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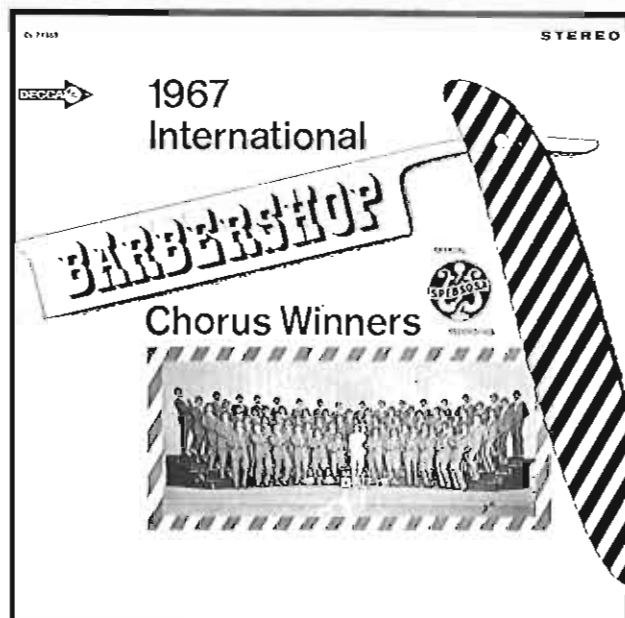
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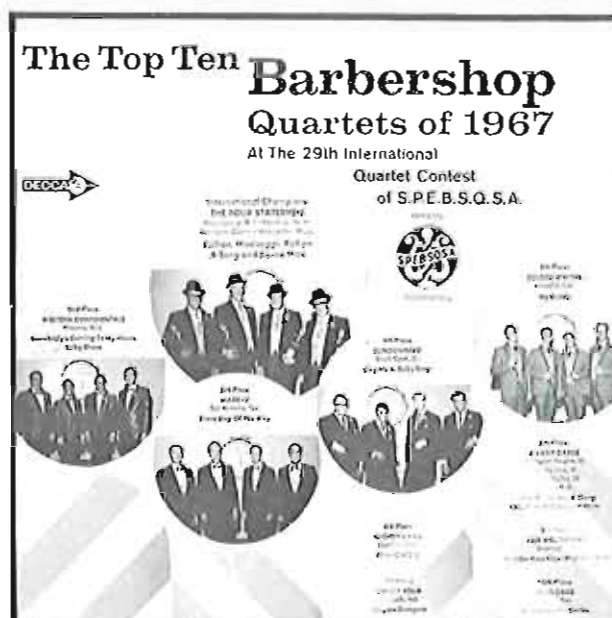
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ON OUR COVER

We don't remember when we've ever had more important news "on our cover." The change in Convention site from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati, and the dates from June 24-29 to July 1-6, 1968, will be disappointing news to many, we're sure. We're sorry it had to happen.

We want this "quickie" issue to reach you as soon as possible, and have cut the contents down so we could get it to you in a hurry.

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Board Clears Heavy Agenda at Mid-Winter Session



"America" and "God Save The Queen" were directed by Johnny Cairns, Ontario District Board Member, as the International Board convened at Harmony Hall on January 26th.

The first meeting of the 1968 International Board of Directors convened Friday evening, January 26, with International First Vice President Robert Gall, of Independence, Missouri, chairing the meeting. A non-infectious upper respiratory condition which has hospitalized International President Wes Meier made it impossible for him to be in attendance. (President Wes is doing just fine, feels and looks well and hopes to be back in the harness in a few weeks. Why not drop him a note or a card? His address is P.O. Box 9671, San Diego, California 92109.)

With two exceptions, all districts were represented at the meeting by an International Board member. Illness and last-minute business commitments prevented Northeastern District representative Dick Hawes and Michigan District representative Eric Schultz from attending. Seven Past International Presidents attended the sessions.

Before the details of the heavy agenda were tackled, the Board was pleasantly surprised by the appearance of our 1965 International Champion "Four Renegades," who gave the Board a harmonious send off by singing six songs.

Following are many of the important decisions reached by the Board.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Management-Financial Study, approved by the Board last July, was conducted by the A. T. Kearney Company of Chicago, Illinois, and a preliminary report made to the Executive Committee in November. After lengthy deliberation by both the Executive Committee and the International Board, the following Society organizational and management changes will be made, effective January 1, 1969:

- The seven Past International Presidents (serving as Harmony Foundation Trustees) will no longer be members of the International Board.
- The International Executive Committee will be reduced to five voting members and one non-voting member consisting of the International President, Immediate Past International President, two Vice Presidents, a Vice President-Treasurer, and the Executive Director (as the non-voting member).
- In addition to the fifteen District-elected representatives and the Executive Committee, the three most

recent Past International Presidents, immediately preceding the Immediate Past International President, who are members of the Society and available and willing to serve, will also be on the International Board. Total Board membership will then be 23 voting members and one non-voting member.

- International Standing Committees will be reduced to four: Contest and Judging (7 members), Laws and Regulations (3 members), Service (5 members) and Nominating (3 members). All committee members will be appointed by the International President, and the Nominating Committee shall consist of past or current International Board members.
- As circumstances permit the headquarters staff operation will be adjusted as generally recommended by the A. T. Kearney Company and will be basically structured under the Executive Director assisted by three staff directors to whom all headquarters operations and Society programs will be assigned.

II. CONTEST AND JUDGING

- In order to reduce administrative work, last-minute confusion and possible misunderstanding, the Executive Committee recommended and the Board approved the following statement which will be added to the entry blank for both International Preliminary and District Contests.

"I hereby certify that, on the date of this contest, the chapter represented by this (quartet) (chorus) is, or will be, in good standing with both the International Society and its home District, that its paid up membership will stand at twenty-five (25) or more and all current due International and District dues have, or will have been paid; I further certify that each and every member of this (quartet) (chorus) singing in this competition is, or will be, a currently paid up member through the date of the contest. I understand that disqualification will be a consequence of violation of this paragraph of the entry form." Signed (quartet contact man) or (Chapter Secretary) Attest: (Chapter President)

- As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Board approved a Mid-Atlantic District proposal that "disqualification shall not be announced publicly but

A "get-well-quick" song from our 1965 International Champion "Four Renegades" was sung via telephone for hospitalized International President Wes Meier.





International Historian Dean Snyder (right) conducted a tape-recorded interview with Dr. Norman Rathert, the Society's second International President (1940).

shall be published as part of the regular score sheet and reason for disqualification stated."

3. Board certification of judge candidates as recommended by the Contest and Judging Committee was made as follows: Lynn Brittan (Far Western) B&B; Dr. Roy M. Cowen (Land O'Lakes) B&B; Joe R. Craig (Mid-Atlantic) HA; John E. Gunn (Dixie) HA; Russell O. Johns (Land O'Lakes) VE; Steve Keiss (Dixie) VE; Dee Paris (Mid-Atlantic) VE; Dan Mack (Far Western) VE; Robert McDaniel (Seneca Land) SP; Don Robison (Evergreen) S-T; and Etne Smith (Far Western) S-T.

