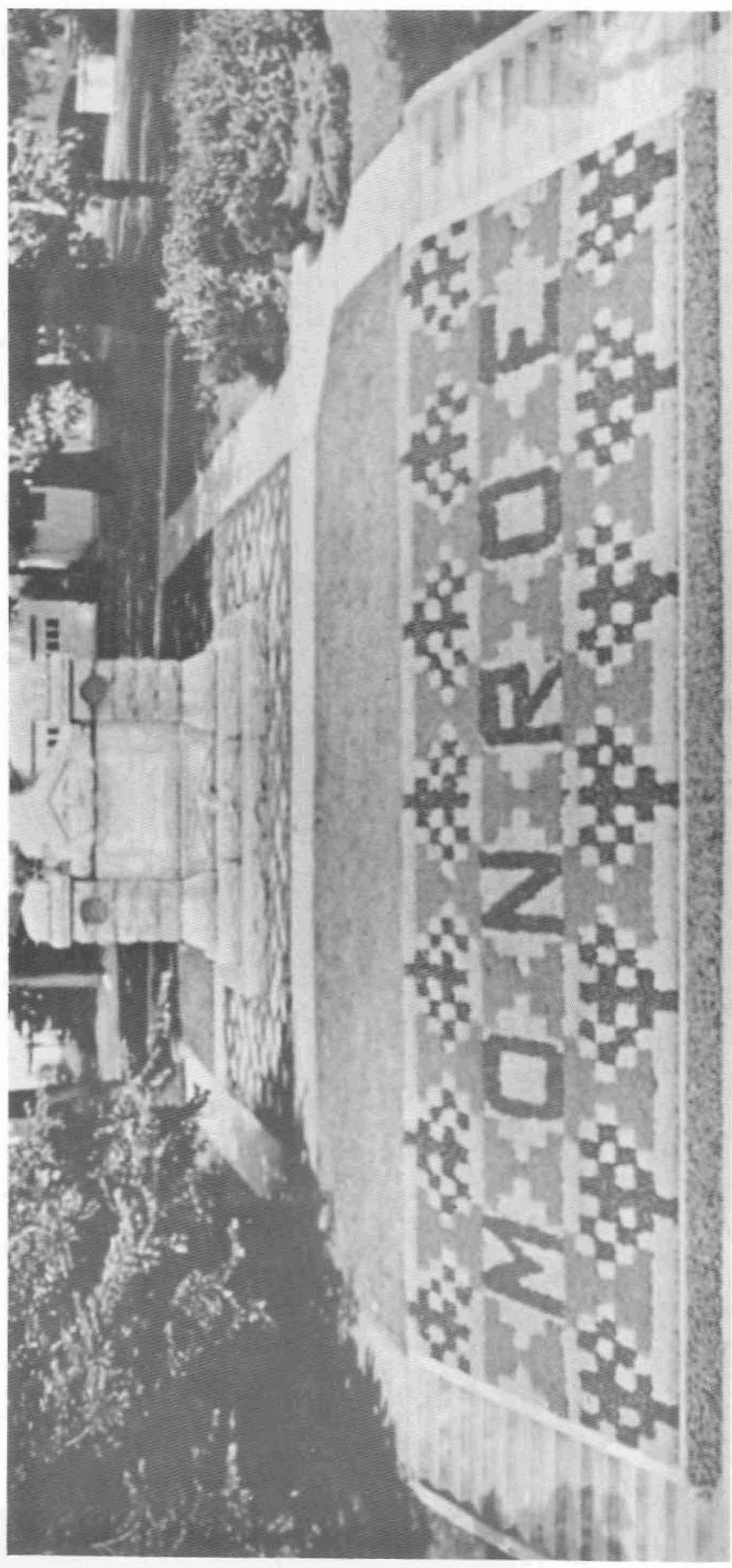


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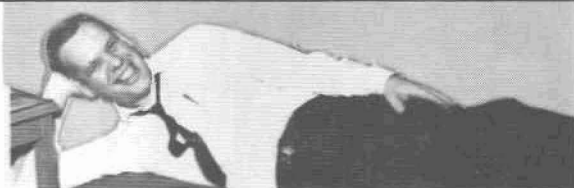
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Off The Davenport

Your Editor may have taken a couple of months vacation this summer but it is obvious that few others did.

The copy and pictures have been pouring in telling all about the big convention in Cincinnati, Bob Lo Moonlight, work preparing for our own upcoming convention in Monroe, chapter parties and picnics all over the place, and -- well, just read through this big issue.

Speaking of Monroe (and that's what we'll be doing for the next couple of months), you will find some gentle and not-so-gentle reminders throughout this issue--don't delay in making your reservations, getting your tickets, and making plans for the BIG WEEKEND -- OCTOBER 18-19-20.

PIONEER DISTRICT CHILDREN PROGRESS

(From Barrie Best, Executive Director,
S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc.)

Greetings to all,

We have enclosed a copy of a letter recently received from Charles W. Wurth, Executive Director of the Institute of Logopedics. This letter, directed to all Michigan District Barbershoppers, contains progress reports on "Lee" and "Rich", two of your District's

"adopted" children currently receiving treatment at the Institute.

As you will note from the reports, both children have shown an excellent response to their treatment and the staff at the Institute is highly optimistic that further improvement can be expected.

Every Michigan Barbershopper can walk a little taller today with the knowledge that it is your response and participation in the Society's SERVICE program that has made it possible for two children to begin the breakthrough to rejoining the world of communication that all of us have taken for granted since birth.

Your Society is indeed proud of the Michigan District for "SINGING....THAT THEY SHALL SPEAK".

Yours in "SONG AND SERVICE",

Michigan District, SPEBSQSA
c/o Barrie Best
6315 Third Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

March 26, 1968

Dear Michigan Barbershoppers:

The tree lined mall that divides the entrance and exit to the main campus of the Institute is shedding its autumn and winter dress of sepia and beige. Afternoons are warm and lazy as the early days of spring surprise you with a preview of days ahead. A fine pair of look-a-likes in red checkered shirts take advantage of the balmy air and pleasant sunshine to sit on the soft earth and observe as others scatter across the city at the end of a working day. They hail you with, "Isn't this a great day?" and "Man, this is alright." These are your twins, "Lee" and "Rich", taking advantage of late day leisure time to simply watch the world around them. (continued on next page)

It should double your pleasure and satisfaction to know they continue to make progress. The constant gains reported by the staff are the result of the specially designed programs which were developed on their individual basis of need.

Their father originally wrote to the Institute saying, "I will never be happy until I have exhausted necessary steps to adequately determine whether or not these boys can be helped." With four other children in the family, if it were not for your open hearted concern, "Lee" and "Rich" would never have had the opportunity to be helped.

"Lee" continues to improve every day. You should be here to see how successfully he contributes to classroom discussion for he has improved his diction by faithfully practicing at home. He works hard as he wants so very much to be better understood. His proficiency in math and writing have gained appreciably and one of his proudest achievements is the letter he is able to write to his parents. One of his earnest interests is current events.

The staff consensus is, "Lee" is doing quite satisfactory work in his program and it is recommended that it be continued in all its facets. His vocational training is of the same rate of progress as his academic and speech which means that he is moving ahead in a well rounded atmosphere of training.

"Rich" is working on a better vocabulary and his spontaneous conversation continues to expand. His academic endeavors progress slowly but steadily which make for positive encouragement. Always he wants to please and is concerned with, "Am I doing alright?"

Music means a great deal to him and you should see all the joy in his face when he sings...as all programs are designed for the whole child, he also is being provided the opportunity to take piano lessons. His housemother says he has greatly improved his ability to communicate with her and she understands everything he now says.

These two teenagers' lives are being enriched because you do help in guaranteeing them their opportunity for a more meaningful and useful future. With their special programs they can face the world better prepared. You provide them with another gift--faith in the betterment of their world. Thank you for Singing.....That They Shall Speak, for they are.

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Wurth
Executive Director
Institute of Logopedics



**FEMININE
OBSERVER**



I hope all of you have had a pleasant summer and vacations, so here goes for a few observations since the last publication of your Troubadour.

Dearborn Chapter held a "Ladies Night" and the proceeds of the evening went to the SHARPLIFTERS and EVERSHARPS quartets, also the Oakland County "Wolverine Chorus", to help defray expenses to the International Cinci Convention. Gene Gillem was emcee and Ed Conn, Dearborn Chapter President, made all welcome.

