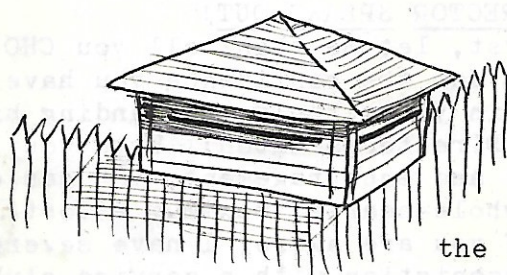


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THE RE-CHORD-ER

THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE LANGLEY CHAPTER
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YOUR BARBERSHOP CALENDAR: (add these to your pocket calendar)

Every THURSDAY at 8:00 PM (sharp) our regular chapter meeting at the Otter School, 244th St. and the Fraser H'way, Langley B.C.

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OCTOBER 3rd - Penticton Chapter Show. The Penticton Chapter are fabulous hosts and an excellent time is guaranteed!

OCTOBER 5th - Monthly Board Meeting (this month at Weir & Cathy MUIR'S)

OCTOBER 10th - "SING-OUT" - The Big Scoop Ice Cream Parlour (in the old Cunningham's Store location, Langley) have asked that we help help them celebrate their official opening. A FAIR turn-out is indicated, but we need every member that can possibly make it if we are to make a good impression.

OCTOBER 17th - The Burnaby Chapter Show - At the Lester Pearson Auditorium, New Westminster Secondary School, 8th & 8th, New Westminster B.C. We are advised that this year's theme is the "Quartet" All those interested may get their tickets from Bob WARNE.

OCTOBER 22nd Our first annual meeting and election of officers will be held this night. It is therefore imperative that ALL members attend to lend their voice to the election of your executive for the coming year. A list of Nominees, as selected by the Nominating Committee, will be mailed to each member. Make sure the Secretary has your correct mailing address.

OCTOBER 25th - "SING-OUT" - Fort Langley Firemen's Band Annual Senior Citizens show.

OCTOBER 30 & 31st - Annual District Contests and Convention, Calgary Alta.

If you would like to find out what the Society is really all about, this will be the place! While the Convention is primarily the annual meeting for the whole District, it is also that time when the District Champion Quartet and Chorus is selected.

NOVEMBER 2nd - Monthly Board Meeting

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LANGLELEY WAS A NEW DIRECTOR!

WHAT'S NEW UP FRONT? - Ron Long, Pres. .

For the information of those members who have not been able to get back in the 'Barbershop Groove' after the long summer, a General Meeting was held on Sept. 3rd, wherein the subject of our Musical Director was given a severe examination. As a result of the meeting, it was determined by the membership that drastic steps must be taken to solidify the position of Musical Director. Without attempting to cover the lengthy discussions that ensued, it is felt sufficient at this time to advise that the end result of the meeting was that the Chapter should accept, with regret, a verbal resignation, which had been previously tendered to your President, by Peter RUGINIS. It was further resolved that Weir MUIR be asked to accept the task of Musical Director of the "First Capital Chorus"

Weir has subsequently agreed to take on the job and has sprung forward into the breach with gusto! (whatever that is) Such enthusiasm on Weir's part has been evident specially in his home, as those of you who might have dropped in him will agree. Much sorting of sheet music has been going on, together with both writing and arranging of songs for the Chorus and it appears to be always done in the living room. Our unlimited support goes to Weir....and our sympathy to Cathy!

Let's all show Weir that we appreciate his efforts by following his suggestions as laid out in the adjoining column and this Thursday, let every member greet him with an 'ear-to-ear' SMILE!

