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C. O. T. School

The annual Chapter Officers Training school will be held on Saturday, January 24th at Inn America, 2736 E. Grand River in East Lansing. This is just about half way between Okemos and MSU campus. The school will open at 9:00 am with a general seminar in the Poplars Room. Following that, separate classes will be held for each Chapter office. Classes will be taught by your District Executive Board and are so designed that they will terminate no later than 4:00 pm. Gentlemen, for a successful year for your Chapter and for Pioneer District, attendance at this school by ALL of your incoming officers is a must. It would behoove each Member to encourage his own officers to attend. Most chapters, in the past, have encouraged attendance by providing mileage for those attending (a legitimate chapter expense.)

For any officers desiring to come into E. Lansing on Friday, the 23rd, rooms will be available at Inn America. You must, however make your own reservation in advance by calling or writing to Inn America direct. Their phone number is AC - 517 - 337 - 1621. There will be a District Board meeting at 8:00 pm on Friday evening, the 23rd at Inn America and anyone there is welcome to sit in.

A special note to Area Counselors. There will be a special seminar for you at this school so that you, too, are urged to attend. Here is a real opportunity to get better acquainted with the new chapter officers with whom you will be working this year.

Let's make this the finest C. O. T. S. ever. We guarantee that those who come won't be disappointed.



Heritage of Harmony



WINDSOR MADE US INTERNATIONAL

by Duane H. Mosier

A bridge of steel and cement connecting two great nations did not make SPEBSQSA international, but a small group of guys who took to barbershop harmony like a duck to water did.

It was on a memorable night in March, 1944 that these same good guys met and received a charter from the then National Society at the hand of Carroll P. Adams, past president and later executive director, to form the Windsor Chapter. It has continued to be one of the Society's stable and outstanding chapters for twenty-five years. It was sponsored through the joint efforts of the Oakland County and the Detroit No. 1 Chapters. The Chapter lost no time in setting up a working organization with the election of R. F. (Bob) Jones as its first president and an Executive Committee consisting of Jones, Val Clare and W. A. (Hap) Baxter, Vice Presidents, Frank Williamson, Giles H. McMahon, Secretary, John Mason, Treasurer, and Harold Deadman, board member and chorus director.

Much credit must go to Lt. Col. Wilkinson for the spade work he did preliminary to the formation of the Chapter. Windsor got off to an auspicious start on the night it received its charter. National President Hal Staab (1942-43) came all the way from Northampton, Mass., as did "Molly" Reagan from Pittsburg, at their own expense. No traveling expenses were allowed to anyone for anything in those days. The treasury had no money for trips even for the president or board members. Their enthusiasm for the hobby they loved carried them where they could give a helping hand and home again without thought of remuneration. It is hard to believe, but true, that Adams, the spark that has carried the Society to the greatest male singing organization in the country, received only fifty dollars a month for stamps and stationery although his correspondence was voluminous.

Inspired by the meeting with the Windsor brothers, Staab contributed the following paragraph in the June 1944 Harmonizer under the

caption "Welcome Canada":

"The phenomenal growth of our Society should be a matter of pride to every member. In less than two years the number of chapters has nearly tripled and the membership has increased fourfold. The chartering of a chapter in Windsor, Canada, has made us international. With the formation of more chapters by our friends across the border they will have representation among our officers and on our Board of Directors. They will mingle with us at our inter-chapter meetings and parades of quartets. They will enter into friendly competition with us in our international contests. As our groups in the United States have taken part in the promotion of patriotism and the building of morale, so will the Canadian chapters participate in these activities in the Dominion.

"Barbershop harmony knows no boundaries. Typically American it has universal appeal. We are happy to welcome our Canadian Brothers. Together we will "sing to victory" and will strive to promote harmony between our two great nations."

During the succeeding years Canada added chapters in Fredericton and Harvey Station, N. B., in Amhurstburg, Brantford, Chatham, Guelph, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Paris, Sarnia, Stratford, Sudbury, Toronto, Wallaceburg and a second Windsor Chapter at Assumption College, all in Ontario, and in 1948 Canada's chapters extended all the way from Quebec to Anchorage and Fairbanks in our 49th state, but Windsor was the granddaddy of them all. The chapter at Assumption College was organized in 1946, on February 11th. In those early years many chapters were organized in colleges throughout the U. S. for students, but sometimes faculty also participated in close harmony. It would be a grand and glorious day if college students could be weaned away from Rock and Roll back to our traditional American heritage. Are we overlooking something?

