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HO BUILDING TO **BE CASH MEMORIAL**

At a special meeting held last month, the International Executive Commit-tee voted to recommend to the International Board of Directors that the International Headquarters Building project be designated as a memorial to our late Founder. This decision was prompted largely by the enthusiastic response of the District Associations of Chapters and the individual Chapters and members to the suggestion of the Cash family that those wishing to commemorate O. C. make contributions to the Headquarters Building Fund in his memory.

This recommendation of the Executive Committee will be considered by the International Board at the Mid-Winter Convention scheduled for Minneapolis next January 15th, 16th, and 17th. It is hoped that details regarding 17th. It is hoped that details regarding building site, specifications and fur-nishings will be ready for approval by the Board at that time. Imme-diately following the meeting, full in-formation will be published, so that the entire membership will be com-pletely acquainted with the plans for this project. this project.

The Executive Committee will con-tinue to supervise all negotiations in connection with the building site and the architectural plans and the Building Committee, under Past Interna-tional President King Cole as Chairman, will continue to receive contributions to the Fund. It is hoped that adoption of this project as an O. C. Cash Memorial will stimulate contributions to a point which will permit construction to begin as soon as a site has been obtained.

DAMAGED RECORDS

Numerous reports of delivery of 1953 Medalist records in dam-aged condition have reached us from scattered points throughout the Society.

Because of their concern, International Headquarters checked with Ross Music Company, who took advance orders for the Al-bums at our recent Convention. Ross asked us to inform our membership that upon notification, they will replace all such shipments.

The address of Ross Music Com-pany is 125 John R, Detroit 26, Michigan.

THE COVER

Dave Hoff, Reading and Lynn, Mass. Chapters is responsible for the cover of this issue. His cartoons in bulletins, show programs, etc. are familiar to Northeastern District Barbershoppers. Eds.

SOCIETY LOSES TWO TOP EXECUTIVES

In July, Int'l First Vice-President Carl C. Jones, of Terre Haute, Indiana, became ill and was advised by his physician to withdraw from all activity. He, therefore, resigned. (He died October 10th. See story on this page.) In August, Int'l President John Z. Means, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, suffered two heart attacks and was confined to the hospital for a period of several weeks. Following that, he was and still is, limited in his activities.

SIMNER FILLS VACANCY The Int'l By-Laws of the Society provide only that the First Vice-President shall take over the duties of the



Berney Simner

President in the event the latter cannot carry on. No provision is made when neither man is ayailable.

Faced with this dilemma, the remaining members of the Int'l Executive Committee, Imm. Past Pres. Ed Smith, Second Vice-President Dean Snyder and Treasurer Ray Niblo, called upon the Int'l Laws and Regulations Committee for a recommendation.

Chairman Frank Thorne of that Committee appeared before the Int'l Executive Committee at a special meeting held at Sage Lake, Michigan, September 18th to 20th. The Laws and Regulations Committee recommended that the Int'l Executive Committee appoint

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an Acting First Vice-President to function until the House of Delegates meets in Minneapolis in January.

The Int'l Executive Committee then selected Past Int'l Treasurer Berney Simmer, St. Louis, as Acting First Vice-President, Pending the return to active participation of Int'l President. Means, Simmer will perform the functions of President of the Society.

Berney brings to the job a rich background in SPEBSQSA affairs, having served as chapter officer, District President, Int'l Board Member, Int'l V.P. and two terms as Int'l Treasurer during which time he was af course a member of the Int'l Executive Committee.

SHEBOYGAN SLIGHTED Int'l Board Member Rowland F. Davis, Manhattan, N. Y. Chapter, Chairman of the Int'l Community Service Committee during the last fiscal year, has asked the Harmonizer to correct an oversight. In a Bulletin issued last June, Davis and his committee cited the chapters throughout the country which had done an outstanding job in Community Service in fiscal 1952-53. Through some sort of foul-up in the reporting system, Sheboygan, Wisconsin Chapter was overlooked.

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CARL C. JONES

Carl C. Jones, of Terre Haute, Indiana, died October 10th as a result of heart trouble. He is survived by his wife and a son, Carl A., who is also very much interested in barbershopping.

Carl's interest in SPEBSQSA began with the chartering of Terre Haute Chapter in 1945. He had for many years been active in quartet and chorus singing, formed and led the Elks Chanters which group largely made up the nucleus of the Terre Haute SPEBSQSA Chapter.

Carl was elected to the Int'l Board of the Society in 1950; to the First Vicepresidency in 1952 and to a second



term in June of this year. His failing health caused his resignation in August.

In addition to his administrative work, Carl sang in several top ranking quartets, principally The Minor Chords in which his son sang bari. He plugged endlessly for recognition of Society choruses and Int'l competition and saw his ambitions realized at Detroit last June when his own Terre Haute Chorus competed against fifteen other groups for the championship. He judged any number of Society contests in all parts of the country.

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President's Column

by John Z. Means

There have been plenty of reasons in the past to have thoroughly convinced me that barbershoppers are the finest people on earth, yet the number of cards, letters, telegrams . . . the numerous and beautiful bouquets of flowers received during my illness and convalescence . . . the many sincere expressions of best wishes for a

speedy recovery . . . and particularly, the prayers of so many fine people for my well-being . . . all these things have combined to fill my heart with gratitude, and humble thankfulness.

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This period of relative inactivity has given me time to read and digest the contents of the various District Bulletins. The aggressive approach toward the solution of District problems in most Districts is indeed heartening, as it has always seemed to me that strong and active District organizations will insure, better than any other single factor, the future growth and stability of Barbershopdom.

Current membership figures seem to further substantiate this opinion. For example, the two Districts showing the highest percentage of membership renewals are those whose bulletins indicate the maximum relative attention to this highly important District function. It is no surprise that these same Districts also lead in growth through the chartering of new chapters. They are really on the ball!

Another thing that is impressive is the manuer in which one District in particular has gone all out to train and supply itself with Contest Judges. A class of 39 or 40 men is avidly studying all available information on the subject and I predict that from this group an outstanding roster of Judges will evolve. I venture this leads to much better quartets and more International Contest laurels for the District.

This same District has set definite goals for the number of members and number of chapters by next May 1st, and every letter and bulletin Pve scen states and restates these goals. It will be no surprise to me when they come through!

In still another District the President (very wisely, in my opinion) is working very closely with Chapter Presidents in his District. Personal contacts and bulletins from "One Prez to another" are designed, among other things, to pull the District into a closely knit, hard working and well informed group. This, in my opinion, will result in a strong District made up of strong, active chapters doing much to advance and perpetuate the Society's purposes.

Barbershopping is Fun! We want to keep it that way! Many men continue to devote many hours to accomplish that purpose, and this circle of hardworking and imaginative men who come up with ideas to further the Society's aims seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. Each District is contributing more constructive thought and effort each year, and that, particularly, bears promise of a sound and successful future. It seems to me that District organizations which can fairly set their goals and strive for their accomplishment form the Keystone in our Arch of Triumph.

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I've also noticed from numerous chapter bulletins that more and more chapters have adopted the plan of longrange scheduling of chapter activities. Many have planned all meetings for the entire year. Of course, there will be some activities, particularly in the field of Community Service, which cannot be prescheduled, but the basic idea of knowing in advance what is scheduled and when is sound. I hope we see more of this planning in the future.

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Elsewhere in this issue is a report of action taken by the International Executive Committee in appointing Berney Simner of St. Louis to serve as Int'l First Vice President until an election can be held by the House of Delegates next January. Berney's broad experience in Society affairs and his long-ago proven interest in its progress, qualifies him well to take over as Acting International President until my doctor gives me the green light to again undertake more active participation. Berney's willingness to add this load to his already heavy responsibility as Chairman of the Int'l C & J Committee will forever be appreciated by the Society. Thanks, Berney!

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Our Society has suffered the loss of three outstanding leaders in a comparatively brief period . . . men who contributed greatly to the growth and development of the Society. I know I speak for each and every member when I extend the deepest sympathy of the Society to the families of our Founder, O. C. Cash, our immediate past First Int'l Vice President, Carl C. Jones, and past Int'l Board member Monty Marsden.

JUNGLEAIRES — THE CANAL ZONE CHAMPS



Fourteen-hundred people witnessed the First Canal Zone Chapter Quartet Contest which netted profits of \$600 for the Canal Zone Cancer Fund. The Jungleaires came in first; the Gringo Groaners, second. Left to right, above, The Jungleaires are— Major Gerald Hayter, USAF, lead; Lt. Fred Helton, USA, tenor; Lt. Bill Reilly, USN, bari; Capt. Cliff MacLean, USCG, bass. They have been referred to as the "perfect example of unification".

Other competing foursomes-Zone Tones, Pan Can Alley Four, Las Cruces Trailers, Fi Fi Fo Four.

Hampered thus far by transportation difficulties, the Zone Chapter hopes to get a quartet to the States in the Spring to compete in the Dixie District Int'l Preliminary.



Come to Minneapol-ICE MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

There's an old rhyme not quite suitable for use in a family magazine, the last line of which goes, "And slide on the ice". The instructions given in the earlier part of the rhyme are not recommended except to those of very hardy construction.

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Anyone who has done any skating will sympathize with Luke Sletten, bass of the Minneapolis Atomic Bums, as he tries to achieve a standing position. The quartet, left to right, are Les Mikelson, lead; Maynard Saxe, tenor; (general chairman of the mid-winter meeting) Sletten, Regs Ellefson, bari.

Actually, all four are expert skaters, as what Minneapolitan isn't, but it seemed like a good idea way back in warm September to ask the quartet to pose for some comical pictures to illustrate this story. As is evident, the Bums are nothing if not cooperative.

According to the caption furnished by the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, the people shown in the picture at the bottom of this page are fishing through the ice of one of the lakes in the heart of the city. The "Winter Wonderland" scene on the next page is also said to have been taken within the confines of the city.

For those who do not appreciate too intimate contact with water in its frozen form there is scarcely any need to do so, unless in a glass of Coke. You may step directly from a warm train or plane into a warm taxi and be whisked to a warm hotel where you will meet some of the warmest hospitality north of the equator.

Elaborate plans for the entertainment of all visitors to the Mid-Winter, as well as those who come to take care of the Society's business, have been formulated, as is evidenced by the program of events herewith.

Business Meetings

The Int'l Executive Committee will start the ball rolling with its meeting Friday morning. Other Int'l Committees will meet throughout the day at the call of their chairmen. The Int'l Board will meet Friday night and Saturday morning and the House of Delegates will convene Saturday afternoon.

PARADE IN BEAUTIFUL NORTHROP AUDITORIUM

International Board members, House of Delegates, International officers and all of the visitors to the Mid-Winter Meeting in Minneapolis January 15-17 will be privileged to visit beautiful Northrop Auditorium on the University of Minnesota campus, scene of the Seventh Annual Parade of Quartets of the Minneapolis Chapter. The historic columns on the exterior, the huge stage, and the more than 5,000 "plush" seats assure all in attendance the very best in comfort and eye appeal. Northrop underwent a complete "face-lifting" the past summer, including the installment of a new heavy shell, costing more than \$10,000 and designed especially for the four-part harmony of barbershop quartet singing.

The Parade of Quartets, a presentation of the University of Minnesota in cooperation with the Minneapolis Chapter, is an attraction of the Minneapolis Artists Course and is so advertised.

All proceeds, above expenses, are donated to the Research Equipment Fund of the Minnesota Heart Hospital. Last year the donation amounted to \$6,347.91.

Featured on the Parade will be the current Society Champions, the Vikings, of Rock Island, Illinois; the Buffalo Bills, 1950 Champions; the Atomic Bums, many time Finalists, the Gay 90's Quartet and others.

VISITING LADIES WILL BE FETED

Maynard Saxe, Past President of Minneapolis Chapter and General Chairman of the Mid-Winter Meeting, is going all out to make the three-day convention especially attractive to the visiting ladies. He has appointed the following committee who, at the present time are busy making final arrangements: Mrs. Didi Hamlet, chairwoman, and Mmes. Burtness, Hopkins, Brantner, Clark, Lienau and Dr. Dorothy Hutchinson (she prefers just plain Dorothy Browne).

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Ladies will be assisted at the registration desk on the mezzanine floor of the Nicollet Hotel and there will be a Ladies' Hospitality room for their convenience.

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Plans also include a luncheon and style show Saturday noon and, of course there will be the Pre-Parade Banquet and the Parade of Quartets that evening. Information will be available at all times concerning shopping, restaurants, theaters, and civic places of interest. The Wood-Shedding room will be close at hand for those who get lonesome for some good, solid barbershop chords.

The Mid-Winter Meeting Ladies' Reception Committee considers it a privilege to entertain the visiting barbershoppers' wives in Minneapolis, the City of Lakes and the Land of the Sky Blue Waters.

MID-WINTER MEETING AT NICOLLET HOTEL IN MINNEAPOLIS, JANUARY 15, 16, 17, 1954. PARADE AT NORTHRUP MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, JANUARY 16th AT 8:15 P.M.

Woodshedding on Friday Evening, Jan. 15, 1954, all day Saturday and after The Parade in the Junior Ballroom. The object of the Woodshed is to have men not in organized quartets sing for the edification of the crowd.

Organized quartets will be invited to entertain at intervals.

The wives of the Board Members will be entertained by the women of the Minneapolis Chapter and of the District during their visit to Minneapolis. Mrs. Edw. Hamlet and members of the Women's Committee are working out details to entertain our visitors. The women plan to use Parlor "F" of the Nicollet all day Friday and Saturday and Sunday.

The Registration Table will be on the Mezzanine of the Nicollet, where our visitors will receive tags bearing their names and chapters. Write to SPEBSQSA, Inc., 20619 Fenkell Ave., Detroit, for Room Reservations.

A Pre-Show Dinner will be held at 5:30 in the Terrace Room of the Nicollet, for the Members of the House of Delegates and their wives and all who care to attend. No singing is planned and the "Dutch Treat" will cost about \$4.00 Mimimum.

A highlight of the Mid-Winter Meeting is the Breakfast-Glo which is to be held at 10 A.M., on Sunday in the Main Ballroom of the Nicollet. We are planning to serve 750 at our Breakfast. All Quartets on the Parade have been invited to sing at the Breakfast-Glo and as many of the officially registered Quartets in the District will be invited to sing as time will allow.

The Mid-Winter Meeting is a joint project of the District and the Minneapolis Chapter.

Send for Parade Tickets now, while still available at: \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50. Breakfast-Glo Tickets are \$2.50. Make checks payable to Minneapolis Chapter, SPEBSQSA, Inc. for Parade and Breakfast-Glo Tickets NOW, and send to: Bill Furst, 5213-43rd Ave., So. Minneapolis, Minn.

Maynard W. Saxe, Mid-Winter Meeting Chairman

MINNEAPOLIS MID-WINTER MEETING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



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MONTY MARSDEN Past International Board Member B. F. "Monty" Marsden of Detroit died of a heart attack October 18.

While emceeing the Detroit Chapter's Annual Canadian Night on Friday, October 16, Monty was taken ill, and was rushed to the hospital.

Monty was a charter member of the

Monty was a charter member of the Detroit Chapter which was founded in 1939 and served in nearly every chapter office, as President of the Metropolitan Detroit Association of Chapters, and two terms as a member of the Society's International Board of Directors. During his enlistment in the U. S. Navy in World War I, Monty served as private secretary to John Philip Sousa. In business life he was Michigan representative of the Amer-

Philip Sousa. In business life he was Michigan representative of the Amer-ican Banknote Co. He was affection-ately known as one of the real "work horses" for barbershopping in the Detroit area, and the Michigan Dis-trict. His genial perpetual smile, his enthusiasm, and efforts will be sorely winced

Monty is survived by his wife, Betty, a son, Dean, a brother, and a sister.



AS REPORTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE **THROUGH OCTOBER 25. 1953** (All events are Parades unless otherwise specified)

November 15—College Park, Md.; Decatur, Ill. 18—Manitowoc, Wisc. 20—Montelair, N. J., Family Night; South

18—Manitowoc, Wise.
20—Montelair, N. J., Family Night: South Cook, II.
21—Menomonie, Wise.; North Vancouver, B.C., Charter Night; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Ashtabula, Ohio; Hartford, Conn.; Albuquer-que, N. M., Harmony Rodeo; Youngstown, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Springfield, Mass.; Paterson, N. J.; Pampa, Texas; Salt Lake City, Utah: Peterboro, Ont.; Roseburg, Ore.
22—Hicksville, Ohio; Arlington Heights, III.
27—Versailles, Ky.
28—Buckeya Chapter (Columbus), Ohio; Ta-coma, Washington; Easton-Phillipsburg, Pa.; San Carlos (Peninsula), Calif., Benefit Show; Buffalo, N. Y.; Dowagiae, Mich.; Carlsbad, N. M.; Lynn, Mass.
December 3—Kaukauna, Wisc., Charter Night.
5-Boston, Mass.; Chilton, Wisc.; San Fran-cisco, Calif.; Wenatchee, Wash.; Enid, Okla.; Wilmington, Delaware; Westfield, N. J.; Riverside, Calif., Benefit; Pontiae, Mich.
5-6-Evansville, Ind.
12—Chicago, III; Vancouver, B.C.
13—Champaign-Urbana, III.
19-Madison, Wisc., Benefit Show.
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19-Madison, Wise, Benefit Snow.
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January 2-Milwaukee, Wise.
9-New Castle, Pa.
15-16-17-Minneapolis, Minn., Mid-Winter Meeting.
16-Evclid, Ohio; Long Beach, Calif., Blood Donor Benefit Show; Taunton, Mass.
23-Quiney, Mass.; York, Pa.; Jacksonville, Fla., Charter Night.
24-Chillicothe, Ill.
29-Brantford, Ont., Dog-House Nite.
20-Green Bay, Wisc.; Glendale-Burbank. Calif.; Sarasota, Fla.; Shreveport, La.
30-31-Springfield, Mo.
Feb. 5-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Newhall, Calif.
6-Akron, Ohio; Clarksburg, W. Va.; Jersey City, N. J.; Berkeley, Calif.
11-West Palm Beach, Fla.
13-Jackson, Michigan; Scranton, Pa.; Sparta, Wise.; Huntington Park, Calif.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Geneva, N. Y.; Toledo, Ohio; Parkersburg-Marietta, Ohio.
14-Burlington, Iowa.
17-Butler, Pa.
20-Dearborn, Mich.; Lakewood, Ohio; Philadelphia, Pa.; Abilene, Texas; Wauwatosa, Wise.
27-Middletown, Ohio; Bloomington, Ilf; Tulsa, Okla.
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20-Dearborn, Mich.; Lakewood, Onio; Finia-delphia, Pa.; Abilene, Texas; Wauwatosa, Wiso.
27-Milddletown, Ohio; Bloomington, III; Tulsa, Okla.; Pomona Valley, Calif.; Tesneck, N. J.; Greenville, Pa.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Bridgeport. Com. District Chorus Contest.
28-Fort Madison, Iowa; Dwight, Ill., Tueson, Ariz.
March 5-6-Daytona Beach, Fla.
5-Fort Myers, Fla.
6-Amarillo, Texas; Elyria, Ohio; Lima, Ohio; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Toronto, Ont.; Columbus, Ohio; Niles, Ohio; Whittier, Calif.
12-Penns Grove, N. J.
13-Wichita Falls, Texas; Luzerne County, Pa.; Sharon, Pa.; Eden, Calif.
14-Painesville, Ohio.
16-Woodstock, Ont.
19-Brantford, Ont.
20-Lockport, N. Y.; Warren, Ohio; Posadena, Calif.; Reading, Pa.; Rockford, Ill.; Medford, Oregon.
21-Gibson City, Ill.
26-Allentown-Bethlehem, Pa.
27-Southown (Chicago), Ill.; Michigan City, Ind.; Painted Post, N. Y.; Seattle, Washington; Boyne City, Mich., Bush League Contest: Steubenville, Ohio; Jappening, Mich.
28-Gibson City, Ill.; Peinnee, Ohio.
April 2-Manhattun, N. Y.
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3—Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lockport, N. Y.; Arcadia. Calif.; Des Moines, Iowa; Crescent City, Calif.: Millersburg, Ohio.
3-4—Pekin, Ill., Chorus Spring Sing.
9—Orillia, Ont.
10—Reading, Mass.; Winnipeg, Man.; Grand Rapids, Mich., Great Lakes Invitational; York, Pa., Mid-Atl. Regionals; Medina, Ohio; Kla-math Falls, Ore.
11.—Farmington, Ill.
17—New Bedford, Mass.; Belleville. Ill.; Hamilton, Ont.
23.—Nassau County, N. Y.; El Dorado, Kans.; Kenton, Ohio; Aurora, Ill.
24.—Montreal, Quebec, Regional Preliminary Contest; Jamestown, N. Y.; Wausau, Wisc.; St. Paul, Minn., Charity Show; Marinette, Wisc.; El Paso, Texas; Brandon, Man.: Charleston, W. Va.; Peterborough, Ont.: Altoona, Pa.
24-25—Peoria, Ill.; Kansas City, Kansas. May 1—Belmont, Mass.; Fall River, Mass.; Mankato, Minn., LOL Regional Prelim. Con-test.
1-2—Pittsburgh, Pa., Johnny Annlesced Dis-

Mankato, Minn., LOL Regional Prelim. Contest.
1-2—Pittsburgh, Pa., Johnny Appleseed District Regional Preliminaries.
8—Laconia, N. H.; Needham, Mass.; Stevens Point, Wisc.; Charter Night; La Crosse, Wisc.; Butfalo, N. Y., Seneca Land Regional Preliminaries; Canton, Ohio.
15—Providence, R. I.; Manitowoc, Wisc.; Dallas, Texas; Warrsaw, N. Y.; Derry, N. H.
16—Johnny Appleseed District Chorus Contest. (Location To Be Selected)
22—Racine, Wisc.; Quiney, Mass., Minstrel Show; Marlboro, Mass.
29—Appleton, Wisc.
June 5—Jersey City, N. J., Annual Dance and Quartet Roundup.
9-13—Washington, D. C., Int'l Convention.
Sept. 11-25—Housatonic (Derby), Conn. Oct. 2—Genesee (Rochester), N. Y.



missed.

