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1951 DISTRICT QUARTET CONTEST AND DISTRICT MEETING AT SAGINAW, OCTOBER 13th

Saturday, October 13, 1951 is the date of the Michigan District Quartet Contest which is being sponsored this year by the Saginaw Chapter. The committee advises that the preliminaries will be held at 2:00 p. m. in the Crystal Ball Room of the Bancroft Hotel and the Finals at 8:15 p. m. in the City Auditorium, Saginaw.

Competition will again be divided into three classifications; Senior, Junior and Novice to encourage the entry of as many quartets as possible and to give the newer quartets some experience in competition. Entry blanks have been mailed to all the registered quartets and additional blanks may be obtained by contacting your District Secretary, Louis R. Harrington, 2222 National Bank Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

The annual District Meeting will be held prior to the contest at the Bancroft Hotel at 11:00 a. m. Many important matters will be discussed and each chapter should be represented.

Co-Chairmen J. Cullen McDonald and Dr. Roy Kinney inform us that there will be a room open to the visiting ladies on Saturday afternoon. There will be an After Glow at the Shrine Temple immediately following the finals and a breakfast Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m. at the Crystal Ball Room at the Bancroft Hotel.

Barbershoppers desiring hotel accommodations should contact Gordon Grant, 1911 Court Street, Saginaw. Tickets can be secured from Ray Burzyck, 2210 Barnard Street, Saginaw. Quartets should correspond with Edward C. Bluem, 505 Nimons Street, Saginaw.

NOTICE: The District Executive Board at its meeting in Saginaw, will designate the site of the 1952 District Meeting and contest. Chapters interested in sponsoring same should submit their bids immediately to the District Secretary.

COMING EVENTS

September 16, 1951	Fruit Belt Parade, High School Gym, St. Joseph
September 22, 1951	Gratiot County Parade
September 25, 1951	Northwestern Detroit Parade, Cooley High School
September 29, 1951	Dowagiac Parade, Dowagiac High School
October 6, 1951	Lansing Cavalcade of Quartets
October 13, 1951	DISTRICT CONTEST and MEETING, SAGINAW
November 3, 1951	Traverse City Parade
November 3, 1951	Detroit Chapter Parade

CHAPTER CHATTER:

According to Chapter Activities Reports, there has been added interest in inter-chapter relations during the summer months with special emphasis on outdoor activities.

BOYNE CITY entertained the EAST JORDAN and CHARLEVOIX chapters at a trout fishing and woodshedding party, as well as assisting the SAULT STE. MARIE chapter in staging a benefit show for an injured Soo boy and sent two quartets to TRAVERSE CITY'S Ladies Day Program. Members of the HUDSON chapter attended meetings at DETROIT and JACKSON and are organizing a chorus under the direction of Charles Goll. GROSSE POINTE entertained society members at a Hospitality room at the International Convention. LANSING visited the GRATIOT COUNTY CHAPTER and also held their annual family picnic. PONTIAC was entertained by both REDFORD and DETROIT. Although busy with preparations for the District contest to be held in October; the SAGINAW chapter is enjoying such summertime fun as a weiner roast where they installed their new officers, an excursion to Detroit for a Tiger baseball game, a family picnic and their annual Harmony Howl. TRAVERSE CITY sponsored a booth at the City's annual Spring Economy Festival as well as sending quartets to Suttons Bay for a High School Athletic Department Benefit. MARCELLUS planned an excursion to Chicago to attend the National Barn Dance Program and the Tiger-White Sox baseball game the following day, as well as chartering a bus for KALAMAZOO'S Jamboree, which was attended by members from 21 chapters. GRAND RAPIDS hosted KALAMAZOO at a meeting. SOUTH HAVEN plans a beach party and ladies night. The FRUIT BELT CHAPTER held a dedication ceremony at their new quarters on the third floor of the Tip Top Cafe in St. Joseph in connection with an area-wide conference which was enthusiastically attended by members from DOWAGIAC, KALAMAZOO, MARCELLUS, NILES, SOUTH HAVEN and STURGIS. OAKLAND COUNTY Chapter now conducts its meetings at its own permanent quarters at SPEBSQSA Hall, 500 S. Main Street in Royal Oak. REDFORD now meets at the John Barker Post American Legion Hall on Kentfield. DETROIT sponsored an annual moonlight excursion boat ride for barbershoppers in the area. The METROPOLITAN DETROIT CHORUS made two appearances in connection with Detroit's 250th Birthday Festival -- one at the theme center stage, which formed a huge birthday cake in Grand Circus Park, and another at the Remick Shell on Belle Isle with Margaret Whiting singing songs composed by her father, the late Dick Whiting. The OWOSSO Chorus is now under the capable direction of N. Harold Damm. LUDINGTON is concentrating its efforts on increasing its membership. HURON VALLEY chapter recently held a Ladies Night Program. MT. CLEMENS boasts a new quartet comprised of four barbers, called "The Four Shavers"; their "Clinton Valley Four" has appeared at many community affairs, including two oleos in the Civic Players production of the Drunkard. An Eskimo barbershopper from Anchorage, Alaska, attended a meeting of the Holland Chapter and demonstrated Eskimo songs and dance melodies; HOLLAND again chartered a bus and sang for the boys at Percy Jones Hospital. THREE RIVERS sent a quartet to the American Legion Hospital at Battle Creek. DEARBORN entertained 200 hospitalized veterans at an outdoor Bingo party with cigarettes as prizes, special efforts were made to encourage the patients to sing too and take an active part. NORTHVILLE chapter has discontinued meeting during the summer months as a large part of their membership is actively concerned with the night harness racing in Northville.