That Windsor Chapter fully carried out the prophecy made by Hal Staab is a matter of history. It has made strides that many chapters could adopt. Not only has this active chapter mingled freely with other chapters, staged parades, participated in quartet and chorus contests, hosted District conventions, but has let the public know what good old-fashioned barbershop harmony is when, for six years, under the tireless direction of Paul Eberwein, their fine music was aired over radio station CBE each day at 6:30 P.M. Too much praise cannot be given such men as Paul and Ted Verway who, for 25 years of

selfish devotion to their Chapter, have made it click. The efforts of these men and the whole chapter personnel will again be evidenced when Windsor hosts the 1970 fall District contest which promises to be the best ever.

The distance from Windsor to the other Canadian chapters was a serious impediment to inter-chapter activities. Application was made to the International Board for transfer to the Michigan (Pioneer) District, which was granted. It was a wise move. Within hand-shaking distance of the Michigan shoreline, Windsor Chapter has been able to participate in all the activities of our District which has proved to be a most satisfactory relationship. Being the southernmost city in Ontario, facing a warmer climate, the city adopted the slogan "The Sun Parlor of Canada" which was also adopted by the Chapter chorus as its name and is now known as The Sun Parlor Chorus.

Ted Verway has been the delegate to the District conventions for many years and, with his long and active career in barbershopping, has been a most helpful member in the discussions coming before the meetings. His will be a guiding hand in setting up the forthcoming convention next fall. The officers who will direct the destiny of the Chapter for 1970 are the following:

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| President | Bill Lloyd |
| 1st Vice President | Andy Roy |
| 2nd Vice President | Andy McCann |
| Treasurer | Andy McCort |
| Recording Secretary | Ron Thomson |
| Correspondence Secretary | Bill Thrasher |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Bob Raymond |
| Delegate | Ted Verway |



MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD AT JACKSON, 10/10/69

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held Friday evening, October 10, 1969 at the Hotel Hayes in Jackson. All officers were present.

The appointment of Terry Fraser, Neil Carpenter, Bob Juitkema and Dick Peterson as Area Counselors was approved.

The Board then discussed the problems which will arise with the elimination of the sanction fee on December 31, 1969, which has been replaced by a per capita dues increase of \$1.00.

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING, JACKSON, 10/10/69

A meeting of the Pioneer District House of Delegates was held on Oct. 10, 1969 at the Hayes Hotel in Jackson. All officers were present. The meeting was called to order by President Gillem at 8:45 p.m. Tom Pollard led the assemblage in singing "The Old Songs" and Tom Damm gave the invocation.

The minutes of the last House of Delegates meeting were accepted as published in the Troubadour.

Treasurer Ryan in his report showed that there was a balance of \$6,525.68 in the District treasury.

Reports of the officers were then given. Eric Schultz gave the keynote address emphasizing membership development and also pointing out that membership is the basis for determining the quota of quartets each District is allowed for the International contest.

Ted Verway then announced the results of the Achievement Awards and made the presentation to the two winners - Oakland County in the Gold Division and Muskegon in the Silver Division.

Election of officers for 1970 was the next order of business. Tom Damm president; Ron Gillies executive vice-president; vice-presidents chosen were Tom Pollard, Don Funk, Richard Simpson, and Cliff MacLean. Pat Ryan, treasurer and William Warner secretary. Gene Gillem as immediate past president was elected to the International Board. A plaque was presented to the outgoing secretary who had served 20 years in that position. The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted

Louis R. Harrington

CHAPTER REPORTS

WAYNE

by Morrie Giles

Whether the gals should or should not have a column in the Troubadour is a matter for thought, however, anyone who disapproves doesn't really have to read that particular column, and is certainly entitled to voice his opinion as brother Nealer did. As for auxillaries, Wayne is one chapter whose wives have formed such an organization. They have their own meetings, run their own affairs, and have dedicated their efforts solely to helping their "Beautiful" husbands. On at least three occasions they have run various projects to raise money for our new chorus uniforms, - to buy us matching SPEBSQSA sweatshirts, and set up snacks for our contest hospitality rooms.

