

Alexandria Harmonizers 70th Anniversary Throwback Thursdays

No. 6 – Burning of the Greens

During the 1950s, the Alexandria Harmonizers participated in the “Burning of the Greens,” an Alexandria winter celebration of Epiphany with blazing Christmas trees, followed by a Chapter “Heatglow” at the Bennett residence. The Twelfth Night tradition was continued in later years with a Harmonizer performance at Goodwin House and the Heatglow fellowship at the Werner home.

The Alexandria Chapter gradually became an effective and admired non-profit arts organization with a focus on artistic excellence, community outreach, and musical education, especially for youth.

Over the years the Harmonizers have enjoyed the mutual goodwill and support of Alexandria’s Mayor and City Council; Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Alexandria Commission for the Arts; Alexandria Chamber of Commerce; Alexandria Arts Forum; Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association; Virginia Commission for the Arts; Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington; Washington DC Convention and Visitors Association; Chorus America; and Contemporary A Cappella Society of America.

The Chapter, in turn, has donated a multitude of chorus and quartet outreach appearances at hospitals; schools; senior living facilities; churches; City Concerts at Durant Center, Lee Center, Market Square, Carlyle Park, Del Ray, Hoffman Center, Fort Ward Park, and King Street Arts Festival; Harmonizers’ Annual Community Holiday Song Festivals; Red Cross Waterfront Festival; George Washington Masonic Memorial; Old Town Caroling; Singing Valentines; Old Dominion Boat Club; Watergate Barge; Cherry Blossom and Gay Pride Parades; and at concerts, sporting events, and iconic locations in the Nation’s Capital and the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The Alexandria Harmonizers have joined SPEBSQSA Inc dba Barbershop Harmony Society in generous charitable support of the Institute of Logopedics and, its successor, the Harmony Foundation. *A Gift of Music ... a gift of love.*

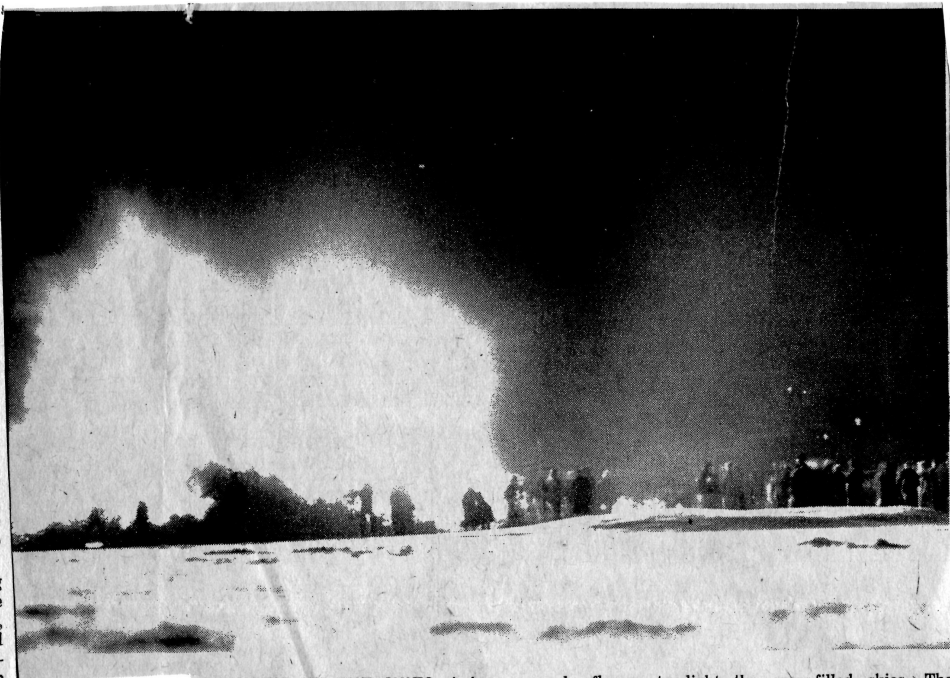
Barber Shop Group To Harmonize At Greens Burning

The Alexandria Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America will round out a holiday season of civic activity when members appear at the "Burning of the Greens" to be held tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue and Braddock Road. The event is sponsored by the local Boy Scouts.

Following the ceremonies they will be guests of member Bill Bennett and Mrs. Bennett at their home at 802 S. Overlook Drive at the annual "Heat Glow" when hot spiced apple cider is served.

The Harmonizers caroled at the Anne Lee Memorial Home at 201 N. Fairfax St. Dec. 15 under the direction of Oz Newgard, who also did the commentary.

A busload of the singers sang Dec. 22 through the halls of the two Alexandria Hospital facilities, the National Orthopaedic Hospital and gave a program in the auditorium at the Methodist Hermitage on Fairbanks Avenue.



LIGHTING UP THE SKIES—A huge mound of Christmas trees, discarded by Alexandrians and collected by city Boy Scout troops, aided by the city personnel and trucks, as well as by the Contractors' Association, goes up in

flames to light the snow-filled skies. The Christmas tree burning took place during the height of the snowfall which left streets icy, fenders bent and temperatures below freezing.