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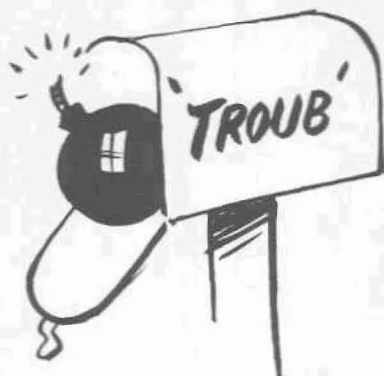
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letters to the editor

An Open Letter to the Editor:

There is nothing that can truly describe the exhilarating feeling one has to get while attending a Society International Convention. Suddenly, while rubbing shoulders and belting songs with thousands of members from all over the nation, it strikes home. This Society is really a big, big thing - a bounding, growing, dynamic operation. All sorts of fellows and families are deep in the great pleasures of Barbershop fun and work that membership provides.

Picture then the puzzled expressions on convention faces that turn to you and say, "Pioneer District? Where's that?? California? Oregon? Texas? What does "Pioneer" stand for? How come they call you Pioneer?

The answers come awkwardly. The puzzlement becomes a shoulder shrug. Even after explanation, the questions still ring in one's mind. It's like having said "just because." Let's face it, every district has its own Society pioneers. Our name, it seems to them, just flaunts our local pride.

Why not "Great Lakes District?" Why not put our location squarely on the International map and make our identity without question?

We are proud of the place we hold in International relations and functions. Let us start now to look forward, not back, and go to the convention this June as the "Great Lakes District." Then surely they will know who we are and where we're from.

George Ellis
Oakland County Chapter

To The Editor:

One of the disappointing things I've discovered in the Pioneer District is the continuing decline in chapter membership.

This topic has been discussed at length in the "Troub" and various programs have been devised to correct the situation--ie: Auditions, membership parties, etc.

I would like to offer the suggestion, from observations I've made -- the District members who attend the conventions, never seem to consider dropping their membership.

Therefore - The Traverse City Chapter, has resolved to do its' part to stabilize and increase district membership by the following method.

The Traverse City Chapter hereby vows to make the 1971 Pioneer District Convention the biggest, best, and most enjoyable - ever held. Any district member who misses this convention will have to finish his life with something missing.

Chordially

Harold Petter-T.C.
Chapter President

P.S. Harmonize under Clear Skies at Traverse City during the 1971 Spring Convention

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BY DICK VAN DYKE

"Will everyone here, kindly step to the rear", as sung by the Wayne Wonderland Chorus (and others) is suggestive of "excelsior", and of "winners", and "front runners" etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. I submit, gentlemen, that our entire District took a giant step to the rear when it changed its name to "Pioneer". Since it is after the fact, it is suggestive of exactly nothing. If we were called the Pioneer District back in 1939 when it meant something, then it would still be indicative of the fine accomplishments of our District, but now it just causes frowns to fall upon one's face and disbelief to register in one's reaction. What the heck is a pioneer, anyway?

Back in 1492 some men were called pioneers - now they are called Americans . . . in the early days of our country's existence pioneers fought their way westward - now they are known as Kentuckians, Texans, Hoosiers, Californians, etc. . . . Henry Ford is the giant pioneer in the auto industry, but he's dead . . . the Wright Brothers pioneered something that seemingly has no end, but they're both dead . . . Bill Haley and The Comets launched the Rock and Roll era, but what have they done lately???? The Michigan District of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc. introduced many innovations into our favorite hobby, but who really cares (outside of our District)???

The fact remains that several years ago some pretty exciting and dedicated people in the Michigan District "pioneered" some pretty exciting things for barbershopping . . . We shout their praises daily, and rightfully so. Let them be known as the Pioneers - not me. I'll be thankful to my dying breath for all of our forefathers for the conveniences they have willed me, and I expect that, some several generations removed, pioneers in many fields will have been noted in the history books from my generation - but don't call me a pioneer until I have Pioneered something.