By Chas. M. Merrill, Past Int'l Pres.

No. 39

Name the lovely ewes (excuse) YOU's found below.

- Seems as though my heart would break without YOU.
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- old Bobwhite gives his call. In this heart of mine YOU live all
- YOU can have your fame, but what we're after is your sunshine and your laughter.
- 5. There never was a girl like YOU.
- YOUR soul so pure and sweet makes my happiness complete; makes me falter at your feet.
 I'll come back to YOU some sunny

- Pill come back to the day.
 YOU can go as far as you like with me in my merry Oldsmobile.
 For miles around they're waiting just to start in celebrating when YOU say, "I do."
 YOU'll learn to cook and to sew; what's more you'll love it I know.

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For answers, see page 47

CHORUS CONTEST AT WASHINGTON

Last June at Detroit the winning chorus (Great Lakes Chorus of Grand Rapids, Mich. Chapter) was crowned CONVENTION CHORUS CHAM-PION.

This title was decided upon because not all the Society's Districts were rep-resented and not all the competing choruses had won the honor of competing by first winning a contest in their own District.

This year at Washington, D.C. will be different.

Each District has the privilege of en-tering two choruses, BUT they must be chosen by an intra-District Contest. In that way, the twenty-eight cho-ruses competing at Washington, D.C. will be as nearly as possible the best the entire Society has to offer. Then, it will be justifiable to crown the win-ning chorus—"SPEBSQSA INTER-NATIONAL CHORUS CHAM-DIONCY" PIONS."

PIONS." Many of the Districts have already held their chorus contests and know who their representatives at Washing-ton, D.C. will be. Some of the choruses are already making preparations to transport their members to and from Washington. Buckeye Chapter, (Co-lumbus, Ohio), is well along on col-lection of a travel fund. Others are doing the same. doing the same.

Registration Books Members of competing choruses must



Each costs \$7.50 and entitles the holder to apply for hotel accommoda-tions. The books contain admission tickets for all contest sessions and the Jamborce at Washington.

QUARTET REGISTRATION

Thirty days in advance of the anni-versary date of the registration of each Society quartet, a formal notice and reminder will be mailed out from the Int'l Office so that each quartet will be given the opportunity of re-registering.

This is important. Quartets already registered need not worry about forgetting the anniversary date because the reminder will reach them in plenty of time.

Society quartets which haven't yet registered should do so at once. The first step is to write to the Int'l Office and ask for a registration blank and a copy of the Quartet Manual.

It is the plan of the Harmonizer Edi-torial Board to continue the policy of listing once a year all officially regis-tered SPEBSQSA quartets showing the name and address of their contact man. This will be done in the March issue which goes to press on January 25th.

BEYOND CALL OF DUTY

Henry (Hans) Beyer, First Vice President of the Land O'Lakes Dis-trict, Editor of the LOL Harmony News, and Director of the Sheboygan Chorus (1952 LOL District Cham-pions), is one of the growing list of barbershoppers who really take their "labors of love" seriously. Mrs. Beyer is "Circulation Manager" of the Har-mony News and does much of the work.

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by Deac Martin

'I disagree with what you say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." Altributed to Voltaire, 1694-1778

In the last Harmonizer "Stub Pencil" quoted me to the effect that there isn't type small enough to symbolize my opinion of the suggestion to divide competing quartets into old-timers and youngsters in order to give the old boys "a chance" nowadays.

A letter from Joe Jones, Detroit, old-timer, and former bari of The Ambas-sadors with Wolff, Scott and the late Monty Marsden now bariying with the Hobby Chord Four delights me be-cause it stresses the singing-for-fun phase which was originally the essence of the Society, and is the basic reason why it has ridden the storms of 15 years so successfully. Says Joe in part:

"Too many of us stew around about our inability to cope with the fresh voices of the younger quartets and we do nothing about singing ourselves ... Some kind hearts think we should have our own competition, limited to guys who are 40 or over or 50 and up. 'What can we do about the old-timers?' they say, 'They don't come around to meetings like they used to'

"I joined this Society in 1941 because I wanted to sing in a barbershop quar-tet . . When I joined up, everybody in the chapter wanted to sing in a quartet and I'm just naive enough to think that is the same aspiration and think that is the same aspiration and hope of everybody who joins our ranks today . . Always it was four guys, each of equal stature and importance as members of the Society, having a little fun for themselves. Nobody ever leaned over to his neighbor and said, 'Those guys are lousy. They couldn't get to first base in district competi-tion' because that same member might be singing with three other guys shortly and he subject to the same kind of cruel and thoughtless criti-cism. . . cism. .

"That's the same kind of chance these young men coming into the Society want for themselves today. They want to have fun too. They want to sing in a quartet either 'good' or 'lousy' by competitive measurement. That's the real spirit of our Society . . . Four guys begin to enjoy singing together so they gradually begin to rehearse, to improve themselves and thereby satisfy their own vanity. That's the way all our top quartets got started "That's the same kind of chance these

"Ten or twelve years ago some self-important and supposedly crudite music critic chose to look upon our Society as 'a passing faucy, something which won't live long'. Now, six hun-dred chapters later, his prediction has proved to be as silly as his appraisal. If it should ever come true it will be because here and there throughout

these six hundred chapters too many old-timers will have passed up their responsibilities to themselves for startresponsibilities to themselves for start-ing this idea in the first place. Too many of them will have forgotten that even late in life there is still the same thrill in singing with three other guys as there was during their first months and years of Society membership membership . . .

"My own pipes are rusty, my throat gets raw and raspy, my voice quality might not even qualify me for a sec-ond rate fish wagon; but by golly, I'm still singing in a quartet and loving it just as much as the night I joined the Society".

And there the Voice of Experience has spoken. The comment about Joe would spoken. The comment about Joe would not be complete without mentioning that nowadays he sings with Howard Tubbs (Present Int'l Bd. member and bass of the several times finalist Gardenaires), Earl Rubert (Garden-aires' lead) and Eddie Reddick, tenor. Two of them might qualify as old-timers, but there are plenty of young fellows who would give their pink cheeks to be in the same quartet.

The Lamplighters in Cleveland have been together for more than 10 years without one change in personnel. They were the first Ohio State Champions before Johnny Appleseed District was organized, and have been in medalist competition in the International Con-test. They have always and that they test. They have always said that there is not an outstandingly good voice among the four, yet when the four get together they had, and still have, one of the finest blends among our foursomes.

The continued enjoyment they get out of singing together is in sharp con-trast with the lost feeling of such men as Cy Perkins, Pete Buckley and

Joe Murrin of the 1945 Champion Mis-fits since that combination had to be broken.

I think that Joe Jones' comment about old-timers has made a case which needs no summation and to which there is no necessity to append a moral.

The evolution of the medals worn by the International Champions, and the methods of supplying them to the Champs should be in the Society's record, so here goes .

According to Carroll Adams, the idea According to Carron Adams, the idea of a championship medal originated with Roscoe Bennett, general chair-man of the convention-contest in Grand Rapids, 1942, (Now Editor of Michigan District publication, The Troubador). Roscoe says that he got the idea while in church, proving that church may offer more than spiritual values. The choir boys were being pre-sented with medallions on colored ribbons for attendance and achieve-ments . . . so "why not our cham-pions?"

He passed the idea to President (not Sec-that came later) Adams, who Sec-that came later) Adams, who was able to get the Detroit chapter to pay for four medals, referred to then and for several years later as the "O. C. Cash" award. They were pre-sented to the Elastic Four, 1942 winners at Grand Rapids. I was under the impression that Detroit and Oak-land County chapters furnished the medals until 1947 when the Interna-tional took over the responsibility. But Carroll says that, as he remembers it, Chicago chapter furnished the mode year. At any rate the medals received by the Elastics were the first to be by the Elastics were the first to be given, and are of different design than those that followed.

SINGING A HAPPY CHORD



These are just a few of the 325 barbershoppers and their families from nine chapters that gathered at Lake Murray on September 27 for the Oklahoma City Chapter's 3rd Annual Jamborec. Pictured are LtoR front: W. L. Underwood, President-Wichita Falls, Tex.; M. R. Long, Secretary-Fort Worth, Texas; Jesse Lowe, Corpus Christi, Tex. and Jos. E. Lewis, Southwestern District President of Dallas, Texas. Lending an ear in the back are Pat Patterson, President-Oak Cliff, Texas; S. M. Puny Blevens, the Society's first M.C. from Tulsa, Okla, and on the far right Clarence Sloan, President of the host chapter.



The "Singing Capital" Chorus, Washington, D. C. Chapter-Mid-Atlantic District Champions Lew Sims, Director

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT HOLDS BIG CONVENTION IN NEW YORK CITY L. A. "Pom" Pomeroy, District Secretary

L. A. "Pom" Pomer The Mid-Atlantic States District wrote a new chapter in the History of Barbershopping the week-end of Octo-ber 16, 17 and 18 in New York City. Planning for this outstanding event started 'way hack last January when the twenty chapters making up Areas 1, 2 and 3 decided to sponsor the An-nual District Quartet Contest and make it a session to be remembered. Early plans were grandiose but were nothing compared to the actual event. The first official meeting of the week-end was the District Meeting sched-uled for nine o'clock Friday night in Hotel McAlpin in the beart of New York City. But by early afternoon the hotel lobby was ringing with the chords of the seemingly endless pro-cession of quartets waiting to check in. Barbershoppers from all over the District were crowding into the act District were crowding into the act and everybody was doing his best to let Coney Island Baby know he was there-in person.

The District Meeting got under way on time, but only after a hurry call was sent out for more chairs to seat the 115 men who jammed the room. The meeting itself was an inspiration to all with the District officers and the visiting International officers lending their voices to plans in store for the Chapters, the District and the Society. Time was called at ten thirty to permit those who wished to sleep in prep-aration for the big day Saturday, a chance to hit the sack.

The schedule called for an elimina-The schedule called for an elimina-tion quartet contest at ten o'clock Saturday morning. One look at the entry list of 34 quartets and the Chairman of Judges, Immediate Past International President Ed Smith, moved the starting time up to eight fifteen. By pushing hard the judges listened to the 31st quartet that actu-ally made it just at noon. The Judges had to be taken away in wheel chairs and served lunches in the infirmary. and served lunches in the infirmary, but they were able to recover in time to be sitting in their proper places in Carnegie Hall at two in the afternoon.

There, before an audience made up of 100% barbershop enthusiasts, ten choruses and ten quartets sang it out for the District Championship. Books have been written about the acoustical properties of Carnegie Hall, but never have the walls of that auditorium heard the ring that was there that afternoon. Each competing group-chorus or quartet — claimed they sounded better in the Hall than in any other spot.

A mad scramble to get out of the Hall followed the contests as people looked up their favorite cating places. At eight-thirty everyone was back in his seat to hear the first DELASUS-QUEHUDMAC (named for the fol-lowing rivers: Delaware, Susquehan-na, Hudson and Potomac) Jamboree. The Hall by this time had a real convention atmosphere with each chapter's banner hanging from the front of the box seats.

Back to the Hotel McAlpin but not to bed. No sir! There was as much going on as ever seen in an Interna-tional Convention city but here we had it all in one hotel . . . To those of you who have attended an International— 'nuff said. To the others all we can say is—you will never really live until you spend such a night. you spend such a night.

And then came the dawn. A few hours of sleep for some, none for others, and the show goes on.

The Clinic

How do you hold a quartet clinic for 37 quartets? The panel of Judges used the guest quartets that had thrilled the audience at the Jamboree and by demonstration and lecture showed what it takes to hit the top of the barbershop trail. Over 500 peo-ple crowded into the ball room and staved till the and stayed till the end.

Thus was a new idea in District Con-ventions born. The Mid-Atlantic States will develop it further until every last member in the District will be on hand to take part in such a week end. If all can get the thrill that the hundreds of barbershoppers who attended ex-perienced there will be increased activ-ity in the Society such as even our beloved founder O. C. Cash never en-visioned. visioned.

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"OUR DIMENSIONS AND OUR OPPORTUNITIES"

An Address to the SPEBSQSA House of Delegates, Detroit, June 11, 1953

by Dean Snyder, Int'l 2nd Vice-President, Chairman, Int'l Committee on Long Range Planning

> (Because of the widespread interest in Dean Snyder's talk the Editors decided to reproduce it so that all may read it.)

> where we are going—these things represent the substance of our inquiry.

> We have said that these things must be seen, understood, and applied. We must do more than read about this substance. We must "feel" it, think it, talk about it, and we must do something personal about it.

I prefer to think that long-range planning is in large part thoughtful discussion and thinking ahead, not just a lot of reports on paper. Above all, it is the active participation of each one in our affairs as a Society and with an eye to the future.

Where do ideas come from? Our Committee has utilized these last few months in a review of our problems the microscopic approach—and in the exchange and collection of constructive ideas. A large bundle of correspondence has resulted. Many persons other than the committee members have contributed. Past issues of the Harmonizer have been combed. Discussions at the Boston mid-winter meeting were-most helpful. I want to thank a host of our members for the thought and attention given to long-range planning. These sparks of renewed interest are very valuable to the Society. Before we are through, many more must become involved in this process of "thoughtful discussion and thinking ahead."

II

I promised to talk about our dimensions as a Society because unless we can see and "feel" what we are, there is nothing substantial to take hold of as we move forward. I believe that we have, within the concept of our Society, something larger and more marvelous than we have ever dreamed of—if we can but see its three dimensions and relate those dimensions to our opportunities for growth and for public acceptance.

The horizontal dimension. Within our Society framework, there is possibility for a wide range of activities. No member need suffer because he can't sing in a quartet, and no member need grow old in service. We are a quartet society, yes, but we are a lot more than just a quartet society. Think of the many opportunities that our members have! Here are some of them:

We can sing in quartets.

We can sing in choruses—small choruses of "precisionaires" or large choruses comprised of singers from one or several chapters.

We can compete in quartet and chorus contests.

We can take part in chapter leadership and administration — as officers or committee chairmen.

We can take part in area, district, and international affairs as officers, area counselors, or on committee assignments.

We can become specialists judges, chorus directors, quartet coaches, parade producers, song leaders, masters of ceremonies.

We can write and edit — articles for chapter bulletins, district publications, and the Harmonizer, as well as humorous pieces and show scripts.

We can study and learn more about harmony, car-training, history of music (e.g., history of popular music in America), barbershop craft, including the famous Reagan "clock system".

We can compose the lyrics and melody of songs.

We can make arrangements (see pages 18-19, June 1953 Harmonizer).

We can become collectors—old songs, quartet records, tape recordings, back issues of the Harmonizer, pictures of Society quartets and special events.

We can visit other chapters, travel and attend parades, help organize new chapters.

We can make new SPEBSQSA friends in other parts of the country and keep in touch with them through correspondence — exchanging ideas, music, and just "gossip".

We can have a wonderful vacation one week in every year by attending the International Contest and Convention.

We can make talks about SPEB-SQSA and properly interpret its program and its craft concepts to elubs and civic organizations, to school and college music groups, and to people generally.

We can take part in chapter programs of community service sing in hospitals, military camps, civic and church gatherings, aid in campaigns for charity and for cultural development — and thus work to make our communities better places in which to live.

We can help make America strong by helping to "Keep America Singing".

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Mr. President and Members of the House of Delegates:

I

I am glad to talk with you about the future of our Society. It is perhaps the most important subject we could discuss at this first meeting of the new House of Delegates. Fifteen years of history lie back of us. Our foundations are strong. We can look forward with confidence and it is appropriate to do so.

The occasion is important. "The old order passeth, giving way to the new" is an apt quotation to describe our meeting here. The House of Delegates plan broadens the base of representation in our Society. It is evidence both of our vigor and our maturity that we could make this significant change so smoothly. As a legislative body, we are charged from here on out with responsibilities as leaders and as statesmen. This day is an important milestone in our progress.

The subject is important. You have asked me to discuss long-range planning. What could be more vital? The biologist defines life in terms of growth. Our existence as a Society and our growth as a Society are likewise one and the same thing. During the past year, we have given fresh dignity and emphasis to the business of looking ahead. We have stopped using a microscope to find flaws in favor of binoculars to view—as Rowland Davis once said—"The third range of mountains ahead", and we have begun to examine our growth in qualitative rather than quantitative terms. Where do we want to be ten years from now, five years from now—or next year? That is the question.

Longe-range planning is not magic. We want to be practical. We are not searching with binoculars for magical illusions or mystical visions of outer space. We are searching to find something that can be seen, understood, and applied. Do we have dimensions as a Society? I think so, and in a minnte I will try to tell you what I mean, but first, we must dispose of another preliminary item.

Long-range planning is not a set of reports. Written material may not be the answer to what we are seeking. This job is different from framing a new set of by-laws or revising the contest judging rules. The administrative form and the management of our Society are important, but this is not our life blood, nor our real substance. What we are, what we stand for, and

DIMENSIONS, Continued

Where else can you find such variety? It includes just about every possible type of participation — except solo singing. I am indebted to "Pom" Pomeroy for giving me a descriptive phrase for the horizontal dimension of our Society. He has called it "hobbies within a HOBBY". There is something for everybody. Men from ages 18 to 80 can discover a great range of good things to do in SPEBSQSA. Every member can be active in one way or another.

The vertical dimension. The second dimension within the framework of our Society is just as stimulating. It is the chance to move up the ladder of experience and skill. This ladder can be placed at any point along the horizontal line of activities which we've just described.

The horizontal dimension is the hobby dimension; the vertical dimension is the craft dimension.

The craft or guild system, which developed in the Middle Ages, stressed excellent workmanship, training, and a chance to rise in the ranks. As a modern musical craft, SPEBSQSA is bound to do the same.

Let's talk about levels or rungs on the ladder. The first one is careful selection of our members. Next we draw upon the craft system for the term "apprentice." With experience, apprentices become "journeymen" and the most excellent of these can aspire to the role of master craftsmen. Take the study of bsq. harmony and the making of written quartet and chorns arrangements. Here we have an acknowledged master class of a few men well known to all of us. But we also have some journeymen and probably more apprentices than any of us realize. If we are wise, we will encourage men with interest and ability to improve their apprentice skills in this segment of our activities. Apply the same principle to contest judging and you have our judge training program leading to certification on the approved panel.

The great opportunity ahead of us is to extend these organized training programs to other areas. Our schools, clinics, and seminars at district and international conventions could be brought down to the chapter level. Competition is perhaps the best device of all for motivating interest and striving for excellence. Can anyone doubt that through our quartet and chorus contests, we improve the quality of our singing? Can it be doubted that good results and deserved recognition will come to many members through the lyric and melody writing and arrangement contests now being conducted through the Harmonizer?

In this craft of ours, we have one level of interest completely unknown to the medioval guilds. We are blessed If the professional music educators only knew what great resources we have for growing in musical satisfaction and skill, they would join forces with us in the promotion of our craft. The great principle of education is to help people to do better the things they are going to do anyway, and to reveal and make attractive higher levels of excellence. We can do that, too, through SPEBSQSA.

The third dimension. We are hearing a lot about 3-D motion pictures. On the screen, the third dimension is one of depth—but it is the illusion of depth. In our Society, depth is a reality. Back of us at this convention are 4500 of our kind of people; back of us are 25,000 members of this great Society. Back of the horizontal and the vertical are myriad associations and fine friendly relationships among those who like to sing and to listen to singing.

The third dimension is, therefore, the personal dimension. It is hard to describe our organization except in terms of the people who compose it. Let us, therefore, constantly keep before us the personal qualities that go to make a good barbershopper. Let us strive more than ever to attract this kind of new member and then make life so interesting for him in terms of the horizontal and the vertical dimensions, that he will have more fun than he ever dreamed of and more of the other kinds of satisfaction about which we've been talking today.

A lot to sell. Recently on an airplane trip, I was seated next to a man who turned out to be the international past president of one of the well known service club organizations. He asked me many questions about our Society. Finally, he said, "You fellows certainly have a lot to sell. I wish we had one-half as much". This was a compliment to make anyone feel proud, but I kept silently asking myself, "A lot to sell—to whom?"

III

Who are the customers? I don't want to lead you astray by dwelling upon "salesmanship" and "customers" as those words are commonly understood. What we have described is a commodity to be given and received—not to be bought and sold. There is no bounty on new members nor any brokerage in organizing new chapters. We seek no monetary profit from anything we do. The very essence of a true craft, as well as a hobby, is found in the satisfaction of the workman and in the excellence of the product as tested in the minds and the hearts of men rather than in the marketplace. To admit this, however, is not to deny the natural clientele to whom our Society can and should appeal. We need to interpret and demonstrate what we do to at least four groups. This is the selling job of which I speak.

Young men. If we do not replenish our ranks with younger members, we cannot survive. The men who founded this Society fifteen years ago are fifteen years older today. Like Chiang's Army on Formosa, they are "old" soldiers, and although old soldiers never die in SPEBSQSA any more than in the Army, they don't sing or fight quite so well as time goes on.

How can we attract young men of good quality? This is a speech in itself, but I will briefly mention three opportunities:

We can cooperate with the Armed Forces—as we have done—and eventually reap a harvest of members as these young men finish their tours of duty and return to their home towns with a liking for barbershop quartet and chorus singing.

We can work with schools and colleges to introduce our type of singing, to coach quartets, to help conduct contests, and to give appropriate recognition to outstanding young quartet and choral groups.

We can encourage the father - son relationship and bring our own sons, or our neighbors' sons, or a community "Boys' Club" into a knowledge of what we do, how we do it, and how much fun we have. Ours is one adult pastime that no member need be ashamed to hold up for imitation by the youth of the land.

