



DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM By William J. (Bill) Taylor

Dedication and Enthusiasm we'll say are two words that have become standard household words in the vocabulary of the members of the Detroit #1 Chapter and their wives, as the Motor City Chorus prepares to represent the Pioneer District in International competition in Portland, Oregon, July 14.

It all began prior to last October when the Motor City Chorus chose to enter the International Prelims in Flint.

Tom Hine, the chorus director, knew his chorus would face some of its toughest competition, as several fine choruses yied for the privilege of wearing this coveted "badge of honor" Champions,

Needless to say, the Motor City Chorus was great, but they had to be to defeat the excellent competition they confronted on stage in Flint.

Every chorus that participated should stand proud, as any one of them could be in the position Motor City is in at this date. The contest was crisp and keen right to the ringing of the last chord.

Now we have entered 1973 and the hard work continues as we prepare ourselves for what's ahead of us in Oregon. all are very aware that we have no easy task ahead of us.

The name of the game now is rehearsal, dedication, rehearsal, enthusiasm, rehearsal, and that all takes place every Monday night at the American Legion Hall in Dearborn. Tom has set up a new set of ground rules that will exist until we return from Portland Triumphant.

The Detroit #1 Chapter now boasts a membership of 136, third largest in the nation, incidentally, and we can easily put 75 or 80 men on the stage in Portland and that's exactly what we intend to do.

Preparation, planning and travel funds will place a tremendous strain upon the chapter's purse strings and its members' wallets, but again we see <u>dedication</u> and <u>enthusiasm</u> are predominate in all activities we are undertaking.

The Motor City Chorus will of course be competing for the International Championship, not for themselves alone, but for all of you. Don't forget, the Detroit Chapter is the Pioneer District, your District.

The Detroit Chapter's dedication and enthusiasm has brought forth many planned activities for the future to enhance the chapter and hopefully enlarge the chapter coffer.

Our wives have been our constant support and their dedication and enthusiasm is reflected in the many extra activities they sponsor with little or no help from us.
Their most recent venture was their second annual Potluck
and White Elephant Auction Sale chaired by Inger Neighorn
who handed the "spoils" of the evening to the chapter treasurer New they are planning their Rummage Sale which is
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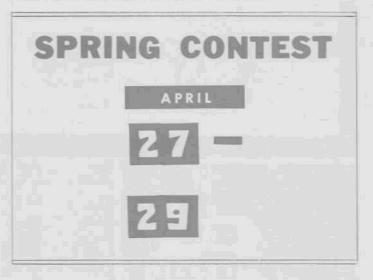
Enthusiasm is born in the new barbershopper, which we experienced in Myron Goff, who was recently acquired in our A for A program. Myron is a staunch member who already has his wife Gloria compiling a cook book of fabulous recipes which the gals will sell to help defray some of the tremendous expense we are faced with this year.

Puture activities for the Motor City Chorus to bolster their treasury fund will be the Annual Ladies Night Dinner-Dance of January 12; the third Auditions for Admissions scheduled for January 25 & 26 at the Livonia Mall; the Annual Octet Contest in our own hall on February 9; Saint Patrick's Day Party and meeting March 9; and the Las Vegas Night scheduled for the Ferndale Community Center on March 31.

members and we could certainly use your support, enthusi-

astically and financially. Plan on attending some of these functions and hear your chorus sing.

We call it your chorus because that's exactly what it is. Develop some dedication and enthusiasm in supporting the chorus that will represent you in Portland.



"By one of Bill & Nell Warner's Charming Daughters"

A LOGIC PROBLEM - BARBERSHOP COMPETITION

Competition time is as nerve wracking for a quartet's coach as it is for the quartet. Imagine the state of the coach who had five quartets in the same competition. After it was over, he called his wife to give her the results of the contest. She knew that he was coaching quartets from Birch Run, Holly Hill, Riverside, Stony Brook, and Woodrose, and that the names of the quartets were the Chord Swipers, Hap-py Notes, Honeycombs, Fitch Pipers, and Tonic 4. What she didn't remember was which were from which. However, from the remarks made by her excited husband, she was able to name the hometown of each quartet and also each quartet's placement in the competition. Can you do the same?

