

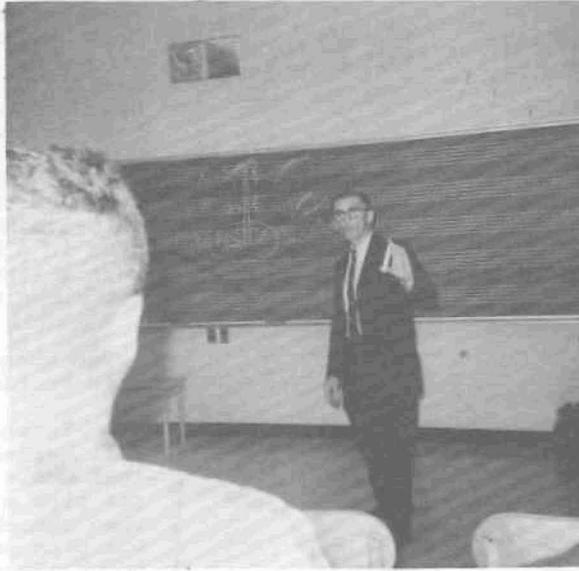
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Potpourri From Pete

Every time I open this column I usually have to sit in front of the typewriter for half an hour or so to come up with a subject. Not this time however, for this time I would like to express the Troubadour Staff's opinion on what we feel is the feeling many chapters get around convention time...NOT CONTEST TIME. Sure there are contests at these conventions and that probably is one of the highlights of the entire weekend but you chapter officers and chorus directors, do not forget when it comes spring and fall that there is more to a convention than just competition. It certainly is tiresome to hear this chapter or that say that "we aren't going this year because the chorus is not ready. Phooie!! there is more to a convention than that. If all you members did during a convention was go around and meet some of your brothers of the ringing chord and make friends I do promise you it has to be worth the trip. Bart Tillitt claims (and I cannot deny-I have seen it happen) that sometimes he goes just to have a chance to sing a NEW TAG with whoever has one, and if they don't, Bart usually does.

What we are really getting down to in this disertation is the real nitty-gritty. Conventions are not for Chorus and Quartet Competitors only. Conventions are for the entire membership of the Michigan District. It is your right, to your advantage, and your duty to attend these conventions, and besides, as the children of the flowers will tell you it is where it's happening, Ace! So, if you missed Windsor that's too bad, you missed a great time. So do start planning to attend the Muskegon Convention in the spring. Even if you are not going to compete, there must be some enthusiastic member in your chapter who can organize a bus ride for the chapter to attend the convention. That would be a different approach.

Labor Day at Harrisville was a giant smash again this year from all reports, and you can read these reports on other pages of this issue. I wish that I could make a report first hand but again this year I was unable to attend although I did come closer than ever before.

This year four of us made it as far as Mackinaw City (we went the back way) and had planned to be in Harrisville all day Monday. While in Mackinaw City, which is by the way the home of the burly and illustrious baritone Bob Tracy we stopped in to bust a tag. As always when we got up there we found Tracy not at work so we hustled up to the bar now known as "Peer Richards" named after Dick Lee the great and illustrious bass of the onetime District Champions the ON-CHORDS to see if ol' Tracy is directing traffic, but lo and behold, his lovely wife Florence informs us that Bob, the olod that he is, has had an accident at work about a month before and is home in a hospital bed with a cast from his hip to his little toe and of course is miserable to get along with (nothing unusual really, this is

tough when he is completely healthy) so we went back to his house.

To shorten this up and so you can see the real seriousness of Bob's situation, it seems that while at work they were installing a new gas pipe sixty feet long and a foot in diameter when the chain broke and trapped his foot under the pipe smashing the ankle completely. He spent about three and a half hours on the operating table. I haven't heard anything to date so we assume the operation was a success.

Also, Bill Dolzel had some serious heart trouble but then shortly after, old crazy Bill was in Harrisville so I guess this proves you can't keep a good man down.

Let's bust one by and by.....

PETE

ON THE COVER

What Is Stienkamp?

Well, let's see, I don't think you can come up with one word to describe a Stienkamp. But, if you ever have been exposed to this little tyrant you cannot help yourself from becoming enthusiastic about barbershopping.

There is no question that International has chosen the perfect salesman to sell their product, (your hobby) to you. No doubt Loyn Stinkuf has been labeled everything from "renegade secessionist" to a "harmony addict" by many of the people he runs into. He is all of these things in many ways. If I were to attempt to do his impossible job I would sure try to use his game plan and his technique because in the Michigan District he draws nothing but praise from whoever was fortunate to be on one of his sessions.