All this does not mean lowering our age limits or organizing a junior auxiliary to our Society. It merely means a helping hand to those who—sooner or later—will grow into membership status in our chapters.

Music educators. SPEBSQSA is based on music. It is good music, but we are not sufficiently well understood by those who teach music and who so often control or influence the community's attitude toward music. Their seeming indifference to the style of singing we love so much is due almost entirely to their complete lack of understanding of what we are doing in a legitimate field of music.

National leaders of music teaching, faculty in college conservatories, high school music teachers, choir directors, and even instrumentalists, need to know us better, and to hear the best possible samples of our singing. Teachers of harmony need to examine our 4-part arrangements and we must help them do so. We should even spend time in "educating" the professional music critics who write for our newspapers.

Recently, Ed Smith and I spent part of one day with the head of the music department at Columbia University in New York City. That evening he heard the Buffalo Bills and the Four Teens sing. He heard the Manhattan Chapter Chorus. It was a new and thrilling

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experience. He got a completely new concept of what can be done with male voices singing unaccompanied. He said to us, "Our high school teachers need to know more about this. It may be the answer to the loss of interest in glee clubs". Later, he wrote, "I want to try my hand at making arrangements the way you people do it".

The National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D. C., has given a joint concert two successive years with our District of Columbia Chapter. To my knowledge, the same plan has been followed in at least three other cities. These instrumentalists love Beethoven, but they can also learn to appreciate "barbershop" because both types of music are good music and in good taste. Many symphony players also give music lessons. We are reaching both the vocal and instrumental teachers—but only in a limited way. Let's plan to do it on a wider basis.

The general listening public. Outside our own ranks, we have probably done our best job with friends and neighbors—not members of the Society who come once or twice each year to hear our parades. Originally, with this group, it was the glamor of a new idea and nostalgia for the old songs of an earlier day that captured their attention.

After 15 years, how can we hold this clientele and increase it? Can we do it merely because the proceeds of a chapter parade are dedicated to philanthropy or social service? Not for long. We must, I believe, provide entertainment of superior quality and couple it with a year-round program of interpretation to the entire community of the true dimensions of our craft as we now know them. Let us have "Artery Parties" and many other forms of community service. It is part of our program to do so, but let us be known primarily by our nussical "good works" and by our legitimate craft and hobby concepts.

Our own members. We are 25,000 strong, but let me quote from a recent letter in our committee files. "It's amazing that so many know so little about our Society. We have a lot of members but few real converts."

What to do? This again is a speech of its own. In my judgment, one of many approaches to this problem lies in the further development of barbershop craft sessions for our general membership. This new idea has been tested in at least four districts and it will be expanded during the next year through the columns of the Harmonizer. It may turn out to be the most vital force yet discovered in helping us to understand musical foundations upon which our Society is built.

IV

In conclusion, let me give you a reminder and an admonition. This is where long-range planning gets personal. The Society is you. Long-range planning is you. What kind of members are you going to bring in? What kind of a program is your chapter going to have? What kind of a Society do you want for the future? Will you take advantage of our wonderful bundle of resources in all three of its dimensions?

Somewhere in the writings of Alfred Noyes, the great English poet and essayist, are to be found these words: "If I looked farther ahead, it was because I stood on giant shoulders". Here at this first session of the new House of Delegates—in the presence of our Founder, our past presidents and other "statesmen" of our Society —these words have a special significance.

I invite all of you to consider our future and to look ahead. There are giants among us. Find one and stand on his shoulders—or better still, become one yourself.

CORRECTIONS IN SONGS FOR MEN, VOL. VI

Past International Board Member Harry Sparrow, Colorado Springs, Colo., caught a number of errors in the Society's 1953 Song Book which he passed on to John Hill, Chairman of the '52-'53 Song Arrangements Committee, which published the book. Chairman Hill had already caught other errors and this listing combines all corrections to date.

Song		Page	Line	Measure	Part	Note	Change
I Remember		5	3	1	Bari. Bass	last	Bari. should be B Natural Bass should be A Flat
Drink to Me On	ly with Thine Eyes	7	2	5	Lead	2nd	Should be D Natural
After the Winter		17 17	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	Bari. Lead	lst last	Should be B Natural Should be F Sharp
Taxes		19	2	5	Tenor	all	Should be A Flat
Carolina in Sprin	ngtime	20 20 22	1 1 4	2 3 1	Lead Lead Bass	3rd 3rd 2nd	Should be C Sharp Should be C Sharp Should be E (not D)
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Gee, Boys It's G	reat to Lead a Band	28 29 29 29 29 29	5 1 5 5 6	1 4 1 2 2	Lead Tenor Lead Tenor Tenor	5th 3rd 5th 1st last	Should be D Flat Should be D Natural Should be E Flat Should be E Natural Should be E Natural
When You and I	Were Young Maggie	30 30 30	2 3 5	1 6 6	Tenor Tenor Bari.	2nd 2nd 1st	Should be F Natural (Same as 1st note) Should be E Natural Should be C Natural
Lonesome, That'	s All	32 32	3 3	8 8	Tenor Lead	2nd & 3rd 2nd & 3rd	Should be D Natural Should be B Flat

THE MATHEMICAL IMPROBABILITIES OF A CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTET

When the writer visited Denver, Colorado, recently, Buck Maddy, a good barbershopper of the Denver Chapter, and I got to discussing the mathematical improbabilities of a championship quartet. We arrived at the conclusion that the

chances against might approach the ratio represented by one to the millions of light years between here and the sun.

> Herb Wall, Secretary, Central States District

> > they're champs.

First, you have to have four guys who like to sing and have the equipment to sing with — four guys who like each other - who are willing to spend h ours together practicing — four guys, mind you, who love the stuff so much they're willing to give up just about everything to sing and practice.

Four who have enough ham in them to want to perform and please the listening customers; who are willing to subject themselves to direction and are willing to take the correction that goes with learning the stuff.

⁴ Last but not least (if they are mar-ried) there should be four wives who are willing, individually and collectively, to go through the ordeal of listening to one phrase of a song a hundred times; wives who like each other and are willing to get together in long bridge sessions on the quar-tet's night out.

After hours and nights and weeks and months of practice, if the tenor doesn't wear out, or the lead sing flat when he's tired, or the bari get mad at the bass, they may learn to sing the same words on the same songs and sort of get the feel of each other. Finally, they think they are pretty good and make a few public appearances.

Need More Songs

They find that six songs are not enough to fill an engagement which means more hours of practice. Audiences begin to eat them up and they think they are pretty good until some guy turns up to tell them their attacks and releases are crazy, the bass and bari are drowning out the lead and their stage presence is stinkin'. If that doesn't flatten their egos too much, they get into the really hard work.

After weeks of working on stage presence and a hundred and one other technicalities, they get loosened up and relaxed and begin thinking about the District Contest.

The time arrives. They trot out on the stage and for the first time see the stage and for the first time see those beady-eyed, awe-inspiring, criti-cal judges and the tenor gets scared and sings off key — the bass goes to pieces and they end up tenth. They yow to get to work, shake off some of that nervousness, and point for the Bergional Duality invited. Regional Preliminary.

If, by that time, the tenor hasn't been transferred to another city, they enter. They've had six months more practice. The tenor doesn't quite reach the bird another with the size of the size of the size of the tenor doesn't quite reach the high ones and doesn't float it clear and sweet like it was in the breakfast room at home, but they place as alternates.

Gain Confidence

At the next District Contest, the Judges don't look quite so unreason-able. Outside of the bari's wife's imminent confinement, which makes him jittery, they sing their hearts out and win second place.



If the bass doesn't slug the bari and the tenor doesn't go back to choir singing, they improve their balance and blend and try to look a little more natural.

They've been buying Medalist Albums and studying the techniques of past champions like mad and they've got their shading down pat and unless something happens they can't miss.

The day of the Regional Preliminaries comes and everybody feels great ex-cept Bill, whose boss got upstage be-cause he didn't want to work Friday afternoon, and they really lay them in the aisle.

They've found out that it isn't what their friends say, it's what the Judges hear and see that counts. They make the grade.

In the next month and a half they go over their six songs a thousand times until they can hardly stand the sound of them. John is having trouble getting off for three or four days and that thousand miles of travel costs real dough.

After an unmerciful drive in the ja-After an unmerciful drive in the ja-lopy, they arrive in the big city and get in their hotel room for a good night's sleep. Bill's wife got a little mad because she couldn't go, but it's better if they all stay in the same room because they can practice more. Ninth spot in the morning elimination because they the hour rot second Ninth spot in the morning elimination — here's where the boys get separated from the men — jitters lie down. MADE THE FIFTEEN. Can't go out and sing with the boys tonight. The Finals, singing No. 7. Here's where it gets really rough. Knock 'em in the aisles again. At long last, the MC begins calling them out and boy, they made the five. At least, they'll rate a medal. Back to the hotel and plenty of practicing — try to sleen — can't of practicing - try to sleep - can't sleep.

DON'T FORGET MID-WINTER MINNEAPOLIS JAN. 15, 16, 17

The big night and strange as it seems, they all feel swell. The top five go through their songs and are they good! Fifth place winner and that isn't it. Fourth! Third! Second! It finally hits them smack in the face— they're champe

What are the mathematical improba-bilities? You figure it out.



Manitowoc and Sheboygan, Wis.



THE TARHEELS GO FOR THE "MOUNTAIN DEW"

Upper left: Immediate Past Dixlo District President John T. Dawson (with the shingle bob) presenting the chorus trophy to Al Jones, Charlotte President, who is playing "Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are" from behind the microphone. Upper right: Al, responding modestly to audience applause says, "Shucks, we're just good". Lower left: The Carolinians: Gilbert,

Turner, Hopper, MacDonald, Winners in Organized Class. Lower right: The Re-Fours; Billy Lovins, tenor of current Air Force Champs, the Aire Chords; Tom Prince, bari of the former U.S.A.F. Air Fours; Jim Lovins, J. C. Ponder, Winners in Disorganized Class. Center: The Brown Jug Award itself, empty but proud.

boro, Gastonia and Winston-Salem.

Bob Keeter directed the Tarheel Hush Puppy Fry Champs from Charlotte.

Lightning never strikes twice, but on the heels of the victorious Charlotte chorus came the Carolinians from the Charlotte Chapter. Entered in the "Organized Class" (those quartets that retched chords together for at least one week), they easily were the top number and got the nod from Ed Hubbard's indees.

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TAR HEEL TUNESTERS TANGLE IN TONSIL TUSSLE or NORTH CAROLINA TAKES TO THE WOODS

By John R. "Nature Boy" Bednerik, Winston-Salem, N.C. Chapter (This article is reprinted in its entirety from the November edition of the Dixie District's bulletin, "The Rebel Rouser", Bob Farran, Editor.)

Put two hundred and twenty-two tion. Nobody smiled. Nobody Cheered. They stood alone. Twenty-one strong men of the Charlotte chorus. We

happy barbershoppers into a Septem-ber sun-filled Tarheel mountain, add a picnic basket of Hush Puppies, loads of prizes for contests and they'll make the sun drenched hillsides reverberate with friendly barbershop harmony.

Man is a singing animal. The woods at Morrow Mountain State Park were full of quartets. Highlighting the gala occasion was the downright theft of the prize trophy "The Little Brown Jug" by Charlotte in Chorus competi-

looked for the baby grand harpsi-chord. It has been their trusted friend of long standing. They leaned on it. Could 21 strong men have the guts to sing without their melodeon? They did. They stood alone in the battle of

life without their Steinway and won the contest hands down. The joy of the Carolina barbershop world is theirs. "Also rans" choruses were Greens-

(Continued on next page)

Hubbard's judges.

TARHEELS GO-

Life is sweet in Charlotte. The close harmony boys are: Gilbert, Turner, Hopper, MacDonald.

Biggest hit of the Hush Puppy Fry was the contest in the "Disorganized Class." Concomitant with announcement of the "Disorganized Class" quartet competition was the spontaneous organization of the SFTPALO-MQITS. The Society for the Promulgation and Legalization of Murdering Quartets in Their Sleep was chartered on the spot with 208 representatives.

It all came about with the announcement of the first offering by the Re-Fours—their own arrangement—their own impression—their own number entitled "Even the Daisies are Blabbing, Why Can't I Confide in You."

The Re-Fours from the Winston-Salem Chapter—in business less than two hours—were three altered tenors and a bass: Bill Lovins, Tom Prince, Jim Lovins, J. C. Ponder.

Something extra in barbershopping multiplies the power of barbershopping. Success in anything always involves the distaff side. Never Underestimate The Power Of A Woman. They made and packed the Hush Puppies, read the road maps, furnished the conversational voltage, attended to the many details, made split sccond blocks on little shavesters who attempted mayhem with the potato salad and entered "The Wives Rolling Pin Contest."

First place winner was Margaret Price, Gastonia. The promising Yankee replacement for the aging Ed Lopat took a comfortable throwing posture. Bending backward gracefully, the rubber armed Margaret hurled the pie crust roller 92 and one-half feet to the wild cheers of her backers. The "she" must be made of rubber, Margaret was presented with an electric popcorn popper.

Six-to-five favorite in the early book, Doc Prince's apron wearer Kay Prince of Winston-Salem, after a vigorous rub-down to loosen a cramped ligament—her occupational hazard from carrying Little Doc on her pitching arm, came in a close second, at 87 feet. (Plastic Canister Set.)

Mary Barrett, Gastonia, third-place winner, was all form. She looked real good, and all she got was a lavender, yellow, mottled kitchen thing.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Int'l Pres. Means announces the appointment of the Int'l Nominating Committee:

Chairman—Past Int'l Pres. Frank H. Thorne, Chicago.

Past Int'l Pres. O. H. King Cole, Manitowoc, Wis.

Past Int'l Pres. J. D. Beeler, Evansville, Ind.

First task of the committee will be to present the name of a successor to the late 1st Vice President Carl Jones.

"... WISE COW KNOWS ITS OWN FODDER ... "

At the Land O'Lakes District Contest at Green Bay, Wisconsin this fall, the WHIPCHORDS, of the Janesville, Wisconsin, Chapter, (who were crowned Champions) sang one number which none of the Judges was able to identify; however, it made a big hit with the crowd and with most of the Judges.

In a discussion of the number by the Judges following the Contest, Dick Svance, of Chicago, who judged Arrangements and acted as Chairman of Judges, mentioned that he didn't think much of the arrangement although other categories might have been impressed with the number.

At the Sunday morning Quartet Clinic the crowd got a chuckle when Dick reported that, just before the Clinic, the WHIPCHORDS talked to him about that particular song which, they said, he had arranged. Sure enough, Dick's name is on the published octavo arrangement of the number which is an original composition by George Hill, another Chicago barbershopper. Dick arranged the number about five or six years ago. The title of it is "Gone" and it is published over the Gaumont label. Available from International Headquarters, the symbol number to be used in ordering is GMP-405—the price is 20¢.

DISTRICTS PRINT DIRECTORIES

Most of the Society's 14 District Associations of Chapters have issued pocket directories. The most compact one is Johnny Appleseed's which is 6" x 3'4". The booklet contains 36 pages, plus a map of the District showing locations of its chapters.

The directory includes the following:

1. Brief History

2. List of Past Officers, Quartet and Chorus Champions

3. Addresses of International Officers

4. List of Current District Officers

5. List of Area Counselors, showing the Chapters in each Area

6. Roster of Chapters, showing place and time of meeting, names and addresses of Chapter Officers and Chapter Quartets, with name and address of Quartet Contact Man

7. Personnel of District Committees 8. List of suggested song titles and several blank pages for memos.

Another information-packed directory is Land O'Lakes which even goes so far as to show the year in which each of its Chapters was chartered and the number of members it had at the end of the preceding fiscal year.

Each member is urged to acquaint himself with the District Directory which he will find most useful in helping him to get the most out of his membership. Check with your chapter secretary.





by Sigmund Spaeth

SINCE some of the readers of this page may have missed its editor's recent column on barbershop harmony appearing in about thirty newspapers under the title, *Music for Everybody*, this would seem an appropriate place and time for a practical reminder. The sentiments expressed are entirely sincere, and the quotation is printed with the full permission of the author and his distributing syndicate, General Features Corporation, 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y. (Possibly some local editors can be interested in printing more of such material for the benefit of their musical and unmusical readers.) Here it is, as originally written.

"There was something new in history recently when an audience came out of New York's Carnegie Hall in groups singing close harmony. A little earlier in the evening the entire crowd had been harmonizing on *Good-Night*, *Ladies* under the direction of a leader on the stage, between the halves of a program devoted entirely to the socalled 'barbershop' technique of singing.

"It may be doubted whether New York had ever before heard such a program in its leading temple of concert music, —the climax of the Mid-Atlantic Convention of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.

There had been a sectional competition in the afternoon. A business meeting was scheduled for the following morning. But the evening was devoted to a 'Jamboree', celebrating the best traditions of an increasingly significant form of American folk-music.

"It now seems almost a pity that SPEBSQSA was founded with overtones of self-ridicule, and that the very phrase 'barbershop harmony' somehow implies a low form of music. (Actually the custom of making music in barber shops goes all the way back to Shakespeare's time and was duly noted with approval in one of John Milton's prose works.)

"The simple fact is that the best of the amateur barbershop quartets sing much better than most professional foursomes, particularly those which are composed of solo voices temporarily thrown together in such a composition as Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. A first-class barbershop quartet sings with absolute accuracy of pitch, unaccompanied, and with a perfect balance

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of tone, precision of attack and clarity of enunciation. There is never the slightest suggestion of a wobble, and even though the vocal quality may vary, the blend of the male voices is always good.

"On this historic occasion New York heard the current international champions, The Vikings, of Rock Island, Illinois, as well as the Schmitt Brothers of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, 1951 title-holders, the Antlers of Miami, Florida, and Cleveland's Four-in-a-Chord, both top-notch contenders this year. There were also The Chordettes, probably the finest female quartet of all time, formerly heard on Arthur Godfrey's television shows. Choral groups of business men, singing for the fun of it, completed the Carnegie Hall program.

"The best male quartets seem to come from the smaller communities of America. New York has the largest chapter in the Society, but has thus far failed to produce any outstanding exponents of four-part harmony, although Park Commissioner Robert Moses promotes an annual city-wide competition. A metropolis is not conducive to the frequent rehearsals demanded by expert performance.

"Yet the real spirit of barbershop harmony is improvisational and spontaneous, as Carnegie Hall itself has now discovered. The best singing of this type has developed into an impressive art, based on thoroughly human instincts. But for the average man such musical self-expression remains a recreation, infinite in its possibilities for personal and communal enjoyment."

THE rest of this department should Old Songsters rather than the contemporary interpreters of their material. The death of Fred E. Ahlert reminds us of a name perhaps not so well known as those of his most popular songs. He was an ex-President of ASCAP and an active composer since 1914, having to his credit some of the earliest glee club arrangements made for Fred Waring.

Ahlert's individual hits were numerous. He wrote the tune of the recently revived Walking My Baby Back Home, used as the basis of a motion picture newly released by Universal-International. Perhaps his most famous song was Where the Blue of the Night Meets the Gold of the Day, written for Bing Crosby as a perpetual theme. But few of us will forget his I'll Get By or Mean to Me, not to speak of I Wake Up Smiling, I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter, Life Is a Song, Sing an Old-Fashioned Song, Take My Heart or Just a Little Home for the Old Folks. Some of these may also prove worth reviving.

I HEAR YOU CALLING ME . . . "



The Babblin' Four, Stuttgart, Arkansas Chapter, practice duck calling in Mac's Sport Shop, Stuttgart, in preparation for the National Duck Calling Contest held annually. Left to right-Don Essex, tenor, is blowing a miniature "caller"; Jim Gingerich, lead and Leland Carle, bari have the genuine article. George Seay, the bass, is using a fake economy size. Isolated though it is, Stuttgart Chapter, (Pride of Grand Prairle) is tremendously active and leading the way in promoting additional chapters in Arkansas.

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TREASURY OF HOME ENTERTAINMENT



VENICE, FLORIDA CHAPTER CHARTER PARTY (NEXT PAGE)

VENICE, FLORIDA CHAPTER CHARTERING PARTY TURNS TOWN UPSIDE DOWN

Representatives from Daytona, De-Land, West Palm Beach, Delray Beach, Ft. Landerdale, Miami, Homestead, Ft. Myers, Sarasota, St. Pete, Tampa, Clearwater and Orlando, Florida, converged on Venice over the Labor Day week end to participate in a Jamboree planned by this newest Dixie District chapter. Venice claims to be the smallest town in the U.S. (about 800 voters) to plan such a large Charter Party celebration, and about the only thing not included in the jamboree was a hog-calling contest. Come to think of it, one non-lover of the finer things in life said this too was included, as he sourly eyed one of the foursomes.

The first thing to greet arriving barbershoppers was a big fat cardboard figure in the middle of the highway bidding visitors "Welcome". Store fronts and lamp posts were gaily be-decked with red, white and blue bunt-ing. The opera house had a placard announcing the appearance of Lillian Russell; the "livery stable" had bug-gies for hire and facilities for repair-ing busyless canviages. Place blue gies for mire and facilities for repair-ing horseless carriages; Blue Plate dinners (once upon a time) were 20¢ with dessert 5¢ extra. A tavern ad-vertised nickel beer, and when one dry and venturesome harmonizer ac-tually did receive a beer and two dimes in exchange for his quarter, the word quickly spread and the panic was on. What! No free lunch?? Gay 90's costumes blossomed out everywhere, to say nothing of ankle length bathing suits of various hues and patterns.

Ancient but serviceable automobiles appeared on the streets, paced by a bicycle built for two.

Saturday's events included a Bar-B-Q at the Country Club, a baseball game, and a dance. Some found time to do a little swimming and fishing in the Gulf, and in the afternoon a welcoming committee, complete with five-piece brass band in red and gold, went to the airport to meet the popular Flying Daytones Quartet.

Sunday's program included a buffet lunch at the hotel, yacht racing in the afternoon, and then the main events.