- All five quartets placed in the top 10, with one group
- taking first place and one group, 10th.

 The Tonic 4, who placed in the top 5, bested the guartet from Stony Brook by three places.

 The Pitch Pipers were down seven places from the River-
- The quartet from Woodrose sang their way to the top
 - spot, two ahead of the Happy Notes.
- The Chord Swipers, three down from Holly Hill, came out three places ahead of the quartet from Birch Run.



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CHARTER FLIGHT to PORTLAND

The Pioneer District Charter Flight to the 1973 International Convention in Portland will leave Detroit Metro Airport at 11:00 A.M., E.D.T. on Monday, July 9th. Arrival time in Portland is approx. 11:45 A.M., P.D.T., at which time charter buses will transport us to the Convention Hdqtrs, and area Hotels. The return trip with bus pick-up at 11:30 A.M. on Sunday, July 15th. The plane leaves at 1:00 P.M. P.D.T. arriving Detroit approx. 8:00 P.M.E.D.T.

The round trip fare is \$155 per person including bus at Portland. Lunch will be served on the flight out and back. Of course, an ample supply of medicinal refreshment will be available at no charge. All indications are this will be a sell-out. Fill-out and mail your application as soon as possible to avoid being left wanting to go. 149—that's right 149 seats are available.

Our Flight will be a United Airlines DC8 Charter service configuration, that is 3 (three) seats per side. All one class service. We have attached a seating chartfirst full payments will place you in the seating of your choice as indicated on the Charter Registration Form. Fare is based on 120 people round trip. Any additional passengers may enable you to receive a rebate on your fare of as much as \$35.00.

Please notice that the due date for full payment is May 5th. This is important. If the flight should be cancelled for lack of 120 reservations by May 5th or for any other reason, refunds will be made. Any person canceling a reservation may lose his deposit payment, depending on whether or not the seat is subsequently sold. In no event are refunds assured prior to the flight.

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Chapter News

Monroe

By Armando Arce

Well, here we go into a new year. We seem to greet the coming of the new year with mixed emotions. A little reluctant to give up the old but still eager to get on with the new and looking forward with the eye of an optimist. In any case our last quarter ended on a happy note.

Our election which was held in October gave us an almost new slate of officers. Our new President is Art Lusty. Admin. V.P. Armando Arce, Sec. Ervin Friemark, Treas. Jerry Klaes. Trustees: Wilbert Matthes, Chuck Drouillard, Don Schroeder, and Kurt Hoevermeyer.

I know this information is just a mite late and I apologize but as has been written, "It is batter late than not at all."

A great time was had by everyone when we had a visitation with our good neighbors from across the river, the Windsor Chapter. Those guys really know how to have a good time. They really have a wealth of talent over there.

We were privileged to sing for the Lutheran Home for the Aged on two occasions, once for the residents and their guests, and again for the board of Directors and the employees of the Home.

We also sang for the United Methodist Harvest Festival in Erie, Michigan where there were booths of articles made by the members. You should see a tie I was able to buy, WOW!

We also sang Christmas carols at the hospitals, which has become an annual event for us, an event that we all look forward to doing.

one of the highlights of the year has always been an annual ristmas Party at the home of Art and Lois LUsty. One can always count on Lois to come up with a new twist to an old game. We consider ourselves very lucky these two very talented and gracious people are in our chapter.

Our Chorus Director, Joe DeRosa, was presented with a son who was promptly named Anthony. A good Italian name, Joe. Hopefully he will become a tenor for our chorus.

Our show for 1973 is scheduled for February 3rd at the St. Mary Academy Aud. with some very fine quartets. We were able to get the Top Hats from Conn. and the Roaring 20's from Milford, Ohio and of course our very own talented Twillighters.

Oakland County

By Jack Clarke

Major activities at Oakland County have centered on the 1973 Harmony in Review since the beginning of the new year. For the first time, the Wolverine Chorus will stage its annual show two nights, Friday and Saturday, March 9-10, at Warren Fitzgerald High School.

