

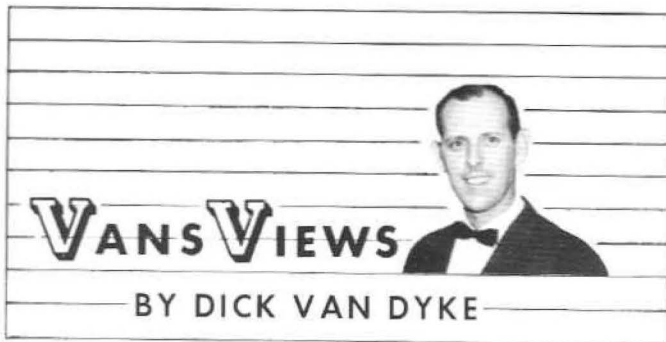
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TOM DAMM, President, 1970



FEBRUARY, 1970



I guess I should explain why the Troub does some of the things it does; that is, why some things you are expecting to see in the Troub don't appear. There are two reasons, actually. The prime reason is availability of space. It seems very simple - - - all you have to do is add a page if you need it, right?? Not true. The printer works in multiples of fours, so just one more page means actually four more pages. The real problem arises when we have thirteen or seventeen pages of copy (as was the case with the last issue) and we must decide what is to be dropped. This column is the first under the ax, but beyond that . . . where do we cut? ? ?

Chapter reports receive top priority as do district officers' and area councillors reports. Anything else is subject to being cut. We hope our system meets with your approval. If not . . . we'd like to know.

Chapter reporters who are expecting the report forms from the Troub will be dissatisfied. We sent out approximately 30 every month and just a few of you used them. We thought it was a good idea.

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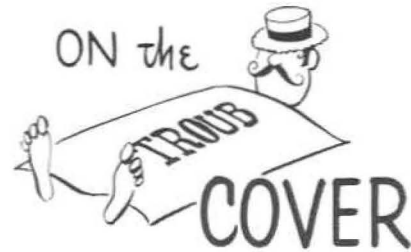
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Thomas A. Damm barbershopper
 1948— —.

He joined Muskegon in November of that year, and after holding nearly every office the chapter has to offer, guiding two District Conventions as General Chairman, holding offices at the District level, and singing in six District quartets (one of which was the District champion AIRTONICS in 1956) he was selected by his peers at the last District Convention in Jackson to guide the course of Barbershopping throughout the coming year as it's president.

A rare combination indeed - a barbershopper who has the talent to arrange music and sing it well enough to win District competition, and yet capable enough to serve as District President. Is there any question as to the direction of the Pioneer District in the coming year.

Tom lives, with his charming wife Esther and five children (Carolyn, Laura, Terri, Vicky, and Carl) in a beautiful lakeside home in Spring Lake. He is part owner of the Pyle Pattern shop in Muskegon, but manages to find time to pursue his hobby which is boating (he owns his own sailboat and speed boat).

It is generally thought that Tom will give up barbershopping some day, but only when he is given the final call (heaven forbid) to the great woodshed in the sky.

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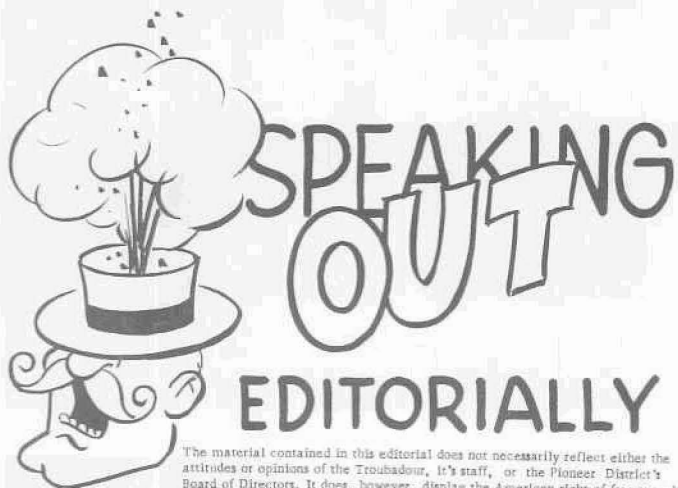
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By Roger Craig

The name of our Society would suggest that music is our main interest. Literally volumes have been written by our own leaders instructing and encouraging our membership to increase its knowledge of music and improve musical skills as composers, arrangers and performers. Surely most, if not all, of our activities are musical. For example each year our Society sponsors HEP schools (Harmony Education Programs); sends field representatives all over the country to give demonstrations and clinics and even sponsors yearly contests to discover the most highly skilled choruses and quartets. Districts encourage and underwrite many of these same activities. Some chapters even emulate the International and Districts by providing "barbershop craft" sessions and sponsoring intra-chapter chorus and quartet contests.

With this obviously unanimous emphasis on up-grading music within the Society why do we let literally anyone, regardless of background, skills, or native ability, sing in our competing choruses?

Indeed, most chapter leaders and chorus directors seemingly pridefully declare that there are no voice tests for their choruses and that all men "of good will" are eligible to sing in their groups. I submit that these same men are woefully guilty of mishandling their choruses. They are actually undermining the potential musical success of their group when they allow unrestricted membership.

If a chapter's goal is to provide a recreational activity for all members then open up the chorus to anyone. However, if the chapter is seriously inter-



rested in sponsoring the best musical performing unit possible then restricted memberships are a necessity.



"MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE UP PLUMBING!"

If this idea sounds too radical; if restricted chorus membership would undermine our Society's goals; if refining our choruses performing ability in this manner is not the desire of our chapters leaders then let's re-examine our goals and not stress musical skills nearly so much. Let us, instead, emphasize the recreational aspects of music and seek to improve the social activities of chapters.

However, if we are really conscientious about presenting good music then we had better begin to seriously consider the necessity of restricting chorus membership to only the best available performers in a chapter. The best quartets have operated in this manner for years.

KORTET & KORUS KORNER

JOE COBURN, lead of the SHARPLIFTERS, has been transferred by his work to Chicago (Illinois' gain); BILL SHANNON, lead of the CHORD REPORTERS, is taking his place (Chord Reporters Loss); The CHORD REPORTERS are looking for a new lead Have you heard? ? ? Another Pioneer District quartet has been asked to tour the Far East Hospitals. Can you guess who? ? We'll bet you're right . . . The KASUAL D'S are off to Florida with their wives for a ten day stay in the Ft. Lauderdale area as they plan to combine a vacation with a singing engagement on the Ft. Lauderdale parade. They'll be appearing with the CITATIONS The quartet quotas for International competition have been issued, and The Pioneer District lost its third quartet back to the Johnny Appleseed District by less than three hundredths of a percentage point. See how very important it is to the District for you to get just one more new member? ? ?

