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FACTS CONCERNING THE FOUR FLATS:

Members-- Ronald Crecelius, lead; Norval Hadley, tenor; Harlow Ankeny, baritone; Dick Cadd, bass.

Organized in January of 1947 at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, a Christian Liberal Arts college from which all four men graduated with the A. B. degree. Each man is now a devoted Christian leader in church and community affairs in his respective sphere of influence.

The Four Flats won the Pacific Northwest Barbershop Ballad contest for two consecutive years -- 1947 and 1948. In 1949 they won the alternate position to the International Barbershop Contest.

The Four Flats were featured in the 1948 internationally-known Portland, Oregon, Rose Festival and Parade.

The Four Flats have taken three extensive tours across the United States, singing in the largest evangelistic campaigns, in leading churches and with outstanding Christian leaders of this day.

The Four Flats have taken a number of trips up and down the Pacific Coast and into Canada singing for various Christian groups. In 1950, the Four Flats made a six-weeks missionary tour of Alaska.

From September 4 to November 4, 1955, The Four Flats made an evangelistic mission to the Far East where they saw hundreds come to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. The tour included the following nations: Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Formosa, Hong Kong and the Philippine Islands. This tour was made in cooperation with World Vision, Inc.; Youth for Christ, International; Orient Crusades, and many established denominational and interdenominational mission stations. Hundreds of colored missionary pictures were taken and are now being shown in their services.

The Four Flats have been professionally filmed in a 20-minute full color Christian musical which features exclusively, The Four Flats, and which has been seen around the world. Phonograph records are also available.

The Four Flats have been known through the years for "clean" musical and variety entertainment and as a result have been in demand and have sung for scores of conventions of distinguished business and professional men, as well as church and Christian social functions.

The Four Flats, with an entertaining 45-minute act, have sung in scores of high schools around the country and have an open door to private and public schools wherever they go.

Statistics-- The Four Flats have appeared before over 2000 separate public groups.

They have been heard on more than 200 radio broadcasts including two network programs.

They have sung to an estimated 800,000 people, not including radio audiences.

They have traveled approximately 140,000 miles in quartet trips.

FACTS ABOUT EACH MEMBER OF THE FOUR FLATS:

Each member of the quartet married his college sweetheart and each wife graduated from college the same year as her husband. Each couple now has a family of at least two children.

Norval Hadley -- Originally from Albany, Oregon.
Received the bachelor of arts degree (A.B.) from George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, 1949.
Received the bachelor of divinity degree (B.D.) from Western Evangelical Seminary, Jennings Lodge, Oregon, 1953.
Now is pastor of Parkrose Friends Church, Portland, Oregon.
Wife--Mary, married in December, 1948.
Children-- David, born March 18, 1952
Marilyn, born December 17, 1954.

Ronald Crecelius-- Originally from Indianapolis, Indiana.
Received the bachelor of arts degree (A.B.) from George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, 1948.
Received the bachelor of theology degree (Th.B.) from George Fox in 1952.
Received the master of religious education degree (M.R.E.) at Western Evangelical Seminary, Jennings Lodge, Oregon, 1955.
Is now employed by World Vision, Inc., Portland, Oregon.
Wife--Divonna, married in June, 1947.
Children-- Ronald, Jr., born October 26, 1949;
Diann, born March 24, 1951;
Rodney, born September 25, 1953;
Denise, born December 2, 1955.

Richard Cadd-- Originally from Camas, Washington.
Received the bachelor of arts degree (A.B.) from George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, 1949.
Has had further graduate work toward the master of arts degree from various institutions.
Is now employed at World Vision, Inc., Portland, Oregon.
Wife--Helen, married in September, 1947.
Children-- Carolyn, born August 9, 1949;
Jonathan, born October 13, 1951;
Stephen, born September 2, 1954.

Harlow Ankeny-- Originally from Allen, Nebraska (Attended high school, Salem, Oregon).
Received the bachelor of arts degree (A.B.) from George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, 1950.
Is now Director of Public Relations, George Fox College.
Wife--Gertrude, married in September, 1949.
Children-- Curtis, born April 4, 1952;
Robin, born November 8, 1953.