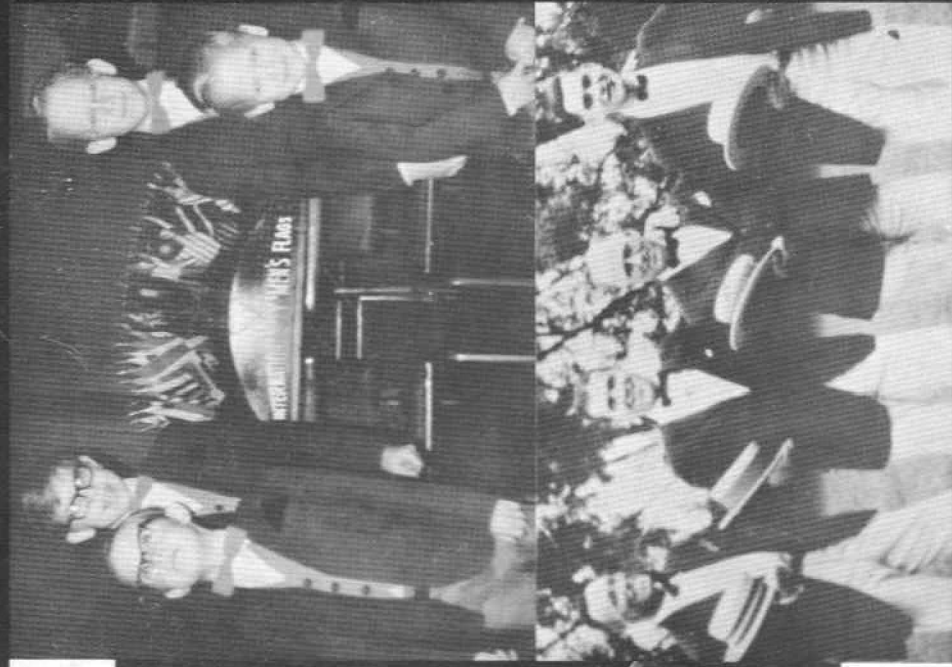




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MARCH, 1971





The present, past, and the future. It's all wrapped up in these three pictures. You readily recognize the Gentlemen's Agreement, of course. They're our current District Champs, and fine ones indeed; the second picture is a group known as the Forest Male Quartet (sent to the troub. by District Historian Duane Mosier), and the third depicts the not too distant hope of the future of barbershopping is a group known as The Little Shavers. They help to prove a point that we've been trying to make, that barbershopping is a family hobby. If you don't believe it, go to Harrisville or Horsehead Lake or to Goshorn Lake, or Pontiac's Memorial Week-end, or one of several other camping outings, or go to an International Convention or a Chapter Ladies Night. If you're looking for the abounding harmony and understanding that the "now generation" is seemingly searching for . . . it's there. It always has been in barbershopping.

The choreographer stopped the routine long enough to take this picture of these snappy looking gents who harmonized under the name of The Forest Male Quartet. That was in 1925, thirteen years before SPEB was born. You'll have to look close to find the forest, and some of you old timers will have to look close to know who they are, so to help you, here they are: (L to R) Milton Vose, lead; Carleton Scott, tenor; Carroll P. Adams, bari and Arthur Holmes, bass (now living in California).

The following "P.R." release was sent along with the picture by the father-coach of the Little Shavers: The Little Shavers from Owosso, Mich. are Randy 10, Craig 8, Tim 6 and Kris 4, all sons of Sandy and Don Horton of Owosso. Don is a member of the Lansing Chapter.

The boys got their real start last Sept. at Harrisville. Since that time they have officially organized. The group has entertained for a number of groups in Owosso, Corunna, Lansing and Grand Rapids. These sing-outs include singing for the American Bus Womans Assoc., the Nurses Christmas party, a retirement party, a couple of Y.M.C.A. functions, a rest home, Chapters Ladies nights for Lansing and Grand Rapids. Jobs coming up for the Little Shavers include singing for the Shia. Co. Dental Assoc. and the Metropolitan club ladies night.

