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TRoubADOUR



1971-72 DISTRICT CHAMPS WAYNE WONDERLAND CHORUS
Gordon Limburg, Director



MAY, 1971

ON THE COVER

All indications are that the convention was merely super great as per advance notices. The Traverse City Chapter must be congratulated for a co-ordinated effort the likes of which we have come to expect from the great chapters only, like Muskegon and Windsor for instance. It must also be noted here that, in spite of the tremendous amount of work it takes to put on a convention of that calibre, they fielded 52 men in the chorus contest (chapter membership is 53) and two quartets.

The Gentlemen's Agreement again out sang the entire field by 314 points with a total of 3091. The Vagabonds were a strong second with 2777 points beating out the rejuvenated Sharplifters by 103 points. Rounding out the top six were three brand new combinations of some great quartet men known as the Original Choice, The High Lites and the Rolling Tones. The scores of the entire contest are printed below.

An interesting sidelight to the convention is that, in spite of International's allotment of two quartets for the Pioneer District, we are sending a third quartet known as the Sound Tracks with former Sharplifter lead (and still Detroit member) Joe Coburn singing lead with the Illinois based quartet.

Wayne's Wonderland Chorus, under the direction of Gord Limburg, won it's third District Championship (1964-65 1967-68 and 1971-72) in spite of a stiff challenge by Traverse City. Pontiac's chorus, under the direction of neophyte Dan Rafferty, won the junior Championship. From all Appearances, the Fall Convention in Grand Rapids is going to be another great chorus and quartet contest.



OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY

Place	Chorus	Song #	V E		ARR		H A		B&B		S P	Net Total Score
			1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2		
1	WAYNE	121	128	136	132	134	139	141	127	274	1332	
2	TRAVERSE CITY	123	127	128	122	135	134	132	123	266	1290	
3	GROSSE POINTE	121	118	126	119	131	121	138	130	259	1263	
4	GRAND RAPIDS	101	111	118	114	131	129	120	125	253	1202	
5	PONTIAC	97	111	114	112	116	120	125	122	228	1130	
6	MUSKEGON	111	103	108	108	110	101	100	97	253	1091	
7	LANSING	115	114	112	108	110	110	98	100	182	1049	
8	FLINT	84	92	99	96	105	94	112	104	213	954	
9	BOYNE CITY	82	87	95	92	99	85	87	81	207	915	
10	CADILLAC	80	82	85	83	83	80	82	85	162	822	
11	MILFORD	87	84	90	88	84	80	70	71	157	811	

JUDGING PANEL: VE K. Warner, JA-Newark, Ohio & E. Hanrahan, JA-Huntington, W. Va.
 ARR T. Genell, JA-Cincinnati, Ohio & R. Dick, LOL-Edits, Minn.
 HA W. Wood, Pioneer-Okemos, Mich. & J. Reid, Ontario-London, Ont.
 B&B J. Beutel, Ill.-Lombard, Ill. & Wm. Fitzgerald, LOL-Kenosha, Wis.
 SP D. St. Denis, Ill.-Mt. Prospect, Ill. & E. Gaikema, Pioneer-Grand Rapids, Mich.
 CH'S OF JUDGES Merle Clayton, Pioneer-Battle Creek, Michigan
 SECRET D. Desires, LOL-Wis. Rapids, Wis.
 ASS'T SEC'Y and CANDIDATE PANEL CHRM. O. B. Falls, Jr., Pioneer-Jackson, Mich.
 TIMERS J. Robinson and J. Jerrrell, Pioneer-Traverse City, Mich.

Place	Quartet	Song #	Time		V E		ARR		H A		B&B		Sub-Total	Penalty	Net Total Score
			1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2			
1	GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT	118	178	165	155	159	160	147	146	160	159	323		1554	
2	VAGABONDS	95	172	124	129	144	138	137	130	149	147	287		1385	
3	SHARPLIFTERS	141	133	137	136	130	135	128	134	129	127	307		1363	
4	ORIGINAL CHOICE	153	103	124	126	125	121	127	125	117	110	267		1242	
5	HIGH-LITES	145	165	117	114	130	117	122	117	110	107	257		1191	
6	ROLLING TONES	147	133	114	118	122	124	109	103	108	108	270		1176	
7	SOUNDATIONS	138	129	105	101	122	115	117	118	119	110	218		1125	
8	RANGE FINDERS	103	146	110	112	110	105	104	102	104	99	214		1060	
9	CHORD REPORTERS	122	151	104	114	103	93	98	100	106	112	229		1059	
10	CAR-TUNES	92	145	106	108	112	119	100	97	99	101	231	1073	-15	1058
11	GALAXIES	112	138	91	91	105	106	103	97	96	93	217		999	
12	BEAN TOWN FOUR	118	126	94	97	99	90	102	90	96	92	218		978	
13	X-L's	113	130	107	94	85	86	90	81	95	85	202		925	
14	NOTE WORTHIES	96	139	90	96	84	84	83	81	86	83	179	864	-25	839

