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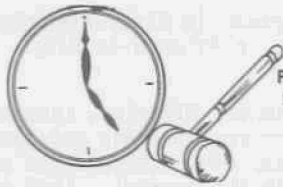
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Minutes
PIONEER DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Lansing, Michigan
January 23, 1972

The meeting was called to order by President BILL WARNER at 10:00 A.M. All officers were present except Treasurer BOB DRABIK. Also in attendance were DOUG BEAVER and LARRY KING, of the Saginaw Bay and Detroit Chapters, respectively.

President Warner reported that Treasurer BOB DRABIK had written him, regretfully resigning as District Treasurer due to being transferred to Knoxville, Tennessee. President Bill stated that LAWRENCE G. (LARRY) KING has agreed to accept the District Treasurer position. It was moved by I.B.M. TOM DAMM, seconded and unanimously passed that LARRY KING be appointed District Treasurer for 1972.

The minutes of the meeting of November 13, 1971 were read and approved.

Zone Reports:

Zone I - TOM POLLARD reported that the Zone is healthy and that there has been a lot of activity since the first of the year. Several Chapters have new meeting places and these were all reported for inclusion in the new District Directory.

Zone II - DICK SIMPSON reported that the Tecumseh Chapter Charter has been formally revoked. He reported that all Chapters are going strong. Area Counselor HERM DYKEMA has been very active and reports that those Chapters in the southwest part of the state have been active, including a planned tri-chapter meeting among Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and Three Rivers on February 28th.

Zone III - DEL DOCTOR reported all things quite good in his Zone. Both Muskegon and Holland are holding their show the same date this year. Del has spoken to the Chapters about this and has requested Holland to clear future show dates with the District to avoid this conflict hereafter. Holland and Muskegon are exploring the possibility of a joint After-glow this year.

Big Rapids' associate status was discussed. It was agreed that an additional extension should not be requested for Big Rapids, therefore their charter will be revoked at the January International Board meeting in San Diego. V.P. Doctor also reported that John "Mike" Simpson has accepted the position of Area Counselor for Zone III.

Zone IV - MAX CARTER reported that Captain Cliff MacLean has accepted an area counselor position. Au Sable Chapter is still below the membership level needed for chartering, and an extension has been requested by the District.

Zone V - V. P. BUD CARPENTER reported that Area Counselor DOUGLAS has been very active. Gratiot County and Holly-Fenton Chapters are holding their own. Pontiac, Saginaw Bay and Flint are strong.

Executive Vice-President DON FUNK reported on his activities. He has been meeting with Saginaw Bay on the Spring Convention plans. He and DOUG BEAVER then gave a report on these plans. The Convention financial budget was presented. A long discussion ensued regarding the Convention budget and plans. A motion was passed that the District Board recommend all-event ticket prices of \$5.00 for competing members and \$7.00 for non-contestants at the Spring Convention. Also the individual ticket price schedule as presented by Saginaw Bay was recommended.

The District financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1971 was presented and approved.

A tentative District budget for 1972 was presented by Secretary GILLESPIE.

President WARNER announced a tentative schedule of Board meetings for 1972.

President Bill suggested that the Fall Convention Committee from Flint attend the May Board meeting to cover Fall Convention plans on a preliminary basis.

President BILL WARNER then read a letter from ROGER LEWIS suggesting the appointment of a District Public Relations man and outlining suggested duties of such a position. The Board agreed that the District is in need of such a position. President WARNER stated that he would seek a good man to handle this job. He welcomed suggestions from the Board members.

Plans were formalized for the 1972 International Send-Off Show. It was moved, seconded and passed that the report of the International Send-Off committee be accepted and that this fund-raising show be held in Lansing on May 26th, with ticket prices established at \$3.00 per person.

International Board Member TOM DAMM read a letter received from the International C. & J. chairman regarding action taken at the Fall House of Delegates meeting dealing with eligibility of Pioneer District members competing in International chorus competition. It was unanimously agreed that the International committee has apparently misinterpreted the District Delegate's action and I. B. M. DAMM was instructed to request re-examination and clarification of this eligibility point by the appropriate individuals at the mid-winter International Board meeting.

TOM DAMM then reported on the agenda items to be covered at the Mid-winter San Diego meeting. A long discussion took place regarding these items, including the proposed \$1.00 per member dues increase. The District Board was unanimous in its feeling that there should be no dues increase at this time.

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Chapter News

Milford

Meets: 2nd and 4th Wednesday -
American Legion Hall, 510 W. Commerce
Milford

On March 18th Milford was royally entertained by the ORIGINAL CHOICE, the BEAN TOWN FOUR, and the GARTER SNAPPERS (a great banjo group) and along with the MILFORD CHORUS and the MILLENAIRES (a family group) the show proved to be very successful.

Now it's probably past history but Milford tried hard to put a chorus on stage for the District Convention, but as of this writing we are scuffling for voices and bodies to add up to 20 men. MARTY ZURN, our new director has been putting in a lot of time to make the chorus sound as good as it does, but without numbers (men that is) it's got to be difficult to find the right sound. What I'm saying is that some of you Milford members who have not been singing GET OFF YOUR DEAD CENTER and come on back cause we need you. Enough harrasing get the point!

Whenever we get the chance the chorus does sing out and in the past couple months we sang for the Antique Car Collectors at the Holiday Inn in Farmington, also the Father-Son get together at one of the local schools, and we have another engagement in May for the Senior Citizens of Walled Lake (so we do get around).