The real joy of this group is that it is a family project. The boys do all the performing, mommy takes care of the costumes and the scrapbook and daddy does the coaching.

The boys have started a bank account at the Owosso Savings Bank where daddy works. Randy is the Financial Secretary and spokesman for the quartet. Already the boys are asking if they will ever be international champions.

So far the Little Shavers have earned enough to outfit themselves with matching suits, shirts, shoes and puff ties. Now they are starting to work for a tape recorder to assist them in learning new songs. And improving old ones.

The Little Shavers performance consists of a mixture of barbershop songs and kid songs with a little comedy worked in for variety. The act is about 25 minutes long and includes the following songs: Its Barbershop Harmony Time, Bill Grogan's Goat, Along Came Jones, Brown Squirrel, and Six Little Ducks and others.

One job the boys sang was for a \$20.00 donation to The Institute of Logopedics made by the American Business Womans Assoc.

Anyone interested in contracting The Little Shavers contact Don Horton, 649 N. Saginaw St., Owosso, Mich. or phone (517) 723-6694. They will add a new twist to your next big barbershop event.

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PIONEER DIST. CONVENTION TRAVERSE CITY



chapter news

TRAVERSE CITY

by Dean Fischer

Won't be long now. And the clear skies of our Great North will ring, ring, ring with the great sound of the Pioneer District doing our thing.

Our convention committee has things rolling, and by the time you get here you can expect a great contest and convention.

ARE YOU GETTING READY? ? ?

We have been busy. Our group just wound up our 3rd Annual Radio Day on station WLDR.

We sell spot packages, and take over the station and do the broadcasting all day. We share in the take. One of our better money making projects. (I work for WCCW)

Our "Baytones" quartet has kept in shape, doing some sing outs.

Twenty-nine of our guys went to Gaylord to help the Ausable Valley Chapter get some new members.

President Bob Markey, and the guys are doing a great job getting their new chapter off the ground. Maybe they'll charter before April and compete. Neat Huh.

Uncle Tom (Damm that is) officially present the "Ausable Valley" their liscence.

The "one guy from Saginaw Bay" I've mentioned before, was in attendance and also made our chorus rehearsal the next night and is the current president of that chapter.

Les Cheneaux, from way up at Cederville had a good size contingent of guys plus a good quartet. V.P. Cap McClain and the Le Cheneaux Chorus did a fine job under the direction of that tagger Bob Tracey.

We had 54 guys singing the other night. Although several were guests and potential members our sound is coming good.

Hope everybody is getting ready, --- We are.

Harmonize under clear skies. April 23-4-5 in TRAVERSE CITY.

MUSKEGON

by Del Doctor

February 19th proved to be one of the outstanding programs in the history of the Muskegon Chapter. Bill Duplissis, our Program V.P. for 1971 pulled out all the stops for this event. This was the SPEB-SQUAW Night for 1971. As most of you know this

is the night that we pick our Queen for the year. She has to have helped her husband in promoting and encouraging Barbershopping activities. This proves to be a task for a quartet to choose a Queen, but this year it was very easy for the Kasual D's to pick Mrs Paul (Maggie) Borton as our Queen.



Last year's Queen - June Martin is crowning Mrs Borton. Mrs Borton sets in our own barber chair.

The Kasual D's sang Maggie's favorite song (This Is All I Ask) and her husband beamed with delight with the choice. Wear your crown with much happiness Maggie.

The program also included the Dune Tones and the Port City Chorus and chords were a plenty during the evening.

The 2nd highlight of the evening came when the popular Harmony Hounds were announced. The four are a credit to our Society and we were proud to have had them for our Ladies Night. They sang and showed the slides of their trip to the Hospitals overseas. Thanks Hounds, for your contributions to our evening.

The Muskegon Chorus, under the direction of Tom Damm is getting ready for that big week-end in Traverse City. Regular rehearsals each Tuesday evening have been fun and rewarding. It seems that Muskegon is on the way up to bigger and better things in 1971. We'll see you soon in Traverse City.

