

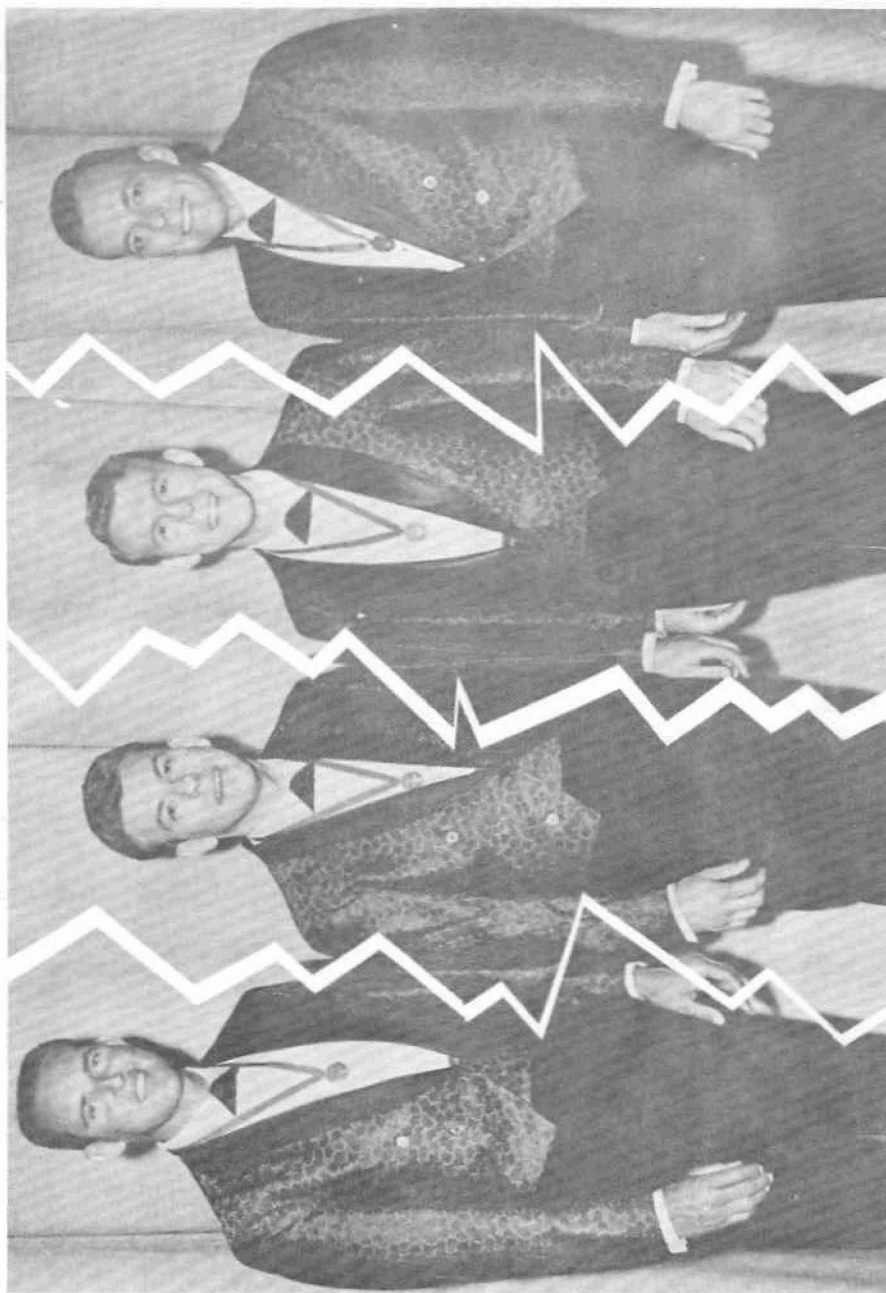
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Several new quartets are springing up around the District. For example, Sault Ste. Marie offers a clever play on words called the SOOVENIRS consisting of Harry Shardlow, Don Bazely, Gerry Clowes, and Eugene Haines while Grand Rapids puts forth a group known as the ROYAL COACHMEN with Daryl Roche, Jack Sidor, Al Van Iuarden, and Tom Venus trying for the "perfect blend".

Saginaw-Bay tenders the RING MASTERS composed of Tom Peil, Tom Roosenberg, Dave Sczutkowski, and Dick Mueller. Saginaw-Bay, by the way, already has the BEAN TOWN FOUR and the EVERSHARPS. Do you know of another chapter in the District with 35 members and three active quartets?

Holland offers us the SOUNDSATIONS with Bob Essenberg, Tom Weller, Bob Tubergan, and Bob Bos; from Battle Creek comes the MILLION-AIRS with Bob Dixon, Matt Trapp, Bob Cambell, and Richard Smith; and Benton Harbor gives us the QUADRI-CHORDS with Art Rutz, Gus Reeves, Herb Marschke, and Bernie Sackett.

We're sure of several more, but we haven't heard from you yet. What quartet do you sing in? What are you doing for the Society?



Their beginning was as humble as any other quartet, (although a bit more organized than most), but the fame they achieved was never equalled, either before or after their success on stage in 1966 in Chicago's McCormack Place as the Michigan District's AUTO TOWNERS captured International's top spot as everyone knew they eventually would. No other District Quartet has accomplished this feat, since the Harmony Halls some 23 years before.

Organized in April of 1960, and representing the Dearborn Chapter, The Auto Towners won the Boyne City Contest, placed second in the Fall District Contest (out of first by 16 points), and first in the 1961 Spring Contest which launched their annual trek to the International Contests. In the summer of 1961 they sang their way to the 16th spot in Philadelphia, returned in 1962 for the 9th position, and have been "big time" ever since. They have sung on countless of hundreds of shows covering thousands of miles and 28 states including Canada. Sandwiched inbetween their International appearances was a District Championship, which was also inevitable.

In 1963 they were 8th in the Toronto-sponsored International, and 6th in 1964 in San Antonio. In the fall of '64, Dominic Palmieri, their fine tenor, decided that he'd better devote more time to barbering and less time to barbershopping, and left the quartet. He was almost immediately replaced by Bill Wickstrom (currently with the Sharplifters) who sang with them for several months until job commitments forced him to leave. He was replaced by their current tenor, Alvin Rehkop, and they jumped up to 4th place in Boston. This set the stage for their triumphant entry into Chicago.

On several weekends prior to the International Contests in the windy city, they shuttled back and forth to Chicago to spend time with their coach, Lyle Pilcher. It paid off handsomely, as they topped the field of the 45 best quartets from around the world before an audience of some 5000 people who jammed into McCormack Place, and another 1000 in an "overflow" closed circuit TV Theatre.

Now, nearly 10 years later, they are splitting up to go their individual barbershop ways.

Glenn Van Tassell, after 14 years with General Motors in Production Control is taking on a new venture with American Express. He'll be a traveling sales rep. with the new firm, but still expects to be active in barbershopping. Glenn is



currently coaching the Brothers 3 and Me, a fine quartet from the Johnny Appleseed District, and would like to try his hand at Chorus Directing again. Glenn says that for anyone who would aspire to the International caliber of Contests, "you must first set a goal for yourself, convince yourself that you can achieve that goal, and then work." Past quartets Glenn has coached include The Chordials, The Eversharps (to District Championship and International) and The Sharplifters (to 11th place International). He is also a candidate in voice expression.

