

Outstanding Quartets To Appear in Annual Barber Shop Program

Two Oakland county groups will be included among the outstanding barber shop quartets of the nation, who will appear at the eleventh annual "Parade of Quartets" in the Masonic Temple auditorium, in Detroit, Saturday, Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Detroit chapter one of SPERSQA.

The Oakland county quartets are "The Cliff Dwellers" and "The Note Blenders." These groups placed second and fifth respectively in the International championship contest in Omaha, Neb. this June.

Other featured quartets are "The Karols" from Omaha; "The Gay Nineties," Montevideo, Minn.; "The Hi-Chords," Lorain, Ohio; "The Chamberlain Brothers" of

Mishawaka, Ind., and "The Four Shorties" from Detroit. A male chorus composed of 150 voices made up the combined choruses from Toledo, Detroit, and the Pontiac Elks will also appear.

Christ Church Ends Fall Recitals; Plan Matted-Choir Sing

The final recital in the fall series of recitals will be given by Robert Donnell, Carlomaner at the Peace Tower in the Ottawa Houses of Parliament, Donnell will play at Christ Church-Cranbrook at 8:45.

Following his recital the combined choirs of the Episcopal churches of Dryden, Hand Park, Pontiac, Rochester, Romeo and Birmingham will sing the Evening-song. This service will begin at 8:30.

Most of Austrian Graphite Shipped Behind Iron Curtain

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VIENNA, Austria.—The voice on the phone was apprehensive. I had just asked if it could have an interview about the difficulties of business dealings with Cominform countries.

"Come over later in the morning," the voice said quickly. "We can talk about it then."

In a comfortable office in the Russian Zone I met the owner of the voice, the friendly, helpful director of a graphic mining company which I knew did extensive business with the Iron Curtain countries.

He apologized for his abruptness. "Naturally you could not have known," he explained. "But every phone call into the Russian Zone is tapped and heard, and with the situation as it is, we cannot afford to make enemies on either side."

Because of its manifold uses in the steel and electric industries, graphite is essential to every industrial country. On the world market Ceylon and Madagascar are the principal producers and the United States, which lacks graphite, is the principal consumer.

WITHIN EUROPE, however, Austrian graphite plays a vital role, indifferent to political forces. For no matter what differences in the political coloration of the managers, casting molds and electrodes are made the same way in Poland as in Belgium.

"We must export to live," the director continued. Austria's domestic economy can absorb only about 25 per cent of the output of the graphite mines. At present the Marshall Plan countries can use only a portion of the surplus.

The result is that, like many other European business men, the director is dependent on trade with the East, however unpropitious such a "business as usual" may seem to American eyes.

"The disappearance of Germany as a major customer is the factor that has made Eastern trade so

a position to give them a special bargain.

"MOREOVER, the price is decisive for them; they invariably buy the cheapest grade possible in order to get the most for their limited import funds. This must be economically inefficient for them, but they do it just the same."

"You may be interested to know, by the way, that the exchange medium for all shipments to the Communist countries is your United States dollar."

Up to now the Western Powers have not added to these difficulties a restriction on shipments to the East. Highly refined graphite is on the list of forbidden products, but the lower quality graphite is not controlled.

"In this connection, I can assure you that no graphite is being exported to the Soviet Union," the director stated. "We would notice that immediately on the quantities ordered."

BELOW IN the street a lend-lease jeep with two Russian officers drove slowly past and disappeared around a corner.

"When you write your article, I must ask you to keep my name and the name of the firm out of it," the director said earnestly. "In these times we can't be too careful."

Former Governor Slated to Speak At Annual Banquet

Harry F. Kelly, former governor and current candidate for that office, will be the guest speaker when the Oakland County Council of Veterans annual Past Commanders banquet is held Nov. 2. Reservations for the affair must be made before Nov. 1, according to Jocelyn W. Smith, publicity officer for the organization. The banquet is to be held in the Roosevelt hotel in Pontiac at 6:30.

State department officers of such affiliated veterans group, with E. Judson Campbell, commander of the Consolidated War Veterans Council of Michigan, will be present.

The banquet, the third of its kind, will honor all past commanders of the council which was organized in 1932. Harry J. Pattison, first commander of the organization, is honorary chairman of the 1950 event.