Just before a contest it is not unusual for them to "Raid" our rehearsals at intermission time wearing outlandish costumes and bearing coffee and cake, then be gone by the time we continue rehearsal. I believe all the guys in our chapter are in favor of their continued operation, since they in no way try to interfere with our organization. Then, too, - look how little static we get when we inform our wonderful wonderland wives that we're going out to a Barbershop meeting.

On Dec. 12 Wayne Wonderland Chorus made a good sized splash with a half hour program at Livonia Mall Shopping Center. After that we went en masse down to Dearborn for a most informative session with Mac Huff.

On Dec. 16 we did a show for the fellows at Dearborn Veterans Hospital. It was sponsored by Dearborn Chapter.

We are now in the process of "Training" 3 more chorus directors to assist Gordie and Dick and to take over at such times as both regular directors are otherwise engaged (Invoices).

This way we shouldn't have to turn down any offers for appearances.

Check your calenders right now and circle the first Sat. in March. That's the date of our annual "Pitch Pipe Parade." More on that later.

Our meeting hall recently burned down, destroying all our trophies, badges, etc. We are presently meeting in the lounge of the K of C Bar.

Chapter officers for 1970 are as follows:

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| President | Mike Bourgoin |
| Membership V.P. | Andy Alflen |
| Program V.P. | Clay Jones |
| Rec. Secy. | George Fitzgerald |
| Cor. Secy. | Hil Andrews |
| Chorus Mgr. | Pete Anderson |

On Dec. 17 Wayne lost one of her stalwart members when Don Westby succumbed to lung cancer. Don had one lung removed last summer and seemed to be recuperating satisfactorily. He even went with us to the contest in Jackson. Recently it was discovered that the remaining lung was also infected, and no hope was given. We shall surely miss Don, and sincerely grieve with his family.

OAKLAND COUNTY

by Bob Drabik

Whoops - just looked up and realized today (Christmas) is the Troubadour deadline (got to talk to you about this one, Van Dyke.) I guess my reporting and my Christmas shopping go hand and hand - both put off till the last minute.

Our Ladies night was, again, an outstanding success, guaranteed by our great M.C.'s, the VAGABONDS. The Golden Greek, TONY SCOOROS, brought along his movies and slides of Harrisville, et. al., providing a perfect respite during the middle of the evenings activities. Members of other chapters might contact him; he has some beauts of you and your's too. Our selected PAL TAL of the year was the lovely and sweet MARY WINCHESTER - a truly dedicated Barbershopper's wife, and Mr. ERIC SCHULTZ performed the nicest officer induction ceremony I've yet witnessed. All this and a full Barbershop evenings entertainment too.

Santa went along with us on our caroling tours, this year, and he was the crowning touch. I'm not sure yet, but he may have become a permanent part of our yuletide presentations. This is one side of JOE KILEY'S that most of you have not yet seen, and it's one of his best sides.

We would like to extend our undying appreciation to all of the past officers. Although we may never have walked up to you and told you, we do appreciate the many hours of labor you have extended in doing the fine job only you were capable of - thank you.

And, finally, the Oakland County Chapter wishes the best there is to offer to all of our fellow Barbershoppers - A HAPPY NEW YEAR and, may all your chords be close.

LES CHENEAUX

by Chas. E. Wegner

With over fifty enthusiastic barbershoppers attending a special meeting sponsored by the Les Cheneaux chapter and Sault Ste. Marie the magic touch of Mac Huff was found to be of the greatest assistance to all quartets and barbershoppers in attendance. The meeting took place on December 10 in Rudyard.

Though Mac was having a tough time with his voice that evening he did not fail to bring out the most in quartets that were brought before him. If there were any of the fellows who did not learn something about barbershop singing it was because they did not attend the meeting. With little tricks and a magic touch in presenting his criticism everyone learned a great deal from this devoted barbershopper.

Barbershoppers representing several chapters were present with representatives from Boyne City, Charlevoix, Traverse City, Sault Ste Marie, Mackinaw City and Les Cheneaux area. The turn out was great, and according to Mac Huff, "This group was a fine representation of BARBERSHOPPERS and a good bunch to work with."

The officers of the Les Cheneaux Chapter were thrilled with the great attendance at this special meeting and much praise goes to fine cooperation in setting the affair up, especially to Willard MacInnis our new president of the Les Cheneaux Chapter who donated the use of his place of business in Rudyard, a central location for all concerned.