III. CONVENTIONS

1. After hearing a complete report on the latest developments in the hotel strike in Pittsburgh and the availability of other hotel space in that city, it was decided it would be necessary to choose another site for our 1968 Convention. Reports on Atlanta, Cincinnati and Minneapolis were then submitted by Executive Director Barrie Best and Public Relations Director Hugh Ingraham. The Board then voted to award the 1968 Convention to Cincinnati, Ohio and to change the dates from June 24-29 to July 1-6, 1968. (Please see page 4 for a complete explanation of the Convention change, and pages 9 through 12 for additional information concerning the Cincinnati Convention.)
2. After reviewing bids from San Antonio, Texas; Seattle, Washington and San Francisco, California the Board voted to award the 1969 Mid-Winter Convention to San Antonio and the 1970 Mid-Winter Convention to Seattle.

IV. POLICY MATTERS

1. To overcome problems caused when members pay their membership dues to a chapter and the payment is not subsequently sent to International Headquarters, the Board agreed that all members reported by a chapter on either the official Society membership application or renewal card, duly signed by the Chapter Secretary, shall be recognized as fully paid up members for the membership year involved, even if the chapter fails to remit their International dues to the headquarters office. In incidents of non-payment by any chapter, International Headquarters will refer the matter to the Society's bonding company or legal counsel for further

action. In regard to chapter "suspension" for non-payment of International dues, the Board agreed to accept payments which are postmarked thirty days from date of billing.

2. The Laws and Regulations Committee recommended, and the Board approved, that license and chapter regulations be amended to allow that a member of a chapter on associate status is eligible to be elected to the International or District Board.
3. As recommended by the Board in Los Angeles, the by-laws have now been changed to provide for the election of district representatives on the International Board by the Districts themselves. Present District Representatives on the Board will complete their term and direct election by the Districts will go into effect when their successors are to be named.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Board accepted the report of Study Group I concerning Ladies Auxiliaries and agreed that while the Society should avoid actually soliciting the formation of Auxiliaries, we should, however, recognize that they do exist and can be a tremendous asset. Executive Director Best was directed to provide information as outlined in the report whenever an inquiry is received regarding the formation of Ladies Auxiliary units.
2. The Board accepted the report of International Historian Dean Snyder which included a presentation of special oral history on tape. Snyder was commended for his efforts to collect, for Society posterity, the reminiscences and impressions from key persons who played prominent roles in early Society history.
3. In an effort to do everything possible so that chorus and quartet competitors, their coaches and directors, may become familiar with Society contest and judging procedures and standards, the International Executive Committee authorized the publication of a "Contest and Judging Technique Handbook." This book will contain both quartet and chorus contest rules, the five contest and judging category write-ups and several informational articles concerning same. The book will be sold for \$1.00, with revisions being sent to all subscribers as required. Each edition of the handbook will be printed for a 3-year period, after which time a new edition will be printed and sold.

Far Western District Board Member John Currin (left) presented Executive Director Barrie Best with the Los Angeles Convention scrapbook artwork for the attractive book was prepared by Barber-shopper Bill Hanna of Hanna-Barbara Productions.





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January 31, 1968

TO: ALL CONCERNED

FROM: Barrie Best, Executive Director

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN 1968 CONVENTION SITE AND DATES

Gentlemen:

We regret to announce it has been necessary for the International Board of Directors to reassign the 1968 International Convention to Cincinnati, Ohio, and change the dates from June 24-29 to July 1-6, 1968.

Unfortunately, the Headquarters Hotel in Pittsburgh has been strike-bound since Oct. 3, 1967. With no sign of a settlement in sight, the International Board had no alternative but to change the convention site. Fortunately, it was possible to keep the Convention within the Johnny Appleseed District.

We take this opportunity to express publicly our deepest appreciation to the Pittsburgh Area Chapters, and particularly Chairman Lou Sisk, for all the hard work and effort they expended preparing for the Pittsburgh affair.

NOTE: In addition to changing the site, it was necessary to change the dates from June 24-29 to July 1-6, 1968 - one week later - as facilities were not available for the week originally scheduled.

Those already holding Pittsburgh registrations who now find that because of the change in dates or site they cannot attend the Convention have been notified they have until March 15th, 1968 to apply for refund. The customary "no refund" policy regarding Convention registrations has been suspended until that date.

There's still plenty of time to make plans to be with us in Cincinnati. We call your attention to the new registration blank (page 10) and housing application (page 12) in this issue. Committees are busy making plans for your week in Cincinnati. Complete details and more pertinent information will be included in the May-June HARMONIZER.

We're sorry for any inconvenience we may have caused, and are looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati.

Yours in SONG AND SERVICE"

Barrie Best

P.S. By the way, the post-convention tour to the Bahamas is still on. (See page 11 for complete information.)



In the near future every chapter president in the Society will receive a 1968 Harmony Week Kit. Because this Kit contains a brand new feature, we want to call it to the attention of every member.

One of the important "goodies" in this year's Kit is a record which contains two cuts featuring the voices of Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble, those popular television and cartoon characters. Their message promotes Harmony Week in general and the record includes a selection by the 1951 Champion "Schmitt Brothers."

Chapter Public Relations men will want to contact your local radio stations right away, so that best possible use can be made of this important public relations facility. We suggest that where there is more than one station in your locality, you pick the station which has been most cooperative in the past. Or, if there are other chapters in your area, why not get together with

your neighboring chapters and assign certain stations to different chapters. (Each kit will contain just ONE record.)

Disc jockeys like this "filler" material; you should experience little difficulty getting their full cooperation.

We can thank Far Western District Vice President Bill Hanna for the record. (He's the Hanna of Hanna-Barbera Productions, creators of "The Flintstones.")

Information concerning another important part of this year's special 30th Anniversary Harmony Week celebration was mailed to chapter presidents some time ago. We received permission from Illinois District International Board Member Ken Haack, Chairman of the International Service Committee, to publish the letter which went out over his signature to chapter presidents, since it concerns every chapter and member in the Society. The letter follows:

January 28, 1968

Brother Barbershoppers:

That's how founder C. C. Cash used to start his letters so that's the way I'm starting this one. Because this letter is being written in his name.

It was 30 years ago that "O. C." and "Rupe" Hall started this Society, and during Harmony Week, April 14-20, we will commemorate this event.

As a further tribute to our founder, the International Service Committee has recommended to the International Board of Directors that each chapter be encouraged to pledge a donation during Harmony Week of \$30 (a dollar for each year of the Society) to the O. C. Cash Memorial Fund. This recommendation has been endorsed by the International Board.

The Owen C. Cash Memorial Fund is used to provide scholarships and research grants for the pioneering music program being carried on at the Institute of Logopedics, our International Service Project.

