



JAN 19th '79 GREATER MANCHESTER BHC OPEN NIGHT AT
THE TRAVELLERS CALL, HYDE RD, STOCKPORT.



A barbershop

ON Friday and Saturday Park Hall, near Chorley, will stage the North's first Barbershop Bonanza. This mammoth singing spectacle has been organised by Preston Barbershop Harmony Club under director Barry Nowell. Television, radio and a record company have already shown an interest and barbershop fans

SOUTHPORT MASONIC GROUP CONCERT

Proceeds in aid of 1981
RMBI Festival

Southport St. John Silver Band
Preston Barbers Shop Group

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd,
1979

Tickets £1 each
from Lodge RMBI Representatives

It's the barber shop sound

ONE of Lancashire's top cabaret centres is to play host to a group of singers who could claim to be a cut above the rest.

The biggest convention of barber shop singing ever held in the North is to take place at Park Hall, Charnock Richard, on March 16 and 17.

More than 200 enthusiasts will be bringing their own brand of four part harmony singing to Lancashire.

The amateur singers, who only perform for charity, are having the show recorded for a new disc. Among the clubs performing will be the Preston branch, which was founded four years ago.

Former Preston club chairman Mr Stanley Strange explained that barbershop singing started off in America in the early 1800s.

"The men used to come down from the hills once every two months to get a shave and as you can imagine there were a lot of them all waiting for the barber," he said.

"To pass the time they would sing together and the barbers often joined in."

There is a British Association of Barbershop Harmony Clubs.

"We have our own special costumes and wear the straw hats as well and we have some very successful lady members. The 1978 gold medals ladies quartet from Reading will be on the bill at Park Hall."

The Preston club is open to new members and rehearse every Thursday night at St Walburge's School. 1st MAR 79