I agreed a couple of years ago with the proposal to change the name of our District from Michigan to something else, simply because it does not describe our District (as it once did before the addition of our fine Canadian Chapters) I agree now that it should be changed to something more descriptive of our relationship to the rest of barbershopping.

It was proposed (and tabled) at the last House of Delegates meeting in Windsor that the name be changed to the Great Lakes District. Whether it is that or some other territorially descriptive title is really immaterial very simply stated - it should be changed.

What do you think???

Every member of the District should voice his opinion to his Chapter's delegates to the Spring Convention in Traverse City. It's bound to be brought up for discussion and a probable vote. Every delegate should be afforded the opportunity to go to the convention with a mandate of his Chapter, whether for or against. Let's do it right this time, and let the Delegates votes reflect the feeling of the members; then there will be no question as to whether we are right or wrong.

Let me add, in closing, that this is an editorial and in no way reflects the views of the District's Board of Directors or any other official body, but I think it's time for YOU to express your point of view too.

chapter news

PONTIAC

Dick Guerin

Another busy month for the Pontiac Chapter, both for the Chorus and for our new Quartet, The Drop Chords. You'll probably recognize a couple of these names. Rawley Hallman, Al Meirs, John Smith, and Dick Johnson. They have been very busy since organizing. They started in December at the Pontiac Mall Auditions. Dick Johnson, was not available that night, so another familiar name, Ed Lilly really did a fine job filling in for him. Over the holidays, again they were found singing at the Bloomfield Nursing Home along with the Pontiac Mall Flea Market. We all enjoyed singing for hundreds of shoppers. The Pontiac Chapter would like to give a special thanks to the Curbstone Serenaders for giving us a hand. Both the quartets will be singing at the after-glo for the Pontiac Show. The contact man for the Drop Chords is: Rawley Hallman, 6101 Ortonville, Clarkston, Michigan, 48016. Phone - 625-1545.

The Pontiac has a new Musical Director Dan Rafferty. Not too much can be said about this fine and talented young man. Dan is putting it all together for us. Since Dan's arrival our Chorus is building by the week, and we're all excited about the tremendous job he has done getting the Chorus ready for the show. Big plans are in store for the Chorus this year.

The Pontiac Woodshed Contest will be held on the 26th of March this year, the 4th Friday in March. The place will be our meeting hall, the Metropolitan Club. The Brothers Three and I, will be the judges. Who will defeat the Milford Chapter for the Bennington Trophy? They have won it for the last two years.

FLINT

Les Lang

January was a very active month for the Flint Chapter, with a going Chorus we now have 38 members and a very satisfying sound.

We attended the Holly-Fenton installation of officers on Jan. 9th and were entertained by the Curbstone Serenaders, The Cyclomates (from Milford) and The Tonsorial Tune Teasers. Cliff Douglas was the installer and lots of fun and harmony for all.

January 16th was the Flint installation and Ladies Night and what a BALL. Ron Gillies, District V.P. performed the installing, we had an orchestra that was superb, we had the Bean Town Four and the Delta Squires

Quartets and between singing and dancing we had a hard time breaking up by 3:00 A.M. Many compliments on the Chorus numbers and the other entertainers also the food was out of this world, those gals sure did themselves proud.

We have Chorus practice every week now and expect to sing at Holly-Fenton at the Quad-Chapter meeting on Feb. 9th.

"The Barbershopper of the Year" plaque was presented to FRED KIENITZ and if anyone ever deserved it, he does, because he has been very instrumental in building up the chapter and directing the chorus.

Our President, BILL SHANNON sure has done a whale of a job getting new members and keeping things rolling along. We have a very active slate of officers and things look very promising for more growth this year, might even give some of the Chapters some competition at the Spring Convention?

WAYNE

by Morrie Giles

At a recent chapter meeting while singing in a pick-up quartet, an awful truth dawned on me, something of which I'm sure some of you have been fully aware for many years. Out of a group of 100 Barbershoppers it is a safe bet you'll find at least 99 or more low-down thieves who will steal any note that isn't nailed down. They think nothing of grabbing your part or stealing a cherry right out of your mouth if you don't get there first. Probably not one in a thousand would hesitate to plagiarize an entire arrangement if he thought he could get away with it.

