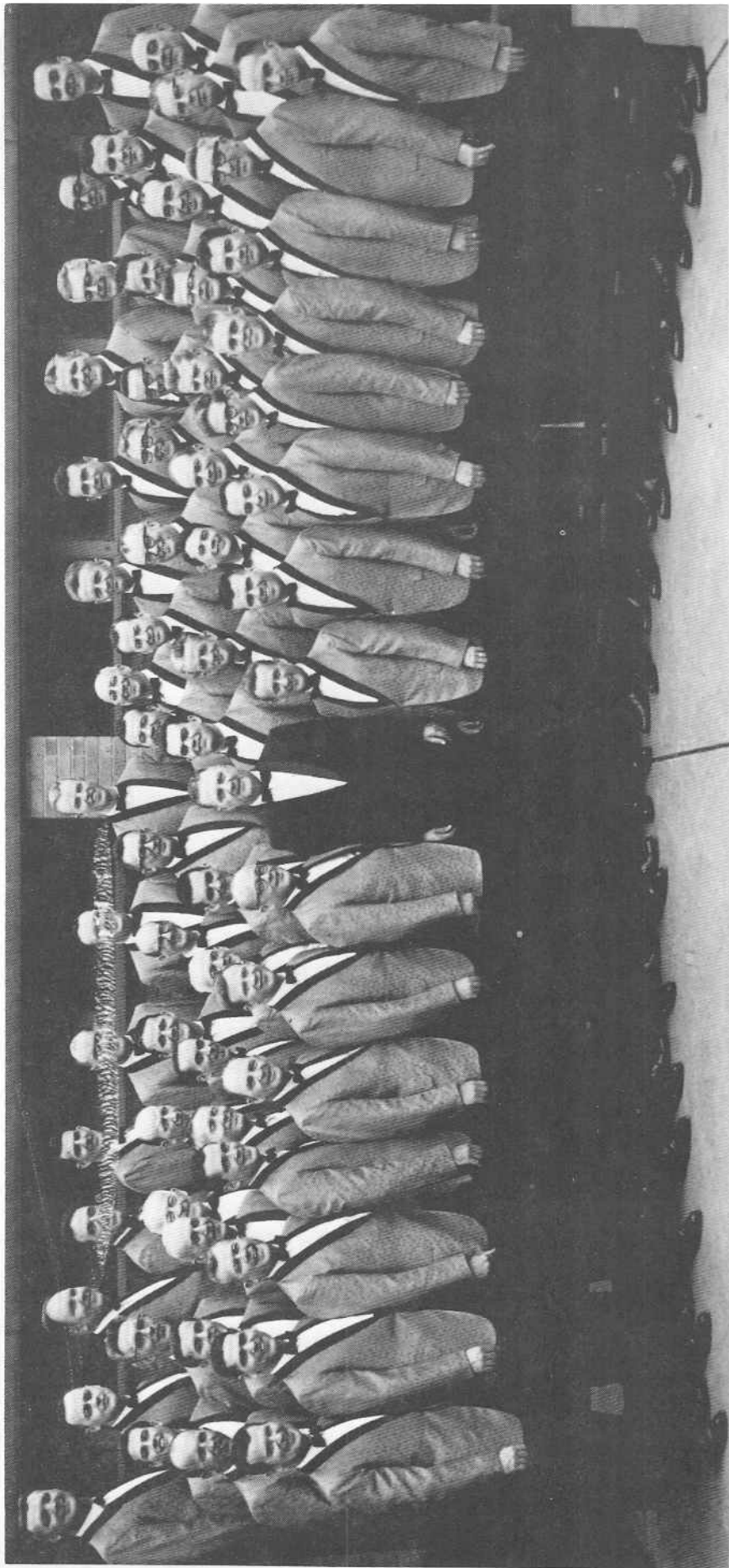


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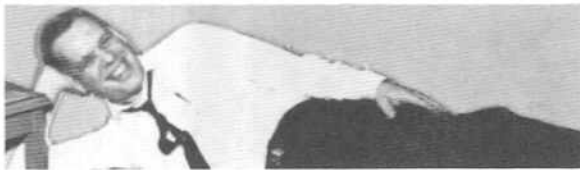
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### Off The Davenport

Most Barbershoppers have heard of Joe Wolff. He is known as the man who designed our Society's official emblem. He is known as the man who drew up our Society's Code of Ethics. He is known as bass of the old and famous Ambassadors of Harmony. He is known as a past International Vice-President. . . Now, let us introduce you to the still active Joe Wolff of today. . . Joe Wolff the composer and arranger (see pages 5-7) and Joe Wolff the cartoonist (see next page). Thank you, Joe.

Throughout this issue you will be reading about the great success of our Spring Convention. What made it such a success? Obviously, the hard work put out by the host chapter but. . . PARTICIPATION was the key to such success. Those who competed got the most out of this convention, as did those who competed at Boyne City.

Why don't YOU plan on competing at our Fall Convention?

### 1969 Bush League A Huge Success

Topping a field of 14 quartets, the largest entry in years, the BEAN TOWN FOUR captured the 1969 Bush League Championship at Boyne City on May 3, before a crowd of over 1,000. The winners represented the Saginaw-Bay County chapter and included Fred Kienitz, tenor; Noel Carpenter, lead; Doug Beaver, baritone and Bob Deming, bass.

The ROYAL COACHMEN from Grand Rapids and CHORD REPORTERS from Oakland County tied for

second place. The Harmony Accuracy score was the determining factor--with the ROYAL COACHMEN taking second place. Fourth and fifth places were won by two new Traverse City Quartets, the TIMBRE BARONS and RAGEDY ANDYS.

The top three quartets appeared on the evening Variety Show, along with THE LAST STRAWS--champs of the Cardinal District. The Strand Bros. Harmonica Trio provided a contrast to the Barber-shop singing and was warmly received by the capacity crowd.

With Barbershoppers and their families from all over the District being present, it was one of the finest Bush League affairs in the 23-year history of the event. Quartets competing included groups from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Les Cheneaux, Gratiot County, Grosse Pointe, Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Fruit Belt, Oakland County, Holland, Traverse City, and Saginaw-Bay Chapters.



