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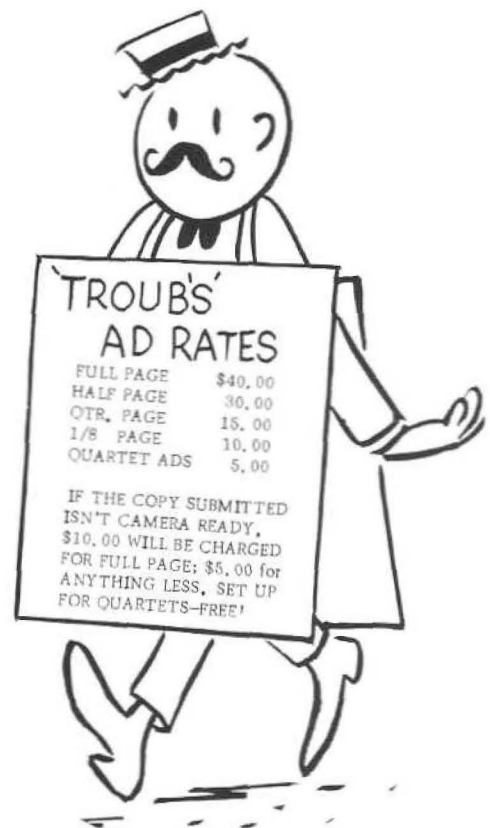
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GIVE EVERYONE YOU KNOW SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS.

Ever think of doing it? Did you ever give thought to the real, true meaning of the Holiday season? Well, it goes beyond the superficial tinsel type image that is projected by the dime stores, etal; It surpasses the jolly fat man coming down the chimney in his dirt covered red suit; It goes beyond going to church on Christmas day because it's the "Accepted thing to do. It defeats the "how much did it cost" premise of giving at least for the average barbershopper it does. It encompasses - ladies night, singing at a local old folks home or in a Children's Ward in a hospital, meeting old friends and establishing new ones, and most of all, the almost unbelievable story of the "Blessed Event" - the beginning of it all.

Do you want to know what to give everyone you know for Christmas? That is up to you make mine a barbershop chord, best wishes for the new year, and a very warm hand shake . . . what else does a person need?



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Fred Kienitz
TENOR - BEANTOWN FOUR

Need members?

As representative for the Flint Chapter at the October convention in Windsor, I call a remark made by Pres. Tom Damm covering the District's need for membership. And, while it was made in passing from one piece of business to another, I feel it actually preempted all other statements made during that particular session.

The Pioneer District is slowly but surely declining in membership as evidenced by each of the quarterly reports and we have no one to blame but ourselves because of the passive attitude we're taking in this regard. But, it is not too late and we can still recruit new members and help our district, and more important, our own chapter grow before the end of 1970.

I believe Flint has one possible answer to your problems and I feel I would be remiss if I don't share it with each of you. Simply put, it is "Auditions for Admissions."

This is a publicized program utilizing your local news medio, (newspaper, T.V., and radio) through which you make an open request for singing members. It requires a "Help Wanted - Singers" ad in your local paper and the use of the "community calendar" offered as a public service (free) by most local radio stations. It can be expensive, but, Flint found it worth every dime spent.

At two auditions nights we tested 36 men, 28 of which are now attending meetings on a regular basis. Not bad for a few weeks of planning, eh?

A.F.A. is a beautiful program and very simple to launch. We contracted for a 13 day advertisement in our local newspaper. We ran the ad for 10 days straight prior to our first audition. It carried the message, "Help Wanted" along with a characterization drawing of a barbershop quartet. It also gave particulars such as the fact that we wanted

men who could sing and who loved barbershop harmony. Finally it gave information as to where and when the auditions would be held. We also contacted the local radio station that we felt reached the greatest number of adults. We gave their program director two records of the 1969 Chorus and Quartet Champion (received from International - free) and asked if he would play them and "plug" our big night. I ran the remaining 3 days of our newspaper ad prior to our second audition night.