To get the record straight, an article was sent in for the January Issue of the Troubadour but, it did not get published (although Monroe got in twice). We're all human but an article did get in giving the current officers so it may seem late but, I'm giving them again. Our Prez - ERNIE MARLOW, Ex. Vice-Pres. - DAVE STONE, Secretaries DICK SICHAK (Recording ?) and JOE MIKULEC (Corresponding ?). I probably got em wrong but you guys know what you do, Program Vice Chrmn. - DON SHERIDAN (familiar name) Treasurer - FRANK MILLEN (now Bob Moll) since Frank went to Florida, of course MRATY ZURN our director, the other members of the board are MERV KIDD and TOM SCHULL (whose always doing something for the chapter).

We are on our way to new uniforms since our Chest Board raffle did so well, but we're not able to get them in time for competition. I would like the opportunity to thank the guys who went out and pushed tickets for the uniform fund, also to FRANK MILLEN and his sons who helped so much, not only on the raffle but with other chapter functions, as I said before Frank and the family will be leaving us for Florida so we'd like to say thanks for your help in the past and the best for you in the future.

That's all from Milford for now.....but let's KEEP AMERICA SINGING.

by DON SHERIDAN

Lansing

Meets: Monday - Olds Plaza
Capitol and Michigan Ave., Lansing

Auditions are "in" with the Lansing Chapter! Following the 3-day scene at the Lansing Mall, the next regular Monday night Chapter meeting at the Olds' Plaza Hotel was attended by the finest bunch of recruits ever. And would you believe, they showed up the old timers by nearly outnumbering them on the night of the great March ice-storm! We're looking up in Lansing--and the rest of the chapters should be watching out!

Are your calendars marked? INTERNATIONAL SEND-OFF--at Lansing's Sexton High School--MAY @cTH (I mean) MAY 26th. After-glow in Olds Plaza Ballroom. Need we mention who's going to be here? THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, WOLVERINE

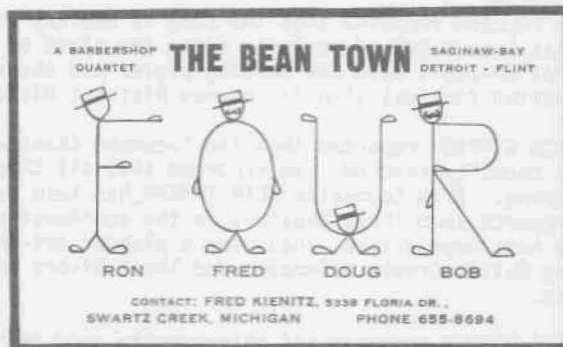
CHORUS, and the district quartets (& Alternate) who will be competing for the top spot in Atlanta in July.

The Junior Champions of the Pioneer District, Lansing's RANGEFINDERS have lost the services of their outstanding bass, WARREN ROSIER, whose heavy work schedule has precluded him from continuing with the quartet. Luck was with the RANGEFINDERS in bass-finding ED POHL, who has not only successfully filled Warren's shoes but his vocal part as well.

KEN LYMAN, a strong and accomplished tenor, member of the SHI-GUYS Quartet from Owosso, and designer of a great P.R. flier on the Lansing Chapter has flew the coop to the Fruitbelt, no less. Ken and his wife secured the china, cranked up the motor and pulled their mobile home from Owosso to the shores of Lake Michigan with plans to open and operate a music store in Grand Haven. The Fruitbelt Chapter has a real find in Ken (mostly his voice) and in the person of his wife, an active and enthusiastic supporter of barbershop singing.

Lansing sought to make Harmony Week in a big way--resolutions in every city in the metropolitan area and for the Pioneer district in the State Legislature. We'll let you know more about the success of our efforts in the next issue!

by VIC WEIPERT JR.



Pontiac

Meets: Tuesday & Friday - Metropolitan Club
671 Baldwin Ave., Pontiac

The February meeting brought us a Lansing Visitation, and something very special. THE VAGABONDS. What a night they provided for the chapter. Everybody had a chance to woodshed with these guys, and to our newest members it is something they'll always remember. TOP 10 or higher is my prediction. We will be privileged in having them back again in May. Officially it will be the VAGABONDS NIGHT. So if any of you who haven't heard them lately, here's your chance to be where the action will be. REMEMBER MAY 19, VAGABONDS NIGHT. THE LONG & SHORT OF IT have really been working. THE DROP CHORDS, who have really been active in the chapter, were there, and the chapter had the honor of presenting RAWLEY HALLMAN with his 25 YEAR PIN (3 Years Late). RAWLEY'S membership card now reads 28 years. RAWLEY has always been a quartet man, REASONAIRES, AND DROP CHORDS, plus directing the chorus at one time, so you can see just how valuable this fine gentleman has been to the PONTIAC CHAPTER.

March was a very exciting month for the Pontiac Chapter. A really big night was had by all on the 3rd of March when the Pontiac Chapter visited Grosse Pointe. 27 of RAFFERTY'S RAIDERS invaded Grosse Pointe. RUSS SEELY and JOHN WEARING were up to it though. What a great night they provided for us. The surprise of the evening THE FOUR FITS with DAN (THE RED FOX) RAFFERTY singing Baritone. A Really Big Sound. Looking forward to our next get together.

THE DROP CHORDS provided the chapter meeting with a real swinging night. RAWLEY HALLMAN, AL MAIER, DICK JOHNSON and JOHN SMITH provided us with some of their new material. Hey Program VP's here's a real entertaining group.