FINALS

Place	Quartet	Song #	Time		V E		ARR		H A		B&B		Sub-Total	Penalty	Net Total Score
			1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2					
Qualified for International Contest															
1	GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT	130	171	158	152	149	160	147	143	159	165	306	1537	1554	3091
2	VAGABONDS	151	159	128	136	145	141	142	138	145	149	270	1392	1385	2777
Alternate for International Contest															
3	SHARPLIFTERS	154	155	130	136	139	136	126	125	121	121	277	1311	1363	2674
4	ORIGINAL CHOICE	150	111	128	128	120	116	121	115	120	118	254	1220	1242	2462
5	HIGH-LITES	131	146	111	109	118	120	113	115	114	114	241	1153	1191	2346
6	ROLLING TONES	151	107	116	111	119	116	110	102	115	111	230	1130	1176	2306
7	SOUNDATIONS	173	142	109	110	89	105	98	95	104	101	222	1033	1125	2158

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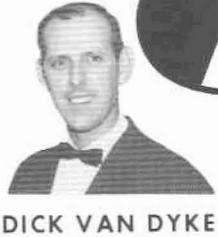
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

"All good things must come to an end", or some other time worn cliché is appropriate here. . . . a good thing is coming to it's conclusion for me. It's time for me to file my editor's license under "History, Past" and turn over the reins of the Troubadour to someone else reluctantly.

The formal resignation to the board of directors will read - "Due to the unexpected pressure of a new position", etcetera, etcetera, etcetera but the truth of the matter is that I rely on Troubadour artist John Morris for almost everything, and John has asked to be relieved of his duties. His position with General Motors has recently become more demanding of his time.

You have doubtlessly noticed that the Troubadour seems to come out later each month. There is a good reason for that; I simply don't have time to do it right, and I refuse to continue to do it wrong. I have too much respect for this grand hobby of ours.

I wish to thank the District Board for it's patience, all of the Chapter Reporters who contributed monthly (and those who contributed not-so-monthly), everyone who contributed guest editorials, and other articles.

Most of all, I'd like to thank two grand gentlemen for making life as Troubadour Editor terribly simple. First, Duane Mosier, our District Historian (who is making history himself) whose articles demonstrate all of the finesse, wit, and charm of a professional writer, and secondly, John Morris who must receive credit for any improvements that are evident in the last two years of the Troubadour. He has always managed to come up with the right cartoon or caricature or art work to fit the occasion. His talents were indispensable to me.

And so, our last Troubadour will be the June 1971 issue. Next month we will announce the hows and wherefores of applying for the job. If you think you're capable of handling the editorship of the Troubadour, I'll guarantee you a gratifying experience.

DISTRICT NAME CHANGE DEFEATED

In decisive action at the House of Delegates meeting in Traverse City, that august body vetoed the proposed change of the District name to GREAT LAKES DISTRICT by a 31-18 margin.

FOLLOWING the CHAMPS



"THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" 1970

Our champs are going to International Competition in New Orleans this June. What a redundant statement. Is there one among us who didn't know it before the fact?? The only ones who might have doubted it were the Grand Gents themselves, and then only to "psyche" themselves into the great performance they gave us in Traverse City.