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After dinner Venice Chapter's presi-dent, George Gibbs, introduced State Representative Bill Washburn who welcomed the visitors to the city.

Mayor Youngberg presented the key to the city to Dixie District President Mert Barrett, and Mert presented the new chapter with its charter. The sponsoring chapter, Sarasota, gifted their newest baby with a barbershop pole and a striped gavel.

From the hotel everyone went to the Kentucky Military Institute's gym for the show and informal quartet contest. The gym was packed to the rafters, and between 500 and 600 persons were turned away. International Board Member and past District prez Har-ley Miller acted as MC. The combined Member and past District prez Har-ley Miller acted as MC. The combined Sarasota-Venice chorus opened the show, followed by the quartets who sang two numbers each. Except for that stipulation, all resemblance to a formal quartet contest was purely coincidental.

The following fours competed: The Miamians, Delray's Du-Wackers, the Flying Daytones, Venice's Tarpon-aires, St. Pete's Revelaires, Miami's Biscayne Buccaneers and Tampa's Florida Knights. The top four quar-tets were judged solely on audience reaction, and were acclaimed as fol-lows: The Flying Daytones took first prize, glass rods and reels; the newly-formed Miamians placed second and were awarded fish boxes; the Florida Knights won fishing plugs, and the Knights won fishing plugs, and the Tarponaires are promised a fourth place prize—fish scales, maybe.

Labor Day found most of the weary barbershoppers homeward bound, but a few of the die hards lingered for the Chicken Bar B Q in the evening, when a few left over chords were aired.

WHY SING IN CONTESTS?

"Bill, you have no idea what a terrific event these contests are. If you're "Bill, you have no idea what a terrific event these contests are. If you're satisfied that your quartet can 'sing in tune', please enter. You'll have the time of your life. Don't be upset if you don't make the finals — or even finish last. It's the thrill of competing, of doing your best, of a glowing satisfaction of being one of 4 men who are a 'team', working together, living together and singing together. I've sung with the Buzz Saws, here at Buckeye for 8 years as a Society quartet. In our first International Contest, way back in '47 (I think) at Milwaukee we were last in 30 quartets. But the next year at Oklahoma City we were in the top ten. And each year after that we've competed — sometimes in the money, sometimes not. Like last year — best we could do was alternate at Detroit — but we considered it an honor to be in the running with all those wonderful quartets.

"I didn't intend to make a speech, Bill, but just try to tell you that com-petition is the very heart and soul of barbershopping. And you'll never know what the Society is like until you've gotten your feet wet. And, of course, that goes for all the other activities at Washington, Pa. (site of Johnny Appleseed Contest Oct. 17th)—the Woodshedding, the Sunday Breakfast, the Quartet Clinic, the District Meeting."

[From a letter written by Staff Taylor, Buckeye Chapter, Columbus, Ohio, Secretary of the Johnny Appleseed District.]



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INDIANA-KENTUCKY OUTING AT MAMMOTH CAVE, OWENSBORO, KY.

Top picture shows the better part of a hundred Indiana-Kentucky barbershoppers singing in a cave 360 feet below the surface. Bill Henn, Evansville, Indiana, is the director. WLBJ and the Mutual Network broadcast the concert. The cave singing was just one part of a weekend of harmony enjoyed by several hundred barbershoppers and their families. Center pictures show several of the quartets which participated. At bottom is the Louisville, K'y Chapter Chorus. The Harmonizer



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"I know he never expected any such acclaim and recognition, but deep down, I know he would have been pleased. And I am pleased too. It does my soul good and it helps to ease the anguish in my heart when I read these lovely letters, telegrams, and cards from his friends and mine in every part of the United States and Canada. There is something very comforting and sweet about it.

"I wonder if you can express our thanks and appreciation for all of these kindnesses in the next issue of The Harmonizer, so all our barbershopper friends everywhere will know that Betty Anne and I will remember each and every one of them with deep gratitude and love always."

Very sincerely,

Mrs. O. C. (Corrine) Cash

Riverside, California Chapter Bulletin "... In the personal memory of thou-sands of barbershoppers he is still a living inspiration. In the collective memory of the Society he can never die ..."

Tulsa, Tribune

". . His accomplishments in the pri-vate field of tax administration were important to the oil industry, but it awarfed in the public mind by the amazing results of his spare time activity . . ."

George H. Williams, Pres., Central States District, writing in his column "About Most Anything" in the Spencer, Iowa Times.

". . . Owen C. Cash did his fellow men a great favor when he called the first meeting and helped the organization through the years. The Founder is dead now, but men will sing the barbershop harmonics for generations to come, and the Society's slogan 'Keep America Singing' will be just as appropriate in a hundred years as it is now . . .

Stuttgart, Arkansas Chapter Bulletin "... Great men are humble, kind, help-ful, and mindful of all mankind. O. C. Cash possessed all these fine qualities and more. He will be missed by our organization, but let us he thankful that he passed our way ..."

Tulsa, World

". . . O. C. Cash did not know he was starting an international movement when he founded the Society. The pleasure of singing, the appeal of favorite songs, the idea of informal entertainment were the factors. They have made the organization-which has not been overorganized or com-mercialized-a quick success . . ."

In Memoriam

We pause in our daily work and give thought to a man, dedicated to giving to mankind enjoyment and relaxation in a troubled world.

In the passing of O. C. Cash, we will all miss his great leadership and humor, his close fellowship, but above all, it can be said that no man ever had so many friends in all walks of life, be that friend, of the professions, capitalist, labor or clergy.

I can remember our first discussion of Barbershop Quartet Singing-he was as enthused then as he was to the last-"Rup, let's get some other hoys interested in our hobby," always wanting others to enjoy what he enjoyed.

He now joins Ray Granger, Opie Erickson and others who gave so much enjoyment to their fellow man. When the Heavens in the night sparkle with the million stars and a thunderhead approaches from the West, a great choir will be heard through the distant rumble of thunder, and from that baritone so sure and so clear, we will know that "O. C." didn't stop-he is spreading the gospel of good close harmony, all is well and joy prevails.

Rupert Hall

Royal Keeper of the Minor Keys

(First President of SPEBSQSA)

Miss Gladys Pool, (Secretary to O. C.

Miss Gladys Pool, (Secretary to O. C. Cash)— ". . His gentle, kindly nature en-dearcd him to everyone. During all the twenty-five years of my close as-sociation with Mr. Cash, he was never cross or unpleasant about anything. "My Boss was never 'high-hat' with anyone. The building maintenance men liked him; the elevator operators said 'He was a swell guy'; the building engineer said 'He was a fine gentle-man' . . and the President of the Company liked him too".

Harley Miller, Int'l Board Member, Tampa, Florida

"... Very, very few men in their lifetimes have reached the prominence and have had as many friends as Owen, and his life was blessed with both . .

J. George O'Brien, Contributing Edi-tor of The Harmonizer

". . . I know of no one who was better loved and genuinely respected by quite as many people as Owen. It should be a source of genuine satisfaction to know that in SPEBSQSA he leaves behind a permanent contribution to the American way of life that will never, never die."

Phil Embury, Warsaw, N.Y. Past Int'l President of SPEBSQSA

"... Many thousands of men are grateful to O. C. for founding a So-ciety that gave them a lift out of the cares of daily life into a bond of harmonious fellowship. How wonder-ful it was that he saw SPEBSQSA in action at its best as recently as the international convention"

John Loots, President, Tulsa Chapter "... Let us say farewell to him with the vow to strengthen and build this organization of which he was, and forever more shall be, the number one member . . ."

EXTRACTS FROM FOUNDER O. C. CASH'S COLUMNS

(Many present day SPEBSQSA members never had a chance to meet Society Founder O. C. Cash in person. Many have never read the columns O. C. wrote in the "Harmonizer" years ago. The Editors

(From the May, 1945 issue)

Owen, how did you get started on this quartet singing business? Who was the first barbershopper you can remember?

I have been nagged to death with these and similar questions during the last few years. I bet if I have been asked those questions once, I have heard them two or three times at least. Well, they are fair questions—important ones—and my public, if any, will get fair, truthful answers if it reads beyond this paragraph, which is doubtful.

In the Fall of 1897 my dad hitched up our two ponics, old Tom and Kate, to a covered wagon, put mother, sister and me in it with all our belongings, and left our little farm in Chariton County, Missouri, bound for the Land of Promise—the West.

On arrival some weeks later at the little frontier postoffice of Catale, Coo-Wee-Scoo-Wee District, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, dad set us up in a rather comfortable log house on a farm rented from an old Cherokee Indian, who had taken possession of quite a large tract of land in that vicinity.

Well, in 1897 my sister and I were 3 and 5 years old, but we were much brighter than the average children of that day or this, and dad thought it time for us to start to school. He was in favor of education. He believed it was a good thing, if not overdone. I stopped mine in time to please him. So, as soon as we got settled, dad began to promote a "subscription" school among the squaw men, the few white settlers, and the more progressive and friendly Indian families. (The Cherokees had been forcibly removed from various portions of the South and turned loose to settle upon, elaim, and defend any land they chose in the "Territory". They were not in very good humor about it).

There were no schools in the "Territory" except in a few of the towns. Dad sold the idea to some of the neighbors and the men of the community soon had a log school house built and ready for business. Strangely enough, no one thought about a teacher.

The "Territory" in those days was settled by the Cherokees, horse thieves, outlaws, ex-convicts, adventurers and vagabonds of varying degrees of cussedness. It had never occurred to dad that anyone smart enough to teach school would certainly have sense enough to stay out of this part of the country.

One day, dad went over to the store and postoffice at Catale, which was run by an old frontiersman—Fay Beard.

"Fay", he said, "What are we going to do about a teacher for our school?" "Never thought of that", Fay replied. "I've been here since the railroad come, but I don't remember of ever seeing or hearing of a teacher of any kind in the "Territory'."

A Frisco freight train had just passed and two tramps had been kicked off at the water tank. They had drifted into the store and were warming themselves before the big pot-bellied stove. As dad started to leave, one of the tramps approached him and said that he was a teacher and would like to spend the winter in the "Territory" and teach our school. That was dad's introduction to my hero—Jim Wiley.

Dad didn't have much education, but he knew a thing or two and didn't want to be imposed upon by an uneducated or unqualified teacher. So he interviewed Jim, examining him thoroughly, inquiring into his qualifications carefully:

"Do you believe the world is round or flat? We are liable to have some trouble over that," dad said, "because some of the folks around here think it is and some think it ain't."

"Well, Mr. Cash", Jim said, "I can teach it either way."

"That's good enough for me," volunteered my dad, "Get up behind me on my horse and let's go. You are hired."

Jim lived with us for nearly two years and became the idol of the kids and the leader, wise counselor, and source of education and culture for the community.

At this point in the narrative I can just see rowdy old Cy Perkins rare up on his hind legs in the back of the Lodge Hall and shout, "What the hell has all these boresome details got to do with barbershop harmony? Let's sing a song. Hell's bells!" Well, it has this to do with it.

There was not much entertainment down in Coo-Wee-Scoo-Wee District, Cherokee Nation, back in '97. Folks couldn't run over to the honky tonk, after they knocked off work at the war plant, for a short beer and listen to Bing sing "Don't Fence Me In."

So the long winter evenings after school with only a coal oil lamp to provide the "bright lights" made Jim a little restless. He got all the folks in the neighborhood together at the school house one night and proposed to hold night school two nights a week, without charge to anyone. Everybody in the neighborhood, full bloods, bandits, grandfathers, grandmothers, and mothers with babes in arms eame and he asked them what they wanted to study. The first ehoice was "figurin'". Jim didn't give them no second choice. He just simply announced it would be singing the second night.

Jim put the folks through all the regular singing school tricks, taught them hymns and patriotic numbers. I remember two popular songs, "Two Little Girls in Blue" and "After the

feel they are of sufficient interest to bear repeating. From time to time, as space permits, it is hoped to reproduce more of this material).

Ball". That's where he squeezed in a little harmony.

But his harmonizing really showed up at the end of each session when he started his "Bong, Bong, Bong" exercises, taking a bass note first and then progressing up the scale in true barbershop style, having each group hold its note on the chord.

Of course, some smart aleck will say that Bing did that in "Going My Way". Well, maybe he did, but Jim did it first.

After the singing was over and the various families started back to their cabins, it sure sounded mighty pretty in the crisp, frosty air to hear those "Bong, Bongs" rolling out over the hills. Dad was an old fox hunter back in Missouri and he said it reminded him of old Drum, Speck, Red and Sue his favorite fox hounds.

"There goes the Bankheads, or that's the Ratlinggourds," he would say as the various groups opened up across the valley, "Just 'Bonging' away like all git out."

One day at school in the Spring of 1900, two United States Marshals, resplendent, as these officers always were, in large white hats, blue serge suits, silver stars denoting the authority of their office, high boots, and a brace of pearl handled six-shooters dangling from wide cartridge belts, drove up to the schoolhouse in a buckboard, came in and held a brief, whispered conversation with Jim.

After a little while, Jim came over and patted me on the head, told me to. be a good boy and eat my cornbread and milk when mother told me to, then stooped down and hugged and kissed my sister and went out the door with one of the Marshals.

The other officer remained behind for a moment and told us, "Now children, you all go on home and tell your parents there won't be no school this afternoon, or tomorrow, or the next day. Everything will be alright though, don't be worried, Mr. Wiley is just going away on a little trip."

We never heard of Jim again. It all created a lot of excitement in the neighborhood and some lousy, lowlifed gossip started the rumor that Jim had escaped from the Illinois Penitentiary. Nearly fifty years later I proved beyond doubt that this was a malicious lie. Jim didn't escape. He served out his sentence. In fact he served four terms in the Joliet penal institution before coming down to the "Territory" to live with the Cash family. The forgery habit seems to have been chronic with Jim, but I am sure he never meant no harm.

Well, sir, it sure was lucky for the old school house that those officers came for Jim in the nick of time, for me and Wolf Ratlinggourd, my Cherokee playmate (he was a lead singer), was planning to burn the damn thing down and go fishing that afternoon.

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JUDGE MERRILL

Past Int'l Pres. Charles M. Merrill, now a Nevada Supreme Court Justice, rated a full page interview in *Music Journal*, July issue. Charley's activities in the musical field included not only his extensive work in barbershopping, but also organization of the Reno Men's Chorus in 1939; serving as its director for seven years. Many of his barbershop arrangements are still being sung and enjoyed. It may be hoped that at some not

It may be hoped that at some not distant date his judicial dutics will be so lightened that he can once more pitch in actively.—Eds.

THEY SURE DO

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroud News September issue printed a picture of the Florida Knights of Tampa. Caption of the picture concluded with these words, "In the News offices no one knew what SPEBSQSA stood for, but one guess ventured was 'Some People Enjoy Barber Shop Quartet Singing Anyhow'."

BARK WORSE THAN BITE? This story is pretty old by now, but it's still a good one. Green Bay, Wis.

BARONS OF BARBERSHOP Green Bay, Wis.



GREEN BAY PRESS GAZETTE Left is Ray Weber, tenor; top—Ed Sellssen, bass; right—Jim Campbell, bari; bottom—Ed Chevalier, lead.

Press Gazette reported that Ray Weber had his two front teeth knocked out during a fast and furious rendition of "Strolling Through the Park" with gestures. Somehow he managed to lisp through to the end of the song and the audience never knew what happened. Sounds more like football than barbershopping.—Eds.

PRISONER'S SONG

Late in September, Associated Press carried a story about a prisoner in a Tennessee jail who asked the Parole Board to let him stay another six months so his quartet could finish making some recordings.

Practically every newspaper in the country ran the item and many a witty comment was made. In the opinion of this editor the best crack came from Int'l Sec'y Bob Hafer. Said he, "Do you suppose this quartet sings 'A copella'?".

SINGS-GIVES BLOOD

October *Crane News* magazine carried a picture and story about Joe Lange of Chicago No. 1 Chapter. Here it is, in part:

"Singing in a barbershop quartet would hardly seem to have much to do with contributing much-needed blood to the Red Cross program, would it?

"In the case of Joseph O. Lange, it has a lot to do with his record—38 pints given since early in 1941.

"Joe's barbershop quartet, The Sing-Chronizers, is one of the most active in the Chicago area in providing entertainment, most every weekend at veterans' hospitals.

"'When you visit these hospitals', says Joe, 'and see the very many cases of disability, you can't help but be impressed with the need for making blood donations at every opportunity'".

WHO INVENTED PHONE The little bronze thing Art Mills (right) is handing to Chappie Chap-



man of Toronto while Bob Turnbull (center) looks on is a miniature tele-

phone. Brantford, Ontario, which honored Chappie for his work in barbershopping in Ontario District, is the town in which Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, considerably before Don Ameche came on the scene.

ABOUT TIME?

The Society's name is a toughie to remember, but because it is so unusual any good reporter should have it fixed in his mind once he has seen it. Dee Paris of College Park, Md. Chapter (formerly Sec'y of Oklahoma City Chapter) sends in a clip from the Washington Evening Star—"The Fairfax unit of the Association for the Preservation and Improvement of Barber Shop Singing in America will ..." Dee's comment—"The Association for the Improvement of Journalism does not count this reporter among its members".

CORRECTLY QUOTED?

The Stuttgart, Arkansas Daily Leader reported a surprise party the wives of that chapter's members threw for the men on the occasion of the chapter's first birthday. At the end of the story the reporter asked,

"What do SPEBSQSA wives think about the organization? They're wholeheartedly for it—as a matter of fact one of them said last night, 'It's something to keep our husbands out every night so we don't have to worry with them.'" ??????—Eds.

ATTENTION J. GEORGE O'BRIEN! The Denver Post recently carried this—

"BARBERSHOP HARMONY DE-FINED-WHAT IS IT?

"Son, we shall say barbershop harmonies are the peppermint drops of American song. You roll them on your tongue, they last and last. They are sweet, but not sticky sweet. You Boogie-woogie Bumpkins are song savages, Junior. You gulp your melodies whole, never pausing to savor them. We, your Fuddy-Duddy elders, prefer pepper-mint drops to Hotcha-cha. In the Evening by the Moonlight, we still love strolling down Melody Lane, with Sweet Adeline - Shine on Harvest Moon. We don't care if Richard Never Opens the Door. Does he plead for Five Minutes More with Sioux City Sue? We can't hear him for Caroline is calling Down by the Old Mill Stream. Dear Old Girl-she's got peppermint drops. Some day you'll understand."



Wilson

In the last issue of this erudite publication, dedicated to the propagation of international harmony, I described some of the gyrations, genuflections, peregrinations and manual convulsions which are characteristic of that strange development of an otherwise benign Nature — the chorus director.

Since that article appeared (it has been translated in 37 foreign languages and re-printed throughout the civilized world). I have been forced to take refuge in the attic of the Washington Monument, with the trap door locked, refusing all dares to come down and fight like a man, and my lawyers tell me it will be well into 1956 before the heat is off and the mob of enraged directors disperses.

So—I shall try to take the directors off the scent by laying out a few deprecatory remarks in the direction of the chorus singers themselves. Nothing technical, you understand, just something simple and elemental, such as: "In its earliest English sense the term harmony, in music, is applied to any pleasing arrangement of musical sounds; but, technically it is confined to the science of the simultaneous combination of sounds of different pitch, without regard to their quality of tone or timbre, a matter which belongs to the province of instrumentation (q.v.); and the fundamental aesthetic texture of harmony is counterpoint (q.v.)".

The reason I shall not go further with this definition is that I do not quite understand what the Encyclopedia Britannica is talking about, especially that "q.v." in parenthesis, but anyone interested in going further with the proposition will find it on page 203, volume 11 (Gunn to Hydrox), 1945 edition (and I will make you a nice price on the set).

A barbershop chorus, as you know, is a conglomeration of men who are either too good or not good enough to make a quartet. It differs from a college glee club essentially in that its members do not get checks from home.

If you sing in a barbershop chorus, you will have noticed one peculiarity —there is a man who sings sharp standing directly behind you, and no



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IS GROUP SINGING HERE TO STAY? OF CHORUS IT IS!

by Professor Stirling Wilson

matter how you shift your position he is always there. Apparently he just follows you around.

Some choruses walk on stage. The formal glee clubs look so glum during this march that you can almost hear the whips cracking and overseers yelling "Tote that bale." Not so with barbershop choruses. They walk on with that bland look on their faces, exactly like the trained seals who



have just heard their trainer say: "Hit those cymbals once more, boys, and then you get the herrings."

Other choruses are already on stage when the curtains roll back, or are hoisted up. The average chorus singer stands flat-footed, braced for any hostile moves from the audience and poised for flight. As the first applause bursts forth from the audience, which includes his wife and her sister and three neighbors among them, he twitches slightly as he realizes he should have scratched his right ear before—now it is too late. He doesn't dare turn his head, so he rolls his eyes instead, giving the impression of a badly frightened longhorn, while he tries to locate Effie and the girls in the audience. From then on he concentrates on the director, staring at him as if hypnotized by the waving hands. He hums, he sings. Suddenly he realizes that he is not smiling, as he was told to do, and he breaks out suddenly in a metallie grin, which not only startles the director and causes him some uneasiness as to the cause, but also puzzles the audience because the smile comes just as the song gets to the words: "some will die and fade away." Well, they think, that's barbershop for you.

Between songs the chorus singer stands rigidly at attention, glaring at the director, although he imagines he is smiling sweetly and bowing slightly from the waist, although it has been at least fourteen years since he could bow without bending his knees. There is no doubt in his mind that a fly is



clambering over his nose and perspiration is trickling down his forehead (have you seen that Mississippi moon and held that last note for twelve seconds?).

When the chorus is through singing he has exactly the same sensations that you have when the dentist says: "Well, that's all the drilling I'll have to do now."

