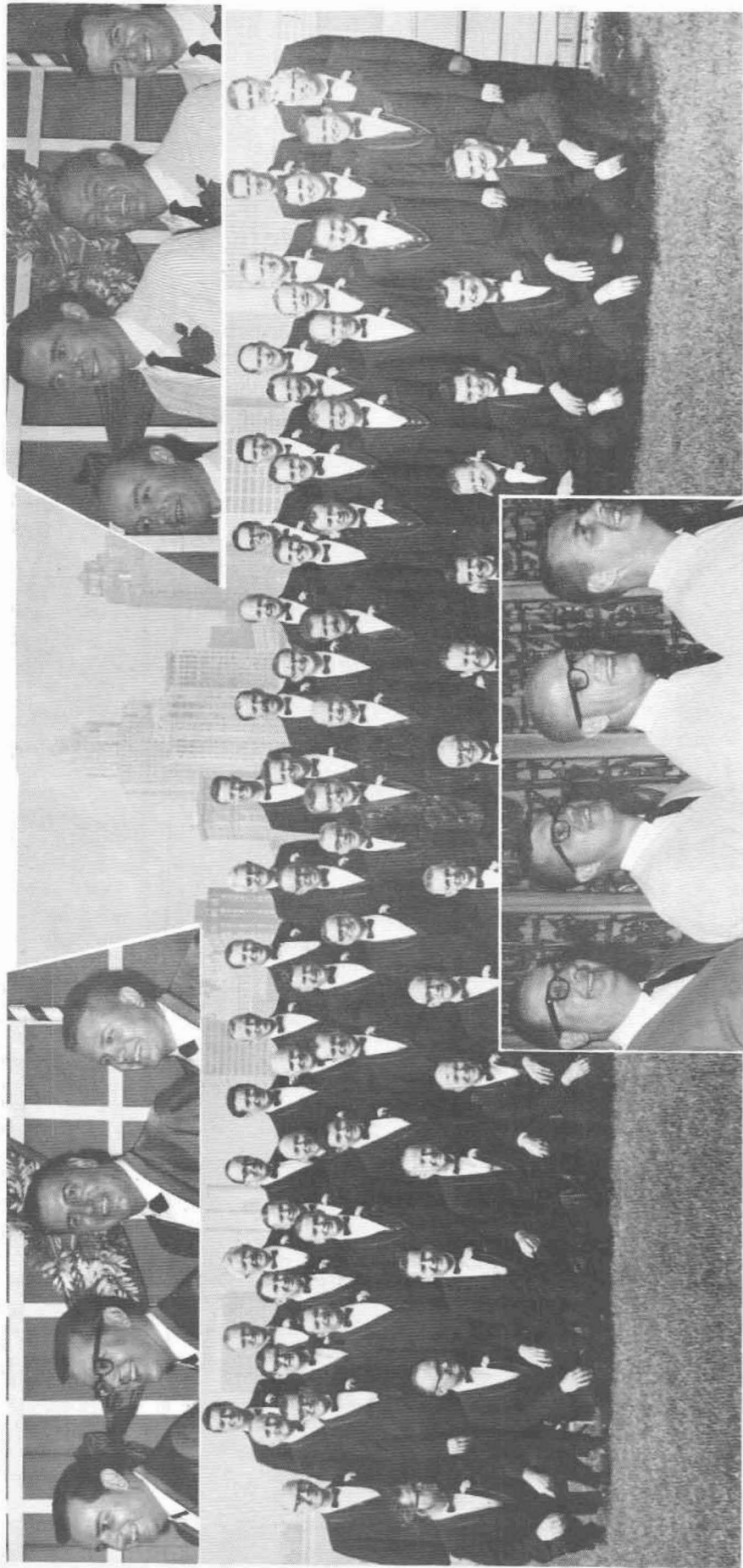


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Off The Davenport

Wow--what a convention. The inflexible due date of the 1st of the month has been varied this month in order to bring to you unfortunate people who missed the convention some of its highlights. While "wow" is a gross understatement, we must use it, for lack of a better description.

With 14 choruses competing (some 431 men) and a total of 11 quartets, this editor has never enjoyed closer or more interesting competition. When the headquarters hotel became involved in a labor strike, the Muskegon Chapter shifted its center of operations down the street one block to the Elks' Lodge whose facilities proved to be beautifully adequate inspite of the huge crowds of barbershoppers who turned out for this convention.

The action started right in on Friday night at the Delegates' Meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be in the next issue of the Troubadour, but we wish to announce one piece of very interesting news that came out of that meeting. The resolution introduced by the Windsor, Ont. Chapter and very nicely presented by Ted Verwey was passed and, as soon as the legal work can be accomplished, we can all say with pride that we belong to the PIONEER DISTRICT.

The resolution proposed by the Dearborn Chapter regarding abolition of the District Sanction Fee was sent to committee for reporting back at our fall convention.

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Above, we mentioned that some 431 men competed in

our District Chorus Contest. Imagine this many men singing in one chorus under the direction of Bob Johnson. That was the aim Lowell Wolfe had in formulating the "Fabulous 400" headlining the Battle Creek Logopedics Show on June 8.

When Lowell Wolfe, District Service Chairman, proposed this show, the District gave its overwhelming approval to it and the whole concept of it is a perfect example of the PIONEERING spirit of this, the PIONEER District. It can, and should, set an example of what we Barbershoppers can do.

