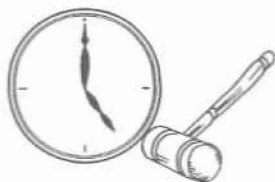


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Minutes

EXECUTIVE
BOARD
MEETING

September 13, 1970

A meeting of the Pioneer District Board of Directors, held on Sunday, September 13, 1970 at Inn America in East Lansing, was called to order by President Tom Damm at 11:00 A.M. All officers were present except Tom Pollard, Cliff McLean, and E. E. "Pat" Ryan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

A report by Dick VanDyke, Troubadour Editor, indicated he has given a complete financial report to Treasurer Pat Ryan on publication to date. He has been notified by the printer, that effective with the next issue, all printing costs will be up 10%. However, all estimates indicate that a 16 page issue can be published within budget.

A discussion of the agenda for the forthcoming House of Delegates meeting followed.

It was noted that no convention bids were on hand, nor any sites selected for District conventions, beyond Traverse City in April, 1971. The secretary was directed to ask chapters for bids.

Ron Gillies reported on correspondence from Bill Fitzgerald concerning incorporation of Canadian Sault and Windsor Chapters. Gene Gillem advised that International was supposed to be checking with Canadian officials on the high cost to work something out.

Zone Reports:

Zone I-Tom Pollard absent.

Zone II- Dick Simpson reported the Jackson show was a success. A fine tribute was paid to the 4 TUNE TELLS and their 20 years as an organized quartet. The show was the 1,000th performance of the quartet and congratulatory telegrams were recieved from all over the District.

Zone III-Don Funk advises that things are going smoothly. Letters are being sent to Grand Haven members suggesting transfer to other chapters in their area, since Grand Haven is folding. Lansing show is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, and not the 16th, as indicated in the Troubadour ad.

Zone IV-In the absence of Cliff MacLean, Tom Damm reported on the progress being made in the Roscommon area. Grayling has been proposed as the site. Chet Fox will be visiting Flint on Monday, the 14th.

Mac Huff visit was tentatively scheduled as follows:

November 30, 1970	Sault Ste. Marie
December 1, 1970	Traverse City
December 2, 1970	Gratiot County
December 3, 1970	Flint
December 4, 1970	Oakland County
December 5, 1970	Open
December 6, 1970	Open
December 7, 1970	Muskegon
December 8, 1970	Kalamazoo
December 9, 1970	Pontiac
December 10, 1970	Monroe
December 11, 1970	Windsor

Ron Gillies is to notify chapters and confirm accommodations and contact men in each chapter.

COTS-December 6, 1970. All new officers are urged to be present. School will be held at Inn America in East Lansing.

Approval was granted for the payment of the bills covering expenses of the District P.R. at Atlantic City.

The next board meeting was set for October 9, 1970 at 5:00 P.M. - preceding the House of Delegates meeting at Windsor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Warner
District Secretary

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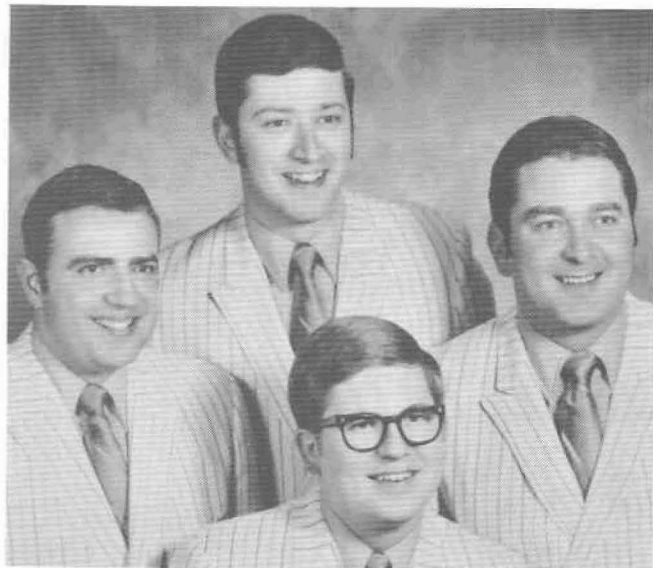
1969

If you've been following our champs in this column then you know they have been active in their championship year. We asked Denny Gore to put their schedule down on paper so we could show you just how active they've been, but after seeing it, we don't have enough space to print it.