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One Step In Sculpturing



Sculptor William Zorach demonstrates a step in modeling and casting as he removes the mold from a cast figure. This is one of the 20 pictures depicting the most important steps in Zorach's field which are now on display at the Cranbrook school academic building. The display has been brought here through the cooperation of Life magazine.

New City Forester Outlines Program Of Birmingham's Forestry Department

A schedule of new projects which the city forestry department will undertake, has been announced by William Lebold, new city forester.

The new forester graduated from the University of Michigan in 1947 and received his master's degree from Duke University a year later. He came to Birmingham from Fiqua, Ohio, where he was employed by Hartzell Industries, Inc. as a buyer of walnut timber. He is also a Lt. (jg) in the Naval Reserve.

PLANS INCLUDE beautification of the Stanley boulevard in upper Baldwin park to make room for the widening of West Maple; cleanup throughout the city of tree growths and bushes along the side of roads; upkeep of three ice skating rinks; and planting and replacement of 300 trees the city.

At the present time, the department is cleaning and grading the parkway on Stanley. Following this, the area will be seeded. Lebold said that eight mountain ash, ten sweet gum and 25 maple trees will be planted in the parkway this fall.

The mountain ash trees are being placed for ornamental reasons. They rank among the most beautiful of Michigan trees, and grow to a height of approximately 15 to 20 feet, he said. The tree flowers from June to June and bears red berries throughout the winter months.

SOME OF the elm and oak trees which were in the parkway will be left, the forester said. He pointed especially to the Maple street widening. Lebold said that trees will only be moved if they are located where the street will be widened. After the trees are out, the surrounding area will be cleaned and landscaped. Lebold mentioned that the land should be "just as attractive as before."

The Detroit Edison Co. is co-operating with the forestry department in this project by removing trees which are close to the electric lines along Maple.

A LONG-RANGE program will be the removal of bad trees and tree growth along the sides of streets between the curb and sidewalks. Lebold said that the department especially wants to start in Golfview Heights in the southwest section. He said that he hopes to cover areas all over the city, but the project will be gradual and work done when time permits. This winter the department will keep up the three new ice rinks in the city. They will be located at Harmon, St. James and Pembroke parks.

The new park areas were constructed and seeded this summer and the department will keep the parks swept and re-seeded. Lebold mentioned that weather conditions this winter will decide the effectiveness of the ice skating program. The 300 trees which are being planted this fall will replace old trees or go where property has requests received. As many requests as possible are filled but there must be limitations because of financial reasons and weather factors, he added.

ROUTINE WORK which the forestry department will be engaged in is the removal of bad trees throughout the city, tree trimming and elevating, planting and upkeep of trees at Springdale park, and grading and re-seeding areas after construction projects.

This fall 30 to 40 maple trees have been planted at Springdale park. The forester stated that the majority of tree trimming will be done in the winter months. Another duty of the department is to install the lights on the municipal Christmas trees each December. Each Halloween, it is responsible together with the recreation commission for setting up the bon fire on the Hill school grounds.

The department is composed of our permanent men besides Lebold, and one temporary worker. The forestry department was made a separate department Sept. 1, when Lebold was hired. After the resignation of John Johnson as city forester, June 30, the department was placed under the DPW until the appoint-

March of Dimes Fund Campaign Date Set; County Opens Office

Dates of the 1951 March of Dimes campaign have been set for January 15-30, by the National Foundation for the Crippled Children.

Carl W. Doneison, chairman of the Oakland county chapter, announces the appointment of Mrs. Ruth W. Marshall as executive secretary. She began her duties on Oct. 1.

The county chapter has opened a new office at 34 South Telegraph road, Pontiac. Week-day office hours are between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Airman Assigned to Base in New Jersey

PORT DIX, N. J.—Capt. Arthur Hoover of Birmingham, Michigan, was assigned recently to the Maintenance and Supply Squadron of the 52nd Fighter All-Weather Wing here at McGuire Air Force Base.

Cpl. Hoover, a recent recruit to the U. S. Air Force is serving in an Aero restaurant with the 52nd, a key unit of the Eastern Air Defense Force.

During his previous service, Cpl. Hoover attended the Far East Air Force Construction Technician school, in Japan, where he also served with the 18th Fighter Group.

He is the son of Mrs. Abigail Hoover, 214 Townsend, Birmingham, Mich.

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