SUMMER IN RETROSPECT

Since our Charter Night and Show at the end of May, several of the Chapter stalwarts have been on the public relations trail, by paying visits to other chapters. North Vancouver, Vancouver, Burnaby and Bellingham were listed among the victims of visits by such Barbershopping enthusiasts as Bob WARNE, Nick ENNS, John SNOOK, Grant WARD, John ISAACS, Ron SINCLAIR, Frank LOEWEN, and Ron LONG (accompanied by his father Merv LONG who was visiting from Ontario)

On one occasion some of our Langley types joined up with a small crowd from

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THE DIRECTOR SPEAKS OUT!

First, let me thank all you CHORD-BUSTERS for the confidence you have displayed in yours truly, by handing him the Chorus Director's baton! With your 100% support and encouragement, you can count on my whole-hearted maximum effort. As some of you are aware, I have severed a long association with a service club in order to devote my full time on Thursday nights to the Chorus. It will be my aim and desire to make the First Capital Chorus, the best dad-burned Barbershop Chorus that's humanly possible, and inhumanly if necessary!

A few suggestions to accomplish this:

1. BE A REGULAR ATTENDER:

The learning of music is a continuing thing and needs the same voices present each week, otherwise the Director is teaching "Lesson One" every week to new voices.

2. BE ON TIME:

The Pitch Pipe heralds the start of each meeting at precisely 8:00 PM, so every member should strive to be in his seat by that time. The best way to accomplish this is by coming early and warming up with some woodshedding before hand. This also helps you learn and solidify your part so you can help to lead your section.

3. BE ATTENTIVE:

During practice sessions, when the Director is speaking, give him your undivided attention! Don't disrupt his efforts by talking to your neighbours or conducting your own little section practice. For those who smoke, it would be preferred if you would refrain from smoking for the first half of the meeting, then after the break, the smoking lamp could remain lit. It is difficult enough to give undivided attention without trying to find someplace to butt your cigarette too! Let's come to sing first, then if we do well we can smoke afterwards.

4. BE ENTHUSIASTIC:

Barbershopping has got to be the best hobby going, and it's enthusiasm is the spark plug that makes it so eager to learn and eager to try!

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DIRECTOR SPEAKS OUT (cont'd)

5. BE A BOOSTER:

One last thought. We can use more singing members, particularly in the tenor and baritone sections. BE A BOOSTER and invite that friend or neighbour out to next week's meeting. If you hear of a tenor or bari in your bailiwick, woo him with soft words and sweet music, anything to get him out to a Chapter meeting. Once you get him out, make sure he is well taken care of, and not left to stand in a corner!

NOW! ON WITH THE JOB!.....SEE YOU
ALL THURSDAY NIGHT!

- Weir MUIR

Big Wheel Nights!

We have two Big Wheel Nights to report on since this is the first bulletin to be published since the spring.

On the 7th of May, the die hards once again were on the scent of glory and headed for the "Big Wheel" at Anacortes Washington. This may be old news to most of you, but just in case some one out there missed it, the Big Wheel Trophy was won by the Pye-R-Squares, of Bellingham. Also of some note to Langley members was the big win by the FRASER HIGHWAYMEN who won the "Hub Cup". This was some event for the HIGHWAYMEN, as it was they that won it at our own Big Wheel Night back in February of this year. You will note that the name has been changed, making publication much easier. Congratulations to Weir MUIR, John SNOOK, Gord CULL and Ron LONG.

VICTORIA, Sept 12th

Combining Mac HUFF'S quartet clinic with a Big Wheel Night was indeed a stroke of good luck and pure genius!

After having the HUFF TREATMENT in the afternoon, some 14 quartets then went about trying to put these lessons into practice.

For the first time in the history of the Big Wheel, the contest received some real class when the Victoria Chapter introduced a "Ladies Night". Being the great hosts they are, the Victoria boys presented every quartet that competed with a 5 x 7 full colour photo of their quartet. A real Keepsake!

For the winners, see page four.

SUMMER IN RETROSPECT (cont'd)

A SMALL CROWD FROM "Fat City"....(that's Belly Ham according to the Poets)..and dropped in on the Burnaby Chapter!