Have you ever thought how much time it takes to sing in an organized quartet? BILL WICKSTROM reports that the SHARPLIFTERS (three years old the 7th of this month) have been together as a quartet for five contests, 42 parades, 8 chapter package shows, 77 chapter meetings, 68 other singouts (USO, TV appearances, charities, etc.) and 179 rehearsals a total of 439 times. That's nearly every other night over the three year span. That they are still together is a real tribute to their wives. For the next three months they are booked solid for every weekend with the exception of two weekends when JOHN SEEMAN, their bari, will be out of town (in the Bahamas, no less). Some of the weekends are double bookings; that is, both Friday and Saturday. The pictures following are some of the hundreds that John took on their 16 day, 17695 mile tour of the Far East Hospital in which they sang 332 songs in 48 performances before an estimated audience of 2,450 military personnel and their dependants.

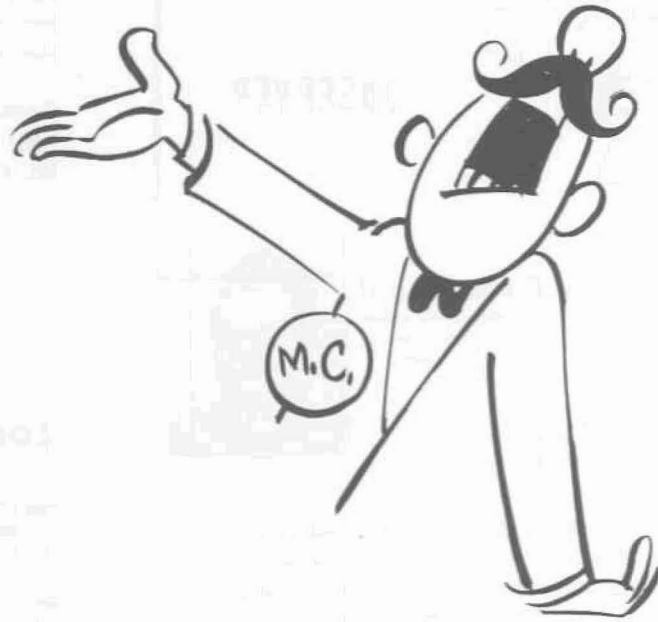


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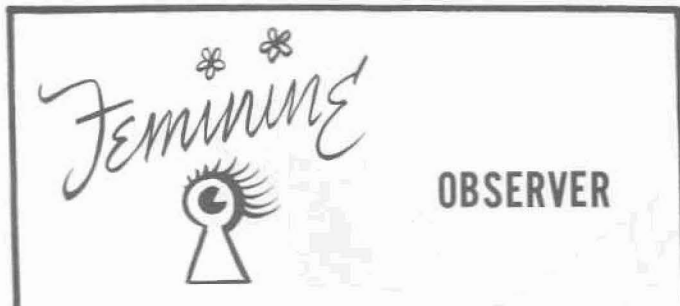
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Grosse Pointe, Dearborn, Detroit,
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 Ann Arbor, Monroe, Milford, Pontiac

We are all sorry to hear Joe Coburn, lead in the Sharp lifters will soon be taking a new position in Chicago. Joe and Mary Anne are also expecting their fourth child. We wish them the best.

Ralph and Jean Schirmer are leaving soon on a Carribean Cruise.

A speedy recovery for Tom Tompos who has been recently hospitalized. Tom is from the Detroit Chapter.

President Art Meleke welcomed all at the recently held "Dearborn Ladies Night." A film of the St. Louis Convention was shown. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Ed Conn. A community sing was conducted by Scotty Davis. The Wonderlads, and Motor City Chorus directed by Bill Butler entertained. Cecil Craig accepted ticket donations as a fund raiser for Lodgopedics. I was asked to do the drawing and drew my husband Otto's number. A buffet was prepared by Millie and Norbert Shamus. Chapter officers were installed by Bill Warner.

John and Joy Seeman are expecting a new addition to their family. Best wishes.

Detroit Chapter, Motor City Chorus wives held election of new officers for their group. They are: Pres. Joan King, V.P. Marsha Wisdom, Sec. Carol Barron, Treas. Jackie Gotshall. The past president, Inger Neighorn did a fine job.

Matt and Gladys Calderwood are the proud grandparents of a boy named William Francis II, parents are Carol and Bill Reedy.

Detroit Chapter held their "Ladies Night" at Rosedale Community Club House recently. M.C. was Nelson Gotshall. New officers were installed by Bill Warner. New president, Pat Ryan was given a presidents pin by outgoing president, Larry King. The 4 Fits, Wonderlads, Motor City Chorus and the Tantalizers entertained. The lucky name

drawn to be "Lady of the Evening" was Judy Kniffen, (Mrs. Wayne). Matt Calderwood was presented a plaque, honoring him as an outstanding Barbershop member. A buffet lunch was served with the help of that capable Ralph Schirmer.

Grosse Pointe Chapter is having their Ladies Night Feb. 14th at the Hillcrest Country Club in Mt. Clemens. Dinner and music by Jack Hagen.



ZONE 4 by **Janet Carpenter**

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Boyer City, Traverse City, Cadillac,
 Les Cheneaux, Sault Ste. Marie, Holly-
 Fenton, Saginaw, Flint

Zone 4 calendars are filled with Installations and Ladies Nights this first month of the new year. Mrs. Ryan Strom of the Holly - Fenton Chapter reports that theirs was great fun. Everyone especially enjoyed those impromptu quartets who entertained.

The Les Cheneaux Chapter also held their Installation and Ladies Night this month. Their were 23 couples present to partake of the delicious dinner and festivities. Mr. and Mrs. George Honnile were there after several months of extensive travel throughout the United States. Clifford MacLean reports that he and Mrs. MacLean enjoyed two months of touring the European Continent by car this fall.

The Flint Chapter's Installation and Ladies Night was a huge success, as usual. They were entertained by the Bean Town Four and a great new group called the Generation Gap. This group was composed of Ron and Norma Gillies and Fred and Joan Kienitz. They built their act around some tremendous costumes and favored us with songs like "You Made Me What I Am Today". Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Strom and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Welch were there from Holly - Fenton. Mrs. Carlene Beaver was there from Bay City.

The Saginaw-Bay Chapter was grieved to learn of the death of Dick, Randy and Gary Meldrum's father.

Saginaw-Bay's Installation and Ladies Night was last Friday night. Visitors included the Les Langs and the Fred Kienitz's of Flint and Tom Damm, District President. The guest quartet was the Gentlemen's Agreement who were accompanied by two of their wives, Mrs. Glen Van Tassell and Mrs. Bob Whitledge. During intermission, Mrs. Jim Gross brought out her album filled with pictures of Miss Tia LeAnne Gross who was born October 30, 1969. What a doll.

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CHAPTER REPORTS

OAKLAND COUNTY

by Bob Drabik

Our barbershop mug runneth over - with all of the "Good Things" that make our hobby the great one it is. Like - our barbershop buddy NORM SCHRAM, who is wintering south of the border, this year. He writes "FIN JIM" LEKANDER that, it got so cold down there, one day, he had to put on a short-sleeved shirt (now isn't that just too-o bad?). But there are two things he really misses - that "white stuff" and barber-shopping. I guess we don't have a local chapter down there.

And, how many of you fine people saw the T.V. coverage of the bowling match between Detroit Mayor Gribbs and D.J. Dick Purtan? Whose beautiful face filled the screen but CARL RES-TIVO (Detroit #1). I'm sure someone else must have been there too, but, I think it's the first time I've ever seen Carl and not his Siamese Twin, MIKE ARNONE.