Roger Craig and Bob Whitley directed community singing. Checks were presented to the International contestants by Lou Harrington and Larry King. Dearborn has an authentic lit-up barberpole in their meeting hall, Chapter #27. Those of you who haven't seen it, should. Several quartets and the Wolverine Chorus entertained, as did the AUTO TOWNERS. We were delighted to hear Bobby Bostic sing Lida Rose with them. The Bostics were presented with a barber pole lamp, made by George Hoak of Dearborn Chapter and presented by him, from the Dearborn Chapter for their outstanding work in the chapter. It was a very entertaining evening topped off with much woodshedding, friendship, and a good lunch cooked by those famous wonderful two, Norbert and Millie Shamus. Much fun was had with a sign, made by that genial Bob Stone, that read "Somebody's Flat" that was flashed around while quartets were woodshedding.

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Good news is that Bill Wales is out of the hospital and back at his home in Reseda, California. Bill is still under medication, but much better; putting on weight, so that's a good sign. Bill and his wife, Goldie, are hopeful to make a trip here sometime to see their many friends.

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Here's hoping Peggy Pazik is feeling better after her recent illness. She's the wife of Ed, lead singer in the well-known "Old Timers Quartet".

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Ray and Virginia McCalpin are happy to have their son Bruce home after having served in Vietnam. Their daughter Susan is to be married in August.

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Mr. and Mrs. Victor Favior recently took a trip to Florida.

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Bill and Jean Butler are the proud grandparents of their second grandchild--a baby girl. The baby's parents are Bill and Rita Butler.

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John and Marge Wearing have their son Tom in the Naval Reserves. The Wearing's also recently moved to a lovely home in Detroit.

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We certainly hope John, the son of Pat and Jean Ryan, is progressing well after recent serious surgery. I'm sure we all join in a prayer for his speedy recovery.

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Good to see George Adams up and around again after recent surgery. George and his lovely wife Eddie even made the Cinci Convention.

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Don and Grace Ferguson are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren--soon will be five I hear. They now reside in Saginaw and they also attended the Cinci Convention. Don perhaps is better known as "Fergie".

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Our condolences go to Ardeen and Gladys Ryden and family of Pontiac who recently lost their son Garry in

service.

Congratulations are in order for Bill Warner, member of Detroit Chapter #1--your new District Treasurer. His lovely wife Nell is indeed proud too.

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Lowell Wolf and his family are moving to Florida soon and expect to spend the winters there and the summers in Michigan so we are sure to see them around. Lowell is a member of the HARMONY HOUNDS quartet from Battle Creek.

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Bob and Marion Wharton (Bob formerly of Redford Chapter) are doing fine after moving to Los Angeles, California. Both are busy working and Bob is active in the San Fernando Valley Chapter.

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Ron and Nancy DuMontheir and family have moved to Houghton Lake, Ron being transferred there by his employer. Sorry to see such fine folks leave us. Hope they visit us occasionally.

John and Marge Wearing recently entertained them and many Barbershoppers and friends at their home. Gifts were in order, so Nancy was presented a lovely initialed pin from the Motor City Chorus wives and friends. I believe Ron was given an engraved fancy oil can. Hope they enjoy their new location.

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Steve and Audrey Vickers recently visited many of their former Detroit Barbershop friends in California. Among those were Bill and Goldie Wales, Bob and Marion Wharton, Betty and Joe Sipots, Gary and Marilyn Wales, Romaine and Don Mazer, (the latter two are the son and daughter of Bill and Goldie Wales.) I hear they all had a ball together. Betty and Joe Sipots are both singing in quartets. Betty's quartet includes Romaine Mazer and is called the "Chordials". Both girls are active in Sweet Adelines; Betty also directs the San Fernando Valley S.A. Chorus and Joe directs the San Fernando Chapter men's chorus. Joe sang lead with the former WOLVERINE quartet.

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The Cinci Convention was a fine one, well attended, including many of our Michigan folks. Our competing quartets both gave a fine performance--the EVERSHARPS and the SHARPLIFTERS. Wow, were we ever excited when the SHARPLIFTERS came in 11th place. Heard Bill Wickstrom say, had the quartet come in the top ten and would have to sing again they may have had to sing "Keep America Singing" for one of their songs. (I'm sure they have a larger repertoire--sounds like Bill though.) The wives of this fine quartet surprised their husbands, when they wore matching jackets like the quartet and white skirts. They even sang them a song--"If my friends could see me now." The quartet stayed at the Hollywood Motel, but they just about put themselves into their business with a large sign reading SHARPLIFTERS 38ft. long. Not only that, but they sneaked out on window ledges nine stories high to fasten it. This sign was made by Thom Tompas from Detroit Chapter and was presented to them before the convention. They also were presented a good luck booklet from Motor City Chorus wives, containing many good luck charms and sayings, made by that capable Jean Butler. Wolverine Chorus also gave a fine performance--a commendable job--and looked great. Thirty-five chorus members' wives were in attendance and they were all dressed alike wearing

white dresses with pink polka dots and each carrying a pink felt hand bag with the map of Michigan on it. They made the purses themselves plus pink and white pom poms they waved after the chorus contest numbers were sung. Oakland Hospitality room was beautiful and one busy place. They served punch and other refreshments. A very fine buffet was set up with plenty of goodies. The Cracker Jills gave us Michigan folks a fine performance in this room; good to see Renee Craig, Judy Rowell, Bobby Bostic and Jan Saundry together again. Bob Craig and Bill Rowell both looked great. Bob Craig was in the International contest, singing with the "Men About Town" quartet from New Jersey and New York. The Ladies Hospitality Room at the Netherland Hotel was beautifully decorated with large flower centerpieces. Punch was served and good fellowship was enjoyed by all. Goodie bags were presented to the ladies. They held a cosmetic, jewelry, and tupperware demonstration. Chances were sold on a colored T.V. set. The proceeds from the jewelry sales and chances amounted to over a thousand dollars and the check was donated to Logopedics.

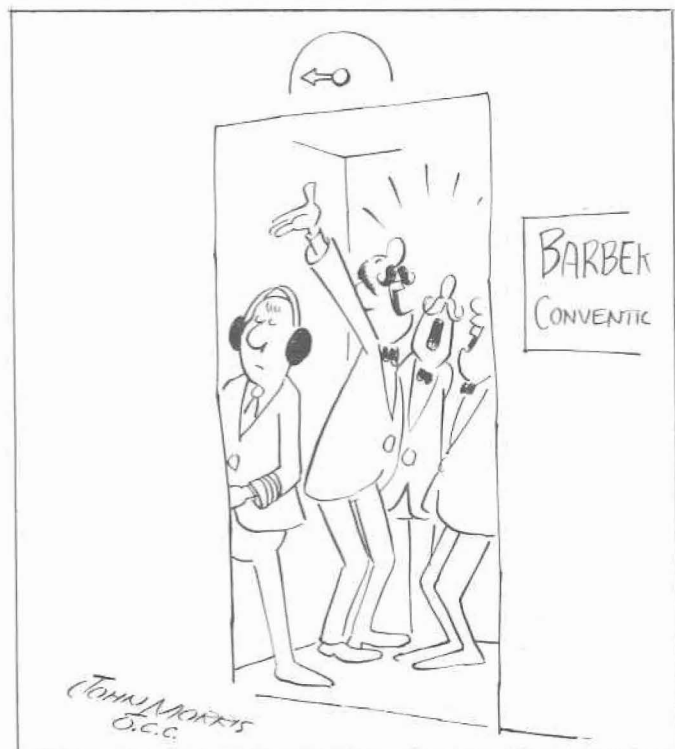
Many of the street signs were given new names such as Sweet Ada Lane, Lane of Note, Sing Cinci Lane, Harmony Lane, etc.

West Palm Beach Florida had a charming young lady in a booth with a live 4-weeks old lion cub, on the registration booth floor, advertising their Lion Country Safari. One hundred lions roaming wild with other animals--the only authentic Safari outside Africa. You can drive a car through--of course with windows up.

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Lou Harrington attended his 25th consecutive International Convention in Cinci. (A fine record, Lou.)

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Detroit Chapter Moonlight was one of the summer highlights and the weather was right. There was dancing and much singing. Entertaining was the Motor City Chorus directed by Bill Butler and there were many local and neighboring quartets. Feminine quartets were the Facinators, Windsor; Socia-Bells, S.O.C.;

and the Currie Sisters--a teenage quartet from Roseville. Many Barbershoppers and friends came from Lansing, Toledo, Canada and a bus load from Pontiac Chapter. George and Myrtle Sanders from California attended the Cinci Convention and drove to Pontiac to visit Myrtle's sister. We were delighted to have them aboard and a good time was had by all.

