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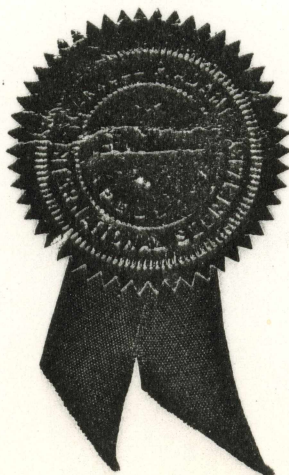
in America

(INCORPORATED)

hereby authorize the organization of a Chapter of this Society to be known as

**Stevens Point, Wisconsin
Chapter**

Acceptable evidence of the qualifications of those desiring to form said Chapter having been submitted, said Chapter is registered in the International Organization and it, and its members, unfettered and unrestrained, may now harmonize at any time, day or night, without hindrance or delay, subject to the Constitution, By Laws, Rules and Regulations of the order and conforming always to the applicable Laws and Ordinances relative to the preservation of the Public Peace.



Edwin S. Smith

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Attest:

Carroll P. Adams

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

William J. Adams
FOUNDER, AND "PERMANENT THIRD ASSISTANT
TEMPORARY VICE CHAIRMAN"

Dated

July 7, 1953



**SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT
OF BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA**
INCORPORATED

CHARTER MEMBERS --- STEVENS POINT CHAPTER OF SPEBSQSA

1. Allen G. Bostad	Principal
2. Wesley M. Rohrer	Welfare Worker
3. Earl A. Thiele	Bookkeeper
4. Edward Watruba, Jr.	Business Executive
5. Paul G. Parkinson	Business Executive
6. Irwin E. Clayton	Business Executive
7. S.W. Bird	Consultant
8. Raymond Borski	Office Work
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10. N.M. Bell	Training Director
11. Donald N. Varney	Fire Insurance
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13. Earl B. Boyer	Gunsmith
14. Merlin E. Carver	Supervisor
15. George M. Welton	Supervisor
16. Roy A. Menzel	Insurance
17. Earle E. Kidder	Doctor
18. Quincy Doudna	Teacher
19. Gordon Nickolie	Bookkeeper
20. Leo Fobart	Train Dispatcher
21. Jerrold J. Cutts	Business Executive
22. Walter A. Hetzer	Mechanic
23. A.G. Dunn	Doctor



1953



LEO FOBART



**THIS BEAUTIFUL PORTRAIT OF O. C. CASH (1892-1953)
NOW HANGS IN THE "FOUNDERS ROOM" AT HARMONY HALL
A FITTING TRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY'S FOUNDER.**



THE SCHMITT BROTHERS



"THE FOUR CORNERS"

CHARTER NITE CONCERT

STEVENS POINT CHAPTER SPEBSQSA

P. J. JACOBS HIGH SCHOOL — MAY 8, 1954



"THE CARDINALS"



WISCONSIN RAP-SODIES

Local Barbershoppers Set Stage For Concert By Top Quartets

The Stevens Point chapter of the SPEBSQSA, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, has announced its charter night and first annual concert to be held on Saturday night May 8 at 8 o'clock at P. J. Jacobs High school gymnasium.

"We have arranged for what is considered to be the outstanding barbershop talent in the middle west to join us on our charter night and to sing on our program," said Leo Fobart, local barbershopper president. "Heading the list of performers will be the internationally famous Schmitt brothers of Two Rivers, Wis., champions of the United States and Canada in 1951, the equally famous Cardinals of Madison who have just recently returned from a European tour of military bases, those clowns of barbershopping, the Four Corners of Eau Claire and an up and coming new quartet, the Rhapsodies of Wisconsin Rapids. The Stevens Point chapter chorus, directed by Walter Montgomery will appear in a new series of songs."

Mr. Fobart also announced the following committees for the May 8 affair:

General chairman, Roy Menzel; executive and finance, Mr. Menzel, chairman, Wes Rohrer, Mr. Fobart, Paul Parkinson, George Clayton; tickets, A. G. Bostad, chairman, Pete Kabat, Edgar Parker, Merlin Carver, Joe Slaske, Mr. Montgomery, Mike Hajostek, George Welton, Dr. A. G. Dunn, H. L. Rehfeldt, Robert Steinbach, Don Stephens.

House and stage, Earl Boyer, chairman, Gordon Nickolie, Walter Hetzer, Earl Thiele, Ed Wotruba, Jr., Al Zei, Don Varney, Ray Borski, James Leary; publicity, Mr. Parkinson, chairman, Mr. Wotruba, Nelson Bell, George Clayton; printed programs, George Clayton, chairman, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Carver, Irv Clay-

ton, aided by all chapter members; afterglow, Mr. Kabat, chairman, Mr. Fobart, Sam Bird, Mr. Zei.

The local group which was sponsored by the Wisconsin Rapids chapter and organized in July 1953 will receive its charter at the concert to be presented on behalf of the international headquarters, Detroit, by Allan Kopitzke, Oshkosh, district president.

The Stevens Point chorus, octet, and Point Pipers quartet have been active in the Stevens Point vicinity ever since they were organized. These groups have sung a total of 37 times before local audiences. "As a public service group" said Fobart, "and because we all love to sing, our organization has responded gladly to requests for appearances and we hope that we may be privileged to sing many times before local groups. We feel that the public will especially welcome the visiting quartets May 8. Listeners will hear barbershop music at its very best—and we can promise our audience a program they will love and will talk about for a long time to come."

"Special high fidelity sound equipment as well as a special stage setting, will be installed for the show in the P. J. Jacobs gymnasium," Fobart stated. "Actual tests with the equipment have already been made in the gym and the public is assured of being able to hear in any part of the large room. There will be about 1,500 good seats of which 600 will be reserved. We urge reserved seat buyers to act early."