If I sound a wee bit enthused, brother, I am. I was surprised that the majority (all but 2) of those who came through the door were really singers. It's a great pleasure for me to go to meetings and see thirty-plus enthusiastic bodies there just itching to sing some chords.

To my knowledge only three chapters have attempted a similar program, namely Flint, Pontiac, and Battle Creek, and all met with moderate to overwhelming success. None, however, used the kind of extensive program we used. It's not new, it's not exclusive, it's not original, but it works and can be modified for any city in our district.

I would be very pleased to help any chapter get this program off the ground if you would contact me by phone at 313-655-8694 or write 5338 Floria Dr., Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473. The A.F.A. program is also available upon written request from the International office.

Come on fellas, you've talked long enough, now act.

chapter news

HOLLY-FENTON

Grant Wright

After a fairly active summer we are busy making plans for a busy New Year, including a big show scheduled for May 15th at the Fenton High School Auditorium.

November 10th we attended a quad-chapter meeting at Pontiac, which included, Saginaw-Bay, Flint, and Pontiac. November 17th we were pleasantly surprised by a visitation of 27 members of the Grosse Point Chapter, including the 4 Fits and a fine evening of harmony and fellowship was enjoyed by all. We will soon be making a surprise visit to some other chapter to pass on the Oakland County Chapter traveling jug that Grosse Point left with us.

A special audition night has been scheduled for December 8th in an effort to attract some prospective new members.

1971 Officers will be installed at a dinner meeting and ceremony at the Fenton Hotel on January 9, 1971.

MONROE

by Ron Koshik

There's been some fine Barbershopping around lately.

Competition is over once more and we're still out for number one. Oakland County is going to be a good representative of the Pioneer District.

Monroe didn't do bad. Our Twilighters took the Junior Trophy and, proudly, half of the champs, The Gentlemen's Agreement, are now Monroe members.

Some of us got to Detroit Chapters Canadian Night and had the usual good time. We all were saddened to learn that the Gentlemen's Agreement wouldn't appear and offer sincere condolences to Al Rehkop in his moment of sadness.

The Twilighters opened the festivities that night and the way they're going will be major contenders soon.

This author, because of an oversight, missed last night's visitation to Ohio. Our good close friends to the south are always on hand when we need them here in Monroe and the Johnny Appleseeds know how to have a ball too.

Well we sing in Ida Mich., December 7th for the Agri-business and it is always enjoyable to sing for these organizations which seem to appreciate Barbershopping so.

Mac Huff arrives Thursday, December 10th and we can hardly wait.

Bob Whitlege hasn't been directing so well lately. He has been happy and can't glower at the leads. We'll have to get him mad or take away his pills.

KALAMAZOO

Carroll Stander

On Friday Oct. 30, our chapter, accompanied by several Battle Creek members, boarded a bus for Benton Harbor's annual Smelt Fry.

This yearly visit is a MUST for us, as always have such a great time, and this year was no exception. The Benton Harbor men really go all out for this affair, and have a fine hall of their own to entertain in. Many thanks fella's, see you at the Chord-It-Crium next year.

I attended Hobo Night at Grand Rapids Chapter (my Alma Mater) Nov. 6. This is one of Grand Rapids Hi-Lights of the year, and a real ball.

There were many guests from other Chapters, and a lot of good Barbershopping fun, was the order of the evening. The costumes and get ups were out of this world, and the make-up competing quartet were a sight to behold. After the program we were served all the delicious oyster stew we could hold, which had been prepared in their own kitchen. A real FUN night it was and thanks for the invitation.

We recently completed our yearly elections and have chosen the following officers for the coming year.