I have been examining some photographs of barbershop choruses (fortifying myself first, of course, with a good lunch and a bottle of adrenalin) and now I know where the newspapers get those pictures, so timely, which you see accompanying stories of headlined disasters and entitled: "Survivors of Wrecked Ship Land at Port Whatzis"; or "Released Prisoners Report Brutal Treatment by Captors;" or "Victim of Yokeing Fails to Identify Assailants in Police Line-up;" or



"Prune Wrinklers Union Pickets Raisin Foundry;" or "Soldados Colombianos Exhiben Mucho Corazon in Combate."

The only chorus singer I feel sorrier for than the stage-frightened man in the front rank of the chorus, is the stage-unfrightened man in the rear rank. He has worked hard for this event, omitting his dessert in order to get to practice on time, doing those singing exercises in the shower, keeping a copy of the songs on his desk hidden under the invoices for cleaning compound, etc., so he could study while the boss thought he was working, etc. He knows the songs, and he knows his part. He is free of those disconcerting tremors in the knees, all he wants to do is get at that audience, and get that expression of "feeling" when he sings "Down where the Pompanoosac flows into Hudson's Bay," tilting his head toward the chandeliers. He gets the wife to press his chorus coat and pants, tics the bowtie with as much care as he used in writing his will, shines his black Florsheims, puts on the clean white shirt with one button missing, climbs into the family chariot and is off for the Eisburg Senior High School auditorium. What happens?

Well, to begin with, the doors to the high school are locked and the place is dark. He checks his watch--it is O.K. The man in the eigar store across (Continued on next page) the street never heard of the SPEB-SQSA and doesn't know anything about a "parade," and wouldn't stand on a sidewalk to see one even if Mary Pickford and a Viet Nam commodore rode a tandem bicycle in it.

In desperation, he phones the director's house. No one answers. Finally he buys a paper and looks up the ad of the parade. It is not in the Eisburg



Senior High School after all, but in the Odd Fellows Hall on the West Side Highway. He jumps back in his car, drives madly across town and arrives backstage just in time to hear the director say: "Where's Ralph Blinfogle? Always late, that guy." He struggles into his coat, and gets in his place on stage, breathing heavily and finds that he is completely blocked off from the audience by a big baritone. He shifts his position and now he can't see the director. He shifts again, and the director yells at him: "Not so far front, Blinfogle. You're destroying the symmetry of the formation". He steps back and trips over a wire from the amplifying system and the whole chorus turns around and gives him a dirty look. When the curtain goes up he has to bow to right and left to be seen at all. By this time he is so rattled that when the first song is sung, which is "Pil sail across the brine, just to find my Iodine", he starts on the second song, which is "When the porcupine is pining for his pork." He'll never live it down.

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But the barbershop chorus is here to stay. Where else would you get a crowd to come to afterglows?

FACTS ABOUT TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

Chuck Schmid, Toledo Chapter, has again explored the main means of travel to the International at Washington next June. He calls attention to the possibility of changes in rate structures. According to Chuck, plane information was furnished by John R. Kruse, Toledo Trust Travel Bureau; bus information by Mrs. McCarthy, Greyhound; auto mileages by W. J. Polhemus, Toledo Automobile Club; rail data by Paul Dahlquist, New York Central R. R.

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To Washington and return From	Time Rail (Hrs.) Fare		One Way Lower Berth	Rail Fare	Time (Hrs.)	Fare	Time	Fare	One Way Mile- age
Atlanta, Ga.	14	\$44.40	\$ 7.60	\$31.70	3	\$71.70*	161/2	\$23.35	653
Birmingham, Ala.	17	55.60	8.65	39.95	31/2	82.00*	191/2	28.30	814
Boston, Mass.	8	38.50	5.80	30.74	234	48.60	12	17.20	450
Chicago, Ill.	17	65.55	8.30	44.05	3	71.90*	23	28.90	724
Cleveland, Ohio	12	37.25	5.00	25.80	2	39.60*	20	15,60	365
Dallas, Texas	34	93.40	14.50	68.30	5	148.40*	65	47.35	1473
Denver, Colo.	32	125.95	16.60	90.65	712	180.40*	48	58.25	1608
Detroit, Mich.	15	50.60	6.55	34.20	21/2	51.90*	18	22.70	542
Ft. Worth, Texas	34	95.15	14.50	69.65	5	148.40*	661/2	48.90	1506
Indianapolis, Ind.	15	56.75	7.60	38.35	4	62.90	231/2	24.05	556
Kausas City, Mo.	27	92.35	11.55	64.30	51/4	115.10	37	39.60	1052
Los Angeles, Calif.	64	185.75	27.30	134.20	11	283.80*	87	95.40	2890
Louisville, Ky.	18	53.95	7.60	35.65	21/4	59.20	24	25.50	603
Miami, Florida	21	80.20	11.95	55.70	315	120.30*	22	38.55	1217
Minneapolis, Minn.		89.30	11.55	62.40	51/2	111.40*	35	42.05	1171
New York, N. Y.	4	20.10	5.00	15.16	114	27.40	612	9.10	227
Okla. City, Okla.	35	108.50	14.10	76.15	6	142.60	44	47.35	1334
Omaha, Neb.	26	94.60	12.25	66.50	53/4	122.50*	36	45.90	1146
Phoenix, Arizona	36	156.45	23.90	117.00	1134	247.80	85	80.95	2592
Pittsburgh, Pa.	8	26.40	5.00	19.35	11/4	24.90*	7	11.35	235
Portland, Ore.	59	180.55	27.95	126.05	123/4	283.80*	86	95.70	2969
San Diego, Cal.	65	185.75	27.30	134.20	131/2	283.80*	891/2	95.40	3014
San Francisco, Cal.	64	185.75	27.30	134,20	1112	283.80*	85	95.40	2876
Seattle, Wash.	59	180.55	27.95	126.05	121/2		91	95.70	
St. Louis, Mo.	21	76.85	8.90	51.70	31/2	88.20	29	29.80	
Tacoma, Wash.	61	180.55	27.95	126.05	121/2	283.80*	89	95.70	
Toronto, Ont.	16	45.75	5,80	33.15	41/4	53.30	30	23.60	

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BARBERSHOP HARMONY THE FIRST TIME YOU HEAR IT.

Disappointed? Well, you won't be when you've had a chance to think it over, to analyze it, and to face the facts. It just can't be anything else, Son, and we'll be glad to tell you why.

Let's go back to the late eighties, the nineties, the turn of the century when barbershop singing started, and let's look at the facts. No dance bands, no phonographs, no juke boxes, radio or television to popularize a song and sicken you of it in thirty days. Nothing but a few family organs, some guitars, maybe a sprinkling of mandolins, and few, if any, who could read music.

If a song was to become popular, it had to be made that way by singing it. Ergo it had to be a song that everyone could sing. If it had harmony so that two, three or four people could sing it together, it HAD TO HAVE HARMONY THAT THEY COULD FEEL. No Frank Thornes, Phil Emburys, Cy Perkins, Charlie Merrills, ad infinitum, to figure out the harmony and put it down on paper, and if there were those to do that little thing, there were few, if any, who could read it. Yes, Junior, if the songs were to become hits, they had to have harmony that everyone could feel, or they just couldn't find it and the composers' efforts were doomed to an early demise. The composers, themselves, were barbershoppers and they too could FEEL the harmony. Don't you see, Junior, it just HAD to be that way, now didn't it?

It's reasonable to assume that thousands of songs were written in that era that didn't have harmony that you could feel. If so, they probably didn't survive, and the ones that did had harmony so plain it would smack you on the nose the minute you heard the tune.

When the oldtimers heard a new tune, immediately the tenor KNEW where his part was... the bari KNEW his part, likewise the bass. They could each FEEL their respective parts for those parts stood out like the buttons on a fat man's vest.

Olde Ed sang with a quartet in the Navy, and later with the same three fellows professionally for several years. When we heard a new song and wanted to learn it, Olde Ed learned the words and the melody; the other three learned the words, and then we just up and sang. We sang hundreds of songs and we never SAW a barbershop arrangement of any of them, and we couldn't read 'em if we had. The 1890-1915 boys wrote simple melodies about homey things and they endured. As Russ Cole put it, "you can't improve on the moonlight on the river, sunsets, the tangle of roses, a field of waving grain, honeysuckles, a harvest moon or a mocking bird." To which we add, "especially with cigarettes, whiskey, mud, or even dogs in a window or trailin' some dame down the aisle bragging about the fact that you're . . . walking behind."

The old songs endured because they were simple melodies full of harmony that everyone could sing and you didn't have them poured at you out of juke boxes, radios, phonographs, etc., until you were sick of 'em before you knew how they sounded.

Today the boys write with but one idea. Get 'em published, get 'em plugged . . . sell a million and t'hell with it.

Today songs like Now Is The Hour and I Believe are the exception and not the rule. In the barbershop era that situation was exactly reversed. If it hadn't been, the songs would never have become popular in the first place. Sure, Junior, the boys today can probably arrange most any song for barbershop harmony, but what have you got when you're through? No doubt Doak Walker could play a pretty fair game of football in a full dress suit and if Florence Chadwick fell overboard in her summer formal, she probably wouldn't drown. But we claim that the Doaker will play much better in his football togs and Flossie will swim further and faster in her Bikini. Isn't it logical, then, that a real true barbershop song which, as Ed Smith says, will actually thrill you rather than just entertain you, when treated in the able style of our modern barbershop arrangers is bound to result in a much finer, more delectable rendition in the end?

That's why we so fervently pray that our arrangers and our fine quartets will stop trying to do tricks with today's stuff and lend their wonderful talents to songs that were written to be sung barbershop.

What is a barbershop song, Junior? It's a song in which you can feel the barbershop harmony the first time you hear it. Now, let's see if that adds up. Hum a few bars of Heart Of My Heart or Meet Me Tonight In Dreamland. Feel the harmony? Sure you can, and so can anyone else who knows what barbershop harmony is. Now, try a few bars of Cigarettes, Whiskey or Mississippi Mud. Feel anything? No indeed . . . and neither do we.

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Dear Younge Ed: Well, Son, at last the big moment has arrived. Today is graduation day. Today you are a man.

Looking back over our discussion, it would appear that we've covered just about everything so far except what we started out to prove in the first place and it would seem that you now have Olde Ed bottled up in the well known corner where he's either got to produce or hoist the white gonfalon in complete surrender.

We know what barbershop harmony is, as it has already been clearly defined by our experts in the rules laid down for quartets in competition. We know also that our modern expert experters can arrange almost any singable song in pure barbershop style as witness the cases of Frank Thorne's Up A Lazy River and The Lord's Prayer, Cy Perkins' Begin the Beguine, or what several of the arrangers have done to the one that makes Olde Ed's blood boil . . Mississippi Mud. Yes, Junior, they're all barbershop, according to the rules . . . but are they barbershop songs? If not, why not, and that brings us right smack dab back to the original question.

Let's not lose sight of that original question, Junior, 'cause that's mighty important. Olde Ed didn't start out to do a series of articles on barbershop harmony versus modern lead on top parallel (instrumental type) harmony, and you'll pardon him if he refuses to get involved.

The original argument started when Olde Ed made a remark about a song called Cigarettes, Whiskey and Wild Women not being barbershop, and you sort of intimated that it was because one of our better quartets sang it. That was just too much for an old timer like Uncle Ed, and he agreed to try to straighten you out in such a manner that not only you, Junior, but anyone else who was interested could tell a barbershop song when they met one face to face, whether it was being sung by a barbershop quartet, played on a harmonica, mutilated by a Dixieland jazz band, or just lying on the top of an old upright piano gathering dust.

What is a barbershop song, Sonny Boy? Well, sir, it's relatively simple to define, although you probably won't believe it when you first hear it. Be that as it may ... here goes.

A BARBERSHOP SONG IS A SONG IN WHICH YOU CAN FEEL THE

The Harmonizer

Well, Son, you've been a good student and Olde Ed appreciates your patience. As a result, he's going to give you a post-graduate course. Next time he's going to tell you what's happening to barbershop harmony. Singcerely, Olde Ed.

AVAST YE LAND LUBBERS. The Song Arrangements Committee is stuck for information on a number which we think is titled "A Son Of The Sea Am I". The chorus goes A son of the sea am I, am I, Roll on mighty waves so high, so high, No terror to hold for a heart that is bold, For soon may the clouds roll by, roll by. The sea is a Mother's breast to me, I fear not her wildest cry. In a Mother's arms I am safe from harm, For a son of the sea am I." Search so far for copyright date, composer's and publisher's names has gotten us exactly nowhere. The best old song sleuths in the country have drawn complete blanks to date. Somewhere in this Society of ours someone knows ...come on, boys ... let's have it. "Man overboard!!!"

KEN COTTON COMES UP WITH another Mike and Ike. Under the general heading of "great minds oft run in the same channel", Ken dug up an oldie called Take Your Girl To The Ball Game, written in 1908 by George M. Cohan, William Jerome and Jean Schwartz, not to be confused with Take Me Out To The Ball Game, written by Jack Norworth and Albert VonTilzer the same year.

GIVE US THE BIRD. Bob Kelliher would like information concerning a song about a "Little Bird", "Little Yellow Bird", or "Goodbye Little Yellow Bird", a portion of which runs something like this: "Oh, the little birds came out to whistle wah, wah, wah . . . and the mellow notes from their yellow throats". Can anyone help?

BARBERSHOP BLUE PLATE SPE-CIAL. Until we run out of ideas or until the boys quit helping, we're going to run a couple of suggestions each issue under the above title of songs that you should look over. If we have copies in the library, we'll tell you and you can write headquarters for a photostat. If not, we'll give you all the data so you can get a piano copy from one of the old song sources. If arrangements are available, we'll try to tell you that also.

These songs will ALL qualify under Olde Ed's definition of a true barbershop song and if you like the number the best thing to do is to have your own arrangement made by one of the many, many Society members qualified to do this. Then you'll really have something. If you'll follow these suggestions, maybe someday we can have an International Contest where half a dozen quartets don't start off with Mammy, and maybe none of them will have to resort to Mississippi Mud. Take a look at There Must Be Little Cupids In The Briny (library), also, When The Harvest Moon Is Shining On The River (library). If you want something different, headquarters has an arrangement of a number called Don't You Remember The Time. This has a verse that's loaded with opportunities for good harmony and the chorus, in waltz time, is peaches and cream.

TO FURTHER ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE of giving us the correct titles or a line or two of the verse or chorus when seeking old song information, take the recent case of Matthew Wilson. He asked for two numbers and said he thought the titles were 'Twas A Handful Of Earth From The Land Of My Birth and There's An Old Mill By The Stream, Nellië Dean. Correct titles turned out to be A Handful Of Earth From Mother's Grave and You're My Heart's Desire, I Love You, Nellie Dean. See what we mean?

YOUR GRANDPAPPY YODELED Bonny Jean, which was written in 1858 by George Linley and Charles Osborne, the chorus of which went: Where the sweet hedgerose is blowing, In the woodlands green, There I love to wander, With my heart's true queen, My bonny, bonny Jean. Do you remember?



Holland, Michigan Chapter's Mat Wilson is staring at the initials of the Society stuck on his bumper with Societhile reflective material. Mat says the Junior Chamber of Commerce sells this material and anyone can obtain a set of initials.

INFORMATION YOU WANT

Each issue carries information on 25 songs. To lighten the load of the Old Songs Committee, members are urged to refer to back numbers of the Harmonizer before asking the Committee for aid.

TITLE	YEAR	COMPOSERS	PUBLISHER
Always Take A Girl Named Daisy	1913	Bryan, Lewis, Meyer	George Meyer
Am I Blue	1929	Clarke, Aksy	M. Witmark
Automobile Honeymoon	1902	Harry B. Norris	Jos. W. Stern
Bam Bam Bamy Shore	1925	Dixon, Henderson	Jerome H. Remick
Bonny Jean	1858	Linley, Osborne	Firth, Pond & Co.
Cover Me Up With The Sunshine Of Virginia	1923	Young, Lewis, Meyer	Bourne Music Co.
Dapper Dan	1921	VonTilzer, Brown	Broadway Music Co.
Deliver Me To Tennessee	1942	Hughes, Bradley, Smith	Advanced Music Co.
Did Your Mother Come From Ireland	1936	Kennedy-Carr	Crawford Music Co.
Everyone Was Meant For Someone	1912	Branen, Lloyd	Will Rossiter
For The Sake Of Auld Lang Syne	1922	Graff, Burns	
Gimme A Little Kiss Will Ya Huh?	1926	Smith, Turk, Pinkard	M. Witmark
Girl Of My Dreams	1910	Gene Emerson	Bourne Music Co.
Go Find A Sweetheart From The Emerald Isle	1910	Ingraham	Harold Rossiter
Handful Of Earth From Mother's Grave, A	1883		Shapiro, Bernstein
Hard-Hearted Hannah	1924	Jos. Murphy	Willis Woodward and Co.
If I Had A Girl Like You	1924	Yellen, Bigelow, Bates	Advanced Music Co.
		Dixon, Rose, Henderson	Jerome H. Remick
I Like To Call You Sweetheart	1911	Cunningham, Snyder	Ted Snyder
I'm Looking For A Girl Like Mother	1916	Kahn, VanAlstyne	Jerome Remick
Just Tell Her That I Loved Her	1899	Harris	Southern Music Co.
Lights Of My Home Town	1915	Harris	Southern Music Co.
Me And My Shadow	1927	Jolson, Rose, Dreyer	Bourne Music Co.
Tilly Of Longacre Square	1925	MacDonald, Hanley	Shapiro, Bernstein
When I Lost You Mother Of Mine	1920	Dunkerley, Osborne	Stark & Cowan
You're My Heart's Desire, I Love You,			
Nellie Dean	1905	Gerald, Armstrong ·	M. Witmark & Sons
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NOTE: The publishers listed may not be present publishers, as songs can change owners several times over a period of years. The listing, however, will enable your dealer to locate the number for you.



IF YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING TO THIS DEPARTMENT, SEND IT TO "SWIPE SWAP SHOP", 0/0 SPEBSQSA, 20619 FENKELL AVE., DETROIT 23, MICH.

"Craft" Sessions Held At Two District Meetings

Barbershop Craft sessions were conducted as part of the Northeastern and Far Western District Contests. Paul McFatridge, a member of the Committee on Barbershop Craft, handled the job in Far Western; Bud Arberg, chairman of this committee, did the same for the N.E. President Johnny Means has expressed the hope that every district will soon include such a Craft session as part of its annual District Contest and Convention.

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Marty Mendro has been using the recommended outline for a Barbershop Craft session which appeared in the September issue of the Harmonizer (pp. 36-37) as a preliminary to Quartet Clinics held at the Pioneer (Chicago) Chapter. (Marty is also on this committee. Other members: Phil Embury, Warsaw, N.Y., and Eddie Hotten, Auburn, Wash.) Other districts which have conducted Craft sessions, or which seek assistance in developing these sessions, are invited to communicate with the SWIPE SWAP SHOP. The Craft session at the N.E. District Contest was set up for Sunday A.M. immediately following the Quartet Clinic, ably presided over by Bob Hafer, chairman of judges. Following the recommended procedure, Bud Arberg had the group woodshed "Good-Night, Ladies" in straight style. Then Bud taught them, by rote, his barbershop style arrangement. (See Fig. 1) (Continued on next page)



Swipe Swap Shop (Continued)



ILL TAKE YOU HOME AGAIN KATHLEEN

The differences in the ordinary and barbershop versions were pointed out, even though the expressions on the faces of the singing audience as it sang and rang those barbershop chords made it apparent that the differences were clearly *heard*. Chief among these differences 1) The word "night" appears three times, each time on the same note, and each time with a different chord, the first being a major chord and the second and third barbershop 7ths (at 2 and 12 o'clock in Maury Reagan's "Clock System"); 2) the melody is changed slightly in three places in order to allow a better barbershop chord progression (meas. 45-46, 49, and 50) 3) the addition of a tag, repeating the last phrase of the lyrics. (What barbershop arrangement is complete without a tag?)

There was not time to go into detail about the actual harmonies and voicings used in the barbershop arrangement. But the main point regarding the Barbershop Craft had been made, namely the difference in *sound* between ordinary and barbershop singing and arrangements.

This same arrangement, which is dedicated to the Mid-Atlantic States District Chorus which sang at Detroit, was used as an experiment by Bud at the Mid-Atlantic District Contest in Carnegie Hall on 17 Oct. Here, in place of the regular community sing, the audience was again taught by rote. It was something to hear that big swipe on "ladies" and that pyramiding tag come busting out from the audience seated in all those tiers. There was big sound all around.

Here's a contribution from Bud Pickard's arrangement of "Kathleen" submitted in the arrangement contest being conducted by the SHOP. Bud writes "If you can pick up a foursome, try the word 'eyes'". The interchange of bari and bass notes makes a nice melodic flow of the bari part. (It won't work on the piano.) (Fig. 2) Bud raises an interesting point when he observes that "it won't work on the piano." He refers to the crossing of the bass and bari on "eyes." If played on the piano, these two chords will sound identical. When sung, however, the voices can be heard to cross, giving an entirely different effect. This is a basic difference between all vocal and piano music.

CONTESTS NOT COMPLETED

Judging of the three contests announced in the Swipe Swap Shop in the June 1953 Harmonizer

CONTEST FOR BEST ORIG-INAL LYRICS CONTEST FOR BEST ORIG-INAL ARRANGEMENT CONTEST FOR BEST ORIG-INAL MELODY

has not yet been completed. Results will appear in the March 1954 Harmonizer.



HOLLAND, MICHIGAN TAKES CROWN

View of part of the crowd at the Michigan District Chorus Contest, held at Alma, Michigan, Holland took first place. The director is Francis Hodgeboom.



CHINA BOUND

When J. George O'Brien, Harmonizer Associate Editor, the Do You Remember column conductor, sent in his copy, he wrote, "At long last, here it is. If anybody should inquire about me, tell them the last you heard I was on a slow boat to China, and, possibly, headed for Tibet." His foolhardiness in attempting to define a barbershop song, (see page 38), may be the rea-son.—Eds.

