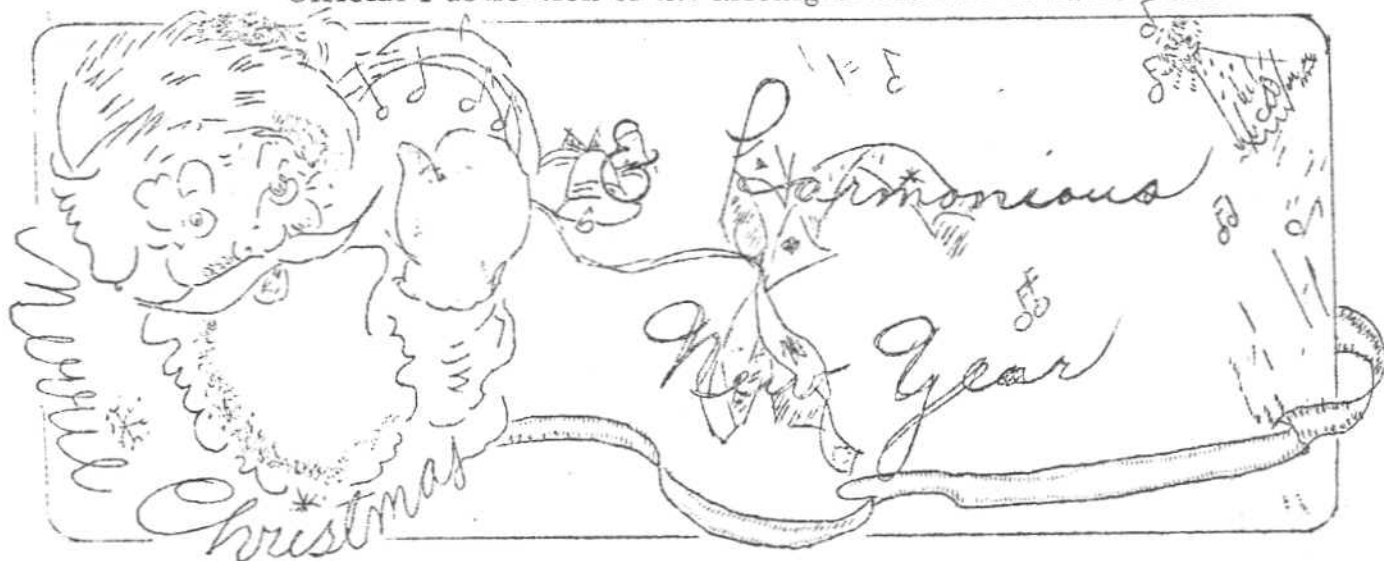


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DISTRICT CONTEST RESULTS: As most of you know by now, four young fellows sporting turtle-neck sweaters and hailing from Midland won the 1949-50 Michigan District quartet contest against the toughest competition in years. They proved themselves perfectionists and were rewarded for several months of hard work in preparation for the event. The results:

FIRST - - - - -	Interludes of Midland
SECOND - - - - -	Men of Achord of Saginaw
THIRD - - - - -	Songmasters of Lansing
Junior Champs - - - -	Four Huron Hoarsemen of Ypsilanti
Novice Champs - - - -	Note Blenders of Oakland County

The retiring champions, the Clef Dwellers, were on hand to crown their successors. President C. W. Coye paid a tribute to the Clef Dwellers for their conduct while holding the championship which they won at Grand Rapids last year.

DISTRICT CONVENTION: At the meeting of the delegates held at the Ypsilanti meeting, a new constitution was adopted for the District. It makes several changes in the District set-up. All Chapter secretaries have been furnished copies of it. Under the new plan, delegates' terms of office will begin July 1st. A House of Delegates has been provided. The Board of Directors will now consist of the ten Area Governors plus the six officers. This will provide for a more compact body. The Area Governors will be elected at a caucus of their respective areas. The six District Officers will continue to constitute the District Executive Board.