We at the Harmony Barbershoppe were more than fortunate because through much cajoling of Em Sperling we talked him into including us in on Stein's tour of Grand Rapids. We spent 5 crazy, daffy hours with Lloyd and since that crazy little guy with his pointed nose and wit to match.

Lloyd, if you read this, and you had better because I will be sending you a dozen copies, I would like to express the thanks of the Troubadour staff for the kind words.

THE STAFF

MINUTES OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT HOUSE OF DELEGATES
HELD OCTOBER 13, 1967

The annual meeting of the Michigan District House of Delegates was held at the Hotel Norton-Palmer, Windsor, Ontario, Canada on October 13, 1967. Delegates from 30 chapters answered the roll call. District officers present were Al Burgess, Eric Schultz, Dr. Anderson, E. E. Ryan, Gene Gillem, R. J. Schied and Lou Harrington. Also present was International Vice-President San Stahl. The meeting was called to order by President Schultz at 8:45 P. M. Immediate Past President Burgess gave the invocation. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as was the Treasurer's Report. Vice-Presidents Anderson, Ryan and Gillem gave reports on the condition of the chapters in their respective zones. Secretary Harrington, in his report, emphasized the necessity of chapters filing their corporate annual reports with the State of Michigan and their income tax returns with the U. S. Government.

Burt Szabo, Chairman of the Contest and Judging Committee, gave his report emphasizing the necessity of finding more judge candidates and also suggested that Michigan consider using double panels for their contest, the District to pay the additional expense.

Lowell Wolfe, Chairman of the Service Project Committee, reported on plans for a benefit show for the Institute of Logopedics, suggesting the dates of June 8th or 15th to be held at the Kellogg Auditorium in Battle Creek. His suggestion met with an enthusiastic response. Oakland County Chapter then handed the Service Project Committee a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the Institute.

On behalf of the Achievement Award Committee, Ted Verway read a report and plaques were presented to the winners for the year 1966 to Oakland County in the Gold Division and Flint in the Silver Division.

International Vice-President Sam Stahl then gave the keynote address. He discussed musical aspects of the Society and urged promotion of membership. He cited the need for more musical activity and less administrative emphasis.

The next question was that of amending Article 7.01 and 8.01 of the By-Laws to provide for an additional Vice-President to be indicated as the First Vice-President. The amendment as presented was amended to make it effective in May of 1968 with the new Vice-President to be elected by the House of Delegates at its Spring meeting in Muskegon. In the future said Vice-President will be elected at the Annual Meeting.

The subject of raiding smaller chapters was then brought up for discussion. Several delegates from smaller chapters lamented the fact that larger chapters recruited members for their choruses from the smaller neighbors thereby seriously affecting the welfare of many chapters.

A discussion arose concerning the Seneca Land District's resolution to Internation in connection with reducing the minimum required to maintain a charter. The delegates voted unanimously to instruct the Michigan District delegate to support this suggestion.

The report of the Nominating Committee was then given but considerable discussion arose regarding the failure of the committee to announce the nominations at least 30 days prior to the Fall meeting. A motion was made and passed that the report be rejected and that nominations be taken from the floor for all offices. The election was held and the following were elected officers for 1968:

President	Gene Gillem
Vice-President-Zone I	E. E. Ryan
Vice-President-Zone II	Emerson Sperling
Vice-President-Zone III	Tom Damm
Vice-President-Zone IV	Ron Gillies
Treasurer	R. J. Schied
Secretary	Louis R. Harrington

Bids for the 1969 Spring convention were then considered, and the House of Delegates awarded the 1969 Spring convention to the Saginaw Chapter to be held April 25, 1969.

President Schyltz, in his report, reviewed the condition of the District and reported to the House of Delegates on efforts being made to assure a regular publication of the Troubadour. Many questions were raised from the floor regarding the fact that only two issues thus far have been published in 1967. Jim Davenport, a former editor, made several suggestions, as did several other delegates. President Schultz assured the House of Delegates that the Board would give this matter prime consideration.

The new officers were then introduced and the president's pin was presented to Gene Gillem by President Schultz who was presented with his past president's pin by Immediate Past President Burgess and a gift of a travelling bag. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis R. Harrington
District Secretary



1967-68 DISTRICT CHAMPS
The Sharplifters



FLINT CHAPTER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1967

The Flint Chapter has had an active summer. Regular meetings; Owosso visitation on August 8, Tri-Chapter meeting in Saginaw on August 11th; Flint picnic on August 6th; Pontiac Corn Roast on August 18th, Holly-Fenton picnic on August 27 plus Board Meetings.