A donation of \$30 should not prove to be a burden to any of our member chapters. If you'd prefer not to take it directly from your treasury, why not do a singout during Harmony Week. In this way you'll benefit yourselves, the Society and the Institute. What better way to participate in the 30th anniversary of our grand Society.

A return postcard is enclosed for your convenience in answering this request. Would you please fill it out and return it at the earliest possible opportunity. Thanks so much.

*Yours in Harmony,
Ken Haack, Chairman
International Service Committee*

So, gentlemen, we do have a challenge which should be of interest to everyone. We have been provided with the equipment to make our 30th Anniversary party the biggest to date. In addition to the new "Flintstone" record, your 1968 Harmony Week Kit contains sample news releases, radio scripts, package show material, proclamations and literally everything necessary

to do a thorough, enthusiastic job of celebrating the Society's 30th birthday.

We hope you'll take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to tell the Society's story during "our" week. We'll look forward to hearing the results of your participation.



Muncie, Ind. Chapter members Al Harris (left) and George Stoiet helped pack the numerous miscellaneous items collected by Cardinal District women for shipment to the Institute of Logopedics.



From l to r, Mrs. Don Tobey, Paul Cooley, Don Tobey, Mel Turner and District Chairmen Mrs. John Whitsett examine some of the "loot" sent to Muncie by other chapters.



Bob Martin (left), District Vice President from Marion, Ind., helped Tobey, Harris and Stoiet pack some of the school equipment collected by Columbus, Ind. wives.

North American Van Lines donated the van and the services of Driver Bob Anderson (shown below).



Cardinal District

"Seek, and ye shall find." Just ask Don Tobey, Immediate Past President of the Cardinal District.

It was a year ago, at the spring prelians, that he told the wives of Cardinal Barbershoppers of the need at the Institute of Logopedics for miscellaneous household items. All he had to do was ask . . . then stand back and get out of the way.

Much of the planning of the highly successful project was accomplished by Mrs. John Whitsett (Muncie, Ind.) who acted as district chairman. Serving under her as vice chairman were Mrs. "Slars" Ramer (Elkhart, Ind.), Mrs. Bob Martin (Marion, Ind.), Mrs. Don Tobey (Muncie, Ind.), Mrs. Jim Miller (Louisville, Ky.), and Mrs. Jerry Niehaus (Vincennes, Ind.). Even before the actual collection of household items took place, the Society's Logopedics film and brochures were used extensively to tell the "Speechtown" story and to help them in their appeal for contributions. The film was shown to many organizations and hundreds of Logopedics brochures were distributed. Once the word was out and the need known, the job was not really difficult.

The following are examples of the contributions of some of the Cardinal District cities supporting the project.

Marion, Ind. The Marion ladies were not content with just collecting articles but also ran a bake sale and used the proceeds to purchase towels, wash cloths, etc. They called upon the woodworking hobby of one of their chapter members who provided large wooden dominos which were then painted by the ladies and given as toys to the Institute. The regular weekly meetings were enjoyed so much by the Marion ladies that they have decided to continue their operations in support of both the Marion Chapter and the Institute of Logopedics. The Marion ladies were so successful that it was necessary to secure the services of a "pick-up" truck so their items could be shipped to the central loading point.

Columbia City, Ind. The ladies were able to obtain four hospital beds, one orthopedic bed and two strollers, along with an additional wide assortment of useable household materials.

Dearborn, Ind. An entire pick-up truck of household items, including a refrigerator, made up their contribution.

Gary, Mishawaka and Elkhart, Ind. The three chapters contributed a large truck of miscellaneous items which included a dentist chair base and approximately 500 square feet of prefinished plywood along with a large supply of aluminum sheet metal.

Louisville, Ky. Another truck full of miscellaneous household items including a used refrigerator.

Columbus, Ind. The ladies of the chapter visited two of their local manufacturing plants and raised approximately \$3,200 worth of miscellaneous items such as school desks, lawn furniture, baby equipment, plastic helmets, portable and regular radios, etc.

Muncie, Ind. Good publicity for the project brought a great "windfall" for this chapter. Two local drug stores, in need of room for remodeling purposes, were willing to sacrifice their complete supply of toys at a total cash outlay of \$200. The toys had a retail value of \$5,600!

Anderson, Ind. Here the chapter women enlisted the aid of "Job's Daughters" and collected a large assortment of furniture and household goods which included hair dryers, washing

Ladies Collect Van Load of Gifts for Institute

machines, five sofas, end tables, lamps, beds and overstuffed chairs.

As the stock pile of gifts continued to grow, the problem of transporting the materials from Muncie (the stockpiling point) to the Institute in Wichita became greater. The ambitious Cardinal women started making inquiries of several trucking firms in their area. They struck pay dirt early in December and were assured by North American Van Lines that a van and driver would be available for their use at no cost whenever they were ready to ship.



Who says girls don't like dump trucks? The shipment, which arrived in Wichita just before Christmas, included toys valued at nearly \$6,000.

It's not possible to name all the chapters and the numerous contributors who helped fill the van to capacity when the actual loading took place on Dec. 11th. Some of the ladies who had a part in the project, in addition to those previously mentioned, were: Mrs. Jerry Perron (Elkhart), Mrs. Don Forney (Marion), Mrs. Jack Genda (Anderson), Mrs. Bob O'Brien (Lafayette), Mrs. Phil St. John and Mrs. Bob Weiss (Muncie), Mrs. Charles Bord (Columbus), Mrs. Charles Dewars (Dearborn County), Mrs. William Johnson (Columbia City), Mrs. Lee Fisher (Richmond) and Mrs. Jim Burgess (Louisville, Ky.).

The Cardinal District will long be remembered for this unusual effort in support of the Institute. We believe they have two "firsts": the first organized effort of District women in behalf of the Society; the first District-wide effort to collect useable household items for the Institute.

What was the reaction at the Institute when the van filled with goodies arrived just a week before Christmas? Let's examine a report from Evalyn Carter of the Institute's Public Relations Department.

"The temperature was in the low twenties; a blustery mass of clear cold air had dropped into Wichita, Kansas during the night. Parked in front of the Institute of Logopedics was a huge shiny moving van with the name 'North American Van Lines' painted on its billboard-size side. It wasn't there too long before eager hands were ready to help unload its many

surprises. The Cardinal District had proved there really is a Santa Claus.

"There was an audience from the time the big van doors opened until the last box was removed. It was hard to describe who was more excited, grownups or children. House mothers came to 'sidewalk superintend'; Don Setterlund, Director of Administration, was walking around saying, 'Just plain wonderful! It's all just plain wonderful.' It was wonderful, too; everything came through in excellent condition for it was well packed and packaged for shipping.

"But it was the middle of the 'magic van' which drew the children like a Pied Piper; for there were the brightly packaged toys. And soon they were unpacked, and what a joyous occasion it was for the excited youngsters.