Pres.	Gary Brown
Adm. V.P.	Stuart Benedict
Prog. V.P.	Carroll Stander
Sec-Tres.	John Gillespie
Board members:	Don Barrett, George Brooks, Ken Rysenga, and Wes Merriaman

CADILLAC

Chester Polega

Congratulations are in order for our newly elected slate of officers for the year 1971. May I present them to you at this time:

PAUL ZAGERS, President
DAWSON WATSON, Executive Vice-President
TOM MAXWELL, V.P. in charge of Entertainment.
KEITH IDE, Secretary
CHET POLEGA, Treasurer

WARREN MARSH will remain as Director and with the schooling received in Racine, Wisconsin he hopes to develop us into a better chorus with extremely high hopes of winning an honorable spot in competition.

We will move forward in 1971 with our new officers

who we know have what it takes to lead us into greater and bigger things.

We are indebted and grateful to our past president's Bill Faunce and Bob Faunce, Father and Son, and each of their staff for their continuous hard work and contributions given our chapter in the years gone by. A special thanks of appreciation goes to all our retiring officers for all that they have done. Both Bill and Bob will be proudly wearing their Past President lapel pins.

With the polish and gusto received in Racine, Wis., our Director Warren Marsh is now hard at work with the chorus preparing us for our 3rd Annual show in March 1971. The up and coming show will be a super goodie --- so plan ahead to see it. The Four-Fifths will be our feature quartet.

By the time the Dec. issue of Troubadour is out, Paul Zagers and his new staff of officers will have been at C.O.T.S. for their indoctrination and training. They will officially take office on January 4, 1971. Good luck and may the year of 1971 bring us many happy memories under your guidance and direction.

Because I haven't been making our chapter reports on a regular basis, and even though it is late, I should like to make mention that our chorus participated in another sing-out on Sept. 19th at the annual meeting of the Fraternal Order of Odd-Fellows Hall in Cadillac, Michigan.

In the spirit of Christmas 1970 the Cadillac chapter proposes to serenade the sick folks in Mercy Hospital and the old folks in the Lakeview Manor with Christmas Carols. We feel that the joy this will give to those people will also bring that joy to us in knowing that the Christmas singing will have been done in the true spirit and feeling of Christmas.

And may this Christmas be as full and complete for you and yours as it will be for us and ours.

FLINT

Les Lang

Future Events:
January 16, Installation of Officers & Ladies Night at Croation Hall. Dancing, Guest Quartets, Food, etc. Beverage & set up available. B.Y.O.B. The Flint Chapter members wish to publically thank their President, Bill Shannon and their Chorus Director, Fred Kienitz for a "Bang-up" job and a lot of hard work on the AUDITIONS for ADMISSIONS program which was recently run with tremendous success. At least 20 new members.

Someone said "The Flint Chapter is going to fold, so you guys may as well join some other Chapter." Bill & Fred decided that the Flint Chapter was NOT going to quit. They proceeded to do something about it and now we are in a position where before too long the District is really going the HEAR the Flint Chapter.

The following is a little hint as to what is going on:

October was a "BANG-UP" month, good attendance at all meetings (30 plus) and the songs are really starting to sound real good, lots of good harmony, everyone is opening their mouths, putting their heart into it, and letting the sweet harmony roll out. (Well, better your hear than your foot, altho we all still do that except the bass's and that is too high for them). We have three songs that are "Right There" pretty solid. We had 22 members at the Pontiac Quad-chapter meeting, more than half of the entire crowd. CONGRATULATIONS, GUYS. We are going to put the Flint Chapter on the Pioneer District map as a singing Chapter yet. The hunting season has not cut our attendance as much as expected which is understandable. The guys just don't want to miss all that good sound and fun. That's a darn good reason.

The Chapter now has "MEMBERSHIP BADGES" You will notice a lot of 4-letter words on the badges such as, bass, bari, lead, and you will notice that only TENOR is not a four letter word.

SAGINAW BAY

Bob Melton

On October 31st, there were approximately thirty barbershoppers and their wives at Bud Carpenters home, in Caro, for a Halloween party. We bobbed for apples, played charades, and drank apple cider. Stu Whiteman sang for us while he played the guitar, and found wood slivers in the plank he was sitting on. There was also a unnamed quartet that really made the rafters ring and the hair stand up on the back of your neck. The high-light of the evening was a hay-ride across hill and dale. Bud was at the reins of the Massey-Ferguson horses, and he guided them expertly through apple orchards, cemeteries, and down the main runway of the Caro Airport.