But, probably, the best thing that happened to us, this past month, was a visitation to the WAYNE CHAPTER, on the 16th. These guys have to be rated at the top in the "host and great guys" category. Believe me; if you're in the area, and can find their meeting, I recommend you do so. You're guaranteed an abundance of good singing, good fun, good fellowship, and good food - a night you'll remember for some time to come.

On the 27th, the CHORD REPORTERS and the WOLVERINE CHORUS entertained at the Birmingham Methodist Church Men's Club Ladies Night and during the month of February, the chorus will be practicing twice a week in preparation for our show on the 28th - see our ad elsewhere in the Troub.

I might mention here that BILL SHANNON, former lead of the REPORTERS, is now singing with the SHARPLIFTERS. We wish him all the best there is and, also, the best to JOE COBURN in his new position, in Chicago. In the meantime, Fred, Dick, and Bob are planning to maintain the quartet. They were the District Junior Champs, last fall, and have a lot going for them - a good group to sing with.

Hey - has anybody seen our jug? We'd appreciate it if any chapter who has been involved, would kindly mention same in their chapter report. It's interesting to note it's progress.

The March 6th meeting will be a Ladies Night - the PRE-BOYNE contest - and we expect about 175 people again. The prize

is \$50.00 and any quartet, who has not finished first, second, or third in district level competition, is eligible. Pre-registration is \$4.00 and registration at the door will be \$6.00. You need not be a registered quartet to compete and all entrees should be in to me by 9:30 of that night in order that we may draw for order of appearance. Since the Utica-Rochester Chapter originated this contest, in 1962, all winning quartets have gone on to win the Boyne Bush League, except for the VAGABONDS, last year. They were too good in the International preliminaries which were held in between the Pre-Boyne and, therefore, were not eligible to compete. It's a good place to get exposure.

The weekend of March 21, O.C.C. is planning a visitation to one of our chapter members - MILT FRIEDRICH of Harrisville. We're planning to charter a bus - Harrisville is planning to open up a motel or two (they're closed in the winter) - we'll leave Saturday and return Sunday. It should be a real good time and ladies are invited.

And speaking of ladies, our sweethearts, the PAL-TALS, are going to put on an Atlantic City fund raising dance for us, April 18th. The "Boardwalk Ball" will be held at the Club Venetian Hall in Madison Heights and \$4.00 a person will get you an evening of dancing, food, beer and set-ups, snacks, and entertainment.

I don't know where this came from, but I think it's worth repeating. The body of any organization has four kinds of bones: The WISHBONES - who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work; the JAWBONES - who do all the talking but very little else; the KNUCKLEBONES - who knock everything that anybody else tries to do; and the BACKBONES - who get under the load and lift it. Thank goodness we have none of the first three.

C'mon in and see us.

P.S. - To Augie Stolz - Sorry - The number is: 585-4331.

MUSKEGON

by Del Doctor

The Muskegon Chapter KICKED-OFF a new year on Jan. 20th at a regular chapter meeting by hosting a group from the Grand Rapids Chapter called the Steamboat Strummers. This talented group played some DIXIE type music that excited everyone present. They use such instruments as Banjos, (of course) guitars, electric piano, Bass fiddle, trumpets and the old favorite wash board. Invite them to your Chapter some time. The meeting was the first for our new Program V.P. and if this is any indication of things to come we are in for a Great year. Along with the Steam-

boat Strummers we had a lot of good Barber-shop singing. The Dune Tones are always on hand to give of there time and talents to the Chapter. Thanks fellows. The Kasual D's were at the meeting after singing a job for the Hardy Herpolsheimers belated Christmas Party. This party is in January as the employees are all busy at Christmas time. This is a Department Store.

The Kasual D's were given a send off by the chapter for their job coming up on the Fort Lauderdale Florida Chapter Show. This show will be in conjunction with the Cancer Fund and will be held Feb. 14, 1970. The quartet sang a new Introduction for the Ft. Lauderdale show that was written by Dick Hester of the Muskegon Chapter. Also a new John Hill arrangement of My Funny Valentine. The meeting had some good woodshed Quartets too, including one woodshed octet. Good luck Dick on your year as Program Chairman. We're looking for more meetings like the last one.

The month of February holds special significance for the Muskegon as this is the month that we pick our Queen for the year. She is called our SPEBSQUAW. The fairly new quartet in the chapter (The TRI - NEIGHBORS) are in secret at this time pondering over the great women who have helped to further Barber-shopping in our chapter.

I'm sure that with the talent in that group that we will have a great meeting as well as the best selection for a new Queen. If you would like to celebrate with us on our SPEBSQUAW night it will be held on Friday night Feb. 27, 1970 at 8:30 P.M. at the Lithuanian Club on 9th St. at Hackley in Muskegon Hgts., Mich. We would be happy to have you.

By the way. The new meeting place for the Muskegon Chapter is at the Lithuanian Club in Muskegon Heights. The chorus meets there every Tuesday night at 8:30 P.M. and the regular chapter meeting is every third Tuesday night.

The new officers for this year are a great crosssection of our Society today. They are:

President	Fred Kendall
Membership V.P.	Henry Malmquist
Program V.P.	Dick Hester or
Secretary	Wayne Hamilton
Treasurer	Don VanDyke
Board Members	Frank Matecun
	Carl Gilbert
	Don VanDyke
	Dick Hester
Ensuing Board Members	Wayne Hamilton
	Andy VanDonkelaar
	Fred Kendall

Henry Malmquist
Robert Hart
Jack Bennett

The Convention committee has been working at a great pace setting up for the BIGGEST CONVENTION YET. The co-chairmen are Jack Bennett and Ken Barnhard. The Occidental Hotel will be the hearquarters and the great Michigan Theatre will be the place where the action is. The two places mentioned, I'm sure, hold a lot of old memories for many people. We'll be looking forward to a convention that will long be remembered.

Remember April 24-25-26 in Muskegon. See ya then/? ? ?

PONTIAC

by Terry Ermoian

Pontiac Chapter started 1970 off right with it's first Wednesday of the month Informal Fun Night. We had an attendance of 20 men who enjoyed theirselves very much. The new men got a chance finally to bust some chords. Remember every 1st Wednesday is strictly woodshed night at Pontiac. It is held at the new Metropolitan Club of Pontiac, 671 Baldwin at Montcalm, in Pontiac.

Pontiac regular 3rd Friday of the month was a night to remember. We were visited by "The Brothers 3 and Me" from Toledo, Ohio. Thanks guys, great job. Rawley Hallman was M.C. and everyone got a chance to sing. Also, who noticed our electric barbershop pole in front of the meeting hall?? How's that for class. Two new members were sworn into the Society. They are Dex Wyse and LeRoy Franklin. Welcome aboard fellows. Hey, and how the Resonaires - nice job. Wish we had more quartets. 6 forgotten faces showed up at Pontiac after a long vacation. Nice to see you. Welcome back. Try not to stay away so long next time.

