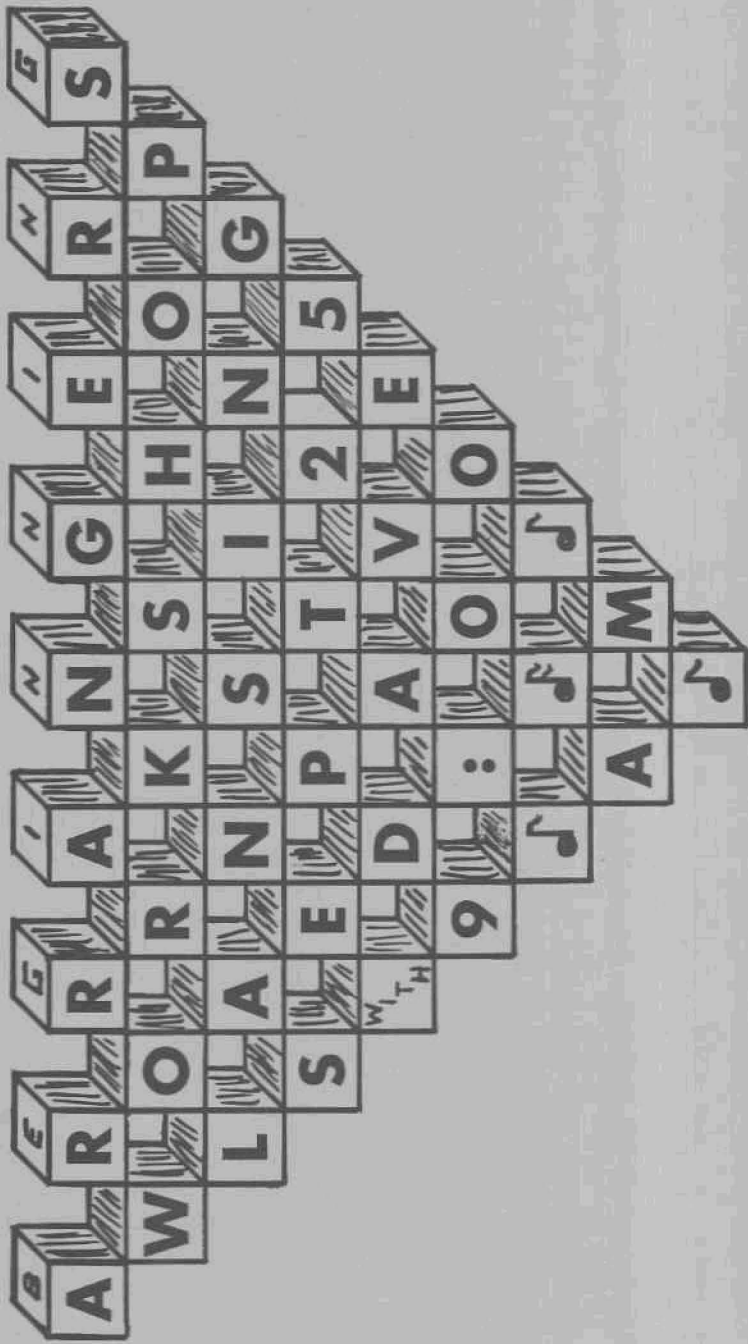




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1971





And by the way, thanks for standing on your head to read this. (It's good for you, I've been told).

And so you'll know who you're writing to, here's a short run-down on your new pencil pusher. I sing baritone (mostly) with the HARMONY HOUNDS quartet, (sometimes lead when someone else needs help) (I'll get killed for that) and have since 1962. My wife, Kathy, and myself have three children, Penny, Chris, and Tim. (Thought I was going to say one of each, didn't ya?). I like to sing tags (The first contest I ever attended (in 1961) I sang tags most of the night with BOB WHITLEDGE) (Boy, was I surprised when I found out he knew an entire song) and GENE GILLEM (sounds sort of typical, doesn't it?). And I'll welcome tags for the troupe, too.

COMPLAINTS ----- Just a suggestion with a different approach, isn't it?? (Or a suggestion "After The Fact").

SUGGESTIONS----- Got an idea you'd like to see? Lay it on me and we'll see what we can do. (Have had a few suggestions already, but don't think I'm gonna do it).

LETTERS TO THE IDIOT ----- Always are welcome too. (When you get mail, someone loves you).

PICTURES----- Always welcome -- but black and white only. Colored pictures are hard to reproduce for printing.

AD'S (CLASSIFIED)-----Looking for uniforms? A new part in a quartet? Straw hats? A new wife? A chapter visitation? A coach? A chorus director? Send me the ad with just a three dollar bill (or equivalent) and we'll run up to 4 lines in any issue. MATTA DEAL!

WHAT'S GOING ON----- We'll continue to have show and contest dates in the troupe, but I'd also like to have a column listing the area wing-dings, the campouts, the ladies nights, (providing you want attendance from outside chapters), the Bar-Mittvahs, etc.. Mostly the sort of thing a barbershopper would like to attend if he knew it was happening. I'll try to pull these from chapter news and "bulletines", but would also like you chapter activity men to call or write me about your chapter plans.

