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THE VAGABONDS
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at
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International Convention

**The Gentlemen's Agreement
1971 International Champs!**





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Apple green, stark white, and crushed red velvet cut-away coats turn the stage presence judges on; great chords by one of the Pioneer District's reps. turn the rest of the world into afficianados of the Gentlemen's Agreement, as they sang their way into the hearts of the entire convention and convinced the judges that they are, indeed, the best in the land. The 1971 International Champs combined the uniforms, hair styles

and chords to bring home all the marbles to the Pioneer District. They were magnificent beating out the Sundowners by 50 odd points, and that's no easy trick.

The Vagabonds, meanwhile, were singing their way to 17th place in the 45 quartet competition. They sang with all of the poise and confidence that you expect from the quartets that show up at International year after year; and this is only their first shot at it.

The Gentlemen's Agreement (at this writing) are on their way to Viet Nam for the U.S.O. and plan many more exciting things. A singing trip to Paris and London is a strong possibility, and they'll soon be making their first record. They're booked solid so far in advance that calendars haven't been printed yet for Bob Whitledge to keep track of it on.

Congratulations guys, the District can strut just a little more for having two such fine quartets.

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ROSES FOR TWO

by Duane H. Mosier



DICK VAN DYKE

In the expressway tempo of our modern way of life, the landscape is often broader than the one we see. We miss some of the things that should be observed. We have a way of taking things for granted. The sun will rise in the morning and the moon will shine in the evening because that's the nature of the Universe.

The mailman will make his daily round and leave us our copy of the Troubadour. It will tell us that the editor, Dick Van Dyke, for the past two years must, for business reasons and family obligations, relinquish the editorship of our district magazine. It is not welcome news but we respect the decision he has made since it is made with regret by us and by him. He pondered over the problem for some time before calling President Tom Damm to tender his resignation.

Little do we as members realize the time, attention and expertise each month in finalizing such a well organized, quality periodical of which we can proudly boast. An average of 20 hours each month he gave to assembling the material for the printer, this in addition to his full time work as purchasing agent and radiological technician for the Madison Community Hospital. It takes a busy man to do a good job.

Two years ago last September Dick assumed the responsibility of editing the Troubadour. The trust which he then assumed has been fulfilled. It is the work of a consecrated barbershopper whose sole ambition it has been to make our good society even better. Thanks, Dick, from all of us.



JOHN MORRIS

The Troubadour lists the Art and Layout Man as John Morris. It is a well deserved tribute to John that this issue is dedicated to him. His caricature and cartoon contributions have been real works of art adding immensely to the high standard of our magazine. His work is far beyond the work of an amateur. It has all the earmarks of a professional. There is a good chuckle in every picture which adds spice to every situation the picture is intended to convey. Pick up your April issue of the Troub and you can count 13 cartoons from cover to cover that emphasize what barbershopping is all about.

John comes by this unusual talent naturally. He began at an early age to do art work and picked up cartooning on the way. He turned his talent into profit. For the past 18 years he has done commercial art work for General Motors Corporation and has supplied many magazines with his work which has been accepted without question, including the Saturday Evening Post. This is a tribute to a real artist. His efforts to enhance the standard of the Troubadour have been time consuming and we will not be enjoying his talent much more. We will miss the pleasant chuckles we have come to enjoy as we turn the pages of the Troub. He will not relinquish his devotion to barbershopping, however, and his activities in the Oakland County Chapter.

And so we say to you, John, as we said to Dick, "Thanks from all of us." Roses to both of you.



CHAPTER NEWS



FLINT

by Les Long

On April 24th, Fred Kienitz, Director, led the Flint Chorus to the NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP of the Pioneer District.

May has been a busy month for Flint. Visitation to H-F chapter on May 4th. A visit from the Sarnia Chapter on May 11th. Quad-Chapter meeting at Bay City on May 7th. Plus regular chorus practise every Tuesday night.