In effect, with District sanction, Lowell Wolfe pledged the District membership to support of this project. It was men like this, with their imaginative thinking, and with a lot of hard work (certainly Lowell and the Battle Creek Chapter have contributed more than a fair share of this) that made this Society, this the PIONEER District what it is today. It is this type of man who guarantees our tomorrow. Let us not sit home and see what happens--let us, instead, attend this show.

This editor feels that this event should be attended and supported by very Barbershopper in the District. COME--SING, THAT THEY SHALL SPEAK.

BATTLE CREEK on JUNE 8. PLAN ON IT NOW. . .

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The Pioneer District Troubadour has gained two more employees this month (unpaid, of course). We are privileged to have, once again, a Feminine Observer on the staff of the Troubadour. We know you will all enjoy reading this column written by Dora Vogel, wife of long-time Barbershopper Otto Vogel of the Detroit Chapter. Dora and Otto have been seen for years attending shows and ladies nights all over the District and we feel safe in saying they haven't missed an International Convention in umpteen years. As she says in her first column in this issue, "tap me on the shoulder", send her some interesting material. We are all very pleased that Dora has taken on this job--let us show her by OUR support.

We feel a dream has come true now that Bill Pascher, long-time (25 years) member of the Pontiac Chapter has taken the job of District Photographer for the Troubadour.

Those of you attending the convention probably saw Bill hard at work getting pictures for the Troubadour. The job of District Photographer is probably the most demanding job we can think of. It requires physical presence at District and chapter affairs. While we all realize that Bill cannot possibly attend all chapter functions throughout the District, we recommend that invitations and free tickets be sent to Bill so that he may attend all functions possible.

The results of Bill's work are, and will be, very evident in the appearance and interest of the Troubadour and once again, a formal "thank you, Bill" from all of us.

Following the Leader

District President



Gene Gillem

By the time this is printed, the District Convention will be over and done with, but not forgotten by the lucky quartets and choruses. May the best of the lot win.

I have the results from the Johnny Appleseed District and there was something like 39 quartets entered in that District's contest this year. We have to consider ourselves lucky to have 8-10 entered at the most. I guess I should qualify these figures though. Johnny Appleseed covers a lot more territory and this would explain the difference. I remember the day when we had 20-30 quartets in contests--so it is not impossible.

Are we doing everything possible to correct this condition. If not, what can we do?

I would welcome some comments on how we can improve this situation by way of the Troubadour.

Although the chorus, where there is an active one in a chapter, gives every man a chance to sing, we are still a quartet organization. I think the Chorus Director working with the Program V. P. could work up some quartet interest in the course of planning programs.

I was one of the few that attended the Bush League this year on April 6. There were numerous reasons given for non-attendance. They were all good, I am sure. The fact remains, there were only six quartets entered originally and after three scratches, plus one quartet hastily put together (didn't sound bad either), we ended up with four in competition.

My point is this: We have to have more quartets, more encouragement of same, and more inducement for them to enter competition--be it Bush League or on the District level or both.

I think many winning quartets feel they have won a pretty hollow victory with so little competition in numbers.

Let's just see if each chapter can come up with a new organized quartet this year and let them get their feet wet at the Bush League next year. After all, many of Michigan's top quartets got their first thrill

of competition at Boyne City.

If just 50% of these newly organized quartets actually stayed together, it would give the Michigan District, each Chapter, and all members a terrific boost and let us start up the come-back trail. The Michigan District has a very proud past, so let it catch up again by doing your part unselfishly.

See you in Battle Creek for LOGOPEDICS; the Date?

JUNE 8th.

..... L O Y A L T Y

With apologies to Robert Service
and "Dan McGrew"

A bunch of the boys were whooping it up
in the chapter meeting place;
That old quartet was blasting one,
heads low and face to face.
They were singing a song 'bout a vacant chair,
so hallowed and sweet to revere,
But some of the brothers heard it not,
they were home in their easy chairs.
So the old quartet put on a tag, dropping a silent tear,
"having a wonderful time, wish that you were here."

To the many who heard it not
there was deep remorse and shame,
They knew that they should have been there
there was no one that they could blame;
But old easy chair had caught 'em
and there was a show that they could see
without stirring in the cold to bask in harmony.
They won't miss me, they thought,
there's nothing much to fear.
But the loyal few, they sang loud and clear
"having a wonderful time, wish that you were here."

Most members are like a mule team,
half of them willing to work.
It's sad to say, in a general way,
the other half willing they should.
There's an old cliché you've all heard before -
"the greater the effort, the greater the score."
So get in the first half, rewards you will share
with the loyal half who are always there
Working and planning their chapter to build
to make it a stronger and better guild.
So strong you will want to stand up and cheer
"having a wonderful time; glad you are here."

When you sit alone with your conscience
and you think of those vacant chairs
You know they can't sing the old songs,
you know that you should be there.
Don't leave it all to the loyal few,
to them their chapter is dear;
Join in the fun, have a great time,
and be glad that you are here.

Duane H. Mosier



SEE U THERE
LOGOPEDIC BENEFIT SHOW

PONTIAC CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Pontiac climaxed a year-long celebration of our "Silver Anniversary" with a big, big birthday party at our March 15 meeting.