The District, and particularly those who are going to New Orleans will need to rally 'round the cause and make International Champs out of our

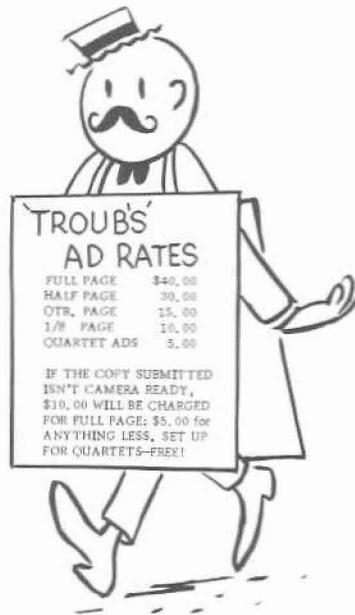
performance they gave us in Traverse City. They worked for this contest like they were in last place hoping to sing on the evening performance. We've got to give them all the support we can muster for their big thrust at the top spot. We've got to give them all the support we can muster for their big thrust at the top spot in New Orleans, and they have as good a shot as anyone at it. An interesting

An interesting sidelight is the fact that Glenn VanTassell, should the Gentlemen's Agreement win, will be the first man to ever win two first place medals singing different parts - bari, of course, and Lead with the Autotowners. different

If you want to see them in action, their pre-convention schedule is as follows:

May 14-15	New London, Conn.
May 21-22	Allentown-Bethlehem, PA Penn.
May 29	Coach - Lyle Pilcher
June 4	O.C.C.'s Jug Night
June 5	Coach - Lyle Pilcher
June 7	Monroe (Community College)
June 12	International Send-off, Battle Creek
June 19	Traverse City
June 20	International Convention

If their plans work out right, they'll be going to Viet Nam to entertain the troupes in July. All they need is clearance from the companies they work for to get the time off. They are also tentatively scheduled to spend a week-end in Paris and London with their wives after they return from Viet Nam. The arrangements are indefinite, but WJR's Marshall Wells is making the connections for them. It is also being rumored that a record is in the offing. Great things are happening, indeed.



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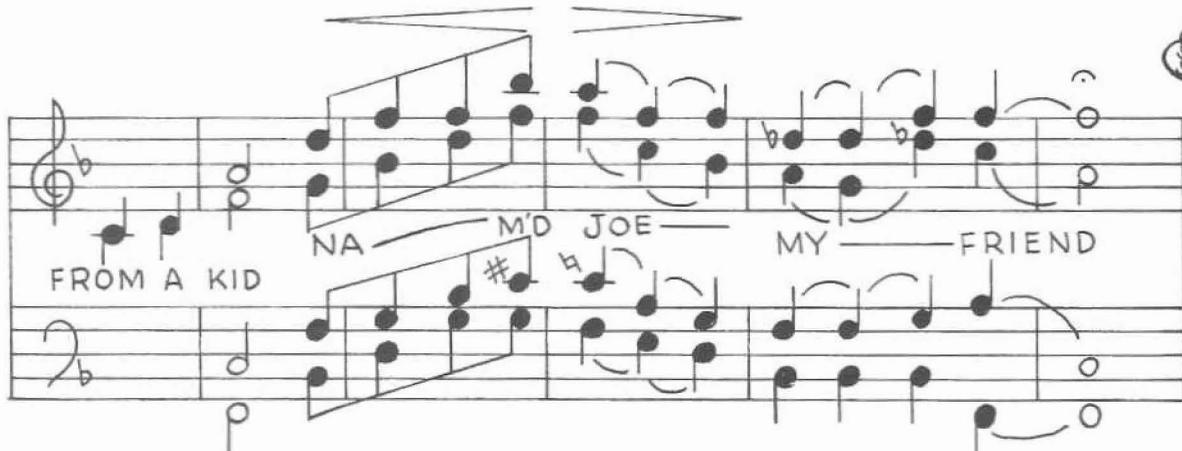
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We got this tag from Dan (red fox) Rafferty, - son of the silver fox (Tom) of the famed Curbstone Serenaders - in a bar on the back of a used envelope. He said he had just gotten this record today and wasn't really sure of the tag but it sounded something like this and he proceeded to teach us the tag all four parts. Red Fox, by the way was drinking 7-Up, being only 20 years old at the time. We, being over 21, were not drinking 7-Up but he managed to teach us the tag anyway. Give it a try.



MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING,
TRAVERSE CITY, APRIL 25, 1971

Meeting called to order by President Tom Damm who gave the invocation at 9:40 a.m.

Sgt. at Arms George Dyer advised that a quorum was present

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected to indicate that Bill Pascher was not the delegate from the Pontiac chapter.

A treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Gillespie and approved as read.

Reports were given by all zone vice presidents relative to the activity in their respective zones.

In his Zone II report VP Dick Simpson reminded everyone to mark the date June 12th as the date of the International send-off show in Battle Creek on their calendar and plan to attend.