Chase Sanborn is going into the hospital for a heart operation. Any well wishers can drop him a card at:

Cleveland Clinic	Chase Sanborn
Cleveland, Ohio	2612 Edgevale
	Drayton Plains, Mi.
	48020

Or send to his home and I'm sure his wife Ruth will make sure he gets it.

Hats off to the Pontiac Wives who started an activities night on the nights their hubbies are barbershopping. They'll bowl, take in a movie, gab-etc. Not a bad idea for other chapters to follow in their footsteps.

Thanks go to Sandy Lawrence, Nancy Frayer and Marty Ermoian.

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Pontiac plans to clean clocks - plus clean many fish Feb. 22nd (Sunday) at Walters Lake. They have challenged Oakland County to an Ice Fishing Derby - loser to donate \$25.00 to Logopedics in the other chapters name.

At the time of this issue Pontiac's 27th annual Parade of Harmony will be history; plus a success. I want to personally thank each and every person in the Pontiac chapter who unselfishly donated their time into making this event so successful.

This I'm sure accounts for Pontiac always having a sell-out show.

Don't forget the Quad-Chapter meeting is held Feb. 17th (Tuesday) at Holly - Fenton.

Pontiac has their annual woodshed contest planned for March 20th, so keep this night open.

Pontiac is off and running in 1970. Support your chapter and keep it there.

HOLLY-FENTON by Grant Wright

On Tuesday, January 13th, several of our members braved the zero weather to visit the Flint Chapter meeting. We presented them with the Oakland County little brown traveling jug, which had been left in our care by the Milford Chapter a few weeks previously when a delegation from there visited our chapter on a regular meeting night.

Saturday, January 17th, we held a formal installation of officers at a dinner meeting in the Hotel Fenton, attended by nearly all of our members and wives, plus a few well wishers from Flint. The meeting was conducted by retiring President Jay Welch (who was presented with his third past-president's pin) and installing officer was Dr. William DeHart (also a past-president). This meeting had marked the beginning of our 20th year as a Chapter.

The new officers are: President, Ryan Strom; Program V.P., Jack Stevens; Membership V.P., Robert Strom; Secretary and Bulletin Editor, Arthur Burnett; Treasurer, Marvin Carpenter and Dan Good-earl; Chorus Director, Dr. William Bischoff; Delegate, Board Members are Harold Annis and Grant Wright.

Due to unfortunate circumstances our expected entertainment was unable to attend so our versatile president presented a tape of some past performances of the Fentonians, along with some selections of past International champion quartets. It was a fine and entertaining evening.

We have been invited to sing at a Couples Club meeting at the Fenton Presbyterian Church early in February and all members are planning to attend.

On December 7, Gratiot County had their installation of officers. Once again our charter member Barber-Shopper Ray Tomlin performed another outstanding performance. We are really indebted to Ray. Our officers for 1970 will be, our Honorable Past President as Trustee and Advisor, President, Fred Hanson. Administrative Vice President, Grant Colthorpe. Program Vice President, Bill Derby. Secretary, Carl Mitchell. Treasurer, Dale Hanson. Probe Member and Assistant Director, Lowll Boyer. Director, Douglas Webb. Trustee, Gerald Wolven. We thank the many members for turning out and especially those members from Big Rapids, Saginaw, and Lansing Chapters.

December 22, found Gratiot County in the Christmas Spirit, for we toured the halls of the Michigan Masonic Home and Hospital, in Alma for about two hours of Carroling. We look forward to entertaining at the home very much. It is wonderful to give and receive a little cheer from these wonderful people.

December 29, Our Past President's Four entertained at The Gratiot County Medical Care Facility. Members of this Quartet are Gerald Wolven tenor, Maynard Peacock, lead, and Leon Webb, bari, Dale Hanson, bass. Several Encores were appreciated by both Quartet and Audience. Our Chorus was invited to sing at Half-time at the Junior Chamber of Commerce Invitational Basket Ball Tournament, at Alma College's new gym. Our singing of "This is My Country" seemed to be greatly appreciated.

Our 1970 Sing-Out season started with an unusually big bang on January 15th at the Civic Center in Lansing where the MIDSTATESMEN appeared on stage at 8:00 for a 20 minute concert. The occasion was a "Salute to (Senator) Lockwood" banquet which was attended by 1500 people from all over Michigan. It was a great honor and a wonderful opportunity to show the public what Barbershopping really is.

Our membership promotion quartet contest which began in November, ended on January 12th with the winners being "The Tilly Dilly Four" consisting of Fred Hanson, Leon Webb, LeRoy Lake and new member Charles Cornelious. Runners up were "The Hi-Boys" and the "Sons Of The Soil". The contest results were announced on January 19th when we had a fun night, inviting our ladies to come down to hear us and see slides and movies of Harrisville and our annual St. Joseph Island Singing and Fishing Week-End last August 7-10th. Naturally we had a nice crowd and we enjoyed every minute of it.

We are looking forward to our annual Ladies Night which will be held this year on February 23rd at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Alma. Of course

we're proud to say that the VAGABONDS will be our guest quartet for the evening. A great program is being planned by Bill Derby, our new program vice-president.

FLINT

by Les Lang

December was a month of very little action as everyone was busy with Christmas and we only had our two regular meetings plus the Holly - Fenton regular meetings but it was a month of considerable satisfaction as this Chapter started, in earnest, to practice on the songs we will sing on our show. It has been too long since Flint had a singing and active chorus and now that we are on those very roads leading to us taking our place in the Flint music world let us not falter on the threshold.

DON'T FORGET. The Flint Chapter Show will be held April 11, 1970 at Grand Blanc High School. Talent includes: ROAD RUNNERS, SHARPLIFTERS, BEAN TOWN FOUR, VAGABONDS and FLINT CHORUS.

Les Lang was selected to receive the "BARBERSHOPPER of the YEAR" award. This is the



honor bestowed on the member who has been the best chapter booster and worker which is presented each year by the retiring President.

Les Lang's comment, "I don't know what I did this past year to deserve this, but whatever it was, I had a ball doing it." Les won this honor in 1965 also.



Ron Giles, District V.P. installing the Officers of the Flint Chapter. Left to right:

Les Lang, Treasurer and Bulletin Editor. Neil Norman, Immediate Past President. Ray Goodall, Retiring Treasurer. Fred Kienitz, Director and Chorus Director. Larry Anderson, President. Dr. William Griffin, Program V.P. Jan Nyland, Secretary. Ron Giles. (Jack Lyons, Adm. V.P. unable to attend) He is recovering from illness. Watching the proceedings is Irene Norman (far left)

Larry Anderson,
President



Flint Chapter
1970

Larry has been a member of the Flint Chapter four years and has been very active, sings lead and tenor and has served as Afterglo emcee, and on many committees, chaired a very successful Ladies Night on Oct. 18, 1969. He is working very hard for an active chapter and a singing chorus and at least one quartet for 1970.

LANSING

by Frank Laden

HEY THERE, we didn't get a Chapter Report out last month and suffered the consequences thereof. "How come we didn't make the Troub," was the challenge heard again and again. Well, we'll fix that right now and comes now a two-month account.