March 24th, THE WOODSHED CONTEST was a real ball. Seven different chapters were represented. "The Winners", HOLLY-FENTON CHAPTER, won the Bennington Trophy with 49% attendance, with the SWINGERS, FROM FLINT CHAPTER coming in second. These two chapters really had a thing going about the trophy. Seems these two chapters tied for the trophy last year. Are you ready for this one DISTRICT !!!!!!! ELBOWS (Bill) WARNER, on Bari, ED LILLY, on lead, FRED MC FADDEN, on Tenor, and STU WILLIAMSON on Bass, better known as Quartet #10, the 1972 "WOODSHED QUARTET" winners. ED LILLY from the Pontiac Chapter for the second time. ED has a Best Tenor Badge also. THE ROLLING TONES, our judges really had a busy night with 17 Quartets competing. The ROLLING TONES has served notice on the rest of the District. They're really singing. So watch out!! I'll tell you one thing, TONY SCOOROS was right, I personally checked BILL WARNER'S ELBOWS, and they ought to be registered as concealed weapons. Ask RAY GUERIN, he bled for three days. BILL PASCHER did his usual outstanding job as our MC. Try and put 17 quartets, plus our guest quartet, and three choruses, plus last years winning quartet, RAWLEY HALLMAN on Bari, MIKE (The Devil Hissself) FRYE on Lead, JIM MC CATTY on Tenor, and who else, JIM LEKANDER on Base? Try and put all this together without getting the guys home before the sun rises.

GOOD NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. The Pontiac Chapter finished THIRD (3rd) in the International Protection and Retention Awards. Considering there are 141 chapters in plateau #3 we are very proud. We have won the District Award also. Congratulations to Holly-Fenton and the Saginaw-Bay Chapters for winning in their respective plateaus!

Brother Ray and myself had the pleasure of walking in on the Detroit #1 Chapter Meeting in March. What a Night !!!! THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT and THE SHARPLIFTERS were there. I don't think there is any more reason to explain what kind of a meeting they had. "FANTASTIC". Then an Octet Supreme, was organized, guess who? The first time I have ever heard an 8 Man Chorus. No sense in wishing the SHARPLIFTERS any luck for Midland, believe me, they don't need it. The Talent is there!!!!

Hey don't get left out on THE MEMORIAL WEEK-END CAMPOUT. As of this article there are only eight (8) reservations left. If there are any left, I'll have them with me at Midland. Speaking of Midland, The Pontiac Chapter would like to extend an open invitation to HOSPITALITY ROOM 212 to everybody. We're really looking forward to this one. THE RED FOX is hungry for a District Championship. Dan took his Sweet-Ad Chorus from Howell, to the Detroit Contest, and finished 3rd. Not bad out of 22 Choruses. Considering Dan's Gals had 24 on stage singing against 50 plus choruses, might just give the District an idea whats happening at Pontiac. NUFF SAID: Say Good Night Tommy Tidy.

by DICK GUERIN

Kalamazoo

Meets: Tuesday - Chicken Charlie's, Inc.
3124 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo

My last column, written for Jan., didn't apparently get mailed in time so it appeared in the Feb. issue instead, so I have a little catching up to do.

First and foremost we're happy to welcome three more new members, AL WILLIAMS, LARRY SNYDER, and JERRY MEISINGER. Welcome aboard men and bring your friends down.

We are trying something to arouse some interest for BARBERSHOPPING in Junior and Senior High School Boys. BOB MOON, who teaches at Portage is working with me on this project and is contacting the Music Directors in several of our area schools to get count of those boys who would like to see our show FREE. We'll furnish the tickets to the directors to hand out to the boys. Who knows? a little seed might yield a new crop of future BARBERSHOPPERS.

LOWELL WOLFE brought the CIRCUIT BREAKERS to entertain us in

Jan. They dropped in right after our practice expecting to sing for our Ladies And Awards Nite, which had meanwhile been cancelled but had been unable to contact them to let them know (and glad of it). This way we got to hear them after all. Thanks a lot fellows, and come back.

Feb. 28 the Chapter chartered a bus and nineteen of us attended the Tri-Chapter meeting at Three Rivers. This was arranged by our area Counselor HERM DYKEMA, Battle Creek Chapter attended in force with 28 men including THE HARMONY HOUNDS and the TRAVELCHORDS. We had no complete Quartets there but pieced one together from several members of different quartets, a great time was had by all.

Tues. Feb. 29 THE PHIDAVONICS from Niles-Buchanan dropped in to "Bust a few". We really got a charge out of their "Rigoletto" rendition. Thanks Men, do it again anytime.
CARROLL STANDER

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Holly - Fenton

Tuesday - American Legion Home
Rochwell & Roberts Sts., Fenton

As I write this on March 29 our show and afterglow committees are busy completing final preparations for our annual show, May 6. We will feature two district champions, THE VAGABONDS and our present champs: THE ORIGINAL CHOICE, plus our own chapter chorus, THE DISTRICT SWEET ADELIN CHORUS, and two quartets from our own chapter. Maybe our show will be history when you read this but we expect it to be a great success and a chance to SMILE.

We had enough members participating in the Pontiac Woodshedding contest, on March 24, to win the Carrol P. Adams-Bennington trophy (we shared it last year with Flint). We have also been notified of an award for best chapter retention of members, in our plateau, for 1972.

We meet every Tuesday, 8:30 P.M., at the American Legion Hall in Fenton and welcome any visitors.

by GRANT L. WRIGHT

St. Joe Valley

by GEORGE DIEFFENDERFER

Although the St. Joe Valley Chapter has been quite busy lately, I am going to use this space to tell about two other Chapters in our area.