Clint Bostick doesn't arrange, direct, or write music, "but", as Carl Dahlke says, "He can sing the best bari you ever heard." He will probably stay with the Post Office for a while longer. He started there 10 years ago on a "temporary employment" basis, and just never left.



He is currently coaching the Invoices and will continue to do so, and will keep up his membership in the Dearborn Chapter. He has already found another quartet. It's a group known as the BOSTICHORDS in which he sings bass (move over, Carl) and boasts the charming sweet-voiced Bobbie Bostick and his two oldest daughters Krista and Becky.

Clint, formerly with the SPELLBINDERS for ten years, and the Auto Towners for ten years, says he's going to try his hand with the girls. If his daughters inherited just half of the talent available from Clint and Bobbie, we'll soon be seeing a fine family quartet on the scene.

Alvin Rehkop, tenor extraordinaire, says he's looking forward to an early retirement from Great Lakes Steel where he has been employed for the past 23 years, mostly as an auditing supervisor.



Al, who writes music (his "Brand New Automobile" helped the Auto Towners to their championship in '66), floats out a "high C" with ease, and says he doesn't sing falsetto.

"In fact," says Al, "if it is falsetto, I'm not aware of it. I just don't know how to produce it."

"I'm not adverse", he rumbles in a voice not at all befitting a tenor, "to polishing up the vocal chords again, if the combination is right." We're hoping he does if only to keep "Your not walking beside me" which he also wrote) alive.

Bass Carl Dahlke, a Draftsman for the Modern Engineering Company, will stay very much a part of the barbershopping scene. He is currently coaching the Vagabonds (2nd place in the Regionals last spring) and the Sweet Ads Tantalizers (23rd International), directing the Wolverine Chorus of O.C.C. who represented the Pioneer District at International for the past two years, and working toward his Certification in the Arrangement Category.



The Quartet has show obligations until around the end of '69, and of course, they'll honor their commitments. They plan to be at the Jackson Convention for their "swan song" appearance, and it will be the first time since the Spring Convention of 1966 that they have attended an evening District Contest.

Jackson, by the way is where the Auto Towners won the District Contest back in 1961.

Since this writer has only been in barbershopping a little over four years, it is impossible to realize "the scene" without the Champs. Where ever they go, what ever the future holds for them, they will always be readily recognized and long remembered as

THE AUTO TOWNERS, 1966 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS.



NEW 'TROUB' AD POLICY

full page	-	-	\$40.00
half page	-	-	30.00
quarter page	-	-	15.00
eighth page	-	-	10.00
Quartet promotional ads - (eighth page or less)-\$5.00			

If the copy submitted isn't camera ready, there will be a \$10.00 charge for a full page ad; \$5.00 for anything less than a full page ad with the exception of quartet ads which will be set free. This is a new policy and will not go into effect until the November issue.

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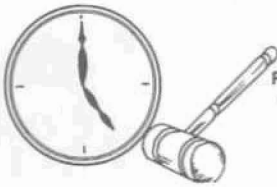
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Minutes PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

LANSING, JULY 13, 1969

A Board of Directors meeting was held at the Inn America, East Lansing on July 13, 1969. President Gillem called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Also present were Past President Eric Schultz, Vice Presidents Funk, Gillies, Simpson, Damm and Warner and Secretary Harrington.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In the absence of the treasurer, no financial report was given.

The Board affirmed the awarding of the 1971 Spring convention to Traverse City; the dates to be April 23-25, 1971.

A report on the International convention was given by Past President Schultz, and he reported that the Pioneer District's display booth at the convention won third place.

M. Weaver of the Saginaw-Bay City chapter then made a report to the Board on the Spring convention and presented a check to the district in the amount of \$560.35 as the District's share of the proceeds.

It was suggested that District officers explore the possibility of special events for Logopedics either in connection with the regular conventions or otherwise. The matter is to be studied further.

The Vice Presidents reported on various matters and conditions in their zones.

Vice President Simpson introduced Dr. Dininny of the Jackson chapter, who has been appointed General Chairman of the 1969 Fall Convention. A report was had on the plans and proposed schedule of events and prices thereof. Secretary Harrington indicated that he would meet with the committee at Jackson the following week to finalize other plans.

A discussion was then had relative to the scheduled visitation to the Pioneer District by Bob Johnson in October. The Chair was instructed to see if the scheduled dates could be changed due to the convention. In the meantime, the proposed itinerary is as follows: October 13, Traverse City, October 14, Kalamazoo, October 15, Benton Harbor, October 16, Detroit and Oakland County, October 17, Grand Rapids, October 18, Chorus directors' school at Lansing. Each vice president will contact chorus directors in their respective zones to determine the sentiment towards having a chorus directors' school in Lansing and they

are to report to the president within the next few days. It was further moved that when visitation locations have been firmed, a single-page flier will be prepared outlining visit and promoting chorus directors' school and mailed to each member of the Pioneer District. This was adopted.

Vice President Damm reported on the International convention.

Troubadour Editor Dick Van Dyke was present and outlined some proposals regarding the new Troubadour. He is to pick up material from Jim Davenport and forward an inventory to the Board so a list will be available.

Bill Warner presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 as a contribution to the Logopedic Fund which will be sent to Bob Dixon as chairman to be forwarded to Kenosha.

Vice President Damm then reported on the new film produced to promote the Logopedic Institute. A motion was made and adopted that an order be sent immediately to International to purchase a copy of the new film at a cost of approximately \$100.00.

A motion was adopted that a loan be made of \$1,000.00 to the Jackson chapter for the purchase of funding the necessary prepayment of convention expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON,

District Secretary



**NOTES FROM
THE SECRETARY**
LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Early entries for the Fall Chorus and Quartet Contests at Jackson indicate that competition should be keen for the honors. Among the Choruses which have filed their entries to date are: Lansing Chorus, Niles-Buehanan, Wayne Wonderland, Motor City of Detroit, Lakeshore of Grosse Pointe, Sun Parlour of Windsor, Wolverines of Oakland County, Jackson and Great Lakes of Grand Rapids. Early entries among the quartets are Burrill Brothers, Vagabonds, Kasual-D's, Bean Town Four, Harmony Hounds, Royal Coachmen, Chord Reporters and Resonaires. The winning chorus will be the Pioneer District's representative in the International Chorus Contest at Atlantic City next summer.

Contributions towards the Logopedics Fund have been made by several Chapters in recent months. Three Rivers is to be especially commended as they contributed \$400.00 in May and a like amount in June, making a total of \$800.00. Other recent contributions were \$140.00 from the Pontiac Chapter, \$100.00 from Traverse City, \$500.00 from Detroit, and a personal contribution from District Chairman Bob Dixon of \$57.00. Our thanks to all of the charitable Barbershoppers.