And yet, paradoxically, even though this sort of thing is practiced regularly by more than 30,000 members, no one ever feels the pangs of guilt over having committed such acts, nor resentment at having been so victimized. Why can't the rest of the "honest" world get along as we do?

During the past several months, Dick Webber our assistant director, has been conducting a course in music appreciation as it pertains to Barbershopping for those of us who have had little or no musical education. Recently Dick accepted a job with a little company named "Westinghouse" which necessitated his moving to Baltimore, Md. He will be a mighty hard man to replace, both with the "Wonderland Chorus" and as tenor with the "Invoices". We all wish him all the very best.

Tickets for our Annual "Pitch-Pipe Parade" are moving almost right out of existence, but there may be a few left. If you don't have one already contact any Wayne member or call Tom Pollard, 427-5527.

LANSING

Mike Strauss

By the looks of things 1971 is going to be a good year for our chapter. We have had great attendance thus far and our new officers are determined to let presence know throughout Lansing as well as Traverse City in April. We are gaining many new members, including Ed Pohl who transferred from the St. Antonio Chordsmen chorus, due to a change in his job.

February promises to be a busy month including a trip to the Oakland County Chapter to see the International film from Atlantic City, our Ladies Night, and a sing out.

Our biggest social event was the official induction of the new officers. Gene Gillem, our current International board member, came from the Saginaw-Bay Chapter to do the honors of swearing in the new officers. Thanks Gene, we appreciated it especially your great poem. Also thanks to the Range-finders, the Fowler Four, the Deta Squires from the Saginaw-Bay Chapter and the Lensmen, our newest chapter quartet. All in all it was a great night of entertainment.

TRAVERSE CITY by Dean Fischer

Hi,

T.C. is hard at work getting things shaped up for April.

Hopefully we will be mailing info to everybody shortly about reservations, facilities etc. We are looking forward to a great contest.

In lieu of our activities recently our chorus is really shaping up and we intend to give everybody a run for their money.

Our Director, Marty Chirgwin was incapacitated for a short time because of a ski mobile mishap but we are back at it hard.

Our x-president, Max Carter, and his "Baytones" have been doing some encouragement work with an evening entertaining the Cadillac Chapter, whom I understand is working hard for April.

February 15th will see our Chorus along with the new "Asauble Valley Chapter" with a meeting in Gaylord in hopes of spreading a little Barbershop Happiness in that fair city.

Our installation of officers proved a good time on the 9th. G. Gillem did the honors again for which we thank him.

Marty Chirgwin, T.C. Director won the

Barbershopper of the year award which had to be presented at the hospital because of the aforementioned accident.

April 23-4-5 will be here before we know it, and we hope everybody is making plans and rehearsing like crazy so this could be the toughest competition yet. For you guys who haven't had the thrill of competing yet, DO IT. You won't believe what a great thing it is.

GET READY TRAVERSE CITY,
APRIL, 1971

HOLLY-FENTON

Grant Wright

Chapter officers for 1971 were installed at a dinner meeting at the Hotel Fenton on January 9th, with Cliff Douglas presiding. Approximately 60 members, wives and guests were present and were entertained by the Curbstone Seranaders and a new and eager young foursome from the Milfrod Chapter, The Cyclomates. Retiring president Ryan Strom was presented with his third past president's pin.

New president Marvin Carpenter called his first Board meeting on Tuesday January 19th and all new Board members were present to transact the first orders of business for the new year. This includes plans for a concerted effort to attract and enroll new members and plans for our May 15th show. Arthur Burnett, Secretary, reported 100% retention of membership for 1971. February 9th is the date we will host the quad chapter meeting at our meeting hall in Fenton. This will include chapters from Saginaw-Bay, Flint and Pontiac along with Holly-Fenton. We now have our chapter's first registered quartet - "The Tonsorial Tune Teasers", who are Jay Welch, tenor; Paul Morgan, lead; Dan Goodearl, bari, and Ryan Strom, bass.