## A Cartoon by Joe Wolff



## SINGING OUT

### Letters To The Editor

To: The Pioneer District Barbershoppers--

We would like to thank each and every one of you who attended the Spring Convention. We don't know how, really. All of you were just great. We'll just say a big, big THANK YOU and hope you all had a good time.

We love ya,

Dave Donnelly, Chairman  
Moe Weaver, President  
Saginaw-Bay Chapter

### Area Counselor's Report

The following are some coming events that are being planned in our area and that are important to all Barbershoppers in the District:

On May 23, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. the Saginaw-Bay and Sarnia, Ont. Chapters are having an International Sing-In at Sarnia. The meeting will be held at Turner Hall in the Central United Church located on the corner of George and College Streets. Ron Madill has informed me that some of Canada's top quartets plan to be there. He also asked me to be sure and extend an invitation to every chapter and quartet in the Pioneer District.

Don't forget our big Camp-Out over the Memorial Day Weekend at Paradise Beach in the Groveland Recreational Center half way between Pontiac and Flint. A very comprehensive program was outlined during a 5-minute committee meeting called by Dick Guerin of Pontiac in the Detroit Hospitality Room at

3:00 a.m. Sunday morning during the Spring Convention. The committee, consisting of Cliff Douglas of Pontiac, Bud Carpenter of Saginaw-Bay and Marge Wearing who was standing in for her dirty husband, John, who was upstairs bathing, decided that we would have a very relaxed, fun program. Our one planned event will be a show on Saturday. Look for further details in this issue of the Troubadour.

See you in Sarnia.

Sincerely,

*Bud Carpenter*

Bud Carpenter

# Chapter News

## MUSKEGON

Chapter Reporter:  
Jay Smith

One down, two to go--till Muskegon's biggest event in April, 1970.

Our twenty-eighth annual Parade of Quartets is over for another year. It was one of the finest parades we have ever presented. Our extra special guests were 28 young men from the University of Michigan. This group was formed in October for Band Day at the University. They are called Chordbusters--Dixieland Dreamers--Soft Shoe 7. These young men are members of the Marching Band. They are a combination of chorus-jazz band-chorus line. They made a big hit with our audience as well as the quartets and the Port City Chorus.

The rest of our program consisted of our three quartets, Port City Chorus plus the Bean Town Four along with our good friends--the Extension Chords.

Our chapter secretary Wayne Hamilton was dumbfounded when he was presented the Dr. S. E. Duplissis Award. Each year we acknowledge one of our members for outstanding service to the Society.

We want to wish the best of luck to the EVERSHARPS, VAGABONDS and IN-VOICES for being chosen to represent the Pioneer District in St. Louis in June.

We also want to congratulate the Motor City Chorus on being named District Champions.

'Till next month, we say goom-bye.

## BATTLE CREEK

Chapter Reporter:  
Merle Clayton

Golly--What a Convention and Contest. Our officers, delegates and membership have come back full of praise for the effective way that the Saginaw-Bay Chapter handled the details. Our hats are off to you, Saginaw-Bay. Our Chorus and Quartet contestants also were full of praise for the effectiveness of the ten-man panel of Judges, and for their handling of the critique sessions. Our chapter is on record in favor of continuing the ten-man panel if it can operate as it did in this contest.

By the time you read this, the events will have taken



place, but we think you'd like to know about it anyhow. On May 3 the Cereal City Chorus is singing for the Gull Lake High School PTA, and on May 10 we are putting on a "Night of Harmony" in cooperation with the Tekonsha Lions Club in Tekonsha. In addition to the chorus, the entertainment will feature our own HARMONY HOUNDS and the BURRILL BROTHERS. It is rumored that there are two other quartets (as yet unnamed) in the chorus who may be induced to bend a couple of chords.

We are starting a membership gaining contest on May 5 which will close in June with a "SPECIAL" Ladies and Guest Night. It will feature singing (a couple of good outside quartets and our own) plus food. There will be a nominal charge, and anything gained above expenses will be contributed to Logopedics. CHAPTER SECRETARIES, WATCH YOUR MAILBOXES FOR DETAILS.

The Cereal City Chorus and the Battle Creek Sweet Adelines are being spotlighted on May 23 in the wind-up of Michigan Week activities in our city.

Congratulations to the EVERSCHARPS, the IN-VOICES, the VAGABONDS, and our HARMONY HOUNDS for their fine showings in the contest. Congratulations to the other eight quartets for their equally fine showings. You all helped to make it a successful contest, and have shown that there are some might good quartets coming up.

## DETROIT

Chapter Reporter:  
John Nieghorn

HOW SWEET IT IS--in beautiful Bay City under blue skies and the balmy breezes, Detroit Chapter #1, the MOTOR CITY CHORUS is sitting on cloud nine again. Thanks to our confident director, Bill Butler.

We, of Detroit Chapter #1, wish to congratulate the quartet contest winners--the EVERSCHARPS, VAGABONDS, IN-VOICES and the HARMONY HOUNDS--for a splendid job and we are all pleased with them.

Our thanks also to Louis Harrington for reading the resolution honoring Detroit Chapter #1 on its 30th year in Barbershopping.

Our Holiday Motel Headquarters, which was set up by Stan Bevan, were more than adequate for the weekend of fun, with signs galore by Tom Tompos, and Bob Knowles. Our social room was decorated by our wives, and E. E. Pat Ryan was the emcee of our afterglow. Our own MATRAMONIALS served well to start the late, late show.

We welcome some new members: Harold Kendall, Al Mix, Les Marhoff and Bill Schwedler. Congratulations to them and to their sponsors: Bill Butler, E. E. Pat Ryan, Jim Dugan, Gene Smith--our men of note.

Detroit Chapter #1 would welcome a visitation to the Pick Fort Shelby Hotel on either Friday May 16 or June 20, to show you a good night out with some really good talent. Come see for yourself--or better yet, bring the chapter along.

## WAYNE

Chapter Reporter:  
Morrie Giles

We started out the month of April with a bang-up visitation from the "Metro-D" Chorus under the direction of John Kee Smith. Wow, what a splendid job they do. Welcome back anytime, Girls.