Dick Van Dyke is the new Editor of the Troubadour. His predecessors were Jim Davenport, Jack Conk, Roscoe Bennett and Louis R. Harrington. We owe him a debt of gratitude for assuming the post. Let's cooperate and keep the Troubadour as an outstanding District publication. A special thank you goes to retiring editor Jim Davenport and his fine wife.

Shortly all chapters should be choosing their officers for 1970. It would be of great help to your District Officers if each chapter would hold its elections as scheduled and then promptly report the results to the District Secretary so that the District Directory could be compiled, published and distributed at the beginning of the new year.

Oakland County and Muskegon Chapters were winners in the 1968 Achievement Contest for Pioneer District Chapters. Oakland was a winner for the third year in a row in the Gold Division (Chapters with more than 50 members). Muskegon was the winner in the Silver Division. Traverse City Chapter, one of the District's newest chapters finished a strong second in the Silver Division.

In winning, Oakland earned 675 points. Following were Detroit 595, Grand Rapids 525, Wayne 420, Jackson 345, Dearborn 325, Kalamazoo 310, Pontiac 270, and Lansing 220.

Trailing Muskegon which earned 815 points in the Silver Division the leaders were Traverse City 775, Saginaw-Bay 680, Battle Creek 665, Monroe 435, Windsor 340, Fruit Belt 300, Holly-Fenton 265, Three Rivers 260, Redford 235, Gratiot County 225, Ann Arbor 220, Milford 215 and Flint 215.

Failure of many chapter secretaries to file Quarterly Achievement reports with the District Secretary resulted in their respective chapters failing to receive credit for many of their activities. Dearborn still leads in the number of awards (seven) since the contest originated in 1952. Suitably inscribed plaques will be awarded to Tom Damm and Bob McDermott, 1968 presidents of the two winning chapters.



SEE YOU IN JACKSON OCTOBER 10, 11, & 12



OBSERVER



Zone I

Congratulations are in order for Dick and Carol Barron, they are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Aug. 6, weighing 7 lbs 10 ozs, length 20 inches and named Linda Diane. Dick is a member of Detroit Chapter # 1.

Glad to hear June Linde is out and about again after a recent illness. June has been enjoying her stay at their cottage up north.

Best wishes for a most "Happy Marriage" go to Ralph Schirmer and Jean Harrington, who were married Aug. 9th. Ralph is a member of Detroit Chapter # 1.

Detroit Chapter members wives are busy working on items for a Christmas bazaar and rummage sale scheduled for Oct. 3rd and 4th at St. Clair Shores Community Center, 24800 E. Jefferson Ave. Proceeds of this event will go toward the new uniform fund for the Motor City Chorus.

Congratulations go to Philip and Marge Smith who recently became parents of a Son. Philip is a member of Oakland County Chapter.

Anniversary Congratulations to Bill and Nell Warner, their 25th. They celebrated the day when they were presented with a large cake and a plaque given in their honor at the recently held Detroit Chapter picnic.

Just a reminder, Detroit Chapter is having their big show at Ford Auditorium Nov. 1st featuring the Four Renegades, Four Nubbins, Sharplifters, Oriole Four and the Motor City Chorus. For select seating, order tickets now \$4.00 - \$3.00. You can write for tickets to: E. Upton, 14830 Fenkell, Detroit, Mich. 48227. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

Harrisville Labor Day outing attendance has increased each year. This years figure was 861 Barbershoppers, including their families, Sweet Adelines and guests. Everyone had a ball and the weather was right. All are looking forward to next years event. Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday night show was Russ Seely, and a job well done.

Dick Liddicoatt had a moth fly in his mouth as he was talking before starting on the night childrens "Ghost Walk." Marge and John Wearing both managed somehow to get broken toes. There were reports of bee stings, broken arms, slivers in feet, strained backs,

ear infections and numerous minor accidents, but by next year all will be forgotten and back to Harrisville they will go.

Ray McCalpin deserves a big bow for the design of the beautiful new shell, they had on stage this year.

There was plenty of singing, golfing, horse shoe pitching, fishing, watermelon fetchen, swimming tug-of-war, games for the children, corn roasts and movie at the Theatre for the children and many more activities.

Many chapters were represented and Dick Van Dyke was Editor of the "Harrisville Halloo Bulletin" that was printed by Doris Gauthier and Gladys Badgley was feminine reporter. This kept all informed and was printed daily.

Please send me news items or a copy of your chapter bulletin. I'm sure I will find news in them to share with others.

Sing Cheerily

Dora Vogel
309 Belanger Rd.
Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.
48236

Zone III

Here we are again, with another summer past. A very full one for everyone, I'm sure.

How many of you heard about our second annual camp-out at Horsehead Lake? Thanks to our Pres. Jim Horton, it was a wonderful weekend.

Grand Rapids had ten families for the whole weekend and six more came for the potluck and program held Saturday night. What a pleasant sight to see the caravan from Holland. Six families arrived Friday night, in full force.

Lansing had two families, and a couple from the Big Rapids Chapter payed us a visit Saturday night. Can't forget the Staffens from Greenville, either.

In all we had 129 Barbershoppers and families. If not camping, they stopped in anyway.

We had a very entertaining program Saturday night. The Royal Coachmen did their usual great job and you should have heard the Tune Tailors from Holland. We were also entertained by a new quartet from the Lansing Chapter. Of course they're a little young to join (under thirteen) just yet. Never too young to start.

All the Barbershoppers there took part in one big chorus, directed by our own Fran Jones. Sounded GREAT.

To add to all of this, we had gang singing, with banjo and concertinas to accompany us.

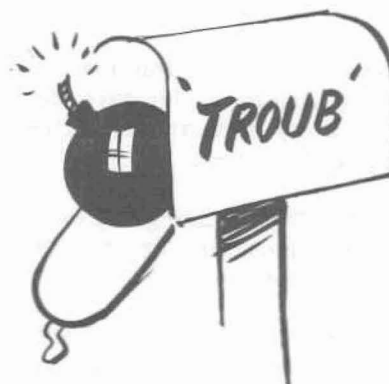
What a horseshoe contest! Ten teams showed there talents. The winners being; Dick Harrington and Bob Essenburg from Holland. Good job fellows. Did you enjoy your trophy? (A six pack.)

I think just about everyone there enjoyed a ride on the tandqm bikes. Even the owner of the park. A few even have scars to prove they rode the bike.

The best part of the weekend, was the money we have to donate to Logopedics. There were three raffles and that horseshoe contest wasn't for free. In all we have \$87.25. Thanks to all for making it such a perfect weekend.

SEE YOU ALL IN JACKSON!!

Ardy Jeltema
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Grand Rapids, Mich.
49505



letters
to the
editor

Dear Ed:

I received my Troubadour today and must say I'm very disappointed my copy was left out of this months Troubadour.

I do not appreciate your seemingly complete disregard of informing anyone of your deadline change from the first to the 25th till after we received our Troubadour. Since you did not let us know of the change in the deadline I feel you had a responsibility to the chapter reporters of making every effort to get all material into your first Troubadour even if it meant coming out a little later in September.

I can't believe that getting this months Troubadour out at an early date was more important than making sure all copy was given every consideration especially since we did not know you wanted all copy by the 25th. Your lack of concern shows very bad taste.

