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# letters to the editor

Re: Letter to the Editor  
Tongue in Cheek Department

Dear Roger,

We-el! We have never been so insulted.

Either that NUT Jack Sidor can't print very well or your typesetter has ten fingers--on each hand.

I refer to page 13 column 1 paragraph 3 where Sidor (or is it "Cider") lists three members from Wayne as:

Pete Anderson (correct)

Mart Qum (WOW!--should be MARTY ZURN and with all the spellings I've heard, - that other is a beaut -Incidentally-for correct spelling see Milford "News" page 3 last paragraph Re: New Director)

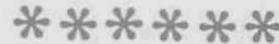
Paul Pitch (Yeeach!--Paul Pilch, who is a fine young-old man-who deserves a lot of credit for his effort at his age.)

Oh well! What Jack wrote about HEP School is all true, except he forgot to mention that Albright was the training camp for the Philadelphia Eagles, who were dormed next to us (they had the air-conditioned one). And, on occasion, if you turned a corner too hastily, you might bury your nose into the naval of a 300 pound 6 foot 6 inch high 4 yard wide offensive tackle-or something. That too gave you a "special type of feeling".

In closing, let me give plaudits to Sidor for the swell job he did as Committee Chairman for the Grand Rapids Contest-but don't let him kid you-he makes a lousy tenor.

Affectionally,  
Marty Zurn  
Paul Pilch (got it?)

Ed: You think he makes a lousy tenor --- you should try to read his scribblin. I checked with Jack, and he sends his apologies to the Real MART QUM and PAUL PITCH -- hopes he didn't insult them too bad. He also stated that the Soprano and the Alto weren't too hot in that "Quartet" too. (So there).



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DIR SUR,

US CHAPTUR REPOURTURS IS FEELING KINDA UNSURTIN ABOUT SUM-THING. WE WUZ UNDER THE IMPRESHUN THAT COPY FUR ANY GIVUN MUNTH HAD TO BEE IN TO YORE PLACE BY THE FIFTH UV THE PRE-SEEDING MUNTH.

NOW, IN THE NOVEMBR ISHOE UV THE TRUBIDOOOR, KWITE A LOTTA CHAPTUR REPOURTS REFURRED TO THE CONTEST IN GRAN RAPIDS IN PAST TENTS WHICH MEENS THAT THEAR REPOURTS HAD TO BEE RITTEN AFTUR OCTOBUUR 9TH.

CUD YUU PLEES STRATIN US OWT ON THIS? SUM UV US AIN'T SO VERRY BRITE, BUT IT JUS SORTA SEEMS LIKE 5 SHUD CUM BEFOR 9.

YURZ TROOLY  
MORRIE GILES

ACH!! Been sneakenslippen das wollenclother ofer das peepenblinkers of das WAYNE Scribblewritenrepoeter. Mit checker and der lastenpager of das Achtentober (Gesundheit) Issue, ben finden das paragrapher mit sayin, makin new deadlinershootentimer for das nexter issuer - - ben waitenwriten after das bigen singen-judgencryinshoutenswearintimer in das biggenwatertown. (Ben backenchecker das issue, und see iffen ben correctinwright???)

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I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete. Signed, Roger J. Lewis, Publisher



# PEARLS from the PRESIDENT TOM DAMM

It occurred to me that it might be fitting for the retiring District President to make some kind of observation on his two years in office. Certainly there are many things that could be said and some that should be. Uppermost in my mind at the moment is to reiterate what I said in Grand Rapids at our convention about my personal sincere appreciation for the many courtesies extended to me as I got around the District. I've always been proud to be a Barbershopper but that pride was swelled ten fold as I came to realize what really great people we have in and around our Society. My only regret is that time and circumstance didn't allow me to visit every chapter as I had hoped to do.

When I took office two years ago I envisioned all kinds of progress and improvement. If I have learned anything since then, it is that whoever said "Rome wasn't built in a day" must have been a Barbershopper. I had great hopes for increasing our membership. Some progress has been made in this area recently but in general I was disappointed. One truth became self evident, however: a permanent increase in membership must follow behind an improvement in the product.

The key to this improvement, I believe, lies in "member involvement." I was surprised, frankly, to find how many men limit their Barbershop experience to a few hours one night per week in their own chapter. At least two-thirds of the members in our District were not attending District Conventions. Inter-chapter functions were minimal in most areas. Participation in COTS and other District programs was poor. Organization, in many chapters, was virtually non-existent. Too many of our chapters were not even active in their own community outside of their own meetings. Fortunately, some chapters were involved in all these areas and statistics showed that they were on the move.

It is hoped that one thing has begun to work in our Great District: that all of us are getting involved. Anyone gets out of Barbershopping just what he puts in to it. Participation pays off also in actual musical improvement by way contact with others. Proof of this has been seen at the last several conventions where the quality (and quantity) of participating quartets and choruses has been definitely improved.

I've been encouraged also by the many spirited discussions I've encountered regarding all phases of the Society. ("Spirited discussions" is Dammese for arguments) Diversion of opinion is the life blood of any organization. Lack of it indicates that nobody cares. Believe me, we've got a lot of guys who care.

As we move into a new year, I foresee only continued improvement and success. Your new District Officers are qualified and dedicated Barbershoppers. Show them the same patience and spirit of cooperation that you did me and we've got it made. It won't be long before Kenosha will be calling us for help.

Thank you all again for affording me this memorable Barbershop experience.

Thomas A. Damm  
President, Pioneer Dist.



ROGER'S RAMBLINGS

by Roger J. Lewis,

Editor

Roger is in Milwaukee this week, and before he left, he handed to me, his wife/secretary, his notes for this column for me to type. You wouldn't believe it if you could see those notes. They're on bits of paper, envelopes, even a note or two on a playboy cocktail napkin that he found on the street. (And that's the truth). I now understand why he used to print or type those LOVE letters to me before we were married---his writing is so poor I think he should have been a doctor. And he has a habit of missing letters and words because his mind is going faster than he can write. (LARRY SWAN would have made a wise remark right there, but I won't, cause I'm married to him, and I know he'll read this before it goes to print).