The fall promises many more attractive affairs such as:

- Harrisville - September 1 - 4
- Chorus Directors School in Lansing September 8 - 10
- Regular Meetings September 12 and 26

In October we start meeting every Tuesday for chorus practice with the 2nd and 4th Tuesday being our regular meeting with program, food and refreshments, - plus on October 10th we show the Los Angeles film.

October 13th through the 15th is the Fall Convention in Windsor.

October 21st is the Saginaw show.

November 14th-Tri-Chapter in Flint

November 25th is the Holly-Fenton Show.

January 13th is Ladies Night & installation of officers for 1968.

February 3rd-Tri-Chapter meeting in Holly-Fenton.

REPORTER.....LES LANG

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

All chapter secretaries are reminded that reports of newly elected officers should be forwarded at once to both the International and the District secretaries. Compilation of the 1968 District Directory is impossible without these lists. This information is also necessary in order to send out notices of training programs to the new officers.

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The training school for new chapter officers (COTS) will be held in Lansing on Saturday, January 27, 1968. All chapter officers are urged to reserve this day and plan to attend this important session.

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As their administrative terms approach an end, chapter officers are cautioned to be sure that all outstanding obligations, such as per capita dues and sanction fee payments, are made so that newly elected officers will not be burdened with old debts.

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WAYNE GETS HARRISVILLE TROPHY Oct. 13, 1967

47% of Wayne's members and their families flocked into Harrisville over the Labor Day Week-end to win the attendance trophy. This means that yours truly will not have to buy lollipops for the winning chapter. The Wayne Wonderland Chorus helped to round out a perfectly marvelous program on Sunday afternoon and are certainly looking forward to appearing on next year's show.

Hearty congratulations to Pete Elkins for getting the Troubadour back in biz again. We will send in copy if you will print it.

Wayne Wonderland Chorus just finished putting on a show for the Plymouth Fall Festival in Plymouth and have a Kiwanis show scheduled in Allen Park on October 7th. Then comes the contest in Windsor for which everyone seems to be chomping at the bit in eager anticipation.

This month we resume our indoor meetings at Hawthorne Valley Country Club on Warren Road at Merriman. Come bust a chord with us any 1st or 3rd Friday at 9 o'clock, - and bring a friend.

On September 24th Wayne had scheduled a late fall picnic to get the current fall social season underway.

A word of advice to some of you chapters who never include your wives in your barber-shop affairs. Don't miss a good bet! Encourage the little woman to come along to conventions and contests and just see how enthusiastic she becomes. For a good example just notice what a heavenly rooting section Wayne has at chorus competitions; win or lose, and what a ball we have afterward too.

If this whole report sounds of a boastful nature, - well, - that is what was intended. After all, we are proud of our chapter just as you should be of yours. As we stated several months ago, "Enthusiasm Begets Enthusiasm" so come on, let us boast it up.

In an earlier edition we stated that our main goal for 1967 was to reach a membership of 70,...as of this writing we now stand at 66 members as compared with 48 a year ago.

Yours for E. - O. - A.
(Enthusiasm-Optimism-Action)

MORRIE GILES

MEN OF A NOTE

John Champine, Jay Welch, Robert L. Scott, Rawley Hallman, Jerry Leroux, Norman Schram, Frank Bateson, Pete Montague, Mark Jordan, Dean Fisher, Louis De Vito, Frank Shank, Al Fricker, Robert Powell, Lawrence Swan, Chuck Willcock, Louis Harrington



Mr. & Mrs. Duane Mosier of 16196 Harlow, Detroit, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, October 10th.

They were joined by 83 enthusiastic well wishers in the Gold Banquet Room of Gregar's Pickwick Restaurant.

Duane has long been an active member and is a past president of the old Northwest Detroit Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. and the guests were enthralled with the barbershop quartet harmony that prevailed during the course of the celebration.

Mr. Mosier, raised in PawPaw, Michigan, is a retired attorney who practiced in Detroit for 40 years and for 15 years was a member of the Appeal Board of the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

Mrs. Mosier, the former Polly Phillips, was raised in Lansing, Michigan, and has worked for 25 years until her retirement, as Executive Secretary at the National Bank of Detroit. After her retirement she accepted the position of Executive Director of Recording for the Blind.

The Mosiers first met while they were both working for the state government in Lansing; he on the staff of the Attorney General's office and she as a proof reader for the State Senate.