On May 18th we held Auditions for Admissions at Grand Blanc, the results of which are unknown at this time as we had a couple of guests and some calls from others who could not make it that night but are coming out to one of our regular meetings in the near future.

SAGINAW BAY

A.J. Showalter

Twelve new members were inducted into the Saginaw Bay Chapter at Bay City, May 7th. Guests at the quad chapter party from Flint, Holly-Fenton and Pontiac were on hand to welcome TIM NORLING, BILL JACKSON, DALE COUTURE, A.J. SHOWALTER, VIRGIL PITTS, FRANK BRADLEY, ERNIE LONG, DAVE KNAPP, DOYLE HALL, MIKE WALSH, BOB VAN BUREN, AND BILL DAoust. This brings the membership to 47 with regular guests about to take the plunge and become full time Barbershoppers.

The quad chapter party was a gala affair. Nearly 100 members and guests from the four chapters enjoyed choruses, quartets and harmony until the wee hours. The bus driver had a hard time rounding up his charges from Pontiac and Holly-Fenton but they finally left the driving to him.

Mother's Day found the chorus providing music for the mothers at the Hemlock Methodist Church. The sound was good enough that we have been invited back to put on a benefit show for the Institute of Logopedics in the church in the fall.

Final preparations are being made for the chapter Dinner Show June 5. Featured will be The Bean Town Four, The Original Choice and The Timberland Chordsmen and two quartets and chorus from the Midland Sweet Adelines. On display will be the Bush League trophy from Boyne City won by the Original Choice.

OAKLAND COUNTY

Jim McCatty

Whoever said "time flies" wasn't just whistling Dixie. The Fall Convention is still fresh in my mind but here it is almost time to head for New Orleans.

Well, the hour of truth is fast approaching and our guys are hard at work getting our songs in apple pie order. For those of you who have been to International, you know everything has to be just right. Just enough spice of the right kind in the right place can turn the trick. We have the man that can put it all where it should be and we have apples right from the top of the tree, to make his job as easy as possible.

It is our fondest hope to be able to make the record this trip. I know that is optimistic but we are giving our all to make this possible.

The Pioneer District is sending two great quartets to International this year. "The Gentlemen's Agreement" is the finest quartet I have ever heard and are my choice for Champions un "71". The "Vagabonds" could possibly be in the top ten, so if the chorus comes thru the Pioneer District will really have something to be proud of.

Our chapter meeting being a "Past Presidents Night", came off to a roaring success thanks to Fran Durham. I'm sure that nothing short of hard work brought back presidents from 1942. With groups like the "Car-Tunes" and the "Rolling Tones" on hand, you must know we had a great time.

We're practicing twice a week, Monday and Wednesday, 8:00 P.M., K of C Hall, Berkley. Stop in to see us. If we don't see you here we'll see you in Battle Creek.

LANSING

Mike Strauss

After Traverse City our chorus decided that for the Fall Convention in Grand Rapids we would combine our new sound with new attire. We are finally going to get uniforms of some type.

Now that the convention and fish fry are over we now begin preparing for our fall show on October 23. We have got a lot of work to do and it seems there is never enough time to do it in. On the program as of now are the Gentlemen's Agreement, the Vagabonds, and the Range Finders.

Our biggest social event in May was the Past Presidents-Old Timers Night. We had a great turnout including many guests. Some of the quartets were the Song Masters, 3 of the Merri Men, and our special quartet of the evening, the Sharplifters. It's too bad that our district couldn't have sent three quartets to New Orleans because all of them are top notch material. I'm sure they will be tough to beat next year with their new lead.

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at our annual fish fry.

I know that I did. The meal was great and the entertainment was even better.

Some of the events we are looking forward to this summer are the Moonlight Cruise in July and of course, Harmony Weekend in Harrisville in September. Hope to see you there.

WAYNE

by Morrie Giles

To say that we were thrilled to win the District Chorus Championship would be somewhat like saying nothing at all. There are, perhaps, words to describe our feelings, but as yet I haven't run across any. We would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the "Wolverine Chorus" and the District Board for instituting the practice of awarding each individual member of the winning chorus a ribbon for all to see. That beats going down the street shouting, "WE WON!"