So we arrive at a "second best" solution; namely, a synopsis of the total year from the convention in the fall of 1969 to the 1970 Fall Convention. This schedule misses all of July and August due to Ken Gibson's tonsillectomy early in July, but that makes it even more amazing. Their total "together" time was 112 days, or nights not including special practices. That's better than one out of every three days, and it breaks down like this: 29 chapter visitations (to 22 different chapters), 14 Barbershop Parades, 13 other Barbershop functions, (including Conventions and Sweet Adeline Shows), 44 scheduled practice nights, (once a week), and 12 non-barbershop function including two T.V. appearances, and a highschool promotion night for Barbershopping. That, sir, results in many sleepless weekends, but we understand that all 4 of the VAGABONDS managed to keep their jobs and families intact thru the year; what we don't understand is . . . HOW?

Starting with the November issue, we'll be following a new quartet, but we'll remember for a long time our 1969-1970 Pioneer District Champs- the VAGABONDS.

We thought we'd run the latest picture of the VAGABONDS for the two or three guys who didn't get a chance to see them during the past year-contact man for the Quartet is Denny Gore 576-0727.



the VAGABONDS

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11/21 Battle Creek Show

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Many new chapters were represented this year as part of the 287 families that jammed the parks. Muskegon, Traverse City, and Holland were among the new chapters represented for the first time. In all, 19 chapters were present.

Next year, who knows? ? ? ?

Legend for pictures on following page.

The PIONEER DISTRICT'S answer to Goose Lake, "Labor-Day-Harrisville-Weekend", was again a huge success. No drugs were in evidence, no fights developed, and no adverse incidents were reported. The police did not patrol the area, mobs were not dispersed, tear gas was not necessary, and no federal troops were used. The nearest thing we saw to "police brutality" was the park ranger hanging the "full" sign at the entrance to the park. Did this prevent people from coming? ? ? Were some good Barbershoppers forced to return home embittered by the realization that they were prevented from participating in the great event? ? Not on your pitch pipe, sir. Those beautiful people of Harrisville opened up the big park behind the Vet's Club to accomodate the overflow of over 900 Barbershoppers, including wives and families. (Can you imagine what would have happened if the schools hadn't opened on the 2nd of September?

There really are no words left to describe the Harrisville weekend, or the people of the town. They have all been used and re-used. Milt and Marge Friedrich gave all day Friday to Logopedics again; Gary Pyne gave the Saturday matinee to Logopedics again; the Vet's Club again served the fabulous chicken dinners on Sunday (950 barbequed half-chickens were served); there were camp fires until the wee hours complete with singing, tug-o-war contests, horseshoes, sailboat races (with the 4-FITS winning over the VAGABONDS and the INVOICES), swimming, the kids fishing contests (with over 60 children participating), the teen dance, the childrens' ghost walk (with over 300 adults and children participating), a golf match, and the Sunday afternoon show (complete with 11 quartets and 9 choruses). Bob VonIns from Holland won the Bill Pascher Distance Award, and Saginaw-Bay won the award for the chapter with the most members attending.

1. Bill Bischoff and golf tournament trophy.
2. Wolverines in warm-up.
3. Don Cowles, pre-ghost hunt.
4. Dick Liddicoatt and the legend of the Harrisville massacre.
5. Part of the ghost-hunt crowd.
6. The Sunday crowd as seen from the music shell.
- 7&8 Wood-shedding.
9. Crew barbecuing the last of the 950.
10. Phil Beeson and the most unusual tent.
11. More wood-shedding.
12. Don Horton's sons-the LITTLE SHAVERS.
13. Gladys Badgley and Pat Ryan-the camp social directors ? ? ? ?
14. Men's tug-of-war.
15. Firewood donated by Harrisville residents.
16. The CAR-TUNES at fireside.
17. More wood-shedding.
18. Jim (?) St. Amand.
19. The 4-FITS after the finish line.
20. The 4-FITS victory pose.
21. The ladies' tug-of-war.
22. We still have to do the laundry.
23. The music shell as seen from the crowd.
24. Pat Ryan holding up the finish line flag.
25. Ron Sawdon.
26. Freddy Kienitz works with the leads, while the basses listen.

THIS TAG STOLEN FROM
DON COWLES



BEST OF HARRISVILLE, 1970







Take the Prospective Member

by BOB McDERMOTT

I've read some real wonderful articles over the years in respect to our membership recruiting and retention techniques. While most of them made a great deal of sense, and I agree with their intent and philosophy, I still often came away with the feeling that they missed the real meat of the matter.