It all started when they appointed HERM DIEKEMA our Area Counselor. Herm saw that he had one Chapter in his area that was dragging its feet. (Name? " "). He visited our Chapter to see what could be done to get our membership up. A guest night was set up for February 28th, and he then enlisted the aid of the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Chapters. 95 men showed up, including 12 guests, 3 choruses, 5 quartets, 4 DOORS-MEN, HUM-BUMS, CIRCUIT BREAKERS, TRAVEL CHORDS, HARMONY HOUNDS - old and new versions. Never in our history have we heard singing like that. Our guests had to be inspired. LARRY SWAN said he had goose bumps all over his body after directing the combined choruses. We think he stretched that a little as it would take a tremendous effort to cover Larry with goose bumps, but we figure we came close.

Our thanks to two great Chapters - Kalamazoo and Battle Creek and our vote for Area Counselor of the year to Herm Diekema. We are confident that we will be above the limit by June.

LOGOPEDICS

L. E. Wolfe
Logopedics Chairman
R#2
Delton, Michigan

There are several items that should be covered in this months Troubadour as far as Logopedics is concerned.

- #1. Buddy can you spare the time for Logopedics. This is the slogan that WALLY GRAHAM put together for a "Logopedic Wing Ding Ladies Night" that he has scheduled in Grand Rapids at Wallys Woodshed on May 12, 72. This sounds like one of the greatest fun nights scheduled for a long time. There will be Quartet singing - Woodshedding, door prizes for the ladies, raffles, group singing - Wow, what an evening! Talent lined up thus far according to Wally is - THE ORIGINAL CHOICE - VAGABONDS - HARMONY HOUNDS - BEAN TOWN 4 - GALAXIES - SMORGASCHORDS - THE GATEWAY EIGHT.

Let's all turn out for this great night of fun, with all proceeds going to Logopedics. Don't forget to bring your wife along -- see you on May 12th.

- #2 Subject: Logopedics Coin Banks.

As most of you know International has made available to the Chapters that want them - coin banks - which are to be put in different locations around town to collect money for Logopedics. Many chapters through-out the Country have had great success. Thus far 5 Pioneer Chapters have requested them and only 1 Chapter has sent any money in from collection. It may be that the chapters that have collected money are holding it until they have a sizeable amount to send in.



we sing...
that they shall
speak

If you have been doing that, please send it in right away as a better record of how they are working out in our Districts so it can be recorded. Please, lets hear from you. We hope to compile better records and advise other Chapters to their effectiveness - also we need the money.

- #3 Just a word about donations thus far in 1972.

From last years records for the same time, we are somewhat behind. I know that most of the chapters make a big push at the end of the year and that certainly worked that way in 71. We finished up 1971 with a bang as far as Logopedics is concerned. If any chapter has been holding any donations for a special night - maybe Wally will give us a few minutes at Grand Rapids at the Logopedic Wing Ding to make these donations, so bring them along on May 12th.

#4 Most of you Barbershoppers know that 1972 is the year that the goal has been set for Logopedic Donations to go over the 1 million dollar mark. To help raise this much needed money, most of the districts are going to put on "Spectaculars" for Logopedics. Remember the one held in Battle Creek a few years ago with BOB JOHNSON directing a Chorus of about 350 men. All Pioneer Barbershoppers - wow what a sound! Then all those great Quartets - well - how about having another one this fall - somewhere in the Pioneer District? All we need is a chapter volunteer. BOB JOHNSON has already been contacted and is tentatively planning on a fall show in the Pioneer District. Now all we need is a chapter willing to carry the ball on the details of running the show and places to put up a few Barbershoppers overnight - then we're in business. Please let me hear from you Chapter Presidents on this. I will be willing to help in any way I can on this matter and International has had lots of experience in these matters and will be glad to give a hand to any chapter for this cause. Also we have very able people throughout the District who would be glad to help if you need them ... I'll be waiting to hear from you.

International SEND-OFF MAY 26

THE GREATEST BARBERSHOP SHOW THE PIONEER DISTRICT CAN STAGE . . .

THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

THE WOLVERINE CHORUS

THE TOP THREE QUARTETS

THE VAGABONDS
THE SHARPLIFTERS
THE ORIGINAL CHOICE

THE PIONEER DISTRICT CHORUS CHAMPS

DETROIT MOTOR CITY CHORUS

TIME: 8:30 P. M.
DATE: May 26, 1972

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MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Navel Oranges Are Unseemly Day	2 Clean Up After Maypole Dances Day	3 The Caine Mutiny and Marshmallow Roast	4 Gala Angeworm Straightenings	5 Fuzzy Bunny Festival	6 HOLLY-FENTON PARADE Pince-nez Lens Wipe
7 Whisk Broom Wrist Whisk and Whist Tournaments	8 Dirt Clod Fight of the Organic Gardeners	9 Lukewarm Milk Festival	10 The Intangible Services Trade Fair	11 Polarization Day	12 GRAND RAPIDS LOGO- PEDICS NIGHT QUAD-CHAP. MEETING BAY CITY Jubilee of the Warded Boof	13 One-hand Applauding Contest. Red But, Ill.
14 Mother's Day	15 Cling to the Roof of Your Mouth Day	16 Father Image Ordained, 1864	17 Echo Day, Walla Walla, Wash.	18 Sun City Annual Popsicle Lick	19 HOLLAND PARADE MUSKEGON PARADE 1948: Discovery of Self-Winding Volley Ball	20 Armed Forces Day
21 Flat Tire discovered, 1908	22 Dimple Day	23 Ketchikan Cactus Exhibit	24 Fête of the Fatsetto Frogmen	25 Steel Wool and Pumice Rites	26 INTERNATIONAL SENDOFF LANSING Annual Side Burn Pageant	27 Equal Rights for Men Day
28 Ruined Storages' Doings	29 Memorial Day	30 Anniversary of the First Man on the Stairs	31 Pine Needles Frolic			

Fruit Belt

Meets: Wednesday - Chorditorium
2180 S. Union, Benton Harbor

Dear Editor:

I have a small item relating to our Smelt Fry that you might find fit to put in the Troub.