And a flowery bouquet to our wives for assisting us with make-up, hospitality, and for moral support, plus a surprise refreshment break at our first rehearsal after the contest. Maybe they love us?

On April 30 the "Wonderland Chorus" did a P.T.A. job in Wayne and were awarded "Honorary Memberships" in appreciation.

May 3rd we entertained a bowling league at the Mayflower meeting house in Plymouth.

How many of you are early risers? At 5:55 A.M. over WJR, 750 on your AM dial, Farm Editor Marshall Wells

usually signs off his programs with one of the top quartets or choruses. Marshall has been doing this for some years, but just recently became a Barber-shopper himself via the Monroe Chapter. Why not set your clock radio so as to wake up to Barbershop chords.

On May 14 the "Wonderland Chorus" participated in the annual fund raising nite at Detroit's meeting hall in behalf of the 2 quartets and the "Wolverine Chorus" who will represent the Pioneer District in New Orleans.

We are also scheduled to open the big "send-off" show at Battle Creek on June 12.

On Friday, May 21st, the chorus did a sing-out at Westland Mall followed immediately by "Auditions for Admissions" in the Mall auditorium. 20 men auditioned and spent an evening learning songs and tags. A light lunch was served and a good time was had by all. We hope to have the majority of these men turn out at our next chorus rehearsal.

Wayne wishes all of you a very pleasant summer and hopes to see you at Harrisville.



KALAMAZOO

Carroll Stander

Here I sit, as usual, right up to deadline time, trying to express my appreciation of Traverse City's fine job of hosting our Spring Convention. There, that snow job should match the snow that fell, all kidding aside, it was a well planned week-end of Barbershop and fun.

Our "Resorters" Charlie Buxton and Jim Brown have returned from the sunny(???) state of Florida. Merrill Sibberson had returned earlier so he wouldn't miss our wonderful Michigan Spring.

Our chorus turned out in force to sing for Borgess Hospital Employee Banquet on the 11th. A fine job for a good audience.

Friday May 24 we sang at the K of C Hall for the annual Shriner and K of C get together after which we were treated to refreshments in their bar and did a bit of woodshedding.

Friday May 21 found us on a bus bound for the Jackson Tri-Chapter blast. Bill Butler brought about forty of his chorus from Detroit. We had about thirty, added to our hosts large turn out, we had a fine gathering. (Morning sure came early Saturday).

We are planning a bus trip to Lansing's annual Fish Fry on Friday June 11 and quite a few of the fellows are planning on Battle Creek's "Send-off" nite June 12 for the benefit of the District Chorus and Quartet entries at International Convention. See you there.

PONTIAC

Dick Guerin

Well the Spring Convention is over, and what a convention. The Merrymotemen Chorus made the trip, and brought home THE PIONEER DISTRICT JR. CHORUS CHAMPIONSHIP. What a fantastic effort, considering they made up their minds to compete, just 4 weeks prior to the contest. RAFFERTY'S RAIDERS really sang their hearts out for Dan. The Chorus has done nothing but sing since then. Three jobs in one week, plus three more coming up in June. We're planning on putting 40 to 50 men on stage for the Fall Contest, so look out District.

Our May meeting was a jam packed one. Auditions for Admissions, was the name of the game. The Sharp-lifters were our guest quartet, plus the Drop Chords, and the Curbstone Serenaders, and the Merry Motormen. Quite an evening. 14 new men were auditioned, and the prospects of new members really looks great. Believe me, Auditions for Admissions is a program that really works. Also Cliff Douglas, our Area Counselor, installed 6 new members and presented man of note awards to their sponsors. 10 men were to be installed but that's the way meetings go. MARSHALL WELLS, of WJR Radio was there to receive his award. What a great guy. Marshall brought us Paul Hood, a very fine lead. We have 27 Green Brocade, First Nighter, Green Chorus Jackets for sale. The price is \$20 per jacket, sizes from 38 to 48. Contact Ray Guerin, 3059 Herbell, Pontiac 48054. Ph. 68-20836. Or Dick Guerin, 1371 Irwin Dr. Pontiac, 48054., Ph. 67-41353. All in excellent condition.