Peatured quartets on the show will include the current District Champion Northern Ni-Lights, the Internationallyranking Vagabonds, and one of the Society's favorite comedy quartets, the Club House Four from Louisville, KY.

December activities included caroling appearances at the William Beaumont and New Providence Hospitals in Oakland County, the Bilton Cohvalescent Center, and the Arnold Home in Detroit. We also managed a "sneak" appearance at the Grosse Pointe-Detroit #1 quartet contest to "present" the fabled Traveling Jug to the Lakeshore boys and get it on its way throughout the District. We're hoping by June it will have made the complete circuit to give the District quartets competing in Portland a little something at the bottom of the stocking.

We welcomed the Sharplifters at our January chapter meeting, the first under new Program Vice President Don Cline. A look ahead indicates Don knows what he's doing. In February the Four Fits are scheduled to be the featured quartet, and in March we will host the Gentlemen's Agreement. Plans are in the mill for an OCC-Grosse Pointe quartet contest

that night, March 2, with the GA acting as judges. Should be a great one.

At the time we reported on our December chapter meeting, we could not cover the announcement of the Charlie DeLong Award, OCC's barbershopper of the year presentation. The 1972 win-

ner was Fran Durham, who was completing two highly successful years as Program Vice President during which the chapter had some of its finest and most innovative chapter meetings. Fran also served as Co-Chairman of the 1972 Harmony in Review.

As mentioned, chorus work has been devoted almost exclusively to the 1973 show which will feature a dozen numbers built around the theme of great musical collaborators. That includes Rogers and Hammerstein, Mancini and Mercer, and Lennon and McCartney. You'll have to buy a ticket to find out which ones we're talking about.

Wayne

WAYNE CHAPTER

By Morrie Giles

I'm not really sure what the regulations are regarding unpublished issues of the Troubadour, but it would seem that a monetary rebate is due each member of the Pioneer District, perhaps in the form of credit against District dues. While the amount may be rather insignificant, still it was earmarked for a specific purpose and was not so used.

It is now November, and issues for June, September, October, and November are still due. Since much of the chapter news for this period is now obsolete, perhaps the highlights of the editorials and feature articles could be consolidated into one big issue.

Realizing that editorship of the Troubadour is a time consuming and almost thankless task, would it perhaps be feasible to publish on a bi-monthly basis and use the resultant savings to compensate the editor for his time and effort?

Assuming that this will eventually be published, Wayne would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Motor City Chorus for winning the right to represent our District at the International Contest next summer, and wish them all the very best.

On October 27 the "Wayne Wonderland Chorus" performed at the Westland Shopping Mall and immediately following auditioned 13 prospective new members, one of whom is a former member of the "Thorobred Chorus". Following the auditions we adjourned to Beauchamps Restaurant for a light lunch.

May each and every one of you enjoy a peaceful holiday season, and my your lots be serenely increased in 1973.

Shortly, the tickets will be available for our annual "Pitchpipe Parade" to be held the first Saturday in March. Headlining the program will be the "Gentlemen's Agreement" ably backed up by the "O.K. Four" and featuring the "Wayne Wonderland Chorus".



COMPR PURPER

Milford

by don sheridan

BEST WISHES FOR 73 PROM THE GUYS DIRECTED BY MARTY 2

Well, 1973 is here by folks around Milford are still talking about our Ladies Nite Movember 11, 1972, which featured the Galaxies (a great group of quys), the Aire-Males, back again and sounding great, and (would you believe, as last minute replacements) the Northern Hi-Lights, and we had the setting of one of the finest nights of barbershopping ever heard in Milford. I assume with regret that the Northern Hi-Lights may have broken up since Clint left for Florida I hope I'm wrong, so if you guys have found another ballone, please let us way out here in Milford know,

By the time this hits print we will have had another unforgettable Ladies Nite Jan 21st featuring the Sharp Lifters, the Lovable Harmony Hounds (I threw that in for Roger's sake) and music and sing along with the Banjo-Tainers. Sounds like a great night.