ANACORTES SALMON BAR-B-QUE

The 15th annual salmon barbeque at Anacortes was held on the beach at Anacortes, and for the first time in its history, ran into foul weather. A much diminished, but none the less enthusiastic crowd of about 150 Barbershoppers and their dripping families were there to partake of the succulent goodies.

Once again a highlight of the day was a Novice Quartet Contest. With some 10 quartets entered from Seattle to Nor-West Chapters, the Canadian quartets took home the bacon. The FRASER RIVER FLATS of our own Langley Chapter gave a good accounting but..... I guess it's back to the old pitch pipe for Grant WARD, Frank LOEWEN, John ISAAKS, and Ron LONG.

Langley was not completely out of it though as Ron LONG found himself a member of the winning quartet. Anyone ever heard of the FOUR MALDAHIDES?? All dressed in Undertaker's attire, they were, Ross RELYEA, bass (Nor-West) Al HAYWARD, bari (T-Birds) Ron LONG, tenor (Langley) and (get this) Eric FISH of WETASKAWIN, Alberta. Eric was visiting in the area on his holidays and being an old Barbershop acquaintance of Ross RELYEA'S, ended up at the BAR-B-Q (I've heard of taking a sandwich to a banquet Ross, but never a FISH to a Salmon Barbeque.)

HARMONY HOLLOW, while not exactly a financial success, was most certainly a social success in that of those that attended from other Chapters, they are still talking about the wonderful time, the great chicken barbeque, and the delicious pancake breakfast. The Novice Quartet Contest was also a huge success with a total of 12 quartets competing, with the "FLAT JACKS" coming out on top.

Others competing were (in order of finish) the Harmony Hollow Chapter (Janes and Shorts of it; the Saw-Ripples; the Four Get Me Notes; the Bar-B-Q, tied with the Corn Belters; the Finks; the 4 Merly Singers; Robin Hood Flour Co.; the Fraser River Flats. Of all people, the Sons of Peaches.

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BIG WHEELS (cont'd)

The winners of the "BIG WHEEL TROPHY" were the "Memory Four" of the Burnaby Chapter. The "HUB CUP" went to "The Maimed Four" with Mike GIBBS, Doug WEBB, and Norm JOHNSON of Victoria, with the tenor part being ably supplied by Rob HOOD of the Burnaby Chapter.

The "COUGH-EE CUP" which was presented by our own Langley Chapter, was not competed for at the Anacortes night, primarily because someone forgot to bring it! It was present in all its glory this time however and its proud recipients are "THE TSAWWASSEN FERRIES" Once again a "make-up" quartet consisting of one each from LANGLEY and VICTORIA, and two from BURNABY, but here's the catch. They were Bob BLAIR, tenor; Ron LONG, tenor; Bill STATON, tenor; and Earl COLPITTS, ...you guessed it... tenor!!

The boys..ehr.... girls, came on carrying women's purses which they obtained from some of the ladies in the audience, and did a "Gay" rendition of "Down Our Way" The Cough-EE Cup is presented, by the way, to the Novice Quartet displaying the best Stage Presence.

HARMONY HOLLOW (cont'd)

A hearty thanks is due to the weather man for the weather was absolutely perfect, and to those few members of the Langley Chapter that turned out to help make it the success it really was, "a Bob of the Boater" to you. Instead of it turning out to be a little work for many, there was a lot of work for a few! Let's all give this some consideration over the ensuing winter months so if it should be decided to have another, we can all have time to enjoy it! Who knows, we might even break even!

OOPS THERE!!

While flying over Saskatchewan, Frank HARROP was overheard to say to his 6' 5", wrestler type acquaintance of one hour, seated beside him, "you know there's nothing down there but Ugly women and hockey players!" Frank's big acquaintance then advised, "My mother lives down there!" "Oh" said Frank, "What position does she play?".....

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL!