The Quad-chapter meeting was held in Pontiac on November 10th. The turn out, although not large, was entertained by several quartets, and an octet from our own Saginaw-Bay Chapter. Flint had a large delegation there, with of their new and prospective members, gained by way of the auditions they recently held. Our own new quartet the Delta Squires were the featured quartet.

November 13th, the quad-chapter chorus met for the second time. The attendance was not quite as large as the first meeting, but this was understandable. It was International Night way down south, and also the opening of Deer Season was once again upon us. Then again the fact that just two nights previous we had all journeyed to Pontiac for the Quad-Chapter meeting was a little much. The Quad-Chapter Chorus has three songs about nailed down and ready to put in the book now, the sound is really great. What with the changes in the individual chorus, and all the new members in the different groups, then the

changes in directors and all, this is the one chance to have a really great chorus for the show and parades of the chapters. If you want to have a thrill and to help your own chapter, and the other three chapters as well, plan on joining the quad-chapter boys at the next rehearsal.

GRAND RAPIDS

Dick Williams

This is a time of sadness for our chapter as a very dear friend and one heck-ofta Barber-shopper has passed on to that great quartet and chorus in the sky, Bob Gerdis, by name. I know that Bob has already found a lead, tenor and bass and is woodshedding a few; so God's blessing Bob, and till we met again - heaven knows where or when we won't forget about you; dear ole pal

Well, our Hobo Night was a super success with 90 plus in attendance. Holland, Muskegon, Battle Creek, Lansing, and Grand Haven. There was plenty of singing and just plain good fellowship - topped off with some of Smitties good ole oyster soup. In fact we have one fellow who is now known as the 5 bowl, 2 crackerbox kid, Roche by name.

We had our election and the following are the lucky electives for 1971:

Pres.	Tom Hagle
V.P.	Paul Robinson
Program V.P.	Jack Sidor
Treas.	Bill Schumacher
Sec.	Don, the tag, Phillips
Board members	- Jim Horton, Tom Venus, Angie Vassallo, Jack Schneider, Fran Jones, Sam Burgess, Al Van Iwaarden, Em Sperling.

Our Director is Fran Jones and his enforcer is none other Al, Nitti, Van Iwaarden Chorus Manager.

Here's just a note to three swell guys I sang with Dan Decker, Bill Schumacher, and Don Phillips, our quartet had no real name, possibly could have been called The Four Flats. Heck what could you expect out of three leads and a bass, ya got one good lead Bill, one good bass Dan, a flakey bari Don, and one shakey tenor Dick. We were great on tags - songs, who knew the parts? See ya soon gang.

For those of you that are up around the G.R. area December 11th stop in at the Lexicon Club for our annual Christmas Party which will be featuring the 4th place medalist at International this year - The Gentlemen's Agreement.

Time will be 9 P.M. Dine, Dance and plenty of singing - so be sure to stop in.

For our show this coming Spring - the Great Lakes Invit., we will have the one and

only Four Renagades, The very funny Roaring Twenties, the Kasual D's and a very special Sweet Ad quartet, perhaps one of the greatest. Think about that for awhile and next month I'll let you know who it is.

Don't forget Grand Rapids in Fall of 1971, we were awarded the fall contest. We look forward to see all of you. Your where the action is with number 4.

Wally Graham will be subing for me the next couple of months and a finer fellow you couldn't ask for - even though he sings flat once in a while in the lead section. Why did I say that? Gee, "the devil made me do it."

OAKLAND COUNTY

Jim McCatty

What happened to October? Seems to me that it past so fast that yours truly didn't get an article into the Troubadour and would like to apologize to one and all for letting this happen.

