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1950 District Quartet Contest and District Meeting at Pontiac, Michigan, OCTOBER 21st

Saturday, October 21, 1950, is the date of the Michigan District Quartet Contest, which will be held at the Pontiac High School. The Committee advises that the preliminaries will be held at 2:00 p.m., and the finals at 8:15 p.m. Competition will again be divided into three classes; Senior, Junior and Novice. The contest is divided into three classifications to encourage the entry of as many quartets as possible. Entry blanks have been mailed to all the quartets we have listed on our records and additional blanks may be obtained by contacting your District Secretary.

A District Meeting will be held in conjunction with the contest, and it will be held at the Pontiac Hotel Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. Each chapter is urged to send a delegate.

The Contest Committee informs us that the dining room of the Pontiac Hotel will be open on Saturday by special arrangement to accommodate visiting barbershoppers and delicious meals will be served at reasonable prices between events. The afterglow will also be held at the Pontiac Hotel.

Barbershoppers desiring hotel accommodations should contact Dan Harrell, Pontiac Chapter President, 251 Josephine, Pontiac, Michigan.

HAROLD REINHARDT DESIGNS "MICHIGAN TROUBADOUR" MASTHEAD:

Many compliments have been received on our masthead, and the credit goes to Harold Reinhardt, President of the Grosse Pointe Chapter, for his fine design.

WELCOME FENTON:

It gives us great pleasure to welcome another new chapter, Fenton, into the Michigan District. They have elected Grant L. Wright as their president, and Robert Gearhart as their secretary, and we wish them the very best.

HIGH LIGHTS OF CHARLEVOIX CHAPTER'S LABOR DAY JAMBOREE:

Charlevoix Chapter hosted the Michigan District Executive Board Meeting, which was attended by your District Officers, Area Counsellors and Michigan representatives serving on the International Board of Directors. The problem of weak chapters was discussed, and the Board advocates more area-wide conferences to assist the weaker chapters and to promote membership.

The Jamboree itself was a gala event, and the committee somehow manages to make it even better each year. The activities began Friday night with a chapter meeting for the men, while the ladies attended a Bingo party, followed by a joint party with entertaining quartets. Saturday night there was an outstanding show with another clever stage setting, for which the Charlevoix chapter is noted. The show was M.C.'d by our International President, Jerry Beeler, and featured the Pitch Pipers (from our Grand Rapids Chapter) the Harmony Hoosiers (Jumbo Smith's new quartet from Elkhart, Indiana) the Harmaniacs (from our Holland chapter) the Village-Aires (International Finalists from Palos Heights, Illinois) Loton Willson's fine Snow-Belt Chorus, the Huron Hoarsemen (from our Ypsilanti chapter) the Barber-Q-Four (International Finalists and current Illinois District Champions) and the Mid-States (1949 International Champions.)

Sunday afternoon, the quartets entertained the townsfolk with a concert in the park. The Bert Escott Costume Ball on Sunday evening climaxed the festivities. The Grosse Pointe chapter provided prizes as well as color. Many beautiful and original costumes were in evidence.

1950-51 AREA COUNSELLORS:

Here is a complete list of the ten Area Counsellors appointed by our District President, Mark Roberts. It is suggested that all chapters keep in close contact with their respective counsellors.

- AREA 1 WILLIAM FAVINGER (Detroit Chapter) 1936 Guardian Building, Detroit 26, Counselling-Dearborn; Detroit; East Detroit; Grosse Pointe; Hamtramck; Huron Valley; Monroe; Mt. Clemens; Northville; Northwest Detroit; Pontiac; Oakland County; Redford and Wayne.
- AREA 2 E. B. THERKELSEN (Ypsilanti Chapter) 504 Thomas Street, Ypsilanti. Counselling-Adrian; Albion; Ann Arbor; Battle Creek; Jackson; Hudson & Ypsilanti.
- AREA 3 HAROLD DAMM (Owosso Chapter) 117 N. Shiawassee, Corunna, Michigan Counselling-Eaton Rapids; Flint; Holly; Lansing; Lapeer; Ortonville; Owosso & Fenton.
- AREA 4 GORDON GRANT (Saginaw Chapter) 1911 Court Street, Saginaw. Counselling-Bay City; Gratiot County; Midland; Mt. Pleasant and Saginaw.
- AREA 5 WILLIAM OTTO (Mio Chapter) Box 276, Mio, Michigan. Counselling-Oscoda County; Sage Lake.
- AREA 6 LOTON WILLSON (Boyer City Chapter) Boyer City, Michigan. Counselling-Boyer City; Charlevoix; East Jordan; and Sault Ste. Marie.
- AREA 7 FERRIS FREED (Traverse City Chapter) Lather Apartments, Traverse City. Counselling - Beulah; Hart; Ludington; Manistee; and Traverse City.
- AREA 8 MAX WILWERTH (Grand Rapids Chapter) 1528 Adams, S. E., Grand Rapids. Counselling-Grand Rapids; Ionia; Lowell and Portland.
- AREA 9 DR. M. J. KENNEBECK (Muskegon Chapter) 201 Muskegon Building, Muskegon. Counselling-Allegan; Holland; Grand Haven; Muskegon and Whitehall-Montague.
- AREA 10 DR. ROBERT WALL (Dowagiac Chapter) 511 Green Street, Dowagiac. Counselling-Benton Harbor, St. Joseph; Dowagiac; Kalamazoo; Marcellus; Niles; South Haven; Sturgis; and Three Rivers.

COMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 23 Ypsilanti Parade
- Sept. 26 Northwest Detroit Parade, Am. Legion Hall, 13980 Greenfield;
2 Shows - 7:30 & 9:15
- Sept. 30 Dowagiac Parade
- Oct. 7 Lansing Parade
- Oct. 7 Ludington Show
- Oct. 14 Jackson Parade (Tentative)
- Oct. 19 Oakland County Chapter Parade, Lincoln High, Ferndale
- Oct. 21 District Meeting at 11:00 A.M., Contest at 8:15 P.M., Pontiac, Michigan
- Oct. 27 Niles Parade
- Oct. 28 Bush League Contest, Boyer City
- Nov. 2 Sturgis Parade
- Nov. 3 South Haven Parade
- Nov. 4 Detroit Parade
- Nov. 4 Traverse City Parade
- Nov. 4 Benton Harbor Parade
- Dec. 2 Metropolitan Detroit Chorus Concert