Here are a few of the things I'd like to see in the troupe, and needless to say, to make them successful, I need your help and cooperation.

Well, here's the first issue off the press from your new idioter (or something like that) in Battle Creek. I must admit I've got some darn good help--no doubt evidenced through-out this issue. (Bet my typist didn't realize what she was getting into when she said "I do" about 15 years ago).

by ROGER J. LEWIS, EDITOR

ROGER'S RAMBLINGS



SEPTEMBER 25 IS CERTAINLY A DATE FOR YOU TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR -- THE BEGINNING ARRANGERS SCHOOL in Lansing with DAVE STEVENS.

The purpose of the school is to give you the basics of our style of singing -- to give you the necessary knowledge to be able to arrange a tag (or perhaps re-arrange one), and to better understand the Barbershow Style. It's NOT for advanced arrangers -- that school may come next year -- but for the average Barbershopper. (You Quartet men should find this particularly helpful).

It will start at 9:00 a.m. and run until 9:30 p.m.. There is no charge for the school, and necessary materials will be furnished, although you may want to bring a pencil and a scrap of paper.

There will be breaks for meals (for the benefit of LOWELL WOLFE and DAN LA BUMBARD) and the cost of the meals is NOT included.

So mark your calendar: SEPTEMBER 25, 9:00 a.m.
OLDS PLAZA HOTEL
LANSING, MICHIGAN

Your chapter President has more information, check with him for details. And why don't you consider the possibility of the Chapter picking up the cost of going? It's a legitimate expense.



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CONTEST

Bucky,

Do you have problems?

Do you feel on a Saturday night the way you used to feel Monday mornings?

Do you worry secretly about facing that jungle out there on Monday mornings, being torn to pieces, high quota's, unsympathetic bosses?

Do you lie awake nights and stare at the ceiling and try to figure out how the guy behind you in the revolving door gets out of it ahead of you and makes that big sale?

Then Bucky - forget your troubles at the Fall Convention in Grand Rapids.

We want YOU all to come, big chapters, small chapters - come one, come all. Join in the camaraderie as only a Barber-shop Convention can offer.

For you new quartets that wish to compete, contact Mr. BILL WARNER for your entry blanks. 23531 Meadowlark, Oak Park, Michigan 48237.

And now for all YOU chapters that have a chorus, any size chorus, 10 or 160, we want you to come and join us here in Grand Rapids. If your chorus is less than 20 men for cry'n out loud come and sing anyway. It's true you can not win, but why pass up all the fun you can have at this convention.

Join in the excitement of singing on stage and thrill to the applause of an enthusiastic audience. You can gain invaluable experience by seeing what other chapters, quartets, and choruses are doing and also reap the benefit from the critique the judges will have to offer your chorus or quartet. Take advantage of their knowledge for a better chorus or quartet. This is supposed to be fun for all so don't stay away because your chorus is less than twenty. Learn two songs and come on over and see us for one heck of a Grand weekend.

We also urge you, for your convenience, to pre-register. See your Chapter Secretary - he has the necessary information and forms.

For competing Barbershoppers All Events tickets are only \$5.00 and for guest and non-competitors All Events tickets are \$6.00. Single event tickets will also be available.

ABOUT THE HOUSING

We of the Grand Rapids Chapter feel very fortunate to have the fine facilities of the Civic Auditorium and the Pantlind Hotel at our services and also for your convenience, in case of bad weather, a tunnel connecting the two. Walking time from hotel to the Civic, whether above ground or by the tunnel is approximately 45 seconds.

The reservation card which is enclosed in this issue should take care of your reservations. There are a couple of items that need special attention. Please list all occupants of one room on the same card, and please state your chapter members registered on the same floor. The room listed that sleeps six persons could be adequate for a chapter hospitality room, the parlor suite would be super and it sleeps two persons. If your chapter wishes a non-sleeping hospitality room, there are several available by contacting the hotel catering personally.

Refreshments, ice, etc., are available at bar prices. We are sure you'll all have a Grand time in Grand Rapids on Oct. 8-9-10, with the Grand Rapids Chapter and Pantlind Hotel as your hosts.

Please return your reservation cards as soon as possible for best accommodations. If you have any problems, contact housing chairman,

JAMES C. HORTON
4274 Prairie, S.W.
Grandville, Michigan 49418
Phone 616 538-1744

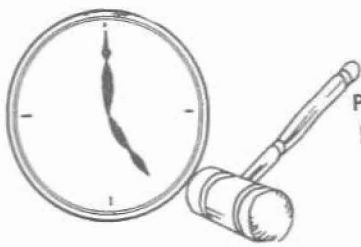
NEWS..

by DICK WILLIAMS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday Oct. 8th	10PM	Pre-Glo - Pantlind Hotel. All quartets are urged to sing. Those wishing to sing please contact PAUL ROBINSON: 4174 Michael S.W., Ph. 532-7580
Sat. Oct. 9th	9:30 AM	Quartet prelims - Civic Auditorium
	1:30 PM	Chorus Contest
	4:30 PM	Chorus critique
	8:15 PM	Quartet Finals
	11:00 PM	After Glow
Sun. Oct. 10th	9:30 AM	Quartet clinic
	10:00 AM	District meeting

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS drop a line to: JACK SIDOR,
6404 Eastbrook SE, Grand Rapids
49508



Minutes PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT BATTLE CREEK
JUNE 12, 1971.