FIRST OF ALL, we have a new meeting hall. We've moved to the Liederkrantz Club on 5828 S. Pennsylvania in Lansing. We still meet every Monday evening at 8:00 P.M. If you'd like to get in touch with us during meeting hours, you can call 882-3861. Better yet, why not pay us a visit.

IN THE NEXT LANSING AREA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, to be issued in March, you'll find us in the telephone book. We'll be listed as Society for the Preservation . . . (you know the rest) and our telephone number is 458-2968. We'll also be in the yellow pages under the category, "Associations." PLEASE no late-hour calls, it's Gene Johnson's home. Write these numbers down, eh?

I'LL LOSE MY WRITERS LICENSE if I do not remind you that you're to circle and save Friday, June 5th for the Lansing Chapter Umpeenth Fish Fry. More details at a later date but this is our first invitation to the fish fry focused for fun filled frolic. What? June 5th is too far away to plan? Don't you believe it, they're showing swim suits in the stores and I saw a robin yesterday.

AT OUR FIRST MEETING at the Liederkrantz Club, on January 5th, we held a most important function. Richard Simpson, District V.P. of the Zone II, installed our new officers for the year, 1970. Accepting the reins of responsibility were the following:

Donald Horton	President
Le Motte Bates	Admin V.P.
Larry Wicker	Program V.P.
Richard W. Holmes	Secretary
William Reid	Treasurer
Kenneth Gibson	Chorus Director

Outgoing President, Willis Wood, was awarded

a plaque of appreciation by a grateful chapter and was promptly given a new job as Chairman of a New Membership Activity. New members, man, do we needum.

Guests from Jackson Chapter helped us to launch into the functions of the new year. The NOTEABLE FOUR entertained us with their bag of tunes and a fine job they did. Our good friend, Bob Sullivan showed up, too. What a frustration he carries. He's got four voices but he can sing only one at a time.

Our own RANGE FINDERS and FUNDAMENTALS (we won't let them quit) rounded out the musical treat of the evening. Gang singing and woodshedding reigned supreme. So passed the night and the beginning of the new year.

MAC HUFF'S CLINIC CURES SOME ILLS when he conducted a critique hosted by Lansing Chapter on December 11th. Don Funk arranged for this one and a worthwhile event it was. Passer-by must have gotten a kick out of seeing the lighted Inn America sign "SPEBSQSA Quartet Clinic." (Betcha didn't know that some quartets are sick).

Well, the good Dr. Huff dissected and located trouble spots for three quartets. Sensitive souls might have been distressed at the directness of his attack but the critique was received in good spirit, and all present learned thereby. The three quartets? The VAGABONDS, the RANGE FINDERS and the FOWLER FOUR. Hey there quartets, how'd you like to have the musical ills of the VAGABONDS. Must be about 99.44% perfect.

Mac demonstrated some of his magic in teaching some 50 of us to sing four parts to a pretty little melody none of us had ever heard before. Name of the song was "Sweet and Lovely" and wasn't it nice. Ought to trot it out at Chapter meetings sometime.

Six Chapters were represented among the 50 men present and Mac formed some pick-up quartets to woodshed some entertainment. Interestingly enough, most of us were there for a learning session without having any direct quartet affiliation. The fun activity was still going strong at 12:30 A.M.

LET'S CORRECT a matter of our previous Chapter Report. In the December Troubadour, inadvertently, a line was omitted in the printing. The little hand-crafted chair was a personal tribute given to Don Funk, our 1969 Barbershopper of The Year, and it was made and presented by Ralph Wilkins. The award plaque of the Chapter was presented by our 1969 President, Willis Wood.

SADLY, WE MUST REPORT the passing of our oldest Chapter Member, Loren Colton. He had just celebrated his 88th birthday anniversary. Loren was a Past President and a charter mem-

ber of the Lansing Chapter. We'll miss him.

A-CAROLING WE WENT, JUST before Christmas, Dick W. Holmes led some 20 members of Lansing Chapter through two institutions of extended care facility to sing songs of Christmas joy.

Warmly greeted by the management and professional staffs, the chorus was further made to feel as welcome guests by the patients and residents of the institutions. In response to our Christmas songs, they were generous with applause and some of them wept.

There were patients, however, who were not aware of our caroling. These were lost in a world of their own, not turning a head to register interest. This was not so, however, in the case of one gentleman, obviously in his seventies. He appeared not able to speak but he expressed his feeling by walking over the chorus and as we sang, he squeaked and grunted out sounds of joy.

Upon reflecting, we should not wait until Christmas to repeat this event. We're needed fellas. We've gotta reach out more often.

We capped the evening - and the year - by accepting the invitation of Willis Wood to visit his home. With a fire in the hearth and quarts of ice cold beer on the table, we filled his home with song. It was a fitting gathering to end the year - - - so went 1969.

DETROIT

Larry King

The Detroit and Grosse Pointe Chapters locked horns in their annual quartet contest on Dec. 19, and what a night of singing it was. The Detroit Chapter is now convinced that Grosse Pointe has more talent, man for man, than any chapter around, because the Grosse Pointers were the winners for the third straight year. Detroit fielded eight quartets to Grosse Pointe's thirteen, and although most of them will never make it to international, they all had fun. The Grosse Pointers were immensely impressed by the quality of the judging, rendered by the Invoices.

During the Christmas season the Motor City Chorus sang at the Outer Drive Hospital in Lincoln Park and at the Plymouth State Children's Home. It was our third appearance at the Home, and words cannot describe the satisfaction that one derives from providing a relatively few moments of pleasure and diversion for these children and seeing the expressions of delight on their faces. It is in such situations as these that Barbershoppers can make the best use of their time and talents. Thanks to chorus member Bill Taylor, we were able to present 500 model cars to the Home as Christmas gifts for the children.

The Detroit Chapter and the Pioneer District will be the poorer when Joe Coburn moves to the

Chicago area soon. Joe, who might be better known to you as the lead in the Sharplifters, has been a dedicated and enthusiastic Barbershopper since joining the Detroit Chapter a few years ago. In spite of the demands imposed on his time by singing in a top-flight quartet, Joe has continued as an active chapter and chorus man and he will be missed by all of us in Detroit No. 1. We wish Joe and his lovely wife, Maryanne, success in their new location.

We understand that Bill Shannon, of Oakland County's Chord Reporters, has been working with the Sharplifters as Joe's replacement. Bill should fit right into the group and we will be looking forward to hearing them.

Detroit's annual social gals, Ladies Night, was held at the North Rosedale Community House on January 16th with 200 members, wives and guests participating in the fun. Judy Kniffin, wife of our Administrative Vice-President, was selected as Honored Lady, as symbolic of our appreciation of all the wives' support and encouragement during the past year.

Dancing, door prizes and a buffet dinner all contributed to the success of the evening, with the Barbershopping flavor being maintained by the Wonderlads, Tantalizers and 4 - Fits. District Secretary Bill Warner inducted the officers for 1970:

President	E. E. "Pat" Ryan
Administrative V.P.	Wayne Kniffin
Program V.P.	Dick Barron
Corresponding Sec.	Mike Donahue
Recording Secretary	Bill Schwedler
Treasurer	Jim Dugan

DEARBORN

by Bob Stone

Almost a hundred area Barbershoppers and wives attended Dearborn's January regular meeting with the 1969 St. Louis International Contest film as the feature on a full program.

