

MIDLAND CHAPTER MICHIGAN NO. 12

Presents

1950 MICHIGAN REGIONAL QUARTET CONTEST



*the society for the preservation and encouragement
of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America*



HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM • MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1950

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Explanation of the Contest

For the past twelve years, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America has held a National (now International) Quartet contest. The first two or three contests were open to any Society Quartet which cared to enter. However, as the organization grew, the contest entries gave promise of being too numerous, so regional preliminary contests were set up. This year, Quartets from all over the United States and Canada are competing in fourteen regional contests for the right to compete in the International contest in Omaha June 7 to 11. The number of quartets selected from each region is determined from the proportion of SPEBSQSA members in that region. The Michigan region, which contains approximately 10% of the Barber Shoppers, is allotted four quartets out of forty. Thus, the twelve quartets which you will hear tonight are competing for four places. In addition, a fifth quartet, will be named as alternate.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

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CONTEST JUDGES

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Stanley Kuick, Timer	- - - - -	Midland
Robert Stoppert, Timer	- - - - -	Midland

PROGRAM

Opening Remarks - - - James Coffin,, President, Midland Chapter
Master of Ceremonies - C. W. "Chad" Coye, President, Michigan District

Competing Quartets (in order of appearance)

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| 1. Antlers | - - - - - | Flint |
| 2. Tune Vendors | - - - - - | Dowagiac |
| 3. Gardenaires | - - - - - | Detroit |
| 4. Men of Achord | - - - - - | Saginaw |
| 5. Collegians | - - - - - | Grosse Pointe |
| 6. Interludes | - - - - - | Midland |
| 7. Clef Dwellers | - - - - - | Oakland County |
| 8. Flexibles | - - - - - | Muskegon |
| 9. Note Blenders | - - - - - | Oakland County |
| 10. Aetna Cementers | - - - - - | Bay City |
| 11. Four Huron Hoarsemen | - - - - - | Ypsilanti |
| 12. Four Keys | - - - - - | Three Rivers |

PART 2 — "BARBERSHOPPING WITH ITS HAIR DOWN"

Announcement of winners and alternate by C. W. Coye

Alternate _____

BARBERSHOP HARMONY — WHAT IS IT?

Son, we shall say barbershop harmonies are the peppermint drop 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 perfer peppermint drops to hatchacha. IN THE EVENING BY THE MOONLIGHT we still love strolling down MELODY LANE with SWEET ADELAINE; 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.

LESTER V. KENT

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