Bad news, John and Judy Lickert are leaving the area. Florida is the place. John will be transferring to the Thor Power Tool co. Eff. June 2.

Dick Guerin was named Barber Shopper of the Year for the Pontiac Chapter.

DETROIT

Bob Stone

Even tho summer is almost upon us and Barbershopping seems to slack off a bit thru the vacation days, Motor City Chorus guys have been more active lately.

Our Chapter's Fund Raiser Meeting of May 14 brought out lots of helpful well-wishers that increased the Kitty for our International Contest representatives at New Orleans. Don't know if Editor Van Dyke will publish this in time, but several members will attend the Gala Fund Raising meeting in Battle Creek on the 12th of June. Hope they make lots of \$\$\$\$ for the guys, and Good Luck and God Speed from Detroit Chapter. Let's get that trophy back.

30 of our stalwarts sang on May 15 at the Detroit Police Department's "Fuzzorama", and altho the accoustics weren't the greatest and there were other activities accompanying..

the Chorus was well received and have been invited back for next year when the Annual Fuzzorama will be expanded to Cobo Hall.

And 28 Detroit members climbed on a Mystery Bus on May 21 for a smasher of a BarberShopping evening at Jackson Chapter where they were joined by a similar Mystery Bus group from Kalamazoo. All kinds of talent, hospitality, and a fine time.

Detroit's Umteenth Annual Bob-Lo Moonlite Ride is all set for July 16th, the third Friday. So make your plans now. Call Tom Gay in Troy at 879-9461 for info if you don't

want to wait for our forthcoming Flyers or news ads. But it'll be a dandy and especially for those new members who have never experienced a boat load of singers who soon can't tell if they're going upriver or down or whether they're serenading Canada or the U.S. because the boat turns around occasionally and it's dark.

Every year we have a big debate whether to retain the dance band on board as it seems like a waste, but the cool heads prevailed and they'll be on board for the dancing that O.K.s the deal with wives and gal friends who don't dig singing for 4 hours straight. Make him promise more than one dance, gals.

Our Chorus wives, the powers behind the throats, have jumped in and are doing a project to get new summer uniform shirts for the Motor City Chorus after considerable procrastination by their guys. Hurray for Women's Lib!!!

BOYNE CITY

Ron Bishop

The 25th Annual Bush League is now history. It seems that every year the show gets better and we are really going to have to go some to top this year's show.

Before I forget, I want to thank, on behalf of our President Dick Wheeler, everyone who helped make the show a success.

The afternoon quartet competition found the "Original Choice" from Saginaw-Bay City chapter, reigning as the new Bush League champs. The "Range Finders" from Lansing are the number two quartet. Don't think it was a walk-away though. The competition was real tough, just ask anyone who competed.

The evening show was a sell-out. The nearest count placed attendance at over 1100. That's an all time high for our "little" show. The Boyne City Snow Belt Chorus opened the show with a real surprising performance for our director, Loton Willson. He was crowned as Bush League King of 1971 and much to his surprise, was presented with a set of All Events tickets for the International Convention in New Orleans as well as round trip tickets to the convention.

Last year's winners, the "Soundsations" were presented by our M.C., Slat's Ramer. They then presented the afternoon winners with their trophies and passed the Bush League Travelling Trophy on to the "Original Choice", this time full of wooden shoe chips direct from Holland Mich.

After the intermission, the "Epsilon Jass Band" put on an outstanding performance and were immediately followed by the "Harmony Hounds" who did a wonderful job, as usual.

The After-Glow was a success as well, at least for awhile. We were all very much shocked when one of our dearest members, Arne Hegerberg, suffered a fatal heart attack during the height of the evening festivities. Needless to say, the evening wasn't the same afterwards.