District Secretary Bill Warner officially installed our 1970 officers in fine style. Raising their right hands in the ceremony were Prez Emerys Davies, V.P.s Ed Conn and Art Malecki, Secretary Bob Rock, and Treasurer Ray Campbell. Sgt-At-Arms George Adams was busy at the door.

Millie Shamus, the power behind chef Norm's good eats reputation, was presented with a remembrance by the Chapter in appreciation of her efforts in the kitchen and keeping Norm in line and to meetings in time.

M.C. Ed Conn kept the evening moving with fine harmonies by the Wonderlads and the Motor City Chorus, with arm-waving by Bill Butler. Thanks again to Gordie, Bert, Hank, and Stan and Detroit Chapter. We wound up with delicious chow

by the Shamus Co. With most people back for seconds and thirds.

Our Dearborn regular meeting in February, Friday the 13th, will be for our fourteenth annual Octet Contest. Originator Roger Craig will M.C. with judging in four categories (by men who know) with a standard point system in force. Wayne

Chapter won last year and we'd like whomever has the placque to bring it along to pass on to the next winner, or to keep it if they can. Octet entry blanks have gone out to most chapters in the Southeast quarter of the state, but there'll be plenty more available at the meeting. But unless you have extremely talented personnel, pick up octets seldom win. Best pick your troops now and get in a couple practice sessions. No more than two members of a registered quartet, please.



GRATIOT COUNTY

by Maynard & Fred

Well, it is that time again. Not too much new news, however, the Chorus made their annual trip to the Grandvue Medical Care Facility at East Jordan. These elderly people always seem to enjoy our singing so it makes the trip worthwhile.

On January 5th the Chapter Members entertained their Ladies to a Prime Rib Dinner at the Dilworth Sportel. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fine dinner, now the wives may let us out to the meetings for another period.

The Chorus is busy working on new numbers for our 24th Annual Bush League April 4th. It looks like another good time. We have the Sharplifters to headline the show with much other good talent including last years Champs "The Bean Town 4" who always are real entertaining. We hope to have a good group of new Quartets come up and get their feet wet, then go on to greater things.

Our immediate Past President August (Augie) Stolt is the new Area Counselor for this area. We wish him good luck. He and some of the Chapter Officers are making plans to attend the School at Lansing this Saturday.

Since my last report, we have gained another new member, Dick Guitar, I believe this makes 30 Members which for a City of 3,000 is not too bad. We hope to increase this in the next year.

Hope to have more news next month. Look for our ad elsewhere as to other important items pertaining to the Bush League. There is entry Blanks for the Quartets and where to make your reservations.

WAYNE

by Morrie Giles

Our New Years Eve Whing-Ding was quite a bash and enjoyed by all, but we did wind up with a financial deficit.

On Jan. 16 Wayne was visited by Oakland County Chapter. M.C.s for the evening were Pres. Mike Bourgoin and Program V.P. Clay Jones. We were entertained by the "Ajust-A Chords", the "Aftershaves" and our District Champs the "Vagabonds".

This reporter experienced the thrill that evening of being presented with a 25 year membership pin, the first to be awarded a Wayne member. Thanks, fellas.

A friendly rivalry between chapters is a normal and healthy condition. However, when that rivalry becomes involved with petty emotions, friendliness begins to fade into the background and an ugly undercurrent washes through the organization. This is what very easily could have happened to Wayne and Oakland County chapters. I'm sure no one could actually pinpoint the feeling, but nevertheless it was there. Fortunately, being mature individuals, (sometimes) we realized that all that was needed to dispell any ill feelings was a few simple visitations between chapters. Wouldn't it be nice if International grievances could be solved in a like manner.

Actually, Wayne should have a warm spot in it's collective heart for O.C.C. I remember that after their victory in Monroe in 1968 they could have celebrated in many places, but they chose to come to Wayne's Hospitality House. What's more, each man brought a six-pack. Then again in Jackson after the evening performance several Wolverine members came to Wayne County's Hospitality Room before going to their own. What all this adds up to is a bunch of pretty swell guys. NUFF SED.

On March 7, at Henry Ford High School, in Detroit, Wayne Chapter will present "Memories in Music", for our annual pitch pipe parade. Returning by popular demand will be those crown princes of comedy, the "Salt Flats" from Salt Lake City, Utah. Rounding out the program will be the great "Crackerjills," "Sweet Adelines," past International Champions, "Gentlemen's Agreement," our own "Invoices" and the "Wayne Wonderland Chorus." Tickets may be obtained from any Wayne member, or write Tom Pollard, 15019 Flamingo, Livonia, Michigan. 48154. The tickets are \$3.00 each. Don't wait.

Oh yes, I forgot to mention that when

the Wolverine Chorus visited us we switched Directors so that Dick Liddicoatt directed the "Wonderland" chorus and Gordie Limburg directed the "Wolverine" chorus. Interesting results.

GRAND RAPIDS

by Dick Williams

HELLO music lovers out here in Barbershop land.

We of Chapter Four issue this to our neighbors over in the wooden shoe district, Holland, so read and heed.

Sum Hollendars vere purty shmart und sum udder Hollendars ----only thinkin dey bin shmart ---- zince dey vas couple piddlee points higher in contest den dere nayboors up north in Grand Rapids. So vat den? ? ?

So -- dey comin up by Muskegon vey nex April -- und gettin dere bloomers ge-boomed by dat boom-in-ge-zoomin Great Lakes Chorus -- py gollee. Den dey (losers) be vearing de paper dunce caps for vun hour on May 8th vile servin de tables for vinnars --- at dem area ving ding. Den ----py gollee ---- dey knowin whose really purty shmart ---- Yah? ? ? Und maybe sharge wun dollar from alla folks dere --- und zend zum gelders to dem liddle kids in Kansas.

Den ve all liddle bit better ----Yah? ? ?

SO; why don't you concede now and save yourselves the embarrassment of wearing those dunce caps and of serving us at the area wing-ding.

I mentioned the Strummers last month, man that was a mistake, and it was brought to my attention, rather roughly, that it is the Steamboat Strummers -----S-T-E-A-M-B-O-A-T Strummers Dummy, STEAMBOAT.

Well, they can't intimidate a man of the press by golly. They forgot; the Pen is mightier than the sword. I will not be denied my moment of glory. May the bird of paradise fly up W. R's trumpet.

The Strummers did their thing for the Muskegon Chapter Monday January 19th and then again turned their check over to Logopedics. This group is truly a non-profit organization. I sure wish they would get a few more paying jobs so I wouldn't have to buy the gas any more. Heck, the least they could do is let me touch their CHEAP banjos, cheap. Anyhow I stopped going to their rehearsals, who wants to see six guys run around most of the evening shouting ----"We're Stars. We're Stars." Big deal, if I hear that once more they'll be seeing stars, heh, heh.