Close to 200 well-wishers enjoyed a four-hour long program packed with nostalgic memories of yesteryear. The mixture of returned Charter Members, Past Chapter Presidents, District Officers, and Int'l. dignitaries, provided an evening never to be forgotten.

The array of singing talent was worthy of any "Parade", topped by the AUTO TOWNERS, and followed in close order by the CLOSE CHORDERS, FOUR FITS, HARMONY KNIGHTS, RESONAIRES, DETROITERS, CHORDIALS (Toledo), and THE THREE CORNS AND A BUNYAN who were reunited for the umpteenth time by the appearance of Bill Otto, who traveled all the way from his home in Seminole, Florida, and by Ed Bunyan who drove alone from his home in Racine, Wisconsin. Musical balance was furnished by the newly named Michigan District representatives to the Int'l. Chorus contest in Cincinnati, the "Wolverines" of Oakland County, directed by Carol Dahlke, and by Pontiac's "Merry Motor Men", directed by Bill Pascher.

Otto, who retired two years ago from his position in the Int'l. office as Assoc. Sect., was enthusiastically greeted by his many, many friends, as he recounted the early days when barbershopping first came to Michigan. He was instrumental in the forming of the Pontiac Chapter, where he was a Charter Member, and served many years as Chapter Secretary and President. His display of enthusiasm and dedication brought a tear to many an eye.



(Left to right) Sparrow, Pascher, Beaudin, Harrell, Schram, Otto, Beeler, Fraser, Hallman, Sanborn, Ryden, Barnes, Leroux, Douglas.

Many memorable moments were related by other Pontiac Past Presidents such as Paul Sparrow, Rawley Hallman, Jack Beeler, John Beaudin, Dan Harrell, Norm Schram, Chase Sanborn, Whitey Ryden, Len Barnes, Jerry Leroux, Terry Fraser, and Bill Pascher, who occupied the "Silver Spotlight" as Personality of the Month and told of his many experiences, illustrated with pictures, old Show Programs, letters, and other memorabilia. At the end of his appearance he was surprised with an award presented by Cliff Douglas, current Chapter Pres., the "William P. Pascher Service Award", a revolving trophy emblematic of outstanding prolonged service to the Chapter and Society.

A beautifully decorated, tiered birthday cake occupied a prominent place throughout the evening, and assumed special significance as Pontiac's Charter



(Left to right) Douglas, Pascher

Members were called forward for recognition. Besides Otto and Pascher, there were C. Matson, D. Isbell, L. Axford, L. Michot, and Elmer Fairbanks, whose barbershop was the scene of many early quartet rehearsals and chapter committee meetings.



(Left to right) Sanborn, Sperling, Gillies, Harrington, Gillem, Davenport, Wolff, Otto.

Glowing congratulatory remarks were offered by many District and Int'l personages such as : Gene Gillem, Dist. Pres.; Emerson Sperling, Dist. V.P.; Ron Gillies, Dist. V.P.; Jim Davenport, Troubadour Editor; and Bill Otto. Others included Lou Harrington, Dist. Sect., and Joe Wolff, Past Int'l. Board Member, both of whom had been "Silver Spotlight" personages earlier in the year, as well as Chase Sanborn, Past Int'l. Board Member, who was Chairman of the "Silver Spotlight" Committee throughout the year.

Six new members were installed, bringing our count of new members since March '67 to 25, the exact goal set for ourselves at the start of our 25th year. Included were John Beaudin, former Pontiac President; Pete Peterson, exchange student from England; Hank Geyer, Detroit Policeman; Jim DelGuidice, former New York Member; Howard Glenn, former California Member; and Lynn Johnson, new member number 25. Oddly enough, Johnson turned 25 years old in the same week as the Pontiac Chapter, meaning, of course, that he was born during the same week in 1943 that the Chapter was chartered.

This truly great parlay of 25's, amazing as it may sound, was not mere coincidence, however, Johnson was sponsored by Bill Pascher who dreamed of such a parlay as long as 18 months ago when he first agreed to chair the "Silver Anniversary Committee". Nine Pontiac Past Presidents were organized into the P.P.C. (Past Presidents Council) to help guide us through our most illustrious year.

The entire "25th Birthday Party" proceedings were recorded on tape, a copy of which is being prepared for Dean Snyder, Society Historian.

Chapter News

DETROIT

Chapter Reporter:
John Wearing

On the third Friday of the month of July, that is July 19 for those who may wish to mark their calendars, the Detroit Chapter will sponsor the annual "Barbershopper's Moonlight" aboard the Bob-Lo Steamer. We are told that last year's trip was one of the high points of the year--with the weather man giving us excellent support. The Old Almanac tells us we will have another storm-free trip with temperatures in the "70's". We hope this is true as we don't look forward to another trip like the year before with Russ Seely carrying his soaked sneakers in hand and making the entire trip in barefeet. "Bad breath you know?"

In past years, the Pontiac and Toledo Chapters have brought in a bus-load giving up their meeting night to join us in a great night of Barbershop Harmony. We look forward to having both choruses perform this year. We also hope our pals from Monroe will join us, along with Bob Witledge, one of Detroit's former stalwart members. Everyone is proud of this guy and the enthusiasm he spreads everywhere he goes. We would also like to see some of our buddies from Windsor, Flint, Saginaw, and Bay City. We know if you make this trip once, you are going to be hooked for good.