Your Troubadour photographer, Bill Pascher, and his lovely wife, Evelyn, were there. Bill was busy taking pictures. This time I should have had the camera--seems Bill had trouble getting his stogie lit as he was on the windy end of the boat. After several unsuccessful attempts in various fashions, he finally stuck his head in a swivel-top litter can to get a light. It worked, but don't believe this method would be approved by any fire chief.

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Let me hear from you. Tell me things that are going on in your chapters--any new little Barbershoppers coming? Leads, Baris, Tenors and Basses are always in demand and one can just about tell from that first cry what part they will sing.

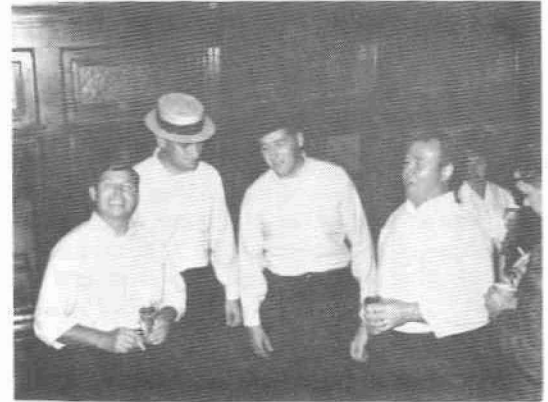
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Bob-Lo Moonlight

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SHARPLIFTERS



BEAN TOWN FOUR



FOUR FITS

Following the Leader



Gene Gillem
District President

First, congratulations to the fabulous Wolverine Chorus from Oakland County for the very commendable job they did in Cincinnati. As we are all also aware by now, the SHARPLIFTERS did themselves proud by taking the 11th spot--one out of the top ten. Congratulations also to the EVERSHARPS of Saginaw-Bay Chapter, who for their first time in the big leagues of Barbershopping, sang their hearts out.

The only thing I would like to add concerning this type of competition is that no matter where any of these three groups placed, we, the membership of the Pioneer District, can be proud of their performances. They can also take consolation with the fact they were one of the 15 best choruses in the world and the quartets one of the 45 best in the world. Just to be able to sing in the "big" one is the epitome of Barbershopping. This is what it is all about.

I would like to remind all members of the coming District Convention to be held in Monroe October 18-19-20. There will be complete details elsewhere in this issue of the Troubadour. I appeal to all members of the District to please try to attend your District Conventions and cheer your quartets and choruses to greater things. If you do not have choruses or quartets in your chapters, what are you doing about it?

Let's see more quartets and choruses in the District. The development of these in themselves will increase our membership, make for better chapter activity, encourage individual participation, and subsequently produce substantial gains in membership that eventually could entitle us to send 3 or more quartets to International Competition.

Winding up the third quarter of 1968, I am very proud to announce we have two new chapters that will be chartering within the year. They are the Les Cheneaux Chapter in Cedarville, Michigan in the upper peninsula; and Tecumseh Chapter in Tecumseh, Michigan. Welcome to these new chapters and may your association be a long and fruitful one both in singing and fellowship.

All chapters, new and old, have a lot to offer your community as a service club right along with the Lions, Kiwanis and many other organizations that fall in this category.

Bob Johnson, Music Director from International, will be in the Pioneer District in November. We have a tentative schedule set up as follows:

- Monday, November 11 -- Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. with Les Cheneaux attending.
- Tuesday, November 12 -- Cadillac, Mich., with Traverse City, Boyne City, Big Rapids attending.
- Wednesday, November 13-- Holland, Mich., with Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Benton Harbor, Grand Haven attending.

- Thursday, November 14 -- Kalamazoo, Mich. with Hudson, Jackson, Battle Creek, Lansing, Three Rivers and Niles-Buchanan attending.
- Friday, November 15 -- Windsor, Ont. for Annual International Border Night
- Saturday, November 16 -- Detroit for H.E.P. School for all District members wishing to attend.

This, again, is tentative and of course subject to verification with the host chapters and all other chapters involved.

I have received an accounting from Lowell Wolfe, District Service Project Chairman, as to the outcome of the Logopedics Spectacular held in Battle Creek on June 8. The following register quartets donated their time and money to this effort:

HARMONY HOUNDS	-- Battle Creek
NOTATIONS	-- Battle Creek
SHARPLIFTERS	-- Detroit
HUSTLERS	-- Niles-Buchanan
ROADRUNNERS	-- Cardinal District
DUNE TONES	-- Muskegon-Grand Haven
BEAN TOWN FOUR	-- Saginaw-Bay
EVERSHARPS	-- Saginaw-Bay

These quartets donated a total of \$823.07.

The following chapters donated a total of \$335.00:

MUSKEGON DEARBORN JACKSON GROSSE PTE.

There was a total of \$1000.00 in proceeds from ticket sales and the \$5.00 per man that sang in that fantastic chorus. Grand total \$2,158.07

The above mentioned quartets, chorus members, and chapters may well be proud of the time and money expended so that we can say truthfully, "We Sing That They Shall Speak".

Make your reservations early for the convention in Monroe and let's make this another successful contest.

SEE YOU IN MONROE

(Ed. Note: Please note "progress report" on "Lee" and "Rick" elsewhere in this issue.)

Chapter News

BATTLE CREEK

Chapter Reporter:
Merle Clayton

Summer is coming to a close and we're once again getting into the Fall Sing of things. Our Cereal City Chorus is now into rehearsal for the District Convention and Contest at Monroe in October. There is



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TO MONROE

(Chapter News Cont'd.)

a rumor going around that we may have a new quartet competing also.

The chorus has two up-coming engagements. The first one will be a package show at Athens, Michigan on November 9. The second will be an appearance on the Battle Creek Sweet Adelines' Show on November 30.

Our Membership Drive, which started March 29 and ended on June 11 was most successful. We signed 15 new members and not a crow in the lot. This gives us 53 members currently in good standing. We topped the campaign with a Ladies' Night. The STATION-AIRES from Hudson sang up a storm for us and our own two registered quartets, the NOTATIONS and the HARMONY HOUNDS, put on their usual good brand of entertainment and harmony. Our newest quartet in the chapter, the BURRILL BROTHERS, made their first public appearance before a mixed audience and got a warm hand. These fellows are comers. They've been singing together as a quartet since June. How about that?

Chorus Director Ron Mell knows how to lead a steak to the grill as well as how to get us to "ring"



RON MELL COOKING STEAKS FOR LADIES NIGHT



BURRILL BROTHERS WARMING UP ONE OF THE "OLD SONGS" DURING LADIES NIGHT
(1 to r: Don, bass; Dean, bari; Dorn, lead; Bud, tenor)

one here and there. And he made garlic toast using his own "secret" recipe.

Weren't you proud of the Wolverine Chorus, and the SHARPLIFTERS and the EVERSHARPS in Cincinnati? The Pioneer District is on the move again. Let's keep it up, fellows. We're with you.

The Battle Creek Chapter has two fellows who are on the "home stretch" towards becoming certified judges. Lowell Wolfe is writing his thesis in the Stage Presence Category and Merle Clayton has finally finished his thesis in the Harmony Accuracy Category. Now if we can only get the other talented guys in our chapter to get on the ball and finish up, we could nearly have a full panel in this chapter alone. Bob Campbell, tenor of the NOTATIONS, has toyed with the idea of becoming certified in the Secretary-Timer Category, and Ron Mell got a start in the Voice Expression Category. Will some of you fellows in the other chapters encourage them to keep on? Needle them a little, will you?

Ron Mell and Merle Clayton have been working like mad all summer making some special arrangements that we will sing on our annual Parade next March.

Merle's experience with the Ohio State Police Department was a happier one than that of Tony Scooras. Tony may not believe this, but an Ohio State Trooper helped Merle change a flat tire near Vandalia. We hear Tony made a fair contribution to the J.P. there.

We understand only three men from the Pioneer District attended the H.E.P. School at Kenosha July 26-27-28. 'Tis a pity, for those who didn't attend missed out on a wonderful experience in Barber-shopping. There was something for everyone. Bob Johnson taught us five songs. Fred King, bari of the ORIOLE FOUR, got us involved in "fun singing" activities. The BARBERSHARPS served as a demonstration quartet and kept us entertained. We had a visible demonstration of overtones developed from a given fundamental note. The schedule was rigorous, 9:00 p.m. to midnight, Friday; 7:00 a.m. to midnight, Saturday; and 7:00 a.m. to noon Sunday. The judges and judge candidates attended their judging clinic. The school was attended by 129.