Our Chapter meeting on November 6th was a lot of fun for those who attended. Bill Shannon was M.C. for the night and kept things moving along. The Patriots from Toledo, Ohio were our featured quartet for the night. They did a great job and were enjoyed by everyone. Along with the Patriots, John T. Smith gave us many good pointers on how to site-read music. We all went home much smarter and happier for having heard the Patriots.

I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't express the gratitude of The Wolverine Chorus for the great Fall Convention in Windsor. We all enjoyed being there and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it all possible.

Oakland County has their Ladies Night coming up on December 4th and we expect this to be one to remember. When you have the program M.C.'d by the Vagabonds, add The Tri-Ads, The Ring Masters, and the Invoices, you have a night to satisfy any Barbershopper. We hope to see some of you fellas and gals there.

Tom Pollard will install our new officers for 1971. Our retiring (ha) President, Bob Drabik will turn the reins over to Jack Teubert. Jack has a big spot to fill as Bob did a great job in 1970.

An old friend to everyone in Barbershopping is retiring from business and will spend the winter in Mexico. When the winds of March are roaring like a lion he'll come north again and fall into his spot as tenor when the chorus will be getting ready for New Orleans. He wants to go to International again with us before he moves to the sunny south to spend his reclining years recalling the twenty five years of chords he helped put together in the Pontiac Chapter and later with The Wolverines. A three time Chapter Pres.

can't be all bad so we wish his retirement home in Phoenix to be near the reasonably good to average Chorus of the Dunes. Best of luck to Norm Schram, a great Barbershopper.

WAYNE

by Morrie Giles

On November 6th Wayne Chapter wives and guests had a Pot-Luck Dinner followed by Square Dancing and a bit of barbershopping for a most enjoyable evening, during the course of which the new Chapter Officers were introduced.

We have signed up several new members this past year without any particular mention, but just recently we inducted a complete organized quartet, 4 young college students (all under 20) who sing under the rather unlikely name of "The Uncalled Four" We predict a strong showing by them in future District Contests.

Radio station "WAAM" in Ann Arbor has been featuring "The Wonderland Chorus," The Invoices," and the "Interlochens" on Saturday mornings and occasionally on Saturday evenings.

Now I understand that station "WPAG" is going to follow suit with a mid-week spot.

On November 14th, under the sponsorship of the Ypsilanti Goodfellows, the "Wonderland Chorus" put on a 2 1/2 hour show, also featuring the "Tri-Ads" (Sweet Ads), the "Invoices," the "Interlochens," the "Uncalled 4" and a folk music group "The Blue Mountain Boys."

On November 20th we made our annual appearance at "Presbyterian Village" a retirement complex for the elderly, after which we went by motor caravan to visit Pontiac Chapter. A really full evening of enjoyment.

On Saturday, November 21st, our wonderful Wayne wives staged their yearly rummage sale in Plymouth. Don't know the full results of that as yet.

At this writing our flight instructor lead, Bob Powell is recuperating from a very serious stomach operation. We all sincerely trust that he will soon be back in harness.

The following is a list of our chapter officers for 1971:

President	Andy Alflen
Program V.P.	Hil Andrews
Membership V.P.	Ray Wolf
Corr. Sec'y	Geo. Fitzgerald
Rec. Sec'y	Marty Zurn
Treasurer	Don Clark
Sgts. at Arms	Bill Hitt & Ralph Parris
Public Relations (a darn good one)	King Page

We hope you all had a good year and will continue to prosper in the new one.

Don't forget our big show - the 1st Saturday in March.



LOGOPEDICS BENEFIT

All systems have been firmed up for the great LOGOPEDICS BENEFIT on the 9th of January. The GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT headline this array of talent which includes the VAGABONDS, the KASUAL D'S and the KEEPSAKES from the Sweet Ads; the Executive Inn in Warren has been confirmed as the site of the "Dinner-Show" (rooms available for overnight guests), and just today we have contracted the services of WXYZ radio and Television personality Joe Vaughn to Emcee the affair. Dinner will be served at 8:30 P.M., and cocktails will be available at 7:30 for those who wish to imbibe. The tickets for the event will be \$8.00 and are available thru Dick Van Dyke P.O. Box # 1970, Madison Heights, Michigan, 48071 (Phone 313 585-4331) Buy 'em in December. (It's deductible)



QUOTABLE QUOTES...