The Logopedics Wing Ding in Jackson was, from all appearances, an outstanding success. There were around 100 there, and they NETTED OVER \$150.00 for Logopedics. Most important, everyone had a great time from what I heard----Roger came home all a-glow (Now don't take that the wrong way). As I recall, he said that the FOR-TUNE TELLERS, LATEST EDITION, GALAXIES, KALAMAZOO MALL CITY GOOD TIME HARMONY AND MUSIC ASSOCIATION (or something like that) and THE HARMONY HOUNDS all performed. Kalamazoo and Battle Creek rode together on a bus (after they finally got it running), and Grand Rapids, Lansing, Jackson, Kalamazoo, and Battle Creek were all represented--plus Zone V Vice President and Original Choice Lead BUD CARPENTER. Next year I vote you invite the ladies.

Roger said I should mention that this issue contains the first Quartet Ad---THE BEAN TOWN FOUR. I read the letter that accompanied the check for \$20.00 -- it was from FRED KIENITZ (as I remember, he's the short, skinny one that stands in the middle). Fred's letter was funny. He said that Roger could print something about Fred's golden throat, and that the success of the quartet is largely due to his talents, but I don't think Roger would want to mention that. I remember he laughed a lot when he read the letter.

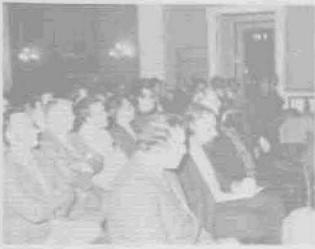
I always enjoy typing DAN SHELLES reports from the Niles-Buchanan Chapter. Seems like he's always got a little something going in his reports (sorry, I didn't mean for that to sound that way). Roger described Dan to me, but he couldn't really look like that!! A skinny SANTA CLAUS ????

And his last bit of paper says to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Idioter and his staff. (And I think by "Staff" he means me, so Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year from Roger and me).

Roger Lewis, Editor (written and edited by his wife/secretary, Kathy).



# C.O.T.S.



ONE OF THE "GENERAL" SESSIONS



THE MONEY BOYS--TREASURERS

In Lansing, on November 14, about 45 chapter officers congregated at the Olds Plaza Hotel for the 1972 CHAPTER OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL. This years sessions were better than ever before, as our "Teachers" had been trained at International Headquarters for the school, and they all did a FANTASTIC JOB. A special treat at this year's school was a surprise appearance by the SHARPLIFTER'S on their way back home from singing the Battle Creek Sweet Adeline Show the previous evening.



A VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE!  
A VISIT FROM THE SHARPLIFTERS!

Heading the list of "Teachers" was TOM POLLARD with the presidents; then DON FUNK with the administrative vice presidents; BUD CARPENTER with the program v. p.'s; JOHN GILLESPIE with treasurers; and BILL WARNER with secretaries.



DON FUNK HAD THE RAPT ATTENTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE V.P.'S



DOUG BEAVER MAKES A POINT AT PROGRAM V.P. SESSION

Everyone commented on the qualified and thorough way that each session was handled---much better than ever before. So if you are an officer that should have been there, but weren't --- YOU BLEW IT! (We had only 30 to 40% attend out of the total possible attendance). (Consider yourself bawled out!) But at the same time, make a little resolution about next year, O.K.????

## MEN OF NOTE:

ALFRED RIGSBEE  
GUS REEVES  
GERRY GABEL  
ROBERT JELTEMA

JAMES H STEPHENS  
JACK E OLIVER  
HENRY W MALMQUIST  
JOSEPH BOBER  
RICHARD HEMPHILL

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**FEMININE OBSERVER**

**ZONE 1 by Dora Vogel**

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Grosse Pointe, Dearborn, Detroit, Bedford, O.C.C., Windsor, Wayne, Ann Arbor, Monroe, Milford, Pontiac

Congratulations to ED & LORRAINE LILLY who recently celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Its good to see GEORGE SCHMITT up and about again after recent surgery.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to HELEN & HANK DE VRIES & family on the recent death of their daughter SUSAN who was involved in an auto accident.

RENEE CRAIG formerly from the Detroit area, recently taught music school in a newly formed Sweet Adeline Chapter in Fairbanks, Alaska. Husband BOB has been busy judging contests, his latest Toronto, Canada. Mr. & Mrs. CECIL CRAIG attended this contest also.

Grosse Pointe Chapter, mens chorus wives held a box social recently, the boxes were filled with goodies and beautifully wrapped. That capable RUSS SEELY served as auctioneer and the bids went high, which brought in quite a profit for the gals treasury. The buyer ate with the gal that prepared it. Beverages were served and many door prizes were awarded, a real fun night. The Grosse Pointe Chapter ladies are also having a Christmas Party for members children at the Alger Post in Grosse Pointe, Dec. 5, each child is to bring a gift for a boy or girl and these are to be given to an orphanage.

Detroit Chapter, Motor City Chorus wives held their last meeting at the home of INGER NEIGHORN, money and fun making projects were discussed. New officers for the year took over their respective jobs. JOAN KING, Past President was presented a gold musical noted charm bracelet from the ladies in appreciation of her past work.

Among the out of town guests attending the Grand Rapids District Fall Convention were ANITA and WARREN CONKLIN from Chicago, JACK & EILLEN KLAIBER from Sandusky, Ohio and others.

The Pioneer District Fall Convention held in Grand Rapids was well attended. Wives of Grand Rapids Chapter members did a fine job working at the registration desk. The BARBER BELLES, (Sweet Adeline) wives of members held an open hospitality room for the ladies, where they were welcomed and coffee served.

Masters' of ceremonies did a fine job, including DAN LA BUMBARD, JIM RUSTER and Past President TOM DAMM. The contest was a fine one, everyone cheering for their favorites as they appeared on stage, waving banners and pom poms. Detroit Chapter ladies wore red & white striped capes with blue, O.C.C. ladies each wore a miniature mum corsage made by MARY WINCHESTER.

A big treat for all was the entertainment by the International Champion Quartet, THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT.