BOYNE CITY

Chapter Reporter:
Loton V. Willson

Our meeting place is now at the "Loft" in Boyne City, rather than at Tommies, as it was sold and we had to find another spot.

Come up to "God's Country" when you have time. We don't make any money, but we LIVE.

GROSSE POINTE

Chapter Reporter:
Jimmie Olsen

I apologize for missing the last two Troubadour issues. I have been off on assignment with a friend of mine who is able to leap small buildings with a running start. Since the appearance of the last Grosse Pointe column, a lot has happened to report.

G.P.C. would like to thank Muskegon Chapter for the fine Pioneer District (I rather like the ring of that) Convention they hosted. We feel sure the members had to overcome more problems than a last-minute labor dispute. Our thanks too, to the Muskegon Elks Club for opening their facilities to us. The

Lakeshore Chorus is proud of the Novice Chorus Plaque. We thank everyone and assure you it is appropriately engraved and hanging conspicuously in our meeting room.

G.P.C. took advantage of Detroit Chapter's Tag Night for a visitation. Thirty-six members turned out. It was a pleasure to hear the Detroit Taggers again. The Lakeshore Chorus sang, and for our efforts the Motor City Chorus gave us about 30 badly needed uniforms. Thank you Motor City Chorus for a highly generous and appreciated gift.

All the news from G.P.C. is not good. We have lost Ed Straka to Norwalk, Ohio. He now must drive 75 miles to the nearest chapter meeting. But if I know Ed, he will have a chapter in Norwalk soon. I fully expect to see him at one of our regular chapter meetings singing with Norwalk's first registered quartet.

President Larry Reed is pushing quartet singing in our chapter with a rather novel plan. Hope it works. With a 30-man chorus we should have 7 quartets with two tenors left over.

I am happy to report that Mark Roberts is recuperating quickly from the surgery he recently underwent at St. Johns Hospital in Detroit. The Grosse Pointe meeting room has lacked a good deal of warmth and dignity in his absence. We hope that by the time this is read, he will again be with us in good health.

Earl Sanders has at last retired from the City of Detroit and has taken up residence in the placid community of Algonac. Now, one would think that because of the distance involved his chapter attendance would fall off.

The weekend of August 16,17,18 was a big one for the G.P.C. singers. A surprisingly large number braved the elements for the regular Friday Night Meeting. Hank Demars did his usual remarkable job with the program. Then on Saturday, the Lakeshore Chorus was pleased to sing for the Retired Police Officers Assn. at their annual picnic. A relatively small number of singers made it, but their songs were warmly received and appreciated.

Sunday was probably the high point of the weekend. Dick and Theresa Brouckaert threw their Lake St. Clair Manor open to the chapter members and their families. They came by car, bus, and boat. In the early evening, Dick led us in several songs to the delight (we hope) of half a hundred neighbors who gathered for the impromptu show. Hero of the day: Miles Currie who jumped into the water fully clothed to save Don Adam's boat. Charmers of the day Keith Reed and Lias Wade for being 13 and 16 months old respectively. Perfect host and hostess of the day: Dick and Theresa Brouckaert for being so generous and courageous. The combined "thank yous" of the entire chapter are sincerely extended.

Now that the summer is over, it's a pleasure to get back into the old routine. Tuesday night chorus practice and every 1st and 3rd Friday Night. We hope to have several more quartets representing G.P.C. in Monroe.

For those of you who still haven't visited us, Irv DeVore is still doing the cooking every first and third Friday of each month at Alger V.F.W. Post-- St. Paul and Neff. Take it from Jimmie Olsen, it will be one of the singiest evenings of the season. Stop by and bust a chord with us.

A Grosse Pointe Chapter Show? Exciting thought.

MONROE

Chapter Reporter:
Ron Koshik

The Monroe Chapter has been busily humming?? along.

We had the opportunity of singing at two centennial celebrations, art show, and the Monroe County Fair. Our own TWILIGHTERS were along and did a pretty good job under trying circumstances. We've competed with ferris wheels, lightning and thunder, mosquitos, merry-go-rounds, carnival hawkers and microphones which either worked or didn't work. But we had a heck of a good time. we were well received by people who had our best interests at heart and did their best to make our jobs a joyous occasion.

We've elected a new President. John Metz is taking the reins. Don Poirier's job was too much for him. Good luck to John and thanks Don.

The preparations for the Fall Convention in Monroe are falling into place beautifully. Accommodations are all arranged. The committees are scurrying about to see to all of your comforts, entertainment, and needs. Meeting places and motels are all committed to us. The only thing uncommitted is a place in competition. We have ideas about that for ourselves. All we have to do is rile up our bass section a little, then watch out. When they get it up they can sound like a herd of sea lions beautiful.

Well, we're looking forward to the Fall and seeing all of you down south for some good ole Barbershopping.

OAKLAND COUNTY Chapter Reporter: Dick Van Dyke

Summer is over, Harrisville is over, International Convention is behind us and there is nothing to look forward to except next summer, next year at Harrisville, and the Convention in St. Louis and a lot of great Barbershopping in between. We have O.C.C.'s annual corn roast, the Monroe Convention (which may be the best chorus contest in years), our October 26th show (which features the AVANT GARDE), the Sweet Ads November 16 show (on which the Wolverines will sing), Kiwanis shows, Christmas caroling, the Third Annual Greenhorn Quartet Contest, the Pre-Boyne Contest and the Spring Convention. The Wolverines will be retiring champions and as such not able to sing in the contest, but we're going to be there just the same. So, as I said, there's nothing to look forward to. Barbershopping sure is a dull existence.

At the risk of repeating myself, we must say thanks again to all of the Barbershoppers who assisted us monetarily and to the many Michigan District men who were at the Convention. and gave us moral support. I can't recall a greater thrill than spending six minutes on stage in the contest (and also, perhaps, the most terrifying). My vacation next year will be planned around two events: The St. Louis Convention and Harrisville. I hope you plan to do the same. We'll see you all in Monroe.

SEE YOU IN MONROE

WAYNE

Chapter Reporter:
Morrie Giles

The Wayne Chapter has changed its meeting place. We now invite you to join us any 1st and 3rd Friday at the K. of C. Hall at the extreme west end of Annapolis Rd., a few blocks west of Wayne Rd. in Wayne.

The summer months were taken up with many varied activities including the "At Last" Golf Tournament which had been flooded out earlier. Our chapter picnic was a big success. Starting with 5:30 a.m. breakfast and winding up after 11 p.m. Summer chapter meetings were held out of doors with fabulous turn-outs.

The Wayne Wonderland Chorus continued its weekly rehearsals throughout the summer and we believe it indicative of something that our attendance at each session was at least 85%.

Now, of course, all chapter choruses throughout the District are busy preparing for the Fall Contest at Monroe and we can't help wondering to just what extent the wives of other chapters are going to boost the morale of their favorite Barbershoppers. Our wonderful gals have formed an auxiliary organization and sure do come up with some of the darndest stunts to liven up our already lively chorus rehearsals. We never know when our break periods are going to be enhanced by the appearance of hippies staging a love-in, complete with flowers and cookies, or hillbillies passing out birthday cake. These gals parade up the street in their get-ups with signs and placards proclaiming their love for us. What they are saying in essence is "if you guys win the contest, you'll have the praise of the entire District, but just remember that if you lose, you'll still be our champs."

How can we help being enthusiastic?

By the time this is printed the Labor Day weekend will be past history with the winner of the Harrisville Trophy known to all, and if Wayne didn't win it, you know very well who had to buy lollipops for the winners--me. However, the same challenge goes out for 1969: If Wayne doesn't win the attendance trophy, your reporter will personally buy lollipops for the winning chapter.

Our chorus gained several new members over the summer including one of Barbershop's better-known quartets who evidently feel it worthwhile driving sixty-off miles to sing under our esteemed director, Gordie Limburg. Welcome Aboard, CHORDIALS.

SAGINAW-BAY

Chapter Reporter:
Bill Dolezel

The summer has been an active one for Saginaw-Bay Chapter people. We were represented by 16 of our people at the Battle Creek Logopedic Show. All were impressed by the thrill of participation in this event.

Mr. Chet Fox visited our chapter on June 11 and we used the occasion to stage a combined business meeting, chorus rehearsal and program night so that we could receive our dose of administrative information while enjoying Barbershop.

A part of the Essexville Centennial celebration was a variety show in which our chorus had a spot. We stole the show, of course.