"There was something for everyone. If Santa had received a wishing list, it is doubtful it could have been more closely fulfilled. Executive Director Charles Worth's secretary wanted a bookcase for her office; there it was in the van, just the right size, just the right color and just the right number of shelves. There was an office to be furnished and until the van containing the furniture arrived, there was only an empty room. Linens, towels, refrigerators, stoves and lounge chairs went to Mrs. Osborn's residential department. Mrs. Daniels, Special Education Principal, quickly spotted for the Institute's classroom the desk and chair sets contributed by Arvin Industries.

"Yes, it was an exciting day and at the Institute it will long be remembered, for now the Cardinal van had come and gone, leaving behind the joy and appreciation for the devotion and kindness of Barbershoppers and their wives. How to say thank you? Come see the shining eyes of a child, the grateful handclasp of a house mother. All the staff have learned an impressive lesson: Never underestimate the power of a woman, especially when she is the wife of a Barbershopper!"

Just imagine the excitement these youngsters experienced as they watched box after box being unloaded from the "magic van."



THE HISTORIAN'S CHAIR



By
Dean Snyder
International Historian
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SIGNIFICANCE OF MID-WINTER BOARD MEETINGS

Joe Barbershopper is an active member. He sings in a chapter quartet or chorus, attends District and International Conventions, and generally has a whale of a good time with his hobby. *George* is the Society member who volunteers for something more—he is willing to help manage the Society's affairs. *George* knows that music is the primary purpose of SPEBSQSA, but he also knows that without good administration our musical activities would run down like an unwound clock. When we elect a man to membership on the International Board and say, "Let *George* do it," he proceeds to do just that—and he does it well.

The best place to see *George* at work is to attend an International Mid-Winter Board meeting. If he is on the Executive Committee, he arrives in Kenosha a day early. The meeting starts at 9 p.m., breaks up perhaps at 2 a.m. Then to bed and up and back at work by 9 a.m. Lunch is a brief interlude amidst the spread-out pile of reports and agenda papers. The Executive Committee must be ready to recommend on every policy and administrative item to the entire Board when the members assemble that evening.

Now it's 9 p.m. in the Founders Room at Harmony Hall. The gavel bangs. There is a song and invocation. You might say that here are 30 men (several are unavoidably absent) named *George*, ready to spend up to 20 or 25 solid hours on Society business matters.

What is the history of Mid-Winter Meetings? This goes back to the first one—Saturday, January 20, 1940, in St. Louis. A Society not yet two years old was beginning to take form and shape. O. C. Cash had issued a mimeographed invitation to a few men ("My dear brothers," he called them). He wrote, "You are urgently requested . . . to help decide the place for our Second National Convention . . . and to transact such other business as may come up." President Rupert Hall headed the officers (everybody was a Vice President in those days) and the "Advisory Board" as it was then called. Songs were sung and business transacted in the afternoon. That evening there was a gala meeting with the St. Louis members. Quarters from Oklahoma, Michigan and Missouri were present. But the big event was when the group heard—for the first time in Society history—an organized barbershop chorus from the St. Louis Chapter, directed by Dr. Norman Rathert, singing arrangements

(*Dream Medley, Irish Medley, Little Sir Echo*) made especially for the chorus.

Every January since 1940 the Board has met in similar session. Here is the list of dates and places: 1941—St. Louis (again); 1942—Chicago; 1943—Peoria; 1944—Detroit; 1945—Cleveland; 1946—Evansville; 1947—Omaha; 1948—Pittsburgh; 1949—Toledo; 1950—Washington, D. C.; 1951—San Francisco; 1952—Toronto; 1953—Boston; 1954—Minneapolis; 1955—Louisville; 1956—Denver; 1957—Pittsburgh; 1958—Asheville; 1959—El Paso; 1960—Hartford; 1961—Milwaukee; and each year since 1962—at Kenosha. Mid-winter meetings will "take to the road" again starting in 1969 (San Antonio) and 1970 (Seattle).

The total roster of members privileged officially to attend these sessions now numbers several hundred. There is frequent turnover on the Board but a few men have served over a span of 8 to 10 years. For example, the term of Jim Knipe, former International President, now deceased, covers the following dates: 1943-44 (as Board Member); 1944-46 and 1948-49 (as Vice President); 1949-50 (as Treasurer); 1950-51, (as First Vice President); and 1951-52 (as President).

All Mid-Winter sessions are important to the Society's advancement. On many occasions the Board has grappled with problems of unusual significance. The meeting just concluded and reported elsewhere is a good example of this.

Some highlights from the Mid-Winter Meetings of our first ten years are these: 1941—Society's first written constitution approved; 1942—After strenuous debate, per capita yearly dues of 50¢ raised to \$2; 1943—Guide for the sponsorship of new chapters approved; 1944—C&J system revised to include 2 judges for each of 4 categories; 1945—Decision made (for legal reasons) to change Society incorporation from Oklahoma to Illinois; 1946—Approval given to first "Chapter Reference Manual"; 1947—A minimum of 16 members required to retain a chapter charter ("The Society now has 15,000 members"); 1948—Significant changes made in C&J rules. Example: Scoring no longer secret. Any quartet may obtain its rating by a request to the International Headquarters.

The Society's archives contain the full administrative story on Mid-Winter Meetings. We owe a debt to the 231 officers and Board members who have contributed to this record during nearly 30 years of history.

Cincinnati



HERE WE
COME

July 1-6, 1968

"Cincinnati, I thought, was the most beautiful of the inland cities of the Union."

When the late Sir Winston Churchill gazed from his Cincinnati hotel window and made his famous comment, Cincinnatians applauded his judgment. By almost any standard Mr. Churchill's statement is fully justified.

Cincinnati, "Queen City of the West," (that is, Longfellow's phrase) is a wonderful old city. Founded in 1788, it spread upstream and down beside the broad sweep of the beautiful Ohio . . . across the river plain . . . and surged upward to crown the seven surrounding hills with a diadem ranging from chateaux to Gothic spire to highrise modernism.

The most-photographed Cincinnati landmark is unquestionably the beloved Tyler Davidson Fountain Square (see picture, page 10). Here is the hub of the city's theater. (Continued on next page)

Photo Courtesy Delta Airlines

CINCINNATI, HERE WE COME! — (Continued from Page 9)

hotel and shopping district. When it was unveiled in 1871, the citizenry practically declared a legal holiday. Time has made it the enduring symbol of the community, and its bronze surface has acquired a patina which is carefully preserved and cherished . . . even though the young in spirit (or spirits) dump detergent in the fountain every once in a while, causing mounds of billowy suds and mutterings of indignation from the custodians. (Naturally, it is always a Cincinnati-made detergent!)

In Cincinnati marble-and-glass modernism is but a few steps from the Old World spire of the Church of the Immaculate. Skyscrapers tower over nineteenth century squares where dignified brownstones and flickering gas lights still preside. Bohemian Mt. Adams, with houses that glow from orange to lavender, rises in tiny streets and steep steps. (Tourists now have "discovered" this area but local artists staked an earlier claim.)