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Damm at 1:30 P.M.. All officers were present except Executive Vice President Ron Gillies and Vice President Cliff MacLean. Also present was C & J Chairman Merle Clayton. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Secretary also read the minutes of the House of Delegates meeting of April 25, 1971.

A discussion ensued relative to the publication of the District By-Laws. Pres. Tom Damm appointed a legislative committee to consist of Brad Laughlin of the Oakland County Chapter and Secretary Warner to review and bring up to date the By-Laws to incorporate all the changes to date with the thought of publishing them for distribution to all chapters. A copy of the revised By-Laws is to be furnished to the Board of Directors by the next meeting so that distribution might be made prior to the next House of Delegates Meeting.

A report by Treasurer Gillespie was read and approved as read. Treasurer Gillespie further advised that the Federal Tax Form 990 had been timely filed as well as the 5 month report to International. Vice President Funk advised that to date there had been no final report received from Traverse City relative to the spring convention and that in view of their absence at the meeting, he would be in contact with them on Monday and attempt to get a final accounting.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that the Traverse City Chapter should be complimented on their convention - that it was one of the finest that the members of this board had ever attended.

C & J Chairman Merle Clayton advised the Board that he was in the process of preparing a convention manual to be used by the Chapters as a guideline for the conduct of future conventions. This manual will be made available to the host chapter well in advance of its convention date.

IBM Gene Gillem reported to the Board on the agenda for the upcoming International Board meeting in New Orleans. The Board discussed the agenda proposal that would limit the license of a chapter to 6 mos. with the possibility of one three month extension before chartering would be required. The Board also discussed the proposal to impose International COT School on every District at a cost of \$15,000.00 to be paid for by International. The Board recommended that IBM Gillem vote to maintain International COTS on the same voluntary basis as at present.

The Board also discussed the nominations for International Office, noting that Johnny Cairns from Toronto had not been nominated for vice president for the coming year. A discussion ensued relative to the possibility of making such nomination from the floor and it was agreed that we should contact Mr. Cairns and that we would initiate such action if he would be willing to accept.

Pres. Damm reported on the proposal from International offering Society lapel buttons that designate first, second, and third place quartet winners in the district contest at a cost of \$7.50 each. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that these buttons would be a waste of money. Both Tom Damm and Tom Pollard, who are members of past district championship quartets, agreed that individual trophies would be much more acceptable.

Zone Reports:

Zone I: Vice Pres. Tom Pollard advised that two successful Auditions for Admissions had been held in his zone. One at Wayne and the other at Grosse Pointe.

Zone II: Vice Pres. Dick Simpson reported that Tecumseh put on a successful show. It was noted that the Tecumseh chapter and Three Rivers Chapter were both on associate status as of this date. V.P. Simpson reported that Benton Harbor has a new chorus director.

Zone III: Vice Pres. Funk reported on the Holland Tulip Festival and Lansing Fish Fry. He discussed the chorus director's school that had been held at Lansing and Bob Johnson's disappointment in the poor attendance. Sec. Warner advised that the poor attendance was not due to lack of publicity since a direct mailing explaining the school, the date, and location was made to every chapter president, secretary, and musical director in the district prior to the school as well as notification in the Troubadour. The associate status of the Big Rapids chapter was again discussed and it was noted that V.P. Funk had been directed to make one more attempt to help them bring their membership up to the required 25 level before suggesting that International revoke their charter.

Zone IV: In the absence of Vice Pres. MacLean, Sec. Warner read a report which had been forwarded to him by V.P. MacLean prior to the meeting. There are no special problems in Zone IV chapters. Boyne City contest was great but saddened by the death of one of their staunchest members. AuSable Chapter put on a successful show. There still appears to be some interest in Alpena for the extension committee to work on. Change of address was noted as follows: Capt. Cliff MacLean, Rt. 1 Box 208, Cedarville, Mich 49719

Zone V: Vice Pres. Bud Carpenter advised that the Holly-Fenton Chapter is having its problems membership wise, otherwise everything else in his zone is progressing smoothly.

Treasurer Gillespie was directed to prepare a check to the Wolverine Chorus for \$1,500.00 and to the Gentlemen's Agreement and the Vagabonds for \$200.00 each as the Pioneer District contribution to their respective International Competition travel funds.

It was noted that as of this date there has been no location picked for the Spring 1972 Convention.

The next board meeting was scheduled for noon on Saturday, Sept. 4, 1971 at Tom Pollards house in Harrisville.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. C. Warner,
District Secretary



NEW LOGOPEDICS CHAIRMAN: LOWELL WOLFE has again agreed to serve as District Service Project Chairman. Here's his address:

LOWELL WOLFE
RR #2
Delton, Mich.
616-623-2358

Please send all logopedics donations to him. Also, the logopedics films are available through him.