The shell on stage was combined with lattice work and a large musical staff on each side and brightly colored crepe flowers. BILL WARNER handed out the trophies to the winners, Plaques made by Logopedics were handed out to winners by DAN WASSELCHUK, Past International President. An after-glo was held in the Pantlind Hotel Cafeteria with more entertainment by quartets, followed by hospitality rooms where beverages and goodies were served and quartets entertaining.

BOARD BRIEFS



MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING AT GRAND RAPIDS

OCTOBER 8, 1971

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by President Tom Damm. All officers were present except Exec. V.P. Ron Gillies and Zone V.P. Bud Carpenter. Also present were International Representative Dan Wasselchuck, C & J Chairman Merle Clayton, Troubadour editor Roger Lewis, and convention chairman Jack Sidor. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Pres. Damm called on C & J Chairman Merle Clayton who said he wished to express his appreciation to the Grand Rapids chapter and to the convention committee for their cooperation and help in arrangements for the judges.

Pres. Damm stated he understood that the print out of the chorus scores would not be available until after the quartet finals at which time score sheets for both chorus and quartets will be available. It was suggested that the order of finish of the choruses was of interest to all of the competitors as soon as possible after the contest. After some discussion, it was agreed by the C & J Chairman that the order of finish would be posted somewhere in the registration area as soon as possible after the chorus contest.

Cost of judges and the double panel was discussed with the financial problems it raises. It was pointed out that participation by choruses and quartets has increased as evidenced by the participation of 17 quartets and 17 choruses at this convention.

A treasurers report was read and approved as read.

President Damm presented a letter dated Sept. 19, 1971 from Executive V.P. Ron Gillies in which he tendered his resignation from the position and from the board of directors effective immediately. Moved by John Gillespie that the resignation be accepted with deep regret and a letter be forwarded to Ron thanking him for his many years of service to the Pioneer District. Seconded by Dick Simpson, the motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that since there was less than 3 months left in the term of the Exec. V.P., an interim appointment would be unnecessary.

Schedule for Mac Huff's visit was again discussed and the Zone Vice Presidents were charged with the responsibility of follow up and confirmation of the dates with the chapters in question in their respective zones.

Zone reports:

Zone I: V.P. Tom Pollard reports the zone healthy with 6 of the 7 chapters having choruses registered for competition. Windsor has replied to J. Cairnes advising they would welcome his help in incorporation.

Zone II: V.P. Dick Simpson reported that the Tecumseh Chapter was about to give up the ghost and close down. Hopefully the members would go to Monroe.

It was the opinion of the board that V.P. Dick Simpson's recommendation be accepted and that the charter be allowed to expire as of December 31 in accordance with international rules. V.P. Simpson was advised that he should pursue the close out by requesting from Tecumseh a final financial report, a final from 990 be filed with IRS and that the charter be forwarded to the district secretary.

Jackson is planning an area wing-ding for November 5th with

the help of the other chapters in the area, all proceeds after direct costs to go to Logopedics.

Zone III: V.P. Cliff MacLean reports that in the 5 chapters in the zone, 2 are in good shape, 2 in fair shape, and one poor. Sault Ste. Marie Chapter has written J. Cairnes asking for his help in incorporation. Lex Cheneaux is having problems. Cliff has agreed to take a chapter office in 1972 to try to revive interest.

Pres. Damm reported on a letter he sent to Au Sable to attempt to move toward charter and Bob Markey's reply. It was pointed out that they had licensed in November of 1970 so that under the old rules, with one extension of 6 months, they must charter before May 20, 1972.

Zone V: In the absence of V.P. Carpenter, IBM Gene Gillem reported that the total membership in the Zone has increased and attributed the increase to A.F.A.

Don Funk reported on the upcoming conventions - Spring, 1972, Saginaw Bay and Fall 1972, Flint. Spring, 1973, Lansing. For Fall 1973 a letter from Battle Creek has been received requesting the convention. A motion accepting the bid from Battle Creek was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Pres. Damm reported on progress to date on the charter flight to Atlanta.

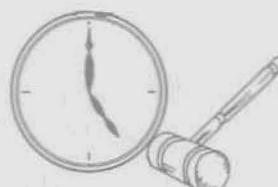
A reminder to the board that COT school will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14th and all arrangements have been made at the Olds Plaza Hotel in Lansing.

An extended discussion was had on future plans for membership promotion within the district.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Wm. C. Warner  
District Secretary



Minutes

PIONEER DISTRICT  
DELEGATES MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 1971

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Tomm Damm at 10:00 A.M.

Minutes of the previous house of delegates meeting were accepted as published in the Troubadour.

A treasurers report by John Gillespie was accepted as read.

Zone reports:

Zone I: Activity has been great in the zone. Five of the seven chapters were represented in the chorus contest. Most chapters have had at least one AFA and some are planning a second.

Zone II: Tecumseh chapter is in real trouble with the probability of losing their charter by the end of the year. Plans are underway for a barbershop stag wing-ding in Jackson on Saturday, Nov. 5. Proceeds to go to Logopedics. Herman Dykema has been appointed Area Counselor to replace Roger Lewis who has taken on the duties of Troubadour Editor.

Zone III: Things going well except for Big Rapids who are still having a membership problem.

Zone IV: No report. V. P. MacLean was involved in quartet critique as a stage presence judge.

Zone V: A.F.A. has been very successful throughout the zone with most chapters having used it and added to their membership.

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President Damm reported on the board action accepting, regretfully, the resignation of Ron Gillies as executive vice-president.

President Damm reviewed the itinerary of Mac Huff with the delegates, outlining the visits as reported in the District Board meeting.

I.B.M. Gene Gillem reported to the delegates on the June International Board meeting in New Orleans.

President Damm reported on the I.B.M. decision to inaugurate International COT Schools as mandatory in every District. However, this year's COT School will be staffed by District Officers who have attended a training session at International Headquarters in Kenosha. It was emphasized that there was no cost to the individual except for his lunch and every chapter should be encouraged to reimburse the members attending for mileage and other expenses incurred and should be included in chapter budgets.