January 17 is the date set for our Ladies Night presentation. This day has been set to honor all the wives and lady friends who have made all of our activities so successful. By the time of publication this will be out

dated but we still extend our thanks to the Barbershop Widows.

Our new officers are as follows:

Pres. Willard MacInnis, 1st V.P. William Murphy, 2nd V.P. Gerald Gabel, Secretary Robert Slater, Treas. Lyle Ames, Trustees Robert Landis and John Duncan; Chorus Director Robert Tracy; Reporter Chas. E. Wegner.

CADILLAC

by Chester Polega

Hats-off to our new slate of Officers for 1970. We take great pleasure in presenting them to you, as follows:

President: Bob Faunce

Vice President: Paul Zagers

Vice President: Joe Serafino

Secretary: Jerry Linn

Treasurer: Tom Maxwell

Music Director: Warren Marsh

Re-appointed to run the chapter musically is our esteemed Musical Director, Warren Marsh and his Music Committee consisting of Bill Faunce, our Founder and Past President; his son, Bob Faunce and our No. 1 Tenor, Jerry Linn.

ALL OF THESE MEN DID SUCH A GOOD JOB THIS PAST YEAR THAT THE CHAPTER UNANIMOUSLY VOTED THEM BACK IN AGAIN

CADILLAC BARBERSHOP SHOW:

A definite schedule of February 21, 1970 has been decided upon. To be held at the Cadillac Armory Hall and as a special feature event, the SHARP LIFTERS have been engaged to head our show. Another Quartet is yet to be engaged. John Wheat has been named as Chairman of the show.

On November 10, 1969 we were visited by representative groups from the Traverse City and Big Rapids Chapters. A rehearsal room full of men with a blend of voices enabled all of us to share in an evening of enjoyment. Norm Peterson, the Big Rapids Music Director, Mel Gee and Al Haubschneider the Traverse City Music Directors and our own Warren Marsh led the combined contingent in some real live to goodness chorus singing. The vibratones and personal effects of this meeting can still be felt.

For the good of our community and to foster and perpetuate the purpose of our Society, we have committed ourselves to sing out on January 14, 1970 for the National Ice Show and Snow Festival which will be held at the Cadillac High School Auditorium. Chorus members from both the Traverse City and Big Rapids Chapters are invited to join us in this sing out.

Arrangements for our big February 21, 1970 show are nearly complete. In addition to the SHARP LIFTERS appearing on our show, we have also engaged THE BEAN TOWN FOUR to appear in a co-feature event. This is shaping up to be a really big show and we hope a lot of you other chapters throughout the state will work out plans to attend our show.

SINGING-OUT: Last night, Wednesday, December 18, 1969, several of our choral group sang Christmas carols under the Christmas tree down on Main Street in downtown Cadillac. Through the cold weather outside which was frightful, the songs brought a lot of cheer to the last minute Christmas shoppers.

Strangely, this is what I love about Christmas. With all the excitement, all the family mayhem and extravagance, all the work to get ready, it is the looking back each year to Christ. Mases past which gives me joy. Next year I'll better appreciate how fortunate I am today.

Now please do me one more favor - - - Please wish everyone a most happy and harmonious New Year from all of the gang of the Cadillac Chapter. See you soon.

GROSSE POINTE by John Wearing

Grosse Pointe Chapter held their election of officers and they are as follows:

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| President | John Wade |
| Adm'n V.P. | Henry DeMars |
| Program V.P. | Vince Koelzer |
| Secretary | Mark Roberts |
| Treasurer | Bill Nelson |
| Historian | Jack Henderstein |
| Keeper of the Mug | Paul Johnson |
| Sgt. at Arms | Skip Gibson |

Board of Directors:

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| Bob Jones | Kurt Kusch |
| George Gillis | George Van De Velde |

Delegates and Alternates to District:

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| Delegates - - - - | Ray McCalpin |
| | Russ Seely |
| Alternates - - - - | Marv Burke |
| | John Wearing |

This energetic group has started plans for our coming Ladies Night - enlarging our chorus - a possible new meeting place - strategy for our yearly quartet competition with Detroit # 1 on December 19th. Last but not least a Parade. It has been a number of years since Grosse Pte. has had a show of Barbershop style available to

the people in our area. We are now planning to go all out for top entertainment.