Why? It's hard to explain, but if you'll let me digress for a minute, maybe I can get my point across. Frankly, in recruiting new members, we have a lot to offer a new member, but let's remember not to tell him what he wants. Persuasion, yes, direction, no. The only thing we should do is to let him know what we can offer him, show him what we can do, and let him decide if he really wants it. I get the feeling, in many instances, members are recruited merely for the sake of another member, another body to count. This is a mistake, and despite the good intention of the recruiter, I feel such members should not be admitted until a proper conditioning program has been accomplished, and every chapter should have one.

By a proper conditioning program, I mean, first, let the prospective member attend two or three meetings to acquaint himself with what it is all about, find the fellowship that abounds, and take part in a few simple tags or songs to let him really get the feel of what Barbershopping is all about. Most should be made to feel that you don't need to be a professional singer to join our organization. I sometimes think we make a mistake by bringing some of our new members to chapter meetings featuring top quartets, lest they feel within themselves, they never could attain that status, even though this may be the farthest from the truth. It should be emphasized to the prospective member that the majority of the Society members are just "average joes" like himself, and that top quality results only from a lot of sincere desire and hard work. The point is that the prospective member should not be scared off unnecessarily. On the other hand, the lack of any quality can be just as detrimental, so some planning and care should go into the indoctrination stage. In essence, a planned membership recruitment campaign at the chapter level is a necessity.



Secondly, I think the indoctrination of the prospective member's wife is as important as the new members'. Too often, stag affairs leave the wife wondering and waiting, and the sooner a wife can be familiarized with what Barbershopping is all about, the better chance of a prospective members' joining and maintaining his membership. Frequent Ladies' Nights and women's chapter auxiliary organizations can work to a great advantage in this respect.

The point of all the above is that the Pioneer District has been losing members in the last few years, and it is my sincere hope the few of the above ideas may prove helpful in stemming the tide.

Oops somebody goofed. We ran this nice full page ad in the last Troub, and Lansing was pleased with our layout, but we printed the wrong date. The date of the Thoroughbreds show in Lansing is October 17th, Saturday night, and not October 16th, as reported. We stand corrected.

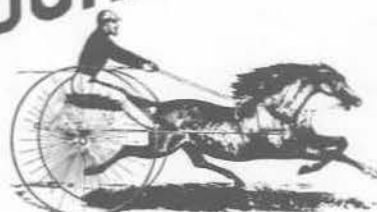
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chapter news

SAGINAW BAY

by Bob Melton

Well, Harrisville has come and gone, and we must wait for another year to once again enjoy this great experience. We all had an outing that will live deep in our memories and hearts. The notes were still ringing around the pines in the state park even though it was emptying fast. You could close your eyes and smell the smoke of the hundreds of camp fires, and hear the echo of the voices of laughing children. The sharp clang of the horse-shoes against the metal stakes complimented the broken chords of a time-worn tag as three men tried to teach some members wife the tenor part. This, and this alone, is the history of Harrisville, may it live forever.

Our own Saginaw-Bay Chapter also had its moments of glory at that memorable meeting. We received the trophy for having 66% of our members present, which is a tribute to the enthusiasm our chapter has for this event. Dave Szutkowski, tenor of the RING MASTERS, has a daughter Kelly, who won a trophy in the fishing contest for the largest trout caught by a girl. We also had a member who won a prize in the golf contest for driving out of the rough without having a stroke, congratulations Carl.

The RING MASTERS asked me to announce that they now have a new full-time coach in Jim Gross, Jim was the lead of the EVERSHARPS, and before that, the tenor with the old BAYTONICS.

HOLLY-FENTON

Grant Wright

We have had a fairly busy summer with regular meetings every Tuesday night, plus a family picnic in August, our annual boat ride on the Island Queen at Kensington Park, and Quad-Chapter meetings with Flint, Saginaw-Bay, and Pontiac.

We are presently meeting, once a month, with Chapter members from our area for rehearsals to form an area chorus. This will work with mutual assistance from each chapter, with Fred Koentz of Flint and Bill Pascher of Pontiac as co-directors.

Our Chapter is presently completing plans for a Halloween Box Social to be held on October 27th.

In a recent conversation with Molly Reagen, this reporter learned that Deac Martin's Book of Musical Americana has been published and will be in bookstores soon. This is the book that was reported in the May-June (1970) issue of the Harmonizer, and should be of great interest to all members of the Society and musicians everywhere.