April 20 found Wayne Wonderland Chorus singing at  
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the kick-off ceremony signalling the summer-long centennial celebration for the city of Wayne. We really did sound nearly as good as we think we are. We are scheduled to sing for them again later in the summer. We also have two more engagements coming up the week after the contest.

When reading Wayne's column (I certainly hope someone does), do you frequently get the impression that this reporter likes to brag about the Wayne Wonderland Chorus? May I take this opportunity to submit very humbly that I mean every word of it. After all, we know we're good, our audiences know we're good, our wives know we're good? Only one little thing puzzles me--how come sometimes the judges don't know we're so good ??

The first part of this report is being written a few days before the contest, at which time I understand via the grapevine, several choruses have set their sights on knocking off Detroit and Wayne specifically. As you may remember, this column has repeatedly endeavored to cajole and coerce non-competing chapters to get their collective feet wet by entering a contest. We are out to win, and only you can stop us. If we have 12 or more choruses entered at Bay City I'll be tickled pink--Gee, but I hope they don't all beat us. Will finish this report after the contest.

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Now the convention is over and the Wayne Wonderland Chorus bowed to the mighty Motor City Chorus. Congratulations, Detroit.

Our loss was tempered, however, by the fact that our own IN-VOICES will be representing the Pioneer District at St. Louis this summer. These guys: Dick Webber, Tom Pollard, Gordie Limburg and Bob Miller got together a few months ago to fill in a gap and haven't stopped since. And did you happen to notice that Wayne had three quartets (or parts of) entered?

It made me feel real good to see the number of chorus entries swelled to 11 by several 'nouveau' chapters. Perhaps we'll see the mark reach 14 by fall. Looks like our District is finally getting on the ball.

Before closing, may we say "Well done" to the host chapter.

## LES CHENEAUX

Chapter Reporter:  
Chas. E. Wagner

Maturing after a great experience, the Les Cheneaux Chapter has gained knowledge to no end with their trip to the District Contest and Convention.

With twenty-two frightened (to say the least) men, the "Snowsman", as they were known, went on stage to perform before the largest crowd of critics they have ever encountered in their short period as a chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. -- coming away with more enthusiasm than they have ever known before to reach the top in competition. Yes. . . the fellows from Les Cheneaux are ready to go on after learning much about Barbershopping and its aim in keeping the spirit alive, preserving a Society that has dedicated itself to keeping quartet singing alive with such enthusiasm that we as members (relatively new) have taken such an interest that we are ready to carry the shield, wherever we go.

Finishing in the cellar of the contest did not dampen our spirits but. . . gave us. . . go power. Without the guidance of Capt. Clifford MacLean and the capable

(continued on page 10)

# HOW ABOUT THAT

by JOE WOLFF

# LET'S WAKEN THE WORLD

## WITH A LOVE SONG

Music by  
Richard A. Whiting and  
Stephan Pasternacki  
words by  
Raymond B. Egan

*Contemplatively*

What a - bout the old time throngs ———, who were  
thrilled by old time songs ——— how a - bout the old quar-  
tets whose mode, our mode, the so - ci - e - ty's aim now pro - tects. Yet,  
some - thing more can be done, to please the mul - ti - tudes  
har - mo - ny must be won, with friend - ly at - ti - tudes

*f* *mf* *p*

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So let's try a bar-ber-shop-per's song to

*f* *ff* *f*

help our peo-ple get a-long and our woes will be gone.

*f* *p rit.*

How a-bout that? Let's wa-ken the world with a

*pp* *f* *maestoso*

CHORUS

love-song hu-ry the night a-long let's wak-en the

flow'rs, and give all the birds a sto-ry for their sweet mor-ning

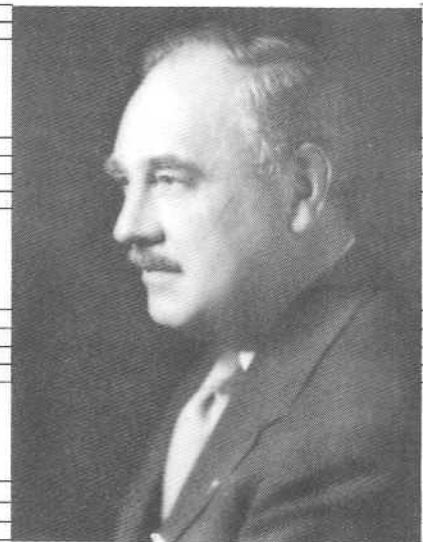
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song ———, the day will be born just to bring us mo - ments we're  
dream - ing of, ——— let's wak - en the world with a love ———  
song and let it know that we're in love, with our songs.

*ff* *f* *rit.* *p* *ff*

NOTE: The combination of this verse and chorus is intended to serve as a Barbershop-  
per's antidote for our troublesome times. It  
provides not only for sharing a point of view,  
but also offers an opportunity to search for  
harmonics and swipes of your choice --  
just in case.

Joe Wolff





# Pictorial

## Piccalilli

### From Your



"St. Louis. Here We Come!"

This was the cry as three Pioneer District Quartets celebrated their victories in Bay City on Saturday night, April 26. The large, enthusiastic audience joined in approval of the Judges selections as each winner was announced: "The alternate quartet"--the HARMONY HOUNDS of Battle Creek; (pic #1). "The top three winners in alphabetical order"--the EVERSHARPS of Saginaw-Bay (pic #2), the IN VOICES of Wayne-Ann Arbor (pic #3), and the VAGABONDS of Oakland County (pic #4).



Four other foursomes survived the Saturday A.M. Preliminaries and went back into rehearsal for Saturday Nights Finals--(alphabetically) the BEAN TOWN FOUR, Saginaw-Bay; the CHORD REPORTERS, Oakland County; the ROYAL COACHMEN, Grand Rapids; and the TREBLE SHOOTERS, Detroit-Wayne.

The slate of contestants jelled at twelve after two late entries and four last-minute scratches. Those overheard mumbling "Watch out in October," were the early cuts, the BURRILL BROTHERS, Battle Creek; the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, Wayne; the IN CHORD JABLES, Oakland County; and the RAG-EDY ANDY'S, Traverse City.