We now have a new assistant chorus director, in the person of Dennis Johnson, who also happens to be the director of the award winning Boyne City High School Band.

Monday night is our night at the "Loton Willson Room" in the basement of the dilworth Hotel. We welcome everyone to stop in and sing with us anytime you are in the area. Meetings start at 8:00 P.M.



Depicted is Pontiac's Cliff Douglass presenting what can only be considered the first of many "Man-of-Note" awards to be presented to Marshall Wells, radio station W.J.R.'s multi-talented Farm Editor.

The usually bereted newly elected man-of-note really knows no specific chapter. His listening audience is composed of the entire eastern half of the United States (and most of Canada), and altho his "home" chapter is Monroe, his first new member lives closest to the Pontiac Chapter, so he introduced him to barbershopping there. Don't be surprised to see him drop in unexpectedly at your chorus practice or chapter meeting with a prospective new member in tow.

His "TOWN AND COUNTRY" farm oriented barbershop laden show at 5:05 A.M. every day is his main vehicle for expounding at every occasion the merits of barbershopping including such greats recently as the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, THE SUN TONES, THE PHOENICIANS, THE AUTO TOWNERS, ETC., ETC., he is also heard on the "Farm Roundup" at 12:10 daily on W.J.R. and Saturdays on the FARM DIGEST (where he has been known to focus the entire program on barbershopping). Marshall - we applaud your efforts!!!



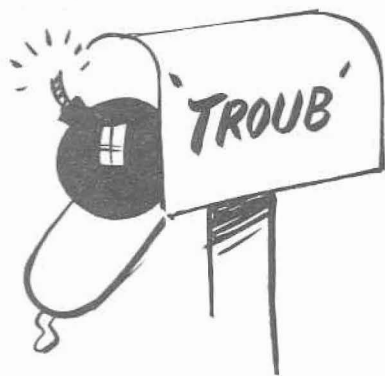
"THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT"

GROSSE POINTE

Meinrad T. Braun

The 19th Century 4 were organized in 1963 and after quite a struggle they made their debut at Jackson during the district finals in 1964 of quartets and choruses. They were selected to represent the Senior Class in the Pioneer District having scored more points than any other of the Senior contestants. They were all members of the Grosse Pointe Chapter. Their collection of songs included some of the most popular of old time harmony. All of the old time songs were recorded such as Honey-Uncle Joe-Deer Old Girl-Annie Laurie-If I Had My Way-Jungle Town-Mandy Lee-Bright Was the Night-Roll Away Jordan. Unfortunately this fine quartet which represented 260 years of age is no more. Joe Trøe Bari- died Feb. 8, 1966, Ben Landino died Dec. 13th 1969, and Arthur Dupius died April 24th, 1971. The only living member of the quartet is Meinrad Braun-Tenor

Their replacements were later taken by Al Singer-Lead Jack Henderstein, Bari. A good group they were at one time for harmony and well worthy of mentioning.



letters to the editor

Dear Dick,
Sure sorry you didn't make it to our 25th Silver Anniversary of the Bush League. Everyone says it was the best ever. One of our new members, Ron Bishop is taking over the duties of Reporter so I am sure he will cover it. Needless to say I was speechless for once in my life when Chuck Schmidt of Bellevue, Ohio, who is Pres. of the Sage Lake Round Up, presented me in behalf of my chapter, tickets for the New Orleans International, for my wife and self and reservations on the Michigan Charter Plane.