CHAPTER REPORTERS: REPORTS FOR TROUBADOUR DUE IN BATTLE CREEK ON THE FIFTH (of the month, that is) so when you lift up that page on the calendar and see the new girl that's the time to sit down and scribble out chapter news.

A FEW WEEKS AGO, while your Editor was in Milwaukee on business, I went to a meeting known as "Quartet Club". They met on the first Wednesday of every month, and it was open only to men who had sung in a quartet in District Competition.

The purpose is evident - - QUARTET PROMOTION!!! They would sing as a chorus for about an hour, then assign men to quartets for about 15 or 20 minutes of rehearsal, and then have them perform. (as I recall, there were about 8 or 10 quartets that performed). The cost of "Membership" was \$1.00, just to defray the cost of music that was distributed. (The only reason there was Chorus singing was to give the men knowledge of the same songs). Anybody want to pick up the ball and run with it?????????

1971 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS FOLLOWING the CHAMPS



"THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT"
1970

Seems as though the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT'S already busy schedule is filling up even more!!! Shows where they've been scheduled to sing on Sat. night are selling out--then an extra show is being set for Sunday afternoon to take the overflow!!! Here's what's coming up:

Sept.	11-12	Racine, Wisconsin
"	18	Bloomington, Minn.
"	25	Alma, Michigan
Oct.	1	Indianapolis (District Contest) (Tenative)
"	2&3	Xenia, Ohio
"	8&9	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN PIONEER DISTRICT CONTEST!

BOB WHITLEGE says to come and see them in Grand Rapids--he'll even let you feel his GOLD MEDAL!!! (And it isn't often you get to see one of those).

Bob talked a bit about their VIET NAM TOUR--and we'll try to Quote..."It was very interesting and rewarding--but hard work! We gave 40 performances in 15 days from one end of the country to the other. We visited "ALPHA 4" Fire Base at the edge of the DMZ and could see the red flag on the next hill. Most performances were in service clubs (we really got out into some Boon-docks) and we performed in 3 hospitals. Several shows were "Unscheduled" as someone would hear us, then tell someone else and we'd be asked to do a show"

We'll be hearing a great deal more about the tour in future issues?????

EDITORS NOTE: Wish that each of you could have the opportunity to talk to the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT. They are full of thanks for the support they've received from the GREAT PIONEER DISTRICT (their words)--and pleased as punch to be representing us as champions. And along with the pride they have, they're as humble and common as "Apple Pie". They're more than just Champs! - They're a Champions' Champion--Great as they come!!!!



PEARLS from the PRESIDENT TOM DAMM

The 1971-72 barbershop season is about to begin. I hope you all had as pleasant a summer as I did. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be aboard the first PIONEER DISTRICT excursion flight to the International Convention are still aglow with memories of the great time we had. We were all so proud of the WOLVERINE CHORUS and the VAGABONDS. And you can imagine the great thrill we felt when AL and DRAYTON and GLENN and BOB rolled out on that stage to claim their gold medals. The GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT are great champions--and they're ours. We are very proud of them.

Just about a month from now we'll all be together in Grand Rapids for the Fall Convention. Details of this exciting weekend can be found elsewhere in this issue. The one thing that always disturbs me as a convention approaches is the thought that all the chapters will not be represented. To the best of my knowledge there has never been a House of Delegates meeting where every chapter was present. Every member of the PIONEER DISTRICT has the right to be represented in the affairs of his Society. Check with your Chapter President to see if your representative will be there.

This coming contest will be the first time that the new revised judging system will be used. I wonder if my guesses as to who won, will be any closer to right, now.

DICK DE MONTMOLLIN, our INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT will be visiting us in Grand Rapids. Make it a point to meet him while you are there, he's a good woodshedder.

The convention for April of '72 has been awarded to the Saginaw, Bay City, Midland Chapter and will be held in Midland. It is said that the Dow Auditorium there is the finest in the land. Next fall (Oct. '72) will be in Flint and then April of '73 the convention will be in Lansing. Maybe your chapter would like to bid for a District Convention--think about it.

See you in Grand Rapids.

TOM



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE PIONEER DISTRICT

Proposed slate of officers for 1972, to be voted upon at the Fall Convention in Grand Rapids.

International Board Member	- TOM DAMM
President	- WILLIAM C. WARNER
Executive V.P.	- DON FUNK
V.P. Zone 1	- TOM POLLARD
V.P. Zone 2	- RICHARD SIMPSON
V.P. Zone 3	- DEL DOCTOR
V.P. Zone 4	- MAX CARTER
V.P. Zone 5	- NOEL (BUD) CARPENTER
Treasurer	- ROBERT DRABIK
Secretary	- JOHN T. GILLESPIE

LOTON V. WILLSON, Chairman

HAVE ONE GRAND TIME

PIONEER DIST.