The Chorus Contest too, was highly competitive, as eleven chapters from Grand Rapids to Grosse Pointe and from Windsor to Les Cheneaux (way up there), vied for Judges favor. After the smoke had cleared from an afternoon of heated rivalry, the computers coughed up the answer: "The new Pioneer District Chorus Champions--the MOTOR CITY CHORUS of Detroit", under the direction of Bill Butler.

Running a close second was Wayne's "Wonderland Chorus", directed by Gordon Limburg. The title of Junior Chorus Champs was ably won by Saginaw-Bay's "Timberland Chordsmen", directed by Bob Glover, while the honors bestowed upon the Novice Chorus Champs was proudly carried away by the "Traverse City Chorus", of guess where, directed by Al Hubschneider.

All in all, a fine contest that everyone can be proud of participating in.

So much for the FUN side of the Convention (We'll leave the reporting of the many hospitality rooms up to the Chapter Reporters)--now for the work side,





# Peripatetic Photographer --Bill Pascher

The District Delegates Meeting, Friday Night. It is not our purpose to report on the business transacted, but rather the side lights and, if you'll forgive me, a personal impression or two.

Those who attended the Delegates Meeting in Monroe (Oct. '68) will remember that the small size of the meeting room necessitated the request that only Delegates, Area Counselors, and Officers attend. Then it seemed that several others wanted to see what was going on, only to be turned away, possibly with some hard feelings. To avoid a re-occurrence of this unfortunate incident, a much larger room was procured for April's Delegate Meeting. Lo and behold, a multitude of empty chairs. (pic #5)

At roll call, a bare quorum of Chapters was represented and only four Area Counselors. Excuse the editorializing, but this is YOUR District--YOUR governing body--so PARTICIPATE. "Monday-morning quarterbacking" never won a ballgame in all the annals of history, neither will after-the-vote groaning and griping win a battle in this democratic Society of ours.

Well, back to more pleasant matters, such as the guest speaker at the Delegates Meeting, who was none other than Wes Meier, three-term President of the Far Western District, Immediate Past International President, but who is just as proud to be known as a former Pioneer District quartetter. His inspiring address dealt with the Retention aspect of Protention.

Wes was presented a "Key to Bay City" (only the second recipient of such an award) by Dave Donnelly (pic #6), Convention Chairman. During his address, Wes had acknowledged the fine job being done by Frank Bateson, Man of Note "par excellence" with 12 new members. Later, he extended his warm congratulations to Frank personally (pic #7). Frank wandered into the meeting looking for picture material and wound up with himself as subject matter.

The much-coveted award "Area Counselor of the Year" (1968), was presented to Zone 1 Vice-President Bill Warner, Detroit (pic #8), by District President Gene Gillem, for his outstanding work, particularly during that year.

So long---and keep smiling, you may be next on camera.



directorship of Bob Tracy this chapter would still be at the starting gate, but now we know that we have something going and that is the way it will continue.

To show a little of what we mean, there are three new members in the chapter who endorse our feelings. Those who have recently joined our ranks are: Rod Ames who has already been drafted as a tenor in the Treblesome Four quartet; Walt Evans who joined for the love of music and who is developing into a bass who will substantiate the chorus; and Gerald Gabel who came to the chapter after the chorus had sung before a group in DeTour, Michigan and who is filled with joy that he can participate with the group (he is developing into a fine lead).

In our short existence, a great transition has taken place and the facts about Barbershopping have become a realization and from our ranks two quartets have organized. The first of these is the UPPER FOUR who really have come a long way in Barbershopping. At the annual Bush League contest, the UPPER FOUR, after a short eight months as a quartet, finished sixth in a field of fourteen. None of the members, with the exception of Dave MacLean, had ever sung Barbershop before their indoctrination into the chapter. The members are: Larry Lofdahl, lead; Dave MacLean, tenor; Bob Slater, baritone; and John Duncan, bass.

The TREBLESOME FOUR also is well on the way to bringing home honors. They are four fellows who have a sense of determination to bring home the bacon. This quartet is made up of Willard MacInnis, bass; Bill Murphy, lead; Rod Ames, tenor; and Tom Spencer, baritone. They decided late to compete at Boyne City, but did not wind up in the cellar. The chapter is very proud of these guys and will do everything to promote their activities.

Our chapter show date has been set for August 23, with great expectations in spreading the word of our goal. As yet the show plans are still in the planning stage, but we do know it will far exceed our "charter" presentation.

To set the atmosphere, we will be performing in Cheboygan in a benefit show on August 9.

Watch us. . . . WE ARE ON THE MOVE.

## WINDSOR

Chapter Reporter:

Doran McTaggart

It's all over, but the shouting will be ringing around Bay City for quite a while. We, in Windsor, want to congratulate the winners of a really fine contest. The newly-crowned Detroit Motor City Chorus probably owe their championship to us since we sang immediately before them. We make other groups sound good. Seriously, Detroit--you did a fine job, and this win is the icing on your 30th anniversary cake. A round of applause also goes to Saginaw Timberland Chorus and the Traverse City Chorus for winning the Junior and Novice Championships respectively.

The Pioneer District will be represented well by the EVERSARPS, VAGABONDS and the IN-VOICES in St. Louis. These are twelve dedicated men who give their all to make a chord ring. The HARMONY HOUNDS sound too great to be waiting as alternates but. . . . wait until next year.

As director of the Windsor Sun Parlour Chorus I would like to thank the host chapter for their co-

operation and friendliness. It was really appreciated. What an audience. When the curtains opened we really felt like champions. Thanks fellow Barbershoppers for a great convention.

A tribute should be paid to Jim Davenport for his fine work as editor of the Troub. Jim was editor when I first joined Barbershopping and after a brief retirement took over the job again. Any man who has ever published a chapter bulletin can appreciate the tremendous number of hours involved in putting the Troub together. To Jim, from Windsor, . . . . a standing ovation. Come next September, Dick Van Dyke from O.C.C. will pick up the reins. There are few in our District who have the drive, talent and originality that Dick has. You have our support Mr. Van Dyke. The Troub is in good hands.

If when reading this, May 17 has not passed yet, "C'mon Over" for our 25th Anniversary Show at the Cleary Auditorium. Remember we meet every Friday night at the Norton Palmer Hotel. The welcome mat is always out, and we'll be glad to take your monopoly money in return for our Canadian hospitality.