JACKSON

Dan LaBumbard

Greetings from Jackson where the action is. We have started out the new year with many new faces and new places. We have changed meeting places and we now meet at the Hotel Hayes every Friday. Jim Stevens has taken over as our new chorus director and Oakland County had better look out because the Jacksonaires are on the move.

Our first meeting at the Hayes had us initiating two new members (Ed Lowe and Art Boone) and we have three more possibles into the fold. The fine con-

vention film was the highlight of our Jan. 29th meeting and a huge ladies night on Feb. 5th with the Cereal City Canines as our guests have started the year with a bang.

On Jan. 30th our chorus and our two fine quartets, the Noteable 4 and the Fortune Tellers, sang for a SRO crowd in Litchfield. The audience had almost as much fun as we did. We have a package show coming up in Hanover - Horton and we wish you could see our act.

ATTENTION ALL LEADS AND/ OR TENORS. . . The famous WARREN G. HARDING MEMORIAL 4 will be holding auditions at your convenience. For information contact Ed Conn (Detroit) Jerry Reid (Wayne) or Dan LaBumbard (Jackson).

DETROIT

by Bob Stone

Well, guess the job description for the Bulletin Editor had some fine print in the contract, because when I agreed to do the monthly (?) "News Disseminator" (Adverse Criticals have said it's more like "Manure Spreader") it came as a distinct type shock to learn the package deal included sending some bits of info and announcement stuff to Editor Dick Van Dyke each month for the Troubadour. C'est la Vie.

Detroit Chapter's merger with Dearborn has swelled Chorus membership considerable and found them a permanent home and rehearsal hall. The combine now meets every Monday night at the Legion Hall on Maple in Dearborn for Chorus Rehearsal with Bill Butler as the Arm Waver Extraordinaire. The Regular Meeting date is the second Friday at the same place. Good times prevail.

One of the Up-Coming Do's which you should try to get to is the 15th Annual Octet Contest scheduled for Friday, the 12th of February at that Legion Hall. Most Metropolitan Area Barbershoppers are familiar with the fine time and singing show that occurs at these Contests. There's usually eight to twelve octets competing, four categories of judging, and the Society Point system determining the winner. Last year the "Heavenly 7 Plus Deming" won it for the Saginaw-Bay Chapter. It'll be a dandy.

Detroit's Motor City Chorus was unusually busy during the Holiday Season with lots of appearances at convalescent homes, then they showed off to the little woman at the very successful Ladies Night Dinner - Dance (over 200 participated) in January.

Come on down to visit on second Fridays or any Monday.

Well over a hundred Barbershoppers gathered for Detroit's 15th Annual Octet Contest on February 12th. From as far as Saginaw, but mostly from the Metropolitan Area, twelve groups sang two songs each for Judges Ed Smith, Al Davenport, Bill Butler, and Al Maier. The Oakland Raiders took top honors with 697 points with The Wayne Beaux at 684 and Detroit's Back Porch Pump Club in third place with 679 points.

Our Chorus Wives have been planning for months on their big fund raising RUMMAGE SALE set for Saturday, March 20th, at the Ferndale Center, 400 E. 9 Mile Road, beginning at 8 A.M. Profits earned will go towards new uniforms for their hubby chorus members. If you like some GOOD JUNK at reasonable prices, all kinds of novelties, gadgets, and a lot of miscellaneous leftover whatchamacallets. . . stop by.

After a busy holiday season's appearances our Motor City Chorus performed for the Bishop Foley K. of C. on Feb. 17th, then split a double header with the Down River Sweet Adeliners at the Easter Seal Society charity show at Ford Auditorium. The gals ran the first half with their chorus and a quartet the "Triads", Carl Restivo led the gang singing at half time, and we wound up the second half along with the O.C.C. and Detroit Chapters' quartet "The Cartunes," and it went well.