Our chorus appeared with 34 voices to sing at the 50th wedding anniversary of our able chorus director's (Dick Brouchaert) parents. Dicks father then reciprocated with a fine rendition of his own which we all enjoyed. The C-Farers which consists of Ed McCarthy, Al Cullen, Dick Brouchaert and leave us not forget Bob Dump - truck also rang some great ones. We are most proud that Grosse Pte. now has another competition quartet. You will be hearing more from these boys soon.

DEARBORN

Bob Stone

Dearborn Chapter was saddened during the month of November to pay final respects to member Harold Coughenour who passed away on the fourteenth. Coughie had been an advocate of barbershopping and active member since the late forties. He deeded his large collection of sheet music and barbershop arrangements to International for the Society library and in his will he left 20% of his estate to the Institute of Logopedics in Topeka. He sang a fine baritone.

Dearborn's December meeting almost became a catastrophe when we discovered our meeting hall had been rented out from under us by a new employee of the Legion Hall on Maple. But some fast scurrying around by Norm Shamus found us a new one in the nick of time. Earle Price stood door watch directing barbershoppers to the new hall while a door sign and map handouts got everybody to the right place. And about 85 area barbershoppers attended a fine evening of singing and the "Quartet Promotion" presentation of International representative Mac Huff which had been sponsored by the Detroit Chapter in conjunction with our regular meeting. And our thanks to the Four Fits, the handcuffed volunteers who stood up there and took criticism from Mac and the audience of well-meaning but sometimes caustic barbershoppers after each song. But Mac explains the problems, correlates the correct points, and by golly even Russ Seely agreed to an improvement in sound and blend after trying some of the suggestions. It was a good meeting capped off by Wayne's Wonderland Chorus doing their usual fine job.

Dearborn's January meeting is open to all area barbershoppers and their wives and guests, at our regular meeting place and time. And we will present the 1969 International contest film and some fine quartets as our program. Chef Shamus will again bust his neck for an outstanding Gourmet-Cuisine offering, so plan to be there on Jan. 9, 1970, American Legion Hall on Maple, block west of Schaeffer and few blocks south of Michigan Ave.

GRAND RAPIDS

by Dick Williams

The Grand Rapids Chapter has been gearing for the Holidays with three singouts in Dec., plus preparations for our really big shew in April. The Great Lakes Invitational and Spring Contest in Muskegon.

Our Bob Johnson night was a great success with 85-90 men coming down to hear Bob. We had a spaghetti dinner which lasted about 30 seconds. Talk about big mouths, man, barber-shoppers don't have to take a back seat to anyone.

We had our annual elections for the board and administration officers for the year 1970 and really have a fired up group to keep the ball rolling. There's that optimistic feeling the year 1970 is the year for Chapter.

I might add that for Lodopedics we collected \$50.00 from our Bob Johnson night, \$25.00 from Harrisville, and another \$25.00 from our room in Jackson.

What Troub would be complete without a word about the one and only, thank heavens, Strummers. They went to the Battle Creek Chapter and stole the show. They even got one of the local DJ's so enthused he mentioned them four times on his program. Now to make matters worse; in a nice way, they recieved \$50.00 for their work?, and then signed the check over to Lodopedics. Pretty nice huh. So now if you want the Strummers see their agent Jim Big Head.

Following that came our Hobo Night which was, as always, an exciting affair or so it started out to be. The Extention Chords made this their Swan Song and they really took us by surprise. These four great guys, Don Lucas, Don Hall, Sid Helder and Cal Verduin have been together 18 years and believe me they are terrific. Talk about being a credit to Barbershopping, look no further. For those of you that were at the last Muskegon Contest you know what I'm talking about. For those of you that were not there you missed a great performance. They sang some of John Hill's great arrangements and really stopped the show. When they did "In The Wee Small Hours of the Morning" you could feel the electricity of that audience as not a breath was heard and those darn goosebumps kept going up and down your spine and then it was all over, and not a sound, for what seemed like hours, was heard. Suddenly, as a bolt of lighting, the rousing applause erupts and builds and builds like a big wave charging the beach, faster and faster, till you believed it would over welm you; and then just as suddenly it's all over; gone, and with a certain dawning you realize what has happened and you feel a certain sadness, that if only you could capture it again for only a

few seconds more but alas, it is one of those cherished moments and memories. This was the way it was in Muskegon and this was the way it was in the beginning at our Hobo Night. Their final triumph among friends.