## FLINT

Chapter Reporter:

Les Lang

April was a real big month for the Flint Chapter. Our show on April 19 was a huge success, a real Barbershop show thoroughly enjoyed by a near-full house, lots of enthusiastic compliments. One compliment in particular that was made was, "The next year show chairman will have fits trying to top this." Best wishes to whomever that may be.

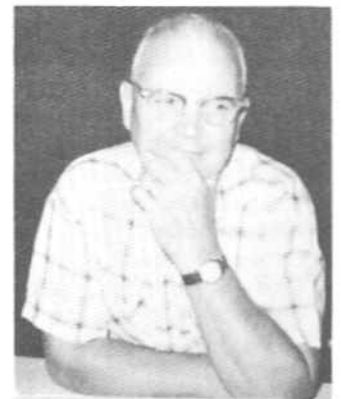
The District Convention at Bay City was really something. An overflowing crowd that was enthusiastic, and competition that was great. It was nice to see some of the old faces back in quartets again, which just goes to show that you cannot keep a good quartet man from competing, or a good Barbershopper from having fun by participating.

The Flint Chapter congratulates the EVERSARPS, VAGABONDS, IN-VOICES, and alternates the HARMONY HOUNDS. Best wishes and good scores at St. Louis. Also, our best to the Wolverine Chorus-- may you bring back the trophy.

May looks like an active month with meetings, Bush League, Decoration Day Paradise Park Camp-out, Quad-Chapter meeting at Saginaw.

Sim Andrews has been a member of the Flint Chapter for nine years. He started singing tenor in the chorus, decided baritone was more comfortable and has been singing a good bari for about three or four years. Sim is the old reliable-type Barbershopper. He arrives early at meetings, helps set up chairs, gets the woodshedding started as soon as three other guys arrive. He attends most of the area affairs and has been responsible for many guests and some new members.

He is not exactly the quiet kind, usually adding some





comedy to the evening program, but never getting much publicity and it is about time that everyone knows that we are proud and thankful that he is a member of our chapter.

## LANSING

Chapter Reporter:

Gene E. Johnson

The Lansing Chapter celebrated "Harmony Week" on Monday April 7 in the form of a mystery bus trip. Some twenty-four members and guests boarded the "Big Blue" bus with nine more going in cars. Bus driver, District Vice-President Don Funk, took a scenic tour through the northern part of Central Michigan before arriving at the Owosso Conservation Club. Here they were greeted by some fifty more Barbershoppers from Saginaw-Bay, Holly-Fenton, Pontiac, Flint, and the old Owosso Chapter. Group singing throughout the night was led by Don Horton, Bud "no hat" Carpenter, and Jack Stephens. Have you ever seen Bud without his hat? There was lots of harmony from Lansing's newest quartet (no name yet), the RESONAIRES, the FUN-DA-MENTALS, the VAGABONDS, and our Current District Champs, the EVERSHARPS. Unfortunately, we missed hearing the FOWLER FOUR sing their "Wurtzberger" song as their tenor missed the bus.

The Saginaw-Bay and Lansing Choruses also gave us a preview of what is to come in the chorus competition at Bay City on April 26.

After everyone was filled with liquid refreshments and that yummy ham, they left for that long journey home, with chords still ringing in their ears. That is, all except those riding the Lansing bus--every try to get someone to change a bus tire at midnight? Seems like they could afford a jack for that bus.

At this point, program co-chairmen, Tom Law, Bill Reid, and Larry Horton, would like to thank all the quartets and visiting chapters for making this "Harmony Week" event such a great success.

## PONTIAC

Chapter Reporter:

Cliff Douglas

### CAMPOUT PLANS FINALIZED . . . .

Pontiac Chapter is holding its first Memorial Day Campout at Paradise Beach on Dixie Hwy between Flint and Pontiac. The area is just off I-75 on the Grange Hall exit and follow the signs. The dates are May 29th through June 1, with a tremendous show on Saturday evening in the park. This show is being engineered by Bud Carpenter of Saginaw-Bay, Russ Seely of Grosse Pointe and John Wearing of Detroit; and if your quartet plans to attend, please contact one of the aforementioned men.

Making their way to many meetings in the last two months, Cliff Douglas and Dick Guerin of Pontiac have talked to countless Barbershoppers and the response has been very gratifying. There will be plenty of room for all Barbershoppers and their friends--no one will be turned away.

The accent will be on fun and relaxation, so why not join us. You won't be sorry.

## GRAND RAPIDS

Chapter Reporter:

Dick Williams

Many things have happened to our chapter since you last heard from us. First, we had our 26th Great

Lakes Invitational the weekend of the 11th, 12th and 13th of April. It started on the 11th with a pre-glow "party dance" which was a smashing success followed by the "really big show" featuring the FOUR RENE-GADES, followed by Grand Rapids' own fabulous EXTENSION CHORDS singing a few of John Hill's great arrangements. Also there were the BARBER-SHARPS and the GAY NINETIES with their comic routines.

After the show, we had an After-Glow dance and woodshed; plus many hospitality rooms which stayed open till the wee hours of the morning. This was capped off with an "aspirin" breakfast of steak-n-eggs and excedrin tablets. All in all, the weekend was highly successful and a lot of fun.

We have in our midst a group of five guys that call themselves the "Steamboat Strummers" and as the name implies--banjos, string bass, piano, trumpets, and the fastest hands in town, our washboard man. Talk about a fun group WOW that's it. . . . their true ability comes out. . . . Hams.

Getting back to Barbershop, we have a new quartet which has come out of the chorus called the ROYAL COACHMEN, and believe me, these fellows are great. They are a quartet to be reckoned with in the upcoming months. It's a real credit to have these fellows with us. They did an outstanding job at the Bay City contest making the finals--a real fine quartet.

The chorus chartered a bus for Bay City and that turned out to be quite a trip. Anyone who has done this before knows what I mean. Speaking of the chorus here is fair warning now. . . the Great Lakes Chorus is going to be tough from now on. This chorus has more enthusiasm and desire now than in many years plus we have the fine direction from our director Fran Jones. So watch out. . .