"THERE WILL ALWAYS BE DEATH AND TAXES
BUT DEATH DOESN'T GET WORSE."

Bob Melton - Saginaw Bay

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES
MEETING HELD AT WINDSOR, 10/9/70

A meeting of the Pioneer District House of Delegates was held on October 9, 1970 at the Holiday Inn in Windsor, Ontario. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 P.M. by President Tom Damm. Treasurer E.E. "Pat" Ryan gave the invocation. George Dyer, chairman of the credentials committee, filed his report showing 43 members present which constituted a quorum.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

President Tom Damm again stressed membership in his opening remarks, pointing out that Pioneer District was 15th out of 15 in membership loss on the last statistical report.

Zone Reports.

Zone I - Tom Pollard commented on the problems involved in incorporation of the Windsor Chapter. He also advised that the merger of the Dearborn Chapter into the Detroit Chapter has been completed.

Zone II - Dick Sompson reported that Roger Lewis had been appointed to replace Gary Brown as area counselor in Area 13. Jackson, Hudson and Tecumseh chapters are on the upgrade. Gus Reeves reported the Fruit Belt show a success.

Zone III - Don Funk reported the Grand Haven Chapter has been abandoned. Members have been transferred to neighboring chapters at their request.

Zone IV - Cliff MacLean is on an extended European vacation and the report was submitted by IBM Gene Gillem. Gene reported the same problems as Tom Pollard, the incorporation of Canadian Sault Chapter. Hugh Ingraham advised he would pursue the matter at International. Plans for the extension work at Grayling were proceeding favorably and hopes for a license there are good.

Executive V.P. Ron Gillies discussed the coming visit of Mac Huff to the district. He also stressed the importance of early elections of officers by chapters and the filing of the reports ther on with the International and the District Secretary.

A Treasurers report by E.E. "Pat" Ryan showed a balance of \$8,196.00.

Secretary Warner commented on the need for new members with the hope of getting enough to insure 3 quartets at International since quotas would be frozen on 12/31/70 for a 2 year period. He also stressed the need for prompt action on chapter elections and submission of the election reports to facilitate prompt publication of the District Directory.

Carl Dahlke, Oakland County Chapter delegate, moved that the name of the district be changed effective this date from Pioneer District to Great Lakes District. Seconded by George Henning, Monroe chapter delegate. Extensive discussion ensued, including a suggestion by Loton Wilson that the name perhaps could be Pioneer-Great Lakes District. Don Labombard, Jackson chapter delegate, then moved to postpone action on the motion to change the name until the Spring Convention and House of Delegates meeting at Traverse City April 23, 1971. Motion seconded by Dean Fischer, Traverse City Chapter delegate. Upon request for a roll call vote, the House of Delegates were polled and showed 24 yea, 15 nay, 4 abstain and the motion to postpone action passed.

The action of the Board granting the Fall convention of 1971 to Grand Rapids was announced.

Contributions to the Institute of Logopedics were announced as follows:

Oakland County	\$300.00
Detroit # 1	\$500.00 plus
Grand Rapids	\$500.00

Bill Pascher, Pontiac Chapter delegate, suggested that dual membership for Chorus participation purposes should perhaps carry a requirement of time - suggesting 6 months prior to competition - as necessary for eligibility. Matter will be pursued further.

International Vice President-Treasurer Chuck Abernathy was called upon for his keynote address to the Delegates in which he stressed President Wilbur Sparks motto "Sing better with more members for more people". His message touched on "auditions for admission", extension work, membership retention and expansion and Logopedics. He suggested we all "adopt a positive attitude. Every problem has a solution". We have a great product to sell - all we need is to put forth a little more effort.