By the time this article is in print, the contest in Muskegon will be past history. We have worked hard and and Bill Butler has put us through our paces (bless you Bill). We will do our best as will all the rest of the Great Michigan District Choruses. . . May the best one WIN.

But let us not forget the Oakland County Chorus which will carry the mail at the International Contest in Cincinnati for the Michigan District. We will open the show at the "Cents for Cincinnati" fund performance. We know these guys can use our support and hope everyone will pitch in. Detroit #1 has made trips to Boston and L.A., so we know and are willing to help.

The SHARPLIFTERS graced us with their great sound the other night and we expect will be at their peak for Muskegon--who the other quartet representing Michigan will be, we don't know; but Bill - John - Joe - and Mike will be on stage in Cincinnati. These guys have developed an excellent delivery and very smooth sound which will give them high scores come contest time. SHARPLIFTERS -- Good Luck from all of your greatest boosters at Detroit #1.

ANN ARBOR

Chapter Reporter:
Jack Bush

During our April 9th chapter meeting we were pleasantly invaded by 14 men of the Holly-Fenton Chapter bearing the Utica-Rochester Jug. So now we "has" it. But be ye warned--we have plans to visit soon. Guess Who?

Another successful Ladies Nite was held April 20. Thanks again to our able Program Chairman, John Hancock. The CHORDIALS from Toledo, our ARBOR

TRADERS, and our Mini-Chorus shared that squeaking dais to a fine audience--a fine evening was had by all.

And, to finish the month off properly, we descended on Tecumseh on Tuesday, April 30. Now they have the jug--and there are rumors. . . . We were a real surprise, and the gang sing that followed was fine. Our own ARBOR TRADERS sang a few and sounded great.

Altogether -- a wonderful April.

SAGINAW-BAY

Chapter Reporter:
Bill Dolezel

While our chorus was rehearsing for the Spring contest, we were surprised by the visit of a group of Gratiot County Chapter men. They were a good audience and added some interesting diversification to the ensuing woodshed session.

Our chorus and three quartets have put together a package show and we have completed two jobs with good results. We have another job on May 2 at the Consistory Cathedral in Bay City where we hope the format will gell into a well-timed and smooth performance.

Our program night on April 19 was graced by the presence of about 15 guests, most of whom we expect to see again because they were treated to a fine evening of barbershopping under the practiced guiding hand of Gene Jensen.

When this writing appears in print the Spring Contest will have come and gone, but mention should be made that this contest as of now looks bigger and better than any we have seen for a long time. It's good to see barbershopping coming really alive in this area. We have three quartets in our chapter and we hear rumbblings about the formation of groups in Holly-Fenton and Flint, our area contemporaries. We hope they all make the contest and do well.

With the approach of summer and with the Saginaw-Bay Chapter area smack across the path from urban heat to rural vacationland, we are hoping see some of the barbershoppers who may be tired of driving and want a pleasant break. Stop and see us.



Photo by Nealer

The above picture shows Milford President, Irv Melville, reading a thank you note from the Oakland County Childrens' Village. The Milford Chapter sent 50 children and their supervisors to the Shrine Circus, and furnished them with goodies to eat while there. The Milford Chapter has been busy this quarter, having visited or been visited or sang at some 17 functions.

WE SING THAT THE

MICHIGAN DISTRICT LOG

June 8, 1968

Battle



SHARPLIFTERS



NOTATIONS



HARMON

As of May 4, 1968, five registered Michigan District Quartets have placed bids to appear on this benefit show for Logopedics. The quartet bidding highest will headline the show. The second highest bidding quartet will appear second from last and so on. The amount of time allotted on the show will be somewhat proportional to the amount of the bid. The minimum bid acceptable will be \$40.00 (only \$10.00 per man). All funds received will be presented directly to Logopedics IN THE NAME OF THE QUARTET. There is STILL TIME to register your quartet.--contact Bob Dixon, Chairman, P.O. Box 37, Bellevue, Michigan, 49021.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS



SUNDOWNERS

4th Place--International Illinois District



THE LAST STRAWS

3rd Place--Cardinal District

AND OTHER SURPRISE QUARTETS

WE SHALL SPEAK

POPEDIC BENEFIT SHOW

Creek

W. K. Kellogg Auditorium



ONY HOUNDS



HUSTLERS



BEAN TOWN FOUR

PLUS THE "FABULOUS 400" CHORUS

Directed by Bob Johnson

As of May 4, 1968, a total of 251 Michigan District Barbershoppers have registered for the "Fabulous 400"; and there were promises from Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, and Jackson for additional participation. Many thanks to the following chapters for their mass enrollments: SAGINAW-BAY, DEARBORN, DETROIT # 1 and OAKLAND COUNTY

There'll be activities planned for the ladies, so plan to bring her along. She won't want to miss this great show, either.

SHOW TICKET REQUEST FORM

Tell George Hurt, ticket chairman, to send me _____ tickets to see the show at \$2.50 each. (All seats reserved, first come, first served.)

Note: Your own chorus registration covers your ticket. This request is for tickets for your wife, mother, dad, uncles, cousins, friends, etc.)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

FLINT



Chapter Reporter:
Les Lang

IN MEMORIAM

Rayland J. (Mike) Schied
Passed on April 3, 1968

Mike was a charter member of the Flint Chapter, its first and only treasurer, a chorus member, sung in the TOM CATS and AD LIBS quartets, always one of the chapter's enthusiastic leaders and his wise counsel materially aided the survival and success of the Flint Chapter. He will be sadly missed by all. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his widow, Bea, an avid barbershopper.