Our up-coming meeting on March 12th will have the refugee Irisher Bill Butler MCing a St. Patrick's Day theme program at the Legion Hall in Dearborn, with Windsor visiting on a home and home series with the prime attraction to end all Barbershopper gatherings Jackson's big favorite quartet "The Fortune Tellers." Best be there. 2nd Friday as per usual now. Come on down and join us.

BOYNE CITY

by Loton V. Willson

Our Chapter is in the process of renovating a room in the basement of the Dilworth Hotel, for a new Chapter Meeting Place. Art Young, the owner of the Hotel, has provided the room and we have recently poured a new cement floor and now are in the process of paneling the walls and ceiling. We hope to have it finished in time for our coming Silver Anniversary, May 1st. We put on a Pancake Supper and raised enough money for the floor, and now have plans for financing the rest. We held a Ladies Night at the Dilworth, Feb. 1st, with a delicious prime rib dinner, followed by special entertainment and a dance. Music furnished by "The Grandma & Grandpa's Jazz Band." Boy is my lip sore.

Arne Hegerberg, Chairman of quartet promotion, has instituted a program of 2 quartets singing at each meeting. Quartets picked from the membership at random. This program will give each one of the members an opportunity to sing in a quartet which is what our Society is all about. There have been some interesting results so far.

President Wheeler is busy whipping the Bush League Committees to great effort to insure our 25th Silver Anniversary to be the greatest ever. The chorus is readying 3 new songs, so don't miss it.

We are happy to announce that due to the fact that it is our 25th. Anniversary, we have assurance that the Judges who did so much to help the Bush League in it's early years, will be here to judge

the contest. They are Past International Pres., Ed Smith, Past International Category Spec., Joe Jones, the man who has arranged so many of our Society songs, John Hill, tenor of Past International Champs The Harmony Halls, Ed Gaikema, and Chairman of the Pioneer C & J Committee Merle Clayton. We will be happy to greet our old friends again. Our M.C. for the night will be our friend from south of the border, one of the greatest Barbershoppers ever, Slat's Ramer.

Boyne City's Editorial writer, Gregg Smith, has informed me that the Grand Rapids Press will carry a lengthy article in the magazine section, written by him for the Sunday edition. It will appear the later part of March or the first weekend in April. This article will cover The Bush League thru the 25 years of existence. Watch for it. See you April 24th, at Traverse City & May 1st, at Bush League

HOLLY-FENTON

Grant Wright

Welcome to our newest Chapter member, David Lonsbury, who became interested in our Society when he attended our audition night a few weeks ago. Dave has been attending our meetings nearly every week since then.

Our Chapter was host to a quad chapter meeting on Feb. 9th, with 72 enthusiastic members attending, from Holly-Fenton, Flint, Pontiac and Saginaw-Bay, including the Bean Town Four from Saginaw Bay. Other quartets included: The Original Choice from Saginaw Bay, The Townsman from Pontiac and Holly Fenton's own Tonsorial Tune Teasers, the first registered quartet from our Chapter.

Plans are shaping up well for our Spring Show on May 15th in Fenton and our chorus is working hard on show numbers. We are also getting ready for a sing-out on March 18th for the Fenton Golden Age group.

WAYNE

by Morrie Giles

At this writing the tickets for our Annual "Pitch Pipe Parade" on March 6th, are about 98 percent sold out. Wish we had a larger auditorium.

Jan. 29th, the night of the worst storm of the season, a large group of Wayne members boarded a bus, and joined a bunch of guys from Detroit Chapter for a visitation to Windsor. The reward was well worth the effort.

Feb. 12th, Wayne entered 3 octets in the Annual Detroit-Dearborn octet contest. Wayne placed 2nd out of 11 entries by virtue of the "Wayne Beaus". This same octet placed 2nd last year in the International Octet Contest in Canada.

On Feb. 4th Wayne lost an outstanding member with the sudden passing of Jim Alexander. Jim was well known in many other chapters because of his love for Boondoggling. Over the years he had suffered several heart attacks, but always bounced

back. He was also a member of the 1970 "Wayne Beaus" octet.