They were married on October 10th, 1917 during the First World War. Judge Carl D. Mosier, brother of the groom, was in attendance as were friends Mr. & Mrs. Owen Emmons of Detroit, also present were Mrs. Jessie Johnson, sister of the bride, and Mr. & Mrs. Ezra Fry, a fellow Detroit attorney and a long time friend.

Photographs of the entire proceedings were taken by former Northwest Chapter member, Walter Tedrick and presented to the Mosier's in a beautiful album, memorial of the occasion.

The celebration festivities were ably skipped by fellow barbershopper, James Sandry of Rosedale Park. The occasion re-united most of the old Northwest Detroit Chapter members, who have joined other chapters or dropped out of barbershopping altogether since the disbanding of their chapter.

The former chapter quartet THE SCOREKEEPERS, started off the show with a bang and were followed by the popular Bernie Smith family quartet, THE SMITHTONIANS. Beautiful soprano solos were sung by Mrs. Fay Pantera, accompanied by Mrs. Jan Ebersole. Both ladies are members of the St. James Methodist Church where the Mosiers have been members for the past 15 years.

The highlight of the evening was the renditions of the 1966 International Quartet Champions THE AUTO TOWNERS, good friends of Duane and tremendously popular throughout the country. They brought down the house so to speak with "Polly,--- I'm always thinking of you, Polly".

These fellows are a genuine credit to barber-shopping and visibly display the spirit of good fellowship and enjoyment associated with barber-shopping.

All their guests, friends and relatives wish Duane and Polly sincerest congratulations and many more years of happiness together.

REPORTER.....PAT DICKINSON

Send \$1 with your name and address to:
Barbershop, Box 6684, Clinton, Indiana

ATTENTION!

WHO SHALL IT BE?

Yes, Barbershoppers, it is up for grabs. Who will be the new editor of the Troubadour? I have a file cabinet full of old pictures and old issues of our little magazine plus a smooth running IBM typewriter for pounding out the copy.

I have learned alot from my short career as your editor and will miss the opportunity to see all the news first, however, I no longer have the time necessary to put out a first class magazine as we all desire our Troubadour to be

If you are interested, just drop me a line as your convenience....don't stampe all interested parties will be carefully considered.

So come now, all you short ones, tall ones, thin ones, fat ones, bald ones or hairy ones, consider the challenge presented to you and speak up now!

Pete Elkins
2152 Airway N. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

The President Speaks

Time has a habit of moving very swiftly. I am reminded of this when I realize that our House of Delegates meets on October 13th at 9 P.M. at the Norton-Palmer Hotel in Windsor, Ontario in conjunction with our Fall Convention to elect a new slate of Dist Officer for the coming year and to consider many other items important to every member of the Michigan District.

As your district President for the past two years I have gained knowledge that can only be gained by actually serving in this capacity. I do therefore, pass on to you, the membership, my suggestions for your consideration and discussion at the House of Delegates Meeting.

I would suggest that you consider the election of an Executive Vice President who could take some of the work load off the President and carry such assignments as the District President deemed vital to the successful operation of the District, such as:

Serve as direct liaison for extention prospects

Serve as the coordinator for H.E.P. Schools, C.O.T.s Schools, and for the field trips in his District by Society Field Personal such as Lloyd Steinkamp, Bob Johnson and others.

Or any other project the District President might assign him to.

He could also serve as Chairman in a District Board or House of Delegates Meeting in the event the District President was rendered incapable of serving.

He would report directly to the District President on the progress of his assignments.

The Executive Vice President would not necessarily succeed to District President unless he were elected by the House of Delegates.

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Committees are not successful unless they are active and it is somewhat difficult for a committee chairman in one part of the District to coordinate his efforts with others of his committee in other parts of the District. I therefore suggest that wherever possible a certain chapter assumes the responsibility of executing the various committees assignments such as the District Service Project. As a chapter they could carry out a fund raising event with much more ease and cooperative effort than could a single chairman, also they would have the cooperation of other chapters and quartets and in this way meet our District financial obligation to the children at the institute in a single effort. This would also make the people to whom you sell tickets aware that we are a Service Organization and that "we sing that they shall speak".

And with proper publicity this could bring in many new members for your chapter. Is your chapter willing to volunteer for 1968? A chapter could also assume the responsibility of hosting C.O.T.s School, H.E.P. School, Chorus Directors School, Quartet Promotion Sessions and even publish the Troubadour, with much more success and ease than can a committee chairman and his assistants. The Michigan Districts need to be stimulated to a cooperative effort!