But as Mike always said, "The show must go on", so the Flint Show went on, the chapter dedicated it to Mike, and it was one of the best and most successful shows that we have produced.

Much of the success of the show was due to the efforts of: Ron Gillies for shaping up the chorus to open the show, Fred Kienitz for lining up the talent, President Gerard Wrice for a rousing welcome speech, Neil Norman for a bang-up job as emcee, Bill Shannon for program advertising and printing, Jack Lyons for chorus uniforms, Ron Sawdon for emceeing a real ringer of an afterglo, and all the chapter members who worked hard in the chorus and also performed countless other duties. Well done men.

May is something else. Regular meetings, chorus sing-out for sorority party, Tri-chapter meeting, visit to Sarnia Chapter, spring convention, and new chorus uniforms.

During June, July and August we will meet only on the second and fourth Tuesdays instead of every week.

OAKLAND COUNTY

Chapter Reporter:
Dick Van Dyke

The CLOSE CHORDERS are dead. Tony Scooros made the formal announcement at chorus practice that "due to conflicts in work schedules and the pressure of trying to build a quartet and work at the same time," they were going to cancel all of their commitments. It may be the saddest thing this column has ever reported.

Our fund raising "Cents for Cinci" show is over. Thanks to the AUTO TOWNERS, the SHARPLIFTERS, the CHORD JESTERS, and the Sweet Adelines TANTALIZERS (who substituted for the CLOSE CHORDERS at

Thank you Tom Damm,
Don Courtright and the
Muskegon Chapter for a
wonderful convention.

Signed
The PIONEER DISTRICT

the last minute) our show was a great one. The Wolverine Chorus sang also, as did the Motor City Chorus who presented us with a check to help defray the cost of going to Cincinnati. They did their usual good job on our show.

In O.C.C.'s immediate future is the return of the Traveling Jug on the 7th of June. Carl Dahlke will emcee the night which will feature the two quartets that are going to Cincinnati for the International Contest. Last year we had 127 barbershoppers in attendance for the jug. There will be a lot of woodshedding that night. We will look forward to seeing you there.

WINDSOR

Chapter Reporter:
Doran McTaggart

Windsor's second annual "Parade of Harmony" is scheduled for Friday, May 31 at the Cleary Auditorium overlooking the Detroit River. The chorus has been working hard in order that they might put their best foot forward. We have a show that the layman as well as the barbershopper will enjoy. The SHARPLIFTERS and the HUSTLERS, our American imports, should keep the audience in the palms of their hands. The FASCINATORS from our local Sweet Ads, and our own SHUFFLECHORDS and MERRI-MADICS will complete the quartet bill. The WINDSOR SWEET ADELINE CHORUS and the SUN PARLOUR CHORUS will also be featured. For any of the Detroit area Barbershoppers who want to come over on your Memorial Day weekend, we'll be glad to seat you--front row, center.

It is hard to believe that Paul Eberwein's "Harmony Lane", presenting Barbershop harmony at its very best, is now completing its fifth year on station CBE. The end of June is Paul's last show of the season. We hope that it will be continued next year for the benefit of all Detroit-Windsor area Barbershoppers. Thanks for a tremendous community service, Paul. Keep up the good work.

GROSSE POINTE

Chapter Reporter:
Jimmy Olsen

The problem of renaming the Grosse Pointe Chorus has finally been settled by some courageous actions of the Board. The names, submitted through a contest, were numerous. The Board finally approved The Lakeshore Chorus, Lou Herman's entry for our new name, pending registration with Kenosha.

The Lakeshore Chorus is practicing long and hard for Muskegon, which at this writing is a week in the future. As May 4 draws near, all the energies of the chapter seem to funnel to helping prepare the chorus for competition. However, the Lakeshore Chorus is still accepting and honoring commitments for the listening public:

Friday, April 26 for the Soroptimists Club at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel.

Wednesday, May 1 for the Chrysler Corp. Management Club at Cobo Hall.

Later in May at the Muana Loa Restaurant and in June for the opening of the Old Club.

Most of the dates are through the efforts of the dynamic duo, dashing Don Adams and the ever-popular Lawrence Reed.

Grosse Pointe visited Windsor Chapter in April, but called ahead so not to break up their chorus practice. Harmonious international relations have never been better.

Who is Jimmie Olsen? Only Lois Lane knows.

PONTIAC

Chapter Reporter:
Ed Lilly

Pontiac Chapter activities in April were many and varied, starting the first of the month with a regular chorus rehearsal and finishing out the month with the chapter chorus and quartets entertaining at a Vietnam Fund-Raising Dinner in Gingleville on April 29. In between these two dates, the regular Monday chorus rehearsals continued and the chorus also sang two community service jobs. The RESONAIRES were very busy singing several times at various functions in our area and sometimes using a substitute bass. The HARMONY KNIGHTS quartet started the month by winning the Bush League and then assisting the chorus in their projects. The Knights also traveled to Flint Chapter to formally present the "Carroll P. Adams Bennington Trophy" to them on their show afterglo, and finally the Knights entertained 100 prisoners at the Pontiac Prison Farm on Sunday, April 28. At our regular Chapter meeting on the third Friday, we were thoroughly entertained by our current District Champs, the SHARPLIFTERS. So, there you have it--30 days in which four or more Pontiac members spread harmony to others on 24 of those days.