President Damm introduced International Representative DAN WASELCHUK, Past International President who addressed the delegates, stressing President Ralph Ribble's program of Challenge '71 - Personal Pride and encouraged every chapter to try Auditions for Admissions. He also touched on protection, Barber-Pole Cat Program, Harmony Foundation and The Old Songs Library.

The committee on laws and regulations which had been assigned the project of bringing the district by-laws up to date, has asked to be granted an extension of time to complete the project. Hopefully they will be in the hands of each chapter sometime before the Spring, 1972 convention.

It was also pointed out that all chapters must hold their elections before the end of the month. Please get the report of new officers off to the District Secretary immediately.

Achievement Awards Chairman, Ted Verwey made the presentation of the 1970 achievement awards. Gold division winner was Oakland County Chapter. Silver division winner was Kala-



mazoo Chapter. Ted stressed the importance of the chapter secretaries filing their quarterly reports since the point count is based on information taken from those reports.

Pres. Damm again put on the floor the motion for a by-laws change regarding membership eligibility for chorus competition that had been postponed from the previous District House of Delegates meeting. The resolution reads as follows:

"Be it resolved that in order to be eligible to compete with a Pioneer District Chorus in an International Chorus Contest, an individual who has held membership in a chapter in our district within 1 year prior to the selection of the District Chorus competitor, must have a membership that dates from at least 1 day prior to the Chorus District Eliminations Contest in the chapter of the winning chorus.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the President call the question. Motion to call the question passed.



Thanks to RON MELL for his design on the cover of this month's Troub. It brings wishes of a very enjoyable Holiday Season, and some thought-provoking "Resolutions for the New Year", not only in Pioneer, but throughout the Society. We're seeing great strides in the area of vocal improvement, membership, quality of quartets and choruses, and yet we're only scratching the surface. There's so much more that each of us can do--All we have to do is decide to do it. Often you'll surprise yourself!! Just don't leave it all up to your president, membership chairman, or chorus director. Make some of your own personal resolutions! Things like improving your own ability through studying or practicing; like singing in a quartet; like bringing in 3 new members this year all by yourself; or any of a score of other possibilities. "Involvement" is the key to real fun in Barber-shopping, so give it a big try in 1972.

#### MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING CONT.

Question on the motion was called and motion passed.

President Damm turned the meeting over to Past President Loton Wilson as chairman of the nominating committee who presented the slate of officers to the delegates as follows:

International Board Member	Tom Damm
President	Bill Warner
Exec. Vice Pres.	Don Funk
Zone I V.P.	Tom Pollard
Zone II V.P.	Dick Simpson
Zone III V.P.	Del Doctor
Zone IV V.P.	Max Carter
Zone V V.P.	Bud Carpenter
Treasurer	Robert Drabik
Secretary	John Gillespie

Nominations from the floor were requested for each respective office and in each case it was moved that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee as offered by the committee.

President Damm stated he wished to take the opportunity to thank the board for the cooperation he had received from the board over the past two years and to congratulate the District on its choice of officers to handle their office for the next year.

Ted Verwey asked the chair what had happened to the Milk Cans Windsor had provided for the Koin for Kansas collection at District Convention. It was pointed out that the cans were in use in several places now and would be continued to be used.

A discussion was had relative to the coming District Conventions.

Pres. Damm polled the delegation on the question of time for the House of Delegates meeting. It was the opinion of the majority of those present that the current practice of a Sunday A.M. meeting at 9:30 or 10:00 A.M. is preferred over a Friday night meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

# Musical Americana

by

Duane H. Mosier,  
District Historian

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SPEBSQSA Preserves a Tradition by Deac (C.T.) Martin.  
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The third meeting was the one that really started the rush to the Cherokee Strip, so called when in 1893 for the second time the government opened Indian Territory lands to settlers in land "rushes" which were races from a starting point. (Those who reached a desired piece of land first were entitled to "stake a claim" on it. Sometimes a "sooner" jumped the gun by sneaking in and staking in advance. Bloody fights resulted. When a man had staked, it was up to him to hold off interlopers with his shooting irons until a friend or member of his family could ride hell for leather to the land office to register the claim). Cash's family had gone by covered wagon from Missouri to the Territory at about the time when it became Oklahoma, the Sooner State, in 1907. By then, the headlong races for land and battles with squatters had given way to a peaceful governmental lottery.

Cash said later about the third meeting: "About a hundred and fifty men showed up at the Alvin Hotel. Someone looked out the window and called my attention to the traffic jam. We paid no more attention to it until a reporter, Ralph Martin, of the Tulsa World came in and said he'd seen the cars jammed and had asked the cops 'Where's the wreck?' An officer said 'That's no wreck. It's just some damn fools singing up there in the Alvin.' The reporter sought the source on the hotel's second floor.

Next Sunday morning, June 1, 1938, the World reported: "No, No, Folks--You're Wrong. That Was Musical History in the Making." Martin's feature story led off: "A little yellow moon as thin as a finger nail paring was hanging in the sky Tuesday night as certain astonished citizens coagulated at the base of the Alvin Hotel. They were listening to musical history in the making. The mighty sounds caused one staid and settled taxpayer to voice the consensus fermenting in the group--'Hell,' he muttered in a tone compounded of equal parts of alarm, astonishment and admiration, 'has broke loose in the henhouse!'"

Most of the readers were close enough to rural life to appreciate a squawking hell of flying dust, loose feathers, and confusion. His story presented such colorful handling of the fourth human need (in order: food, shelter, clothing, and music) that the wire services which send material to newspapers throughout the country picked it up, and the society was national news. When the reporter had asked Cash whether other singing clubs were being formed elsewhere, "I thought fast," Cash said, "and I remembered my old friend, Everett Baker, vice-president of the Frisco Railroad in St. Louis. I'd busted a few chords with him. So I said that Baker was organizing a chapter in St. Louis."

By wire service, Cash's statement appeared in the St. Louis morning papers. About ten o'clock Baker called Cash to tell him that the phone had been ringing all morning, "But it's all right. My secretary is taking names and addresses--more than seventy-five already--and I'll get a group together in a few days." By that time, Judge Edgar Shook of Kansas City had a vision, like St. Paul's in which the Macedonians called, "come over and help us."