(title stolen from another Bulletin)

Each month our International President, Wilbur SPARKS, sends out a little contribution to each Bulletin Editor. This is not only a great way of filling up space in the Bulletin, but oddly enough, these items are meaty tid-bits of great interest to all Barbershoppers. This one was received in July and is therefore a little late, but it is felt to be apropos.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH.....OR A REAL BARGAIN

Perhaps we shouldn't equate so many things to money, but Barbershoppers are like anyone else - we'll do it every time! You receive your money's worth in Chapter, District and International services - this isn't difficult to demonstrate. But if you're a real bargain hunter, you are looking for more than the bare minimum. The Bargain Hunter receives all the basic services, but he also gets benefits that have no price tag - they are priceless. A friend of mine who is editor of THE CATOCTONE CRYER (Frederick, Md. Chapter) Clyde RONEY, wrote recently about the difference between these two types of Barbershoppers.

The man who wants his money's worth comes to rehearsals regularly, reads his Chapter Bulletin and The Harmonizer, and participates in most of the singouts and shows.

But the Bargain Hunter wouldn't dare miss a weekly Chapter meeting - he puts that night aside as his ONLY scheduled activity. He reads EVERY article in The Harmonizer and many other Society publications. (Our HEP manuals are one great bargain he's discovered). He goes to other Chapter meetings occasionally, wouldn't miss an area event or a District Convention, attends District and International schools and even makes many International Conventions. Oh, he isn't loaded with money, but he marks his calendar for all these events which require money and tucks his pennies aside, either in a special personal fund or through his Pay-As-You-Go Joe at Chapter Meetings. (cont'd page five)

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL (cont'd)

The Bargain Hunter is so proud of his association with his chapter and the Society that he feels a strong sense of responsibility to "be with the gang" whenever there is Barbershopping to be done. He realizes that "quartets don't just happen" so he finds three others and organizes his own. He knows this will give him the "ultimate musical experience" and also will help him to contribute to a really superior chorus sound.

As you can see, the Bargain Hunter is "involved" in Barbershopping and tries to help in every way possible. Are you a Bargain Hunter in Barbershopping? Why not give it a try? It's up to you!

I can brag on this "message" since it is not my thought, but Clyde's, and I thank him for it. Keep 'em Singing!

Best regards,
"Wilbur"

Ed. Note: "Amen!"

NOMINATIONS....NOMINATIONS

The following is the list of members who have been nominated to stand for election to position next to their respective names:

Pres: John SNOOK
1st V.Pres: Ken ATWELL
2nd V.Pres: John ISAACS
Sect: W.D. 'Rick' BUCK
Treas: Eric BLOEDOW
DIRECTORS:

Gord CULL
Nick ENNS
Frank HARROP
Gord TOUT
Grant WARD
Bob WARNE

Further nominations will be accepted from the floor on the night of the elections, however, the person nominated must CONSENT to being nominated. It is therefore suggested that you don't leave such nominations until the last minute.

BEEH!!.....OR BOUQUET??

This section will be set aside specially for "Joe BARBERSHOPPER" to either let off steam, or give credit where credit is due. So, if you have a pet peeve, or if you feel someone is deserving of your praise or constructive criticism, just drop a line to the Editor, Ron LONG, c/o Box 280, LANGLEY B.C. Make sure the item is signed, (otherwise no printum) but a Nom de Plume may be included if you wish to remain anonymous.

Please, no Green Phantom Jokes!

NOW WE'VE REALLY GONE TO PRESS!

That's right, your bulletin has really gone to press! Offset Printing Press that is! The press has been acquired by our own John SNOOK, at a most reasonable price of \$26.25 (tax included) It is the feeling of yours truly, along with others, that the cost of this machine will be recovered when it come to print our show tickets which cost us about \$22.00 the last time!

John has gone for the cost of the press out of his own pocket, so when the subject of Chapter financing of the purchase comes up shortly, support the purchase of the press from Chapter funds. There is no end to its usefulness!

- the Editor

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