Then, in every season there is The River . . . arching bridges and sweeping water . . . backdrop for the modern today and charming yesterday that is Cincinnati.

Cincinnati is well endowed with transportation facilities. Greater Cincinnati Airport is a 15-minute expressway drive to any downtown destination. It is served by six major air lines and handles more than 200 flights daily. For those who travel by train, Union Terminal, on the edge of the business district, is a few blocks from Cincinnati Convention Center, recently chosen as site of our 1968 Convention and Contests on July 1-6.

And what about the Center? Perhaps the most significant statement that can be made about the Cincinnati Convention-Exposition Center is that it is built solely for one purpose . . . TO ACCOMMODATE CONVENTIONS. The Center has been in operation since July, 1967.

This modern, thoroughly-equipped building is located right



Cincinnati's Historic Tyler Davidson Fountain

in the heart of downtown Cincinnati and just a block from the Netherland, headquarters hotel. Each level is designed for maximum versatility, and "convenience" is the Center's operating key-word.

The building covers a large city block, and is completely air-conditioned. Directly behind the Center is another half-block area reserved for visitor parking.

The center bay (160' x 240') is designed for a clear ceiling height of 35' unobstructed by columns. This center bay seats 7,000 persons and is what we will be using. All seats are padded and most are elevated from the flat floor.

As far as food is concerned, Cincinnati's diversified population has made for a wide variety of cuisine that exists today. A tradition of excellence in dining has been maintained and Barbershoppers will learn there are fine restaurants in every price range.

If your desire is pure French dining elegance, there are three superb restaurants within walking distance of all downtown hotels. In them Cincinnati perennially boasts three of the 50 national Holiday Magazine Awards winners—the ultimate in dining.

Long-established family-owned Italian restaurants are nearby, and if you fancy true German cooking and atmosphere ("Vas you effer in Zinzinnati?") it's yours for the asking. And, oh, that Cincinnati beer!

In one three-block area of the downtown section there are 15 night clubs and bistros dedicated to the "night people." You may enjoy far-out "name" jazz performers if you wish, or listen to a sophisticated pianist. Relax deep in a red velvet couch under a crystal chandelier or move a few blocks riverward to the snug cabin of a retired steamboat permanently moored on the Ohio.

Summer visitors often time their visits to coincide with the long-established opera season at the city's Zoological Gardens. "Zoo Opera" has been awarded great critical acclaim for the quality of its productions. The Zoo itself is the second oldest in the United States, and has over 2500 animals, on year-round display. It includes an imaginative Children's Zoo.

Cincinnati abounds in museums. Downtown is Taft Museum, once the residence of William Howard Taft. It was here that he was notified of his nomination for the Presidency.

The Cincinnati Art Museum in Eden Park contains over 110 galleries and exhibition rooms. It is noted for a wide range of collections covering a 5,000-year span. In a wing of the same building is the Cincinnati Historical Society, displaying priceless collections of memorabilia, primarily concerning the Ohio Valley. Nearby is the Museum of Natural History with its

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The Netherland Hotel, Cincinnati Convention Headquarters

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The Queen City's business interests were established early and have spread in many directions. Easy rail and river transportation, coupled with the city's Midwestern location, has led to a wide variety of industry. Vast plants are involved in every phase of soap and cosmetic production . . . and lead the world in this field. Cincinnati is also the leading producer of both machining tools and playing cards. Cincinnati is the world's largest inland coal port and the bituminous coal sales center of the United States.

In Greater Cincinnati are top producers of building materials, electric motors and machinery, electronic equipment, food products, foundry and machine shop products, jet engines, malt and distilled liquors, mattresses, motor vehicles and parts, office furniture, paper and paper products, pianos and organs, plastics and plastic products, printing inks, printing and publishing, sheet metal products, shoes, sporting goods, steel mill products and valves, and men's and women's apparel.

Baseball's Opening Day packs Crosley Field for the first game of a full major league schedule. The National League Cincinnati Reds were the first baseball team with "paid" players, so hold title as the oldest professional ball club in existence.

Within 20 minutes of town, two race-tracks offer a total of more than 100 thoroughbred racing dates each year. Founded in 1925, River Downs has an air-conditioned club house and restaurant overlooking a magnificent Ohio River view. All facilities are excellent and the infield is as carefully groomed as the highly-bred racers.

The new Latonia Race Track is not far from the site of the famous "Old Latonia," which once offered the richest purses in the world. Extremely modern, Latonia features every possible innovation and is "climate controlled" for winter or summer racing.

Don't overlook River Downs' next door neighbor, Coney Island—rated one of the ten finest amusement parks in the world. Here is a light-hearted "fun" park with a reputation for

beauty and cleanliness. There is every conceivable ride, a full-fledged lake, Moonlite Gardens (booking name dance bands) and a formal dining room. There is also "The Land of Oz" where every ride is scaled for children. Coney's is the largest tiled recirculating pool in the world and is completely surrounded by a landscaped play area. We'll bet that Cincinnati's Teen-Age Activities Committee will be using this facility during our Convention.

Always at the Queen City's front door is the great, sweeping, cantankerous Ohio River. Her shores are dotted with marinas and yacht clubs, and most visitors to the city become (temporarily, at least) "river rats." Modeled in charming detail after the old-time stern-wheelers, are excursion boats which may be chartered for dining-dancing-relaxing. You may also join one of their scheduled trips "down the river." Cincinnati serves as home port for the famed "Delta Queen," whose nostalgic cruises cover miles of inland waterways to New Orleans and the Old South. She is the very last of the stern-wheel passenger cruise boats.

As the seasons change in the Queen City, the recreation kaleidoscope revolves from one bright pattern to another. Why not come visit us? We're sure we can entertain you during every moment you're not soaking up those "once-a-year" barbershop harmony thrills. We'd love to have you, and we believe you'll never forget your visit to the Queen City! Let's make a date, then, July 1-6—we'll be looking for you!