SAGINAW BAY

Bob Melton

On January 9th, at the Wenona Hotel, the Saginaw-Bay Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. held their installation of officers for the year of 1971. Following a buffet style dinner the members and guests were entertained by the Cemchords from Midland, and the Ring Masters. The feature quartet was the Bean Town Four. Bill Dolezel was the master of ceremonies, with Ron Giles delivering the Oath of Office to our new officers. Robert Melton was named as the Barbershopper of the Year 1970, of the Saginaw-Bay Chapter. There were about sixty members and guests present.

January the 11th, the new board and officers held their first board meeting, and they set February the 18th as the first night for their audition for admission program. The

board named Don Ferguson, Bill Dolezel, Len Johnson, and Dick Mueller as the auditioning committee. The board also approved the membership of a new member, Richard R. Hardy of Bay City. His sponsor was Bruce Mulligan, who will receive a man of note award for this new member.

MILFORD

by Don Sheridan

Saturday, January 16th found Milford's Ladies Night jammed packed full of barber-shoppers and those who like us appreciate barbershop harmony. I think this was one of the finest turnouts Milford has ever enjoyed. This was no accident and I can think of at least four good reasons for the turnout. First, the Four Tune-Tellers, Second, the Curbstone Seranaders (back in business and sounding great), Third, The Brothers Three and ~~me~~ (From Toledo), Fourth and by no means last, The Interlakes Chorus of the Sweet Adelines. These four groups gave great performances as did the Milford Huron Valley Chorus.

A highlight of the evening came when the Four Tune-Tellers were each presented with a scrapbook recognizing their 20th year of entertaining us with comedy and song. A special thanks goes to Mr & Mrs Tom Shulls for their time and energy in compiling these books.

As the Old Man 1970 went out and that new scrappy youngster 1971 came in Milford had the distinct pleasure of seeing some new faces show up for chorus practices, due to an Audition Night and some individual effort our number may increase substantially. It would be great to see our director Carl Elwing directing even 30 men and I for one think we can do it. Good things that come in small packages unfortunately does not apply to choruses. So lets see all you members out and ringing those chords.

CADILLAC

Chester Polega

We wish to announce a Change of Date for our 3rd ANNUAL SHOW. The new show date is May 8th --- PLEASE REMEMBER THIS DATE as we would like to see groups of you out-of-towners in our audience on that particular night.

The Committee Chairmen for our show have been appointed as follows:

- Bob Faunce Gen. Show Chairman
- Everett Moffitt Welcome Committee
- Earl Gantenbein Stage Committee
- Gil Barnes House Committee
- Ken Gaunt Ticket Committee
- Charles Miltner Advertising Com.
- Keith Ide Printed Pgm. Com.

- Chet Polega Afterglow Com.
- Dawson Watson Quartet Procurement Committee

Our scheduled Featured Quartet will be the FOUR FITS. My sincerest apologies to the Four-Fits on my previous show announcement in the December edition of the Troub. At that time, we announced the Feature Quartet to be the FOUR-FIFTHS and I stood to be corrected on this gross typographical error. Please forgive me as no insinuations were intended whatsoever.

Last night, Monday, January 18, we were honored by the surprise visit by the BAY TONES of Traverse City. These guys are really great as a quartet and will also appear on our show on the 8th of May this year. The renditions sung by the four were greatly enjoyed by all of us. Thank you so much Bay Tones for your entertainment and come again soon.

BIT OF HUMOR: "This clock I bought from you loses 15 minutes every hour," complained the irate customer. "Didn't you see the 25 % off sign when you bought it?" asked the store owner.

KALAMAZOO

Carroll Stander

Our Chorus is off and running with show preparations. Director Dick Peterson has had two able assistants appointed to fill in for him when he can't be there, they are Don Barrett and Ray Peterson (no relation). The music and other planning is moving along well for a bang up show.

We have Al Burgess (Past Dist. Pres.) and his "Red Garter Band" to entertain for pre-show and intermission. We had so many requests for their return, after their last appearance here, that we had to get them back.

I'm sure I speak for the rest of our Chapter in extending our sympathies to Ron Pell and his family in the loss of his mother.