Oct. 8-9

COME AND SEE WHO WILL



1971 INTERNATIONAL
GENTLEMEN'S

PANTLIND HOTEL- HEADQUARTERS



NEW QUARTETS

CONTACT BILL
WARNER FOR
ENTRY BLANKS

ATTENTION!!! ALL PIONEER DISTRICT MEMBERS

The convention host committee encourages
pre-registration for housing and convention
activities.

SEE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER NEWS FOR FULL
DETAILS

IN GRAND RAPIDS

CONVENTION

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REPLACE THEM AS DISTRICT CHAMPS



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AGREEMENT

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YOU CAN SING IN
THE CONTEST WITH
LESS THAN TWENTY
MEN.



Hurry, Hurry, Step Right Up.
Hear show stopping songs sung
by masterful music makers of
melodic renown.

GALS- THE GRAND RAPIDS BARBER BELLS
ARE EAGER TO MEET YOU AND MAKE YOUR VISIT
A PLEASANT ONE.

Chapter News

MILFORD

by DON SHERIDAN

Mark your calendar for Sept. 17th Friday nite for fun in Milford as we have our annual Mini-Chorus contest. Last year we had over 100 in attendance, six chapters represented and five choruses singing. Walking or should we say singing away with the honors for the nite was Detroit who came in 1st under the direction of JOHN SEEMAN. If you didn't make it last year be sure and get out here and join the fun....there is further information elsewhere in this edition of the TROUBADOR...

"Due to circumstances beyond our control" has preceeded many a sad announcement and this is no exception, therefore due to circumstances beyond our control our director CARL ELWING has stepped down as our chorus director...and I would like to say to CARL from each and every one of us in the chorus a great big thanks for all the time and patience he put in making the chorus sound as good as it does, and for making the chapter a fun place for all of us.

Another sad note comes from EL SEGAR a charter member of Milford, is retiring to sunnier climes and leaves us without a Recording Secretary, a job he did so well he made it look easy.

WE'LL MISS YOU, EL! This leaves a not so desirable task to our President BOB MOLL,, of trying to replace two key men at one time, but if anyone can do it Bob can...(now if he could only learn to breathe properly).

Milford also had it's annual Boat Trip on the Island Queen at Kensington Park a few weeks ago, it was a little chilly but most people on board got plenty warm when the boat hit a log on the lake, you could almost hear the adrenalin flowing, but everything was under control and the singing went on as usual...

Before closing I would like to entreat all members of the Milford Chapter to please come out and lend us your support, see what the chapter is doing, AND GET INVOLVED!!!!

LANSING

by MIKE STRAUSS

Hello fellow barbershoppers. It's hard to believe another summer is almost over. It's been a great summer too for our district. I still can't believe that our district has the four members that are International Champs. Also we can't forget the fine job done by the VAGABONDS in their first test against the best. Again Congratulations to both quartets.

Another great social event of the past summer was the Moonlight Cruise on the Detroit River. This gave us another chance to use our "Blue Goose". We had about 25 ride down singing all the way and as true barbershoppers we sang all the way home in the middle of the night. We even enjoyed a great chicken dinner on the bus.

Now time for a commercial. Don't forget our show this fall on October 23. I'm giving you plenty of warning so if you miss this fantastic show it's only your fault. The major attraction of course is the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT but we also have the VAGABONDS, the HARMONY HOUNDS and much more, including our chorus under the direction of KEN GIBSON. You can get your tickets from any chapter member or at the Fall Convention in Grand Rapids.

JACKSON

by DAN LA BUMBARD

Our chorus is hard at work for the upcoming contest in Grand Rapids and for our show, The "Harmony Harvest" to be held Oct. 30 at 8 P.M. in Jackson High School. We have a busy September in the works as we will have chorus practice twice a week; we have a "Mini-Ladies Night" at the Clark Lake Players on Sept. 9; we sing at the Duck Lake Golf Club on Sept. 16; we will visit Hudson to see DAVE STEVENS on Sept. 22, and on Sept. 25 we will have a float in the annual "Festival of the Forks" in Albion.

We are serving notice now that our chorus will be up there in the final scoring at Grand Rapids. We have new chorus jackets and a new outlook and we are going down singing!

We are about to add two more members to our 25 Year Club giving us 11 - 25 year men in our chapter. How about that! Can any chapter in the District top that?

Before we go we must congratulate the VAGABONDS and the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT. It's great to live in a district where the Champions reign. See ya next month.

BOYNE CITY

by RON BISHOP

The Boyne City Chapter is still going strong even though summer is upon us. The chorus has made several appearances this summer. The weekend after Bush League, the chorus sang for the opening of the Annual Boyne City Mushroom Festival. The 4th of July Parade in Boyne City was opened by the Snowbelt Chorus with a medley of songs. Interest seems to have stayed with us this year much more so than in the past few summers.

We were happy to have had TED WUERFUL of Concinatti with us for two meetings. Ted is a Bari, but he sang Bass and Lead as needed. We welcome all Barbershoppers who are in the area to stop by the Dilworth Hotel and sing with us.

