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IT COULDN'T BE DONE

Somebody said it couldn't be done,
 But he with a chuckle replied
 That, "maybe it couldn't, but he would be one
 Who wouldn't say so until he had tried."
 So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin
 On his face. If he worried he hid it.
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that,
 At least no-one ever has done it."
 So he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
 And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
 With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin
 Without any doubting or quiddit
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.



GOOD
LUCK!
LANGLEY



There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done
 There are thousands to prophesy failure.
 There are thousands to point out to you one by one
 The dangers that wait to assail you
 But just buckle in with a bit of a grin
 Just take off your coat and go to it;
 Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
 That "cannot be done", and you'll do it.

— Edgar A. Guest

EXECUTIVE NOTES

The Mini-Harmony College Gazette printed some interesting statistics that are worth repeating:

-Members quit the society after an average of 9 years.

-The average age of members leaving the the society is 51 years.

-The personal benefit that most new members expect is fellowship.

-The average age of men joining the society is 41 years.

-The greatest disappointment to dropped members is competition.

-The percentage of dropped members who did not use Pay-as-you-go is 84 percent.

-The percentage of dropped members who held a chapter office is 52 percent.

-Dropped members felt that their chapter's greatest failing was:

- 1) competition 33 percent
- 2) dull meetings 23 percent
- 3) learning music 25 percent
- 4) no woodshedding 22 percent

More on statics:

Who are we?

There are 64 of us in this chapter. 3 of us were born before 1920 and 16 of us in the following decade. 14 of us came into the world between 1931 and 1940 while 20 of us were born between 1941 and 1950. 6 of us the light of day between 1951 and 1960 and 4 in the decade that followed while one of us was born after 1970

(More statistics next month).

Your secretary holds the following publications that are available on request:

- Directory of chapters - lists all chapters in the society, their meeting dates and contact person for each.
- Supply Catalogue.
- Recordings Catalogue.
- Catalogue of Arrangements, Song Books and Learning Tapes.
- Evergreen District Directory of all chapters and registered quartets with all officers, time and place of meetings.

The September Executive meeting was held at Dave Hogg's home on September 11/85. After the normal business of reading the minutes and passing the financial matters, the meeting spent a great deal of time discussing how the chapter was doing and where we wanted it to go. Nothing

was really decided but a lot of good points were raised. How about you? Where would you like to see us going? Do you have any suggestions about how the meetings are conducted or anything else that would make this a better chapter.

The election of officers for 1986 is scheduled for October 10/85, with the Installation of Officers at the Port Kells Hall on November 30/85.

It has been suggested that a deposit should be made on the uniforms the chapter provides (refundable when returned of course). It would make it easier to get them back and provide a source of funds for replacement when necessary. More on that at a later time. Lets hear what you think of the idea.

The next meeting is at Don Truscott's on October 7/85.

Fred MacKay,
Chapter secretary.

PLEASE NOTE:

Al Wood's name has accidentally been deleted from the Chorus roster that is enclosed in this months newsletter. Please add the following:

Al Wood, wife: Janet. Phone: 888-4849. address: 9398 - 209B Street, Langley postal code: VOX 6X5.

If there are any other errors or omissions in the roster please contact Harry Squires at 856-0681 so that he can pass the information on to his computer.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

- 01 Roy and Joan Stanton
- 05 Wally and Alice Reid
- 06 Harvey and Lorraine Fauser
- 09 Ken and Shiela Rear
- 25 Harvey and Elsie Johnson

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 10 Tom Richards
- 12 Rod Kenworthy
- 23 Danny Tryon
- 28 Bruce Glenham



"It was apparent from the start that we could not select a single champion and four medalists without being arbitrary and unfair. Who could argue that an unroarious limerick about a tenor should rank higher than one about a baritone. Except, perhaps, another tenor, or a baritone."

DEF PARIS V.P.
P.A.B.E.

Our tenor a problem has he,
His last name is Fiddle, you see.
He's a minister fine
With a message Divine,
So he's always called "Fiddle D.D."
Lea Archer

Good Job Lea!!!



CAPITAL COMMENTS

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Mike Wilcox

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meets every Thursday evening
at 7:30 p.m.

The Elks Hall
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PRESIDENT'S PATTTER:

What happened to September? Wow! Time flies by when you're having fun, eh? Harmony Hollow is a month behind us and there is still a smile on my face when I think of our winning skit and the coveted Mini-wheel trophy that we won.

I was extremely pleased with our turnout for our retreat and the high calibre of talent that we had made available to us. Thank you one and all. A very special thanks to our wives and families that supported us by allowing us a weekend to learn more about our hobby.

For those of us who are competing in Portland on October 18 and 19, what a great opportunity we have to gain more competition experience and musical knowledge. Competition is not the end all but without competition we would not be able to gauge how well we perform. It is only through competition that we can hone the skills that we learn each and every week.

there is no other hobby where you are "As Welcome as the Flowers in May".

SINGularly yours,
Gordon Harris.



BARBERSHOPPERS HONORED

Chapter President, Gordon Harris, presented BARBERSHOPPER OF THE MONTH awards to three deserving chapter members at the October 3 chapter meeting.

"Barbershopper of the month" for the month of July was Danny Tryon. Danny hosted the chapter pool party at his home in July.