We have a sing-out for the Senior Citizens coming up in early Feb., and we're really looking forward to the Quad-Chapter meeting in Battle Creek next week.

Our new Bulletune Editor, Harold Reno, has been keeping Chapter members well posted on dates and news of the members. Keep up the good work, Harold.

Ye Olde reporter found out the ice on Chicken Charlies parking lot (where we meet) was 18 sutures harder than my head. This test??? was run after the Jan. 12th meeting, all's well now except another "bump of knowledge". My thanks to Don Barrett for the

aid and ambulance service, in driving me to the hospital.

At present, preparations for the show are overshadowing our other activities. It will be a terrific show with the FOUR NUBBINS from Iowa, with their new comedy routines, THE HARMONY HOUNDS (Pride of Battle Creek) recently returned from entertaining in Vietnam. The Main Event:

THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION,
ORIOLE FOUR displaying the excellent talents that made them tops

DON'T FORGET

Kalamazoo's Annual Parade of Quartets
March 20, 8:00 P.M. WSAU Auditorium
Contact: Wesley Merriman

3614 Pontiac Ave.

Kalamazoo, Mich. 49007

For advance tickets and reservations.

TICKETS: \$3.00 Main floor & front rows

Grand Tier

\$2.50 Back half Grand Tier

\$1.50 Balcony

SAULT STE. MARIE

Bruce Martin

Just want to remind you southern barbershoppers that we northerners are still on the move - we have to keep moving because it's getting cold outside. Ever since the summer break our gang have been busy. A new executive was elected comprised of President - Ed Cloutier, Past President - Colin Donoghue, Administrative Vice President - Ed Briggs, Program Vice President - Ross Christie, Secretary Richard Metcalfe, Treasurer - Larry Rickard, Directors - Gord Saxby, Frank Murphy, Bob Werner and Eugene Haynes. With such a group of go-getters, we should be in for an interesting, enjoyable and challenging year.

The chorus had a sing-out at the opening of J.J.'s new restaurant. Also, we went to C.J.I.C. and taped four, two-minute songs on a program sponsored by Algoma Steel Corporation.

Cec. Bolitho chaired a very successful Millionaires Night on Saturday, October 23. He was very capably assisted by Gord Saxby, John Hands (what a lunch.), Ross Christie and several other hard working members. This was the most successful M.N. held yet and the reason - wives and lady friends of guests as well as members came. What a ball.

Recently our chorus director Don Bazely put us through our paces in preparation for our annual "Musical Sleighride" program, a community project comprising of a concert of songs by local groups, but organized by

our barbershop executive. Proceeds of the concert are divided between the C.J.I.C., Channel 2 T.V.'s Santa Claus Fund and the Sault Daily Star's Christmas Stocking Fund. The date for this was Sunday, December 13th in the Auditorium of Cambrian College. We also sang for the Sunshine Club (elderly citizens) as well as the local members of the Canadian Institute for the Blind.

We were indeed disappointed when Mac Huff from headquarters couldn't make it up to our Monday, Nov. 30th meeting, however, we had a great night of singing as we were joined by a group of twenty from Les Cheneaux Chapter of Cedarville. Wow. What a difference between the sound of forty-five barbershoppers, to that of only twenty-five.

On Sunday, Dec. 20th, at 8:00 P.M. we were asked to open a program sponsored by the Folk Arts Society of Sault Ste. Marie, held in the Korah Collegiate and Vocational School Auditorium. After that we had a break until our Post Christmas Dinner at the Root River Golf Club, Jan. 9th, at which time our new executive members were installed in their respective offices.

The Northland Chorus members hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and wish all fellow barbershoppers the best for a happy and harmonious New Year.

HOLLAND

by Jack Essenburg

On Saturday evening, December 12th, the Holland Chapter held its Annual Christmas party at the club room above Hansen's Drug Store. Approximately 75 children & adults attended.

Activities for the children began at 6 P.M. and continued until 9 P.M. with Santa handing out gifts. Games were played and prizes went out to Karen Brake and Linda Vonhis. The auxiliary, decorated the rooms and also served a delicious luncheon.