Our celebration was perfect except for the tragedy that occurred Sat. Nite, or rather Sunday morning about 1:45AM at the After Glo, and that is what I am writing you about. I don't know the policy of the Troubadour on deaths, but one of our most dedicated members had a heart attack at that time in the ballroom and never regained consciousness. He joined our chapter in 1945 and was very active, while he never was a district officer, he was always singing in a quartet, was at the time of his death, Chairman of Quartet Encouragement. In the many years that we were the only chapter north of Saginaw, and we had such a struggle to keep our min. of 25 members (our population is only 2800) he was my right hand man in keeping Barbershop alive in the north. The whole district has lost a great Barbershopper. I am sending his obituary as it appeared in our paper, and with what I have furnished, I hope you can make some sort of mention in the next edition, as his widow was always a great lover of Barbershopping and reads the Troub from cover to cover. To give you an idea of his loss to this whole area, Traverse City has told me they are making a donation to Logopedics in his memory, and of course, our chapter is also. Thank you for anything you can do.

If you need any information (unbiased) about our Bush League this year, Bill Pascher was here (for the 1st time) took some pictures, and said he had a ball. One of the High Lites was my chorus singing Rawley Hallman's song "Silver Anniversary" and he was here for the 1st time and took a bow. All of our original Judges Ed Smith, John Hill, Ed Gaikema, and myself officiated, the only one that couldn't make it was Joe Jones, and Bob Tracy filled in for him.

Bari-truly,
Loton V. Willson

THE SILVER
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It is indeed the inherent right of each and every dues-paying Barbershopper in the Pioneer District to voice his approval or disapproval of the editor or the editorial policies of the "Troubadour". However, in so doing, one should consider that the editor's job is almost a thankless one. He must devote the majority of his spare time to a task which is its own reward, for there is no salary attached.

When former editor, Jim Davenport, tendered his resignation the job went begging for several months before Dick Van Dyke agreed to accept.

Most of us can remember a few years back when publication was suspended entirely because no one would assume the responsibility involved.

Further, we old timers of the Wayne Chapter can recall a period when Wayne's reports were omitted from the "Troubadour" entirely, presumably because our chapter president at that time had politely taken the editor to task over a gross error involving the Wayne Chorus.

To my knowledge our present editor does publish anything submitted so long as it is on time, "not obscene, and is not derogatory". (To quote the April issue.)

So, dear readers, when you take our editor apart, please do it very gently, in order that the pieces may fit back together again. We may need his services for some time to come.

Morrie Giles
Wayne Chapter

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Just to let you in on a little secret, the International bound Vagabonds wore the championship pins of the Triads (Sweet Ads Region 2 Champs) pinned to their underwear in the Traverse City contest. Mrs. Norm Thompson and Mrs. Ken Gibson sing in the Triads, of course. . . . Congrats to Fred & Joan Kienitz on the birth of another daughter. . . . Our sympathies to the Clarence (Punk) Edoff family, 28 years a Detroit Chapter member, and sung with the Hi-Tones - died recently. . . . get-well wishes go to the recently hospitalized Judy Kniffen . . . also to Mike Donahue who was hospitalized . . . likewise Paul Eberwein who is now recuperating at home . . . Congratulations to Flint Chapter Anniversarians Kienitz, Robisons, Gillies, (Lloyd) Browns, Chriblers, and Nylands . . . the Ed Stankos recently visited friends in New York . . . Grosse Pointe's Ladies Auxiliary recently elected new officers as follows: Pres. Marge Wearing, V.P. Dawn Yackqes, Sec. Lucille Dubrul, Treas. Jannie Demars, and Reporter Shirley Seeley; the auxiliary has purchased shirts and emblems for the chorus . . . O.C.C.'s Norm Hoemke was recently hospitalized . . . Mike and Arlene Donahue recently added a son to their family . . . Detroit Chapter Chorus wives recently held a meeting at the home of Phyllis Carey . . . Detroit's Bob-Lo Moonlite Cruise is planned for July 16; tickets are available from Art Schultz (313 527-7602) for \$3.00 . . . congratulations to the wives of the Traverse City Chapter for their professionalism in handling the registration desk and the "Harmony Fair Boutique" . . . Detroit's Fund Enthusiasm Night in Dearborn's Legion Hall recently added some funds to the coffers of the Int'l bound Wolverine Chorus, Gentlemen's Agreement, and the Vagabonds; Ed Conn emceed the affair, Doc Carey and Gord Limburg directed some gang singing, Wayne, Detroit, and O.C.C.'s Choruses sang, and the feature quartet for the night turned out to be the Rolling Tones of O.C.C. - the Gentlemen's Agreement and the Vagabonds both had previously engagements - Millie and Norbert Shamus cooked for the affair, of course.