I expect the copy I sent you to be in the Oct. issue plus any additional copy sent you this month. I hope you kept the copy I sent you with plans of using it in the Oct. Troubadour.

I realize that my copy came to you the first which I thought was the deadline but again I can not excuse you for not informing me of your deadline change until I received my Troubadour.

SEE YOU IN JACKSON OCTOBER 10, 11, & 12

Is it in your plans to have the Oct. Troubadour come out before the Jackson Contest or don't you know?

I have enclosed a self-stamped envelope for a return answer.

Singing-ly yours

Dick Williams

P.S. Other than that, nice job in your first Troub.

Editor:

We wish to thank Dick for this, our first fan mail. Keep those cards and letters comin in, folks.

Dear Ed:

We now have the consent of Ardie Jeltema to handle this job for Feminine Observer. We have decided that she will give you a report on any activities in our Chapter which involve the ladies.

We of the Grand Rapids Chapter are going to do our best to give you the best support any Troub. editor has ever had from Grand Rapids.

Your Sept. edition was great and I think you will have reports from more chapters, now that they are aware of your new 25th. deadline.

Sincerely

Jim Horton, President
Grand Rapids

Editor - Thanks, Jim, for your help; and welcome aboard, Ardie.

Editor, Troubadour

Enclosed is \$1.00, for which I would like you to send me four copies of the September Troubadour. I think the article about Mark is wonderful and I'd like the copies to give to our children and grandchildren.

Hope four copies are available, and thank you for the trouble in mailing them to me.

Sincerely

Isabel Roberts
(Mrs. Mark)

Editor - Our District is blessed with two fine Historians, Mark Roberts and Duane Mosier. It's a pleasure to fulfill this request, 10 copies are in the mail.

VANS VIEWS



BY DICK VAN DYKE

First of all, let me apologize to the reporters who sent in copy for the Troub. too late for the "new" deadline.

Secondly, let me explain why there is a new deadline, anyway.

The District's by-laws state in effect, that the report of the nominating committee must be in the mail 30 days prior to the House of Delegates meeting. This meant that we had to get the copy camera ready and to the printer by the end of the month to allow time to do his thing. (We made the mail on the 10th of September, exactly 30 days prior to the House of Delegates meeting).

So actually, the new deadline was dictated by circumstances, but by adhering to it, we will be able to get our Troubadours before the month is too old to appreciate them. For the sake of clarification and consistency, let us here state the deadlines once again:

Chapter reports are due by the 25th; all other reports are due by the 20th of the month (including ads).

The address to which the reports should be sent is:

The Pioneer Troubadour
Box 1969
Madison Heights, Michigan, 48071

We would like all Chapter reporters to include there addresses in the next copy they submit. It is our intent to send you an addressed form on which to submit your copy each month. We will mail these to you on the 10th of the month which will serve as a gentle reminder to you that your report is due. The rest is up to you.

Notice of House of Delegates Meeting, Oct. 10, 1969

The Fall meeting of the Pioneer District House of Delegates, will be held at the Hayes Hotel, Jackson, Michigan, on Friday evening, October 10, 1969 at 8:30 p.m. This being the annual meeting of the District, officers for 1970 will be elected.

Chapters desiring to present any matters for consideration by the House of Delegates should forward these matters at once to the District Secretary.

Chord-ially,

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON
District Secretary

HARRISVILLE HAPPENING

The Harrisville - Labor Day-Weekend was another successful District venture as 861 Barbershoppers, Sweet Adelines and their families converged on this otherwise sleepy little town of 490 folks (and one old grouch). This annual affair grows every year. Last year, approximately 730 registered. Based on normal growth, next year will see over 1000 go to the Great Outing. More Barbershoppers every year are planning their vacations around this affair.

The City of Harrisville has pulled out all the stops to see to it that we are content. Their biggest addition was a permanent, dome shaped shell for the now traditional Sunday afternoon show. It demonstrates perfect sound and will adequately contain a several hundred man chorus. (All of the Barbershoppers present sang under the direction of Motor City's Bill Butler in the shell and really "turned em on"). They planned other activities such as an afternoon luncheon for the ladies, a children's Matinee at Gary Pyne's Alco Theatre, a Saturday night show for Barbershoppers at the Alcona Vets Club, a Logopedics Benifit at Friedrich's M&M Bar, a Teen dance, and a huge, family style B-B-Que chicken dinner after the Sunday show. Many of these activities were beneficial to the Institute of Logopedics. A list of the actual donations to Logopedics is as follows:

Friedrich's Bar	\$437.00
Alcona Vets Club	98.00
Gary Pyne's Alco Theatre	150.00
Horse Shoe contests	75.00
Daily Barbershoppers Bulletin	25.17
Total For Logopedics	\$785.17

On the following two pages appears an Artist's eye view of the weekend festivities as seen by the Troub's John Morris and several of the pictures taken by Bill Pascher, Troub. Photographer.

Picture # 1 shows old friend Don Cowles of Chicago (formerly O.C.C.) receiving Bill Pascher's "District Award" for coming all the way from Chicago to join the festivities; picture # 2 is Grosse Pointe's 4-Fits in Harrisville's new shell; picture # 3 shows Gene Bulka and Joe Kiley who were defeated by Jim Gross and Len Johnson of the Eversharps (Saginaw-Bay) for the "Championship" in the horse shoe contest; picture # 4 is Del Badgley's "Green Bomb" as painted by nearly everyone in camp; picture # 5 & 6 show Mike Liddicoatt, Bill Guerin, David Cowles, Karl Dahlke, Melanie Swanson, Kathy Liddicoatt, Lisa Stringer and Kathi Drabik -- all winners in the kids fishing contest.

Picture # 7 is the "crew" from Pontiac (standing) that was defeated by (squatting) O.C.C. in an early horse shoe contest (after O.C.C. defeated Detroit in a similar contest); Picture # 8 The Bean Town Four; picture # 9 the Invoices; and picture # 10 shows the winning team of the Watermelon Fetchin Contest (Joan Rafferty, Barb Mannaioni, Linda Thompson, Gladys Badgley, and Carolyn Dahlke). The watermelon, by the way, was greased and thrown in the water, and the team that brought it in was declared winners. Picture # 11 is the Tailor Maids of the Sweet Adelines; picture # 12

is part of the "Bar crew" at the Saturday night festivities; pictures # 13 # 14 are the 19th Century Four (perennial attendants) and the Vagabonds, respectively.

It is any wonder that Harrisville was proclaimed by the Board of Directors to be THE CAPITOL OF THE PIONEER DISTRICT FOR THE LABOR DAY WEEK-END

See you there next year.

MYSTERY PHOTOS

are you in these pictures?
if not, why not?

See you there next year!



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BY YOUR ROVING ARTIST...
JOHN MORRIS



**LABOR DAY
WEEK-END
at HARRISVILLE**



and a GREAT time was had by All!