MIDLAND AWARDED REGIONAL: Midland was awarded the 1950 International Regional Preliminary Quartet Contest by the District Executive Board. It will be held on Saturday, May 6, 1950. Out of this will come the International semi-finalists for the contest at Omaha, Nebraska, the following month. The Clef Dwellers, Antlers, and Songmasters, second, third, and fourth place winners in the 1949 International contest at Buffalo will all be eligible to compete at Midland. Add to this the Gardenaires, finalists in International competition for the past several years, Midland's favorite sons, the Interludes, and several other up and coming younger quartets, and the Michigan Regionals will be watched by the whole country. Every Barbershopper in Michigan should plan now to be in Midland on May 6th. It is expected that the District's annual meeting will be held in conjunction with this event.

THURSDAY NOON AT DETROIT: Every Thursday Noon, Barbershoppers from various chapters in the Metropolitan area who happen to work or be in downtown Detroit, get together for a luncheon at 12:15 P.M. It is held at the Penobscot Club, which is located in the Penobscot Building right across from the Detroit City Hall. Lunches average \$1.10. Every member of SPEBSQSA and his friends are invited. We meet in a private dining room. Come in and ask for us. The place is nice, the food good, the price reasonable, the music sweet, and the fellows the finest in the land.

MICHIGAN ISSUE OF HARMONIZER: A plan has been drawn up and agreed to by the Editorial Committee of the Harmonizer and the Michigan District delegates at the Ypsilanti meeting to designate the March 1950 Issue of the Harmonizer as a tribute to the Michigan District Association of Chapters on the tenth anniversary of our being chartered as the Society's first organized District. This is a great opportunity for Michigan to publicize its many achievements towards building up our great movement. It is a real job, however, and your District officers earnestly solicit everyone's support. With your assistance, we can make this a memorable issue and something you will keep for many years in your home. To facilitate the collection of all historical and editorial matter, including pictures, send them to your District Secretary, 2222 National Bank Building, Detroit 26, Michigan. It is hoped that all Michigan chapters will place an advertisement in this issue to publicize their achievements or forthcoming events. A bulletin has been forwarded to all Chapter Presidents and Secretaries by Carroll Adams under date of November 28, 1949, giving full details regarding this matter. Since the issue is off the press on February 15th, the deadline on all editorial matter is December 31, 1949. Advertising copy must be in by January 15, 1950.

AREA GOVERNORS: The complete list of all areas as set up under the revised constitution:

	AREA GOVERNOR	CHAPTERS
Area 1	Robert Yerkes 20178 Haggerty Road Northville	Dearborn, Detroit, East Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Hamtramck, Milford, Mt. Clemens, Northville, Pontiac, Northwest Detroit, Oakland County, Redford, Wayne
Area 2	E. B. Therkelson 4812 Ecorse Road, Belleville	Adrian, Ann Arbor, Milan, Monroe, Hudson Ypsilanti, Tecumseh
Area 3	Rush Wyman 1620 N. Grand River, Lansing	Albion, Battle Creek, Eaton Rapids, Lansing, Jackson
Area 4	Harold Damm 117 N. Shiawassee, Corunna	Chesaning, Flint, Gratiot County, Holly Lapeer
Area 5	Luman Bliss 4001 Lowell Street, Midland	Bay City, Clare, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Saginaw,
Area 6	Loton Willson Boyer City	Boyer City, Charlevoix, East Jordan
Area 7	Ferris Freed Luther Apartments Traverse City	Beulah, Big Rapids, Hart, Ludington Manistee, Reed City, Traverse City
Area 8	Max Willwerth 1528 Adams SE Grand Rapids	Belding, Grand Rapids, Greenville, Hastings, Ionia, Lowell, Portland, Sparta
Area 9	Tom Straatsma 11 S. 8th Street Grand Haven	Allegan, Holland, Grand Haven, Muskegon, Whitehall-Montague
Area 10	M. C. Newman Strand Theatre Sturgis	Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Dowagiac, Kalamazoo, Marcellus, South Haven, Sturgis, Three Rivers, Vicksburg

COMING EVENTS-- Chapter Parades at Allegan and at Mt. Pleasant both set for Saturday evening, December 3, 1949, are the only public functions scheduled during the next two months in the Michigan District. Both chapters would welcome the patronage of all Michigan Barbershoppers.