I want to say thank you to our gracious hosts--the Saginaw-Bay Chapter--as they did an outstanding job this last weekend. They finished third in the chorus competition (wonder if there's any connection). All kidding aside, they did a fine job and deserved their third place finish.

We'll catch you at the fall contest.

## FRUIT BELT

Chapter Reporter:

Ron Leatz

April saw this chapter's membership roll increase by one, thanks to the efforts put forth in our guest night. Bruce Sokol signed up to join our chapter, never hearing a Barbershop chord before in his life. We had 15 guests and hope to get a few more to do the same. Our thanks also go to the HUSTLERS from Niles for dropping in and entertaining us.

One other thing came out of that night--an invitation for us to sing at the State Convention of the Federation of Musicians. Well, we did (about 500 of them) and I think showed them how great our Society is and what can be done with average talent.

With Harmony Week over, we then had a Logopedics Night. You will see Fruit Belt working for this cause in the months to come.

By the time you read this, our program for the 7,000 National Campers and Hikers Association rally will be over. From this point on all of our chapter interest will be on our show, September 27 at St. Joseph High School. For the show we have the 4-FITS of Detroit, the DEBONNAIRES a girls quartet, and our



headliners from Louisville, Ky., THE CITATIONS. This will be our 29th annual show and as some of you may know, the profits go into our own building, the Chorditorium.

If any chapter would be interested in chartering a bus, buying tickets in a group, please write to me for more details, 3353 Circle Dr., St. Joseph, Mi 49085.

Our district to the south, Cardinal, will be having their second Annual Workshop at Ball State Univ., Muncie, Indiana in August. Four members from our chapter went last year and learned a great deal. I will be hearing from Rudy Hart of Michigan City and will pass along more detailed information as I receive it. At least one member from each chapter should plan to attend and help promote Barbershopping.

They are looking for about 500 at the school this year. A lot of work, education and also fun.

Remember, we are home Wednesday night at our Chorditorium. Stop in and ring a chord.



**FEMININE  
OBSERVER**



District President Gene Gillem and his wife, Doris, proudly announce they are the grandparents of a baby boy, named James Anthony. Their daughter, Lorraine, and her husband, Jim Matuzak, are the parents. Doris Gillem was also recently hospitalized, but out and active again.

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Fred Kienitz and his wife Joan announce the birth of a baby named "Danny-boy". They also have a daughter named Jill. Fred sings tenor in the Bean Town Four from Saginaw-Bay Chapter.

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Grosse Pointe Chapter members recently held a get acquainted party at Putnam Hall in East Detroit. This was held for chapter members and their wives of Grosse Pointe and the Detroit Yachtsmen Chapter which recently merged so all could get better acquainted. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

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Congratulations are in order for Mark and Isabel Roberts who recently celebrated 45 years of married bliss and are most proud of their eight grandchildren. We wish the Roberts many more happy years together.

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Proud parents of a baby daughter are Bror Nilsson Jr. and his wife Janie. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz when born February 17 and was named Stacey Lynn. Bror is a member of Oakland County Chapter.

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We all wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Duane Mosier who was recently hospitalized, but is at home recuperating now.

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Well-known Barbershoppers Bert and Norma Escott

have moved to a new home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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We all wish Carroll Adams and his wife Frankie well. They are both hospitalized in the same hospital, but they don't even get to see one another. They are only able to talk on the telephone. Those of you who have enjoyed their friendship might remember them with a card or note addressed to Central Vermont Medical Center, Montpelier, Vermont

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Proud new grandparents are Tom and Harriet Rafferty. Their daughter, Kathy, gave birth to a baby boy weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz. and named Christopher Brian. The baby's parents, Kathy and Rick Speck, live in Virginia where Rick is stationed at Langley Air Force Base. Grandfather Tom is the baritone in the CURBSTONE SERENADERS.

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Lou Walley and his wife enjoy living in Largo Beach, Florida. Lou is active in a chapter quartet there and he sees Bill and Hazel Otto quite often as they live in nearby Coldwater, Florida.

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The stork sure is getting around--Jim and Rosemary Gross from Bay City are expecting a baby. Jim is lead singer in the EVERSARPS.

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Enjoying a vacation in Hawaii recently were Bud and his wife Lillian Klaiber. Bud is a member of Grand Rapids Chapter.

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The Joneses have moved recently--that is Joe and Lucille. They now live in a town house apartment in East Lansing and Joe is a member of Lansing Chapter.

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Our deepest sympathy goes to Ray Smith and family on the recent loss of his mother.

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You may be interested to know Al and Marge Singer are moving from their Detroit address to St. Clair, Michigan soon.

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A speedy recovery is wished to Gladys Calderwood who is hospitalized. Her husband is Matt, a member of Detroit Chapter.

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Lowell and Betty Wolf have returned from Florida where they spent the winter and are spending the summer at their cottage. Was good to see them again and they came back soon enough to be able to attend the Saginaw-Bay City Convention.

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Get well wishes go to Florence Jorgenson who is hospitalized. Husband Cliff is the baritone in the TREBLE SHOOTERS.

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Oakland County Chapter held the Pre-Boyerne City Contest at the K-C Hall in Berkley, Michigan. President Fran Durham welcomed all. Ladies were invited and all enjoyed this well-attended and entertaining evening. It was an honor to have a representative of Gov. Wm. Milliken present with his love wife, Mr. March Miller, who presented Oakland County Chapter with a proclamation declaring April 7-12 as Michigan Pioneer District Barbershop Harmony Week. New members were installed by Bob McDermott and trans-

fers from other chapters were welcomed. Songs "Keep America Singing" and "You're as Welcome As the Flowers in May" were sung by members and the audience. District President Gene Gillem and his wife Doris were in attendance.

The month award was given to Bob Armstrong from Oakland County Chapter, with less than a year's membership. Del Doctor was the emcee for the evening and chairman of the judges was Chase Sanborn. The judges were Carl Dahlke, Mark Roberts, Roger Craig and Al Davenport.

Quartets competing were BEAN TOWN FOUR, UPPER CRUST, AFTER SHAVES, VAGABONDS, CHORD REPORTERS, INCHORD-JABLES.