Our program Vice-President, Bud Carpenter, organized a picnic on June 23 at Caro where the kids

were treated to rides on Case farm equipment provided by Bud, and to motorcycle rides courtesy of Jack Stephans. Horseshoes, Frisby and baseball, interspersed with generous helpings of Barbershop were so entertaining that it became difficult to find a point to terminate the activity.

We again presented our package show for the Bay City Newcomers Club where we were enthusiastically received; and our chorus did a fine job for St. Matthews Church in Zilwaukee on August 25. We had an attendance of 29 which is a goodly number for our small chapter.

At this writing we are looking forward to the Labor Day bust in Harrisville. Many of our people are going early to ensure the procurement of a choice location in the park.

The Roscommon Sweet Adelines have invited our chorus, octet and quartets to participate in an impromptu show with them on September 7. This will be our second appearance in Roscommon and if it is to be as much fun as the last one, no one should miss it. Our Moe Weaver is coordinator on this as he makes his home in Roscommon.

The chapters of Area 9, (Holly-Fenton, Flint, and Saginaw-Bay) have for a few years been getting together three times a year for a Tri-Chapter Party. One is to be held on September 10 in the Croation Hall in Flint. We always have a good time at these parties and we would be happy to see guests from other areas.

All of the Saginaw-Bay people wish to congratulate the SHARPLIFTERS on the fine job they did in Cincinnati. They were terrific. The Pioneer District can be proud to have been represented by these fine gentlemen.

MICHIGAN FOLKS IN CINCINNATI THROUGH THE EYES OF PHOTOGRAPHER

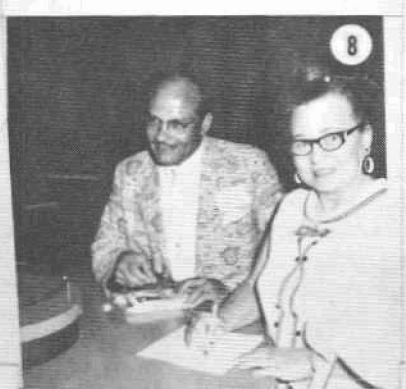
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by Bill Pascher, District Photographer

It was indeed a pleasure to meet the many, many, Michigan members in Cincinnati during Convention Week (July 1-6). Several of them, with their families, were present most of the week, enjoying the special pre-convention events that were sponsored by the host chapters. Mrs. Pascher and myself were fortunate to be among the early Monday arrivals, and evening found us on board the Ohio River Moonlight Cruise where we made a new Michigan acquaintance in the persons of Ed and Mary Krieger (pic. #1), Les Cheneaux Chapter, U.P. The king size, ear splitting, pitch pipe (pic. #2) was actually an authentic steam calliope that coughed up echoing responses to the nimble fingered urgings of the ships musician. I have heard it said that quartets can, and will, sing anywhere, anytime. I now offer an amendment, to wit, 'no quartet, not one, can compete with a healthy steam calliope. Luckily the sessions were brief and plenty of singing time was allowed the several good foursomes on board, not the least of which was the "FOUR STATESMEN", still reigning Champions.

Tuesday arrivals flooded the mezzanine of the Netherland Hotel, where everyone was busy with regis-

...MICHIGAN FUN



IN CINCINNATI...



trations, handshaking, and even a little boondogging, believe it or not. The camera catches (pic. #3) Don Ferguson, the Jacks Stephan and Stevens, and Frank Bateson tuning up for an unknown critical judge.

Now if you believe that longevity can be attributed to happiness, then you've got to believe that the next happy four (pic #4) have accumulated an unbeatable total of happy Barbershop years - Joe Wolff, Al Eason, Leo Ives (Harmonizers Chi.), and Wally Joure. Tuesday Night's President's Ball brought together Michigan District President Gene Gillem and amiable host Johnny Appleseed District President John Lawrence, wearing the big welcome smile (pic #5). And who should arrive, in time for the Ball, but those former Michigan greats, Renee and Bob Craig (pic #6). Renee of "Crackerjills" fame, also great arranger and "Sweet Ad" director, and Bob formerly of so many good quartets and now competing with the MEN ABOUT TOWN of Livingston, New Jersey.

Wednesday arrivals were greeted by an appreciative family group (pic #7) with John Beaudin - Pontiac (center), John's son-in-law George Danic - "Gardenaires" (right), and John's stepson - Carl Hubbell (left) former Michiganite now competing with the Austin Texas Chorus. The All-Champions Show on Wednesday night was a great affair, and who should be caught doing their homework (pic #8) but those two "Troubadour" helpers, (ahem) and Dora Vogel.

The Quarter-Final Contests started Thursday, and Michigan folk gathered everywhere (9), even waited for pre-show refreshments with Tom Shull - Milford, Bob Stone - Dearborn, Eric Schultz - Past Dist. Pres., Tom Pollard - Wayne, Cecil Craig - Dearborn, and their respective spouses and families. O yes, and my spouse Evelyn - she just loves cameras in spite of what she says about Troubadour business.

There have been many stories told around our Society about two look-alikes of great renown, and although we were scooped by the "Harmonizer" (July-Aug.) our camera did record (10) the first meeting of Joe Wolff and O. H. "King" Cole who is accompanied by his lovely wife. Part of the St. Louis (1969) exhibit looms in the background.

During intermission breaks throughout the contests, it was interesting to see the experts comparing notes. The really expert Wayne Foor (11) Past Int'l Pres. with Bill Diekema, author of "Keep America Singing" and indeed a real expert. What do you suppose could be so serious? Not to be outdone, the gals voice their opinion (12) as Mr. and Mrs. "Chase" Sanborn and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Giekema compare notes. Looks like Ed had seats in the bleachers, and obviously Ruth doesn't believe Chase.

Friday was a day of parades and sing-outs, old cars and old songs, sunny day and sunny smiles (and oh, what gorgeous weather we did have all week). Lined up in the old car parade (pic #13) are the lovable EVERSHPARPS, and those mad-mad singers from Saginaw-Bay, Bill Dolezel, Frank Bateson, Len Johnson, and Bob Glover. Ready to push off is Parade Marshall (?) Gene Gillem. Pulling up in front of the big, new Convention Arena (14) are the ADVENTURES of Nashua, N. H., and Beverly, Mass. The entire parade was delayed awhile as the whole town tried to

get into the act. Two cars colliding at the corner - Barbershopper pedestrian from Florida pinned under one car - a noisy ambulance ride to the hospital - WOW. Seriously though, nothin' serious, as everyone was pleased by the pleasant announcement that brother B-B Shopper was back in his seat that night, smiling, breathing hard, keeping score, and leaving the high notes to somebody else.

Now, nothing could be more climatic for 4000 singers, gathered on the steps and streets, and panting with anticipation, than to be led in song (15) by the greatest of them all, our Director of Musical Activities, Robert D. (pitch 'em right) Johnson. Yea-Bob. And to make sure that he could be heard, Jerry Spittler, Oak. Co., (16) muscled right up front, love beads, et al.

We were tickled to see the Bert Escots back on the convention kick (17) accompanied this year by the Jim Adam'es and Edna Centers, all of Grosse Pointe.

One of the Michigan tables (18) at the Saturday Noon men's Brunch, included (l. to r.) Rol Dow - Hudson, Lowell Wolfe - Battle Creek, Harold McGlothlin - Flint, and Dud Roegsegger - Boyne City. Lots of fun those luncheons.

During the PROBE Conference, which incidentally doesn't seem to be as popular among Michigan Bulletin Editors and Public Relations Officers as it is among other Districts (14 other District), it was your lonely photographer's pleasure to witness the presentation (poor pic 19) by PROBE President Don Donahue, of the "Best P. R. Display of the Year" Award to the Sunshine (Fla.) Dist. We did not envy the award recipient too much, as the Sunshine District Display (pictures 20 and 21) was just a little bit better than the Michigan District Display (unpictured). Well, there's always another year.

Saturday night, late, - gaiety now abounds, the contests are over, the ribbons have been hung, the chorus curfews are lifted, no more cough drops, hurrah - let's have a party. And parties there were, parties galore, but none better than the Oakland County Party (22) where some of the Michigan District Chorus Champ "Wolverines" whoop it up. But of course there were serious moments too, like giving close attention to visiting quartets, and there were many. Notice, gentlemen that they are, the laddies gave front row seats to the ladies (23), except for one seat further front that was occupied all night by a photographer.

(Footnote) There was an unconfirmed report, that very late in the morning, said photog was heard to be singing to himself, as he peacefully left the room "Have I Stayed Too Long With the Fair?"