HEY, SUN WORSHIPPERS—the tour's still on

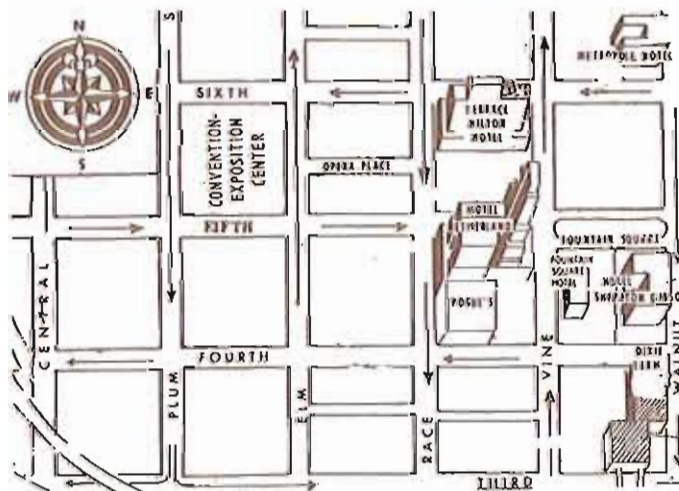
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Netherland (1)* (headquarters)	\$12.50	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$39.00 and up
Terrace Hilton (1)*	—	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$39.00 and up
Sheraton-Gibson (1)*	\$9.75-\$10.75	\$13.75-\$14.75	\$14.75-\$15.75	\$28.50 and up
Fountain Square**	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00	\$11.00	—
Metropole**	\$ 7.50	\$10.00	\$12.00	—
Cincinnatian**	\$5.00-\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	\$10.00	—

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MOTEL	SINGLE BEDROOMS	DOUBLE BEDROOMS	TWIN BEDROOMS	POOL
Holiday Inn—Downtown* (1)	\$12.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	Yes
Newport Travel Lodge (1)	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	Yes
Mohawk Motor Inn (2)	\$11.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	Yes
Kemper Lane Motel (2)	\$ 7.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	No
Statler Hilton Inn* (2)	\$ 9.00-\$12.00	\$14.00-\$16.00	\$17.50	Yes
Carrousel Inn (3)	\$12.00-\$15.00	\$15.00-\$18.00	\$17.00-\$24.00	Yes (3)
Barkley House (3)	\$11.00-\$13.00	\$14.00-\$15.00	\$15.50-\$18.00	Yes

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IT'S ACTIVITY THAT GETS RESULTS and Wamego, Kan. put this fact to the test in organizing their chapter. Starting in April, 1966, they obtained their license in September. They have sung in all the churches in Wamego and for the public in eight surrounding towns. They have seventeen concerts to their credit and on October 28, 1967, they presented a GREAT first parade for a most enthusiastic audience, topping it off with a sellout afterglow. Here's a licensed chapter that will no doubt be charrering soon. What activities has your chapter had lately to keep YOUR members enthusiastically working for YOUR chapter? We thank Herb Crapson of Topeka, Kan. for this information.

HERE'S A 1000% GUARANTEED WAY to make certain that our Society will have a minimum of one hundred thousand (that's 100,000) members by the end of 1968. Ready? All that's necessary is to have every chapter live up to the high resolutions they made at the first of the year (and, in many cases, published in their bulletins). We can't think of one reason why YOU shouldn't cash in on all the wonderful singing thrills the fulfillment of those resolutions would bring.

DID YOU KNOW that it's surprising that more women are not working for the government in Washington—think of the wonderful time they'd have moving all those bureaus around. . . . Minds are like parachutes—they function only when they are open. We thank the PITCHPIPER (Allentown-Bethlehem, Pa.) for those two great truths and, apropos the second, let that open mind do some listening, for it is then you learn, NOT when you're talking.

ALL OF WHICH LEADS US INTO four "daffy" definitions (all from Allentown-Bethlehem) to be followed by the sermon for this issue. TWIGGY'S DRESS: stick shift. NUDIST CAMP: a place where nothing goes on. COFFEE: the morning hafta. HANGOVER: the thing that occupies the head you didn't use the night before. Did they get a little smile from you? Are they the little funnies you *could* tell in mixed company? IN A CHAPTER BULLETIN WE LIKE 'EM AS CLEAN AS NEW SNOW! We cringe at some of the stories we read in bulletins; even though the editors have made a "cute" attempt to clean them up, their double meanings are open to everyone's interpretation. PLEASE DON'T DO IT!

HOW WELL INFORMED WERE YOUR MEMBERS about what transpired at the latest convention of your district—including the House of Delegates Meeting? We have read some excellent reports in chapter bulletins—and wondered why so many make absolutely no mention of the fact that a convention was held. We think YOUR members deserve such consideration and information.

DID YOU KNOW that the Crescenta Valley, Calif. BALLYHOO (wish I were on their mailing list) has some mighty good advice that we picked up from Pasadena's CROWN AND SCEP-TER: "Every Barbershopper worthy of his name should be able to differ from his brother and still bear no ill will. Let us be tolerant of one another's views and the harmony of our chapter

will not be disturbed." . . . Salt Lake City is a "doing" chapter and one of their "big doin's" was a special night planned on the theme of "Hawaii Calls." It turned out to be one of the most successful evenings in a long time. Of course things were loaded in their favor in two ways. 1) They do things that are great, so everyone turns out to get in on the latest. 2) They, with wives, have plans to visit Hawaii this summer. . . . Now is the time of the year to plan such things for your members and their wives. Summer will be here before you know it, with opportunities for all kinds of fun activities. They'll carry your chapter over that so-called "summer slump" so easily you'll hardly notice it.

"YOUR CHAPTER GOVERNMENT HAS TWO ARMS . . . musical and administrative," so writes International Vice President Wilbur Sparks in Mid-Atlantic Press Service. "Are they operating as two separate arms with two separate missions? If so, it's time to put a stop to this . . . LET'S DO IT RIGHT IN 1968! Your president and your chorus director should work the same side of the street. They should strive for the same goals, each with an understanding of the other's problems and each doing everything possible to complement the work of the other."

DID YOU KNOW that the New London, Conn. SEA NOTES did the best job of presenting their Nominating Committee's chapter officer slate that we have ever seen—with a summary of the job and its responsibilities and a biographical sketch of the nominee for each office . . . EXCELLENT.

THE BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR AWARD (BOTY) is becoming popular in more and more chapters, and rightly so. Though the amount of rangible honors bestowed on a BOTY varies widely from chapter to chapter, the thought behind such an honor makes it one that any of us would be more than happy to earn. Now we note that some chapters are honoring their Barbershopper of the Quarter or Barbershopper of the Month, usually with their BOTY being selected from those earning the monthly or quarterly honors. We're all for it! One of man's basic needs is recognition. This surely must be one of the finest ways to recognize the contributions some of your members are making to your chapter.

NO MATTER WHAT THE YEAR, "PROTECTION" is the lifeblood of our Society. Are YOU interested in pumping new blood into your chapter while retaining the life you have—thus improving it in every way? Many chapters are working at it most successfully. Maybe some of their ideas will work for you—they will IF YOU WORK AT THEM. Many chapters agree that the best way to get guests and then turn them into members is to BRING them to meetings at least three weeks in a row so they establish the habit of barbershopping on that night . . . and then ASK them to join. You have to offer them something more than a night away from home to make them want to become a part of your chapter. Make your chapter so attractive, so much fun, so worthwhile, that your present members and guests cannot stay away from your meetings.