KALAMAZOO

Carroll Strander

Greetings from the Mall City Chorus, with vacations over, we are hard at it, rehearsing for Windsor, (old news probably, at this time.)

We have a new ??? director, Dick Peterson, he formerly directed this chorus, and we were doing so well under him, we're real happy to get him back. Dick sang lead with the "Hustlers" who won

third place their first District try, during his Sabbatical (rest ???) from us.

We've been pleasantly surprised by two impromptu visits by the HARMONY HOUNDS, once by the NILE-LATERS, and Tony Scooros from the VAGABONDS has dropped in a few times to say Hi, and "bust a few". Keep it up fella's, we love it.

We have kept a regular weekly meetings all summer, attendance was fairly good, not always the same individuals, but ALWAYS enough for fun.

I'm pleased to announce our newest registered quartet "THE HUM-BUMS", Chuck Wilson-Lead, George Brooks-Tenor, George Palmer-Bari, and Al Greiser (old W. C. Fields, himself) on Bass.

The Chorus sang for the Miss Kalamazoo contest, also, the Bloomingdale Centennial (a blast and two new chorus members), and under the direction of Ray Peterson our Ass't Director, replaced the choir one Sunday, at First Methodist Church, this was taped and broadcast on radio an hour later. That'll jolt your ego, one way or another.

Looking forward to the Spring Convention in Traverse City (my old stamping ground).

See You There

DETROIT

by E.E. Pat Ryan

Larry King, who usually writes this column, has begged off due to his new Motor City Chorus Managers job. This month you get stuck with the old prez, but things will get better next month with Bob Stone doing the writing.

Our Motor City Chorus Wives staged a fine dinner dance for us. Everyone had a great time with the 4-FITS and the CARTOONS providing the extra entertainment.

Final details for the Dearborn merger into the Detroit Chapter are all but completed. This will make Detroit the second largest chapter in our whole society, second only to Dundalk, Maryland.

Sorry to report that our SHARPLIFTERS have disbanded, but we're quite sure this is only temporary.

Detroit's 31st Annual Parade (it all started here) will be held Saturday, November 7th. Talent line-up includes the Motor City Chorus, the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, the 4-FITS, the RHYTHM COUNTS from Toronto, and the FREE-LOADERS from San Antonio, Texas. Write me for tickets. (ad appears elsewhere in this issue.)

MILFORD

by Norm Kingstad

WOW-WHEE We are not dead and buried out here in Milford After all, although I must admit we are in the not-so-quiet minority. Western Oakland County is very much a part of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. and active too. At press time we are in the midst of holding our 4th Annual Minni-Chorus (Sept. 25th).

The winner will be presented two trophies, one a traveling trophy, and one to bolster their ego. I'm sure whoever wins them will earn them. We are expecting at least 6 choruses and two quartets, and with the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT acting as judges, who can beat that combination? Carl Elwing, our stellar chorus director, is looking forward to bigger and better things and has us primed and working towards competition in Windsor, October 10th, and we

expect to have a ball.

Plans are tentative at the present, but Milfords'

Ladies Night always the "in place to be" is scheduled for October 24th, with top flight quartets scheduled to appear. If you want to know what really happens in Milford on a Ladies Night, just ask any quartet member that has sung here, or come on out and see for yourself. The welcome mat is always out for quartets, choruses, or just plain people who like good harmony. So, if you're out our way, drop in, 'cause in Milford we sing, and like people who sing.

Congratulations and welcomes are in order for two new members, Frank Kinzinger Jr., Milfords' all-around man with a joke, and Jack Tyler, no novice to Barbershopping, and a real live tenor, and a good one too. (Who would rather sing lead, baritone, or would you believe it, BASS?)

FLINT

Les Lang

September has been a good month for the Flint Chapter. Meeting every Tuesday seems to help attendance, as we have been having more members show up than we usually have.

We held an Auditions for Admissions Night Tuesday, September 22nd, and had 26 fellows show up to be auditioned, and it looks like 22 of them are eligible to join our chorus, so we will surely get some new members from this. We have another audition night on September 29th, and may get a few more then.

The Quad-Chapter Meeting was a real success, with 84 men singing in a mass chorus, Boy, what a sound. It's a good thing we are not eligible to compete, or the other big choruses sure would be in for trouble.

October promises to be an active month, with chorus practice every Tuesday, and election of officers for 1971 on the 13th, plus the District Convention on the 9th through the 11th in Windsor.