We'll all miss them

After the surprise of the Extention Chords disbanding this past month (Nov.) this month (Dec.) was a real gut-buster for our Chapter and Chorus.

We had our Christmas party which was a great success. We had the Strummers doing what they do best. Now that I think about it I can't figure out just what they do best (imbibe maybe), but whatever it is the audience enjoyed it. We had the Creston High School Madrigal's sing for us. This is a group of 16 guys and gals and they sure did a nice job. Of course the Chorus had to get their licks in and out with the big sound, but their real treat and it was a treat was the VAGABONDS. They really put a show on for us. I can't say enough about these fellows, now if they could just sing. They certainly deserved their win in Jackson and are a real credit to the Wayne Chapter, thanks again guys.

Now the next most enjoyable part of the show was the wonderful food which all the wives brought Graham Kerr has nothing on our wives.

After our Christmas party we had three singouts, one at Sunshine Hospital where we walked along the halls and sang, believe me this was a real heart-rending experience and a joy to do.

The Chorus put on two shows for Gibson Corporation's Christmas parties. They had two due to the amount of people involved. Both parties were held at Blythfield Country Club and featured the always great Kasual D's who will give the Vagabonds a real run for their money in Muskegon this spring; the fugitives from Tiny Tim's music school, the Strummers again; and of course the backbone and the real stars of the evening, the great ever-on-key Great Lakes Chorus directed by Fran Jones, Chapter Four's answer to that jolly ole man, Santa.

Now, hold on to your pitchpipes and listen to this. Remember Larry the Wonder, our program chairman? Well it seems that he is going to become, or I should say, is our assistant director. The only trouble is Larry has more moves than a belly dancer doing the boog-a-loo try and follow that.

After the first of the year the Chapter will be hard at work with anticipation of our annual

Great Lakes Invitational coming April 18th.

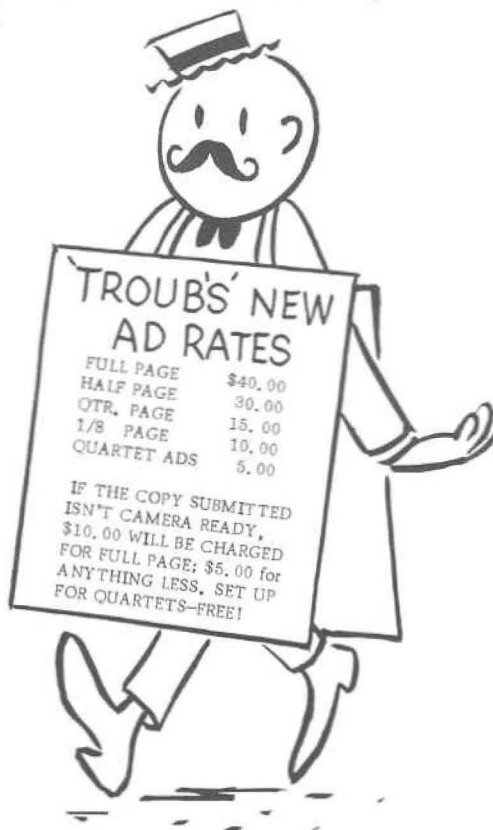
We will have a quartet there by the name of Mark 2 or 2 or something like that. Any way I hear they're pretty good, besides they were not too expensive. So MARK that date on your calander, April 18th for the coming events to attend.

We are also working very hard for the District Contest in Muskegon. We're out to improve on that 5th place finish . . . so a word to the wise.

I guess before I get any irate letters etc., that it should be Oakland County . . . right DVD?

There hasn't been much said of our fine quartet, the Royal Coachman since Jackson but this was due to the fact that Daryl, golden throat, Roche has been in the hospital to have some polyps removed from his vocal chords. In fact Tom Venus their tenor, visited him in the hospital for an hour and said that was the nicest visit he ever had with Daryl . . . he didn't say a word the whole time he was there.