Heritage of Harmony

by Mark Roberts, Historian

As promised, the series which was originally called "The Michigan District and it's Men of Harmony" will be reprinted in it's entirety. Master wordsman Mark Roberts authored the articles, and if you haven't read them, you are in for a treat; if you have read them, read them again. Then throw out your chest just a little when someone asks you what District you're from. We have a lot to be proud of, as you will see.

THE FIRST DISTRICT SPONSORED CONTEST

On March 9, 1941, the first State or District Quartet Contest ever held under S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. auspices was hosted by the Grand Rapids Chapter. Again the Ballroom of the Pantlind Hotel was the scene and some 28 quartets went through their paces for a distinguished and talented panel of judges composed of Cy Perkins, Phil Embury, Frank Thorne, Maurice Reagan and Robert Hamp. The judges at that time had no written rules or guide lines, so they had to figure out a system of grading and categories before the contest. Some of their findings went into the rules later adopted and are still a part of our judging rules. The Master of Ceremonies for the contest was our Founder, O. C. Cash, who came up from Oklahoma for the occasion and he enjoyed every minute of it. The contest winners down to five places were:

- 1st. The Saw Dust Four of Muskegon (Len Horton, Ray Johnson, Bill Griffith and George Hansen)
- 2nd. Detroit Turners (Jim Creed, Ed Pazik, Mark Roberts and Wally Joure)
- 3rd. Legion Four of Detroit (Monty Marsden, Al Frank, Glenn Shields and Howard Tubbs)
- 4th. Big Four of Detroit (Hugh Ward, LeRoy McKinney, Bob Weil and Joe Wolff)
- 5th. The Songmasters of Lansing (Harold Mc Attee is the only one of the original Songmasters remembered by the scribe)

This contest was well handled by the Grand Rapids crew and was an unqualified success which helped to assure the continuation of the District Contest as an annual fixture. While the singing at that time did not measure up to today's standards because no one would have thought of practicing and working at it the way today's quartets do, the singing was more interesting in many ways and particularly as to musical arrangements. There were no published arrangements in

those days and practically all quartets used their own arrangements. Thus we did not have a note for note rendition of the same songs by different quartets such as we quite frequently have in today's contests. We also heard more lyric tenor voices and big booming bassos which, again, is another story. The 1941 Contest was a stag affair, the last, by the way, and we were still carrying on in the grand tradition of Barbershop singing. It was a man's world - we said, but our ladies were becoming inquisitive about our activities and why shouldn't they when some of them had been led to believe that our meetings lasted from Friday evening until Saturday at noon. We know, of course that Barbershoppers have the most tolerant women in the world and we were not the least bit apprehensive as to their acceptance of our music. We were not sure at all of women generally but, as might have been expected, we found some who had a genuine liking for our music, some who just liked to be around men, the singing kind or otherwise, and some who despised it but gritted their teeth and bore with it in a brave attempt to be agreeable. Some gals decided that they too wanted to participate in our singing and we even had attempts to enter their quartets in our contests and, in one case, four gals seriously threatened to get a Court order to compel us to accept their entry in our competition. We stood bravely by our "male only" eligibility rules because, otherwise, we could visualize a far more sinister situation that would develop. That would be when we went home some evening to inform the little woman that the new tenor in the quartet was really a shapely



"SHE SAYS SHE'S THE NEW TENOR IN YOUR QUARTET."

blond soprano, and the lead was a gorgeous red head whose chest expansion, when she took a big breath for that "Sweet Sixteen" swipe, was both amazing and delightful. This kind of hanky-panky could have led to arsenic in the breakfast coffee as one of the more gentle forms of exterminating Barbershoppers. Eventually -- and fortunately -- The Sweet Adelines was organized and the frustrated femmes found an organized outlet for their singing and, outwardly at least, a happy harmony coexistence was established between our Society and the Adelines which continues to the present.

Next month - "MICHIGAN GAINS STATURE"



SPEAKING OUT EDITORIALY

by Tom Dam

What's wrong with our Society? A lot of things are wrong. A lot of things need changing or improving. It would take several pages just to list the things I alone can think of. But that would be pointless because we all hear these things all the time anyway. You hear them being whispered at Chapter meetings and conventions. You hear them discussed at the favorite "pit-stops" on the way home from the meeting. You hear them from the guy standing next to you in the men's room.

So what's good about our Society? It would take ten times as many pages to list here the things that make Barbershopping great. We don't mention these things too often. I guess it is human nature to take the good for granted and to complain about the bad.

So back to the things that are wrong. Probably the only way to change things is to "gripe." The only problem is -- the guys stuck with the job of planning and executing the affairs of the Chapter (or the District, or the International) don't hold their meetings in the corner of the room while a quartet is singing; -- or in the latrine; -- or in the local pub. (Come to think of it, I do remember one of those but I'm trying to forget it.) So either we have to schedule the board and committee meetings in the rest rooms and bars or we have to change our griping system. There's not enough light in most bars and not enough seats in most of the other places -- so let's throw that out.

How about this? If you've heard enough complaint about something to make you feel there is in fact a problem take time to formulate a concise statement. Then approach one of your duly elected officers or board members (at a time when he is not otherwise involved so that he can "hear you out") and after stating your point ask him to take it to the Board (or committee -- or whatever.) Or, if you prefer, request time at the next meeting of that board so you can attend in person and present your case to the whole group. A reminder -- the most effective criticism is constructive criticism. If you're suggesting that something be different be sure you have an idea for an alternative or solution.



I think our right to "gripe" is more than a "right" -- it is a duty. Boards and committees don't run this Society -- you do. They only execute the desires of the members but they have to "get the message", -- and in an orderly and reasonable fashion. Sometimes the changes are slow in coming -- but all the good things we've got going for us came about this way. Let's go on taking the good for granted -- let's concentrate on criticism; but let's do it so it accomplishes something. We've got a Society that is really great -- now let's get out there and "gripe" so in the near future we can have a Society that is perfect.

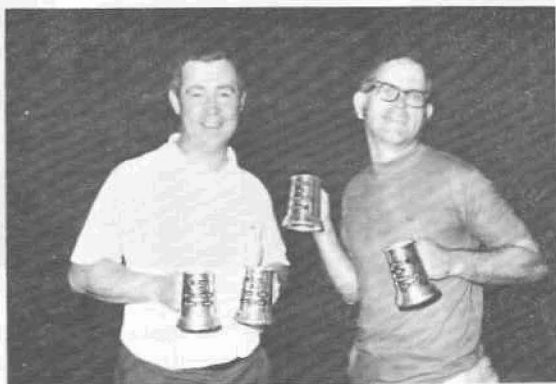


CHAPTER REPORTS

PONTIAC'S ANNUAL KORN & KIELBASA ROAST IS A HUGE SUCCESS !!!

Our annual "Korn and Kielbasa" roast finally hit the good weather, with the warm, clear evening of Aug. 15, a pleasant contrast to last year's downpour. Close to 100 men enjoyed the spacious lawn at Norm Schram's Hideaway on Galloway Lake, as the horseshoe pits, volleyball court, and dart range, kept everyone busy. That is, whenever they were not singing or eating or visiting with Joe Wolff (Detroit) and Mike Arnone.