He invited the Tulsans to come to Kansas City to help organize a western Missouri branch of that society with the long name. The judge's gesture had precedent. He and Cash had previously tried a case in Jefferson City. After hours, feeling the need for four-sided harmony, the judge "gave a bellboy four bits to go through the lobby calling, 'Call for a barbershop tenor and bass.' In a few minutes we had calls, all certifying that they were the best bass or tenor in Missouri." That too had precedent, since Cash frequently admitted modestly that he was the best baritone in the world. About forty men from Tulsa went to Kansas City by special railroad car. The meeting there on June 18, 1938, was such a success that several, urged by their newfound friends to sing just one more, missed the special when it pulled out for Tulsa. But K.C. was organized, the second chapter in the society. St. Louis and Oklahoma City, the latter sparked by oilman I.S. (Hank) Wright, were soon in the huddle.

By its nature, in the early stages the society was a big laugh. Before the arrival of the Tulsa delegation, a Kansas City paper carried an advance notice: "K.C. Will Be the Sounding Board in Noble Drive to Rescue Cherished Privileges" and afterward "Male Divas of Tulsa Barber Shops Invade K.C." But Lowell Lawrence, drama editor of the Journal-Post wrote: "Professional entertainers better look to their laurels." He referred to the barbershoppers as a choral group that could compete with credit against professionals. "The society nobly fills a need in American life." The organization was a reporter's dream. It had color, local names, and a new twist that lent itself to humorous handling. As groups were formed in other cities during those first months, typical headlines read: "Quartets Gargle Tonight," "Harmonist to Wail," "Harmonizers Plan Tulsa Reprisals," "Gag Organization May Spread," "In Tones Nasal," "Bawl Game."

Uninhibited as the broncos of the Cherokee Strip, the Tulsans spent the rest of 1938 in a maze of surprise that "Doing What Comes Natur'ly" had focused national attention upon them. Rupert Hall recalls that he and Cash were swamped by mail, telegrams, and long-distance calls. "It got so bad that our stenographers threatened to quit unless we cut down the letters on harmonizing, so Cash and I chipped in and had some printing done. Soon we were spending too much time and too much of our own money answering mail. We had invitations from all over the United States to tell about the movement. We both traveled a lot, so we did our best to take care of inquiries, but it wasn't long before we had to decide whether we were going to devote our lives to harmony or to feeding our families." Cash said, "We had a bull by the tail and we couldn't let go."

Oklahoma City's Legal News had recorded the incorporation of the society, July 6, 1938, "just in case" according to the founders. In Cash's scrapbook, one of the original invitations to attend the first meeting shows "Encouragement" penciled in to replace "Propagation" and a line drawn through "United States," with "America" scribbled above it. So it was incorporated as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. In usage "barber shop" became a unit: barbershop. Later, Cash added "Founder" and "Permanent" to his title on the invitation to the first meeting. The additions made him Founder and Permanent Third Assistant Temporary Vice-Chairman.

As a sawyer for an oil pipeline company, he had neither training nor experience as a publicist. Nor did his associates. But Cash recognized a fundamental of the public-relations trade, that public actions make news and names make news. The news of the society, spreading like a dust storm blowing in all directions from Tulsa, invited continued action. Like Koko in The Mikado, he might have sung "my brain it teems with endless schemes." Owen Cash could have dropped his law career, gone into press agency and outdone the feats of the recognized giants in that field. He was a natural publicist.

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# Chapter News

## Pontiac

by DICK GUERIN

THE PONTIAC SHOW will be JANUARY 29th at the PONTIAC NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL, with the AFTER-GLO at the WATERFORD C.A.I. BLDG. Are you ready for this? THE HARMONY HOUNDS, THE FOUR TUNE TELLERS, with who else, but THE BEAN TOWN FOUR as the M.C.'s. More details in the next article. RAY GUERIN will handle the ticket sales.

BEAN TOWN FOUR HIT TOWN. Came October the 15th the BEAN TOWN FOUR made their way to Pontiac. What a night they provided for us. The Chapter had the extreme pleasure of Honoring this fine quartet on that night. A more deserving quartet you'll never find. These fellas sing anytime, anywhere, all the time.



Believe one thing, they have bailed our chapter out on many occasions. 100% Barbershoppers in every way. It happened to be an unfortunate night, being the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT were being honored by Detroit #1, but our chapter had been trying for three months to get the BEAN TOWNERS on a third Friday. Getting them on a Friday night is like trying to sell a refrigerator to an Eskimo.



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PONTIAC'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BALL, was a smashing success. October the 30th found 100 of the Society's finest trick or treaters at the Metropolitan Club. Leading the rush for first prize were GERALDENE AND FLIP WILSON, better known as MARGE and JOHN WEARING from the Detroit Chapter. What a performance they put on. Santa Claus (Dick McHugh) made an appearance. Pa Hatfield (BILL BUTTLER) The little lady in a family way (with her wedding gown (SHARRON PAGE) The winning BUM (the devil himself, MIKE FRYE) one of the finest activities your ole reporter has ever attended. Many thanks to NANCY and LEE FRAYER who were responsible for the entire night.

November 19, will find the Pontiac Chapter at Wayne. December 17, at the Pontiac Ladies Night Christmas Party, Detroit #1 will be visiting. A really big night in store, word has it the VAGABONDS aren't busy that night. RAY GUERIN is trying to have all the quartets back that visited Pontiac during the year. So make your plans, DECEMBER 17, LADIES NIGHT.

Pontiac's new slate of officers for 1972

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| A. J. VAN ACKER | TREASURER                                 |
| BILL DABBS      | SECRETARY 1373 Orchid, Pontiac 48054      |
| JACK EDWARDS    | BOARD MEMBER                              |
| CLIFF DOUGLAS   | BOARD MEMBER                              |

## Fruit Belt

by GUS REEVES

We of the Fruit-Belt Chapter do not have a chapter reporter or bulletin editor, so I thought I would try to write a small article for our chapter.