Ted Verway suggested that their plans for incorporation were proceeding well and suggested that Sault Chapter secretary contact Windsor for possible help.

Exec. V.P. Ron Gillies discussed the Bob Johnson visit and the chorus directors school in Lansing. He also advised that bids were being solicited for the Spring, 1972 contest.

IBM Gene Gillem reported on the Mid-winter meeting.

International V. P. Johnny Cairns presented some words of wisdom suggesting giving heed to President Ribble's goal of Personal Pride.

President Damm discussed the activity to date of the PR committee under the chairmanship of Bob McDermott relative to the booth for the International Convention. Each chapter should reply to Bob with the information he has requested.

He also expanded on the June 12 show and the necessity for complete co-operation from the districts to make it a success. Proceeds are to be distributed to the chorus and quartets on a per man basis.

November 14, 1971 has been designated as the date for this year's COT school in East Lansing.

AC George Dyer was announced as the 1970 Pioneer District Area Counselor of the Year and the recipient of the C.D. "Chase" Sanborn Area Counselor of the Year Award.

President Damm put back on the floor the motion that was

postponed at the Windsor meeting that the name of the district be changed to Great Lakes District.

Dan LaBaumbard of Jackson asked if there was a board position on the matter. Pres. Damm advised that the majority of the board was against a name change.

The delegate from Grosse Pointe called for moving the previous question. The vote to move the question passed.

A roll call vote on the name change showed 31 Nay 18 Yea. Motion failed.

President Damm recognized the Oakland County delegate, Fran Durham, who proposed that the by-laws be changed so that the winning chorus in the district contest can compete after only 1 year out instead of 2 years as now written.

Bill Butler, Detroit #1, Delegate, spoke in favor of retaining the current set-up to encourage small chapters.

Larry King, Detroit #1, moved to postpone action on the proposal indefinitely. Seconded. Motion to postpone carried.

Holly Fenton chapter was recognized and yielded the floor to Mr. Bill Pascher of Pontiac to discuss the proposal relative to individual eligibility to compete in the chorus contest at International level. Mr. Pascher asked that the Board of Delegates adopt the following resolution:

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

After considerable discussion, Bob McDermott of O.C. moved to postpone action on the resolution until the fall convention. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

President Damm advised that a couple years ago International made it a rule that was mandatory at the District level that only the 4 most recent past presidents were eligible to vote in the House of Delegates. Subsequent action has now made it the option of the district as to how many past presidents are eligible to vote.

President Damm then put before the floor the resolution that only the 4 immediate past presidents meeting membership requirements be voting members of the Pioneer District House of Delegates.

Discussion followed.

The motion to change the by-laws passed.

The following proposal was made by the Board relative to awards at the District Chorus Contest:

There will be a district chorus champion and also a silver chorus champion which will be chosen from those choruses representing chapters whose total membership falls in the lower half of the membership of the district.

After considerable discussion a motion was made and seconded to call for a vote on the proposal. Motion to cut-off debate passed.

A vote was then cast in favor of the proposal.

Larry King, Detroit #1 Chapter Delegete, moved a resolution that the International Board Member present the following

proposal to the International Board.

The International office of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America Inc. shall recognize the contributions of all members with twenty-five years consecutive membership in the Society; and shall accord such recognition at each five year interval thereafter.

Recognition shall be made in the following forms:

1. Awarding of a special attachment to the Society membership pin, indicating the member's years of membership and service.
2. A suitable certificate in recognition of the member's service to the Society shall be awarded.
3. Entry shall be made of the member's name on a Society Honor Roll to be maintained at Harmony Hall; and recognition given in the Harmonizer.

Items one and two above shall be provided at Society expense and forwarded to the member's Chapter for presentation.

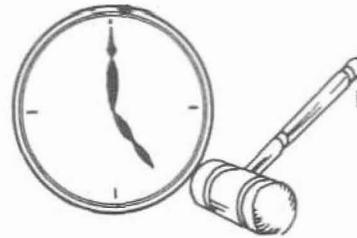
Logopedics donations were received from Flint, Oakland County and Niles-Buchanan.

A suggestion was made that an emblem or logo be designed for the district.

Motion to adjourn was passed and meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
William C. Warner
District Secretary

CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL



Minutes PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

TRAVERSE CITY, APRIL, 23, 1971

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Damm at 8:05 P.M. All officers were present as well as C&J Chairman Merle Clayton and International V.P. Johnny Cairns.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

A discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of the proposed silver chorus championship award. It was suggested that the proposed change be clarified by indicating the membership figures would be taken from the most recent International print-out of chapter membership numbers prior to the April convention.