The Smelt Fry that the Fruit Belt Chapter hosts annually was the biggest and best we ever had. Of course, any special chapter event such as this is not a success unless you have good attendance from the neighboring chapters. And that we had. They came from as far away as the Gary-Hobart, Ind. Chapter which is about 80 miles from Benton Harbor.

Kalamazoo chartered a big Bus and brought a gang of barber-shoppers that numbered about 35 to 40 men. Niles-Buchanan was well represented and so was Michigan City, Ind. Even ROYAL ZERBE and TEDDY SCHROCK came out to this one to renew old acquaintances.

Each chapter contributed to the evenings entertainment with their choruses, quartets and an Octet from the Niles-Buchanan Chapter.

RAY LEATZ was the MC for the evening and as usual did an outstanding job in spite of the fact that he had to fill in for 1st choice TOM FERREN, (former director of the Fruit-Belt Chorus for several years). Tom couldn't attend because of other commitments, so BERNIE SACKETT, Chairman for this event asked BOB BROWN if he would MC. Bob had to decline because he was too sick to go anywhere, so Ray consented to take over even tho he was the 3rd choice. I might add that Ray gives his all when he is asked to MC.

We think that every one present had a good time and left with the feeling that the evening was well spent. It is our hope and desire to make the next one even bigger and better. We, of the Fruit-Belt Chapter wish to say "Thank you" to all of the chapters that came to our Chorditorium to help us make this event a big success.

GUS REEVES

Detroit

Meets: Monday - Ford American Legion Post
4211 Maple, Dearborn

Detroit hosted its annual Octet night on Friday Feb. 11 and a goodly number turned out. Lively singing was heard from the Pontiac, Grosse Pointe, Wayne, Oakland, and Detroit chapters. Again this year the fine Oakland Raiders octet bested the field of 11 octets. Competition was keen with ringing chords abundant. The fun evening was topped off by the culinary talents of NORM SHAMUS who served a tasty clam chowder. The new program V.P. BOB WISDOM M.C. and performed his new duties with finesse.

The following night Saturday Feb. 12 the Motor City Chorus Wives made a really big hit by hosting a millionaires party at the beautiful Ferndale Community Center which netted a nifty few bucks. MARCIA WISDOM, CAROL BARRON, and MARG WEARING are shown strolling in the crowd with their trays of chips for those in need. Hot dogs & Beer made for plenty of refreshments and everyone seemed to have a good time, lets do this again sometime huh??

May 12th Detroit will host Wayne, details to follow. Detroit is several weeks ahead of last year starting on its contest numbers. We're gonna look and sound a bit snappier yet. Meet you in Midland. Keep Friday May 26th open for Lansing's Quartet send off nite.

by JOHN NEIGHORN



Oakland County

Meets: Friday - Knights of Columbus Hall
2299 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley

Although it definitely will be old news by publication we can't let the opportunity pass to thank the many friends of the Wolverine Chorus who helped to make our February show a sell out.

Our thanks, too, to the GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, VAGABONDS, ROLLING TONES and the peripatetic ROARING 20S for their show contributions. And any who missed hearing BOBBIE BOSTICK of the CRACKER JILLS do "When You Wish Upon a Star," backed up by the chorus, can start eating their hearts out at the count of three.

The cast party following the show featured the show quartets plus a reunion of the AUTO TOWNERS as Mrs. Bostick joined husband Clint, Carl, Glenn and Al on "Lida Rose." Quite an evening.

April activities will begin with our ladies night chapter meeting on April 7, with DENNY GORE and VAGABOND cohorts as emcees. PVP FRAN DURHAM has lined up several distaff groups for entertainment under the general title, "Oh How I Ms. You Tonight."

Musical preparation, of course, centers on the Lansing Atlanta Kick-Off show and the contest music itself.

I'm sure results of the Detroit Octet Contest are carried elsewhere so there's really no point in mentioning that the Oakland Raiders, LaMarte, McFadyen, Caldwell, Harrington, Fynmore, Springer, Demerly, and Dahlke, scored another touchdown.

Hope to see many of you in Lansing on May 26.

by JACK CLARKE

Wayne

Meets: 3rd Friday - Rosedale Gardens Civic Assoc.
Club House, 9611 Hubbard Rd., Livonia

Congratulations to "BIG OAK" on taking the number one spot at Detroit's Annual Octet Contest while Wayne came in third. However, on Sat. Feb. 5, Wayne sent 17 men (2 Octets plus a spare) to the International Octet Contest in St. Thomas, Ontario. Our "Wayne Beaus" brought home the trophy for the second year in a row.

With copy deadline being March 5, and our "Pitchpipe Parade" falling on March 4, it's a bit difficult to give a full report regarding the events of the evening, but we certainly hope it was a bash.

Our February chapter meeting was well attended by not only Wayne, but many visitors from surrounding chapters, and a delegation from Jackson. Also we inducted Wayne's newest member, GLEN WARNER, Welcome Glen!