As you've probably guessed by now, if that Mark 2 and 2 wasn't to much for you all last month, that we're having the MARK IV's at our Great Lakes Invitational April 18th plus; now hear this, ----THE SALT FLATS, STRAND BROTHERS, and the SHARPLIFTERS. How's that for some really fine entertainment? So be sure to circle that date; APRIL 18TH on your comming events calendar. More later on the pre-glow, show, after-glow, and asperin breakfast.

This month the Chapter has been working on the music



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 Remember APRIL 24-25-26 in MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

and choreography for the Great Lakes and the Muskegon contest.

February though has us doing three sing-outs. They are:

- February 6th - A show for the Masonic Temple.
- February 13th - Our annual Valentines show.
- February 28th - A show for the Kentwood Booster Club.

Jack Sidoe, the bass for the Royal Coachman and our new Program V.P., has started an interchapter quartet contest with the winners to sing with the MARK IV's at the After-glow. Needless to say we have six new quartets raring to get going and bust a chord.

The Mark IV's have already sent the song they want us to learn in order to sing with them. It's quite an honor to have these fellows do this for us and believe me it will really thrill four lucky fellows. Jack is to be commended for this great idea and of course the MARK IV's. for their co-operation and enthusiasm.

So don't forget April 18th.

CADILLAC by Chester Polega

IN OUR CHAPTER, after we have been hounding you about it for two months, the time has come to remind all of you again, that the CADILLAC CHAPTER'S BIG BARBERSHOP SHOW IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 21, 1970 AT THE CADILLAC ARMORY HALL.

We invite all of you from around the state to attend this one. The show will feature, THE SHARPLIFTERS, from Detroit, Michigan, THE BEAN TOWN FOUR from Saginaw, Michigan, THE SOCIALITES, a Sweet Adeline Quartet from the South Oakland County Chapter in Detroit, and, our own Cadillac Chapter Chorus, of course. The moment of truth is near . . . February 21, 1970 to be sure. All the Constitution guarantees is the pursuit of happiness. You have to catch up with it yourself. Make February 21, 1970 one of your harmonious happy days. You owe it to yourself . . . get the gang together and come to our show.

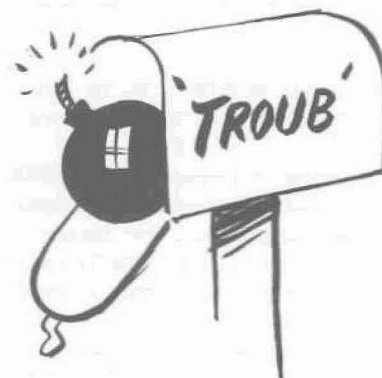
PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE CADILLAC BARBERSHOP FEBRUARY FOLLIES ON FEBRUARY 21, 1970 AT THE CADILLAC ARMORY HALL IN CADILLAC, MICHIGAN. SEE YOU THERE.

A CARD OF THANKS goes to the Traverse City and Big Rapids Chapters for their contributions in providing additional harmony to our sing-out at the Cadillac National Ice & Snow Festival which was held at the Cadillac Senior High School on January 14, 1970. A great big thank you goes out to all of you guys from Traverse City and Big Rapids and also to the fine Quartet from T.C. who sang a couple of their numbers to the complete enjoyment of all. And, again we say . . . many, many thanks to you.

CLOSING NOW WITH A BIT OF WISDOM: When we look at the world in a broad, generous, friendly spirit,

what wonderful people we find in it.

SIGNING OFF WITH A SONG AND A SMILE . . . SO COME TO THE SHOW, CADILLAC CHAPTER SPEBS-QSA . . . FEBRUARY 21, 1970 CADILLAC ARMORY HALL IN CADILLAC, MICHIGAN.



letters to the editor

Dear Ed,

I am writing in regards to the letter appearing in the last Troubadour by Dan La Bumbard of the Jackson Chapter, concerning the Judging situation in the Pioneer District. As a Certified V.E. Judge I have served in this capacity since 1946 in several Districts and Internation Panels, in fact my first Double Panel was in the LOL District, and I am a firm believer of them if only to avoid the misconception of some that if you know the Quartets you are prejudiced.

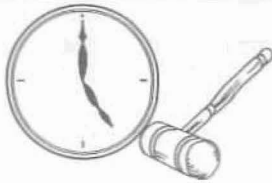
However, the letter that I refer to gave the inference that the Pioneer District Judges are incompetent and should not be used in the District. This may not have been the way the writer meant it, but it is the way I understood it, and I think it very unfair to the Judges of the District. I enjoy Judging, and have felt that we do a service to the District and Quartets in the Contest, Clinics, etc. As far as reaping any financial benefits, I assure you at \$15.00 a day for Room and Meals, that you are out of pocket as a rule, and I know of no judge that has ever complained. I know I feel it is worth any effort or money I might give.

If I have misunderstood the implications of the writer of this letter, I apologize, but at least I have explained my views as a Judge.

Sincerely,

Loton V. Willson
Boyne City Chapter

(Editor) La Bumbard's letter was not printed in its entirety; however the portion printed was not taken out of context. Our best recollection of the letter was that the District, where possible, employ judges from outside the District to make up at least half of the panel.



Minutes

EXECUTIVE
BOARD
MEETING

January 23, 1970

A meeting of the Pioneer District Board of Directors was held on January 23, 1970 at Inn America in East Lansing.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Tom Damm. All District officers were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting of December 7, 1969 were read and approved as read. Treasurer Pat Ryan presented a treasurers report and a year end financial statement showing a balance on hand of \$6,215.73 as of December 31, 1969. The report was approved as read.

A discussion followed concerning the elimination of the show sanction fee and the increase of the District per capita dues to \$5.00. A motion by Don Funk, seconded by Gene Gillem directed the Secretary to utilize the International billing system to collect the per capita dues from the chapters. Motion carried.

The Zone Vice Presidents then reported on the activities within their zone. Zone I V.P. Tom Pollard reported that the Windsor Chapter has offered to present to the District a Canadian Flag and the board agreed unanimously that it would be welcomed most enthusiastically.

The secretary was asked about progress on the district directory and he advised the board that current time schedule should put the directory in members hands within the next 6 weeks.

It was suggested that the Public Relations committee be encouraged to formulate plans immediately with reference to Pioneer District activities at the Atlantic City Convention.

Visits of the International Music Men were discussed for the coming year and the following schedules were finalized.

BOB JOHNSON

March 30th	LANSING
March 31st	WAYNE
April 1st	HUDSON
April 2nd	THREE RIVERS
April 4th & 5th	CHORUS DIRECTORS SCHOOL AT BOYNE CITY

DAVE STEVENS

May 11th	LES CHENNEAUX
May 12th	CADILLAC
May 13th	SAGINAW - BAY
May 14th	BATTLE CREEK
May 15th	GROSSE POINTE

May 16th

ARRANGERS SCHOOL IN THE
DETROIT AREA LOCATION
TO BE ANNOUNCED

May 18th

DETROIT

May 19th

TECUMSEH

May 20th

NILES - BUCHANAN

May 21st

HOLLAND

May 22nd

JACKSON

Executive Vice President Ron Gillies further advised that Mac Huff would again be in our District this year and for a 2 week period as is Dave Stevens. Inasmuch as his visit is from November 30th through December 11th, final scheduling was postponed, to be discussed at a future meeting.