Each of the Zone Vice Presidents reported on the activities in his respective zone.

Bud Carpenter, chairman of extension committee, reported on extension work in Alpena and Port Huron. Bud asked all DO's to advise if any possible interest is evident to let him know.

Ron Gillies reported on forthcoming visits, particularly on the May visit of Bob Johnson. There will be a Chorus Directors School in East Lansing at Inn America on May 22, 1971 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Ron advised that the Dave Stevens and Mac Huff visits are being scheduled now.

IB. Gene Gillem reported on music distribution through the Harmonizer. He also pointed out the success being had with Auditions for Admissions and following with the Barber Pole-cat project.

President Damm initiated discussion regarding the associate chapters.

Convention bids were accepted for the fall convention, 1972 from both Jackson and Flint. Jackson advised they would bid for spring, 1972 except that facilities were not available then.

Don Funk suggested that the name of the game is singing and it was disappointing to see chapters say "well they weren't ready to compete".

The June 12 International send-off show at Battle Creek was discussed and everyone should be pressing the attendance by everyone in the district.

Tom Damm reported that the plane had 116 confirmed reservations so that it looked like a sure thing.

The next board meeting was set for June 12th at Battle Creek at 1:30 P.M. - prior to the send-off show.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Warner
District Secretary

CHAPTER NEWS



CADILLAC

Chester Polega

It was repeated over and over-----and we will repeat it again because it deserves to be repeated again. THANK YOU TRAVERSE CITY FOR BEING SUCH WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL HOSTS AT THIS YEARS STATE COMPETITION COMPETITION. You treated us all so royally and we sincerely appreciated your First-Class Hospitality and great all round effort. Everything, just everything, was truly magnificent and we thank you from the bottoms of our hearts, all of us.

Congratulations first of all to the WAYNE WONDERLAND CHORUS for their winning "First Place" in the chorus competition. Also, congratulations are in order for the extremely fine performance of the TRAVERSE CITY CHORUS and for their "Second Place" finish.

Congratulations to the winning Quartets and we are mighty proud to be represented by you down in New Orleans. Our "HATS OFF" to you.

1. Gentlemen's Agreement
2. The Vagabonds
3. The Sharpshooters

We will long remember this year. It will always be cherished so greatly and imprinted forever more in our book of yesteryear memories.

The next BIG EVENT is the CADILLAC SHOW on MAY 15th featuring the HARMONY HOUNDS, the BAY TONES, the CADILLAC-AIRES, Cadillac's own HULL-DINGERS and the great CADILLAC CHORUS. Hope to see all of you at our show.....WOW!

WAYNE

by Morrie Giles

On Friday April 2, Wayne Chapter paid a visit to Grosse Pointe Chapter for the sole purpose of making them wish they hadn't challenged us to a quartet contest. Know what these Sneaky Back-Stabbers do did? They beat us! Oh well, a good time was still had by all.

Two weeks later we decided to bolster our ego a bit by whipping Detroit in a quartet contest on our home grounds. The winning quartet for the evening was a non-descript group from Wayne, however, being the gracious host that we are,(?) we decided to let the Detroit boys win on total points. But really, you guys, don't you think one hundred darn points is quite a ridiculous margin? While the ornerly, over paid judges were totaling up the scores the "Motor City Chorus" entertained us with a couple of renditions and then the "Wonderland Chorus" did a couple to round off the festivities. After that---hot dogs and boondoggling.

Here we must inject a very sad announcement. Tom Needham, long time Wayne member, was laid to rest on April 14. Tom was well known throughout the Society, having been perhaps the first man ever to direct a

barbershop chorus. Twenty-five years ago he was director of the "Metropolitan Detroit Chorus", the fore-runner of the "Motor City Chorus". Over the years he had directed assembled groups at conventions and shows across the land.

During the past few months Wayne has added six new members. May we take this space to welcome aboard Dale Collins, Jerry Cooney, Dewey Cyr, Bill Hand, Lewis Koppitch and Tom Mosier.

All for now. Did we see you all at Traverse City?