Six of Milford's braver souls ventured to Wayne's Installation of Officers. We went by way of the "Great Ice Rink", better known as Old Grand River, and a good time was had by all, as Marty Jurn performed a single ring Geremony (which I think was the same ring later heard on a tag downstairs) officially installing Wayne's new leaders. Good luck from Milford to a group of good guys who I'm sure will lead Wayne onward on upward in 1973.

Milford's new President this year is Dick Sichak (good man) who will do plenty for the chapter if he can get any help from his officers; Program V.P. (that's me); Axec V.P. Jim O'Connors (good man); Secretaries Jerry Twomby and Bill Law head (good men); Treasurer Bob Noll (so-So) (really a good guy but habitual bad breather). Hats off to Noger Morris (a great bulletin editor) and to the retiring Officers, especially Ernie Marlow, last year's President.

Just before signing off, I'd like to wish Joe Mikulec a speedy recovery from his back operation (boy, that baritone section is hurting - no pun intended, Joe). Get well and Get Back Quick...

So long for now ... from Milford.

Grand Rapids

By Paul Robinson

ANNUAL ELECTIONS: On Priday, October 27th, the Grand Rapids Chapter held elections for Officers and Board Members to serve for the coming year. Those receiving the most votes and accepting their indicated positions are:

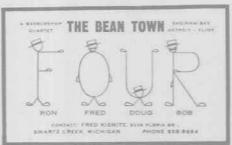
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COT SCHOOL: Our chapter was represented 100% at the recent Chapter Officer Training School held in Lansing on November 11-12. Along with a lot of classroom learnin' we were able to get in a few good licks at woodshedding since this was an overnighter this year. Those attending from our chapter came back very much impressed with the well-developed and informative training sessions as presented by the faculty staff from Int'l HQ, headed up by the NEW GUY - Sam Kennedy. An added bonus was singing with the 60 plus man COTS CHORUS, with that mustachioed gentleman from Windsor, Doran McTaggart, directing and bringing forth many chuckles with his rapid fire quips. One of those attending from another chapter told this reporter that his chorus had been working on the same tune for the past four months, and by golly, here he had learned 3 songs in one day.

NEW CHORUS DIRECTOR: The Great Lakes Chorus has acquired the services of Mr. CHUCK BUFFHAM as Director. Chuck is a music instructor at Grand Rapids JC, and comes to us with high recommendations. FANN JONES, who has done a fine job for the chorus the past 5-6 years, will now serve as Assistant Chorus Director and give the BARIs a helping hand in the chorus.

Our hearty Congratulations to TOM HINE and the MOTOR CITY CHORUS in winning the District Competition in Flint, and to the LANSING CHORUS for their fine 2nd place showing. Also, hats off to the NORTHERN HI-LITES, the new District Quartet Champs. We are also quite proud of our own CALAXIES winding up in 5th place while singing in fast company.



Lansing

By Bill McCurdy

We started off the Holiday Season on the 2nd of Dec. with a triple-header Ladies Nite, Barbershopper of the Year award and 1973 officer installation all in one big evening. Lansing's barbershopper of the year goes to J. Edwin Pohl for 1972. Ed has helped give the right amount of spark to launch the Lanning Chapter into a bright new future. As 1972 Adm. V.P., Ed was responsible for a very successful auditions. Ed knows what this great hobby is about as he sang with two other very successful choruses before coming to Lansing, one of them being the current Champs, The Phoenicians. A real warm thanks to you, Ed, for your leadership and congratulations on your most coveted award.

Our Ladies Nite was greatly enhanced by the presence of those "Ole Smoothies" the Vagabonds and their ladies. The sweet chords they produced are still lingering with us. The Range Finders were also present to lend a hand with several of their favorite tunes. Thanks to all of you fine. gentlemen. We should also note here that the appearance of the Range Finders was the last one for the quartet. After 3 years, 6 contests, and over 90 public appearances before an estimated 140,000 people, the quartet has decided to tag their last song. We are sure you will hear from those fellows in the future. They wish to thank all of you Pioneer District barbershoppers for your great support especially with your donations to the Bush League Trophy for Logopedics. They will turn the money over to the foundation at next spring's Bush League Contest.