How many organizations are able to boast a membership ranging in ages from teens to octogenarians without some disparaging view points of it's goals due to that age-old bugaboo now known as the generation gap? Probably not very many. In fact, regardless of age, I'd venture to say comparatively few groups exist today in which some bickering does not take place.

Not so, however, in barbershopping. Wayne has 6 teenage members and I'm sure some chapters do have more than us. When singing together they are as old as we, and we are as young as they. We mix so well together you might even say that we're "Homogenized".

"The Invoices" have asked this column to announce that, regrettably, they will be unable to accept any commitments since there are no plans at present to replace tenor Dick Webber who recently accepted a position in Baltimore, Md.

At our Feb. 19th Chapter meeting Gordie Limburg was presented with his 25 year membership pin. How many 25 year men do you have in your chapter? It would be interesting to know via your chapter reporter.

I purposely delayed sending this report until Feb. 21st which is pretty close to copy deadline because on Sat., Feb. 20th, the Annual International Octet Contest was held in St. Thomas, Ontario. The winner this year was the "Wayne Beaus" with the tenors; John Linehan and Jim Callow, leads; Tom Pollard and Mike Bourgoin, Baritones; Clay Jones and Marv Shupski, basses; Jerry Reid and Bud Kepler. They sang "Over the Rainbow" and "Sally." Congratulations fellows.

See all you folks in Traverse City.

CADILLAC

Chester Polega

Our sincerest apologies to all. We were a little too presumptuous and gave you a premature announcement as to the feature quartet for our show which has been definitely re-scheduled for May 15th so as to enable everyone to attend. Our apologies go out to the FOUR-FITS and we hope you guys are understanding and forgiving.

Since we are on the subject of our 3rd ANNUAL SHOW MAY 15, 1971 --- and since we have made an erroneous announcement on the feature quartet previously, we do wish to take this opportunity to advise all of you, and to amend our previous notice, WHEREAS, the feature quartet who are scheduled to appear on our May 15th show will be the HARMONY HOUNDS ---- how about that.

The wives of chapter members were special guests Saturday evening, February 13, 1971 as we held our Special Ladies Valentine Night Party, together with

the annual installation of officers at the Elks Temple in Cadillac. Charles Miltner served as the installing officer. Following the installation, the chorus sang many renditions; and the two quartets, The CADILLAC AIRES and The HUM-DINGERS also presented selections as entertainment. Refreshments were served after the program and a good time was had by all who were present. A great big thanks to Everett Moffitt, the Committee Chairman for the event and to the rest of his committee for a job well done.

The Cadillac Chapter presented a program at the Kirtland Terrace, a home for the elderly, on Monday, Feb. 15, 1971. The chorus sang several selections as did the quartets; the HUM-DINGERS and CADILLAC AIRES. The folks at Kirtland Terrace served coffee and home-made baked goods to all chapter members after the show to show us their appreciation.

GRAND RAPIDS

Dick Williams

Well hush my mouth and shades of Rosie O'Grady is it possible that I've missed two issues of the Troubadour?

Holy harmony; I can already feel the sting of the whip on my back from our "soft" spoken Chorus Manager, Al Van-what's his name. Oh well, - in entercircles he's known as "Killer", but then you expect that from those bari's.

We are working hard toward our GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL Show with songs, choreography, etc., to be finalized and polished.

We are featuring the ROARING TWENTIES, the CITATIONS, CRACKER JILL'S, KASUAL D'S and the great - GREAT LAKES CHORUS. So mark this date, APRIL 17th, on your calander now.

Following our GREAT LAKES weekend is the big Spring Contest the following weekend in Traverse City. Let me tell you, we are working on two songs that'll really knock your ears off.

Our Ladies Valentines party was an outstanding success. Wally & Donna Graham did a super job and all fifty couples had a "gut busting" good ol time. The LITTLE SHAVERS from Lansing were an instant Hit as were the ORIGINAL CHOICE from Saginaw. From the sound of things these fellows are gonna have to be reckoned with in the very near future, - the Original Choice I mean, the Little Shavers have a few more years to go yet.