LANSING

Mike Strauss

Well I hope everyone survived that great weekend in Traverse City. Every time I go to one of those conventions I tell myself I'll get to bed early. Well, I kept that promise. The birds were starting to chirp when I caught a few winks. Congratulations to the winners as well as the others who worked hard to compete.

Just prior to competition our chorus gained two new members; Vic Weipert at tenor and Mark Tebo at lead. They both worked real hard with the rest of us to prepare for those glorious 4 1/2 minutes on stage. Great job guys. The Range Finders also have been working hard preparing for Traverse City and Boyne City. They have been quite active, singing at many different functions throughout the district. The job that they talk about most is the Pontiac Chapter's Ladies Night. Apparently they got lost on the way there and found the place only because of the chapter's lighted barbershop pole outside of the building.

Our other organized quartet, the Lensmen also have been ringing a few chords around the Lansing area this last month. These guys sing barbershop songs that nobody else sings. You have to hear them to appreciate them.

I can't let this issue go by without putting in a few words about our annual Fish Fry on June 11. Most of you know what it is like so I won't bore you with details. In case you don't know about it, come and see for yourself. Nobody goes home disappointed. Remember June 11.

MILFORD

Don Sheridan

The Huron Valley Chorus found itself wending its way north to Traverse City on Sat. April 24th to attend the district convention and to do a little singing. All in all it should be lots of fun and I hope it will give our new members a taste of what competition is like and what Barbershopping is all about when it comes to hospitality and good fellowship.

Milford's last ladies nite proved to be a fine night for entertainment thanks to the Bean Town Four, The Original Choice (last minute replacements God bless them), the Herr Raisers (fine teen-age barbershoppers and their teacher) and the Harmonica Men and last but not least our chorus.

Pontiac's Woodshed contest was certainly enjoyable to those of us from Milford who were fortunate enough to attend, but then all of Pontiac's events are fun nights. We all enjoyed singing in quartets and our congratulations to the winners who did a fine job.

As a last parting shot if any chorus has ten or more tenors would they mind loaning us one or two cause I think we're killing Jack (the lone tenor) Tyler, but we're having lots of fun doing it.

Well, that's all for now and happy barbershopping to all. P.S. I realize this is a comparatively small column, but then we're a comparatively small chapter.

HOLLY FENTON

Grant Wright

We have had a fairly busy month, with one chorus sing-out, plus our preparations for our May 15 Harmony Highlights Show at the Fenton High School auditorium. We will feature the Bean Town Four, the Kartunes, the Brothers Three and Time and our own Tonsorial Tune Teasers and our Lakeland Area Chorus. May 8th we will tour the area in costume, on a truck to promote interest in our show. May 7 we will join Pontiac and Flint on a bus trip to Bay City for our regular Quad Chapter meeting with Saginaw Bay.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Wayne the new District Chorus Champions.

PONTIAC

DICK Dick Guerin

Busy is the word for the Pontiac Chapter. We're really on the go, since deciding to go to Traverse City. Two chorus rehearsals per week, plus a chapter meeting. The Chord Reporters were our guest quartet and did an outstanding job. They have really been working hard getting ready for Traverse City.

April saw eight new members come into the Pontiac Chapter. The Silver Fox, Tom Rafferty, Bill Hoofnagle, Pete Peters, Jerry Hockey, Paul Hood, Curt ST. John, Lloyd Peltier, Graham Frye.

May will be a busy month. A Bowling outing, Quad-Chapter Bus Trip to the Saginaw -Bay Chapter. Plus chorus rehearsals, and our auditions for admissions on the 21st of May. A really big night. The Sharplifters, Bean Town Four, and the Curbstone Serenaders?

WEEK END CAMP OUT

Looks like the greatest one ever. If you are not going to camp, come on out and spend the day or evening with us. We're looking for quartets and talent to put on our show for the campgrounds. We want to get the show started around 2-3 P.M. on Sunday, May 30. Tentative commitments from The Original Choice, Bean Town Four, Curbstone Serenaders Pontiac Chorus and The Howell Sweet-Ad Chorus are already in.

Congratulations to the TRIADS, Linda Thompson, Vicki Gibson, Yvonne Van Kirk, Gerry Sundeen, from the Inter-Lakes, Lansing and Flint Chapters. They are the new Region 2 Champs, and will be competing at Kansas City in October.

Pontiac's Woodshed Winners, Jim McCatty, Tenor, Jim Lekander, Bass, Mike Frye, Lead and Rawley Hallman, Bari with the Bennington Trophy going to Holly-Fenton and the Flint Chapters.