I'm saying this without permission of the Coachman, but I feel it needs saying. They'd never admit it, but had Daryl been in better shape to sing they would have scared alot of people. The fact that they finished as high as they did is a real tribute to them considering the circumstances although not a true measure of their ability. So we're all wishing you, Daryl, a speedy recovery and can hardly wait to hear those chords ring once again.



HARRINGTON HANGS UP THE PITCH PIPE

SECRETARY'S NOTES



This issue marks the end of my 22 consecutive years as a District Officer, 20 years as District Secretary and two terms as District President. Also, it was my privilege to serve three one year terms as an International Board Member.

As Secretary I served under two District Presidents who later became International Presidents, Edwin S. Smith in 1948-49 and Clarence Jalving in 1953-54, and Mark Roberts in 1950-51 who later became International Treasurer. And another man under whom I served was Jack Dollenmaier 1951-52, who is the only man to have served as President of two districts, he having served also as President of Land O' Lakes District. We also note that three of the men I served with have passed on. They are C. W. Coye, Howard Tubbs and Cecil Fischer. All three also served as International Board Members.

It was my privilege also to act as Co-chairman of the 1953 International SPEBSQSA Convention with Seaborn Lawrence, now deceased.

It is interesting to note that one of our subcommittee chairmen was Wesly Meier, then a member of Grosse Pointe Chapter and the man who served as International President two years ago.

It was our Privilege to have known personally all the pioneers of our Society, including O. C. Cash, Rupert Hall, and our own Carroll Adams, Joe Wolff, Roscoe Bennett, Ed Schwoppe, Frank Morse, Bob Walker and many others.

We note with regret the passing last month of Ben Landino. It was he who designed, built and donated the permanent International Quartet Championship trophy. It represents 400 hours of work. He also designed and built a trophy to be awarded to the International Chorus Champions the Great Lakes Chorus of Grand Rapids being the first to win it in 1953. He also built the District Quartet permanent Championship trophy and presented it to the District.

In closing we wish to thank all our friends throughout the District for the many courtesies extended to me over the 22 years of my being in office.

Louis R. Harrington



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Ann Arbor, Monroe, Milford, Pontiac

We are pleased to hear Bob Farrington is on the mend after major surgery, Bob is a Detroit Chapter member

Motor City Chorus had the honor of singing at the Nov. 9th televised football game, between the Atlanta Falcons & Detroit Lions.

Congratulations go to Duncan and Harriet Wallace on the birth of a Son, named Andrew Joseph, they also have a daughter.

Motor City Chorus wives recently held a Rummage Sale & Christmas Bazaar. It was a great success.

Lew and Edie Vaillien count announce the arrival of a baby girl named Mary Susan, on Oct. 31, weighing 6 lbs and 9 ozs. Lew is a Redford Chapter member.

Stanley Salter & family recently took a trip to the Canadian Rockies and other places of interest.

I most sincerely hope you all had "Happy Holidays" and that the "New Year" will be a good year for all.

Mr. & Mrs. George Cox (Redford) have moved to St. Petersburg Florida.

Congratulations and Best Wishes go to Amy Montgomery and Gerald Woodley who were recently married, they reside in Galt Ontario Canada.

Former Dearborn member Larry Altiveis and his wife Pat are making their new home in Traverse City.

George Hoke and his wife Blanche have moved to Florida, George was a Dearborn member. His new address is 207 Palm Ave., Auburndale, Florida.

Visiting friends for the Holidays are Jim and Elsie Jackson, who make their home in Homestead Florida, Jim was a former Grosse Pointe Member.

Our sincere condolences go to the family of Harold Schneider, who was killed in an auto accident recently near Fenton. Harold was a former President of both Ann Arbor and the Flint Chapters.

Anniversary Congratulations go to Ron and Bobbi Sawdon, Ron is a Flint Chapter member.

Mike Lucas (of Hollands 59 champions, the "Chord Counts") is now living in Florida, he was also director of the "Holland Windmill" chorus. His new address is 17620 S. W. 89th Ct., Miami Florida 33157.

ZONE 3 by Ardy Jeltema

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Gratiot County, Lansing, Big Rapids,
Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, Holland,
Muskegon

The Holiday Season is upon us. Everyone is busy shopping for Christmas and the excitement of the Holidays is mounting. The fun of the Pre-Christmas parties has started.

We in Grand Rapids have plans for a Christmas party the 12th of December, with a cocktail party for all the Barbershoppers, at our Presidents, Jim Horton and his lovely wife Jackie.