I do not have my usual amount of news, as I am still recovering from a heart attack I suffered at Atlantic City in June, and am not getting around like I usually do, but in another month or so, I should be getting back to normal.

Many thanks to all the guys who sent cards.

LANSING

by Mike Strause

As the summer passed into Fall, another harmony weekend in Harrisville became history. The weather was great on the weekend when we needed it, but unfortunately, the late-comers and early-goers had to put up with a little dampness. However, rain or shine, the chords were still ringing throughout the state park and town. I was sorry to see it come to an end.

Some of our chapter enjoyed Harrisville so much that many went to Horsehead Lake on September 19th and 20th. There were about 150 people there, including members from other chapters. Everyone called it "Little Harrisville".

Right now, we are very busy working on our show which is OCTOBER 17th, not October 16th, as published in the last Troubadour. For tickets or information you can call any Chapter member. I'm sure you'll get your money's worth from the International Champ

of 1969, the THOROUGHBREDS, the VAGABONDS, our own RANGE FINDERS, and of course, the great Lansing Chorus. The show will be followed by an After-Glo.

Our show, however, hasn't been the only thing on the agenda. We've been busy preparing for our trip to Windsor, which falls exactly one week before the show. By November we'll be ready for a rest.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for October 17th. See you there.

PONTIAC

by John Lickert

After a two month absence from the Troubadour, we are happy to report that the Pontiac Chapter is very much alive and well. Our annual Korn'n Kielbasa Roast, held on August 21, was a huge success, with over one hundred men in attendance. Everyone enjoyed two terrific quartets, the STATELINERS from Tol-



edo, and the FOUR-FITS from Grosse Pointe. Norm Schram was once again a great host for the event, and really made sure that everyone had a good time. A special thanks also goes out to Merle Brazell for arranging and cooking all that corn and kielbasa.

Ten of our members and families were present, and, I hope, all accounted for at the big Harrisville Campout Weekend at Harrisville, Michigan, over the Labor Day Weekend. Bill Pascher once again came up with a very unique trophy, presented every year to the barbershopper who travels the farthest to come to Harrisville. This trophy is handmade by Bill, and he did a beautiful job on it. Red Shaw from the Jackson Chapter told this reporter that over 890 Barbershoppers and their families enjoyed the weekend, the most ever to attend. A memorial to one of our de-

ceased members, Chase Sanborn, was presented to Ruth Sanborn on Saturday night, a truly memorable evening.

The first Quad-Chapter Chorus rehearsal was held in Flint on September 11, under the capable direction of Fred Kienitz of Flint. This chorus was organized by the four chapters; Flint, Pontiac, Holly-Fenton, and Saginaw Bay, for the purpose of singing a few times a year, but mainly for fun. Eventually, around 60 to 70 members from the above chapters will be singing in this chorus. The big sound should really be fantastic. Watch for more on this activity.

On September 18, we had the pleasure to visit the Windsor Chapter, those great guys across the border, and presented them with the Oakland County Chapters traveling Brown Jug. The Grosse Pointe Chapter was also there, and everyone had a good time.

Once again, we at Pontiac are hard at work with our chorus learning new songs for the annual show coming up in January, 1971. The show, our 27th annual, is rapidly shaping up, and it won't be long before the tickets will be available. Plan now to reserve your tickets, so that you won't miss it.

OAKLAND COUNTY by Jim McCatty

Well guys, it's here. It arrived about 5:00 A.M. this morning, and it's so inevitable that we may as well relax and enjoy it. FALL is what I am talking about so lets make up our minds to have a "Ball in the Fall" at Windsor.

What we at O.C.C. have been doing is giving our "all in the Fall" so our contest numbers are being honed to a fine edge. I'm sure all the other chapters are working hard also-so we can expect a rough time.

When you look back over what has transpired this month, you will begin to wonder how it all fit in.

The Chorus had the opportunity to sing at the Detroit Race Course on September 18th. The ladies we were invited to attend the festivities of a "Good Old Day's" nite, and everyone enjoyed themselves very much. Antique cars were part of the ceremonies so a few of our fellows had a ride around the track and past the grandstand. I heard someone say, "Look, Antiques in Antiques," following our stint at the D.R.C., some of the fellows made a small detour over to pay the Wayne Chapter a visit. Yours truly couldn't make it, but I'm sure a good time was had by all.