July 10th found many Northern Michigan Barbershoppers at a picnic near Cadillac. Featured was a pickup quartet featuring GENE GILLEM and FRANK BATESON of the Saginaw-Bay City Chapter.

More recently our quartet activity has picked up and we had a feature quartet at Pellston's Pioneer Days. The quartet consisted of BOB "FOSSIL" HERMAN - Tenor, AUGIE STOLT - Lead, WILL ROSIN - Bari and JERRY STAUBLIN as Bass. The performance was great considering the outdoor conditions.

Last weekend, August 6th, a pickup quartet of AUGIE STOLT, BOB "FOSSIL" HERMAN, DUDLEY RUESEGGER and HARVEY VARNUM sang for the Merstich Benefit picnic in Boyne City.

Everything is going great and we have already started working on our chorus numbers for next years Bush League Show. It's only eight months until we do our thing again.

SEE DAVE STEVENS
SCHEDULE Pg. 8

Welcome - To our new Idioter---

T. C. hasn't had much to say since April convention--too tired I guess--Just got to congratulate the GENTLEMEN.

Twice T. C. has been fortunate to have the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT on our show the week before International and we like to think that the enthusiastic T. C. audience's helped to inspire them on to better and greater things - NEAT!

T. C. Chorus participated in a package show in Lewiston May 22 for the Ausable Valley Chapter. What a great after glow.

July 25 - Inter chapter picnic at Log Lake, Kalkaska saw Boyne with a big turnout - also visited by the Big GILLEM and WIFE.

Our own chapter picnic on Aug. 15th is open to any who might be in the area. (Contact me).

Looks like a fair size contingent from T. C. will see you'all in Harrisville for fun's and stuff.

Had 2 of our chapter privileged to hear the GENTLEMEN take 1st at New Orleans.

T. C. is working hard to put our best effort yet at Grand Rapids.
ARE YOU?

Any of you traveling through our great north, are more than welcome at our Tues. nite meeting.
8:00 P.M. V. F. W. Hall W. Front Street.

NILES BUCHANAN

by DAN SHELLES

WE WON!

The "GATEWAY 8 (Niles-Buchanan's octet), in their first competition, captured first place honors at Michigan City's 14th annual Tri-State Festival of Harmony (octet contest), and the "Little Brown Jug" comes home again (see article elsewhere).

Although the annual show is long gone, people are still talking about it. Fine performances by the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, Cardinal District's NU-TONES, the VAGABONDS and our own HI-LITES, plus the GATEWAY CHORUS, made for a really enjoyable evening. Special mention has to be made of Chairman CHRIS NEFF'S Afterglow and President DAVE HIBINGER'S organization in putting it all together. Plans for next year's show at this writing are incomplete, though we do have a definite commitment from the NU-TONES, Cardinal District's International Representatives.

We were represented at the Traverse City Convention and Contest, though the contingent was not as large as we had originally hoped. We were proud to hear our own HI-LITES, both in the morning and evening contest sessions. We would have liked to have seen them walk off with the winning honors, but there was some consolation in placing fifth behind the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT et al. As one of the day's emcees said, the only losers are those who don't participate.

In other chapter news, the chorus has been busy through the summer months with regular rehearsals continuing, and attendance running around 60% or so. During June and July, the chorus, octet, and BUCCANEERS had an even half-dozen singouts and enjoyed the hospitality of CHRIS NEFF and his WIFE at the annual summer Diamond Lake "Golf-eat-Water-Miscellaneous" bash.

Spirit seems to be high among our regular participants--and the key phrase is "regular participants". We're anticipating picking up as many as four new members from our "Auditions for Admissions" night (held in May), and these guys are ready to roll--right now! So, it's up to the rest of the membership to keep them moving and to get everyone involved. This is one reason for the octet program. It gives opportunities for developing singing more than in the chorus, without the feeling that your part is bare and exposed as in a quartet. Membership is pretty much open, with the entire chapter invited to join. Although only eight will sing at a time, we're trying to maintain at least one alternate on each part.

Inside stuff--some of our "Afterglows" have been exciting.. who lost what "gut-bucket" and where?...does a pitch pipe sound better in tune after being run over by a truck?... who would ever go into an oasis and order a glass of water?... pontoon boats don't sink with less than 20 people aboard... just "Singing in the Rain" or "Raindrops Keep Falling on my Washboard"...

So, you see, in spite of the long silence from the South-western corner of Michigan, we've been busy. It won't be so long the next time! Keep smiling, and Keep America Singing!

NOTICE

ATTENTION: CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:

Will you please see that I am added to your chapter bulletin mailing list?

THE PIONEER TROUBADOUR
Roger Lewis, Editor
P.O. Box 1502
Battle Creek, Mich. 49016

(O.K. all youse guys that ain't presidents, how cum ya read this?? Since ya did anyway, do me a favor, will ya? Bug your president and see if HE read it. And done it? O.K.?)

MERLE CLAYTON, District C & J Chairman, gave me some filler material to answer some common questions about the C & J system. Here are some of them - - you'll also find them scattered about in future issues.