LIKES HARMONIZER

John Strasser, Sceretary, Wood Ridge, N.J. Chapter, wrote, "The September issue of the Harmonizer is before me and I think I should express my compliments to you instead of letting the matter pass without comment, as if taken for granted. You are to be con-gratulated on the fine job you did. I think I enjoyed this issue more than any other . . .

WELL QUALIFIED

WELL QUALIFIED In his letter accompanying his appli-cation as a candidate for Stage Pres-ence Judge, Bob Farran of Winston-Salem, N.C. (Editor of Dixie District "Rebel Rouser") wrote, "Attached is my application. Supplementing it, I might say that I have good vision and on a clear day have been known to spot a trim ankle a block and a half away, in the shade! Among the boys down at the cigar store. I'm regarded down at the cigar store, I'm regarded as a critical expert on color and shape as well. What else does a Judge need?"

LIKES HARMONIZER

Charles Lyon, Vice President Spokane, Wash. Chapter, wrote in the chapter bulletin, "... Since the mail man de-livered my copy of the Harmonizer I have been devouring a part of its very interesting contents. ... In the rela-tively short time I have enjoyed the privilege of being a member of the chapter, each issue of the Harmonizer becomes progressively more interest. becomes progressively more interesting...

MAKES HIM HOMESICK

Dick Gorman, Secretary, Denver Chap-ter, wrote, "Just this week got my Harmonizer and I almost bawled when I saw the pictures taken at he Tone I formerly sang tenor with the Tone Poets, South Bend, Indiana and came Poets, South Bend, Indiana and came saw the pictures taken at Detroit. out here only a year ago. It was heart warming to see so many faces I knew. The Clef Chefs are all personal friends, not to mention numerous other quartets. Makes a man homesick

TRIPLE PLAY

Harold G. McKeever, President, Mun-cie, Indiana Chapter wrote, "The Harmonizer which came a few days ago was a happy reminder of a won-derful convention in Detroit.

"It seems an unfortunate thing that no mention was made of the fact that the Harris Triplets, of Muncie, were on the program. I know that they and their dad were hurt to have no mention made." More than a dozen men contrib-uted to "Stub Pencil Notes" in Sep-tember issue. Not one of them men-tioned the Harris Triplets. "Stub", himself, never laid eyes on them — just one of those things. Sorry. Eds.

LOSES MEMBERSHIP CARD

Former Int'l Vice President Deac Mar-tin, Cleveland, Ohio, wrote, "Last week in Ames, Iowa, I lost the case containing my credit and membership cards. "My chief grief in the latter case is that one of the original cards signed by O. C. Cash, which gave me member-ship in the Society until the year 1990 or something like that went with the

rest. "I am mentioning it because cases have been known of an impostor drifting into a town and getting some local brother to lend him money or what-ever, and I think it is best to have the loss on record."

The lost items have been returned. Eds.

CROSSES STATE-DATES CROSSED

"In the October copy of the 'Rebel Rouser' was announced a Parade to be held at Memphis, Tenn. on October 10th. Our quartet, the Tullahomans, decided on Oct. 9th to attend, so we packed our costumes and set out across the state of Tennessee. After six hours of driving we arrived in Memphis. We tried to find the Auditorium but there was nothing in the papers, no placards on the telephone poles or in barber-shop windows, so we stopped at the Claridge Hotel (this was a hunch based on the fact that the St. Louis, Mo. chapter meets at the Claridge.) There we were told where to find the present President, Wally Singleton. He wasn't at home so we contacted Past President Elford Lumpkin. He explained that because of the confusion of changing the Rebel Rouser to a bigger and better publication, someone there forgot to change the date of the Memphis Parade, as they had notified them two months ago.

"Elford then got to work in true bar-bershop style. He phoned various mem-bers to come to the hotel to meet us and a delightful 'Afterglow' meeting (Continued on next page)

THE FOUR TEENS IN KOREA



Clowning it up-the Society's 1952 Champions-The Four Teens are touring with the Air Force show "Tops in Blue". Left to right-Steinmetz, Chinnock, Lamont, Cahall. Mike Egan, who is as well known to Society members as her the Teens themselves, is advance man for "Tops in Blue". With the picture came a letter from Mike, written in Tokyo. Mike says "Tops in Blue" has been viewed by over 200,000 since its premiere July 14th; 111 shows in 96 days.

Says Mike, "When the gang arrived here from the States I got a thorough hriefing from the quartet on the whole U.S. tour, and was pleased, as they were, that so many barbershoppers turned up wherever and whenever "Tops in Blue" was performed. As a matter of fact, I got a little friendly ribbing from the other people in the cast about being the Advance Agent for the Four Teens instead of for "Tops in Blue". Blue'.

"They particularly mentioned one occasion when they had to wait thirty minutes after the show to change their clothes because the \$x10 dressing room was a trille crowded with 65 harbershoppers engaged in a hot session. "I hope many more harbershoppers will take in the show when we cross and recross the U.S. next year.

"Please keep your fingers crossed for us-Minneapolis Mid-Winter!"



FUN TAKES OVER AT SAGE LAKE, MICHIGAN ANNUAL MEETING

Each year, late in September, the Sage Lake, Michigan Chapter of SPEBSQSA meets. That's the only time it meets. Members in attendance this year came from New York, Washington, D.C., Florida, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wiscon-sin, and Michigan. Upper left shows part of the audience. Scated in front are Int'l 2nd Vice-president Dean Snyder, Washington, D.C.; Int'l Board Member Pete De Paolis, Rochester, N.Y.; Mid-Atlantic District Pres. John Salin, New York City, Bill Favinger, Detroit, Mich.

Mich. Upper center—Toleda, Ohio's Marksmen—Left to right—Tommy Stamhaugh, Jim Rowe, Gene Ritter, Bill Shannon.

MAY WAIVE TAX **ON SERVICE MEMBERS**

It has been the Society's policy for some years to recommend to chapters that they waive the annual dues of members entering the Armed Services and remit their full Per Capita Tax and Harmonizer subscription fee from the chapter treasury. This has imposed a considerable burden on those chapters which have attracted a sizable number of men of military age. For that reason, Int'l President Means suggested to the Executive Committee that consideration be given to the waiving of dues for members in military service with the thought their chapters would pay their Harmonizer fee only, so that the member would continue to receive the magazine while in uniform.

The Int'l Executive Committee, at a meeting held in September, voted to support this proposal. Final approval will, of course, be up to the Int'l Board of Directors at their Mid-Winter Meeting in Minneapolis.

Under the proposed set-up, each member in the Armed Services, reported to Int'l Hq. as a Per Capita Tax free member, would be entitled to receive the Harmonizer on payment of the \$1.00 subscription fee by his chapter. This special arrangement will not provide a copy of the annual folio, Songs for Men, however.

To some extent this will impose an added burden on chapter secretaries in keeping addresses up to date, but the general sentiment seems to be that it will be well worth the extra effort.

Approval of this change in policy by the Int'l Board in January is fully expected.



Upper right—Detroit, Michigan's Wolverines—Left to right— Al Rehkop, Joe Sipots, Ray Sipots, Bill Bond. Lower left—Detroit's Clef Dwellers—Left to right—Ed Easley. Dunc Hannah, Hal Bauer, Dick Wischeart. Lower center—Cleveland, Ohio's Four-in-a-Chord—Left to right— Ken Emerson, Ray Bicher, Tom Wellman, Al Gross. In case you have noticed that shock of silver hair creeping into the pictures, you can see who it is in the last shot. It's Acting First Vice-president Berney Simmer, St. Louis. Next to the piano is John Hill, Lansing, Mich. At his right is Past Int'l Pres. Jerry Beeler, Evansville, Ind. (Pictures taken by Past Int'l Pres. Frank Thorne, Chicago, with Hal Bauer's Rolleiflex).

Over the Editor's Shoulder Continued

resulted. We were entertained with some of the best singing it has ever been our pleasure to hear. Several quartets were represented: Wally Singleton and Dave LaBonte of the Confederates and Elford Lumpkin and George Evans of the Treble-Shooters, along with such sparkplugs as Earl Berry, Bob Cunningham and John Carney.

"The Tullahoman's Quartet, consisting of top tenor, Lillard Sheid; Lead, John Marlin Jr.; Baritone, Paul Koetitz; and Bass, John Bruns, also rendered several of their numbers. We have been working on a Chapter and have thirteen members. The Memphis Chapter offered to lend a helping hand in putting on a show to recruit more members.

"We would like to acknowledge the wonderful gesture made by the Mem-phis Barbershoppers to what would otherwise have been a very disap-pointed group of travelers.

TULSA CHAPTER ARTERY PARTY



Tulsa Chapter put on a show October 17th at Convention Hall for 2,500 paid admissions—price thereof—a pint of blood for the Red Cross.

Co-sponsored by the Tulsa Daily World, the affair was a tremendous success, resulting in the building up of the local Blood Bank and, what is highly important, introducing many "first timers" as blood donors. In view of the reaction of all concerned, it seems likely to become an annual affair.

In the Pictures

Top left—Tulsa Chapter Pres. John Loots is being relieved of his pint while chapter members stand by gleefully singing "We'll Be Glad When You're Dead, You Rascal You." Back row, left to right—Sec'y Roy Short (with wide open mouth); 2nd VP Lloyd Zumwalt, Howard Rinkel, Joe Coulson, 1st VP Charles Holmes, Dr. N. T. Enmeier, tenor of the 1941 Society Champion Chord Busters. Front-left to right-Harold Seay, Jim Cunningham, Max Simms.

Top right-Flying L Ranch Quartet and The Sons of the Pioneers.

Back row, at extreme left—George McCaslin, tenor; extreme right, Fred Graves, bass; at his right, Doc McCullough, lead; second from right, front, Gene Earl, bari.

Bottom left—Tulsa Police Quartet—LtoR—Choc Phillips, lead; Bob Howard, tenor; Les Applegate, bass; Sam Martinez, bari. Sam broke his leg on a vacation trip in September and sang at the Artery Party on crutches.

Bottom right-Detachments of marines and navy men gave blood.

At extreme right is Jim Cunningham, Tulsa Chapter member.

THE SUTH WILL RISE AGAIN (IF SOMEBODY FURNISHES THE YEAST)

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NO SOUTHERN COOKING FOR ME

The Shortnin' Bread Clan is out of the kitchen again, puttin' on side arms and threatenin' all sorts of things against the brethren of the Nawth all because the Buckeye Chapter, (Columbus, Ohio), christened its November Parade of Quartets, "Buckeye's Dixieland Barbershop Parade."

Int'l Board Member Harley Miller, of Plant City, Fla., (originally from Hamilton, Ohio), a lawyer who ought to know better, wrote Buckeye Sec'y Charley McMillan a letter reminding him of the lawsuit filed by Dixie District restraining everyone outside of Dixie from singing songs about Dixie. Harley suggested that written permission be first obtained from Dixie District Pres. Mert Barrett.

Serenely ignoring this below the Mason and Dixon belt impertinence because of Harley's Buckeye background, Buckeye went on with its plans only to receive a sharply worded letter from Pres. Barrett, denying that he had ever been a resident of Ohio and urging Harley to, "Sue the Hell out of them, if it's cheap enough..."

Thoroughly terrified, Charley turned the correspondence over to the learned legal counsel of Buckeye Chapter— Past Int'l Vice President George Chamblin. In a few well chosen words, George stated the case and made a recommendation as follows:

"If we are to take orders from a Southern Gentleman, we want to be sure it is from a real rebel, rather than from some 'Dam-Yankee traitor'... Let me suggest we send him everything he requested but vary the terms slightly—

Give him a-

Blackjack-instead of Blackmail.

- The Common-Misery-instead of a Commission.
- The Dence-instead of Inducements.
- A Rasp-berry insteady of Bribery."

That should hold the Deep Suth-sayers for awhile.

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NEWS ABOUT QUARTETS

Tom Wellman, bari of Cleveland, Ohio's Four-in-a-Chord, Finalists at Detroit, suggested this new column. Said Tom, "We're supposed to be a quartet society, yet getting information about quartets is very difficult—who's gone into the Army—who's moved to Alaska—who got married to a gal with a tin ear ...".

The Four-in-a-Chord should have less trouble in future getting together for rehearsals. Ken Emerson and Tom Wellman have been living in the southeastern section of Cleveland. Ray Bieber has a home in the northeastern area. Al Gross has been living in Lakewood which is a western suburb. To get together, the boys had to drive for hours.

Recently, Ray Bieber bought a house two blocks from Wellman's and Gross has one a'building which should be finished before Christmas. When the moves are completed, it'll be a short walk from any house to another.

Quite a few inquiries have come in about the Vikings.

Bob Maurus, tenor, and Bruce Conover, lead, were members of the Rock Island Male Quartet when they were in high school, back in 1941-42. Cal Stuhr was their bass then and later until 1952. After three years in service, the three entered Augustana College in Rock Island and there picked up Bob Lindley as bari. In '52, Boh Livesay replaced Cal Stuhr as bass.

All four of the boys are married. Bob Manrus has three children, the others two each.

Bruce Conover is an architectural draftsman. Lindley is the Secretary of Pekin, Ill. Chamber of Commerce. Bob Livesay is maintenance supervisor of the Moline Daily Dispatch. Maurus is supervisor of vocal music and high school choral director at Rock Island, Ill.

Practically everybody knows the Warren, Ohio Harmony Counts finished close to the top five at the Detroit Int'l Contest. It will be news to many that bari Gunner Dunnire has left the quartet. Bill Harley, formerly lead of Warren's Song Vendors, is working out with the Counts in the bari spot.

No one knows how many quartets Ed Place of Washington, D.C. has sung



in. That's Ed at the right in the above picture taken at the Mademoiselle Fashion Show in the Washington Statler. The others are, left to right, Jack Reeves, lead, Vice-president of College Park Chapter; Howard Cranford, tenor; Charlie Hay, bari. (Int'l semi-finalist Columbians) The four are modeling what the well dressed collegian will wear on the campus.

In the letter which accompanied the picture Ed Place advised that Howard Cranford is back with the Columbians. He last sang with them in 1952 when they sang in the International at Kansas City.

Pittsburgh, Pa. quartets have been undergoing some changes. The Four Maldehydes had to dissolve some months ago because of the poor health of two of its members. Chummy Conte, tenor of the 1948 Champion Pittsburghers, also retired from activity for health reasons. Tom O'Malley, lead of the Four Maldehydes, has joined up with the Pittsburghers as lead, moving Tommy Palamone up to tenor. Westinghouse Quartet with varying personnel won everything except the championship over a period of many years. Tenor Carl Chada requested a leave of absence from active singing this summer because of pres-



sure of other obligations. His place has been taken by Walter Eibeck. That's Walter at 3 o'clock in the pic-

ture.

If a guy wants to sing in a quartet he's going to sing in a quartet. In '51, Rex Reeve sang bari with the Villageaires, Palos Heights, Ill. They made the Finals at Toledo. Then he went into the Marines, was stationed at San Diego and took over for bari Joe White of the San Diego Serenaders when Joe went into service. At Kansas City, the Serenaders took 4th Place. The U.S.M.C. transferred Rex up north in California where he sang lead with the San Jose Travelaires. They made Alternate in the Far Western Regional Preliminary last Spring. Rex is now out of the service and living in Palos Heights again.

Not many quartets ever get to celebrate their "Tinth Anniversary" of active singing. The Cleveland, Ohio Lamplighters, who finished 4th in the 1945 Int'l Contest, did it in September. At the annual Cleveland picnic, the chapter members sprang a surprise party for the Lamps presenting each of them with a number of items made of tin. All four of the men worked for GE when the quartet was first organized. Walt Karl, the bass, an artist, recently retired. Tom Brown, tenor, is an attorney. Ces Rowe, the barl, is a statistician. Murray Honeycutt, lead, is a lamp designer.

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Dick Faas, bass of the Sing-Copates of Appleton, Wisconsin who placed third in the 1953 Contest in Detroit, is attending Officers School at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut. A recent letter from Dick, who has been on active duty since July 26 toward his three-year enlistment, reports that Gil Stammer, the baritone, is in the Army, stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. Mike Hammond, the lead of the quartet, is a senior at Lawrence College (where the quartet formed) and in spite of a heavy schedule is directing the Appleton Barbershop Chorus and has organized a quartet on the campus. Don Marth, the tenor, is busy with graduate work at the Institute of Paper Chemistry.

The other 1953 Medalist Quartet, of draftable age, the fifth place Statesmen of Sacramento, is still intact at this writing.

The Chicagoans, several times International Finalists, have also undergone a two-move change. Ward Chase, the giant tenor, developed a throat infection during the summer and had to give his voice a complete rest for a couple of months. Pee Wee (Renzo) Mora, Secretary of the Southtown (Chicago) Chapter, took Ward's place.

When Ward returned to active duty, Eddie Jensen, the baritone, dropped out of the quartet and Ward moved to that spot.

The SONGMASTERS of Lansing, 1949 fourth place Medalists, are still singing occasionally. However, Howard Hawkins tenor of the Quartet is now singing with the MERRI-MEN Past Michigan District Champions and Bob Freye tenor of the 1945 third place CONTINENTALS of Muskegon, Michigan has taken his place.

The MINOR CHORDS of Terre Haute, Indiana, Finalists in the 1950 Contest at Omaha were broken up by the death on October 10 of International First Vice President Carl C. Jones. However, Jack Beeson tenor of the Quartet has promised that the MINOR CHORDS will be kept going somehow.

Cy Perkins, bari of Chicago No. 1's 1945 Int'l Champion Misfits, reports that Misfits' tenor Joe "Moose" Murrin is getting along nicely in his Phoenix, Ariz. retirement—is "scared to answer the phone for fear it might be somebody offering a job".

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Phoenix chapter please note. Eds.

The Harmonizer

SHARE THE WEALTH

by Past Int'l Board Member Robert Hockenbrough

"a means by which we 'share the wealth' of experience gained in quartet, chorus and chapter activities."

The column writing business has been rather slow this past quarter. The total contributions to SHARE THE WEALTH were only four. The result is that I've had to draw on personal experiences and delve into the files to collect some appropriate and worth while material. So hang onto your pitch pipe and away we go.

It's been said, "He who never quotes is never quoted". With this thought in mind, I hopefully submit the following:

Chapter officers note . . . running a successful chapter is a lot like firing a gun. . . it's very important to take careful aim—but don't forget to pull the trigger. In other words, you may have the most wonderful plans, you may be bubbling over with stimulating ideas for chapter activities, but unless you put them into action, unless you pull the trigger, you will wind up with nothing! nothing!

DISGRACEFUL MISTAKE DISGRACEFUL MISTAKE Marshal Foch, the great French Gen-eral of World War I said, "Of all mistakes only one is disgraceful ... INACTION". Our society is not lack-ing men with ideas, but what a lot of our chapters do lack is men with perseverance to put their ideas into action. To have good ideas and then not put them into action is submitting your chapter to a tremendous handi-cap. Action starts the ball rolling!

Don't be guilty of "the one disgrace-ful mistake". Do something about those ideas of yours.

WAY DOWN SOUTH an interesting idea which appeared in a recent esting idea which appeared in a recent edition of the Dixie Cotton Boll, offi-cial publication of the Memphis, Ten-nessee chapter, has to do with build-ing membership, it says in part "if you know of a good prospect turn his name into the membership committee and they will visit the man and his wife in their home to promote their wife in their home to promote their interest in barbershopping." Sounds good, why not try it!

The same issue also reports the coin-ing of a phrase, "EVERY CHAPTER START A CHAPTER", and continues, "Do you have friends in a nearby town we could interest in starting a chapter? If so, talk it over with the Extension Committee".

Let's all get on the band wagon . . let's all be on the lookout for oppor-tunities to extend the pleasures of barber shop harmony to men of good will everywhere.

PICK A SONG ... from Strietly Barber Shop News, official publica-tion of the Dallas, Texas chapter, we find an idea about a Pick Your Song Program. Briefly it is this . . . the first dozen members to arrive at the

meeting are given the opportunity to write on a blackboard the name of write on a blackboard the name of the song which they would like to have sung during the evening program. Quartets are then chosen at random and are given the opportunity to select from the all-request list of songs. From all indications the idea was a terrific success down Texas way.

WIDOW'S ROOM . . . from In-Ky Notes, official bulletin from the Indi-ana, Kentucky, district, we find that they have inaugurated a "WOOD-SHED WIDOW'S ROOM" in connec-tion with their district convention. The report continues, "Not too much use was made of it during the early part of the day but it came into its own in the afternoon to the extent that it will be continued at future conventions".

BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR ... The Lombard Chapter from Lombard, Illinois, has come up with a plan for selecting the Barbershopper of the Year. Sounds good to me so I am pass-ing it on to you completely una-bridged.

Members will be awarded points in each of 10 categories. The person who is designated to award points in each is designated to award points in each category shall keep his gradings con-fidential and shall forward them to an impartial judge (NOT a member of this Chapter). The judge will com-pile the total points of all 10 groups and will award the Trophy at the next Installation Banquet.

1—Attendance . . . (Secretary) One point awarded for each meeting or singing engagement attended.

2-New Members . . . (Chairman, Membership Committee) Ten points will be awarded for each new member brought in and signed up. If, however, the new member maintains at least a 50% attendance record, his sponsor shall be awarded an extra *ten* points, thereby making a total of 20 points for bringing in a new, regularly attending member.

3-Guests ... (Chairman, Member-ship Committee) *Two* points awarded for each guest brought to a meeting. These will be awarded for the guest's fourt will be the based for the guest's first visit only. Each guest is to be considered a prospective new member.

4-Organized Quartet . . . (Chairman, Quartet Promotion) . . . Because of the numerical limitations of some sections of the Chorus, it is not possible for each of our members to earn points in this category. Therefore, we cannot award points in proportion to the time and effort involved. Since we earnestly desire more organized quartets, five points will be awarded to each member of an organized quartet.