"Barbershopper of the month" for the month of August was Rod McKenzie. Rod planned and orchestrated the award winning skit at Harmony Hollow.

"Barbershopper of the month" for September was Dave Hogg. Dave has done an outstanding job as Chorus manager for two years and was responsible for managing the retreat weekend at Crescent Beach.

Congratulations Danny, Rod, and Dave. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the chapter.

Those present included: Dave Anderson, Mike Wilcox, Danny Tryon, Rod McKenzie, Rich Smorenborg, Don Truscott, and George Sigaty.

A fourteen page organizational plan entitled "Musical Improvement Team" was presented. This plan was borrowed from the hard work done by the music team at Burnaby. The plan sets out well defined jobs under the direction of a music committee triad:

- 1) Director of administration - Danny Tryon.
- 2) Director of choral development - Mike Wilcox.
- 3) Director of performance - Dave Anderson.

Suggestions for filling the other various positions were made and the entire package will be presented to the next board meeting for approval.

It was suggested that the director of administration be made an elected position on council with voting privileges so that the chorus members can have a direct input on who comprises a portion of the music committee.

The script for the 86 transportation was revealed to show the relevance of the following songs chosen for the show:

- 1) Look Out World.
- 2) Give a Little Whistle.
- 3) I've Been Working On The Railroad.
- 4) Welcome Back To Dixieland (709).
- 5) While Strolling Thru The Park.
- 6) Bicycle Built For Two.
- 7) Who'll Take My Place.
- 8) Row, Row, Row.
- 9) When You Wish Upon a Star.
- 10) Steamin Down the River.
- 11) Come Josephine In My Flying Machine.
- 12) New Ashmolean.
- 13) Come Look Me Over (Expo words).

Rich Smorenborg expressed a willingness to develop as a section leader and was welcomed.

Discussion was held on the need for payed singouts, particularly Queen's Avenue Church in February 86.

A time table is to be made so that we know when songs must be chosen for the two contests, the spring show and a fall cabaret.

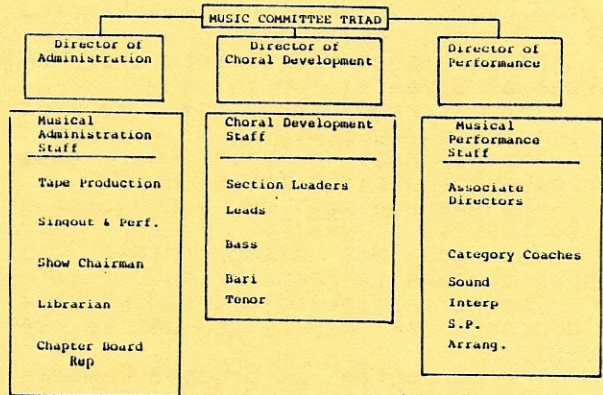
George Sigaty, sing out and performance coordinator, presented hos organizational check lists which need completion prior to each sing out. He needs to be informed well in advance by the members so he can coordinate the many things involved.

The advantages of the chapter owning a four track tape recording machinewas discussed. This could be useful in making tapes for songs and also in teaching a taped song to the chorus on any particular night.

The tapes for the upcoming show are needing completion.

The next meeting will be October 28 at Danny Tryon's.

Committee secretary,
Danny Tryon.



WANTED: TAPE LIBRARIAN

The chapter needs a member to look after the learning tape library. Henry Braun has done this job for several years and would like a break. Of course he will be glad to show a volunteer what the job entails. This job includes the organization of reproducing copies from master tapes. If you want to make a contribution to your chapter contact Danny Tryon.

RETREAT 85:

The chorus retreat at Crescent Beach on September 27, 28 and 29 was productive and enjoyable, ie. a success. The coaching by Bruce Bryant, Charlie Metzger, and Marty Lovick was enlightening. The chorus members worked long and hard and when we weren't working we were enjoying fellowship in the form of quartefing, hiking on the beach or enjoying the games room.

More than 30 members took part but it was difficult to get an accurate count because people were coming and going all weekend. Several fellows that are not going to Portland came out and were glad they did because we did not spend the weekend beating two songs to death. We learned skills that will be useful every time we sing.

The food and accomodation was better than one would anticipate for the price.

Thank you Dave Hogg, Dave Anderson and the music committee for a very productive weekend.

WE SING OUT:

Our chapter has started the Fall season with two successful singouts. September saw us singing at the Langley Presbyterian Church. Twenty-six members sang on a program that raised over five hundred dollars for the purchase of new gowns for the church choir.

The first weekend in October had twenty-two singers in beautiful sunshine singing at the Langley Fall Fair at Campbell River Park.

We Sing...
That They Shall Speak

Your October 1985 CAPITAL COMMENTS.

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COMING EVENTS:

- Oct 13 Extra Practice - evening.
- 18 - 20 District Competition -
Portland Oregon.
- 26 Chilliwack Show - sing out
- Nov 16 C.O.T.S.
- 22-23 Singout Peace Arch Chapter
Show
- 30 Chapter Installation - Port Kells
Hall
- Dec 6-7 Bellingham Chapter Show
- 6-7 Burnaby Chapter Show