On Feb. 22 the "Wayne Wonderland Chorus" put on a show at Roma Hall in Livonia for a large assemblage of cub scouts and parents. One should never underestimate the potential of a very young audience. Those kids were exceptionally sharp and enthusiastic. The following night our Mini-Chorus (12 + 1) did a repeat performance for a somewhat smaller group of cub scouts in Plymouth.

Have you noticed a sudden interest in Octets? Guess that has proven to be the best way to break someone into quartet singing without that eerie "I'm all alone on my part" feeling. On Feb. 28 a new octet using the name "VOICE SQUAD" entertained at a birthday party honoring a 79 year old railroad man. I understand they really brought down the roof.

Chapter President, BOB MIQUELON, informs me that Wayne's Annual Golf Outing has been set for June 16th. All interested duffers should contact: BOB MIQUELON, 11310 Hubbard, Livonia, Mich., or call GA1-6132.

Grand Rapids

Things are happening in Grand Rapids. Our new Program V.P., WALLY GRAHAM (otherwise known as Jolly Green) has attacked his responsibilities with vim and vigor. WALLY'S WOODSHED which is a great piece of architecture in itself - has provided the background for many a fine program so far this year.

On January 14th our new District Champs, the ORIGINAL CHOICE braved some pretty bad weather to entertain us musically for our INSTALLATION of OFFICERS evening. Zone III Vice Pres. DEL DOCTOR was on hand to handle the swearing in ceremonies.

January 25th was Old Timers night with local quartets - PITCH PIPERS, FOUR BITS, SMORGASCHORDS & GALAXIES on hand and featuring the RANGEFINDERS from Lansing.

February 11th was SWEETHEARTS NIGHT. The entertainment was supplied by the GREAT LAKES CHORUS plus our local quartets. Headliners for the evening were the HARMONY HOUNDS. Seems like those guys get better each year even though a new face shows up now and then. The HOUNDS were presented with a retainer for appearing on our 1973 show. Let us know when their biscuits run out, there's more where they come from.

On February 25th we had a WOODSHED QUARTET CONTEST emceed by PETE ELKINS. The winners for the night were the 2 X 4 FOUR with BOB HANSEN, lead - PAUL ROBINSON, tenor BILL VANBOGELYN, bari and JIM HORTON, bass. The competition was fierce and the judging was outstanding. Some onlookers were heard to say that this was the best judging at the chapter level for many years. Guest entertainers for the evening were the GATEWAY EIGHT (minus 2). Even at 75% they were simply great.

March 10th was PAST PRESIDENTS NIGHT. Many of our past Presidents were on hand to take part in the program and to relate some of the highlights and happenings of their respective terms. Guest quartet of the evening was the BEAN-TOWN FOUR from Saginaw-Bay.

This year's LOGOPEDICS WINGDING will be held at Grand Rapids on May 12th. The theme is BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE THE TIME FOR LOGOPEDICS - THE HEART OF BARBERSHOPPING. Program V.P. WALLY GRAHAM says that a fine lineup of quartets including some past District Champs will be on hand.

Our annual Golf Outing is being planned with BOB BUFFHAM in charge. It will be on Sunday, July 16th at Lincoln Golf Course here and Bob is hoping to attract many members from surrounding chapters. A topnotch program and great prizes are included. Watch for more information in future issues.

Our Chorus is working hard getting ready for our GREAT LAKES show and District Contest later this month. Seems like the songs are sounding great. Now, if we could all learn to raise and lower our arms at the same time-----

This Chapter has assigned a new Chapter Troubadour Editor. The instructions were quite simple - Don't worry about the color of the paper or the size of the type, just BE IN the doggone thing each issue.

See ya' next month.

by PAUL ROBINSON

Grosse Pointe

1st and 3rd Friday - The Allard House
19748 Harper Ave., Harper Woods, Mi.

March was a real busy month for Grosse Pointe Chapter. We enjoyed having Pontiac Chapter visit us on March 3 and thank them for their fine turn out. We also got out for a visit to Jackson Chapter on March 10 and we're grateful to them for their hospitality. We left the brown "Traveling Jug" with them--the one we got from Oakland Chapter earlier in the year--and we know they will enjoy passing it on to a-

nother Chapter. These trips are a great opportunity to meet fellow barbershoppers and strengthen friendships in your own chapter.

Our Auditions for Admissions program at Macomb Mall was a great success and thanks to Ray Starrette and company for all the hard work putting this event together. The CARTUNES kicked off our program at the Mall on Thursday March 16 and broke the stage in the process--although BOB DEMCHAK claims he is on a diet I swear the stage didn't collapse until he stepped on it! In the true spirit of "the show must go on" they did and really wowed the audience, as well as the workmen repairing the stage who hammered in time to the music. The Lakeshore Chorus appeared at the Mall Friday night for a short concert, returning to Allard House to hear prospective members, and then back to the Mall again Saturday afternoon for another concert and the prime auditions program. We had nearly 25 prospective members and there was a good turnout at the next chorus rehearsal where prospective members were treated to some great quartet singing by the VILLAG-AIRES who came in from an engagement at the Grosse Pointe Kiwanis to entertain us and the FOUR FITS. I don't think anyone could resist joining barbershopping after all that great singing.

My admiration to the (not dirty) dozen who came out on March 24 to sing for the Optimist Club sponsored program at the St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church for senior citizens. None of our four possible directors could make it and KURT KUSCH did a fantastic job of filling in for them, after he got through an accident-jammed expressway (no thanks to RAY STARRETTE who thankfully was not injured), and I must admit that Kurt really knows how to improve a Chorus' stage presence by getting a smile out of them. Thanks to ED STANKO for his hospitality all evening, beginning at his office and concluding with a tour of some of the nightspots in the Michigan-Livernois area. The way some of these people enjoyed our singing we should have brought some admission blanks with us!

