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Oakland County Quartets In SPBSQSA Contest

When Detroit Chapter No. 1, S P B Q S A, (The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.) present their 11th Annual Parade of Quartets November 4 at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, "The Claf Dwellers," and "The Note Blenders," both from the society's Oakland County chapter, will have feature spots in the show.

"The Claf Dwellers" have been among SPBSQSA's top national quartets for several years, winning third place in 1948, second in 1949, and second in 1950 in the Society's International contests held annually to pick the finest quartets from among almost 2,000 throughout the country.

"The Note Blenders" are newcomers, organized only one year, who surprised the experts by breaking into the coveted "first five" in their first year of competition when they won fifth place in the International contest in Omaha, Nebraska, this June.

COEDS TRY MASS CALISTHENICS AT STATE COLLEGE

Michigan State College coeds will have a chance to combine "mind and muscles" this fall when they take a whirl at world-famed Swedish mass calisthenics.

The new program at MSC is believed to be the only one of its kind being conducted at any U. S. college, according to Dr. Lydia Lightner, head of the department of women's physical education.

One of Sweden's foremost women physical educators, Kirsten Hardenberg, has been appointed for a year to teach the new gymnastics course; European folk dancing, singing and ice-skating, Dr. Lightner said.

Far from a builder of "muscle-women" the Swedish system is designed to produce mentally and physically fit women—not athletes—who are able to take their places as individuals in a complex society.

"Basically, the Swedish program includes mind-body coordination through rhythmic gymnastics," Miss Hardenberg said, "with naturalness of movement and individual development, emphasized rather than regimental precision."

Miss Hardenberg was graduated from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and received an advanced degree from the Royal Swedish Institute of Gymnastics. She was a member of Sweden's gymnastic team at the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin, Germany.

STATE READY TO SPEED DEFENSE, LEONARD SAYS

Acceleration and expansion of the Michigan civil defense program will get under way immediately as a result of a clarification of Federal planning, State Police Commissioner Donald S. Leonard, who is also state civil defense director, reported upon his return from Washington where he attended a special conference of state civil defense directors called by the civil defense section of the National Security Resources Board.

Much information heretofore lacking regarding the Federal program was disclosed to the directors, who met behind closed doors at the NSRB offices. Upon the basis of what was outlined state directors are now in better position to proceed with establishing their organizations.

Among important subjects covered were the air raid shelter program, communications, financing, relationship between the department of defense and civil defense, plant protection, equipment requirements, training manuals, and a proposal to conduct federal technical training schools to train cadres of state personnel who would then act as instructors on the state and local levels.

Emphasis was placed upon the federal intention to channel all information and operations through state directors and through them to local directors, with such special applications as might be necessitated.

The editor of an early Boston newspaper organized public meetings and demonstrations in favor of forming a United States with a Constitution. It is believed that his activities did much to cause Massachusetts to ratify the Constitution.

Most of the Mayflower pioneers came to this country because they had been persecuted for their expression of beliefs in England.

NORTH SIDE NEWS
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Mrs. N. R. Wyckoff of Cocoa, Florida, was a visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Roy Wilson, on Bartlett Road last week. While she was here, Mrs. Wyckoff traveled with Mrs. Wilson to Cadillac for a few days' visit with friends and relatives there.

A personal wedding shower in honor of Priscilla Griffin of Alyce Kay Road was given by Miss Ann Dwyer in her home on Allison Drive October 13. Guests at the shower included Mrs. John DeWitt, Miss Marian Rowland, Mrs. Floyd Meyer, Mrs. Carl Johnston, Mrs. Stanley Smith, Mrs. Ralph Houtz, Mrs. John Miner, Mrs. Gordon Hart, Mrs. James Regan, Mrs. Cerra, Mrs. Jack McCabe, Mrs. Floyd Griffin, Miss Mary Lou Dwyer, and Mrs. William Dwyer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chapp of Greening were in Detroit last Saturday for the wedding of Jean Chapple and George Balames.

Mr. Carl Duquet of Greening was at Briggs Stadium as a guest of Mr. H. Morris for the California Rams - Detroit Lions game on Sunday.

The Franklin Community Church fair will be held on November 4 in the Franklin Community Hall.

Mrs. Phil Little of 27200 Edgemoor Road has a hobby that grew and grew until it became a greenhouse. She would like to have visitors look over that greenhouse. Arrangements can be made by calling her at 0390-J.

A linen shower in honor of Priscilla Griffin of AlyceKay was given by her sister, Mrs. William Kingsley, at her home on Shawanaga October 15. Relatives and a few friends attended the evening shower. The mantle was decorated for the event with a tiny bride encircled with tiny white flowers. Miss Griffin will be married October 28 at the Methodist church in Farmington.

There will be a Halloween Bake Sale at Brown's Grocery on October 28, sponsored by Bond School Parent Teachers Ways and Means Committee.

Carol Chapp and Louise Duquet of Greening were in for the Holly Farmington football game and Injun Summer dance last week.

Thursday, November 2, will be the next meeting of the Franklin Garden Club, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Janson of Northwestern. The guest speaker will talk on the subject of "shrubbery".

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duquet and Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Chapp of Greening were at Huck's last Tuesday evening.

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