The Fruit-Belt Chapter had a very successful Show on Saturday, October 16th, 1971. Heading the Show were our International Champs, the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT and the VAGABONDS. Of course, the Fruit-Belt Chorus under the able direction of ROGER VALENTINE, plus the INSOMNIACS and the QUADRI-CHORDS made up the rest of the show.

For the first time in years, we had a full house due only to the fact that we had the Champs and those ever pleasing and popular VAGABONDS. The audience demanded more even after several encores by both quartets. The Pioneer District can well be proud of these two excellent quartets.

It was gratifying to again see the INSOMNIACS back in action after being inactive for several years. A lot of credit has to go to BOB DUNCAN (show chairman) and his committee for doing all of the hard work and taking care of all of the details that makes a successful Show. Bob's committee consisted of: BOB BROWN who did an outstanding job in publicity, RAY LEATZ who did a lot of personal advertising by

passing out notices of the Show in places of business and also in his own place of business, DICK BARRIE on program advertising, ART RUTZ on Stage who kind of out did himself this year, CHARLEY KESTERKE and BOB DUNCAN on uniforms, GORDON KESTERKE house chairman, IRV MARTIN and RAY LEATZ planned the After-Glow which was held at the St. Joseph Elks. Many "Thanks" are due these men for their hard work and untiring efforts on this Show. I just about forgot to mention EMERSON SPERLING of Grand Rapids who also was a great help to us this year and for his efforts on this Show. Em works at the Nuclear Plant in Bridgman and stays in Benton Harbor during the week then goes home on weekends.

If everyone in our chapter would be as early and prompt each Wednesday, we would have a "Rarin to go Chapter". Now I find that I have almost overlooked or forgotten another good member who took care of the distribution of the tickets and recording of all sales, tenor of the QUADRI-CHORDS, HERB MARSCHKE. We feel indeed fortunate in securing ROGER VALENTINE to be our Director and for his work in getting us in shape to put on a good performance. Roger also sings bari in the INSOMNIACS.

There has been a sad note in the Fruit-Belt Chapter recently. We regret to announce the passing of JOE BULLEY in August and HOWARD SCHAUS in October. JOE BULLEY was the best bass in this corner of the State. He sang with the well known and popular OVERTONES. This quartet made quite a name for itself in the early fifties. Joe was a charter member of the Fruit-Belt Chapter. These two men leave a vacant chair in our chapter and will be missed by all who knew them personally.

By the way, editor, you put out a fine issue of the Troub for October. The Troub is again in good hands.

## Kalamazoo

by CARROLL STANDER

Now that the fall contest is a thing of the past. We are starting on show music and our first try at the "Auditions for Admissions" membership drive.

Chairman KEN RYSENGA, ably assisted by A.V.P. STU BENEDICT, have reserved the Community Room and Barbershop at West Main Mall for Wednesday, November 10. I will report results later.

Our Ladies Nite was a great success. Entertainment was the greatest! the VAGABONDS headlined the show and did a great job. The chorus sang for our wives and guests.

The chapter officers and board presented our Loopedics check for \$1200.00 to LOWELL WOLFE, District Service Officer.

For some reason we had no complete quartets there, so TONY SCOROS of the VAGABONDS filled in with our LATEST EDITIONS our new Novice Quartet Champs.

FRAN DEYOT made the arrangements for use of Gull Lakeview Golf Club Rooms and the refreshments - good job Fran.

The chapter has reached a new plateau, we received our "50 and Over" Certificate and are now on our way up to our new goal of 100 men, (we hope).

The Chorus is singing at the new Maple Hill Mall Monday, Nov. 8. Gives us a chance for a free "Plug" for the Auditions" Program 2 nights later and just across the street. (Sneaky ain't we?)

Ye Olde Reporter and DON BARRETT were delegates to the District House of Delegates in Grand Rapids Sunday after contest and received the District 1971 Achievement Award (Silver Division) for the Kalamazoo Chapter. Thanks to Sec'y JOHN GILLESPIE being "on the ball" with chapter activities reports. It's a plaque of Bronze on a Mahogany shield.

We've had quite a few guests at meetings lately. Hope we can convince them to be permanent.

To the IDIOTER: You're doing a fine job and I guess barbs for the lax reporters help 'cause here's mine, however, if that print on the first two pages gets any smaller it'll be goodbye Bi Focals and hello Microscope.

The chapter chartered a bus for the Jackson Loopedics Show and picked up the Battle Creek members en route, that sure was a real Barbershop Night!

A Chord-ial Welcome to our new recent members: JOHN BATOCCI, GEORGE MC CUBBIN, BOB MOON, JOHN BENJAMIN, MATT TRAPP and DOUG BAUER, that's the way to do it guys, bring your guests down.

## Monroe

by ART LUSTY

Our second attempt at "Auditions for Admissions" was not as spectacular as the first but new members did result! One of the techniques we use is the taking of a colored Polaroid picture of the "candidate" which is then sent to his wife that same week to show her that he does "fit" into the singing picture.



STANDING: L to R. WILBERT MATTHES, ARMANDO ARCE, BOB THOMPSON. SEATED: HAROLD SOUDERS. CAMERA: ART LUSTY.

We enjoyed a visitation to the Toledo Chapter in Trilby, Ohio. Seven other Ohio Chapters attended. Very Jolly!!

We are developing a program for our February 5th, Parade of Melody, which will be soundsational! Already 60% of the seats are sold! Act early if you wish to see.

Thanx.

## Windsor

by TED VERWEY

Glad to be able to report that Windsor Chapter is coming to life again after the summer closing.

Our "MERRI MADICS" quartet recently sang on the professional show & kick-off dinner for the local United Fund Campaign in Cleary Auditorium. The tenor, FRED SORRELL, is manager of C. K. L. W. Radio & T.V. He arranged to have the Video Tape played and shown on T.V. at 11:30 that same evening.

For the near future, at least, our weekly Friday meetings at Norton Palmer Hotel have come to an end. Please Note: We are now meeting every Monday nite at 8:00 P.M. at

"FOGOLAR FURLAN CLUB" located at 1800 E. C. Row Ave. in Windsor South. This is about half way between Howard Ave. and Walker Rd. on N. side of E. C. Row. Buildings are located back from the road and drive way has wrought-iron archway at side of road.