Twenty-five members and friends traveled to Saginaw on May 10 on a Mystery Bus Trip. The Saginaw Barbershoppers really did a fine job seeing to it that everyone enjoyed the get together -- which may become a regular function. Our meeting on Friday, the 17th is slated to be W.H.I.P. Nite. (Wayne Harmonizers Invade Pontiac) That's right, we are going to whip our combined membership together into one great night of song and festivities. So any of you Flint, Redford, O.C.C. or other chapter members who want to join in this whipping--come on out.

How about that Pontiac Chapter winning the Banner Chapter Award in the 1967 International Chapter Awards for the Michigan District for Protention. Also, in the last issue of the Troubadour, of the 16 men listed for Men of Note Awards, 3 are from Pontiac Chapter: James Lekander, Terry Ermoian, and William Vasko. How about that?

LES CHENEAUX

Chapter Reporter:
Charles Wagner

In conjunction with the Les Cheneaux Community Schools P.T.A., the Les Cheneaux Chapter of S.P.E.B. S.Q.S.A. staged its first public appearance on Saturday, April 20.

With the support of our international neighbors of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, the show was highly successful with the featured womens chorus, the Harmonaires, directed by Don Bazley. Also supporting us were several members from our sponsoring chapter. Speaking of our sponsoring chapter brings to mind the fact that we have reached the magic number that will qualify us to charter. Our president, Capt. Clifford Mac Lean has done extensive research and soon we hope to work for our charter night show which should be a wonderful experience for every man in our chapter. The date for chartering has not yet been established, but it will be soon as our license expires in July. We hope to charter with a minimum of 40 members.

At our show sponsored by the P.T.A., a quartet was introduced consisting of Larry Lofdahl--lead, Dave MacLean--tenor, Bob Slater--baritone, and John

Duncan--bass. The fellows worked hard and put on a wonderful performance that surprised a good many people. The fellows have come up with an appropriate name to represent the U.P. (upper peninsula). They will be known as : THE UPPER FOUR.

SAULT STE MARIE

Chapter Reporter:
C. Bax

Greetings from the North. Our annual parade, "Hi Lites in Harmony" will be coming up on May 25. Our chorus director is getting all the songs for the show down pat. Performing at our show will be the EVER-SHARPS and the BEAN TOWN FOUR, plus the local HARMONAIRES.

Harmony Week was well publicized with a proclamation in our local paper by the mayor, plus two local radio stations carrying news about Harmony Week on their programs.

Tickets for our show are half sold and if you are in our area on the 25th, be sure to come and see our show at the Technical Auditorium on Wellington St. East.

THREE RIVERS

Chapter Reporter:
George Dieffenderfer

We have a new chorus director, Don Mørt, and he is working the chorus hard to get ready for the contest in Muskegon.

Don is new to barbershopping and we know the contest will be good experience for him as well as the chorus members.

We just mailed a check to Logopedics for \$400 which we feel is a goodly sum for a small chapter.

We have eight men singing in the Fabulous 400 and we hope to add a few more.

Our two organized quartets, the 4 DOORSMEN and the ROUNDERS have been filling engagements all over the county.

Our membership is up to 34 and we expect to hit 40 before the year is out.

See you all in Muskegon.

DEARBORN

Chapter Reporter:
Cecil Craig

Dearborn Chapter is on the move. We were sort of in the dumps for a while, but starting early in 1968, under the able leadership of Pres. Ed.Conn and his executive board, good things have been happening. We are on the way up.

The Chord-o-Matic Chorus, under the direction of Scotty Davies and Glen VanTassell, is getting better and better. At Muskegon District Convention we outscored some very good choruses to take 5th place.

Our next regular meeting will be May 10th. Zone 1 Vice President, E. E. Pat Ryan, will be emcee. The CHORDIALS of the Johnny Appleseed District will be our guest quartet.

On June 14th, our regular meeting will be a Ladies Nite and fund-raising party for our International competitors. More about this next month.

**WE SING
THAT THEY
SHALL SPEAK**

BOYNE CITY

Chapter Reporter:
D. Wheeler

April 6 brought forth the culmination of many months planning and labors of love in the event of the 22nd annual "Bush League" contest. Results are as follows:
1968 Bush League Champions:

THE HARMONY KNIGHTS from Pontiac.

Runners-up:

THE BEAN TOWN FOUR from Saginaw.

There were six quartets registered to sing, but there were three last-minute cancellations. THE BAY TONICS from Saginaw cancelled because their tenor suffered a lung collapse.

THE FUNDAMENTALS from Lansing also competed and at the last minute four young men from Muskegon--namely Del Doctor, Louis Sequin, Bart Tillet, and Mr. Garzoloni--put together a quartet and entered.

The number of competing quartets was small but the caliber was tremendous. It was a great pleasure to be among the listeners.

To top off the evening's entertainment were the EVERSHARPS--1967 Champs from Saginaw, the ROAD RUNNERS from Indiana and some great dixieland music by the Epsilon Jass Band.

A good time was had by all.



HARMONY KNIGHTS



BEAN TOWN FOUR

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHORUS CONTEST -- MUSKEGON MAY 4, 1968

JUDGES:

VE: Loton Willson
ARR: Roger Craig
HA: Robert Loose
B&B: Bill Fitzgerald

SP: O. B. Falls, Jr.