During the past four weeks we have had approximately sixteen guests, most of which attended our Audition night on January 22nd and have returned again to the halls of harmony.

Jack Sidor set up our Audition evening and did a fine job considering the weather that week and on the evening of the 22nd left much to be desired. Jack plus two great experts in four part vocal harmony, Lew Mahacek Sr., and Bob Sorenson

handled the voice testing. Guests and members had a good time and everyone, by the looks of the smiles and sound of hoarse throats, hated to go home. We plan on having another Audition evening in the near future.

Just a note of thanks to the quartet men who have seen their way clear to sing with the chorus. This has not always been easy and has ment certain sacrifices on their part but it is sure a boost to the morale of the chorus to know these guys are with us. With this kind of dedication, extra effort and enthusiasm on their part we can not help but be a fine chorus. To say simply "thanks" seems sometimes not enough, but then what can you say that really means as much? So, thanks guys: Al VanIwaarden, Jack Sidor, Bob Bufham, Tom Venus Paul Robinson, Bernie Poelman, Daryle Roche, & Dave and Phil Wright and to the rest of the chorus, your the greatest.

DON'T FORGET GRAND RAPIDS, FALL CONVENTION.

LANSING

Mike Strauss

February proved to be another big month for our chapter. Attendance continued to be great with new guests coming every week. I feel this year will be a fine one for us.

On Feb. 5th the Blue Goose "flew" down with 20 guys to visit the Oakland County Chapter. All the way down there we were entertained by our newest quartet the Lensmen. The night was highlighted by the 1970 International Contest Film from Atlantic City. The evening was ended by filling our bellies with some of the greatest stew and sausage we've ever had.

On Feb. 10th our chorus sang out to a church group in Wacousta, after which the audience viewed the Logopedics film. Apparently we impressed our audience because the following Monday one of them came to the meeting. We not only got the needed experience but might have gained a new member.

Probably one of the biggest social events of the year was our Ladies Night on Feb. 13th. We had a great turnout and a fine meal. A special thanks to Larry Wicker and Harold MacAttee for making that night possible. The best performance of the night came from the youngest unofficial quartet in all the history of the Society, or atleast the youngest person within a quartet. The Little Shavers, who are the four sons of our last year's President, Don Horton, ranging from ages ten down to four, were great. If the Harmony Hounds don't watch it they will be replaced. Other quartets of the night were the Lensmen, the Range Finders, and due to illness Gene Johnson sang tenor with the Fowler Four. Thanks to all for a great night of fun and relaxation.

OAKLAND COUNTY

Jim McCatty

For all those who took the time to join us at our Feb. 5th Chapter Meeting we say, "Thank you for visiting us." We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we enjoyed having you.

Show time is coming up mighty fast and we are in the final hectic week of rehearsal. It is a big job to put everything together to make the performance a worthwhile adventure. There are some mighty nice pieces of music which Carl Dahlke has arranged for the Chorus and are a real pleasure to learn and sing. Songs like "Exodus", "Aquarius," "What have they done to the rain", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic", make Barbershopping fun and gives young men who hear Barbershop Harmony for the first time something to think about.

February 12th was a good night for Oakland County at the Octet Contest sponsored by Detroit-Dearborn. Fellows like Durham, Davey, Gore, Shannon, MacFadyen, Thompson, Rafferty and Dahlke really put a sound together and won first place. Wayne and Detroit were followed by Oakland's No. 2 Octette. We had a wonderful time so thanks, fellows.

Our Chapter meeting in March promises to be an interesting evening. It is sponsor appreciation and service club night so this is a good opportunity to express our gratitude for their participation in our show program.