What better climax could there be, than to hear again from Michigan's finest, the quartet that carried Michigan's banner right up to the very door of the finals, 11th place out of 45 starters. Bill Wickstrom lets his hair down (24) as the SHARPLIFTERS, with Joe Coburn, Mike Mudget, and John Seemann, lay it on with feeling.

Please forgive me if I have inadvertently omitted your name, or worse yet, switched an I for an E in your spelling. I can always plead "typographical error" or even "temporary insanity" - - - but keep smiling - (YOU MAY BE NEXT ON CAMERA).

HISTORIC MONROE WELCOMES YOU

The history of Monroe dates to the 1870's when French settlers established trading posts in the area and called the areas Frenchtown. They named the river the River Aux Raisin because of the many grapes growing along its banks. In 1813 many settlers and Kentucky soldiers were killed by the Indians in the River Raisin Massacre--one of the most dramatic events of the War of 1812.

In 1817 the name was changed to Monroe in honor of our President. The Monroe Sentinel, the Michigan territory's second newspaper, was established by Edward Ellis in 1821 and in 1828 the Bridge School, Michigan's first public school began operation.

Monroe's position just north of Ohio on Lake Erie meant the community has been an important cross-road of the Mid-west. Most of the early settlers coming to Michigan passed through Monroe and many stayed. As a result, transportation has always been an important business in Monroe. In pre-Civil War days the underground railroad was very active here and many homes and businesses claim to have been "stations" on that road. Today, Monroe--Michigan's only port on Lake Erie--is port of entry for Renault-Great Lakes, Inc., which imports about 10,000 French cars here each year.

Monroe has been a leader in education beginning with the Bridge School and continuing with Saint Mary Academy in 1846 (one of the largest Catholic girl's schools in the nation with about 800 girls), Mary Grove College in 1910 and the Monroe County Community College in 1964.

Many of Monroe's 49 churches have long histories, beginning with St. Mary's Catholic - 1785 (second church in Michigan), the First Presbyterian - 1820, First Methodist - 1812, and the Episcopal, Baptist and several Lutheran churches in the 1830's. Some of

the present church buildings, including the Presbyterian and Episcopal, are over 100 years old.

The most famous Monroe resident has to be General George Armstrong Custer who came to Monroe as a young boy, went to West Point and gained fame in the Civil War and the Indian Wars. After his death at Little Big Horn in 1876 his wife continued to live in Monroe and in 1910 the State of Michigan erected a statue of the General on the banks of the River Raisin.

The city of Monroe boasts a population of about 25,000, twenty-two major manufacturing concerns, and one of the highest per capita incomes in the state. Many of the homes are over fifty years old and are occupied by families who have been in Monroe for several generations.

Monroe has several local based industries: the La-Z-Boy chair has been manufactured here since 1925, Jones Transfer began in 1823, Consolidated Packaging Corporation originated here in 1898, and the Michigan Gas Utilities Company has its central offices here, and Monroe Auto Equipment, which sells more replacement shocks than anyone, began and remains a Monroe Company. Monroe has been known for its nurseries for over a century and presently there are over 2,000 acres in the area devoted to the nursery business. Thus Monroe is known as the "Floral City".

For culturally minded persons, Monroe offers an Arts and Crafts League, a community chorus and orchestra, the community players, the Monroe Chamber Singers, the Monroe Historical Society and Museum, and several touring and special programs, as well as our own "Floral City" Barbershop Chorus. There is something for everyone in Fun-Filled Monroe.

CAN ANY CHAPTER TOP THIS?

The REDFORD Chapter has, within its fold, three oldtimers who are still very active and still in fair voice. They have:

a combined membership of 83 years
combined ages totaling 232 years

They are:

ROY CRITES, Redford Treasurer for the past 20 years and formerly a member of the Rosedale Park Chapter.

MORRIE LAGROU, Redford Chapter President in 1966-67, and formerly a Detroit #1 member and charter member of the Grosse Pointe Chapter.

BUD DASHIELL, Redford Chapter Marshall and formerly Detroit #1 member and a charter member of the Dearborn Chapter. Bud was organizing President for two years of the old "Detroit Metropolitan Chorus" which was in full swing some years before the beginning of SPEBSQSA. They boasted some 80 members.



MONROE OCT. 18-20

Photo by Bob Farrington, Redford Chapter.

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5:00-9:30 p.m.	Registration	Howard Johnsons
9:00 p.m.	House of Delegates	Howard Johnsons
10 p.m.	Pre Glo	Howard Johnsons

SATURDAY

7:30 a.m.	Registration	Howard Johnsons
9:00-1:30 p.m.	Registration	Saint Mary Auditorium
9:00 a.m.	Contest Briefing	Saint Mary Auditorium
9:30 a.m.	Quartet Preliminaries	Saint Mary Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Chorus Contest	Saint Mary Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	Quartet Finals	Saint Mary Auditorium
11:00 p.m.	After Glo	Howard Johnsons

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.	Clinic	Howard Johnsons
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MUSKEGON

Chapter Reporter:
Jay Smith

The above escaped Barbershopper, wearing No. 00001, is wanted by the Port City Chapter.

He is charged with deserting the Muskegon Chapter in time of need, also he was the chapter treasurer before eluding the Port City Chapter and the two fine policemen holding him.

Don Courtright was captured and booked by the North Muskegon Police Dept. upon being charged with the above mentioned charges. He was last seen eating a big steak at Jack Bennett's house when the Port City Chapter was holding their annual steak fry in July.

All kidding aside, it is reported by reliable sources that Don and Mary Jo Courtright and family are heading for the University of Michigan and the Ann Arbor Chapter. Don is working towards his Master Degree in Hospital Administration.

Don will sorely be missed by the Port City Chapter and we wish him all the luck in the world.

Due to the lingering strike at the Occidental Hotel, we will be holding our meetings at the Mona Lake Boat Club until further notice.

We want to welcome the new members into our ranks.

So till the first of October and the District Convention in Monroe, we say hope you all had a nice and safe vacation.

GRAND RAPIDS

Chapter Reporter:
Jack Sidor

Hello again from the Grand Rapids Chapter #4. Sorry we missed sending in a report the last couple of times around. It's not that we haven't been active, rather that your reporter has been too active to report. Anyway, following the big bash at Muskegon last May our chapter relocated its meeting place.

The Great Lakes Chorus combined talents with the SAFE COMBINATION and the RAFTER RINGERS for a package show at Rockford for the Hush Puppie people.

Then came June. Ah, yes. Yours truly up and got "hissself" married to a sweet, Sweet Adeline. We took a trip to Phoenix, Arizona, her home for many years, also that of Lloyd Steinkamp. We met many of the Barbershoppers there including some of our new champions, the WESTERN CONTINENTALS, and the Phoenician Chorus which sang a special song, "Sally" (her name) on our wedding night. We can't say enough about the warmth of this great fraternity we belong to, SPEBSQSA.

July saw two picnics here. One was for the families and guests on a dandy afternoon with lots of fun and games for all chaired by Bill Meyers. The other was our annual wide-open golf classic promoted by Pete

Elkins and the SAFE COMBINATION--a great success, now renamed the William H. Wild Sr. Wide-Open Golf Classic in honor of our eldest active member, Pa Wild who has just celebrated his 75th birthday on August 1.

So now it's August and our attendance is in tough competition with the call of Michigan out of doors. Still, we're having fair sized turnouts at our new location--the Lexicon Club. In case you wish to visit us on a second or fourth Friday, you know how to find the Pantline Hotel, right? O.K., then take the street on the south side of the hotel, Pearl St., and GO WEST YOUNG MAN, about six blocks beyond the river to Lexington St. Turn north one block and you're there.

Grand Rapids Chapter was shocked by the untimely death of one of its most popular members, Tom Elderkin. He was stricken with a heart attack on August 13 at Payne Lake while preparing to water ski. With him at the time were two other members of the RAFTER RINGERS Quartet, Jim Horton and Bob Lovell who tried to revive him and were unsuccessful.

Tom was fifty-four and more than twenty of these years found him lending a hand wherever needed in chapter tasks including the job of President. His excellent tenor voice was one of the rare ones--like his personality; he had a ready smile, a warm handshake and a kind word for everyone. We shall miss him.

Just prior to this sad event was one in which our spirits rose to great heights. We held a surprise party for Bill Wild Sr. to fete his seventy-fifth birthday. Bill has spent over 27 years with us singing in both the chorus and with the PITCH PIPERS and a grander guy you'll look far to find. Lou Mahacek was chairman of this program which went something like "This is Your Life". He got Em Sperling, another member of the PITCH PIPERS, to dig up a bunch of pictures and news clippings of Bill's past achievements. Bill was given the opportunity to sing with every quartet present for the occasion. Can you think of a nicer gift?