Congratulations to Our Music Man, Dan (The Red Fox) Rafferty. His Howell Sweet-Ad Chorus finished seventh in the contest. 19 Choruses competed.

There is nothing quite like being a winner. For those of you who have not tried it, let me tell you, it's great lift for your morale. Del Badgley drove Bob Drabik, Jim St.Amand and myself out to the Pontiac Wood Shed Contest with hopes of being able to make some kind of mark for ourselves. Well when I took a look at the list of songs, I felt there wasn't much chance of singing in a quartet, let alone making a mark. To make a long story, three great guys asked this tenor(?) if he would join their group, whose intent it was to win the contest. Listen fellows, I'm as game as anybody so I said let's do it. Well, when you have a man like Rollie Holloway teaching his arrangement of "If I Had My Way" to fellows like Mike Frye, Jim Lekander and myself, you just have to know that when we laid "that" tag on all those music lovers, the contest was in the proverbial bag. The impartial judges agreed with us 100% so that tells me that judges aren't all bad, only 90%. Every one had a great time, win or lose, I'll be back next year.

This is being written on the eve before Traverse City and many thoughts are going through my head. I'm sure it will be a humdinger. Having Heard the "Sharplifters" with their new lead, I can only say our "Vagabonds" had better "have it" on Saturday because the "Sharplifters" are great. The quartet men through the state have all been working hard and I can say only the best of luck to each and every one of you. Competition has never been stiffer.

Talking about stiff competition, our chorus is working like mad these days. Looking ahead to New Orleans and knowing how sharp we'll have to be to better our position gives us plenty of incentive to work hard because this is the only way up the ladder. Of course, the man who pulls the good sounds out of us has to be tops or the whole thing falls right on it's face. Thanks to Carl Dahlke, we don't have that to worry about.

THE 'TROUB' WELCOMES



YOUR BLACK & WHITE PHOTOS!

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

Our last meeting in March was happily "invaded" by friendly troupers from the neighboring Battle Creek Chapter. They came twenty-two strong and (you guessed it!) just happened to have O.C.C.'s "Little Brown Jug". After feeding the "kitty" we had quartet singing, slightly impromptu, as most organized quartets had a member missing. After the Choruses had serenaded each other, refreshments were served and the serious business of tags and wood shedding began.

April 6 we sang for senior citizens at 6:45 P.M. then boarded a bus for Niles-Buchanan to "pass the jug" in a surprise visit. Had we been 15-20 minutes early the "surprise" would have been on us as they had a sing-out and were starting their meeting late.

The chapter officers and board regret that we have had to reconsider competing in Traverse City due to reasons beyond our control. However, many of our BARBERSHOPPERS and wives still plan to attend for the fun and games and good fellowship.

April 27 is Fun Night at "Chicken Charlie's". We are planning on two high school quartets. I have confirmation from the Portage Northern High Quartet who have just a very successful job on "Music Man". Also am planning for a couple of visiting quartets plus the boys from Kalamazoo High School. These along with our own "Keytones", "Hum-Bums" and the "Kalamazoo Good Time Music Company" should round the evening out.

Congratulations to Marge Dugan (Mrs. Jim) on the directorship of the chorus of South Oakland County Chapter of Sweet Adelines Inc., in Berkley, Mich..... Russ and Shirley Seely are spending a delightful vacation in the Bahamas..... Congratulation to John and Marge Wearing on their 24th anniversary..... Get Well wishes go to Lorraine Lilly (Mrs. Ed) who was recently hospitalized..... Grosse Pointe's women's auxillary met at the home of Marge Wearing in April, where more money making plans were discussed.

Their rummage sale was quite a success in spite of a terrible storm that day..... Detroit Chapter, (Motor City Chorus) wives met at the home of Joan King in April. More money making projects were discussed..... Grosse Pointe Chapter held their show May 1st at the Detroit Yacht Club with the Lake Shore Chorus, the Air Males, Sharp lifters and Cartunes..... May 14th the Detroit Chapter will host a Fund Raising to help defray costs to the O.C.C. Chorus and the top two representative quartets from the District who will compete at International. Ladies are invited. The meeting hall is the Legion Hall, 4211 Maple St. in E. Dearborn.