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DIXIE	422.47	5,511.58
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FAR WESTERN	4,314.65	29,190.46
ILLINOIS	2,511.45	25,082.58
JOHNNY APPLESEED	1,745.61	18,407.92
LAND O'LAKES	3,202.43	19,695.92
MICHIGAN	768.00	11,266.34
MID-ATLANTIC	1,591.72	31,115.42
NORTHEASTERN	182.62	13,103.43
ONTARIO	491.70	12,037.31
SENECA LAND	827.42	15,224.99
SOUTHWESTERN	18.00	14,640.51
SUNSHINE	1,535.34	10,975.49
HARMONY FOUNDATION	—	10,938.41
OTHER RECEIPTS	1,146.94	17,104.59
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Down Memory Lane

By Lloyd Tucker

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Back last spring your scribe took unto himself a lovely lady named Pat as his "lawful wedded" and Pat's mom's piano (complete with bench!) became part of our home . . . and had we not for many moons now been exhorting readers of this corner to check their attics, cupboards and PIANO BENCHES for sheet music copies of "the old songs?" We had, we definitely had! And here, staring us in the face, in all its unexplored wonder, was a PIANO BENCH! Up we rose, crossed the room, opened the creaking hinged top and what to our wondering eyes did appear but sufficient "material" for the rest of the year!

Where to start to describe the tattered treasures we found! First to hand was a 1908 copy of *Nearer My God To Thee* from the presses of the Eclipse Publishing Company of Philadelphia. As we looked at the two little angels gazing heavenwards on the softly tinted blue and yellow cover our thoughts somehow drifted ahead four years to the afterdeck of the doomed "Titanic" . . . and the ship's band playing this grand old hymn as the giant liner sank gradually beneath the waves of the rolling Atlantic.

We may have mentioned it before on some previous trip "down the lane" but we couldn't resist re-examining a dog-eared copy of Carrie Jacobs-Bond's (you guessed it!) *A Perfect Day*. Carrie wrote the poem in 1909 and it was published in sheet music form at "The Bond Shop" by Carrie Jacobs-Bond Inc., Chicago in 1910. . . . Mr. David Bispham was apparently one of the earliest vocalists to render Carrie's song for his name appears at the head of the first sheet of music. A restful, melodic piece it was and still is. . . .

And here, switching to a little more flippant theme, we found a 1912 copy of *Good-Night, Nurse!* 'Twas a comic song of the era picturing a pert young nurse leaving her ward after rounds and throwing back a twinkling glance at her patients . . . particularly (so the team of Gray and Walker tell us) one Sam McKee who just couldn't (or wouldn't!) recover as long as "nursie" was looking after him! Jerome H. Remick and Co. were the publishers of this cute little item and inside the front cover we find a list of other "new song hits" which were being played and sung back there some 56 years ago . . . *My Little Persian Rose*, *Moonlight Bay*, *When The Dew Is On The Rose*, *Oh, You Beautiful Doll* and many more.

Back to a sentimental theme again with a 1915 copy of Grossman and DeCosta's *The Little Grey Mother Who Waits All Alone* . . . the publishers (M. Witmark and Sons) came up with an attractive grey and white cover showing a photo of Mrs. Mary Maurice (a "Vitograph" star of those days) as "mother" reclining in her pillowed easy chair, holding a rose and gazing wistfully at the unturned pages of an open book on her lap . . .

"There's a little gray mother who waits all alone

In a chill, dreary spot that was once Home, Sweet Home,



While generals are saying This fight must be won!

She's sadly praying Please send back my son."

This was so typical of the "Mother" songs of the early 1900s . . . but Ireland gave "Mother" a close run for popularity too, in those years! On the back of this sheet, for instance, was a plug for (and we quote) "Four beautiful Irish ballads that are being sung by the world's greatest artists and should be in every home" . . . published by Witmark between 1910 and 1914 we'll give you four guesses! You're right if you guessed *Mother Machree*, *A Little Bit Of Heaven*, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* and *That's An Irish Lullaby* . . . all favorites of Barbershoppers today.

Digging further into the treasures yielded by our piano bench, we came on a prize indeed . . . a 1914 copy of Chicago Rossiter's "good luck" songs. This was an album of several hits of the times, dressed up with a colorful red and black cover, showing an artist's conception of a group of Tommies (later it was to be the Doughboys' turn) bivouacked for the night somewhere in war-torn France and thinking of home as they stared at their stacked rifles. Inset on the cover a photo depicts "Three American Girls," somewhat buxom gals, described as "classy singers of classy songs" . . . it's our guess that these three nameless young ladies were instrumental in pushing the songs contained in the album . . . and there were some good ones, too! In 1914 British troops were tramping the roads of France and Flanders singing *It's A Long Way To Tipperary* . . . a song that never lost its appeal all through those grim years from 1914-18. However Lewis and Erdman, with Mr. Rossiter's publishing help, didn't take long to put a "companion song" into print . . . and in the album appears *I'm A Long, Long Way From Tipperary!* Thumbing further through the tattered pages we came on a poem by that star of the silent movie days, Francis X. Bushman. Francis X. evidently felt he should pass his feeling on contentment with his lot on to his public so he had his *Ship O'Dreams* set to music by Frank Suttle . . .

"Softly I sail o'er the ocean of memory
Drifting on 'star' studded seas . . .
Scenes that I've played 'fore me arrayed,
Hallowed by love brings me heart's ease!"

Francis X. was in good company when he appeared in Mr. Rossiter's album for W. R. Williams was also represented therein with *Loveland Days* . . .

"Somehow when I'm feeling sad and lonely

Mem'ry takes me back to days of yore . . .

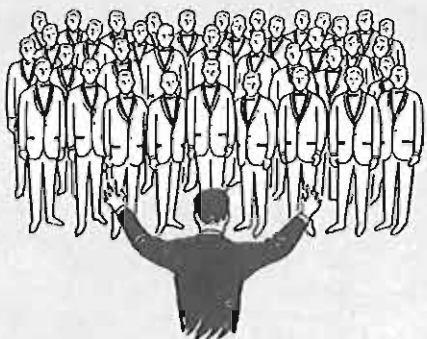
Back to happy childhood when we only

Played the merry games that are no more. . . ."

And you'll recall Mr. Williams from our earlier trips "down the lane" when we talked about his *I'd Love To Live In Loveland* and *When I Met You Last Night In Dreamland*. On the back of the album is a plug for another one of Williams' hits . . . *If I Only Had A Home Sweet Home*. Sez the plug, "a beautiful, pathetic little song that should be in every home."

Well, so much for our journey this time! Hope you enjoyed it! Ye olde piano bench yielded many more interesting items and we'll be chatting about them with you soon again "down the lane!"