The winning quartet was the VAGABONDS--Dennis Gore, Jack Stephan, Tony Scooros, Norm Thompson--and they were the recipients of a \$50 check. Second place winners were the BEAN TOWN FOUR. Feminine quartets entertaining were the Tantalizers from Utica-Rochester Sweet Adeline Chapter, and a teenage quartet, the "Charminizers", one member of which is Joan Rafferty--and their coach is Dan Rafferty, perhaps better known as the Red Fox. Parents of the two are the Tom Raffertys. It was good to hear quartets such as the CURBSTONE SERENADERS, WONDERLADS, FOUR FITS and others, plus the Wolverine Chorus directed by Dick Liddicoatt. The HARMONY KNIGHTS from Pontiac held the trophy last year and passed it on to the VAGABONDS.

The proceeds from the evening went to Logopedics. It was a full evening of singing and was topped off with a fine buffet lunch.

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Don and Grace Ferguson are busting with pride on the birth of their fifth grandchild--a girl named Donna Lynn. Parents are John and Ellen Ferguson.

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Perhaps this one will be a little "Sweet Adeline" like mother Nedine Drabek. A new baby girl named Wendy Anne has joined the two sons that Mike and Nedine already have. Congratulations.

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Congratulations on the marriage of Gordon Meiselbach and his lovely wife, June. We all wish them much happiness. They now reside in Ypsilanti.

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Saginaw-Bay Chapter hosted the Michigan District Chorus and Quartet Competition April 25-26. Headquarters was the Wenonah Park Hotel. The contest was held at Central High School auditorium in Bay City. The hospitality was great, weather beautiful and a very fine and exciting contest was very well attended. All contestants were nattily dressed. The winning quartets to represent the Michigan Pioneer District in St. Louis in June are the EVERSHPARPS--Saginaw-Bay Chapter; IN-VOICES--Ann Arbor and Wayne Chapters; VAGABONDS--Oakland County; and alternate quartet, the HARMONY HOUNDS--Battle Creek Chapter.

The wives of the hosting chapter did an excellent job working at the registration desk and Ladies Hospitality Room where they served coffee and goodies. They were all dressed alike in pretty green dresses and white chiffon scarfs. Among those working were: Grace Ferguson, Marge Walsh, Wilma Dalezel, Betty Hardy, Judy Meldrum, Lois Mueller, Sandy Meldrum, Janet Carpenter, Carleen Beaver, Rosemary Gross,

and Virginia Mulligan.

A surprise treat at the Pre-Glo held in the ballroom of the Headquarters Hotel was the wives of the BEAN TOWN FOUR serving good old-fashioned hot bean soup with large chunks of ham in it, and crackers. Soup was made by Joan Kienitz--ten gallons of it. The quartet wives that provided the serving were: Janet Carpenter, Carleen Beaver, Pat Deming and Joan Kienitz.

After receiving your cup of soup you were also presented with a large bean-shaped badge to wear around your neck that read "Official Bean Taster."

Winning chorus was Motor City--Detroit #1 Chapter with Bill Butler directing. Second place chorus was Wayne Wonderland--Wayne Chapter with Gordon Limburg directing. Novice chorus was Traverse City; and Junior Champs chorus was Saginaw-Bay.

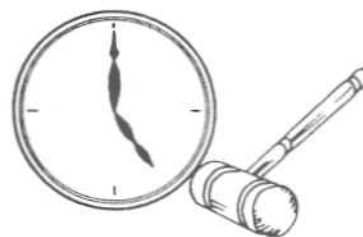
Many of the chorus and quartet members' wives were in attendance to cheer them on. Grosse Pointe Chapter ladies waved large white chrysanthemums with tags that read "Love Lakeshore" chorus. Wayne ladies were dressed alike in green and beige dresses with red and white striped capes lined in navy material. They wore automobile pins on them. Others waved pompoms, straw hats, etc.

Bill Warner, District Vice-President, was emcee for the evening performance. Bill Wickstrom was emcee for the afterglo held in the headquarters hotel ballroom. Everyone was well entertained and a fine chicken dinner buffet was served.

Motor City Chorus was housed at the Holiday Inn and had a huge sign posted at the front entrance that read "Sock it to em--Motor City Chorus" made by none other than Tom Tompos. All of the other many signs were his handiwork.

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Please send new articles, ladies. Let me know what's news in your husband's chapter. Sing-Cheerily, Dora Vogel, 309 Belanger Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mi 48236. TU 5-2094



## Minutes

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A Meeting of the Pioneer District House of Delegates was held at Bay City, Michigan on April 25, 1969, Wenonah Hotel, Bay City, Michigan.

President Gillem called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m. A quorum was ascertained with 40 delegates present. Bill Pascher led the assembly in the opening song of "Keep America Singing". Tom Damm gave the invocation. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

All of the officers gave their reports, Treasurer Ryan reporting that there was \$7,715.51 on hand. Wesly Meier of San Diego, California, immediate Past President of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., gave the keynote address. A former Michigan resident, he paid tribute to the Pioneer Barbershoppers and urged efforts be

made to increase interest in the Society. He was presented with a key to the City of Bay City on behalf of the Mayor.

Under old business, the House of Delegates then considered the question of eliminating the sanction fees on parades which matter was tabled from last Fall's meeting to enable a more detailed study to be made by the Delegates. After considerable deliberation and discussion, the House of Delegates voted to eliminate the sanction fee on parades as of December 31, 1969. The House of Delegates voted further that District Per Capita dues be increased by \$1.00 effective as of December 31, 1969. This made the Per Capita dues \$2.50 plus \$2.50 Troubadour subscription fees or a total of \$5.00.

It was announced that the Board of Directors had awarded the Fall 1970 Convention to Windsor to be held October 9-11, 1970. It was further announced that invitations to host both Spring and Fall conventions in 1971 are being received by the Secretary.

It was then announced that Bill Warner had been chosen as Area Counsellor of the Year for 1968 and an appropriate plaque was presented to him.

