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1951 DISTRICT QUARTET CONTEST AND DISTRICT MEETING: Notice is hereby given to chapter delegates of the 1951 District Quartet Contest and semi-annual District Meeting to be held in Saginaw on Saturday, October 13, 1951. The preliminaries will be held in the afternoon and the finals in the evening with competition divided into three classifications; Senior, Junior and Novice, affording all the quartets an opportunity to become accustomed to actual competition. Entry blanks will be mailed out to the contact men of the quartets and additional forms may be had by writing the District Secretary's Office, 2222 National Bank Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET AT CHARLEVOIX: The Michigan District Officers and Area Counsellors will hold a meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 2, 1951, at 1:30 in Charlevoix in connection with the Labor Day Jamboree, an event acclaimed throughout the Midwest. Four days of barbershop fun in beautiful lake surroundings, commencing with a Chapter party and Ladies party on Friday night, August 31st, Quartet Parade featuring unique settings and outstanding quartets and Afterglow on Saturday, Park Singing and boat rides on Sunday afternoon, climaxed by the Escott Costume Ball and Cabaret Party on Sunday evening, followed by Woodshedding on Monday. The Beach Hotel is reserved for barbershoppers and guests or cabins and cottages are also available. Contact Charlevoix Chapter Secretary, Jerry Scudder, Charlevoix, Michigan for reservations.

The new Michigan District Executive Board is already busy with plans for the forthcoming year. Their first meeting was held in Toledo in connection with the International Convention. A program for Area Counsellors was set up. It was agreed that each A/C should visit each chapter in his area and report to the District. It was suggested that these visits be made somewhat of an occasion. The importance of A/C as liaison men between chapters and districts was stressed at all business meetings held in Toledo. It was also decided that each counsellor should call an Area Conference with a District Officer in attendance, said conferences to be held preferably during July and August so that the respective counsellors can report at the next Board meeting to be held at Charlevoix in September. Counsellor Chester Cone has already conducted a successful conference in Area 10, and another has already been held in Area 1.

THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE: To the retiring District and Chapter Officers and to the men who served as Area Counsellors during the past year, the District extends sincere thanks for a splendid job. Your newly elected successors will appreciate any help or suggestions you have to offer.

WELCOME CADILLAC: It gives us great pleasure to welcome another new chapter, Cadillac, sponsored by the Traverse City Chapter, into the Michigan District. They have elected Willis B. Hoitenga, 517 E. Garfield Street, Cadillac, as their secretary and Dr. Douglas Nettleton, Manton, Michigan, formerly of the Charlevoix Chapter, as president. We wish them the very best.

VETERANS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Chapters are requested to report on their visits to veterans hospitals directly to Dr. M. J. Kennebeck, 201 Muskegon Building, Muskegon, Michigan, who is chairman of the Veterans Entertainment Committee for our District. Each chapter was asked to name a member to serve on this committee, if you have not yet done so, or if there has been any change, please notify Dr. Kennebeck.

1951-52 AREA COUNSELLORS: Each chapter should maintain a close contact with its respective Area Counsellor. The newly appointed Counsellors are:

- Area 1 Seaborn F. Lawrence (Dearborn Chapter) 2361 Guardian Building, Detroit 26
Counselling - Dearborn, Detroit, East Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Hamtramck,
Huron Valley, Mt. Clemens, Northville, Northwest Detroit, Pontiac, Oakland
County, Redford and Wayne.
- Area 2 Leonard H. Field (Jackson Chapter) 2010 Glen Drive, Jackson, Michigan
Counselling - Adrian, Albion, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Hudson and Ypsilanti.
- Area 3 Rush Wyman (Lansing Chapter) 1620 N. Grand River, Lansing, Michigan
Counselling - Fenton, Flint, Holly, Lansing, Lapeer, and Shiawassee County.
- Area 4 Gordon Grant (Saginaw Chapter) 1911 Court Street, Saginaw, Michigan.
Counselling - Bay City, Gratiot County, Midland, Mt. Pleasant and Saginaw.
- Area 5 W. L. Otto (Oscoda County Chapter) Box 276, Mio, Michigan
Counselling - Oscoda County and Sage Lake.
- Area 6 Wheeler Batdorff (Soo Chapter) c/o Evening News, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
Counselling - Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Sault Ste. Marie.
- Area 7 Versil J. Olson (Manistee Chapter) 338 Second Street, Manistee.
Counselling-Beulah, Cadillac, Hart, Ludington, Manistee and Traverse City.
- Area 8 Robert Walker (Grand Rapids Chapter) 1108 Lakeside Drive, Grand Rapids
Counselling - Grand Rapids, Ionia, Lowell and Portland.
- Area 9 William J. Quirk (Muskegon Chapter) 508 Reynolds Street, Muskegon Heights
Counselling - Holland, Muskegon and Whitehall-Montague.
- Area 10 Chester Cone (Sturgis Chapter) 702 East Hatch Street, Sturgis
Counselling - Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Dowagiac, Kalamazoo, Marcellus,
Niles, South Haven, Sturgis and Three Rivers.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS: The results of the International Contest held in Toledo in June (1 - Schmitt Brothers of Two Rivers, Wisconsin; 2 - Keystone Quads of Sharon, Pa., 3 - Clef Dwellers, Oakland County and Detroit, Mich., 4 - Four Chorders of London, Ontario; 5 - Antlers of Miami, Fla.) are probably well known by now, but we think special thanks should be given to the Toledo Contest Committee and the International Office for the outstanding manner in which they handled the many details of the convention and the record-breaking crowd. Applications for reservations for the next convention to be held in Kansas City next June are already being distributed. The 1953 Convention has been awarded to the Metropolitan Detroit Association of Chapters. Our new International President is James F. Knipe of Cleveland, Ohio, who has contributed much to the success of our society. Edwin S. Smith of Wayne, former Michigan District President, was named first vice-president in direct line for the presidency next year. The combined Toledo and Metropolitan Detroit Choruses under the able direction of Thomas F. Needham opened the Saturday night Finals and were very well received. One of the high spots of the evening was the parody, "Somebody Else Is Taking Our Place", sung by the 1950 champions, the Buffalo Bills. In spite of a change in personnel only a month before, the Clef Dwellers made barbershop history by being the first quartet ever to be medalists for four consecutive years. After thrilling the crowds with their harmony, the Schmitt Brothers in turn were thrilled with the presentation of the beautiful trophy designed and made by Ben Landino of the Grosse Pointe Chapter. A beautiful gold replica was also presented to our founder, O. C. Cash.