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NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS: The following officers were elected at the annual election held at Mt. Clemens on April 26, 1952:

President Howard Tubbs, Detroit Chapter
Immediate Past President J. M. Dollenmaier, Charlevoix Chapter
Vice President Loton Willson, Boyne City Chapter
Vice President Rush Wyman, Lansing Chapter
Treasurer Clarence L. Jalving, Holland Chapter
Secretary Louis R. Harrington, Hamtramck Chapter

RESULTS OF REGIONAL PRELIMINARY CONTEST: The three qualifying quartets who will represent the Michigan District at the International Contest in Kansas City in June, as chosen by the judges at the Regional Preliminary Contest in Mt. Clemens, are:

Crow Matix Muskegon Chapter
Extension Chords Grand Rapids Chapter
Wolverines Dearborn Chapter

Due to a miscalculation, the results as announced from the stage naming the Crow Matix, Merri Men of Lansing and Wolverines as the qualifying quartets, with the Town Criers of Kalamazoo as alternate, were incorrect. The Merri Men of Lansing are the alternate quartet.

HAPPY LANDING, CLEF DWELLERS: Due to the fact that the Clef Dwellers are flying to Germany to entertain troops overseas, they were unable to enter International competition this year, as they wanted to devote all their efforts to this worthwhile undertaking. The District is extremely proud of them and also of the chapters, who, realizing the personal sacrifice the boys are making, and who appreciate the many appearances this quartet has made at chapter functions, and who want to be a part of this plan to bring wholesome entertainment to our soldiers overseas, have sent contributions to the Clef Dwellers. Wayne Chapter initiated this movement with a \$50.00 contribution, followed by Detroit voting \$100.00. Northwest Detroit Chapter is also planning a contribution.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT MEETING: The District delegates voted \$100.00 to the Clef Dwellers overseas fund and \$100.00 to each of the three qualifying quartets travelling to the International Contest in June. \$50.00 was also appropriated for the International Building Fund.

Much favorable comment was given to the area counsellor plan when properly carried through, as evidenced by Area 10 composed of the Blue Water Chapter, Dowagiac, Fruit Belt, Kalamazoo, Marcellus, Niles, Sturgis, and Three Rivers. The membership in this area has increased substantially during the past year, due mostly to strong inter-chapter relations.

Credit for the arrangements and fine facilities enjoyed by barber shoppers and their friends at the District convention and Regional Contest is due to Chairman Edwin Schwoppe and his committee, composed of members from the East Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Hamtramck and Mt. Clemens chapters.

NEW PUBLICATION: Plans are already underway for a new and better District publication, so this will probably be the final issue of the Michigan Troubadour. A committee of seven, including newspapermen in our District, have been named to edit the new publication. We wish to thank those who have written notes of appreciation for our efforts during the past three years.

CHAPTER CHATTER:

GRATIOT COUNTY chapter chorus and quartets entertained at Masonic Home Hospital, Carson City Band Benefit and Alma Boy Scouts Benefit, and the chapter attended inter-chapter meetings at Lansing and Saginaw. MARCELLUS staged a Minstrel Show for the Benefit of high school stage and plan to visit Three Rivers. LUDINGTON has a new chorus director and the chorus and quartets appeared at Elks Club events and members attended Manistee Ladies Night and Muskegon show. PONTIAC held a very successful Ladies Night, and also entertained 30 men from Lansing, including their three top quartets. LANSING also visited Eaton Rapids and Haslett and played host to the Grand Rapids, Jackson, Alma and Owosso chapters, and their chorus also appeared at the TB sanitarium. STURGIS quartets entertained for Eagles and Elks and chapter members visited Blue Water Chapter, Fruit Belt Chapter and Niles. BLUE WATER chapter and FRUIT BELT chapter exchanged programs of harmony and good fellowship. In addition to entertaining at service clubs in their community and playing host to their sponsoring chapters and their ladies at an anniversary party and staging a Junior Barbershop Night for boys between the ages of 13 and 21 to promote interest among the junior set, the FRUIT BELT chapter sponsored a two hour musical program for the March of Dimes polio campaign, which was broadcast over their local station and telephone pledges were phoned in, raising \$329.00. TRAVERSE CITY took part in a two hour radio show for the Elks Blood Donors campaign at which 116 pints of blood were donated. Quartets from NORTHVILLE entertained at the Masonic Lodge dinner, Farmington PTA meeting and the Northville Fathers and Sons banquet. CADILLAC quartets and chorus entertained at the local PTA Founders night and sent a delegation to the Manistee Ladies Night and Boyne City Bush League Contest. MT. PLEASANT presented a Minstrel Show at the Elks Lodge, and sponsored a stag Steak Supper at the Elks, quartets entertained at Kiwanis parties and meeting, as well as the PTA and the K. of C.; at least one hour per meeting is devoted to chorus rehearsal to learn songs in four-part harmony and new quartets are being organized. HURON VALLEY has been attending chorus meetings with the Holly-Fenton chapter. DETROIT is organizing a chorus and their quartets have been very active, singing at Percy Jones Hospital, Veterans Hospital, Dearborn Minstrel Show and the International Board meeting. KALAMAZOO Quartets appeared three times this quarter at Percy Jones Hospital and sang at the homes of three shut-ins as well as entertaining at the Galesburg Lions Club Benefit Show, State High School Spring Carnival, Industrial Nurse's Association, World War II Mothers' Convention and the Fraternal Order of Police Convention. HOLLY-FENTON sponsored and supported the organization of a high school barbershop quartets and to promote quartets are holding quartet contests within the chapter and awarding prizes; chorus and quartets made several appearances at Huron Valley chapter meetings, members visited Pontiac chapter and the chapter held a Bigwigs meeting to honor Ed Smith, Gordon Grant, Rush Wyman, Louis Harrington, Carroll Adams and Monty Marsden; a special meeting was held for member Andy Dill on his way to duty in the Pacific so that he could take fresh memories of Holly-Fenton barbershopping with him to Korea. DEARBORN quartets have made several appearances at the Dearborn Veterans Hospital and donated funds; members and quartets have visited at least seven neighboring chapters. IONIA reports two active quartets and a chorus composed of its entire membership. THREE RIVERS quartets and chorus joined in Church Singing event, PTA and Eastern Star programs EAST DETROIT, GROSSE POINTE, HAMTRAMCK and MT. CLEMENS chapters have devoted their efforts during the past quarter to arrangements for the District meeting and Regional contest. In addition, GROSSE POINTE again entertained at the Marine Hospital, presented a barbershop night at Turners and exchanged visits with the Windsor, Ontario chapter. HAMTRAMCK sponsored a Ladies Night, honoring Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Smith. MT. CLEMENS furnished quartets for the AmVets and also visited other chapters. Barbershoppers were saddened to learn of the death of Arthur Wade, former secretary of the REDFORD chapter, who succumbed to a heart attack.

COMING EVENTS:

MAY 10 Traverse City Harvest of Harmony
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JUNE 12-15 INTERNATIONAL CONTEST AND CONVENTION, Kansas City, Missouri