5-Pick-up Quartet . . . (Chairman, Quartet Promotion) These shall be either volunteer groups OR those



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picked at random from the chorus at a meeting. Five points shall be awarded for willingness and enthusiasm rather than musical ability.

-Community Service . . . (President) By contacting various other organizations and arranging singing en-gagements (OTHER THAN THOSE WHO CONTACT US), a member shall be awarded five points.

7—House Committee Assistance . . . (Chairman, House Committee) Ten points may be awarded for volunteering to assist the House Committee in its various functions . . . over the year's period.

8—Program . . . (Chairman, Program Committee) By contributing to, or ar-ranging to have some contribution made to our meeting programs (OTHER THAN THOSE AR-RANGED FOR BY THE COMMIT-TEE), a member shall be awarded five points.

9-Ticket Sales . . . (Vice President) A member may earn *five* points by selling his quota. The top salesman will receive 15 and all other members who are over their quota will receive points in proportion to their total sales.

10—Fellowship . . . *Twenty* points. These points will be awarded for friendliness, cooperation, congeniality,

Hospitality to new members and guests, willingness and enthusiasm.

Each member will be sent a membership roster and a stamped envelope addressed to the impartial contest judge. He will grade his fellow-mem-bers according to the above standards and send it directly to the judge. He need not . . . in fact, should not sign his name.

IMPORTANT! Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen will be graded in this category as follows:

Up to 10 points for faithful, enthusiastic and efficient administration of their duties AND:

Up to 10 points for Fellowship . . . making a possible total of 20.

This is to insure that the Officers and Chairmen do their jobs well in order to stay on a par with the members-at-large. The judge will average the points received by each member on Followskin Fellowship.

ALL LATHERED UP ... recently I was invited to officiate at the Installation of new members at our Kankakee, (Continued on next page)

Illinois chapter. Timing was such that I didn't have the opportunity to pre-pare for the job as well as I would like to have. Instead I used the pre-pared material from the Chapter Ref-erence Manual which incidentally can be quite entertaining. However, the thought occurred to me that everyone could have a lot of fun if we were to take the new members, set them on chairs facing one another and cover them completely with a barber's cloth reaching from the neck down over their clothes. The next step would be to blindfold each of these individuals and supply them with a shaving mug filled with whipped cream and a brush. Illinois chapter. Timing was such that filled with whipped cream and a brush. At a given signal each blindfolded At a given signal each blindfolded man would attempt to lather the face of the fellow opposite him while sing-ing the society's theme song. If any of you have the opportunity to try this particular stunt I should be most happy to hear of the results.

DRAG OUT THE OLDIES . . . This is a slight twist on the lottery quartet contest which tends to combine quartet and chorus singing. I am not sure, but it is the brain child of either our "Q" Suburban director Richard Svanoe, or our Area Counsellor, Emmett Bossing. It goes like this, during the first half of the meeting the entire chorus runs through a half dozen old songs which are not currently being sung by the chapter. After this memory refresher, quartets are selected at random to participate in the contest. Each quartet must choose one of these oldies but none of the quartets may sing a song which has been sung by any of the previous quartets. Judges are selected from the remaining membership and quartets are judged according to the rules set up in the quarter lottery con-test (copies of which incidentally are still available).

CHAPTER REFERENCE MANUAL and each time that I do I am pleased with the fact that here, complete in one book, is a wealth of material available to every chapter. How recently have you referred to your chapter manual? If you are lookyour chapter manual? If you are look-ing for ideas on how to pep up chap-ter meetings . . . how to get members . . . how to handle finances . . . how to run your shows, you will find the answers to these and many other prob-lems right in the chapter manual. Use it. Use it OFTEN!

MAN ON FIRE . . . James Mangan, the inspirational writer said "the greatest need of the world is for more men with spirit!" He explained, "Al Jolson didn't rate as a great singer, and certainly 'Mammy' viewed objec-tively, is just a mediocre song, but when Jolson sang 'Mammy' he made it the greatest song ever sung. Why? Because he sang it with spirit. He didn't merely sing with his month or his heart; his greatest advantage was that he sang with spirit."

Spirit is electrical, shoots off mental sparks, flashes, lights up people. Spirit is dynamic, active, forceful, alive. Spirit tackles the impossible. Spirit overwhelms difficulties. Spirit is a driving, dashing, conquering quality. Spirit is an inward joyousness, a "happy warrior" attitude. Spirit sets a man on fire! It takes men of spirit to run a successful chapter. Our or-ganization was founded by a man of spirit and he drew men of like spirit to him. Our society grew to nation-wide proportions because it contained men of spirit. We will continue to grow only as long as we have men of spirit . . men with ideas . . . and men with initiative to put their ideas to work. overwhelms difficulties. Spirit is a to work.

HELP! HELP! HELP! Some people express an idea . . . others send it by slow freight. This is your column and we can stay in business only as long as you continue to send those good ideas that you have been using in your chapter.

If you have a good idea express it.

(Acknowledgment: Portions of the above were inspired by the Friendly Adventurer, published by Bermingham and Prosser Paper Company.)

ANSWERS TO BAFFLERS (See page 8)

- 1. Mandy Lee 2. Caroline
- 3. Sweet Sue 4. Sally
- 5. Lou
- 6. Sweet Marie 7. Mexicali Rose 8. Lucille 9. Mary Lou 10. Sleepy-time Gal

CHORUS TROPHY

This is Benny Landino, of Grosse Pointe, Michigan Chapter with the tro-phy he made for the winning chorus in the Int'I Competition each year. Several years ago, Landino made a similar trophy to he awarded to the Int'I Champion quartet each year. Ap-proximately 1100 hours of work went into this chorus trophy.

ADAMS SETTLES

Former Int'l Sec'y Carroll P. Adams advises he has now settled in a per-manent home. The mailing address is P.O. Box 358, Bennington, Vermont— Street address—24 Pageant St., Clark's Woods, Bennington—in the heart of the Green Mountains. The latch string is out for any barber-shopper at any time, Carroll wishes to say. say.



"Well, you TOLD me to get the KEY off the piano! "

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SO! YOU WANT MORE PUBLICITY

by Bud Jackson, Springfield, Mo. Chapter

A fine newspaperman—the late Stan-ley Walker—once wrote: "News is anything a good newspaperman writes!" Both the sentiments and the italies, though the former originated with Walker, are ours.

Publicity can be news if it is properly written and presented. If much of it is to emerge in print, it must be *news*, which is to say that it must be writ-ten by someone who knows news requirements and can phrase publicity material in such a fashion that it be-comes newsworthy. This is the first and cardinal principle to be remembered in setting up a publicity program.

A second point, almost equal in im-portance, is that the easier you make portance, is that the easier you make it for newspaper editors, radio news-men and other outlets to use your material, the greater the chance of its appearing in print. That means simply that you should keep material plentifully supplied, timely in presen-tation tation.

A third prime consideration is the personal touch. Without it, the best material may go unpublished. With it, the poorest may reach print.

Preparation

- 1. Marshal all available data and facts; make a tentative list of such data as will later become available.
- 2. Assemble a record library of barbershop quartet music and a list of live talent available for your 11SP
- 3. Pick the high spots of such material as is available or will be available for news use. There will be 10 or 12; they should be used as lead stories.
- Assemble a file of action pictures of key individuals, groups or quartets involved.
- 5. List the names of
 - a) all newspaper publicity outlets.
 - b) all radio station news publicity outlets.
 - c) all radio station program directors.
 - d) all television studio directors and newscasters.
 - all local or district house or-gans, magazines or weekly pub-lications. e)
 - f) all press associations.
- 6. Prepare a list of names and positions of all important local people and visitors and see to it that no story is issued which fails to mention at least some of those names, primarily local ones. Names are the greatest news in the world.
- 7. Prepare copy well in advance and release news stories simultaneously to all outlets, staggering release times so that one time the morning paper gets the jump, another time the evening paper gets the breaks, still another time, radio and television news outlets are favored.

- 8. Remember that the best news story on any event is that which involves actual results. In a contest, for example, no story is more important to the press than the story of who won! Too much publicity seeks advance publicity, then when the real story is ready, either lets the newspaper dig it out itself or fails to notify the paper of full results. Follow-up coverage should extend over the next 24 hours.
- 9. Get it right! Get your facts straight, spell your names cor-rectly, and strive constantly for highest accuracy. Once you've lost your reputation for accuracy, your material will be coolly received.
- 10. Establish a press-room at contest or parade headquarters; see that or parade headquarters; see that some knowledgable person is in charge of it at all times, that typewriters, copy paper, carbon sheets, telegraph blanks, pencils, erasers, note-pads and the tools of the trade are constantly avail-able. Limit admittance to that room to the press and publicity outlets, their friends or the people whom they wish to interview. A telephone, preferably two of them, is an absolute must.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICITY

I. Some of your members who advertise in the newspapers and on the air undoubtedly would turn a portion of their space or time over to you. Con-tact them toward this end. Perhaps one of your members has a wallpaper firm that buys daily spot announce-ments on the air. Ask him to put a tag-line on those spots: "We'll see you at tonight's barbershop quartet com-petition", or some such.

2. Many small weekly newspapers, district papers, school papers, house organs, etc., will use your copy if you will get it to them and in shape that it can be used without editing.

3. Tell your civic clubs that you'll provide 'em with a barbershop quartet entertainment in return for the right to sell tickets to the membership. Then send along some hustlers to sell those tickets. Don't expect the foursome to sell both the idea and the tickets.

4. Two things to remember with all outlets-see to it that they are invited as your guests; give them good seats; don't require 'em to spend a penny. A press table is a good idea; refresh-ments should be provided in the form of cokes, sandwiches, etc., without charge. No liquor. It is almost invariably a mistake.

5. After the show, get your top officers to write letters of appreciation to all who have helped you in any way. You might issue an honorary shingle or certificate if you think it would be valuable. Such letters should be ad-dressed to the boss-dog in the pub-licity outlet, and copies sent to per-sonnel named in the letter as having been among his organization's people

who were helpful. It will cost 3¢ apiece to say thanks to those people-and they'll remember your courtesy far out of proportion to what it cost you.

6. Keep all copy absolutely clean. The Society's rules may be a guidepost. If you have to be funny, be funny in good taste. Incidentally, don't try to write humorous publicity unless you know your stuff; humor is the hardest material of all creative writing.

7. Once you have established contact 7. Once yon have established contact with a publicity outlet, don't fall into the habit of thinking of him only when you want publicity. Maybe there's a bad wreck outside your of-fice; call your publicity outlets and tip them off. Perhaps you know of a good human interest story; let them know about it. Possibly you'll have onnortunities to do them small favors opportunities to do them small favors now and then; do them and make sure that they know you were thinking of them. The best way to build publicity for next year is to start deserving it this year.

8. There's no substitute for work. If your publicity committee won't work, dissolve it and reconstitute it, with new personnel.

9. Once the committee is functioning, insist that all publicity be cleared through it. Nothing is more exasper-ating to a publicity man than for someone without responsibility to tip off a newspaper friend on the story the publicity man had been saving as the elimactic, pre-contest news story. Such an act is apt to kill his whole campaign by making all other outlets angry at having been badly beaten.

10. Keep the publicity man constantly informed on all developments. If he publishes a program story in which he says the mayor will deliver an address of welcome and the mayor backs out, let him know it. That's a small detail, of course; an incident which comes to mind was more serious. A speaker had to be replaced but the publicity man wasn't informed. All his publicity was built around the man who couldn't appear-and it was wasted because at the last minute a replacement had to be revealed.

11. A final word of advice: DON'T EXPECT PUBLICITY, ADVERTIS-ING OR ANYTHING ELSE TO SELL TICKETS EXCEPT BY DI-RECT PERSONAL CONTACT. A MILLION-DOLLAR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WON'T FILL A 300-SEAT AUDITORIUM IF THE TICKETS AREN'T PUT WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN GET THEM. TICKETS ARE YOUR SALABLE MERCHANDISE. GET THEM ON THE COUNTER BY MAKING YOUR PEOPLE HUSTLE TICKET SALES. IF THEY WON'T HUSTLE THEM, TURN THE JOB OVER TO SOME OTHER ORGANIZATION ON A PERCENTAGE BASIS. SUG-GESTED ORGANIZATIONS IN-CLUDE BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS, (Continued on next page)

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PUBLICITY, Continued

CHURCH SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS, REGU-LAR TICKET SELLING AGENCIES, CIVIC CLUBS, ETC.

RADIO AND TELEVISION PUBLICITY

- Give your publicity outlets here the same material given to newspaper outlets.
- 2. Supplement such material with planned and prepared programs. Again the personal touch is highly important. Find out what program is available to you and fill it professionally, either with live talent or record shows. In writing any radio show, you must first time your music, then fit the speech around it. A quarter-hour broadcast can utilize about 11½ minutes of music, 3 minutes of speech. It should run about 14½ minutes long since a station requires at least a half-minute out of every quarter hour for spot announcements and station breaks.
- 3. In writing a record show, never call for the successive use of two numbers on opposite sides of the same disc, unless there is at least 45 seconds of speech between the two records. Otherwise the engineer hasn't time to flip the record over and cue it up. Even when there is time, it is wiser not to ask him to do so.
- 4. If the show is a live-talent show, see to it that those appearing on it are in the studios at least a halfhour before air time. If a rehearsal is called for, have them at the studios five minutes before rehearsal time.
- 5. If the broadcast is a record show, see to it that script and records are delivered to the station at least 48 hours ahead of broadcast time. After the show, have them picked up within 24 hours so they won't be chittering up the transcription librarian's office. (Also, your chances of losing valuable records are reduced.)
- 6. In all cases of breakage of records, you pay the bill. Don't get angry and don't criticize the station for breakage. Value of your records is slight compared to the value of the time the station is giving, the value of the services of engineering talent and other considerations.
- 7. If you have several stations each using several shows per week, see to it that no station uses the same records on its shows that it has used previously. Also prepare a different script for each show each time it is on the air on a different station. It's more trouble—but it's more apt to be used.
- 8. In all radio copy, avoid long words, words which are difficult to pronounce, alliterative copy, or sibilant words. A sentence such as "She sell sca-shells, etc.", is pretty nasty to handle.
- Ask radio stations to cooperate with you by using station break plugs; for example—"This is

KPEW in Loose Gravel, Ia., home of the International Barbershop Quartet Contest," etc.

 Follow the same format with news releases to radio stations as to newspapers.

TYPICAL RADIO CONTINUITY SHEET

- (With some imagination can be varied for other records or ideas) Station: Date:
- Show #1 Time:
 - Type program: Recordings Produced by: SPEBSQSA
- ANNCR: In cooperation with the Springfield Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., Radio Station KWTO brings you a quarter hour of recorded songs reminiscent of the good old days. Our program opens with a selection by the 1950 International Barbershop Quartet Champions, the Buffalo Bills of Buffalo, N. Y., as they sing the highly colorful GOODBYE OLD DIX-IE, GOODBYE (:30)
- OPER: (GOODBYE OLD D1X1E, GOODBYE #600-A) (2:30) (3:00)
- ANNCR: Nineteen Fifty's third place quartet in the International competition for barbershop foursomes went to a Flint, Michigan, outfit known as the Antlers. They sing for us now the sentimental "I WISH I HAD DIED IN MY CRA-DLE"
- (:15) (3:15) OPER: (I WISH I HAD DIED IN MY CRADLE #1312) (2:31) (5:46)
- ANNCR: On Sunday afternoon, February 24, Springfieldians are in line for one of the finest treats they have ever experienced when the Springfield, Missouri Chapter of SPEBSQSA presents the second annual Barbershop Quartet Parade of Harmony. Harmony lovers from this area can avail themselves of this unparalleled opportunity to hear barbershop quartet singing at its very finest. Two of the Top Championship quartets of the nation are appearing in person along with two imported Midwest Quartets and four local quartets. Sunday afternoon, February 24, is soul-satisfying Harmony Time for Springfield, Missouri. (:49)

Continuing our program, here are the Serenaders of Kansas City, Missouri, singing one of their most popular numbers, SUM-MER TIME.

- OPER: SUMMER TIME (2:15) (8:57)
- ANNCR: Returning again the fine Antlers Quartet, we hear from them next with THE WOMAN IN THE SHOE. (:10)
 - OPER: (THE WOMAN IN THE SHOE #1313) (2:32) (11:39)
- ANNCR: Now, in conclusion, the International champions of barbershop quartet singing, return to the microphone to bring us their fine arrangement of an old favorite, MY GAL SAL. (:15) (11:54)
 - OPER: (MY GAL SAL #600-B) (2:21) (13:55)
- ANNCR: For the past quarter hour, you have been entertained by barbershop quartet melodies sung in the old familiar style by some of the finest quartets in America, the Buffalo Bills, the Serenaders, and the Antlers. This recorded program has been brought to you in cooperation with the Springfield Chapter of the Barbershop Quartet Society, which invites you to attend the big Barbershop Quartet Parade of Harmony, to be held Sunday afternoon, February 24, in Springfield's Shrine Mosque. (:35) (14:30)





The Washington, D.C. Chapter's Singing Capital Chorus travelled by special coach to and from New York where it captured the Mid-Atlantic District title. En route home, the group sang a song in the concourse of New York's Penn Station. Immediately after the song, the PA system paged the chorus, "Will the Washington delegation of the barbershop singing society please get ready to entrain on Track 12, but, before doing so, please favor us with another selection.

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On page 9, column 3, December, 1952 Harmonizer, the story was told of the prize offered to the first barbershopper to arrive at the Far Western District's contest city. The official District publication, Westunes, Editor, Fearless Frankie Finnegan, did it again this year. The contest was open only to bald headed barbershoppers with red hair and made the following offer, "First man to get to the Pasadena city limits by way of Tegusigalpa, riding a brown alpaca and singing Krad Retfa (After Dark spelled backwards) will win one pair of simply gorgeous barbed wire blue jeans".

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Int'l Board Member Reedie Wright, Pasadena, Calif., (Sales Representative of Kraft Foods), has often been accused of hiring stooges to build up his gags. Here's some pretty convincing evidence relayed by a reliable witness. Reedie was Emcee of a show. Local bigwig introduced him. Then—

Local man - Are you ready, Wright?

Wright-No. I'm Reedie Wright.

Voice from audience — Cheese it. (Equivalent of "scram" in 1920 slang.)

Wright—That sounds like a Kraftty remark.

It is the contention of this column that even Past Int'l Pres. Jim Knipe whose jokes are admittedly the throwaway kind—even he wouldn't stoop so low.

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DALLAS, TEXAS BOASTS TWO CHAPTERS



Oak Cliff Chapter received its charter October 3rd. Here are the officers dressed infant-icipation of the event-LtoR-Goy McShan, Treasurer; Pat Patterson, President; Bob Brown, Secretary; Les Swanson, Chorus Director.

Did you know the wood thrush can hold as many as four simultaneous notes and that the bluejay can sing what amounts to a major chord? Time Magazine says they can, that they've been detected by something called an audiospectrograph.

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Do you know what a "spanferkel" is? Green Bay, Wisconsin Chapter had one this past summer. It's a pig roast.

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Harley Miller, Int'l Board Member from Plant City, Florida, says that Tampa Chapter has an Air Force major as a member and that he's been elected sergeant at arms. Now the problem is whether to call him "Sergeant Major" or "Major Sergeant".

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The El Paso Chapter Bulletin Harmo-Notes points out that eleven of the sixteen choruses that competed at Detroit last June wore full costumes.

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The Chordettes made a guest appearance on the Eddie Fisher Coca Cola show, NBC TV, October 14th. If you are among the many who like to hear these gals sing, don't be quiet about it. A letter or a card to NBC, Radio City, New York, won't break you and might have some effect. You can bet the bebops aren't backward about boosting their favorites.

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George Evans, Memphis Chapter, selfstyled "World's Most Willing Baritone", has moved to Chicago. George was one of the moving spirits in the Memphis Chapter and helped them to do a great job. Chicago Chapters please note.—Ed.

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Oak Park, Illinois Chapter used a mailing piece to advertise the annual minstrel show. It was well designed and well written. Eyecatcher on the front read — "I spent this (arrow pointing to stamp) to tell you this" (arrow pointing to inside of folder).

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Cy Perkins, Chicago, bari of the 1945 Int'l Champion Misfits, usually has the last word, but sometimes he gets taken. He did his famous "Prinderella and the Cince" at the Illinois District Contest in October. Later, he met a friend,

"Hi Cy. Were you at the show tonight?"

"No, doggonit, I missed it."

"Well, y'know, there was some son of a gun up there trying to imitate you—and was he ever lousy!"

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KEEP POSTED Continued

President George H. Williams, Central States District, gives a helpful hint on selling show tickets, He tells that in his home town, Spencer, Iowa, a banker named Ozzie Chaney regularly sells more than 200 tickets. Ozzie is a VP of the bank and has something to say about who shall borrow money.

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Many quartets use the services of a fifth man. Many of them have trouble trying to figure out how to make at least an attempt to repay him. Not so Toronto's Four Neighbors . . . Their fifth wheel, Bruce Bonnyman, married recently and rented an apartment. The quartet moved in, washed and waxed the floors and worked in an excellent rehearsal while performing their Boy Scout act.

MIAMI STAGES INTRA CHAPTER CONTEST

On October 20th Miami held a Ladies Nite and Quartet Finals contest. A handsome quartet calling themselves the Four Eyed Four were declared the winners of this 16-week contest, and consisted of Carlton Fort, Buddy Heath, Grover Baker and Herb Young. The fact that Buddy is president and Grover the director of the chapter had uo bearing on the fair and competent way in which the quartets were judged.

Frank Denton and Bill Hall, wearing hearing aids, judged Harmony Accuracy and Arrangement. Harry Goldstein, acting as Timer, upon finding that the hands of his Big Ben had been mislaid, carefully checked with a 3-minute egg timer. Maddy Armistead,



The Four-Eyed Four. LtoR-Carlton Fort, tenor; Buddy Heath, lead; Grover Baker, bari; Herb Young, bass.

waving an empty bottle over his head, seemed to be having a little trouble with Balance but declared the Blend excellent. Dixie District See'y Roy Swanborg, due to his dark glasses. tripped over his white cane but did a fine job on judging Stage Presence.