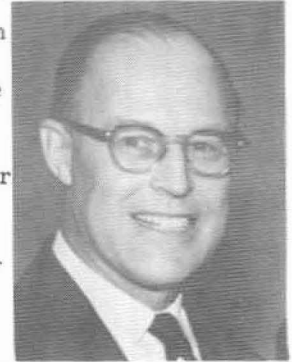
We're planning a guest night on Friday, September 13. We sure would enjoy your company if you can make it over. Muskegon is having their guest night on September 27 at the Mona Lake Boat Club--their new location--and the Great Lakes Chorus is going over en masse to help liven things.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO IN MONROE

Monroe has much to offer the casual visitor. The city has four parks and the Sterling State Park on Lake Erie is only about three miles away. There are many boat launch sites and marinas in the area as well as a golf course (next to Howard Johnson's), four bowling alleys and two gun clubs.

Many of the industries in the area conduct guided tours of their facilities. La-Z-Boy Chair Company and Enrico Fermi Atomic Plant have regular tours each afternoon and other tours could be arranged if enough persons are interested.

The Monroe County Historical Museum is open from 1-5 each afternoon and has a Custer Room, an



Indian Room, and a Handicraft Room as the main attractions.

Sunday, October 20th in the late afternoon, the Monroe Chamber Singers are singing a program of religious music of 100 years ago as part of the 100th Anniversary of the Episcopal Church building. Why not stay over and take in the "bonus" of your weekend with us?

Monroe's eleven restaurants, ranging from the elegant dining of Joe's French-Italian Inn to the exotic Jimmy's Rathskeller, are eagerly waiting to serve you.

Come one, come all, and have a ball in Monroe, the cultural Barbershop capital of Southeast Michigan.

THE ADAMS

HONORARIUM STORY

By Duane H. Mosier
District Co-Historian



"Honorarium" is a word seldom heard, seldom used, and of limited application. It is an honorary payment, or reward, usually in recognition of professional services to an organization deeply appreciative of the service rendered by an individual, upon which no money value can be exactly placed. To the average barbershopper it is of no particular concern, but to Carroll Adams it is a matter of prime importance.

After a devoted eleven years of service to the Society, first as International President and later as Executive Director, Adams was compelled, for health reasons only, to tender his resignation. This was a painful thing for him to do. He pondered the past and recalled how he and his good wife Frankie had run the affairs of the Society, first, from their home at a pitiful stipend of \$50.00 a month, later moving into the rear offices of a real estate broker with a rented typewriter and part time typist, and eventually taking more adequate facilities on Fenkell Avenue, Detroit, which became the Society's headquarters until they were transferred to Kenosha. He recalled the enthusiasm and drive which went into their work and the happiness which crowned his efforts in seeing a membership of twenty-seven thousand enrolled in the records of his office.

June 1953 was approaching and with it the International Convention and contest to be held in Detroit. Hours of toil meant nothing to Adams as he was determined to make it a complete success. This dynamic organizer accomplished all he set out to accomplish. Memory will serve to recall that it was a great convention with 4,400 Barbershoppers jamming the Masonic Temple auditorium and a thousand more who could not be accommodated.

All of this tremendous effort of Carrolls was taking its toll and he knew it and so did his physician. It was a turning point in his life and he was forced to choose. He was then sixty-one years of age and had hoped to continue the work he so much loved until he

became sixty-five, at least, and possibly longer, but conditions negated that approach.

On May 13, 1953 Adams wrote a letter addressed to all the members of the International Board which, in part, said:

"For several months I have found myself giving alot of thought to the future, insofar as it concerns Mrs. Adams and myself--and particularly my connection with the Society. I am completing my eleventh year as your Secretary, and my thirteenth year as an International Officer. I was 61 last January, and it has always been my hope that the Society would continue to be my field of endeavor until I was at least 65. However, in the past week or ten days I have begun to realize that perhaps that hope could not become a reality. Yesterday my physician made the final decision for me. He told me that if I don't slow down--and immediately--he will not be responsible for the consequences. That means just one thing--and that is that I must, within the very near future, find a pattern of living that will fit in more closely with the state of my health. After all, I want to continue to sing Barbershop harmony for a long time yet.

"On Thursday afternoon, June 11th at 2 o'clock, you will appoint the Society's International Secretary for the fiscal year starting July 1st. Just in case you were planning on considering me for the position (and that may be presumptuous on my part), I just cannot be a candidate. I am perfectly willing to stay on for a few weeks after June 30, or possibly for a few months, as an employee only, if I am needed, and if by so doing I can help my successor make the transition from my administration to his more easily and more rapid rapidly."

Under those conditions the Board reluctantly accepted his resignation. Recognizing the tremendous work he had done over so many years in building SPEBSQSA into the great Society it is, the International Board voted an honorarium of three hundred dollars a month to be paid to him for the remainder of his life. This came as a welcome blessing. He and his wife had made no plans for the future but felt they would best be served by taking a small cottage back east where they came from. They moved to Bennington, Vermont, but now reside in Montpelier. Carroll is now seventy-seven years of age.

The then Board and successive boards honored the commitment made in 1953 until January 1965 when a new board without apparent reason suddenly terminated the honorarium without notice or explanation to Adams. For more than three years Carroll has not been able to enjoy the use of the honorarium to which in honor and good conscience he was entitled. One can imagine the shock which Adams must have felt when he finally heard what had happened. Granted,

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that legally the board had a right to cancel the honorarium; nevertheless there existed an honored moral obligation which that board and every board was duty bound to respect. Few of the Society's members knew of the cancellation. The last person to publicly complain would be Carroll B. Adams.

For every wrong there is a remedy and a few of Carroll's close friends, knowing what the loss of this stipend meant to him, engaged to do something about it. A movement developed, spearheaded by Art Merrill, Past International President, in which Joe Wolff and the writer joined, to fully acquaint the present International officers and board members of the action which had been taken, urging them to take action at the Cincinnati Convention to reinstate the honorarium. Merrill wrote letters to many of the old timers, receiving replies from thirty-seven of them expressing deep resentment over the cancellation proceedings and expressing hope for a speedy reinstatement. From all responses one could sense a feeling of utter dismay over such board conduct. They were not hesitant in showing their contempt. From the many replies Merrill extracted portions thereof, fitting them into a compact brochure, mailing the same to the board members in time for thorough digest prior to the Cincinnati Convention. Joe Wolff and the writer each wrote letters to the 23 board members urging reinstatement of the honorarium.

Following are only a few of the pungent remarks from oldtimers who knew Carroll and what he did for the Society:

Calmer Browy: "I enter my most vigorous protest to the action and urge that such action be rescinded retroactively and all moneys owing Carroll paid to him."

O.H. King Cole: "I would say that almost single-handedly he nurtured our Society through the period of early organization until it became well established. His capacity for work was tremendous and he did alone what we have since hired many hands to do at a considerable increase in the amount paid out for such services."

Bill Diekema: "You can tell the Executive Committee for me that I think it was an unwarranted action in the first place, and the quicker justice is done by reinstating the honorarium, retroactive to the date when it was cut off, the better for the Society's image and for the peace of mind of some superannuated members who were in position to know the value of the services which Carroll Adams rendered to the Society in that very formative period."

Ed Fahnestock: "By all means continue Carroll's honorarium as long as he lives. We never could repay him for what he has put into Barbershopping."

Ed Hamlet: "Carroll Adams, more than any other person, kept our great Society going. He was the one man we should never forget--and certainly we shouldn't take something from him--as small as it is--at his station in life."

Joe Hermsen: "The commitment we made to Carroll in 1953 is irrevocable in human decency."

Berney Simmer: "The moneys agreed to be paid to Carroll were not in the nature of a pension, but were 'Honorarium for Life' as voted by the Board for an in the name of the Society. I would hotly contest the legality of the 1965 Board action and certainly they

have abrogated their moral responsibility without cause. Believe me, Art, you have my support and active participation to correct the situation."

Joe Jones (Michigan, Past International Vice President): "The \$300 per month were never meant as 'retirement'. They were meant to repay Carroll in a small way for the rest of his natural life for the job he did for our great Society, for the time and money he spent out of his own meager pocket to keep us alive and healthy thirty years ago when most of our today's members didn't know the difference between a barber-shop 7th and middle C. No organization can have a future without a strong past, and Carroll Adams was the Moses who led us out of the musical wilderness.... I hope, Wes, you and the Board will reconsider that previous action and reinstate the Society's lifelong commitment to Carroll...."