The following day was our annual picnic which was held this year at Metropolitan Beach. A good crowd was in attendance, with fun and games for all. Bengue's stock went up as those who participated, spread generous amounts all over those aching muscles. When and if you are "over the hill", there is not much fun in games, on the days to follow, anyway.

One of our members, Jim St. Amand, arranged a tour of the Stroh Brewery on the 22nd of September. The trip is interesting, and is well worth the time. A buffet lunch was served after the tour, along with a liquid refreshment. It is rumored that everyone drove straight home.

This contributor to the Troubadour has found a way to make the months fly by. Just have a deadline for articles on or before the 25th and before you learn a "new tag", it's the 25th again.

LES CHENEAUX by Chas. Wagner

Threats and more threats to make me a tenor (through ulterior means) have spurred me to write of our Chapter activities. See, Mr. President, I do respect your word, even if you are a fellow bass.

Since the summer months are quickly by, we are beginning to re-organize. Our annual show was a great success with a great turn-out of Chorus members, and a fine crowd attending the affair. Throughout the summer, the chorus has sung in response to several church invitations in the Eastern U.P., with the latest performance at the First Union Church in Cedarville on Sunday, September 27th.

With the end of September, our chapter will be announcing a new slate of officers for the coming year. At the writing of this article, the new slate was not available.

Much thanks goes to everyone who participated in our annual show which was held on July 25th, with a special thanks to all of those Barbershop widows who gave a real supporting hand.

On September 6th, the Chapter had its annual summer family outing. This was held in Mackinaw City through the courtesy and prime efforts of our director, Bob Tracy. The day started out with dampened spirits, as the morning brought lots of rain, but the sun came through for us. Several visitors were present from the Boyne City area with Loton Wilson and a few of his following. Our neighboring chapter from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario was there in full force, and the gathering was a great success as charcoal steaks were first on the menu, not to mention all of the fine dishes brought by the various families. Slat's Ramer of the ROADRUNNERS was part of our visitors'squad, and with his humor and great Barbershopping ability, many people enjoyed his presence.

MUSKEGON by Del Doctor

The Hilites from the summer for the Muskegon Chapter were a trip to Brookhaven to entertain the elderly in their new home, a package show at McGraft Bowl, our Ladies Nite picnic, and a benefit for Logopedics.

The Chorus had a fine time at the new Brookhaven County Home. We sang in the courtyard, which is an experience in itself. Several Woodshed Quartets were used in this program.

The package show was a huge success, as many in the Muskegon area will agree. The Chorus, DUNE-TONES, and KASUAL D'S sang up a storm and the one hour show echoed for hours afterward.

Our annual picnic was planned by Audy and Marcie VanDonkelaar, and started with golfing in the afternoon of August 22nd, and as usual, we all had plenty to eat at the evening meal. Chords-a-plenty were heard. Congrats to Marcie and Audy.

The KASUAL D'S hosted a benefit for Logopedics on September 12th, that was enjoyed by 130 people.

The BEAN-TOWN 4 rang all evening with their enjoyable arrangements, along with the HI-LITES from the Niles Chapter. The KASUAL D'S and the SOUND-SATIONS were also heard, and we did not lack for



solid chords all evening. We raised \$105.00 for Logopedics. There were many satisfied Barbershoppers as they had plenty to eat, drink, and listen. Also, there was plenty of woodshedding. We'll do it again next spring. The cost for an evening like this was just \$10.00 per couple.

We'll see you all in Windsor.

WAYNE

by Morrie Giles

Harrisville is now a memory, and should remain so until next year, so that we can all concentrate on current and upcoming activities. However, before we relegate it to the back corner of our minds, the "Wonderland Chorus" would like to thank the 4-FITS for filling the guest spot on our annual show at the Lakewood Shores Country Club near Oscoda. AND Congratulations to the Saginaw-Bay Chapter for winning the attendance trophy.

Long before this report is read, it will already have been determined which of our District's many fine choruses will represent us at New Orleans. We naturally feel that Wayne is superior to all, (?) but just in case the judges did not agree, we will support morally and financially who-so-ever got the official nod.

Wayne Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month at Hawthorne Valley Country Club on Merriman and Warren. This will leave the 1st Friday open for visitations to other nearby chapters. So, remember, come see us any 3rd Friday.

On September 18th, Wayne held its annual "Old-Timers" nite, where we fete former members, who for one reason or another, have fallen by the wayside. Good to see old faces again. Also, that night, we inducted several new members.