The Holland Chapters Auxiliary has been busy. They made new accessories for the fellows uniforms, sponsored a rummage sale, (very successful), and had a Fun Night Party. It turned out well. Even better than they expected.

They're kicking around ideas for a family-type Christmas party, but they are not complete yet. For a small group they're truly grateful for all the support shown them and their Singing Chorus.

Come on gals. There must be more of you out there in Zone 3 that would like to let others know what your chapter is doing for their ladies, or what you are doing for them. Drop me a line. Remember, I have to have this in to Dick by the 25th of the month.



letters to the editor

BENJAMIN (BENNY) LANDINO
1893 - 1969

He was small in stature but he had a strong booming voice and we loved him.

Each time we sang we knew he was out there.

No man has loved or given more to barbershoppers than he.

Now he is gone and his voice we will hear no more. But, don't cry for Benny because he is still out there. Our Benny Landino the creator and builder of our International Trophy.

THE 4 FITS AND GROSSE POINTE CHAPTER

Dear Ed:

I would like to go on record as supporting a double panel of judges for all Pioneer District contests and I would like to make the following suggestions:

- 1) All judging panels in the future eliminate as much as possible, Pioneer District judges from the panel.
- 2) All Pioneer District Conventions have a \$2.50 registration fee plus the seating fees. This money could be earmarked for the judges expenses. If this is not possible
- 3) Then the District should pick up the entire cost of the judges expenses. This could be accomplished by a change giving the host chapter 25% to 33% of the gross receipts rather than 50% of the net proceeds.

Thanks for the opportunity to express myself and we look forward to seeing you and singing with you again soon.

Chord-ially,

Dan La Bumbard
President
Jackson Chapter

Editor: The District Board voted to continue the 10 man panel for at least two more District contests.

Dear Ed,

As you know, Pontiac has run into a problem with our Memorial Day Camp-out. As a matter of fact, there will be no Memorial Day Camp-out this year.

In order to keep this thing going, we have decided to have a Fourth of July Camp-out week-end. They will be on a first come, first serve basis. It will be in the same area we had last year. However, the toilet facilities have been improved with the completion of one new bath house, and hopefully the completion of the other one by the Fourth of July.

The park manager has informed us that if we fill these 50 reservations early enough, he will give us an additional 25 spots. So we would like to get this thing going as soon as possible. The reservations will be \$1.00 per reservation. The dollar will be deducted from your park fee. \$1.00 will hold your reservation for the week end.

Send your reservation and \$1.00 to:

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| Cliff Douglas | Dick Guerin |
| 788 Fourth St. | 1371 Irwin Dr. |
| Pontiac 48055 | Pontiac 48054 |
| 334-7786 | 674-1353 |

The park has already been reserved for Memorial Day 1971, so we will not run into this problem next year.

Dick Guerin
Program VP
Pontiac Chapter # 17

Dear Ed;

As seems to be the usual practice these days, you took news media license to misquote.

As you are well aware, I did not "attack females," nor did I say "forget females." I said "if this is to be a man's organization, let's keep it that way"

OK?
Ed Nealer
Milford, Chapter

Okay, but . . . A rose by any name
(Editor)

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men of note

Notice how some names keep cropping up in this column? The back bone of this Society isn't its officers and administrators, it's the so called "Joe Barbershopper" who doesn't say, "There, I got my new member", but goes out after number two, or three or four or, as in the case of Len Johnson and Max Carter, number five. Do you have number one yet???

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| Robert L. Landis | 1 | |
| Tom Tompos | 1 | |
| Charles K. Gibson Jr. | 1 | |
| Paul R. Ross | 2 | |
| Brady Schaeffer | 3 | |
| Warren Dyer | 2 | |
| Lyle Howard | 3 | |
| John E. Smith | 2 | |
| John Brenner | 1 | |
| Leonard Johnson | 5 | * |
| Max Carter | 5 | * |
| Dan Shelles | 3 | |
| Carmen Denisi | 1 | |

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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.

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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 8, 1970 | Kalamazoo |
| 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 |
| May 2, 1970 | Windsor Parade, Windsor Ontario |
| June 22-27, 1970 | International Convention, Atlantic City |
| October 9-11, 1970 | District Annual Meeting & Contests, Windsor Ontario |