Q. How late can a quartet register and enter either the International Preliminary or District Quartet Contest?

A. Right up to the time the Chairman of Judges calls the Quartet Briefing Session to order.

Q. In what order do late entrants sing and who determines this?

A. The Chairman of Judges has the sole authority to decide when late entrants will sing. In the Pioneer District the Chairman customarily has ordered late entrants to sing first so as not to put undue pressure on those who have cooperated by entering well in advance of the date of drawing for position.

Q. How is the Official Panel of Judges selected for each contest?

A. The District Associate Contest and Judging Chairman (DAC&JC) must use Certified Judges for each official contest. First he tries to select one from each category in our own District. Next he tries to select the best man available from nearby Districts. The DAC&JC does this on his own for the October contest.

In the case of the April contest, he nominates Certified District and out-of-District Judges and two alternates in each category to the International Contest and Judging Chairman. The International Chairman recommends the Official Panel to the International President who makes the official appointment.

With summer slipping silently over the hill, the many activities that are planned for the fall season must be upper most in our minds. The B. C. Chapter really had a good attendance record thru the slow summer months, so getting into high gear for the fall will be quite easy.

We here in B. C. regret the loss of JOHN AUSBURY, a Barbershopper's Barbershopper, who recently moved to Fort Wayne, Ind. JOHN (what are we waiting for) AUSBURY will be missed by his many friends and associates. On his last night here in Battle Creek, the chorus gathered at John's front door and bid him farewell with a medley of songs. Our loss is Fort Wayne's gain. Y'all come back and visit any time, Ya' hear, John?

The B. C. Chapter staged it's First Annual (we hope) Camp-Out at Tyler Creek Recreation Area, just north of Hastings, Mich. Had just one good shindig all weekend. It included golfing, singing, horeshoes contest, singing, swimming? (pool wasn't complete), singing and to top it off an OX ROAST followed by a "round the campfire" sing. We had the pleasure of hearing from such dignitaries as the GALAXIES from Grand Rapids Chapter, our own HARMONY HOUNDS, plus a new quartet from our chapter, made up of GARY HOEFER, MAYNARD MC DONALD, DOUG SWAN, AND JIM CRAMER. (The TRAVEL-CHORDS????)

Really had a great "Get away from it all" time, and because it was such a good time, we will be trying it again on Aug. 21st at the same place, Tyler Creek. (Will the swimming pool be done?) Everybody welcome. Camping or not it's a lot of good times with your fellow barber-shoppers.

With Fall Convention just around the corner, Battle Creek is looking forward to sending two, three, and possible four quartets to competition. The more the merrier. Sock it to 'em!

A sing out for "Greater Battle Creek Days" is planned for Aug. 28th. Always like to do things for our town. Also a Sweet Adeline Show coming up Nov. 13th. They want us to march on stage singing 76 Trombones. Hang on to those rafters, girls.

Hey, just remembered, our chorus is going to competition this fall, also. You know how it is. Never say die.

Congratulations to the INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS, THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT. We sure hope the show here on June 12th helped them to win. Have a good year, fellas.

Gotta hang it up now.....See you later. Somebody blow a B Flat.



There are a few "regular" columns missing from this issue-- and a definite lack of pictures--since your new idioter just hasn't got his signals straight with BILL PASCHER, DORA VOGEL, and DUANE MOSIER, just to name a few. (And by the way, if I haven't gotten hold of you yet and you are one of these "regulars", please drop me a note at P.O. Box 1502, Battle Creek, Mich, 49016)

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Up ? Coming What's

(LIKE RADISHES)

Sept. 17	MILFORD MINI-CHORUS CONTEST
Sept. 17-18-19	GRAND RAPIDS CAMPOUT, HORSE-HEAD LAKE
Sept. 20	DAVE STEVENS AT TRAVERSE CITY
Sept. 21	DAVE STEVENS AT FLINT
Sept. 22	DAVE STEVENS AT HUDSON
Sept. 23	DAVE STEVENS AT THREE RIVERS
Sept. 24	DAVE STEVENS AT GRAND RAPIDS
Sept. 25	BEGINNING ARRANGERS SCHOOL



INTERNATIONAL SEND-OFF A SUCCESS!!!!!!!

Anyone who attended the District International Send-off in Battle Creek on June 12 just has to be still raving about it!!!! There's just no place else in this whole country that such an array of talent was under one roof.

The WOLVERINE CHORUS-- The WAYNE WONDERLAND CHORUS-- The GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT (The nations best)-- The SHARPLIFTERS with their sparkling comedy and top-rate sound-- The VAGABONDS (giving us two quartets in the top 20).

Total funds (some of it given directly to the contestants) raised were \$4,903.00. Of this, \$1,900.00 came from you via the district (see minutes of Board Meeting).

It was a little surprising that we received neither tickets or money back from some chapters....If any money was somehow overlooked, send it into District Treasurer JOHN GILLESPIE.

And if the "Send-off" had even an eeny-teeny bit to do with the outcome at New Orleans, then it was successful!!!