"Wonderful Wayne Wives" have scheduled their yearly rummage sale for sometime in November. If any of you good folks have cast-off clothing, or housewares you would care to contribute, please contact any Wayne member or call this reporter any evening at 455-3490 in Plymouth.

So long for now.

GRAND RAPIDS

by Dick Williams

Hello again,

The Grand Rapids Chapter has come off a very successful summer, with steady chorus rehearsals, programs, and with enthusiasm, is running at a fever peak, as the Windsor Convention gets nearer.

Having been remiss in the last Troub;- actually I just wanted to see if anyone really read it, I soon found out that they do, as the "Bird of Paradise" has been following me around just to make sure this one gets out.

Actually, I think a new name might be in order for our chapter, something like Grand Rapids goes Camper. It seems with Horsehead, Harrisville, Goshorn Lk., etc., that we have had more singing under the stars than back at the ranch.

Our congratulations both to the fine job the Wolverine Chorus and the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT did. I'm sure they sent the convention a-buzzing. Wait till next year at New Orleans.

We have nominations coming up the 25th, which promises to be a real hum-dinger and a good time for all.

Everyone is invited to visit our Hospitality-Room in Windsor for a tasty, or two, and to sing a few tags.

So, till Windsor, we'll see you all there, with a song in our heart, and a smile in our eyes.

JACKSON

by Dan La Bumbard

Saturday, September 12th was a great day in the history of the Jackson Chapter. On that date, our own "champs", the 4-TUNE TELLERS, celebrated their 20th anniversary as a quartet with their 1,000th appearance as a quartet. Our chorus, under the direction of our Second Assistant Temporary Interim Chorus Director, Bob Sullivan, sang their heads off, and then the NOTE-ABLE 4 from Jackson sang. The CHALKDUSTERS, from Canton, Ohio, and our Pioneer District Champions, the VAGABONDS, completed the first half of the show. The excitement was building and everything was rolling along. Our local Sweet Adelines Chorus opened the second half, and then came the 4-TUNE TELLERS. As they came back on stage for their encore, Dick Simpson, a District Vice-President, and Jackson Chapter member, stopped the show to surprise the TUNETELLERS with a proclamation by Jackson mayor M.B. Townsend Jr., making September 12, 1970 4-TUNE TELLERS Day in Jackson. Then Don Funk from Lansing came out and handed the TUNETELLERS a stack of congratulatory telegrams from quartets and individuals across the District and the Society, including Barrie Best, Tom Damm, Chuck Sherwood, and many others.

Then came the real topper to the evening - on behalf of the Jackson Chapter, Dan LaBumbard presented each of the TUNETELLERS with gold trophies trimmed in red velvet, topped with a gold crown and a gold note. Then the TUNETELLERS got to sing their encore. At the After-Glo, a huge cake especially decorated for the occasion was presented to them, as the closing moments in their night. All of this came as a complete surprise because the Quartet were our Show Chairmen, and we had to keep all this from them. The night of September 12, 1970, will long be

remembered by everyone in our chapter, our audience of 1200 people, and our own 4-TUNE TELLERS.

TRAVERSE CITY by Dean Fischer

Harrisville-NEAT-

I don't know who started it, but the bunch from Traverse City had a great time.

Our Chorus did a great singout job for our open-air church service by the Bay. Our summer attendance was the greatest yet.

Max Carters' BAY TONES quartet sang for Cadillac's Auditions for Admissions Nite. Understand Cadillac picked up 8 new members-great.

Joe Serefano's quartet (A gem-in-the-rough), is working hard for Bush League already. We expect them to compete next Spring in Traverse City.

A few of us went to Grayling to witness Chet Fox get the Chapter started-Good Luck Guys. The old EVERSCHARPS, Batson, Gross, Doelzel, Johnson, were there-sang great-along with Bud Carpenter all the way from Saginaw - Bay to offer encouragement.

Gonna be honored to hear the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, October 3rd, as the local Sweet Ads' are having them on their annual show. Anybody wanting tickets write me c/o W.C.C.W. Radio, Traverse City.

Getting set for fun and tags at Windsor-hope to see you all there.

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Spring '71 Convention
in Traverse City
Get Ready

HOLLAND by Jack Essenburg

Members of the Holland Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q. S.A. and Auxiliary gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bing Miller Saturday evening, August 29th, for a farewell party honoring Bob and Barbara Essenburg, who with their two daughters, Kathy and Karen, will be moving to Marquette, Michigan.