Secretary: Leslie H. Emmerson

Chairman of Judges: Edwin Gaikema

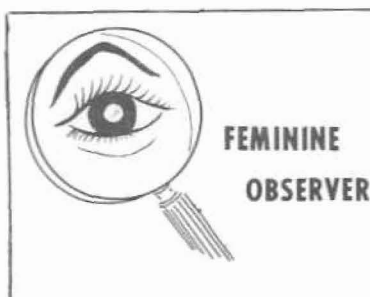
Chairman of Candidate Panel: B. Szabo

	VE	ARR	HA	B&B	SP	Time**	
Wolverine Chorus	78 78	73 70	80 80	73 70	172	145 157	774
Motor City Chorus	77 76	76 70	70 63	60 64	166	119 159	724
Timberland Chorus	58 61	63 60	67 62	55 60	107	145 139	593
Mall City Chorus	69 72	50 55	63 70	49 52	109	229 83	589
Chord-O-Matic Chorus	59 58	54 58	55 57	46 40	129	132 125	556
Great Lakes Chorus	61 66	57 52	52 48	55 48	115	161 159	554
Port City Chorus	67 69	52 51	53 55	57 50	87	167 122	541
Lakeshore Chorus	59 64	56 57	50 49	47 42	113	120 170	537
Sun Parlour Chorus	50 51	61 58	48 42	55 30	102	112 136	517
Holland Chorus	68 71	42 52	40 53	35 43	108	165 135	512
Traverse City Chorus	67 68	30 40	45 50	46 51	112	187 147	509
Lansing Chorus	57 53	41 45	57 53	46 47	85	146 174	484
Big Rapids Chorus	47 53	41 39	58 40	42 32	90	130 165	442
Three Rivers Chorus	44 38	44 34	50 35	44 59	75	88 147 -25	378

**Time is noted in seconds per song and does not count as a part of score.

This year five awards were presented. In addition to first, second and third place, awards were given to the Junior Chorus and the Novice Chorus. To be eligible for the Junior Award, the chapter involved must never have won the championship and also not have received the Junior Award for the past 4 years. To be eligible for the Novice Award, the chapter involved must never have won any honors.

This year, the Junior Award was presented to the Kalamazoo Mall City Chorus and the Novice Award was presented to the Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Chorus.



May I introduce myself to you--I am Dora Vogel from Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan; a member of South Oakland County Chapter (S.O.C.) Sweet Adelines, Inc., Berkley, Michigan; and I sing lead.

My husband Otto is a member of Detroit Chapter #1 and sings tenor. Our nicknames are "Dumb Dora" and "Crazy Otto"; we were tagged with these names a few years ago by Clinton (Chase) Sanborn from Pontiac Chapter.

Here are a few articles that may interest you:

Recently Jack Klaiber from Grand Rapids (past District Treasurer who held that office for many years) visited his daughter in Hawaii, who is teaching school there. On his way back home, he stopped at Los Angeles to visit with mutual friends including Goldie and Bill Wales, formerly well-known barbershoppers from Detroit and Redford. Jack visited Bill who is hospitalized.

Ralph Schirmer returned from a combined pleasure and business trip to Tokyo, Japan and visited Goldie and Bill also. Bill was in his usual good spirits, even though in the hospital.

Grosse Pointe Chapter recently held their "Ladies Night" at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. It was very well attended and all the ladies enjoyed the evening, show and dancing. Marion and Wally Joure drove down from their Marine City home to attend this event. A "Circle Sing" was fun--made a large circle of chairs in the ballroom, men and ladies sat down and really sang up a storm--some numbers from the bottom of the barrel, but made beautiful harmony.

Another interesting feature in the ballroom was an artist sketching portraits. Two of his customers were the lovely Marge Wearing, wife of John (tenor in the FOUR FITS quartet from Grosse Pointe Chapter); and Jane West, wife of Bert (bass of the WONDERLADS quartet from Utica-Rochester chapter). Marge and Jane were quite pleased that evening with their sketches, and most all thought it was a good likeness. The next day, however, I hear the pictures were stuck in a closet blank side up. Really, they were quite nice; they no doubt will find their way out of the closet again.

Wives of the Motor City Chorus are having fun taking turns having meetings at one another's home; their project is fun and planning money-making projects. The proceeds are turned over to the chorus treasury. They have even elected officers:

President -- Jean Butler
Vice-Pres. - Dora Vogel
Treasurer - Dot Weichman
Secretary -- Marge Wearing

First of all, they have purchased all alike dresses to be worn at different barbershop functions. This all started when the Motor City Chorus represented the Michigan District in Los Angeles, California. As you know, this took dollars to get the chorus out there, so we worked like beavers (my what an enthusiastic group) selling candy, card parties, rummage and bake sales--that rummage sale was a DANDY; we all got bargains including barbershop records.

The husbands of all these girls I know were most proud to say the least when they were presented with a sizeable check. The girls cheer them on when in competition-- MUSKEGON IS NEXT.

We have enjoyed being together so much we have continued having our meetings. We discuss everything -- a new project coming up this fall, another rummage sale. We eat at these meetings too--coffee and a goodie. Surprising what nice recipes you can exchange. When I said we discuss everything, that includes the husbands.