Here is one man's opinion on a name; I have lived in Michigan all my life and have never felt like, or considered myself a pioneer. Now it seems to me that when Barbershoppers ask where you're from, their interest is in Geography. We in Michigan have one of the most unique pieces of Geography on this whole planet so why not make use of it. We are so locked in by the Great Lakes that when you think of Michigan you see each and every lake. Let's give a great district a meaningful name, "The Great Lakes District". It fits.



PEARLS from
the PRESIDENT
TOM DAMM

I was happy to be able to be in Gaylord on Feb. 15 to visit the new AuSable Valley Chapter. This is a "gung-ho" bunch of guys who are bound to succeed. If you are near Grayling on a Monday - look 'em up.

Last months membership reports were a bit disappointing. We suffered a noticeable loss in January, but I'm hoping that it is because of late renewals and not a permanent loss. Maybe some chapters should be using auditions for admissions who haven't done so thus far. The results in Flint (for example) were terrific. Other chapters also report good turn-outs. Pioneer should be able to increase membership 10% in 1971.

Everyone I've talked to around the District is really looking forward to the April Convention in Traverse City. I understand a couple of chorus' will be there that we haven't heard lately. Also, there is some important business scheduled for Sunday mornings House of Delegates meeting. As you may remember, a proposal is pending to change the name of the District (again). There seems to be considerable variance in opinion on this subject. If your chapter has not discussed this, be sure that it does before your delegates go to Traverse City.

The proposal reads: "Great Lakes District." There are some who have other suggestions. There are those who prefer to leave it as it is (for many reasons). Whatever the outcome, it promises to be a spirited meeting so be sure your delegates are there to voice your opinion.

DVP Bud Carpenter and IBM Gene Gillem tell me there is a good chance of new chapters getting started in Alpena and Bad Axe. We'll make it to 40 chapters yet.

See you in Traverse City.

PIONEER MICH

Detroit	113
Oakland County	103
Grand Rapids	80
Wayne	75
Grosse Pointe	66
Auskegon	55
Traverse City	54
Kalamazoo	45
Jackson	45
Lansing	43
Pontiac	41
Flint	38
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INTERNATIONAL SEND-OFF

On Saturday night, June 12th, our great Wolverine Chorus and the winning quartets from Traverse City will be doing a show at Kellogg Auditorium. This promises to be a big night -- sort of a "dress rehearsal" for the big one in New Orleans. All proceeds will go to help pay expenses for our representatives trip to the delta. Incidentally, if your chapter could figure a way to raise a little loot to help these guys out it would sure be appreciated. Why not have your chapter president walk on stage at Battle Creek and hand the boys a check. Let's all let these hard working fellas know that the whole Pioneer District is behind them and proudly so.

After the big send-off program there will be a afterglo where we can all get together and plot our campaign for "Pioneer against the World." Mark June 12th on your calendar right now.

SOCIETY MUSIC MEN VISITATIONS

This year our District will have the services of Society music personnel for a total of four weeks as follows:

BOB JOHNSON	MAY 17 - MAY 22
DAVE STEVENS	SEPT 20 - SEPT 26
MAC HUFF	NOV 29 - DEC 10

Bob Johnson will emphasize the chorus activity and the ways and means of improving our singing.

Dave Stevens is using the approach of the arrangement, the integrity of style, the definition of barber-shop, and some history of style.

Mac Huff emphasizes quartet activity at the chapter level as well as helping existing quartets.

A week-end school will be set up during each of the visitations so that all interested members can get additional training in chorus directing, quartet coaching and song arranging.

Bob Johnson's schedule has been set up as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 17	GRAYLING
TUESDAY, MAY 18	MUSKEGON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19	FRUIT BELT
THURSDAY, MAY 20	HOLLY-FENTON
FRIDAY, MAY 21	GROSSE POINTE
SAT-SUN, MAY 22-23	SCHOOL IN LANSING

More information will be forthcoming on the Bob Johnson school and on the Dave Stevens and Mac Huff visitations.

I would like to urge everyone to mark these dates on their calendars and to make an all out effort to see each of these gentlemen do their thing.

Ron Gillies
Executive V.P.