The Chairman also announced that Dick Van Dyke had been chosen by the Board to act as editor of the Troubadour commencing September 1969. Frank Bateson of Bay City was named as Michigan Man of Note for obtaining the largest amount of new members in 1968. Bob Dixon spoke on Logopedics and plead for support and volunteers to help him in the program. Contributions forthcoming at the meeting were as follows:

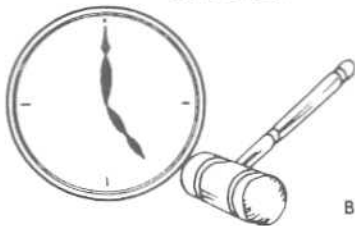
Pontiac	\$260.00
Flint	\$150.00
Oakland	
County	\$500.00

Official note was taken of the fact that Detroit Chapter is celebrating its 30th Birthday this year.

Oakland County Chapter then presented a resolution which was adopted honoring Harrisville as Michigan's Barber Shop capital over the Labor Day Weekend in the recognition of the town's support for the Society and its project. Bill Pascher announced that Pontiac Chapter is planning to institute a similar weekend at Groveland on Paradise Beach.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m. with Merle Clayton leading the closing song.

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,  
Secretary



## Minutes

HOUSE OF  
DELEGATES  
MEETING

BY LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Held April 25, 1969

The Meeting of the Michigan Board of Directors was held at the Wenonah Hotel, Bay City, Michigan on April 25, 1969. All of the members of the Board were present.

President Gillem called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Board discussed final arrangements for the House of Delegates Meeting to be held that

evening, and also incidental matters relating to the contest the next day.

The Board then considered the awarding of the site of the Fall meeting and contest for 1970. Secretary Harrington reported that a bid had been received from the Windsor Chapter. The Board after considering the matter voted unanimously to award the 1970 Annual Meeting and contest to the Windsor Chapter to be held at Windsor, Ontario, October 9-11, 1970.

Consideration of bids for the Spring 1971 convention and contest was deferred until the next Board Meeting.

The Board then considered the question of eliminating the sanction fees on parades, which matter will be a subject at the House of Delegates Meeting under old business. The Board voted to recommend to the House of Delegates that should the sanction fee be eliminated that dues be increased by \$1.00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Louis R. Harrington  
Secretary



## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Attendance at the Spring District Meeting and Contests at Bay City was among the largest in several years. Tremendous credit is due the Saginaw-Bay Chapter membership for the fine work they did in hosting the convention.

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Prospects for the future in the District look bright as to quartets when one observes that among the contestants at Bay City we saw such new names as Vagabonds, In Voices, Royal Coachmen, Chord Reporters, In Chord-Jables, Gentlemen's Agreement, Ragedy Andys and Burrill Brothers. All of these quartets performed admirably. We should hear a lot from them in the future.

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The action of the House of Delegates in eliminating the Sanction Fee on Parades and substituting an increase of \$1.00 in per capita dues to partially offset the loss of the former means that the total of amount of the District dues, including the Troubadour subscription fee, will be \$5.00 per member next year. All shows and Parades held during 1969 will be subject to the 5% Sanction Fee as the change was made effective as of December 31, 1969.

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Chapters are reminded that the District Secretary is receiving bids from chapters wishing to host the Spring or Fall 1971 Conventions. The 1969 Fall convention is to be held at Jackson while the 1970 Conventions are scheduled for Muskegon and Windsor, Ontario.

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# ON THE COVER

THE DETROIT MOTOR CITY CHORUS . . .  
PIONEER DISTRICT CHAMPIONS.

Under the direction of that fabulous BILL BUTLER, Detroit's own Motor City Chorus went all the way to top ten other competing choruses and walked off with top spot at our recent convention held at Bay City. Our sincere congratulations to this fine group. (Our apologies for the vintage of the pix, boys.)

## ♫ MEN OF NOTE ♫

REMINDER: The current Man of Note Program (the awarding of numbered tie tacs for sponsoring new members) began on January 1, 1965. As of April 1, 1966, Man of Note credit was also given for sponsoring REINSTATED members (providing the reinstated member had been out of the Society for 2 years or more).

The numeral is the member's total number of credits to date.

### MARCH

Ronald Leatz	3	Del Doctor	1
Karl Mueller	1	Brady Schaeffer	2
Willard MacInnes	1	Charles Darwin	2
Robert Slater	1	Sam Cushman	2
Eugene Smith	2	R. O. Baker	1
Gale Graham	1	Ken Barnhard	2
Robert Lovell	1	Henry Plantenga	2
Grant Golthorpe	1	Jim St. Amand	6
Robert Jones	2	Robert Drabik	8
Jay Gonyeaw	11	Wendell Asplin	2
Donald Kievit	2	Hugh Walsh	1
Richard Harrington	1	Al Fricker	9
Dale Van Langeveld	2	Ronald Mack	2
George Hurt	4		

### APRIL

Jerry Graner	1	Dick Van Dyke	3
Cliff MacLean	1	Ben Jones	1
George Adams	1	Tom Pollard	4
S. N. Jorgensen	1	John Wheat	1
Bob Winters	1	Jerry Mace	1
Bob Demchak	1	Vic Vigansky	1
Richard Holmes	1	Robert Thomas	2
Donald J. Perkins	2	Alan Carscadden	2
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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.)

June 24-28, 1969	International Convention St. Louis, Mo.
July 18, 1969	Detroit Chapter's Annual Moonlight Boat Ride
September 20, 1969	Tecumseh Chapter Parade
September 27, 1969	Gratiot County Parade
October 4, 1969	Lansing Chapter Parade
October 10-12, 1969	District Annual Meeting and Contests, Jackson
October 25, 1969	Saginaw-Bay Chapter Parade
October 25, 1969	Sault Ste. Marie (Ont.) Parade
November 1, 1969	Detroit Chapter Annual

### A Boost for SPEBSQSA

Every once in a while S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. gets some very unsolicited worthwhile advertising. The latest story appears in the April-May issue of "Modern Maturity", an excellent magazine devoted to the interests of senior citizens, with headquarters in Long Beach, California and Washington, D.C.

It is a reprint of a full-length story from the United Airlines Inc. magazine, "Mainliner", featuring, with accompanying photos, three top quartets, the 1967 International champs the FOUR STATESMEN, together with the MAIN STREET FOUR and THE HUT FOUR. It does not appear who the writer was but is an accurate coverage of the founding and purpose of the Society. It makes interesting reading and stresses the devotion the Society has for the Institute of Logopedics.

--Duane H. Mosier