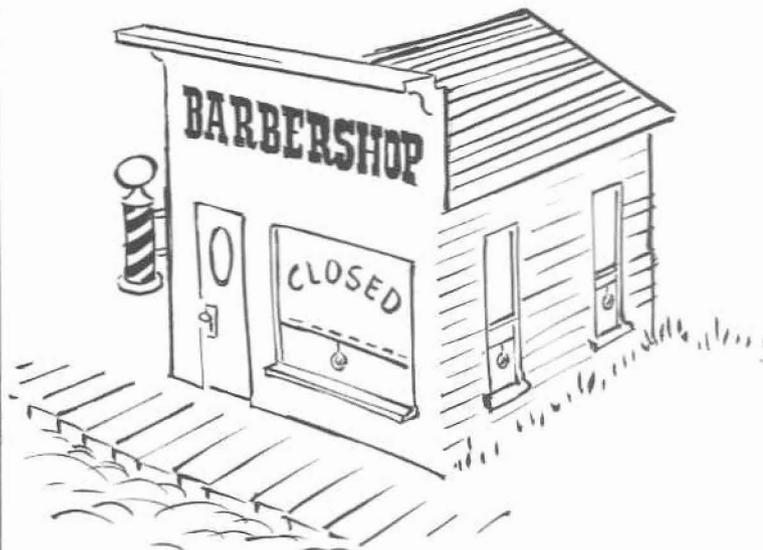
DETROIT'S AL EASON DEAD AT 70

THIRTY YEARS a barbershopper, all with Detroit #1, Lead for many years with the DETROITERS, (who sang in the International finals in Cleveland in 1946), long time Motor City Chorus member, and, along with brother Harry, originated the Detroit Moonlite Cruise . . . Alfred "Al" Eason died suddenly April 25, 1971 at the age of 70.

It is also reported that the brothers Eason, for three years running "single-handedly" sold out the Masonic Auditorium in Detroit's early days for Parades.

The Staff of the Troubadour joins the Detroit Chapter and the Pioneer District in offering condolences to his wife Georgia and his family.

Barbershopping has lost a staunch supporter.





letters to the editor

For such a noble gesture, the Troub. will "donate" all the space necessary. Also, in separate correspondence, please accept my personal check to cover the cost of three of the EXTENSION CHORDS albums. One of these will go into my personal collection of great barbershop music, and the other two will be donated to my chapter to be used for our monthly raffle (usually for Logopedics) with a strong suggestion that all of the proceeds go to the Don Hall Memorial Fund. Good luck with your project.

Dick Van Dyke, Editor

April 27, 1971

Dear Dick,

As you know, Don Hall, the bass of the "Extension Chords", passed away in October. We are interested in helping his family in some small way. We have made available approximately 300 records that this Quartet has made. We would like to offer these to the members of the Pioneer District, of which we were champs in 1952 and represented many times in competition. We feel these people of which we know so well should have first chance at these records. It was Don's wish as he lay sick, that his daughters would possibly become nurses, and we would like to set up a memorial fund for that purpose.

We, as a quartet and as individuals have contributed many hours in promoting Barbershop Harmony in the area and would be most grateful if you could find a space to donate to this cause.

Please let me know of your decision by return mail.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Sid Helder
Tenor, Extension Chords



The record, which is called simply - BARBERSHOP, Can be obtained from Sid Helder by dropping him a line at 2411 Kentfield S.W., Wyoming, Michigan, 49509. You might also consider the possibility of raffling off one of these albums for the Don Hall Memorial Fund.

CHORUS DIRECTOR'S SCHOOL PLANNED FOR MAY 22

International's Bob Johnson is returning to the Pioneer District to hold a Chorus Directors School. It will be held at the Inn America in East Lansing on the 22nd of May starting at 10:00 A.M. All chorus directors, ass't. chorus directors and anyone aspiring to be either or both should make every effort to attend. (It's part of what you pay dues for.)

NEW ORLEANS CHARTER FLIGHT FEES DUE BY MAY 21

With 116 persons already signed up for the Eastern Airlines Charter Flight to New Orleans on June 23, 1971, we are assured of a success. It also means that those going will receive a refund since the \$110.00 fee was based on 108 passengers.

You are reminded that the FULL FARE MUST BE PAID BY MAY 21, 1971. Your unpaid balance should reach Tom Damm by that date. His address is 2636 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights, Michigan, 49444

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

Mar. 18, 1972
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May 4, 1974
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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.

**CHARTER FLIGHT FEES
DUE MAY 21st!**

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