PIONEER DISTRICT FLIGHT TO NEW ORLEANS



NEW ORLEANS FLIGHT FILLING FAST

As of March 1st, there are only 36 seats still available on our 727 Charter to the International Convention. 6 of the 22 first class seats are already gone as a result of people having completed full payment. Anyone requesting space after the plane is full will be placed on a waiting list in case of any last minute cancellations; however, their check will be returned. If you have already sent in a reservation form but didn't get a confirmation back in the mail within 6 or 7 days, it is suggested you notify Tom Damm as your letter may have been lost in the mail.

Anyone already having confirmed space should keep in mind the May 21st deadline for final payment. All money must be received by that Date. If you're late you may force the flight to be cancelled.

Eastern Airlines has informed us that just before boarding a group photo will be taken in front of the plane and a complimentary copy furnished to everyone.

We hope to see you in the picture.

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.

THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

BUSH LEAGUE CONTEST

SPONSORED BY BOYNE CITY CHAPTER

SATURDAY, MAY 1st. 2:00 P.M.

This contest is open to all Quartets who have never placed first, second, or third in a District contest. Note: Junior and Novice champs are eligible for the Bush League.

EVENING SHOW FEATURING
THE GREAT HARMONY HOUNDS
AND THE EPSILON JAZZ BAND
AND BOYNE CITY'S OWN SNOW
BELT CHORUS

ALSO APPEARING ON THE
EVENING SHOW THE 1970
CHAMPIONS THE SOUNDSATIONS
AND THE WINNER AND RUNNER
UP FROM THE AFTERNOON
CONTEST

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

25th Annual Bush League Contest
(please type or print)

QUARTET NAME _____

TENOR _____
LEAD _____
BARI _____
BASS _____

ADDRESS _____

No entry fee required. New Quartets and those not registered with international - WELCOMED.
Entry deadline to have your name in the program, April 15, 1971. Make room reservations at
headquarters, The DILWORTH HOTEL or at the Boyne City Motel or at the Fieldcrest Motel.

Return entry forms to:

Wm. Roy Kindy
108 Cherry St.
Boyne City, Mich. 49712

FOLLOWING the CHAMPS

1970



"THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT"

Our champs are at it hot and heavy. Contact man Bob Whitledge (313-242-7975) reports that they already have jobs contracted well into 1972 and they are adding to it every week. Their fall schedule looks like a series of one night stands across the country. They have scheduled visits with coach Lyle Pilcher (coach of the Renegades, Auto Towners, Imposters, Sundowners, Avant Gorde and many other greats) in an effort to "pull out all the stops" for the Pioneer District. Their March-April schedule looks like this:

Mar.	4	G.O.P. Dinner
	5	Hunt & Grunt Dinner
	12-13	Massalon-Canton, Ohio
	18	Private Party
	20	Cincinnati 7 Hills Sweet Ads
	27	Battle Creek Show
Apr.	2	Chicago - Coach Lyle Pilcher
	3	Champaign - Urbana Ill. Show
	16	Jackson Old Timers Night
	17	West Unity, Ohio
	18	Greenville, Ohio
	24	Traverse City Convention
	26	Chicago - Coach Lyle Pilcher

men of note

Karl	Mueller	1	4	3
Robert	Tollas	1	4	1
Carlton	Cook	1	18	1
Henry	Moorhead	1	19	1
Henry W.	Malmquist	1	28	2
Carl	Dahlke	1	30	3
Henry	Geyer	1	32	1
William P.	Pascher	1	32	2
W. M.	Frye	1	32	1
Leonard	Johnson	1	35	6
Albert	Beaver	1	35	1
Michael	Ouwkerk	1	40	4
John H.	Welsh	1	41	1
Sim R.	Andrews	1	49	3
Art	Blake	1	50	1
Don	Bazely	1	58	2
E. G.	Briggs	1	58	2

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2870 OAKDALE DR 141
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Coming Events

SEND REQUESTS FOR PARADE CLEARANCE TO:

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

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