Due to the foresight of Area Counselor Dale Sylvester, instigator of the contest, there were prizes for all. He had quietly contacted the wives to unearth and wrap up the most disliked possession of friend husband. These monstrosities from past Christmases and birthdays were collected and graciously bestowed as prizes on the sixteen contestants. Their looks of horror at now owning two of these Things, hastily covered with forced polite smiles of thanks before they caught onto the gag, were alone worth the cost of a year's dues!

DENVER PARTICIPATES IN HOBBY SHOW



This is a view of the display Denver Chapter set up at the Hobby Show held in that city in September. At left is Dick Gorman, See'y; center, Pres. Millard Smith and at the right a face that will be familiar to many—Ziggy Ziegler—ex-Milwaukee, Miami, Houston, and where not.

HOW LO'L DISTRICT PROMOTES MEMBERSHIP

(The 1954 suggested plan for membership promotion drafted by Dist. V.P. Harold Phelan came into the hands of the editors recently. It looked so good, we asked permission to pass it on to the membership of the entire Society. Eds.)

- PLAN A. Membership promotion by use of Chapter Choruses. (For larger Chapters.)
 - 1. Divide Chapter into two, three or more Choral Groups. These groups to constitute teams to promote membership activity in competition with the other groups. Such competitive activity will result in inereased Chapter membership—plus other material benefits.

2.	Points to be awarded to teams on a basis	simi	ilar to	list	belo	w:
	a. Pay your own dues	25	points	for	the	team.
	b. Bring a guest	25	points	for	the	team.
	e. Bring a guest who sings Tenor	50	points	for	the	team.
	d. Sign up a new member					
	e. Sign up a Tenor	200	points	for	the	team.
	f. Re-enroll a former member	200	points	for	the	team.
	g. Attendance per meeting during contest_	2	points	for	the	team.
	h. Chorus winning top place					
	i. Chorus winning second place	50	points	for	the	team.
	j. Chorus winning third place	25	points	for	the	team.
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- 3. A chorus contest is held each meeting night and points awarded as above.
- 4. Appoint a member to keep acculate score and post totals at each meeting.
- PLAN B. Membership promotion by use of Quartets. (For smaller Chapters.)

	1. Divide ALL Chapter members into quarte Let each Quartet be named. These quartet competition with other similar quartets at contest. Use easy songs. Members of organiz to other quartets for the purpose of this con- set up will be a team to compete with other	s sho ever; zed qu ntest	ould sin y meeti uartets only. E	ng one so ng durin to be ass ach quan	ng in ng the signed tet so
	a. Pay your own dues	25	points	for the	team.
	b. Bring a guest	25	points	for the	team.
	c. Bring a guest who sings Tenor	50	points	for the	team
	d. Sign up a new member	100	points	for the	team.
	e. Sign up a Tenor			for the	
	f. Re-enroll a former member			for the	
	g. Attendance per meeting during contest_			for the	
	h. Quartet placing first in each contest			for the	
	i. Quartet placing second in each contest			for the	
	j. Quartet placing third in each contest			for the	
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- Note 1. A committee should be set up, to pass judgment on claims for points. This will eliminate arguments or ill-feeling over possible disputes.
- Note 2. THE PAY-OFF. As a Grand Finale, losing teams or quartets to stage a Victory celebration for the winners, at a huge Membership Hullabaloo, to be held at final meeting in June. Non-winning teams or quartets to pay the cost instead of charging same to the Chapter Treasury.

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Over four hundred barbershoppers and their families converged on Orillia, Ontario, September 26th and 27th for a weekend of barbershopping, arranged by the Orillia Chapter. No. 5-The Pritchard family from Toronto. No. 3-Many of the gang Sunday morning. No. 2-The Syncromaniacs, Kenmore.

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NORTHEASTERN

Semi-Annual Meeting was held at New Bedford, Mass., October 3rd; honored by presence of Int'l Secretary Robert G. Hafer, Past Int'l Secretary Carroll P. Adams, Int'l Board Member William P. Hinckley and representatives of thirty Chapters. Seven of the District's thirteen Area Counselors also were present. District President Charles F. Ricketts presided, with 1st Vice-President Lawrie J. Adams, Secretary Ed Stetson and Treasurer Paul Carney. Nick Cirie, 2nd Vice-President was unable to attend due to illness in his family. District Chorus Contest, awarded to Bridgeport, Conn., is to be held February 27th. Recommendations of the Chorus Contest Committee were left to the District Executive Committee to formulate. 1954 Regional Preliminaries and Annual Meeting were set for April 24th at Montreal. Discussion was held on financing quartets to International Contests. Fifty cents of the \$1.00 per capita tax returned to the District is to be earmarked for financing these quartets. Meeting closed by reading of a Proclamation issued by New Bedford Mayor Francis J. Lawler, declaring October 3rd Harmony Day.

CENTRAL STATES

The District Convention was held on Saturday, October 17th at Pittsburg, Kansas. The fine little city welcomed the barbershoppers in excellent style and the auditorium and hotel facilities were first-rate.

Compliments and commendations were extended to Carl Blackwell, General Chairman; Ted Grassi, President; and A. B. York, Secretary, along with all of the members of the Pittsburg chapter for a job well done.

The LAND O'LAKES

DISTRICT

Salutes

Its New 1953 District Champions

THE WHIPCHORDS of Janesville, Wisconsin

and the Host

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN CHAPTER Ninth Annual District Quartet Contest A fine array of quartet talent appeared before the judges. Sixteen quartets competed. The winners were:

- 1st—The Orphans from Wichita, Kansas
- 2nd—Rudy Fick Royalaires from Kansas City, Missouri
- 3rd—Hawkeye Four from Des Moines, Iowa

Omaha, Nebraska was selected as the site of the May 1st, 1954 Regional Preliminaries. Clare Wilson, a former International Board Member and former Central States President presented the invitation for the Omaha meeting. The Omaha Centennial is being held in the year 1954 and the city is bringing top flight entertainment in musical, theatrical, and sports affairs to celebrate the central States Regional Contest, along with some past International Champions would give them one of the finest shows possible. They are paying all expenses and guaranteeing the Central States District and the Omaha Chapter \$1,000 profit.

ILLINOIS

The Semi-annual Meeting of the Association was held on Sunday morning, Oct. 4, 1953 at the Leland Hotel in Aurora. The meeting was attended by delegates from 32 of the 57 chapters in the District together with the District Officers and a number of guests.

Addressing the meeting, Aurora's Mayor Paul Egan expressed the hope that Aurora would soon again be host to the District at one of its Conventions.

An innovation at this meeting was the introduction of a new voting procedure (a la International Board) wherein all votes were taken by the delegates singing "Aye" in the key of B flat.

Highlights of the meeting included: Reports indicating the increase of Area activity throughout the District;

Announcement of the impending redistricting of the areas, the purpose being to divide the entire State into Areas geographically rather than by chapters alone;

Awarding of the 1954 District Contest to Area 8—to be held in Joliet, this being the first instance of an area sponsoring a District Convention; Awarding of the 1954 Regional Preliminaries to the Jacksonville Chapter.

JOHNNY APPLESEED

A consistently large field of 25 quartets competed for District honors on Saturday, October 17, at Washington, Pa. and the final nod by Chairman of (Continued on page 55)

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GEORGE H. WILLIAMS Spencer, Iowa Central States District



WELDON SLOAN Beaverton, Oregon Evergreen District



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COAST TO COAST

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Judges Maury Reagan and his panel went to the Lytle Brothers of Sharon, Pa. as the new Johnny Appleseed champion. Following in order were the Humdingers, Canton, Ohio; Tigertown Four, Massillon; Jolly Boys, East Liverpool, O. and the Steel City Four, from Pittsburgh. Capacity attendance filed the hall both at the semi-finals and finals and heard the keenest com-petition in Johnny Appleseed history. petition in Johnny Appleseed history. Jim Knipe of Cleveland and Howard Hansen, of Lakewood, MC'd the finals and semi-finals, respectively.

Sunday morning, October 18, saw another capacity crowd enjoy the Dis-trict Breakfast in the George Wash-ington Hotel, and cheer the naming of Nate Berthoff, Elyria, as "Barber-shopper of the Year".

Following, a too short Quartet Clinie, presided over by Maury Reagan, brought standing room only for Johnny Appleseed quartets and bar-bershoppers. The District Meeting immediately after ran for an hour and a half of streamlined action. Presided over by Pres. Tracy Evans, of Par-kersburg, W. Va., it was the largest attended meeting in the history of the District. District.

District. Highlights of the meeting were re-ports on increased membership, an excellent financial picture, a large number of prospective chapters under consideration. In addition May 16, 1954 was set for the 4th Annual Chorus Contest with plans for hand-ling more than 3,000 Johnny Apple-seed barbershoppers. Of great interest to all quartets and barbershoppers in the District was Past District Presi-dent Karl Haggard's plan, unanimous-ly adopted, for instituting Barbershop Craft and Quartet Clinics and attend-ing shows, throughout the district in 1954. This plan, we are convinced, will 1954. This plan, we are convinced, will raise the level of barbershopping, both individually and quartet-wise to a new high in the District. This meeting and contest were without question, the finest ever held in Johnny Appleseedland.

MICHIGAN

Announcement by District Secretary Louis R. Harrington that his petition for a blanket exemption from the payment of Federal admissions tax on all parades of quartets to be staged by Michigan District chapters during this fiscal year had been granted by the District Director of Internal Revenue, featured the Michigan District meeting at Lansing on October 17th. This is the first such exemption obtained by a District on behalf of its member chapters.

The delegates also recommended to the District Executive Board that it consider consolidation of the District quartet and the District chorus con-

It was also announced that the attractive new District directory, which had been printed through the generosity of an anonymous member, would be eirculated among all the members in the District by direct mailing.

DISTRICT BULLETIN EDITORS 1953-54

DISTRICT	PUBLICATION	EDITOR
Central States	SERENADE	George H. Williams 1520 Grand Spencer, Iowa
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Illinois	ATTACKS AND RELEASES	Burt Moyer 8314 Dante Ave. Chicago 19, Ill.
Indiana-Kentucky	IN-KY NOTES	Fred A. Goodrich 6245 N. Rural Indianapolis 20, Indiana
Johnny Appleseed	QUARTER NOTE	Nathaniel (Nate) Berthoff 519 Park Place Elyria, Ohio
Land O'Lakes	HARMONY NEWS	Henry (Hans) Beyer 1416 Indiana Avenue Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Michigan	TROUBADOUR	Roscoe Bennctt c/o Grand Rapids Press Grand Rapids, Michigan
Mid-Atlantic	MID'L ANTICS	Wilbur A. Schmidt 702 Enderby Drive Alexandria, Va,
Northeastern	NOR'EASTER	Ed Stetson Box 586 New Bedford, Mass.
Ontario	MAPLE LEAFLET	George Marks 14 Glenmanor Dr. Toronto, Ontario
Seneca Land	HARM-O-GRAM	Leroy Smith Steuben St. Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Southwestern	SOUTHWESTERN ROUNDUP	Tom Helzer P. O. Box 5212 Dallas, Texas

The final standings in the District 1952-53 chapter Achievement Award contest were announced, and a plaque presented to the Dearborn chapter, the winner.

LAND O'LAKES

The Whipcords of Janesville, Wis., The Whipcords of Janesville, Wis., carried off top honors in LOL's ninth District Quartet Contest Nov. 7 in Green Bay, Wis. Featured on the show were the 1952 champs, the Agricul-turists of Whitewater, and the 1947 champs, the Cardinals of Madison. The Cardinals, who won their champion-ship on the same stage, have as bass ship on the same stage, have as bass Phil Davies, a brother of Skid Davies, lead of the Whipcords and former bari of the Cardinals.

the thirty chapters represented in the district meeting, the most dis-tant was Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, about 800 miles. That chapter also furnished the Portage-Aires, a very popular and promising quartet. Pres. Allan Kapitzke led discussions of chapter and officer responsibilities, particularly stressing membership, chapter activitics, community service, extension and publicity.

The previously approved LOL contri-bution to the International Building Fund was increased to \$1000, with provision that it be paid in the form of bonds, \$100 semi-annually at the time of District Meetings.

A proposed change in the present 10% of net profits of chapter shows for District revenue to 4% of the gross ticket sales was voted down after Treasurer Art Blitz demonstrated that smaller chapters with smallest profits would in most cases have increased tax with definite hardship.

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EVERGREEN

With a 60% attendance, the semiannual Board Meeting was called at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, instead of on Sunday, as in previous years. Proceedings were streamlined by having reports in writing, with copies for all present. Action in support of the Int'l Building Fund was postponed, until after the Int'l Board Meeting in January. Frank Graham advised getting down to chapter level grass roots with all District projects.

Dwight Calkins, 2nd V.P., advocated membership unanimity in support of financing quartets making the transcontinental trips to Int'l Contests. District Treasury support was recommended to the extent of 1st class RR fare and lower berth (\$1,087.68, Portland - Washington, D.C.), additional expense to be borne by the quartet, by their chapter or by other means. At suggestion of Lt, Cdr. R. H. Severance, it was decided to ask chapter approval of amount to be paid the quartet and chapter commitment to contribute to the fund, on a per member basis.

A bid for the 1954 Regional Preliminary was entered by Jalmer Oren for the Astoria chapter. V. L. Benham stated Tacoma might be interested in bidding. The award was deferred for action by the Executive Committee. Yakima placed a bid for the 1955 Regional Preliminary.

An estimated net of around \$1,000 from the Contest was reported by General Chairman Carl Hamilton.

Past Int'l President Charles M. Merrill of Reno emceed the Contest in his inimitable manner. A combined Barbershop Craft and Chorus Director's Clinic, under Benny Loftsgaard, was held. The Quartet Clinic, Sunday, was a highlight. Contest winners were: Varsitones of Seattle, 1st; Sharp Four (16-year-old boys) and Timber Tones of Eugene, 2nd and 3rd.

FAR WESTERN

Pasadena Chapter, Pasadena, California, ably hosted the annual Fall Meeting, Quartet and Chorus Contests of the Far Western District on November 14, 1953. Twenty-five delegates responded to the roll call and every District Officer except one was present.

Eight quartets survived the afternoon elimination contest and the Finals' scores showed the Statesmen of Sacramento Chapter to be winner thus giving them District, Regional and International ranking, the quartet having placed 5th at Detroit in the International Contest. The Crown City Four of Pasadena won second place with The Travelaires of San Jose in third position.

The District Chorus Contest Finals resulted in the Earl B. Reagan Memorial Trophy going to San Diego, with Eden Chapter representing the Northern District Division, losing the coveted cup they had won in October 1952.

The night Final contest was highlighted by the appearance of several former District Champion Quartets, The San Diego Serenaders, The Verdugo Dons and a surprise performance by the recently rejuvenated Four Bits of Harmony. Their many friends were delighted to see this excellent quartet in action again. A popular novelty was provided by the winning Statesmen when they all changed parts for au encore number following the placing amouncements. The bass, Jack Gilstrap, singing an excellent tenor. An overwhelming vote by the District Delegates awarded to San Jose Chapter the Spring Meeting and Regional Contest in April 1954.

INDIANA-KENTUCKY

The fall meeting was held in Indianapolis, Saturday October 10 & 11 to select new quartet and chorus champions for the District.

Eleven quartets made it tough for the judges Saturday afternoon at the preliminary contest at the Severin Hotel. Five of these quartets were chosen to compete for the top honors at the final contest and show at the Murat Theater Saturday night.

The "Clef Chefs" from Elkhart, Indiana, were crowned Indiana-Kentucky District Champions for 1953-54. The awards were presented by the 1952-53 Champs, "The Four Flames" from Owensboro, Kentucky, with Glen Reid, Indiana-Kentucky District President, presiding. Running a very close second were the "Dixieliners" from Evansville, Indiana.

The Chorus Contest held Sunday, October 11th, in the World War Memorial Auditorium, Indianapolis, brought forth the bulk of the barbershoppers in ten wonderful choruses.

Victoriously responding to the direction of Rudy Hart, The Michigan City, Indiana Chapter Chorus won the title of 1953-54 District Champion Chorus.

Owensboro, Kentucky Chapter Chorus took home a close second with Muncie, Indiana Chapter Chorus right on their heels, taking third.

Featured on the Saturday night show were The Vikings Quartet of Rock Island, Illinois, The Four Flames, 1952-53 Indiana-Kentucky District Champs, Owensboro, Kentucky, The Singing Brock Family, Connersville, Indiana, "The Harris Triplets", Muncie, and the "Decker Sisters" of Louisville, Kentucky. Acting Int'l President Berney Simner and Int'l Sccretary Bob Hafer, on an official visit to the District, served on the Judging panel.



Top left-Crown City Four appeared on NBC-TV program, "This Is Your Music", LtoR-Helen Parish, Tom Wirick, Jim Powell, Art Baker, Homer Aspy, (Scated) (F.W. District VP who arranged for the show), Jim Arnold, and Art Huston, Top right-DeLand, Florida Chapter staged a Blood Bank Show. Helping to publicize the event, the Fo-Pas Quartet are LtoR-Bob Feasel, tenor; Dr. George Frison, bass; Dr. Roy DeShaw, lead; Phil Wahle, bari.

Bottom left—Muskegon, Michigan Chapter staged a show for the benefit of the new Catholic Central High School Library Fund. Chapter Pres. Halley Dion is shown with members of the Library Committee.

Bottom right—Kenosha, Wisconsin Chapter members went for a cruise on Lake Michigan and lost noither captain nor crew.

DISTRICT FUN PROVIDES FUNDS

Members from five states in the Northeastern District joined forces to present one of the District's largest Mid-Summer Harmony Jamborees at Alton Bay, New Hampshire on August 15th and 16th.

The outdoor song fest, staged at one of New England's outstanding summer resorts featured the Old Timers of Boston, Aberjona Moaners, Reading, Bay Shore Four, Lynn, Noblemen, Providence, and many other fine quartets from Maine, Connecticut, Mas-sachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire. The Norwich, Connecticut, Reading, Massachusetts, and Providence Choruses also gave forth with harbershop songs. Following the outdoor performance which was presented at no admission charge, the barber-shoppers representing Salem, Reading, Lynn, Boston, Providence, Nor-wich, Laconia, Derry, Portland, and many other chapters, boarded the steamship Mount Washington for a Moonlight Cruise, the proceeds of which were donated in their entirety to the Huggins Hospital at Wolfboro, New Hampshire. Over \$1,000 was pre-sented as the gift of these harbershoppers participating in the Northeastern District's largest inter-chapter gathering and community service venture.

Those greatly responsible for the success of this Summer Jamborce were Bill Marsden, Wally MacKay, Dave Hoff, Stan West, Ernie MacKay, and Bogue Zawislinski. When there is a project of this proportion to be handled, there are no limitations as far as state boundaries are concerned in SPEBSQSA.

The Northeastern District plans to continue this Summer Jamboree as an annual affair hoping that it will compare with the Johnny Appleseed District Festival of Harmony held at Lakeside, Ohio on August 29th. The Johnny Appleseed Festival of Harmony brought together such outstanding Society quartets as the Pittsburghers, The Westinghouse, The Lytle Brothers, The Jolly Boys, Four-In-A-Chord, Buzz Saws, and Ohio's own Barberettes. These quartets combined their efforts with no personal remuneration, thus enabling the Johnny Appleseed District to finance the expenses of competing quartets for the 1954 International Convention in Washington, D. C. Lt. Gov. John Brown of Ohio, a member of the Medina, Ohio Chapter, added a great deal of color as Master of Ceremonies.

APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE

Acting Int'l Pres. Berney Simner has appointed Past Int'l Board Member Bob Hockenbrough, Q. Suburban, Illinois Chapter, to fill the vacancy in the chairmanship of the Int'l Chapter Advisory Committee ereated by the death of Int'l First Vice Pres. Carl Jones.

MENOMONIE, WIS. HAS EXCLUSIVE MEETING PLACE



The pictures show exterior and interior of the Menomonie, Wisconsin Chapter's Woodshed located on the east side of the town on Route 12, a main highway between Chicago and the Twin Cities.

While the chapter does not own the building, they do have the exclusive use and free rein in the decoration, in return for a low rental.

When the chapter first secured the building, many of the members pitched in to help put it in shape. Furniture, etc., was donated by members. Lucky enough to have a college woodworking and decorating instructor in the ranks, the chapter made excellent use of his abilities—the shell, the foot high cutout letters on the outside, the murals were all done by George Soderberg.

The quartet painting is of the Leinenkugal Four.

CARROLL ADAMS SAYS "THANKS"

Dear Gang,

It is exactly a month since Harry Brown, Treasurer of the Decrepits, sent me a check for \$2,979.63, representing contributions of members, chapters, and various groups.

I am thoroughly ashamed of myself for not getting this message of appreciation written long since, but it has been a difficult thing to put into words and I have postponed it from day to day, in the hope that I could find a way of expressing adequately my real feelings.

Hundreds of personal messages have reached me since May 10th when I first announced my intention to retire. They have touched me very deeply. But this wonderfully generous gift naturally tops them all. It is difficult to make the adjustment from the active life of the Detroit Office to one of semi-retirement. We left Detroit August 22nd and came first to Pittsfield, Mass. where we spent some weeks looking over possible locations. Finally, we chose Bennington, Vermont as our permanent home and are just now putting the finishing touches on our little cottage. I am looking about for something not too arduous that will keep me occupied and which, with the Society pension, will help the budget stay balanced.

We can never adequately thank those who conceived the idea of this gift and those who gave to it.

Sincerely, and with genuine and heart-felt thanks,

Carroll P. Adams, Former Int'l Sec'y, SPEBSQSA

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