertainment from our own chapter, plus the NOTATIONS who never sounded better. And then, to top all this, the ROAD RUNNERS from Elkhart, Indiana, made the chords ring and put on one of their finer performances to an appreciative audience.

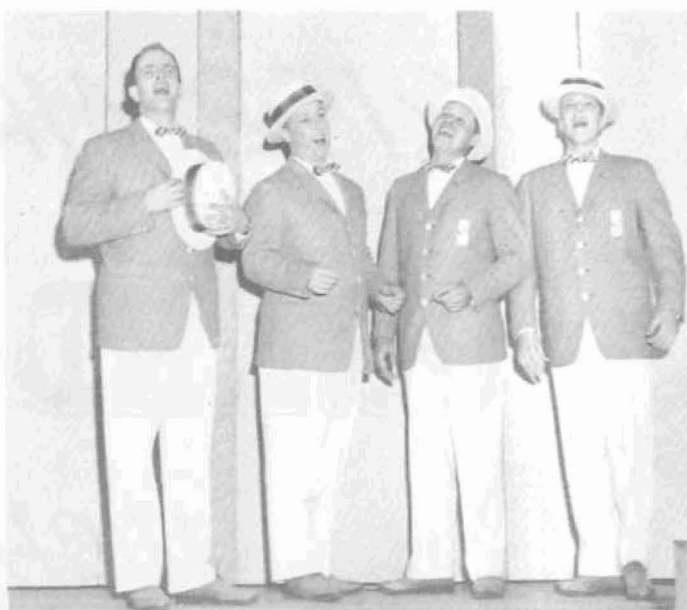
The Cereal City Chorus had a most pleasurable sing-out Saturday, June 3rd, for the Newton Grange. A wonderful supper was served by the women of the Grange that was enjoyed by all. You might say we "sang for our supper".

To start the program a local pick-up quartet sang two hilarious numbers, complete with costumes. The quartet consisted of Larry Swan as lead, Dick Spear as tenor, Bob Dixon as baritone and Lowell Wolfe as bass. The Chorus then participated with five numbers. The whole program was accepted and applauded by an enthusiastic crowd.

Plans are being made for an Ox Roast Picnic to be held July 23rd at St. Mary's Lake with fun and games for the whole family. We look forward to an entire day of barbershopping fun.

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