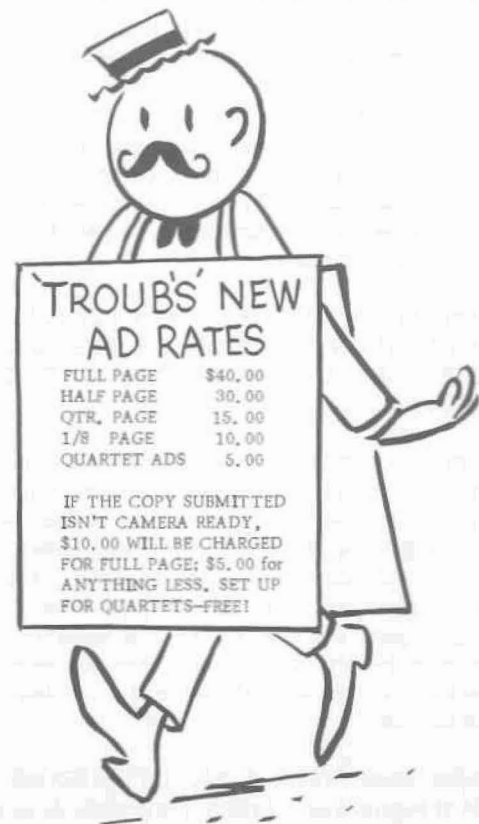
President Tom Damm presented a report on the progress of the Muskegon convention committee. An extended discussion ensued concerning the convention tickets, overall financing and costs. It was pointed out that a survey indicated that in all other Districts, register. Cost of the package which includes the Quartet Prelims, Chorus Competition, Quartet Finals and District After-glow will be \$6.00. A special discount price will be offered to all COMPETING members of \$5.00. Total cost of tickets if purchased on an individual basis will be \$8.00. Motion carried.

Assignments of the District Officers as faculty for the COT school on Saturday were discussed and finalized.

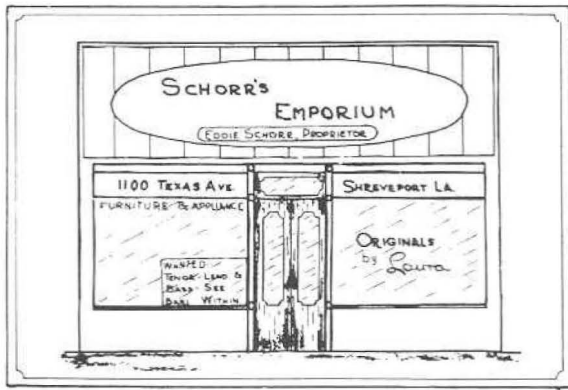
Meeting adjourned at 3:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Warner, Secretary



This ad, which ran for many years in the Southwestern



District's Bulletin - The ROUND UP, was erroneously omitted one month from the Bulletin. Eddie Schorr, proprietor of the establishment, (who had received a plaque for his faithfulness to the "Round Up") wrote in a letter to the editor, "as you know, a man cannot run a furniture business without an ad in the Round Up." The ad still appears in the Round Up.

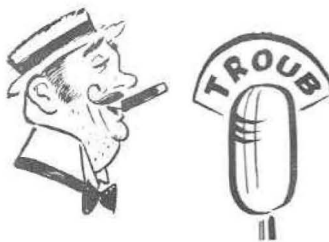
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FOLLOWING the CHAMPS 1969



the VAGABONDS

Our champs are starting to get their chapter visitations lined up. Look at this list! It seems like a monumental under-taking, but here they are traipsin' all over the District. Why don't you plan to join them at your chapter meeting? ? ?

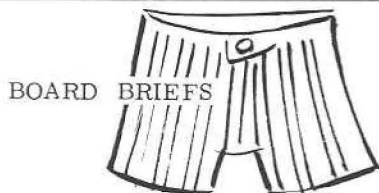
- Feb. 3 - Flint Chapter Meeting
- Feb. 6 - Jackson Chapter Meeting
- Feb. 9 - Battle Creek Chapter Meeting
- Feb. 13 - Kiwanis Benifit
- Feb 16 - Monroe Chapter Meeting
- Feb. 20 - Grosse Pointe Chapter Meeting
- Feb. 23 - Gratiot County Ladies Night
- Feb. 28 - Oakland County Parade
- Mar. 10 - Saginaw Bay Chapter Meeting
- Mar. 2 - M. S. U. Banquet
- Mar. 13 - Windsor
- Mar. 14 - Three Rivers Parade
- Mar. 20 - Detroit Chapter Meeting
- Mar. 21 - Visit Harrisville O.C.C.
- Mar. 24 - Milford Chapter Meeting
- Mar. 6 - O.C.C. Pre-Boyne Contest

Please understand that the Vagabonds established this "calendar of visitations" on their own, and intend to honor all dates as "noblesse oblige"; However, if some unforeseen circumstance prevents them from coming, they will notify you as soon as possible.

Conversely, if the date of visitation to your chapter is in conflict with something you have scheduled, please contact Tony Scooros (313 - 545 - 4958).

THE NEW DEADLINE FOR COPY WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO:

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The Board has tentatively scheduled a Chorus Directors School to be held in conjunction with the Bush League Contest in Boyne City April 3rd and 4th. (Three hours Friday night and three hours Saturday morning.) Confirmation will come in next month's Troub.

C.O.T.S. was not as well attended as hoped, but it proved to be very successful for those who were fortunate enough to attend.

The Board of Directors, after discussion into the wee hours, decided that the Pioneer District would bring its' Convention fees in line with the other 14 Districts. Hence forth, all conventions contestants will be obligated to buy an all events ticket for \$1.00 less than the going rate.

Another Bob Johnson visit has been scheduled for the end of March and beginning of April - more on this next month.



Here's December's list of go-getters. Detroit heads the list with three men of note (Ryan, Barron, and Winters). Seems as tho these guys are interested in "Preservation and Encouragment" etcetera, etcetera. Is your name among the men of note? Get busy . . .

Lawrence	Behrens	1
E. E. "Pat"	Ryan	1
Richard C.	Barron	2
Bob	Winters	2
Henry	Plantenga	3
Ted	Robbins	2
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Dennis	Cave	1
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Coming Events

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- January 31, 1970 Pontiac Parade
- February 7, 1970 Monroe Chapter Parade
- February 14, 1970 Niles-Buchanan Parade
- February 28, 1970 Oakland County Parade
- March 7, 1970 Kalamazoo
- March 7, 1970 Wayne Parade
- March 14, 1970 Three Rivers Parade
- April 4, 1970 Bush League, Boyne City
- April 11, 1970 Flint Chapter Parade
- April 11, 1970 Battle Creek Parade
- April 18, 1970 Great Lakes Invitational Grand Rapids
- April 24-26, 1970 International Preliminaries & District Spring Meeting, Muskegon
- June 6, 1970 Windsor Parade, Windsor Ontario
- June 22-27, 1970 International Convention, Atlantic City
- October 9-11, 1970 District Annual Meeting & Contests, Windsor Ontario