Ted Verway, Chairman of the achievement awards committee, presented plaques to the 1969 winners.

Gold Division	Oakland County Chapter
Silver Division	Saginaw-Bay Chapter

Ted also announced the passing of Andy McCort, longtime Windsor member and chapter Treasurer.

The nominating committee, Gene Gillem, chairman, presented the following nominations for office for 1971:

President	Tom Damm
Executive V.P.	Ron Gillies
Zone I - V.P.	Tom Pollard
Zone II - V.P.	Dick Simpson
Zone III - V.P.	Don Funk
Zone IV - V.P.	Cliff MacLean
Treasurer	John T. Gillespie
Secretary	William C. Warner

Ted Verway, Windsor, moved the nominations be



OUT OF THE PAST - A GEM
by DUANE MOSIER

A good gem will sparkle even after 28 years. This is a gem too good to keep between the covers of a magazine, then known as "Re-Chordings(now Harmonizer).

It bore a message than and it bears a message in 1970 that every good barbershopper will subscribe to. It was written by the late George W. Stark who, for 35 years, had a column in the Detroit News captioned - "TOWN TALK". Stark was a great lover of barbershop harmony and on many occasions, gave the Society well deserved praise in his column. He was a guest of the Detroit Chapter on charter night in December, 1939 at the Book-Cadillac Hotel when National President Rupert Hall made the presentation

Two and a half years later he accompanied National President Carroll P. Adams and National V.P. Joe Wolff to Grand Rapids to attend the 4th annual National Convention and contest (June 18-21, 1942). Sixty quartets competed (12 in each of five eliminations sessions). Upon his return home he used his column to write the following stimulating comments in the Sunday, June 21, 1942 issue of the News:

"Town Talk can now report, with safety and dignity, that the fourth annual convention of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. has concluded on a high note of harmony. A few meager matters are still to be accounted for, such as the minutes of the last session, the officers for the ensuing year, and the place of the next gathering.

"But those are mere details of which the SPEBSQSA takes small concern, the delegates being more engrossed by the spiritual values. Skeptics may demand to know why, with the whole world at war, a great body of our citizens from coast to coast take time out to converge on a given point and dedicate a whole week-end to singing. If you had been here, you would have found the answer.

"this is it: This is America. This is what the totalitarian viewpoint would consider curious manifestation of the American way of life. This is the Rotary Club, The Board of Commerce, Broadway, Woodward Avenue and Main Street, singing it's heart out. This is the industrialist, the banker, the baker, the factory worker, the soldier and the sailor running the scale of human emotion for Democracy. This is the token of the essence of our country, something that has been hard won and which will not be easily

surrendered.

"This is something rare and precious that couldn't happen today in Germany or Italy, and there was a time when the little people of those countries could and did sing. They were happy then. But it can and does happen in America and it's a fine thing to put special emphasis on it right now, because it dramatizes the very thing for which we fight. Consequently, when the Rev. Don Carey of the Grace Episcopal Church was asked to pronounce a blessing on the Entertainment, he got right up and said, "Boys, you can do this better than I, just stand up and sing the doxology". And the boys did . . . about 500 of them. Sang it in good old barbershop harmony style, and it was one of the most stirring things I've ever heard. This was the four corners of America worshipping God in its own way. That's another thing we fight for.

"People who don't know barbershop harmony are prone to view it with suspicion. It's a very special technic and I wouldn't attempt to explain it. Phil Embury, of New York tried to explain it to me on paper. This consumed 28 blanks of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and two pencils. The Western Union and I told him we had enough and for him just to sing it. The things too technical.

"O.C. Cash, a tax attorney from Tulsa Okla. was very much in evidence here. He's the founder of the SPEBSQSA and he hasn't the faintest notion he was going to stir up so much commotion, but he's a man of ideas. Tulsa also sent it's famous CHORD BUSTERS, last years National Champs. Those boys are good, but they graciously withdrew from competition this year.