Following the childrens party the adults gathered for singing, games and refreshments.

On December 28th we had the installation of officers, as follows: Tom Weller, President; Bob Peterson, Program Vice President; Dick Harrington, Membership Vice President; Carl Bos, Secretary; Al VanderMolen, Treasurer. Members of the governing Board are Chet Oonk, Bob Birce, Glenn Bonnette, Al Walters, and immediate Past President Dale Van LangeVelde.

The program for the evening, introduced by Bob Peterson consisted of impromptu quartets, the Great Lakes Chorus, the Sound-sations, (Holland's own) and a surprise visit by the Harmony Hounds from Battle Creek.

New memberships were presented to Dan VanderVliet and Jim Zeedyke while notes of award were given to Dale Van LangeVelde and Bob Tubergan.

We sincerely thank Bob Peterson for a wonderful program and appreciate the work of our "Chef" Bob Brice and the great help of our Ladies Auxiliary.

WINDSOR

Ted Verwey

Looks like my December report was delayed by the Christmas mail for the copy deadline of the Troub.

A Mini-Chorus, including the Spinal-Chords traveled to Leamington to bring some vocal Christmas Cheer to patients at the Sun Parlour Home for the aged.

The hi-lite of the month was our annual Christmas Ladies Night dinner party at the Windsor Yacht Club, including singing and dancing. The main event was the presentation (annual) of the "Mister Barbershopper" of the year award to our hard working congenial Secretary - Earl Dykeman. Earl, a 3½ year member, is one of the few who volunteers for anything that he can do to help out his Chapter. He sings bass in the Chorus and "Spinal Chords", and at times voices a "mean" bari. I'm sure none of the previous Mr Barbershoppers have been more deserving than Earl.

At this occasion yours truly was the proud recipient of a twenty-five year service (one chapter) lapel pin. The first one awarded to anyone by the Windsor Chapter.

Those Chapter Officers attending the December C.O.T. School in East Lansing, had quite a challenge handed them on the aspect of Chapter administration. In order to carry out these various programs for improving your chapter they will need 100% cooperation from all of us. In 1971 let's all ask ourselves and our chapter officers this question: "What can I do to improve my chapter?" and keep singin.

MONROE

by Ron Koshik

The holidays are behind us now and it's back to work for all the chapters.

We had a very fine Christmas party at the home of Art Lusty and his Lovely Lady Lois. All our Ladies were serenaded by various make up groups of song and tag singers thru-out the evening and we even had some mixed quartets with some of our Sweet Adelines to ring some rare chords. All in all it was some party and we thank the host and hostess whole heartedly.

We, the Chorus, sang at the two Monroe hospitals just before Christmas. It's nice to be appreciated, as we are every year. Those fellows who don't get out are sure missing a great feeling and a chance to do a bit for your chapter and the Society in general.

Our show comes up in three weeks and we hope attendance will be as good as it has been in the past. The C Notes will be making their big debut at this time and I know they'll do okay.

Not much news this issue. This writer will have to find a couple of chapters out in California and see how they are faring out there.

OAKLAND COUNTY

Jim McCatty

In my last report I told you all that Bob Drabik would be back at his old job as reporter come the first of the year, but it seems he's still a busy fellow as Vice President of this Chapter. Now, everybody knows V.P.'s do not really do anything but Bob looks awfully busy. Well, anyway, hang in there guys, there is only 11 more months left til "72".

Januarys are always a busy month for our Chorus what with rehearsals for our February Show, plus Board Meetings and Show Committee Meetings. This one was no exception. We managed to do a package show for the Birmingham Women's Club and our Mini Chorus performed for the City of Berkley Employees at their Annual Birmingham Show and they not only broke the ice, they warmed every heart in the place. Thanks, Fellows.

The Director of the Mini Chorus was none other than Mr. Dennis L. Gore, who directed the above mentioned chorus in Milford. The difference is that this Chorus sounded like a winner and really did a grand job. Thanks to Mr. Gore, he's got class.