Tickets may be purchased from any local member or at Pete's barbershop on the South side, from Parkinson's clothes shop downtown or from Yach's across from the high school.

Visiting barbershoppers from a wide area are expected to attend. Invitations have been issued to chapters in Wisconsin Rapids, Wausau, Appleton, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Tomah, Abbotsford and Phillips.

There is no smaller package than a man completely wrapped up in himself.

"Before I hang up my journalist's hat for this month, I'd like to say a word about spirit. I don't think a man is more a barbershopper because he sings flawless baritone, or because he has been a member for umpteen years, or because he has sung in an organized quartet or because he has been a chapter officer, but because he has the best interests of the Society and his chapter at heart, because he loves it.

"Spirit, is what prompts Glen Gabhart to leave the meeting to go to the store for coffee when it's discovered we are fresh out, it gives Carl Koehler the energy to haul a truck load of furniture (plug) to the chapter for a stage setting, it makes Johnny La Roche glad to lend a hand setting up the chairs before the meeting, it gives Otto Plomann the urge to make a run for the broom to sweep the floor when the meeting is over. There are many more, and I believe everyone in the chapter knows who they are. These guys don't do this for recognition or a pat on the back, they do it because they love barbershopping. In my opinion these guys have spirit, these guys are *real barbershoppers*."

A boy's voice changes at adolescence; a girl's when she answers the phone.

Most speeches are like the horns of a steer — a couple of points with a lot of bull in-between.

The steaks served in most homes nowadays are rare.

Nothing makes a child behave worse than belonging to a neighbor.

A bachelor is a man who has the whole closet to himself.

One of the first symptoms of age—when you begin to realize the nights are made for sleep.



POINT PIPERS

OFFICERS - STEVENS POINT CHAPTER

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President Leo Fobart
 Vice President George Clayton
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Treasurer Paul Parkinson
 Director Walt Montgomery
 District Delegate Edward Wotruba Jr.

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President George Clayton
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 Secretary Earl Thiele

Treasurer Bob Steinbach
 Director Walt Montgomery
 District Delegate George Clayton

PRESENT MEMBERS

1. Nelson Bell
2. Sam Bird
3. Ray Borski
4. A. G. Bostad
5. Earl Boyer
6. Merlin Carver
7. George Clayton
8. Irwin Clayton
9. J. J. Cutts
10. Quincy Doudna
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14. Walt Hetzer
15. F. F. Kabat
16. Dr. E. E. Kidder
17. Jim Leary
18. Roy Menzel
19. P. J. Michelsen
20. Walter Montgomery
21. Gordon Nickolie
22. Edgar Parker

23. Paul Parkinson
24. H. L. Rehfeldt
25. Wes Rohrer
26. Joe Slaske
27. Bob Steinbach
28. Don Stephens
29. Earl Thiele
30. Don Varney
31. George Welton
32. Edward Wotruba Jr.
33. Alfred Zei

Our hope is that tonight you'll have "THE MOST FUN YOU'VE HAD IN YEARS."

PROGRAM

- WELCOME Leo Fobart, President
Stevens Point Chapter SPEBSQSA
- MASTER OF CEREMONIES Tom C. Hanna
- STEVENS POINT CHORUS Walter Montgomery, Conductor
- POINT PIPERS Stevens Point
Leo Fobart, Tenor; George Clayton, Lead;
Earl Boyer, Bari; Roy Menzel, Bass.
- WISCONSIN RAP-SODIES Wisconsin Rapids
Dick Babcock, Tenor; Jack Burt, Lead;
Elmer Habeck, Bari; Elton Schultz, Bass.
- CARDINALS Madison, Wisconsin
Mike Liscum, Tenor; Jerry Ripp, Lead;
Joe Ripp, Bari; Phil Davies, Bass.
- SCHMITT BROTHERS Two Rivers, Wisconsin
Joe, Tenor; Jim, Lead; Paul, Bari; Fran, Bass.



INTERMISSION

- PRESENTATION OF STEVENS POINT CHARTER
Cal Browy, Madison, Wisconsin
President, Land O' Lakes District, SPEBSQSA
- RESPONSE George Clayton, President Elect
Stevens Point Chapter SPEBSQSA
- STEVENS POINT CHORUS Stevens Point
- FOUR CORNERS Eau Claire, Wisconsin
George King, Tenor; Don Rust, Lead;
Jack O'Farrell, Bari; Frank Heebink, Bass.
- CARDINALS Madison, Wisconsin
- SCHMITT BROTHERS Two Rivers, Wisconsin
- GRAND FINALE "Keep America Singing"

THE POINT PIPERS - 1954



Land O' Lakes

DISTRICT
Association of Chapters
MINNESOTA NORTHERN MICHIGAN WISCONSIN

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT
OF BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA
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Proudly Presents This

Certificate of Accomplishment

To

STEVENS POINT
Chapter Chorus

Directed By

WALTER MONTGOMERY

CLASS "B"

Winners of 3RD Place in the 8TH Annual District Chorus Contest

Dated this 27 day

of JUNE 1954



Calvin Browne

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Harry L. Purinton

DISTRICT SECRETARY

CHAMPIONSHIP CHORUS 1956

Fobart, Kabot, D. Clayton G. Clayton Phelan, Don Varney, Bostad,
Leary, E. Clayton, Davis, Goetz.
Nickolie, Zei, Carver, Parkinson, Bird, Thiele, Dave Varney
Boyer, Giese, Rehfeldt, Borski.
Missing C. Olsen. Director W. Montgomery.