Refreshments were prepared by Bob Birce. A Social Evening was spent including tag and group-singing. Gifts were presented the honored guests. Bob served as president of the Chapter in 1968 and 1969, and Barbara was auxiliary president this year. We wish them the best of luck.

Mr. Del Doctor, director of the Holland Windmill Chorus hosted a grand party at Muskegon on September 12th. Chapters represented were Muskegon, Holland, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Niles-Buchanan, and Saginaw-Bay.

Many thanks to the quartets who so willingly gave their talents and time, the SOUNDSATIONS, Holland, KASUAL D'S, Muskegon, HIGHLIGHTS, Niles, and the BEANTOWN 4, Saginaw.

Holland was well represented at the Horsehead Lake camp-out September 18, 19, and 20th. The horse-shoe tournament was won by Arnie Staffen, Greenville, and Bob Essenburg, who was home from Marquette. Top Jarts-tosser was Joan Bos, and Ella Essenburg.

After the potluck supper, attended by some 150 strong, a campfire program, Mc'd by his honor, Mr. Bob VonIns, found many lost chords, and sang many

new ones.

There was group singing, make-up quartets, also the SOUNDSATIONS with their original tenor, Bob Essenburg. A brand new quartet, the VILLAGE-AIRES from Grand Rapids, and added entertainment was offered by Peter Gramstone on his concertina, accompanied by Ray Wheeler on the bass. It was a grand weekend, let's make next years' bigger and better.



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by Dora Vogel

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Congratulations to Former SHARPLIFTER Joe and Mary Anne Coburn on the birth of a son . . . Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conn on their recent marriage . . . Our sympathy to Jack Champine and family on the recent loss of his mother . . . John and Joy Seeman announce the birth of their third daughter named Jill Sheridan . . . We are glad to hear Maury Davignon is on the mend after recent surgery . . . Anniversary Congratulations to Flint Chapter members and wives Les and Irene Lang, Bill and Amy Griffin, Gerard and Jackie Wrice, Bill and June Shannon, Sim and Bernice Andrews . . . The FOUR FITS quartet sang mass in memory of Ben Landino in St. Anne church in Harrisville recently . . . The John Zinikas vacationed in California recently and visited Bill and Goldie Wales of Reseda, California . . . Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Clint Bostic and family on the recent death of his father . . . Motor City Chorus members wives held their Ladies Night dinner dance at Athena Hall in Roseville, a lovely buffet dinner was served, dancing followed, door prizes for the lucky ladies, a lovely evening enjoyed by all. . . Harrisville Barbershop weekend was well attended (about 960 people) Sweet Adelines numbered 45, and sang in the music shell under the direction of Fred Keinitz. The rains came and the coffee pots started perking, rain didn't dampen their spirits and all will be ready to make Harrisville even a greater event next year.

CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL



By now, your chapter has had its' election of officers for the coming year, and we'd like to remind you that the Chapter Officers' Training School is in East Lansing on the 6th of December. Plan now to attend, if you would like to take advantage of new ideas and ways to help your chapter grow. All incoming officers should attend.

men of note

We don't know what motivates men to add to their collection of Man of Note awards, but whatever it is, it ought to be guided somewhat by the fact that our membership at the end of 1970 will dictate how many quartets our District will send to International Competition for the next two years. Look at this list, and if your name isn't listed, why not plan to get it on next month's list? We need more than 9 new members per month between now and January to raise our quota to three quartets.

Sometimes, all it takes to get a new member is to ask someone if he likes to sing.

Our August heroes:

Arley Nelson	2
Dick Van Dyke	5
Robert Drabik	10
John Lickert	2
Terry Ermoian	5
Harold Petter	3
Ronald Mack	3
Eldon G. Elliott	1
Tom Pollard	5

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Sept. 26, 1970	Gratiot County Parade-Alma
Oct. 3	Fruit Belt Parade-Benton Harbor
Oct. 9-11	District Convention and Contest-Windsor
Oct. 17	Lansing Parade
Nov. 7	Detroit #1 Parade
Feb. 6, 1971	Monroe Parade
Feb. 13	Niles-Buchanan Parade
Feb. 27	Oakland County Parade
March 20	Kalamazoo Parade
March 27	Battle Creek Parade
April 17	Great Lakes Invitational-Grand Rapids
April 23-25	District Convention and Contest-Traverse City
May 1	Bush League Contest-Boyne City