On May 12 we'll be privileged to join the Utica Symphonie in their program on "American". We will entertain at intermission and then join them in the finale, "Impossible Dream". Grosse Pointe Chapter's biggie of the year will be coming up on the next night, Saturday, May 13, when we present our annual "the little show" at the Detroit Yacht Club. This event is always enjoyed by members and guests alike and the program will begin at 8:30. Members and nonmembers with tickets will have the opportunity to have dinner at the Yacht Club before the show (at their own expense) and dancing and cocktails afterward (not included in the ticket price.

by BILL HERMAN

Niles - Buchanan

Chicken?

Chicken.

Hearts and flowers?

Hearts and flowers.

Cryptic as the above discussion may appear to most of you, this is typical of the type of thing that went on in some of the committee meetings prior to our annual show. Since the show was set up for February 12, a Valentine's theme has been a natural for some time and seems to please all concerned (almost all). Our guests, the AVANT GARDE of Chicago, and LaPorte's NU TONES really did themselves proud! I'm sure that they were greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

For those of you who couldn't make it this year, the entire first half of the show was devoted to our local groups, including not only the GATEWAY CHORUS and the PHIDAVONICS quartet, but our very own GATEWAY EIGHT! We managed to get into a small discussion on terminology with our Master-of-Ceremonies, TOM D---- (a certain well-known past Pioneer District President from Muskegon), who maintains that "there ain't no such animal as an octette in barbershopping. Maybe a double quartet or two on occasion, but the term 'oct-

ette' is peculiar to other types of music." Peculiar we may be, but what we're called (within reason) doesn't really matter to us, so we let our MC's comments pass and sang anyway. Besides, we spell it "octet." So there.

Seriously, TOM DAMM did as fine a job of MC-ing as I've seen in many moons. He kept things moving quite well, his attempts at humor were designed to offend as few as possible, and of course, his knowledgeable comments on the whole of barbershopping were interesting and informative, even to those of us who have been participating in same. To Tom, a great big Gateway THANK YOU!

Our After-Glo Chairman, ART BLAKE, had a couple of surprises in store for us in the form of two Sweet Adelines Quartettes (note feminine spelling). The "C-SHARPS", from Elkhart, are young in years, but they have already won in a competition held in Northern Indiana for high school girls. The four girls can't average more than about 14 or 15, but we would imagine that they will make themselves heard loud and clear in the coming years.

Chairman Art had one other innovative touch be laid on us, and that was the genuine Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner things. As this was somewhat of a departure from past events, we are soliciting comments from anyone who happened to be in attendance.

So, the show was the biggest thing for February, but not the only thing. We also sang for the annual meeting of the Clark Employees Credit Union, which was held the 19th. It was really dink of nice going into the event with the whole show just about laid out. Only problem was those who had attended the Chapter show the week before. Sorry 'bout that!

Almost forgot about January... Though we didn't do much "singing out", we were working hard to get our show in shape. Both the chorus and the octet began twice-weekly rehearsals to prepare the show performances. Speaking of the octet, remember last summer when we won the Tri-State Festival of Harmony? Well, the group from South Cook (ILL.) chapter came to our rehearsal on January 11 and delivered the "Little Brown Jug." They were champs in 1970, and the Jug is the traveling "Trophy". Two members of our chapter, VIC VIGANSKY and JOE BACHMAN, originated the Jug in the late 50's, and this is the first time that it has returned "home!"

With all the extra rehearsal time, we decided that we'd better pacify our wives and have a party. So, VIC VIGANSKY and his wife provided their basement recreation room for their Midwinter Bash, which seems to have become an annual affair. Much fun was had by all, and we had a chance to "warm up" our show tunes.

We'd also like to acknowledge the presence of JOE MIKULEC of the Milford Chapter. We understand that he's on temporary assignment in the greater Niles area and likes to "bust a few" just to stay in shape. It's good to have him with us, especially beautiful people like baritones!

Good news for those of you who read this with any degree of regularity--here is the missing sentence from last month's (actually, it was February's) column, which was inadvertently omitted: "...time to perform for one of the South Bend Rainbow Girls...". You figure out where it goes!

Guess that's all.... Don't forget--keep smiling; it makes people wonder what you're up to.

by DAN SHELLES

SOME KIND OF AN EDITORIAL by DICK GUERIN

It brings to mind the ole saying "I ONCE COMPLAINED BECAUSE I HAD NO SHOES, UNTIL I SAW A MAN WHO HAD NO FEET". Lets not let this happen to our fine TROUBADOR EDITOR. Instead of getting on Roger's back, lets all give him a great big PAT ON THE BACK.

Being a bulletin editor, and chapter officer, I would like to enlighten a few facts about editions. First of all: BUDGET, its expensive believe me. Our bulletin goes through a letter shop. \$10.00 per page for 135 copies. A two page bulletin, plus mailing cost, \$28.00 per month. Imagine the expense for 1500 copies of the TROUBADOR? There are letter head expenses, cost of a secretary typing the HEN SCRATCHED articles. (Roger eliminates this expense by doing it himself). Mailing costs, paper costs (No expense for our Editor) just plain hard work for a Barbershopper who has to put all this together in the proper places, gather pertinent information to better inform you on District and International information, spend more time Barbershopping in just a few days than most spend in an entire month. After all the HARMONY HOUNDS have to have his presence once in a while. Roger has to work on a tight BUDGET, and personally I don't see how he does it. Thats the reason for subscriptions. If any body doubts my word, ask another great guy, DICK VAN DYKE or BOB MC DERMOTT. So, lets all give ROGER LEWIS a big THANK YOU for doing such a fine job. There aren't many members who are qualified or who would donate the time, effort, and headaches that goes along with the job. Come next month, I'LL BE WATCHING FOR THE MAIL MAN so I can once again enjoy my TROUBADOR.