Both the egg-throw and the balloon toss contests were won by those superb athletes Dick Liddicoatt and Fred McFadden (O.C.C.) who are trying to make a run-away



of this yearly competition. Runners-up were Bill Pascher, Lyle Howard, egg throw, and Bill Pascher-Leonard Barnes, balloon toss. Better luck next year Pontiac.

Lucky ticket holders in the "Logopedics Fund Drawing" were Cy Pelican (O.C.C.) "I will take the record album", and Bill Pascher (Pontiac) "This jug cost me at least 35 bucks."

During the horseshoe warm-up for Harrisville, this reporter observed at least one contestant in mid-season form--Joe Kiley threw a double (wringer, not shot).

The stage for the singing program turned out to be the platform of Schrams stake truck. While waiting for Oakland County's "Wolverine" Chorus to clamor aboard, one wit was heard to remark "Hurry up-this stage leaves in two minutes." Three of the better foursomes to appear were the "Milford Four" the "Chord Reporters" (O.C.C.), and Pontiac's own "Harmony Knights" who are talking competition again.

Pontiac knows that the success of these ventures are wholly dependent on the degree of participation by our neighboring Chapters, and wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all who were represented, especially Oakland County, Detroit, and Milford.

GRAND RAPIDS

by Dick Williams

Good morning; the rest of the state, remember these names: Chapter Four, GREAT Lakes Chorus, and the Royal Coachmen. Take heed, for they must be stopped. They are out to take the measure of all other Chapters, Chorus, and Quartets. Their excellence will soon be known to all men, even to the far corners of the District. Should you or any of the Chorus, Quartets, or Chapters fail in your mission the District will disavow any knowledge of your attempts. Good Luck. As always this Troub will self destruct as soon as the shock wears off.

Well here it is, the start of another exciting year filled with those events which alter and illuminate our life so I guess the first thing I'd better do is to straighten up.

As Troub. reporter for our Chapter, the weight of this responsibility grows heavy on my shoulders especially when you try to keep all the members happy so I can't put this off any longer. (Sob Sob)

All kidding aside. We have a fellow barbershopper whose modesty and humility are well known throughout our chapter. One who has put forth lot'sa work, sacrifice, sweat and tears for the welfare and enjoyment of the chapter without any personal thought of rewards or glory to himself, ha! It takes a special kind of man to keep his cool and remain just one of the boys, yes sir this fellow had done just that. So at this time I introduce our program chairman and M. C. for our Chapter and Chorus sing-outs. . . .LARRY "THE WONDER" HUMPHRY.

For those of you that were at the Lansing Fish Fry, if you remember, in the Quartet Woodshedding contest the Larry Wonder Singers took first place and that was a wonder!

Seriously though, what's - his - name has done a fine, even super job as anyone who's been to our program nites will gladly testify. WE ALL congratulate you Larry, keep up the splendid job. PLUS

Our Chapter is hosting Bob Johnson October 17th, one week after the Jackson Contest. All Chapters are invited to attend. Anyone who knows Bob Johnson knows what an exciting evening this will be. So plan now to come up, down or over to the Grand Rapids Chapter, "Michigan's Fun Chapter."

This summer our Chapter and Chorus has kept very active with sing-outs every month and excellent programs set up by Mr. Fun - Larry Humphry.

The Chapter put on a package show at Aman Park June 30th for the crippled children featuring the Chorus, naturally, the always jumping fuitars of the Strummers and the fantastic Royal Coachmen.

The highlite of the summer though, was our sing-

out opening nite for the Lowell showboat which we all enjoyed immeasurably. The Chorus and the Coachmen both sounded good that nite plus Uncle Miltie was in one of his rare moods and put on an excellent show I think risqué might be a better word, but in good taste.

Later on the 20th of August the Chapter put on another package show at Pine Rest for the old folks and believe me they were as tough a group as you could find anywhere this side of Jackson Prison. The Royal Coachmen though, thought we just weren't good enough to satisfy these fine ole people and acted immediately to remedy that. Ha ha, after about three songs later they admitted it seemed like 40, they found out that they weren't to receptive. Now after watching the slow death of the Coachmen, and I mean slow, we decided to throw our bigie at'm in a last ditch attempt to salvage the evening. On goes the Strummers. That nite I saw my first miricle. After opening with "When The Saint's Go Marching In" and believe me that's what it was. That crowd was ah shouting and ah stomping and ah having one heck of a good ole time. To make a long stroy short the whole evening was a success after all, thanks to the Strummers.

We ended the summer or started the fall whichever, with a Sunday picnic at our Director's homestead and let me tell you this was one gut-busting good time. Thirty-five couples and 53 kids, enough to drive a man to drink. Especially since Fran has a pool. Wow, can you imagine 53 kids in that pool? No buddy else can either. This was one heck of a picnic. I wish everyone could have been there.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at Jackson making new friendships and renewing the old ones.

See-ya there.¹

WAYNE September

by Morrie Giles

Now that summer is over and the kids are all back in school, it's time for old man Barbershopper to settle down to a little serious singing. Fortunately, the vast majority of the chapters do not curtail their activities during the summer months even though vacations may somewhat lower the attendance. Be that as it may, Wayne has had very good turn outs for their summer meetings which were held out-of-doors. We also visited a few chapters and had a few visit us.

The Wayne Wonderland Chorus did not slacken it's pace one bit. In fact, weekly rehearsals averaged 85 to 90 percent turn out with enthusiasm running very high. We also picked up several new members (including tenors) to bolster our forces for the contest in Jackson.

This being the centennial year for the City of Wayne, our services were very much in demand. In fact we sang 5 engagements in one week plus doing a few retirement shows.

Although at this writing the full count cannot be made, still Wayne anticipates that on September 1, we will have brought home the Harrisville Trophy for the third time - permanently. If not, then this reporter is honor bound to buy lolipops for the winning chapter.

On August 10 we had our annual picnic, starting with breakfast at 5:30 a m and continuing until well after dark.

Our chapter wives surprised us recently with matching gold S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. sweatshirts for themselves and us, plus green ones for the kids. You no doubt saw plenty of them floating around at Harrisville.

Like all other choruses we are eagerly awaiting the contest in Jackson. If you haven't entered a chorus yet, it's still not too late. If you have never sung in a contest before, you have a world of experience to gain and not a single thing to lose; so come on out.¹

I believe most of us agree that Jackson's practice of supplying each group with a monitor and taking us through progressive steps from rehearsal rooms to ready room to stage is to be highly commended. Congratulations in advance, boys.

I'm sure I've touched on this subject before, but I still would like to stress the importance of making a new comer or a visitor from another chapter feel that he really is "welcome as the flowers in May." Being coolly polite gives him no incentive to return. To carry it a bit further, once a new man has joined your chapter don't assume that he will be able to fend for himself like all you hardshelled veterans. He may still feel a bit hesitant about asking 3 other guys to sing with him. See that he gets the chance to do what he joined to do. When you're knocking out a tag or two, invite him to step in and learn his part.

SAGINAW BAY

by Eric Meldrum

Why do we simmer down in the summer time? Probably there is no one answer to this question. But I hope each member will think about it, and resolve to be more active in the future.