"I could take columns telling about this convention. I was asked to be Master of Ceremonies at one of the big songfests. Like a bolt from the blue, I was scared to death, but very proud. Lots of audience, but all just plain home folks, who like to sing and to listen. Especially when it's so doggone American. It's the songs that get you. They're so thoroughly American. With the passing of the years, they've become the folk songs of our people, the song tradition of our land."



THE OLD SONGS

closed. Seconded by Eric Schultz, Detroit, Motion carried.

Eric Schultz, Detroit, moved that the Secretary be instructed to indicate a unanimous vote for the slate of nominees as presented. Motion seconded by Larry King, Detroit. Motion carried unanimously.

The House of Delegates was reminded of the COT School to be held in East Lansing on Sunday, Dec. 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M. and closed with "Keep America Singing".

Respectfull submitted,

William C. Warner
District Secretary

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Grosse Pointe, Dearborn, Detroit,
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Russ & Shirley Seely have an addition to their family, a 17 month old foster child named Jim.

"Happy Anniversary Wishes" to Flint's, Gary and Anita Crawford, Everett & Elsie Mathis, Bob & Thelma Murphy, Ray & Nola Goodall, Del & Jayce McDonald, Irving & Pauline Bernstein, Niel & Irene Normaw.

Our sympathy goes to Jan Nyland and family on the recent death of his father.

A "speedy recovery" to Norma (Mrs. Ron) Gillies who was recently hospitalized.

Our heartfelt sympathys go to Bob Stone and family on the death of his father.

Get well wishes go to Elizabeth (Carl) Sheffer who was hospitalized & recuperating at home.

Grosse Point's "Lake Shore" chorus wives have formed an auxillary, and their plans include a xmas party for their children, at the Alger Post in Grosse Point. Officers elected at the home of Shirley Seely are Pres. Marge Wearing, V.P. Shirley Seely, Sec. Pat McCarthy, Treas. Ceil Adams.

Detroit Chapters 31st Annual Parade of Harmony afterglo was held in the Terrace Room at the Pick Fort Shelby Hotel, where the quartets entertained and a fine buffet lunch was served. Many out of town guests were in attendance. Among them Mr. & Mrs Jack Klaiber from Sandusky Ohio, Mr. & Mrs Merle Clayton and daughter from Battle Creek Michigan and others.

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With the last of the 1970 chorus competitions this past weekend, we can now let you know what choruses will be tuning up for New Orleans next June. From Cardinal, HOBART, IND.; Central States, DAVENPORT, IA.; Dixie, ATLANTA, GA.; Evergreen, SEATTLE, WASH.; Far Western, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.; Illinois, WEST TOWNS, ILL.; Johnny Appleseed, CINCINNATI, O. (Southern Gateway); Land O' Lakes, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.; Pioneer, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICH.; Mid-Atlantic, DUNDALK, MD.; Northeastern, SARATOGA, N.Y.; Ontario, EAST YORK, ONT.; Seneca Land, ROCHESTER # 1, N.Y.; Southwestern, SAN ANTONIO, TEX.; Sunshine, MIAMI, FLA.. Lots of familiar names among the district representatives. It'll be another battle of song in June of '71.

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Contact man for the quartet is Bob Whitledge, phone (313) 242-7975.



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| Feb. 13, 1971 | Niles-Buchanan Parade |
| Feb. 27, 1971 | Oakland County Parade |
| Mar. 20, 1971 | Kalamazoo Parade |
| Mar. 27, 1971 | Battle Creek Parade |
| Apr. 17, 1971 | Great Lakes Invitational,
Grand Rapids |
| Apr. 23-25 | District Convention and
Contests - Traverse City |
| May 1, 1971 | Bush League Contest -
Boyne City |
| May 15, 1971 | Holly - Fenton Show |
| Sep. 25, 1971 | Gratiot County Parade |
| Oct. 16, 1971 | Fruit Belt Parade |