Recently we had a night out with our husbands, (called Friday Night At The Movies)--admission 50 cent each--doesn't that price take you back a few years? This, of course, was no profit-making night--just enough money to cover expenses for our hall. Movies shown were taken at barbershop picnics and conventions, etc. They were shown on the silver screen by John Neighorn. Coffee and goodies were served and as an added feature we celebrated the birthday of Larry King, president of Detroit Chapter #1. His charming wife Joan surprised Larry and all of us with a beautifully decorated cake. The SHARPLIFTERS entertained and there was plenty of boondoggeling.

Northern Region #2, Sweet Adeline Inc., held their regional convention at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Masonic Temple, Detroit. Headquarters was the Statler Hilton Hotel. Eleven quartets and twenty choruses competed. Barbershop members who directed some of the choruses are as follows: Jackson--L. E. Shaw, member of FOR-TUNE TELLERS. Metro "D"--John Kee Smith of Wayne Chapter. Flint -- Frederick Kienitz.

Edith Gaunt, who does art work for the Troubadour, was in quartet competition with the TAILOR MAIDS. They sang well and looked lovely in their black long gowns and rhinestone jewelry.

Fanny Pell, from Grand Rapids, reports Pete, her husband, is doing fine after his past illness.

Good to see Pegg Knowles up and around again after being hospitalized. She's the wife of Bob -- Detroit Chapter #1.

Please help me make this column interesting. If you have any news of interest, don't keep it to yourself. Like if you are going to have a baby, don't let your husband be the first to know--tell me. Drop me a card or letter or phone. I will be glad to hear from you and hope to get better acquainted. Tap me on the shoulder when you see me and introduce yourself--you may be in my next column.

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ON THE COVER

Representing the PIONEER DISTRICT: The WOLVERINE CHORUS from the Oakland County Chapter, the SHARPLIFTERS from Detroit and Wayne Chapters, the EVERSHARPS from Saginaw-Bay Chapter, and (alternates) the KASUAL D's from the Muskegon Chapter.

In a close, very enjoyable and very interesting competition held at Muskegon on May 3-5, two quartets won the right to represent the PIONEER DISTRICT in International competition at Cincinnati, Ohio on July 1-6, 1968. If either the SHARPLIFTERS or the EVERSHARPS were unable to attend the International Contests, the KASUAL-D's would step in as one of our representatives.

Muskegon was also the scene for Chorus Competition for District Champs, and the WOLVERINE CHORUS from Oakland County, under the direction of Carl Dahlke and Dick Liddicoatt, took top honors (see score sheet published elsewhere in this issue). It was last October in Windsor that the WOLVERINE CHORUS tied for and won the right to represent the PIONEER DISTRICT in Cincinnati and the Oakland County Chapter and helpful District chapters have been hard at work ever since to raise the necessary funds.

THE PIONEER DISTRICT is proud of all the participants in the Spring Convention and extend a "Well Done" to the winners.

SPRING CONVENTION QUARTETS AND CHORUSES

Quartets (in order of appearance):

SAFE COMBINATION	Grand Rapids
CHORD REPORTERS	Oakland County
SHARPLIFTERS	Detroit & Wayne
HUSTLERS	Fruit Belt & Niles-Buchanan
DUNE-TONES	Muskegon
BAY-TONICS	Saginaw-Bay
KASUAL-D's	Muskegon
RAFTER-RINGERS	Grand Rapids
BEAN TOWN FOUR	Saginaw-Bay
4-FITS	Grosse Pointe
EVERSHARPS	Saginaw-Bay

Choruses (in order of appearance):

PORT CITY CHORUS	Muskegon
TUNE TRAPPERS CHORUS	Three Rivers
VACATIONLAND CHORUS	Big Rapids
WINDMILL CHORUS	Holland
TRAVERSE CITY CHORUS	Traverse City
LANSING CHORUS	Lansing
MOTOR CITY CHORUS	Detroit
WOLVERINE CHORUS	Oakland County
TIMBERLAND CHORUS	Saginaw-Bay
MALL CITY CHORUS	Kalamazoo
GREAT LAKES CHORUS	Grand Rapids
LAKESHORE CHORUS	Grosse Pointe
CHORD-A-MATICS	Dearborn
SUN PARLOUR CHORUS	Windsor

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Coming Events

(Requests for parade dates and sanction fee payments should be sent to District Secretary, Louis R. Harrington, 2361 First National Bldg., Detroit 26, Michigan 48226.)

May 17, 1968	Holland Parade
May 25, 1968	Sault Ste. Marie, Canada Parade
May 31, 1968	Windsor Parade
June 8, 1968	Logopedics Benefit Show Battle Creek
June 15, 1968	Traverse City Show
July 19, 1968	Detroit Moonlight
September 28, 1968	Gratiot County Parade
October 5, 1968	Fruit Belt Chapter
October 5, 1968	Lansing Chapter
October 12, 1968	Saginaw Parade

MEN OF NOTE

for April, 1968

Ray Leatz	William Bidinger
Ronald Leatz	Donald Courtright
Loton Willson	Wendell Asplin
Maynard Peacock	Dick Liddicoatt
James H. Kerrigan	Ken F. Umphrey
Harland Smith	Robert Brady
Richard F. Sharp	Sim R. Andrews
Reese Olger	John Hancock
R. D. Meyers	William White