I am sure your chapter has some ideas, you as a member must have some ideas, and you must also have some gripes, let's hear them!!

Your nominating committee has gone to great lengths to select a slate of officers for the Michigan District for the year 1968. This does not mean you cannot nominate someone from the floor at the House of Delegates Meeting if you feel he would be a better man and an asset to the district. Perhaps you don't agree with one of the Bylaws governing this district, propose a change, put it in letter form to the District Secretary, your idea may be a better one.

It is my opinion we need your ideas and your gripes, however, WE MUST ALSO HAVE YOUR PARTICIPATION.

What do you think?

Respectfully,

ERIC SCHULTZ
District President

THE KASUAL-Ds

Runner-ups at windsor are shown here entertaining the newly licensed chapter in Grand Haven Mich.



MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING HELD IN LANSING ON October 29, 1967

A meeting of the Michigan District Board of Directors was held at the Inn America on Sunday morning, October 29, 1967. Members of the old Board who were present included President Eric Schultz, Gene Gillem, Louis R. Harrington and Mike Shied. New Board members present were Emerson Sperling, Tom Damm and Ron Gillies. The meeting convened at 10:00 A.M.

President-Elect Gillem then reviewed his work plan for 1968 announcing that the District's goal would be a 5% increase in membership. The status of the various chapters was then reviewed and names of prospects for Area Counselors were considered. It was decided that hereafter officers and area counselors would be entitled to a mileage allowance of 5¢ per mile for any official travel made by them.

Mike Shied, Chairman, then presented the proposed budget for 1968 on behalf of the Budget Committee. This budget was approved.

Considerable emphasis was placed upon the fact that the publication bi-monthly of the Michigan Troubadour is mandatory. This will be a matter of prime concern for the 1968 officers.

It was decided to hold the chapter officer's training school in the Lansing area on Saturday, January 27, 1968. Arrangements will be made for this event promptly.

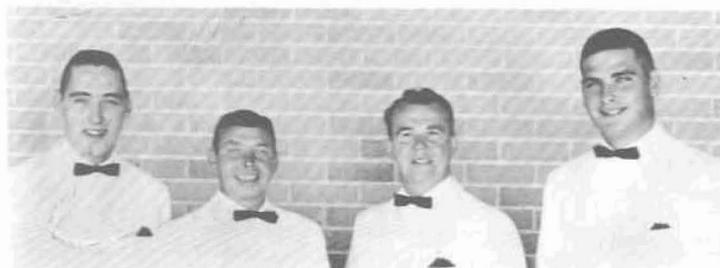
The Board acted favorably upon the request of Lowell Wolfe, Chairman of the District's Service Project Committee, on the proposed show of June 8, 1968 to benefit the Logopedics Institute.

Secretary Harrington then submitted for consideration by the Board a change in chorus contest awards. The Board adopted the plan whereby the following awards will be made at the District chorus contest held each Spring; first, second and third place choruses will be presented with awards; a junior chorus award will be made to the next highest chorus from a chapter that has never won a District championship and no chorus will be eligible for repeating in the junior championship until five years have elapsed; a novice chorus championship will be awarded to the next chorus from a chapter which has never won any position whatsoever.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis R. Harrington, District Secretary



Coming Events

(Requests for parade date clearance and sanction fee payments should be sent to

District Secretary Louis R. Harrington
2361 First National Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226

January 20, 1968	Pontiac Parade
February 24, 1968	Dearborn Parade
March 2, 1968	Kalamazoo Parade
March 16, 1968	Monroe Parade
March 23, 1968	Battle Creek Parade
April 6, 1968	Bush League Contest Boyer City
April 20, 1968	Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids
May 3-4-5, 1968	International Pre- liminaries, Muskegon
May 10 or 11, 1968	Oakland County Parade (tentative)
October 18-20, 1968	District Contest and Convention, Monroe
March 1, 1969	Kalamazoo Parade
March 15, 1969	Monroe Parade
April 12, 1969	Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids
April 25-27, 1969	International Pre- liminaries, Saginaw
October 10-12, 1969	District Contest (tentative)
April 18, 1970	Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids
April 24-26, 1970	International Pre- liminaries (tentative)
October 9-11, 1970	District Contest (tentative)
April 17, 1971	Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids
April 23-25, 1971	International Pre- liminaries (tentative)
October 8, 1971	District Contest (tentative)

IS YOUR CHAPTER MENTIONED IN THIS
ISSUE OF THE TROUBADOUR?
IF NOT....WHY NOT?