Have a wonderful summer, and we'll see you in September.

DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTS NEW 'TROUB' EDITOR!

The Troub is in good hands. Whew!! Wotta relief!! Old friend Roger Lewis of the Harmony Hounds is taking over as of the September issue and we don't know of a more capable person.



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BUSH LEAGUE



The 1971 Boyne City Bush League winners are no strangers to barbershopping...Jim Gross-Bari, Bud Carpenter-Lead, Len Johnson-Bass, and Herb Benjamin-Tenor. The ORIGINAL CHOICE from the Saginaw-Bay Chapter is a bright new sound with a promising future. Congratulations guys.



The sign tells its' own story, but new members is the end product of any membership drive. The "Auditions for Admissions" concept gets the job done!! As a direct result of the Wayne Chapter's efforts in this vein, 12 new singers showed up for chorus practice the following Monday night, and (probably not co-incidental) signed seven new members. Your chapter should try it. Let's get this district where it belongs...2000 members is not at all unrealistic.



the HELL BOUND TRAIN

A Texas cowboy lay down on a barroom floor
 having drunk so much he could drink no more
 so he fell asleep with a troubled brain
 to dream that he rode on a hell bound train
 The engine with murderous blood was damp
 and was brilliantly lit with a brimstone lamp
 an imp for fuel was shoveling bones
 while the furnace rang with a thousand groans
 The boiler was filled with lager beer
 and the devil himself was the engineer
 the passengers were a motley crew
 church member, Athiest, Gentile and Jew
 Rich men in broadcloth, beggars in rags
 handsome young ladies and withered old hags
 yellow and black men, red brown and white
 all chained together, my god what a sight!
 While the train rushed on at an awfull pace
 the sulphurous fumes scorched their hands and face
 wider and wider the country grew
 and faster and faster the engine flew

Louder and louder the thunder crashed
 and brighter and brighter the lightning flashed
 hotter and hotter the air became
 till the clothes were burned from each quivering frame
 And out of the distance there arose a yell
 ah, ha! said the devil "we're nearing hell!"
 then oh how the passengers all shrieked with pain
 and begged the devil to stop the train
 But he capered about and danced with glee
 and laughed and joked at their misery
 my faithfull friends you have done the work
 and the devil never can a payday shirk
 You've bullied the weak, you've robbed the poor
 the starving brother you've turned from your door
 you've laid up gold where the canker rust
 and have given freely of your beastly lust
 You've justice scorned and corruption sown
 and trampled the laws of nature down
 you have drunk, rioted cheated and lied
 and mocked at GOD in your hell-born pride
 You have paid full fare so I'll carry you through
 for it's only right you should have your due
 why the laborer always expects his hire
 so I'll land you safe in the lake of fire
 Where your flesh will waste in the flames that roar
 and my imps torment you forever more
 Then the cowboy awoke with an anguished cry
 his clothes wet with sweat and hair standing high
 Then he prayed as he had never prayed till that hour
 to be saved from his sin and the demons power
 and his prayers and vows were not in vain
 for he never rode the hell-bound train!

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men of note

WOW Look at us go. When's the last time you remember the Pioneer District gaining 46 new members in one month, or even close to it??? Saginaw-Bay tops the list with seven new members (Frank Bateson with #16 am I wrong, or is that tops in the District??), and Traverse City, still being toasted by the District for their fine job in hosting the convention, was second with six. (T.C.'s Max Carter bagged #10).

Let's keep the ball rolling. It isn't all that hard to do. With all of the people we have within our District's border's there is no reason why we shouldn't be over 2000 members. Let's not shoot at sending three quartets to International, let's try for four. With the calibre of quartets we have in our District, it's only right.

