

# *Keep America Singing*

YPSILANTI and WAYNE CHAPTERS

OF THE

Society for the Preservation and  
Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet  
Singing in America, Inc.

PRESENT

1949-50 Michigan District  
Quartet Contest



FREDERIC H. PEASE AUDITORIUM, YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

Saturday, October 15, 1949

## Preliminaries . . . 3:00 p.m.

Louis Harrington, District Secretary.....Master of Ceremonies

### Q U A R T E T S

(Not necessarily in order of appearance)

**THE NOR'WESTERS, N.W. Detroit**—Al Haggart, Bob Burrell, Fred Blackwood, Bob Webber  
**OLDSMOBILE 4, Lansing**—James Baker, Anthony Stornant, Harold Lundenburg, Jack Saunders  
**INTERLUDES, Midland**—Luman A. Bliss, Bill McIntire, Ralph Hand, Chet Payne  
**THE CURBSTONE FOUR, Kalamazoo**—Carl Kite, Taylor Gingery, Lee Huffman, Lyle Rapp  
**LANSING ESQUIRES**—Clair Buffington, Ron Buffington, Roger Huntington, C. B. Huntington  
**MELODY LANE QUARTET, Oakland, Dearborn, Redford**—Ray Shuster, Cliff Hobson, Ira French, Royce Baum  
**MELODEERS, Redford**—Bernie Kasper, Jim Stewart, Bob Bouwman, Roy Turczynski  
**TULIP CITY 4, Holland**—Henry Driesinga, John Swieringa, Jack Essenburg, Art Grevengoed  
**TUNE VENDORS, Dowagiac**—Jim McGlynn, Bert Heppes, Tom Grave, Bob Mullen  
**SONGMASTERS, Lansing**—Howard Hawkins, Burdette Bottom, H. Winegardner, H. McAttee  
**PITCH PIPER, Grand Rapids**—Emmerson Sperling, Dave Goethal, Bill Wild, Byron Dodge  
**THE 4 HURON HOARSEMEN, Ypsilanti**—Bill Wilcox, Ed Meede, Burt Staffen, Bill Lucht  
**MEN OF ACHORD, Saginaw**—Maurice Melcher, Jack Keane, Emil Franz, Adam Kipfmiller  
**FOUR SHORTIES, Detroit**—Jim MacFarland, Larry Christian, Tony Zelano, Ed Corbin  
**THE HARMANIACS, Holland**—Irvin Smith, Chet Oonk, Jack Oonk, Bill Vander Yacht  
**COSMOPOLITANS, Grand Rapids**—Peter Pell, Wm. Whitesides, Cecil Watson, Edw. Bloem  
**TONSILBENDERS, Jackson**—William Boyden, George Strickler, Jack Cox, Leonard Field  
**NOTEBLENDERS, Oakland County**—Bob Swanson, Walter Eby, Ed Cannon, Bud Dubrul

### 1949-50 District Officers

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### Judges

JAMES F. KNIPE.....Cleveland, Chairman  
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 GEORGE CRIPPS.....Cleveland  
 CHARLES DICKINSON.....Cleveland  
 MARK ROBERTS.....Grosse Pointe

### T I M E R S

PROFESSOR JOSEPH P. KELLY.....JOHN ELWELL

## Finals . . . 8:00 p.m

C. W. (Shad) COYE, President Michigan District.....Master of Ceremonies

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| 2 _____ | 6 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 7 _____ |
| 4 _____ | 8 _____ |



### Intermission—Community Singing

METROPOLITAN DETROIT BARBERSHIP CHORUS.....Thomas F. Needham, Director  
JACKSON CHORUS.....Francis Hodgeboom, Director

CORONATION OF NEW CHAMPIONS BY THE  
**CLEF DWELLERS, 1948-49 District Champions**  
1949 SECOND PLACE WINNERS, INTERNATIONAL CONTEST



### Three Winners

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### BARBERSHOP HARMONY - WHAT IS IT?

Son, we shall say barbershop harmonies are the peppermint drops of American song. They last and last. You roll them on your tongue and 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 peppermint 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.

Someday you'll understand.

—from the Denver Post

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