May we add Windsor's admiration and appreciation to our representatives at New Orleans this summer for a job well done and quote one key-note speaker in Grand Rapids, Past International Pres. DAN WASELCHUK: "It is great to be part of the 'District of Champions'".

# Cadillac

by CHET POLEGA

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:

President - - -	CHARLES MILTNER
Program Vice-Pres.	DICK KETCHUM
Membership Chair.	EVERETT MOFFITT
Secretary	CECIL ELMORE
Treasurer	CHESTER POLEGA
Board Members	HAROLD HOUSELER, GILBERT BARNES and Past Pres. PAUL ZAGERS
Music Director	WARREN MARSH
Asst. Director	BOB FAUNCE

Let's give these men our full and whole-hearted support for the coming year.

At this time, we also feel more than ever a deep sense of gratitude for our outgoing officers. Without them, we would not have prospered and progressed as we have. And so, may we put our feelings into words and say simply but sincerely ... "Thank you" to each of you, namely; PAUL ZAGERS President; DAWSON WATSON, Membership Chairman; TOM MAXWELL Program V.P.; KEITH IDE, Secretary; CHET POLEGA, Treasurer; Board Members, BOB FAUNCE, HAROLD HOUSELER, KEN GAUNT, CHARLES MILTNER and EARL GANTENBEIN, and, to all of the other members who have made valuable contributions on committees during the year. Special credit and recognition goes to WARREN MARSH, our Music Director and to BOB FAUNCE, our assistant Music Director for jobs well done. Keep up the good work and keep us singing that good old barbershop style.

Just a reminder - DUES for 1972 ARE DUE NOW and if you have not yet made your membership renewal for 1972, please do so before December 15, 1971. See Chet soon!

MARCH 11, 1972 is the date we have set for our ANNUAL SHOW. Be sure to tell your family and friends about this.

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# Saginaw Bay

by A. J. SHOWALTER

Saginaw Bay Chapter has a special request for all Barbershoppers in the Pioneer District. Our youngest member has been confined to the hospital since he was injured in a diving accident in July. Please help boost his morale by dropping him a card. His address is as follows:

Mike Walsh  
Room 555  
McLaren General Hospital  
401 So. Ballinger Highway  
Flint, Michigan

The slate of officers for 1972 has been elected and will be installed December 4. Officers for next year are A. J. SHOWALTER, President; RANDY MELDRUM, A.V.P.; DOUG

BEAVER, Program V.P.; RICK MELDRUM, Recording Secretary; CARL SECOR, Corresponding Secretary; CHUCK FULKS, Treasurer and DALE COUTURE and AL SHEPARD as Board Members.

The chapter is looking forward to the visit of MAC HUFF December 2. Any nearby Barbershoppers are welcome to attend the meeting -- 8:00 p.m., Wenonah Hotel, Bay City. THE TIMBERLAND CHORDSMEN have a busy schedule ahead of them in the next few weeks--as featured group in the Saginaw Quota Showboat. On December 7, the chorus will sing for the Swan Lake United Methodist Church. This should be a unique experience as their service is done "in-the-round". December looks like a busy month too for the chorus singing at local Christmas Parties.

Along with singing, a party now and then is good for the body--Saginaw Bay let their hair down at a Halloween party that will be remembered for some time. Have you ever had a Swiss Itch?

# Holly - Fenton

GRANT L. WRIGHT

A good time was enjoyed by members, their wives and our guests at our annual Halloween Box Social held at our regular meeting hall on October 26. We were pleased at a visit from our old friends and new District Champions, "THE ORIGINAL CHOICE" from Saginaw-Bay Chapter and they gave us royal entertainment. Pontiac will be host Chapter to Holly-Fenton, Flint and Saginaw-Bay at a quad chapter meeting on November 12.

We meet each Tuesday night, at 8:30 P.M. at the American Legion Hall in Fenton and invite any of you to drop in at a meeting.

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# Wayne

by MORRIE GILES

The Wayne Wonderland Chorus, to a man, wishes to congratulate the mighty WOLVERINE CHORUS on their victory in Grand Rapids, and we are sure they will commendably represent the Pioneer District in Atlanta. Congratulations, too, are in order for the many fine quartets. Both winners and losers, who made it a point to visit all the various hospitality rooms with their "Let-your-hair-down" entertainment. This is what puts the frosting on the contest cake. Thanks also, to the many visitors who wandered into our Hospitality Room. Come on back again next year.

It hardly seems possible in this shirt-sleeve weather that this copy is for the December issue of THE TROUBADOUR, which

in turn means that this is the last chance for Wayne to wish all of you and yours the very best of Holiday Seasons and may your chapters grow in 1972.

We cancelled our October chapter meeting in favor of Detroit's Surprise Party for the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT". However, we normally meet at the Hawthorn Valley Country Club on Merri-man and Warren the third Friday of each month, and you're all invited to drop in on us.

KY CUYLER of Harrisville, who is a member of the Wayne Chapter, recently suffered a heart attack and was rushed to a hospital in Alpena where he was placed under Intensive Care. He is home again, now, but must remain quiet for a long time. I am sure he would appreciate an occasional card.

Hey! Port City Chorus, heard your rendition of "Minnie the Mermaid" on W.J.R. Detroit. Bet you didn't even know about it. Incidentally, "Wayne Wonderland Chorus" is back on radio again every Saturday morning over W.A.A.M. in Ann Arbor, between 10:00 and 11:30.

On October 26, we held our annual election of officers and came up with the following slate which was unanimously voted in.

President	BOB MIQUELON
Membership V.P.	DONALD CLARK
Program V.P.	GEORGE FITZGERALD
Recording Sec'y	MARTY ZURN
Corres. Sec'y	BILL HITT
Treasurer	JIM SWISHER
Sgts. at Arms	DUTCH STADELMAN TERRY WELCH

Some of these guys are old timers, while some have been in Barbershopping for less than a year. They should make a great team.