To those of you who did go "inactive" for the summer, all I can say is, you missed some mighty fine events.

District-wise, there was the Lansing Fish Fry, the Detroit Moonlight Cruise, and the Pontiac Corn and Kielbasa Roast; just to mention a few.

Within this Chapter there were thirteen weekly Chorus meetings, two Church jobs, two house parties, our annual Family Picnic, and one package show that I will never forget: For the patients at the State Hospital in Caro. What a wonderful and rewarding experience!¹

Enough about days gone by. The next big thing to happen will be the Saginaw - Bay Chapter's annual show. It will be held in Saginaw on October 25th, and will feature the Avante Guard. More about this in the next Troub. Until then, Keep Singing.

HOLLAND by Dale Van Langevelde

Greetings from the Holland Chapter! It's been a while since we've written the Troubadour, but not because we have been inactive. Many activities have made the time pass too quickly.

Our Tulip Time Show was the biggest success we've had, thanks to the Auto-Towners, Sharplifters, Extension Chords, Kasual D's, Tune Tailors, and the Soundsations. Also to be congratulated are the many people who served on committees, the workers and designers of our unusual and imaginative stage set, and of course the fine music provided by our Holland Windmill Chorus.

Also new in the chapter is the formation of a ladies' auxiliary, who have sponsored a money-making project, ushered at our May show and whose plans for the fall will keep them busy.

Camping has become a popular pasttime among the Holland Windmill Chorus members. Several families have spent week-ends together at local campgrounds. Good food, good fun, swimming, boating and of course, singing, singing, singing abounds. What better way to close the day than a camp fire, a dying sun, and the ringing of barbershop chords. Plans are under way for more family camp-outs.

Hope to see you in Jackson on October 11, 12, and 13. Windmill Chorus plans to compete this fall, and we are hoping for participation from our local quartets.

WAYNE October by Morrie Giles

Congratulations to Saginaw for nearly taking the Harrisville Trophy away from us. Maybe you'll get it in 1970.

This summer found Wayne in the midst of various activities: Golf outing, weekly chorus rehearsals (well attended), outdoor chapter meetings, a week's singing engagement for the Wayne Centennial, several retirement party engagements, a party for us sponsored by The City of Wayne, our Annual Chapter Picnic, and winding up with Harrisville.

Our wonderful Wayne wives surprised us with "His and Hers" matching gold sweatshirts, plus green ones for the kids. They earned the money for this little project by raffling off a basket of booze.

The "Wayne Wonderland Chorus" is looking forward to the contest in Jackson and their excellent facilities for handling such a large group. We picked

up several new members over the summer and believe we have vastly improved the strength of our Chorus. We are out to win, but if we do not succeed, at least everyone will know that it took a super-chorus to beat us.

About 2 1/2 months ago, Don Westby (one of our stalwart leads) had one lung removed, but being a Barbershopper right down to his roots, Don was back at chorus rehearsal on Sept. 16, eager to exercise his other lung. I've often felt that Barbershopping should be classified along with penicillin and other wonder drugs.

As you probably know by now, Wayne was dethroned in the recent Mini-Chorus Contest at Milford by Oakland County. Congratulations, O.C.C., and don't forget, you're supposed to visit us in November. In that same vein, may we extend a hearty invitation to all Barbershoppers to come visit us on any 1st or 3rd Friday at the K. of C. Hall located in Wayne at the extreme west end of Annapolis Rd.

See and hear you in Jackson.

TRAVERSE CITY by Max Carter

Our fearless director Mr. Al Hubschneider has had to give up the Directorship of the Chorus, at least for the time being because of a change in employment. As a result we have a screening committee headed by Past President Al Galloway and trust that in the near future we will come up with a new Director. In the interim Mel Gee, Asst. Dir. has been holding down the fort and we wish to report that after the summer doldrums our meeting last night was attended by 34 members which included four new guests.

We are looking forward with eager anticipation the coming visit of Bob Johnson in October and every member has been requested to bring along to that meeting (2) New Potential Members. If there was ever a man that could instill Barbershopping into a Prospective new member it would be Bob Johnson.

The Chapter is most proud of the Combination Quartet that sang at the Cederville Show. This was a combination of the "Timbre Barons" and the "Ragedy Andys." The Baritone of the Ragedy Andys joined the Timbre Barons and we understand they did one hell of a fine job. Our congrats to the Quartets and also to the Les Chapter for a really "Big Show."

Our chapter is indeed sad at the loss of Vince Yinger who has I think moved into the Ann Arbor area as that is our loss and their gain. Vince is the Bari from the Timbre Barons.

Invites have been sent out to Cadillac, Boyne City, Big Rapids, and Cedarville Chapters, for the Bob Johnson Jamboree. So hear all ye Barbershoppers in those areas, come one come all to the Big Night at Traverse City Monday Oct. 13, 1969 at the V.F.W. Hall, West Front and Oak Streets at 8 p.m. Lots of singing, woodshedding

and just maybe some goodies after the session.

This reporter wishes to take the space to convey congratulations and most certainly many many wishes for years of continued fine singing to the Road Runners who took the time and effort to attend the Harmony Night at Cedarville Michigan. I don't know how those guys seem to find the time to get into all the little nooks and crannies that they get into but in my personal humble opinion they just have to be about the Greatest group of Travelers that Barbershopping will ever see. In closing thanks again Dick for your efforts and I hope you have continued success in your Endeavor.

MUSKEGON

by Jay Smith

Greetings from Muskegon once again after a fine summer vacation.

The Muskegon Chapter is going on a diet after all the meals we have delightfully indulged in.

We started out the summer in July by having a Bostonian Steak Fry and Pool side party. Then in August the wives prepared our Annual Picnic goodies.

September 16th we started our Fall & Winter meetings at Mona Lake Boat Club with Fred Kendall's famous Fish Fry. It was the first of our Member - Guest nights which we have planned.

We elected our new officers and board members for the coming year.

Fred Kendall - President

Henry Malmquist - Membership Vice President

Dick Wester - Program Vice President

Board Members:

Paul Borton

Don Van Dyke

Jack Bennett

Frank Madicon

Anely Van Donkelaar

Carl Gilbert

Wayne Hamilton

We want to welcome to our chapter our two newest members Frank Madicon and Maury Chambers.

Our men of note for this period are Fred Kendall 8, Carl Gilbert and Jack Bennett 1.

We will see you in Jackson on October 12th and if not in Jackson, we will be looking for you in Muskegon come April 24th.

NILES-BUCHANAN

by Bob Thomas

Things have been going well for us down here. Our president, Vic Vigansky, has done a good job of keeping us on the ball this summer with a few singing jobs and other activities. Meetings every week dur-

ing the summer, which we have not done in the past, has helped keep our members in contact with each other, and made our start this fall above par. We have signed a few new men and a few re-instated.

We will be in Jackson with twenty-five men on stage and one quartet for the contest. First contest we have been in for a number of years.

Our quartet entered last year as "The Hustlers". This year the "Nile-Laters". They have replaced a good lead, (Dick Peterson) with another good lead, LaVonne Zelmer. They still have Dave Hibinger on Tenor, Gene Seals as Bari, and Ed James on Bass. We look for them to be the new district champs! OK GUYS!