One more comment--I think that 4 guys in particular made one heck of a donation--in time, in talent, and in the expense of getting to Battle Creek and singing the show--helping to send to International the fellows who "Beat them out". They deserve our most sincere applause for an outstanding contribution--the SHARPLIFTERS!!!

Let's see now, who's hosting the send-off next year?

ROGER LEWIS,
CHAIRMAN

PIONEER DISTRICT FLIGHT TO NEW ORLEANS



The charter flight to New Orleans was an unqualified success. 118 flew down and a capacity 132 returned. Eastern Airlines did a great job and everything ran right on schedule. It was a real bargain for \$99 round trip, bus connections included. Plans are already underway for next year's flight to Atlanta. Watch the TROUBADOUR for details.

GATEWAY EIGHT CAPTURES CONTEST !!

The Niles-Buchanan octet, the GATEWAY 8, captured first place honors at the fourteenth annual Tri-State Festival of Harmony sponsored by the Michigan City (Ind.) "Ambassadors of Harmony."

The Tri-State, an invitational event to some 30 neighboring chapters, has been a mid-summer must for a long time. With all profits going to the Institute of Logopedics, Michigan City has organized and carried off a fine evening of fun, fellowship and harmony, featuring quartets, choruses and octets in contest from the entire area.

The evening's program included the octet contest, a fine feed, harmony in an "Afterglow" type setting, plus group singing and woodshedding all over the place for the crowd of over one hundred. Featured were Michigan City's fine "Ambassadors of Harmony" chorus, the "Chorus of the Dunes" from Hobart, Indiana (Cardinal District representatives at New Orleans), the NU-TONES and LAKE-AIRES quartets.

The octet contest, which was organized to stimulate participation by as many people as possible, involved six groups from the host Michigan City chapter, Kalamazoo, South Bend, Hobart, plus the 1971 champs from Niles-Buchanan. As an interesting sidelight to the octet contest, the "Little Brown Jug", awarded to the winners, was created by two Niles-Buchanan members, VIC VIGANSKY and JOE BACHMAN. Good news that it has once again returned to the Niles-Buchanan chapter!

Here's the GATEWAY 8: Tenors; DICK EMPHILL, DAVE HIBINGER: Leads; RON NEFF, BERNIE WORDEN: Baris; DAN SHELLES, CARMEN DENISI: Basses; ART BLAKE, VIC VIGANSKY

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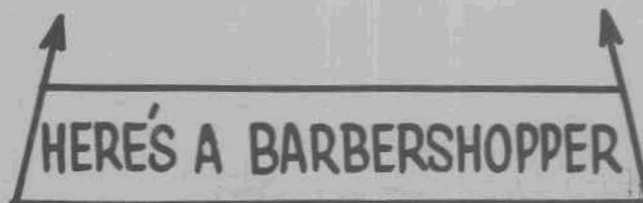
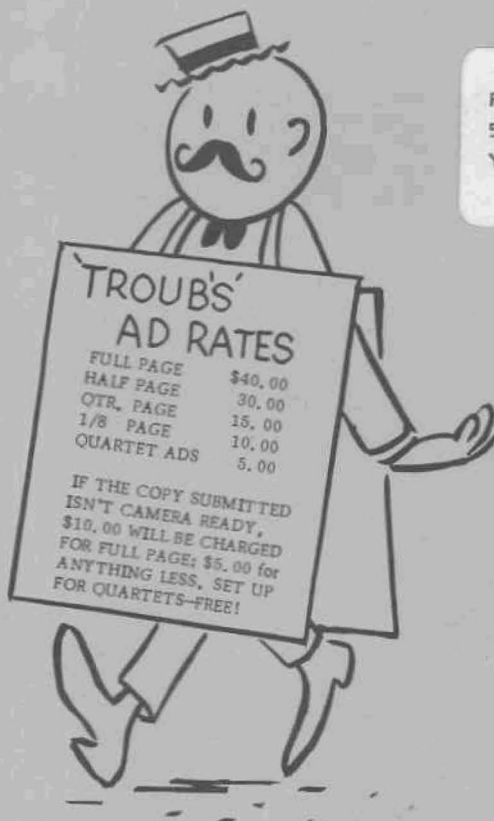
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Mar. 11, 1972
Mar. 18, 1972
Apr. 8, 1972
Apr. 8, 1972
July 21, 1972
May 19, 1972
Nov. 4, 1972
Apr. 7, 1973
May 5, 1973
Nov. 3, 1973
Apr. 20, 1974
May 4, 1974
May 4, 1974
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GRATIOT COUNTY PARADE
FALL CONV. GRAND RAPIDS
FRUIT BELT PARADE
LANSING PARADE
JACKSON PARADE
DETROIT PARADE
BATTLE CREEK PARADE
KALAMAZOO PARADE
BOYNE CITY BUSH LEAGUE
GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
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THIS YEARS CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL PROMISES TO BE A GREAT ONE!!! THE DISTRICT IS SENDING FOUR MEN TO KENOSHA TO HAVE THEM TRAINED AS INSTRUCTORS. Combine this training with their own wealth of knowledge, and you have a terrific combination.