On Sunday afternoon Oct. 31, THE WAYNE WONDERLAND CHORUS appeared in concert with the PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY BAND in the Acoustically perfect Auditorium of the new Plymouth High School. The audience, while not exceptionally large, was very receptive. Many of them were hearing real barbershop for the first time.

More singing engagements coming up -- will be covered in the next issue.

## Niles - Buchanan by DAN SHELLES

You've heard the old saw about "no news being good news"... Well, we don't have "no news" (can you feature that?)!

From our standpoint, the few weeks following contest are very important ones. They are the time for analysis and planning a new attack to solve the same old problems. The Board has resolved to press onward and upward down the competition route and to enter each as it comes, if at all possible. We feel that our Director, ED JAMES, is the best around and that he deserves our support and best efforts.

Speaking of the Board, as with all of the other chapters, we have just had our annual election. Before passing the word on the new officers, we feel that a real vote of thanks should be extended to the guys that probably have the most thankless job in captivity--the nominating committee. In our chapter, we draft the past presidents for this task, and so far they always manage to come up with real fine slates. This year the nominations were made (and all the arm-twisting done) by VIC VIGANSKY, BERNIE WORDEN, and PHIL PIERCE. Thanks again, fellows.

The officers for the Niles-Buchanan Chapter for the coming year will be as follows: President--RON NEFF (moved up from Program Vice); Program Vice-President--DICK HAMPHILL (the Great Bearded One); Administrative Vice-President--DAN SHELLES (the Lesser Bearded One); Secretary--CARMEN DENISI (new to the Board); Treasurer--CHRISS NEFF (re-elected after serving several terms, bless his heart); Trustees--DAVE HIBINGER

(Immediate Past President), BERNIE WORDEN, ROGER ANDERSON, and ROLAND BRADLEY (Master-at-Arms and co-Bulletin Editor with BOB THOMAS). We have enjoyed working with all of the outgoing officers this year, and the feeling is that we have made some real progress.

The PHIDAVONICS were encouraged by the comments received at contest, and they are looking forward to the upcoming visit from MAC HUFF, hoping to pick up some more pointers. Incidentally, you are all invited to our meeting at the Elks' Temple, corner Third and Cedar, Niles, Michigan, on November 30 at 8:00 PM, when MAC HUFF of the International Music Services staff will present one of his fine clinics.

The GATEWAY 8 has continued regular practices and has added a number or two to their repertoire. They had a chance to sing for a family potluck at St. Mark's Church in Niles, but only one bass was available. So, four of the guys put together a quartet on the spur of the moment and called themselves the "IMPROMPTUS". DAVE HIBINGER sang tenor, RON NEFF sang lead, DAN SHELLES sang baritone, and "Daddy (VIC VIGANSKY) Sang Bass." In spite of a panic-stricken lead and baritone, they made it through the performance! (Dan felt that any mention of the above episode would best be forgotten, but I thought it was worthy of note!--Linda's note).

Socially, other than contest when we understand that some of the brethren became very social, our sole venture was a hayride held at LAVONNE ZELMER'S Red Bud Snowmobile Trails. As there wasn't any snow, and the sky was clear and starry, the setting was ideal for some old-fashioned sing-along-type singing and what-cha-ma-cal-it in the hay. However, since the only lead in attendance had to drive the tractor, the Barbershopping to wait. We felt that it was a great idea to put the Prez in the middle to give us direction, though we did feel that hollering "switch"! and "change partners"! at frequent intervals was not in the best interests of all. It's also very interesting to hear bawdy songs sung in Greek and Norwegian (Lavonne, pass this on to the girls concerned!). Having lived close to the area traveled for several years, we were quite surprised to find all of the sudden rises, dips, and turns that caused so much falling around.

So long, it's been good to know ya....  
Keep smiling--it makes folks wonder what you're up to!

## Lansing

by MIKE STRAUSS

Our Annual Parade of Quartets on October 23 was a tremendous success. Many said that it was the finest show they had ever seen. We were very pleased ourselves as the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, the VAGABONDS, the HARMONY HOUNDS, the RANGEFINDERS, and the LITTLE SHAVERS were great. How could a show with that lineup help but be great. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. DON HORTON for their long hours working with the LITTLE SHAVERS (their sons). Also thanks to all who aided in preparing for the show and the After Glow.

The chapter has elected its new officers for next year. Our new President will be BILL MC CURDY, the tenor of the RANGE-FINDERS; ED POHL, membership V.P.; KEN GIBSON, program V.P.; JOE DEAN, Treasurer; and MARK TEBO, Secretary.

One of the society's long time members, FRANK BROWN, is now in the Provincial House in Marshall. Probably some of you who have been ringing chords for a few years know Frank. He has always gone to the District and International Conventions without fail. I think this last summer was the first International he has missed in a long time. He would love to hear from his old friends or even ring a few chords with them.

Now that our show is over with we are going all out on auditions for admissions. We feel if we can gain even 15 more men in our chorus we can give the top choruses a real battle. By the way we have added two more men to our chorus with others soon to follow.

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Total Round Trip cost, bussing included, is \$ 80.00. If the plane is filled both ways, rebates up to 13.00 are possible. Plan now to be included on this fun trip. Only 132 seats will be available. So be sure and watch the January Troubadour for the official reservation form.

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Apr. 8, 1972	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
Apr. 8, 1972	FLINT PARADE
Apr. 15, 1972	BOYNE CITY BUSH LEAGUE
Apr. 28-30 1972	SPRING CONV. MIDLAND
May 6, 1972	HOLLY-FENTON PARADE
July 21, 1972	DETROIT MOONLIGHT CRUISE
Oct. 13-15 1972	FALL CONV. FLINT
Nov. 4, 1972	DETROIT PARADE
Feb. 17, 1973	NILES-BUCHANAN PARADE
Apr. 7, 1973	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY
Apr. 27-29 1973	DISTRICT CONV. LANSING
May 1, 1973	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
July 20, 1973	DETROIT MOONLIGHT CRUISE
Oct. 12-14 1973	DISTRICT CONV. BATTLE CREEK
Nov. 3, 1973	DETROIT PARADE
Apr. 20, 1974	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
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