All this performing is helping to make our job a little easier when we walk out on that stage on Feb. 27, 1971 to present our Annual Show. Jim St. Amand and his cronies have been working for five months now on all the hundreds of details that must be covered to make the show a real success. Those of you who have been down that road can say "Amen, I say Amen".

The Wolverine Chorus was invited to sing at the Spring Convention in Traverse City. Our Board of Directors were happy to have been asked but felt the men should have the final say as to whether we go or not. Well, the men voted unanimously to go, so we'll see you there.

Dr. Jim Fryfogle has been released from the hospital into the "T.L.C." of his wife and didn't spend as much time between those plywood sheets as first expected. We are all happy about that, so hurry back.

Enough for now and hope to see you at the Octet Contest.

CONVENTION

PIONEER DISTRICT FLIGHT TO NEW ORLEANS



Reservations (as reported in last month's Troub.) for the Charter flight to New Orleans must include a deposit of at least \$25.00 per person and must be fully paid by the 21st of May. Reservations for the plane flight will be made on a "first come" basis. \$110.00 is the "estimated" full cost for a round trip (based on 108 fully paid fares). Please refer to last month's Troub. for full details or contact Tom Damm, 2636 Sanford St., Muskegon Heights, Michigan 49444 for full particulars.



ZONE 1 by Dora Vogel

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



Recently visiting in the Detroit area, were Joe and Mary Anne Coburn because Joe's mother underwent surgery.

A speedy recovery is wished Inger Neighorn (Mrs John) after recent surgery.

We wish Bill and Jackie Ampers & family, who recently moved to Phoenix Ariz. Much happiness in their new location.

Flint Chapter held a combined "Ladies Night" dance and installation of officers for members and guests Jan. 16th at Croation Hall. Guest quartets entertained & a fine evening of dancing. A buffet lunch was enjoyed by all.

We are pleased to hear Hank Weichman is recuperating at home (on crutches) after an extended stay in the hospital.

Much success is wished the E.E. Pat Ryan's in their new printing business.

Detroit Chapter held their combined Ladies Night dance and installation of officers and board members at Rosedale Gardens Community Center on Jan. 15th. Marge Wearing was selected as the lady of the evening. Many prizes were given to the Ladies who held the lucky ticket numbers. Quartets entertaining were Detroit Chapters own Spare Parts and the Mad Hatters. Motor City Chorus members sang under the direction of Bill Butler.

We were honored to have the International 4th place Medalists the "Gentlemen's Agreement Quartet" entertain.

The officers for the coming year were installed by Bill Warner.

Motor City Chorus wives recently held a meeting at the home of Thelma Schulz (a fund raiser for the chorus - a silent auction on articles each individual brought was held.



KORTET and KORUS ORNER

New Quartet? Sure, we've got'em. And some pretty interesting combinations, too. Bud Carpenter (2244 W. Caro Road, Caro, Mich. 48723) is the contact man for the ORIGINAL CHOICE from the Saginaw-Bay Chapter; Jim Lekander can be contacted for the services of the ROLLING TONES (8620 Sequoyah, Clarkston, Mich, 48016) from Oakland County; Milford offers the CYCLAMATES, contact John Tyler, 4355 Taggett Lake Dr., Highland, Mich.; contact Jay Welch, 2122 Fenton Rd., Holly, Mich. 48442 for the offerings of the TONSORIAL TUNE TEASERS; and the SHARPLIFTERS are back in business with a new lead - a new comer to barbershopping by the name of Clay Shumard, a former pro singer with the Lee Castle Orchestra and veteran of many TV appearances.

The VAGABONDS new contact man is Dennis Gore, 3346 Parker, Royal Oak, Mich 48072 (couldn't they trust Tony?); the BURRILL BROS also changed to Dorn Burrill, 20101 Nine Mile Rd. Battle Creek, Mich. 49017 as did the FOWLER FOUR to Donald Schmitt Route # 2, St. Johns, Mich. It looks like we're lining up a pretty interesting contest for Traverse City this spring.