PROBE SUMMER TRAVEL GUIDE

A formal listing of summer campouts, picnics and other week-end-woodshedding events is planned for release through the PROBEMOTER early next year. If you have suggestions which would be of interest to travelling Barbershoppers and their families send your comments and particulars to the Committee Chairman, TOM LANCASTER, 7824 S. Catalpa, in Woodridge, Ill. 60515.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Cont'd from page 3.

The proposed District financial budget for 1972, previously discussed in this meeting, with changes noted, was adopted.

President WARNER set the next Board meeting for March 26, 1972, at 10:00 A.M. at the Hotel Olds Plaza in Lansing.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
John T. Gillespie, Pioneer District Sec.

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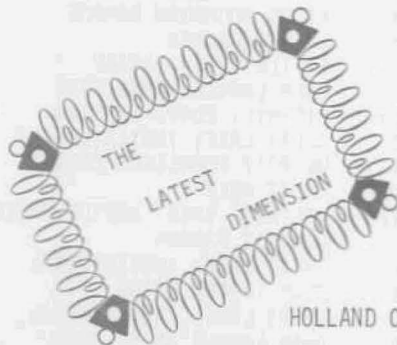
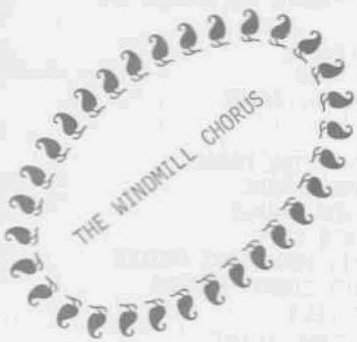
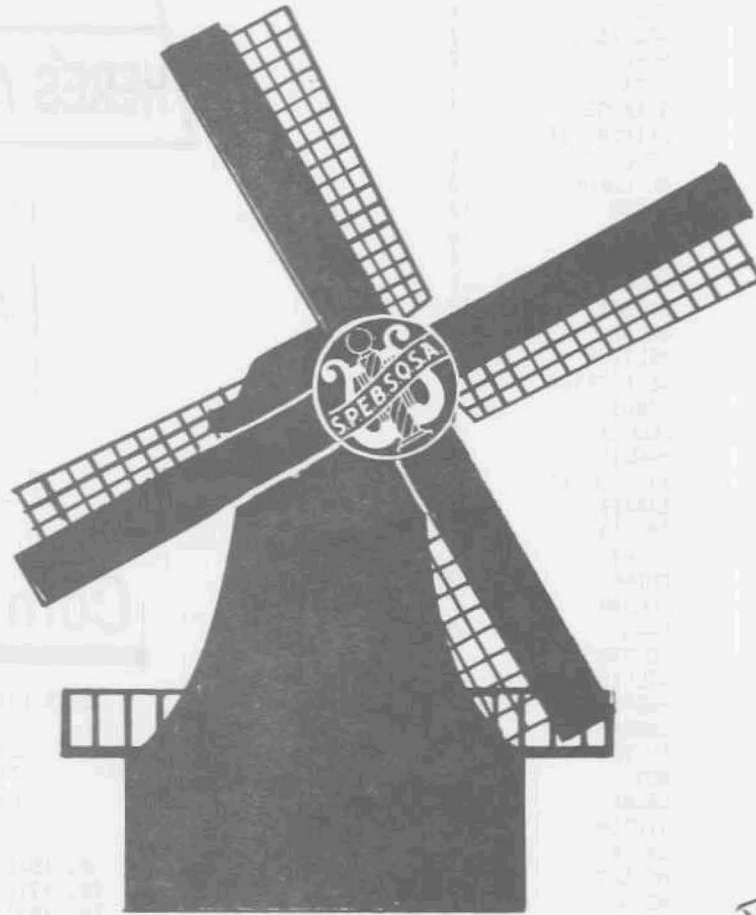
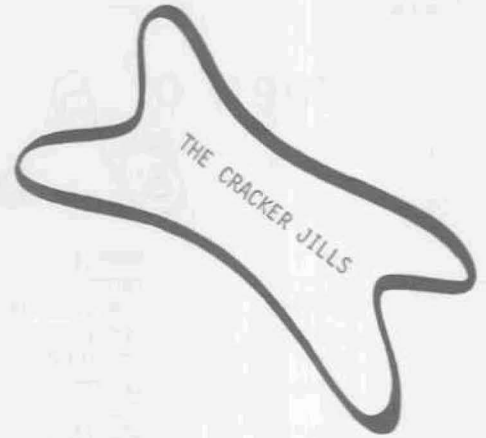
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July 21, 1972	DETROIT MOONLIGHT CRUISE
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SEPT. 30, 1972	FRUIT BELT
Oct. 13-15, 1972	FALL CONV. FLINT
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Nov. 4, 1972	DETROIT PARADE
Feb. 3, 1973	MONROE PARADE
Feb. 17, 1973	NILES BUCHANAN PARADE
Mar. 3, 1973	WAYNE CHAPTER
Mar. 31, 1973	BATTLE CREEK PARADE
Apr. 7, 1973	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY
Apr. 27-29, 1973	DISTRICT CONV. LANSING
May 5, 1973	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
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