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CENTRAL STATES	Denver, Colorado	April 26-28	Dave Mott, 815 S. Everett Denver, Colorado 80226
DIXIE	Augusta, Georgia	March 29-31	Pat Mulherin, 2434 McDowell Street Augusta, Georgia 30904
EVERGREEN	Idaho Falls, Idaho	April 26-28	Ken Mansfield, 263 - 7th Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401
FAR WESTERN	Salt Lake City, Utah	March 22-24	Frank Price, 3997 South 2700 E. Salt Lake City, Utah 84109
ILLINOIS	Chicago, Illinois	April 19-21	Kenneth Keever, 186 Baker Country Club Hills, Illinois 60478
JOHNNY APPLESEED	Akron, Ohio	March 29-31	Paul Mullins, 140 Donovan Avenue Mogadore, Ohio 44260
LAND O'LAKES	Madison, Wisconsin	May 3-5	James Bennett, 2644 Van Hise Avenue Madison, Wisconsin 53705
MICHIGAN	Muskegon, Michigan	May 3-5	Don Courtright, 1947 Summit Avenue Muskegon, Michigan 49441
MID-ATLANTIC	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	March 8-10	Harold T. Stryker, 312 Spruce Street Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543
NORTHEASTERN	Framingham, Massachusetts	April 26-28	George Chamberlain, 5 Causeway Street Hudson, Massachusetts 01749
ONTARIO	Oshawa, Ontario	April 19-21	Elmer Down, 894 Florell Drive Oshawa, Ontario
SENECA LAND	Binghamton, New York	April 19-21	Carl L. Smith, 1200 Park Manor Blvd. Endwell, New York 13763
SOUTHWESTERN	New Orleans, Louisiana	May 10-12	Herb Irish, 4300 Cleveland Place Metairie, Louisiana 70003
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MARCH 15-31, 1968

- 15-16—Lindsay, Ontario
- 16—Hanover, Ontario (Charter Night)
- 16—Orlando, Florida
- 16—Fort Collins, Colorado
- 16—Two Rivers, Wisconsin
- 16—Brockton, Massachusetts (Division Contest)
- 16—Kansas City, Missouri
- 16—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 16—Monroe, Michigan
- 16—Port Arthur, Texas
- 16—Nassau County, New York
- 16—Ottawa, Ontario
- 16—Catonsville, Maryland
- 16—Bakersfield, California
- 16—Bellefontaine, Ohio
- 16-17—Sarasota, Florida
- 22—Jacksonville Beach, Florida
- 22—Fort Myers, Florida
- 22-23—New London, Connecticut
- 23—Kingston, New York
- 23—Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania
- 23—Salem, Washington
- 23—Battle Creek, Michigan
- 23—Lebanon, Pennsylvania
- 23—London, Ontario
- 23—Taunton - Fall River, Massachusetts
- 23—New Haven, Connecticut
- 23—Chicago (Southtown Chapter), Illinois
- 23—Amarillo, Texas
- 23—Farmington, Massachusetts
- 23—Texas City, Texas
- 23—Toronto (Geni City), Ohio
- 23—Greater St. Paul, Minnesota
- 23—Kenosha, Wisconsin
- 23—LaCrosse, Wisconsin
- 23—Port Washington, Wisconsin
- 23—Winter Haven, Florida (Polk County)
- 23—Listowel, Ontario
- 23—Bloomfield, New Jersey (Area

- Contest—Grange Mt. and Jersey Hills)
- 23—Lethbridge, Alberta
- 23—Longview, Washington
- 23-24—Wilmington, Delaware
- 24—Darke County, Ohio
- 24—Elkhart, Indiana
- 29—Marblehead, Massachusetts
- 29-30—Provo, Utah
- 30—Paramus, New Jersey
- 30—Viroqua, Wisconsin
- 30—Mt. Baker, Washington
- 30—Columbia Basin, Washington
- 30—Abilene, Texas
- 30—Sterling - Rock Falls, Illinois
- 30—Wetaskiwin, Alberta
- 30—Sun Valley, California
- 30—Omaha, Nebraska
- 30—Oakland, California
- 30—Beverly, Massachusetts (Division 6 Novice Contest)
- 30—Scranton, Pennsylvania
- 30—Franklin, Massachusetts
- 30—Stratford, Ontario
- 30—Plattsburg, New York (Division 1 Contest)
- 30—Portland, Maine
- 30—Frederick, Maryland
- 30—St. Peter, Minnesota
- 30—St. Petersburg, Florida
- 30—Waukesha County, Wisconsin
- 31—New London, Connecticut (Division Contest)
- 31—Decatur, Illinois
- APRIL 1-31, 1968**
- 4—Yakima, Washington
- 5—Viborg, South Dakota
- 5-6—Midland, Texas
- 5-6—Ontario (Pomona Valley), California
- 6—Chatham, Ontario
- 6—Brunswick, New Jersey
- 6—Boyne City, Michigan (Bush League Contest)
- 6—Everett, Washington
- 6—Algoma, Iowa
- 6—Dayton, Ohio
- 6—Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- 6—Abbotsford, British Columbia
- 6—Greenville, Rhode Island
- 6—Sandy Creek, New York
- 6—Wood Dale, Illinois (Youth Quartet Contest)
- 6—Cleveland, Ohio
- 6—Richmond, Virginia
- 6—Lebanon, Oregon
- 6—Sacramento, California (Division 3 North California Chorus Preliminaries)
- 6—Ticonderoga, New York
- 6—Owen Sound, Ontario
- 6—Toronto (Willowdale), Ontario
- 6—Richmond, Virginia
- 6—Halifax, Nova Scotia (Division 7 Contest)
- 6—Anne Arundel, Maryland
- 6—Brooklyn, New York
- 6—Terre Haute, Indiana

- 6—Grove City, Pennsylvania
- 6—Los Angeles, California (Pasadena Benefit)
- 6—Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 6—Wausau, Wisconsin
- 6—Springfield, Illinois
- 6—Alexandria, Virginia
- 6—Rimbey, Alberta
- 6-7—Peoria, Illinois
- 11—Ponoka, Alberta (Charter Night Show)
- 13—Memphis, Tennessee
- 13—Mason City, Iowa
- 17-18-19—Calgary, Alberta
- 19—Oakland County, Michigan
- 19—Shreveport, Louisiana
- 19—Fort Dodge, Iowa
- 19-20—Oak Park, Illinois
- 19-20—El Paso, Texas
- 19-20—Bethany, Missouri
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- 20—Regina, Saskatchewan
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- 20—Albany, New York
- 20—Klamath Falls, Oregon
- 20—Emporia, Kansas
- 20—Grand Rapids, Michigan (Gear Lakes Invitational)
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- 20—Neepawa, Manitoba
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- 26-27—Fullerton, California
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27—Charleston, West Virginia

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4—Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania
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4—Saratoga Springs, New York
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4—Mt. Hood, Oregon
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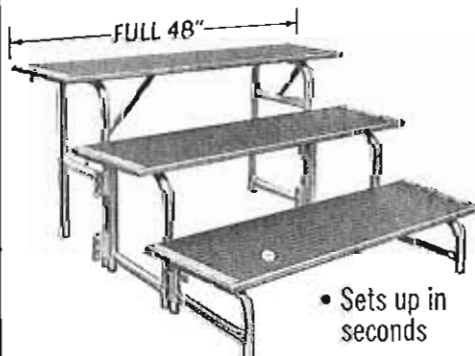
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