The foregoing quotes reflect the same feeling expressed in the letters of the other thirty-one friends. Space forbids setting forth their sentiments.

The Executive Committee met in advance of the meeting of the full Board at the Cincinnati Convention and had already considered the proposal and agreed to recommend reinstatement of the full amount beginning with July 1, 1968. The question, therefore, for the Board to consider was the adoption of the recommendation. When the question was put by International President Wes Meier there was not a voice raised in dissent.

It was a heart warming conclusion by a Board whose members deserve a robust "Well Done". They are to be commended in putting honor and respect back in a Society commitment where it properly belongs.



By Roger Craig

If there is any truth to the old adage "You only get out of something what you put into it" then one of the most satisfied, happy barbershoppers in the Pioneer District must be Bill Butler. Bill is a human dynamo when it comes to quartet singing, chorus directing, chapter meetings, conventions, HEP Schools, and every other activity remotely connected with barbershopping. He is not what you would call a spectator at these events. Bill is always very much involved whether it is singing, directing or organizing activities that OTHERS can enjoy. That is the key to the success of any organization. You must have men with the interest and dedication to promote worthwhile and stimulating activities for everyone's benefit. Fortunately for the Pioneer District and the Detroit Chapter in particular there is a Bill Butler (and many others like him) to provide that kind of leadership.

Bill did not come by this talent just recently. His Barbershopping career dates back to 1948 when he joined the Society in Traverse City. It was not too long before he was singing in the Northmen Quartet and directing the Cherryland Chorus. As an example of organization and leadership, Bill directed the com-

bined Cadillac, Manistee and Traverse City Choruses when they were called the Northland Chorus.

In 1956 Bill moved back to his home town of Flint to find that the local chapter was defunct. Naturally he couldn't stand still for that so together with Mike Scheid, Bob Murphy and a lot of other interested men, Bill helped to reactivate the Flint Chapter. Flint received its Chapter Charter in March of 1957 and has become one of Michigan's most active and productive chapters. While in Flint Bill served as Chapter President for two years, directed the local Sweet Adelines Chorus and sang with the Flintones. Other members of the Flintones were Fred Kienitz tenor, Ray Goodall lead, and Hap Augsbury formerly of the Antlers on bass.

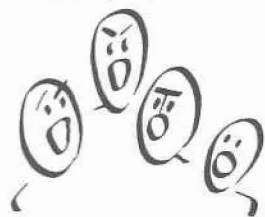
Bill moved to Westland in 1961 and immediately took on the directorship of the Wayne Wonderland Chorus. In September of 1963 he transferred to the Detroit Chapter and got the Motor City Chorus moving toward winning ways. Since Bill took over, the Motor City Chorus has won two Regional Contests and twice represented Michigan at International Contests in Boston and Los Angeles. They were Michigan District Champions in 1966 and have finished second in three other contests.

Even though Bill's only formal music training was a Euphonium player in the Flint Central High School Band, he has certainly developed musical skills over the years. Evidence of this can be found in his many Barbershop arrangements and vast collection of tags. Bill is sharing his latest tag with us this month, "Just One Of Those Songs". The Motor City Chorus rings every chord of it and you and three other guys will too.

Thanks Bill. It is because of men like you that MICHIGAN SINGS.

SINGING OUT

Letters To The Editor



To The Editor:

I feel the District should recognize the work Burt Szabo has done as Chairman of the Judging and Contest Committee. Nobody, who is not a judge, can realize the amount of work that goes into this job. The time it takes to evaluate the work of judges and candidates is unbelievable, and Burt has been an exceptional Chairman. I feel he should be mentioned in the Troubadour. Too many times people who devote their time and talents are not recognized. We are going to miss him.

Bari-truly,

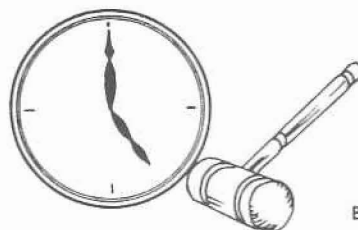
Loton V. Willson

To The Editor:

A big "thanks" is in order to the Michigan Pioneer District for the tremendous support given to the Oakland County "Wolverine Chorus" in their first venture into International competition, at the recent convention in Cincinnati. The encouragement given us by the members and officers of this District was extremely gratifying to us.

I would particularly like to thank the Detroit #1, Dearborn, Muskegon, and Lansing Chapters for additional monetary support, which, when added to the District contribution, aided us greatly in offsetting the tremendous cost of sending a large chorus to the convention.

Sing-cerely,
Bob McDermott
President -- O.C.C.



Minutes

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

BY LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

August 11, 1968

A meeting of the Michigan District Board of Directors was held at The Inn America, East Lansing, Michigan on Sunday, August 11, 1968. All of the members of the Board were present. Also present, William Whippen, Chairman of the 1968 District Convention. The meeting was called to order by President Gene Gillem at 10:45 a.m.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. The President reviewed various correspondence and also various miscellaneous items of business including the Michigan Troubadour affairs. It was suggested that in the future, the Michigan Troubadour be used in providing more publicity for District Conventions.

The Treasurer's report showed \$6,880.40 on hand. The Chairman urged that the Budget Committee and the Ways and Means Committee be ready with reports covering matters referred to them so that a report can be had at the October House of Delegates Meeting. It was further suggested that if possible, the Ways and Means Committee consisting of Ralph Schirmer, Don Courtright, Bill Whippen and Jack Schneider meet with the District Budget and Finance Committee to further discuss the situation.

Eric Schultz, International Board Member reported on the actions of International Board at the Cincinnati Convention.

Bill Whippen then gave a detailed report on the progress for the Fall Convention to be held in Monroe, October 18-20, 1968. The Board approved the schedule of admission prices which are to be \$1.00 for the Quartet Preliminaries, \$2.00 for the Chorus Contest and \$2.50 for the Saturday Night Finals. An all-events registration good for all of the above mentioned events will be available at \$4.00 per person. All contestants, as in the past, will be required to have tickets. The After Glow will be a separate item which will include a buffet to be priced at \$2.50 per person with the event limited to 200 persons because of the food situation. The Board also decided that to avoid confusion and facilitate the progress of the House of Delegates Meeting, only duly qualified delegates will be permitted to attend the meeting. The membership rolls as of June 30, 1968 will be used to determine each Chapter's quota in the House of Delegates.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON
District Secretary

ON THE COVER

Barbershoppers will be coming from all over to the Convention on October 18-19-20 at MONROE, Michigan. Shown on the cover is the Monroe Veteran Memorial Park on South Monroe and Seventh Streets. The state of Michigan erected the monument in honor of the Kentucky soldiers who lost their lives in the River Raisin Massacre of 1813. The park was dedicated in 1904. COME TO MONROE, THE FLORAL CITY.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPLETES SLATE OF OFFICERS

Eric Schultz, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reports that the following men have consented to the placing of their names in nomination for the respective District offices. The Michigan "Pioneer" District can be justly proud of having such a capable slate of men who are willing to serve.

PRESIDENT	Gene Gillem 1929 Carman Drive Saginaw, Michigan 48602
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TREASURER	E. E. "Pat" Ryan 743 N. Melborn Dearborn, Michigan 48021
SECRETARY	Louis R. Harrington 2361 First National Bldg. Detroit, Michigan 48226

Chapters and chapter representatives to the House of Delegates' Meeting should consider these nominations prior to the meeting scheduled at the Fall Convention to be held in Monroe.

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HERE'S A BARBERSHOPPER

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.)

September 28, 1968	Gratiot County Parade
October 5, 1968	Fruit Belt Chapter
October 5, 1968	Lansing Chapter
October 12, 1968	Saginaw Parade
October 12, 1968	Tecumseh Chapter Parade
October 18-20, 1968	DISTRICT CONVENTION AND CONTEST, MONROE
October 26, 1968	Oakland County Parade
November 2, 1968	Detroit Parade
November 30, 1968	Holly-Fenton Parade

MEN OF NOTE

June, 1968

Fred Hanson	Fred Kendall
Marvin E. Carpenter	William P. Pascher
Donald Courtright	Lawrence Swan
Thomas Damm	Gerald Wrice

July, 1968

Tim Caselli	Francis Durham
David Young	Don Burrill
Joseph D. Wallace	Keith Crocker
Charles Wilson	James Hoglen
Donald Courtright	George Hurt

John Hancock