Well, that's all for this month. Our show is Feb. 14, 1970. More on this next month.

DETROIT

by John Neighorn

Home sweet home anyone?? After a most beautiful week of choice weather, and many more families, who could ever forget Camp Harrisville.

Now a completely exhausted group of Barbershoppers try and settle down to normal-again.

It was fun to see The 4 Fits mini sail boat more down than up. The Motor City Chorus families parade to the horse shoe pits. Tuff luck boys. Ever try holding it? For a day while the plumbing gets repaired?

Thanks to our wives who pulled us thru in the rope pulling contest.

Did ya see all the bikes for the lazy reporter-John and the kids. See you again next year.

Welcome back Sharplifters! ! !

Pat Ryan entertained the Detroit Chapter meeting with a Logopedics film, mixed quartets, and prizes.

Motor City Chorus is putting the final touches on for the Jackson Contest.

Don't forget the Super Show Saturday, November 1, 1969, when the Detroit #1 Parade Flash Back salutes 30 years of Barbershopping.

Our gals are at it again, gathering rummage for a big sale October 3 & 4 -- Plus a Christmas Bazaar. Hows that for ambition and support?

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FLINT

by Les Lang

In September we had a Quad-Chapter meeting at Flint with 56 attending and a real good time was had by all.

The Flint Chapter has been fortunate to have secured the services of Ron Grow, Music Director for the Mt. Morris school system, as our chorus director and our first session under his direction was on Sept. 23rd. He listened to a song then gave a 10 minute talk on voice projection and some breathing exercises then we sang the same song again and the difference was amazing and he says this is just a start. He is even starting to pick the numbers that we will sing on our show next April.

In October we have lots of activities:

- Oct. 11 District Convention
- Oct. 14 Chorus practice and program
- Oct. 18 Ladies night with "live" music, 3 quartets, dancing, food & fun!
- Oct. 25 Saginaw Show
- Oct. 28 More chorus practice and lessons

Our nominations committee has not submitted our 1970 slate as yet but they promise to have it complete by October 1st.

LANSING

by Frank Laden

Though Chapter attendance was light during the regular Chapter summer meetings of July and August, Chapter activity was spirited. Events of note included participation in Detroit Chapter's Moonlight Cruise (the rain not diminishing the good sounds), an outdoor evening picnic featuring guest quartet, The Bean Town Four, and a number of variety spiced Just-plain-fun get-togethers.

The beautiful weather-wonderful month of September ushered in our Family Picnic at which was featured the best family talent in the Chapter. This function was attended by the District Officers whose attempts to leave without contribution of song was unsuccessful. At Harrisville, many Chapter members joined forces at the annual Barbershop Campout over Labor Day weekend.

The biggest thing in present Chapter efforts are the final rehearsals of our annual Barbershop Quartet Show. Feverish activity is also attendant on the all important ticket sales. The show is on Saturday, October 4th which will be history when you read this.

An additional item this month is getting ready for Chorus Competition at the Fall Convention in Jackson. See you there.

SEE YOU IN JACKSON OCTOBER 10, 11, & 12

OAKLAND COUNTY

by Bob Drabik

The wife and kids still haven't settled down from Harrisville and the "lil ones" already want to know when we're going back - it was a howling success! And, again, O.C.C. wants to thank all you fantastic people - for the vocal, moral and monetary support given the Logopedics projects at Harrisville. The fruits of your labors amounted to almost \$800.00 for the kids so you can see it was well worthwhile. And the Eversharps proved they can do a lot more than "just" sing when JIM GROSS and LEN JOHNSON whomped our best, GENE BULKA and JOE KILEY, in one of three horseshoe matches held for the benefit of Logopedics.

We had 40 families represented but it couldn't come anywhere near Wayne (58% of membership) or Saginaw (57%) - Man - that's real participation. If you've never tried Harrisville, plan on it for next year; the entire family will love it.

Had a real good turn-out for the September meeting to hear the "Banjo's of Michigan". They do with strings what we do with vocal chords and it darn near brings the house down. If you ever get a chance to hear and sing along with them, please do - it's well worthwhile.

Milford's Mini-Chorus Contest was another great night, well attended, with tight chords being heard all night. I'll love those "Four-Tune Tellers" til the day I die.

In spite of the weather, our annual Family Corn Roast wuz, again, a success with seventeen families enjoying sailing on Host BILL WAUGAMAN'S boat, jarts, horseshoes, the inevitable football game (oh pain!!!) and Chef NORM HOEMKE'S sugar soaked corn.

Future events include a surprise "jug visitation" to some unsuspecting chapter, the District Convention in Jackson (yes; we'll be there - how about you??), singing at the Walled Lake Music Festival October 14, Bob Johnson's visit on October 16, and our regular "First Friday Fun Night" October 3, which will honor that great "man of note" CHASE SANBORN of the Pontiac Chapter. Back in 1953-54, when he was an Area Counselor, this man, personally, kept our chapter alive. He's one of the "great one's" who most typify the guy who belongs to this great society of ours! Talent for the night will include the Curbstone Serenaders, Vagabonds, Resonaires and Chord Reporters. C'mon in and see us!!

JACKSON

by Joe Hubbard

This will be a short report as we haven't done a D thing this month. No shows to put on, only getting ready for the convention coming up at Jackson October 10, 11, 12. And besides, the great white elephant says we haven't done anything. And besides if you guys want to make any money on this show you have to get out and sell tickets (or were we to get out and sell tickets?) Anyway we will welcome you with open mouth and in tune. So till then keep singing.

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men of note

Do you have your "Man of Note" Award yet? Work at it! It doesn't really take that much effort. The following (particularly Fricker and Whitledge) have already found how easy it is to interest someone in this great hobby of ours. This report covers the month of August:

A. W. Kniffen	#1
Carl Gilbert	1
John Foerster	2
Andy Alflen	3
Al Fricker	9
Ken Yaw	3
Les Lang	3
George H	2
Bob Whitledge	8

Remember, new members score points for your Chapter in the PROTENTION Program. Is your Chapter listed??? The Pioneer District now has 1442 members. What has your Chapter done to stimulate interest in Barbershopping? What have you done to help your Chapter grow??

HERE'S A BARBERSHOPPER Coming Events

Requests for Parade clearance and sanction fee payments should be sent to: Louis R. Harrington, District Secretary, 2361 First National Building, Detroit, Michigan, 48226.

- 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 Parade
- February 28, 1970 Oakland County Parade
- March 14, 1970 Three Rivers Parade
- April 4, 1970 Bush League, Boyne City
- April 11, 1970 Battle Creek Parade
- April 18, 1970 Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
- April 24-26, 1970 International Preliminaries & District Spring Meeting, Muskegon
- May 2, 1970 Windsor Parade, Windsor, Ont.
- June 22-27, 1970 International Convention, Atlantic City
- October 9-11, 1970 District Annual Meeting & Contests, Windsor, Ontario
- April 17, 1971 Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
- April 23-25, 1971 International Preliminaries, Traverse City
- October 8-10, 1971 District Contest