FOLLOWING the CHAMPS

1970



"THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT"

Our Champs are busy, just as you'd expect. They just finished a solid month of shows. (every Saturday night) all over the Country, and the list continues:

Feb. 6	St. Louis
Feb. 9	Hunt & Grunt Club (?)
Feb. 13	Niles-Buchanan Show
Feb. 27	Oakland County Show
Mar. 12-13	Canton, Ohio Show
MAR. 20	Cinci Hills Sweet Ads Show
MAR. 27	Battle Creek Show
MAR. 28	Burlington, Iowa Show (tent.)

and on and on and on. By the time they finish out their Championship year they will have logged many thousands of miles. Look for them to drop in unexpectedly at your chapter meeting some night, too. (I think they have a Tuesday night free some time in May?)

INTERNATIONAL SEND-OFF

It looks like you'd better set aside June 12th for the "Greatest Show on Earth" which will feature the Gentlemen's Agreement, the Vagabonds, the Wolverine Chorus, and many more at Battle Creek's 2400 seat Kellogg Auditorium. This night will be called INTERNATIONAL SEND-OFF, and all of the proceeds will go to the Chorus and Quartets that are going to New Orleans to represent the Pioneer District in International Competition in June (The Wolverines from O.C.C. have already won that right and the Quartets will be selected at the Spring Convention in Traverse City.)

KALAMAZOO CHAPTER #13
presents
**29th. ANNUAL
SERENADE OF
QUARTETS**



**" THOSE
VAUDEVILLE
DAYS "**

SATURDAY, MARCH 20th. 1971
8:00 P.M.

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men of note

Keep America Singing

STEPHEN SUTHERLAND
2870 OAKDALE DR 141
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The Pioneer District is again sending only two quartets to International competition (1971 & 1972) based on total membership of the District of 1361 members. If we had gained only 129 more members for the District, we would be sending three quartets. That breaks down to 4.16 new members per chapter or .09479 new members per man. It seems almost ridiculous when it is broken dow that way. Are you sure you did your part? THE FOLLOWING MEN OF NOTE DID:

NOVEMBER

Karl	Mueller	2
Ed	Thurston	1
Ted	Speltz	1
Nelson	Gotshall	1
Thomas G.	Kinjorski	1
Raymond L.	McCalpin	2
Rusell	Seely	3
Wallace A.	Joure	1
David	Rickard	1
Phillip G.	Baker	1
Kenneth	Preston	2
Ken	Barrett	2
James B.	Murray	1
Ernest S.	Marlow	3
Dean R.	Burrill	1
Lawrence	Swan	11
Harold	McGlothlin	1
Noel	Carpenter	2
William	Griffin	1
William	Shannon	5
Leslie	Lang	5
Andrew J.	Roy	6
Don	Bazely	1

DECEMBER

Willard	Macinnes	2
E. J.	Sidor	5
Arthur	Burnett	2
Frank	Matcun	1
Carl	Dahlke	2
Peter	Kaip	1
Donald J.	Clark	1
George	Meinschien	1
Everett	Harrison	1
Gerald A.	Linn	2
Keith	McKenzie	1
Harold	McGlothlin	2
Theodore	Moss	1
Leslie	Lang	6
J. Earle	Dykeman	1
Ronald	Koshik	1
Rawleigh	Gregory	3

HERE'S A BARBERSHOPPER



Coming Events

SEND REQUESTS FOR PARADE CLEARANCE TO:

William C. Warner
23531 Meadowlark
Oak Park, Mich. 48237

Feb. 6, 1971	Monroe Parade
Feb. 13, 1971	Niles-Buchanan Parade
Feb. 27, 1971	Oakland County Parade
March 6, 1971	Wayne Parade
Mar. 20, 1971	Kalamazoo Parade
Mar. 27, 1971	Battle Creek Parade
Apr. 17, 1971	Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
April 17, 1971	Flint Parade
Apr. 23-25	District Convention and Contests - Traverse City
May 1, 1971	Bush League Contest - Boyne City
May 15, 1971	Holly - Fenton Show
Sep. 25, 1971	Gratiot County Parade
Oct. 16, 1971	Fruit Belt Parade
Oct. 23, 1971	Lansing Parade