April's heros:

Norm Peterson	1
John S. Taylor	1
Lew Mahacek, Jr.	1
Paul Robinson	8
Jordon Bosma	1
Ken Harr	1
Patrick Yacques	3
James Phelan, Sr.	1
Russ Seely	4
Robert Peterson	3
E.A. VandeZande	5
Edgar Fremody	1
J. Edwin Pohl	1
Donald Funk	3
Don Sheridan	2
Robert Moll	5
Wm. Shannon	2
Jack Teubert	2
Henry Geyer	2
Wm. Frye	2
Cliff Douglas	6
Marshall Wells	1
Edgar Hardy	1
Eric Meldrum	2
Leo Norling	2
Hugh Walsh	2
Randall L. Meldrum	1
Richard Mueller	2
Frank Bateson	16
Louis DeVito	2
Max Carter	10
Dean Fisher	3
Martin Chergwin	7
Chas. Van Horn	1
Harold Petter	4
Ruben Queen	4
Elwood Kime	1

Al Fricker	9
Gary Crawford	2
Sim R. Andrews	4
Andrew J. Roy	7
Donald Schroeder	3
Armando Arce	1
Paul Sheldon	2

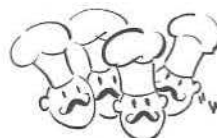
Dale Schroeder was listed in the paper we received from international as having secured his 90th new member. If, indeed that is true, Frank Bateson is a bum. If it isn't, then Frank is still one of the Society's best recruiters. We'll be watching future issues of the Troub., and Good Ole Frank will win one free steak dinner when he signs up number 20.

MAY

Gerald	Fitzgerald	2	
Russell	Seely	5	
Simon	Krol	1	
Robert	Strom	1	
Stuart	Benedict	1	
Darl V	Wiley	1	
Timothy J	Norling	1	
Raymond K	Walsh	1	
Eric J	Meldrum	3	
Frank	Bateson	17	(AGAIN)????
Paul	Roberts	1	
Roger J	Lewis	1	
Raymond	Sikkenga	2	
Bruce	Wright	1	
Paul	Sheldon	3	
Art	Lusty	1	
Tim	Campbell	1	
Donald	Schroeder	4	
Dale	Schroeder	91	

JUNE

James C	Gougeon	1
Harold	Reno	1
Tom	Shull	3
Francis	Durham	2
Rawley	Hallman	3
Richard	Guerin	1
William P	Pascher	3
Stanley L	Lawrence	2
Clifford	Douglas	7
Charles	Clark	2
Mike	Bourgain	2
James	Swisher	1
Robert	La Croix	3
John	Mirquelon	3
George	Fitzgerald	3
Clay	Jones	1
Peter C	Andersen	5
Jim	Roy	1
Howard R	Spear	1



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Oak Park, Michigan
48237

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Oct. 16, 1971
Oct. 23, 1971
Nov. 6, 1971
Mar. 11, 1972

GRATIOT COUNTY PARADE
FALL CONVENTION, GR. RAPIDS
FRUIT BELT PARADE
LANSING PARADE
DETROIT PARADE
BATTLE CREEK PARADE

Mar. 18, 1972
Apr. 8, 1972
Apr. 18, 1972
Jul. 21, 1972
Nov. 4, 1972
Apr. 7, 1973
May 5, 1973
Nov. 3, 1973
Apr. 20, 1974

KALAMAZOO PARADE
GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
BOYNE CITY BUSH LEAGUE
DETROIT MOOLIGHT CRUISE
DETROIT PARADE
BOYNE CITY BUSH LEAGUE
GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
DETROIT PARADE
BOYNE CITY BUSH LEAGUE
GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL

May 4, 1974
Apr. 12, 1975
Apr. 3, 1976

BOYNE CITY BUSH LEAGUE

Nothing, as yet, has been scheduled for the 80's, but get your reservations in early, folks. The good time slots are going fast.



THE OLD SONGS