Our District Pres. Bill Warner and his lovely wife were guests for our Ladies Nite. Bill gave the official blessing to our 1973 officers. We enjoyed having the Pres. and his wife with us on such an important occasion. The affair was the most successful Ladies Nite we have ever experienced There were 94 in attendance. Thanks to Ken Gibson for arranging such a great evening. However, Ken said think nothing of it, because as 1972 program chairman, he wanted to go out in a blaze of glory.

Lansing continues to enjoy one of its most successful years in history. In fact, this past year has flashed by so fast that we haven't had time to look back. But it's great to see guys enjoying this great hobby. We just finished elections and we have another very strong and energetic slate-of officers for 1973: Joe Dean-President, Rod Preuss-Admcty. P., Bill Buss-Sec., Irv Dedow-Treas., Ken Gibson-Music Dir., Reese Olger-Program Chm., Dick Holmes-Bulletin Editor. Dick's assistant will be Bill Kocker. This group of men are real go-getters and can make Lansing a household word in the Pioneer District.

On Mon. nite Nov. 6 we had a surprise visit from Gratiot County and Battle Creek Chapters. Gee! We really enjoyed that. Ken Gibson and Larry Swan directed the group in gang singing and they are now planning to ask International to combine the three chapters because of such a great sound. The Travel Chords laid a couple of smoothies on us and then three-fourths of the "Hounds" borrowed the Travel Chords' lead, as Ron Mell was away, and blended perfectly on a couple of ballads. They had to switch a few parts though. The Range Finders of the Lansing Chapter, who are the professional mike testers for the Pioneer District contests, sang a couple and then gave way to the Ricochets from Gratiot County. The Ricochets have a nice sound and we expect to see them and the Travel Chords at Boyne City for the Bush League and then at Lansing for the Spring contest. Gratiot County's Chorus is ready to spring some pretty sounds on the district, also.

The Range Pinders report they now have \$52.67 in donations deposited in their Bush League Trophy, "The Gaboon". This will be donated to Logopedics next April 7 when they return the trophy to the Boyne City Chapter. The quartet sends their heartiest thanks to everyone in the Pioneer District for their donations so far this year. This has been a reafun project for the quartet. Only you have made it possible through your donations for this worthy cause.

Our own Capitol City Chordsmen chorus had rather a unique experience back on Oct. 6th of 1972. One of our members, Reese Olger, and his wife, Rosalie, opened a new donut shop in East Lansing. The chorus serenaded the new customers in the lot and down both sides of the street. Along with the applause came the sound of auto horns in appreciation. It was raining but it didn't dampen any spirits. We'll give you one guess who the guest quartet was. You're right—the ever gracious Vagabonds. What a grand opening for a donut shop. Sweet rolls and sweet music.

We have our first auditions for 1973 scheduled for the

last of Jan. at the Meridian Mall. We are expecting another very successful event. We will use our new men on stage in the spring contest right here in Lansing.

May we be one of the first to thank the Gentlemen's Agreement for producing such a marvelous record. The quality and sound is the finest we have ever heard. The song selection makes the hair raise on your arms and the chills travel down your back. This one already is priceless and we are waiting for the next one to be released. Thank you, G.A., for the many hours of future enjoyment.

The Lansing Chapter sends best wishes to all Pioneer Dist. Chapters, choruses and quartets for the most successful year in barbershopping during 1973. One way for this to happen would be for every chorus and quartet to enter the Spring Contest right here in Lansing in April. Remember our motto for spring: "All roads lead to Lansing in April 1973" for the Pioneer District Contest.

[Ed Note: Quartet applications are in the mail or have already been delivered. Fill it in and SEND IT TO INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN KENOSHA. DO IT NOW! Let's try and have the greatest competition ever in the Pioneer District.!

Sault Ste. Marie

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

By Bruce Martin

Our chapter was fortunate to have Lloyd Steinkamp visit us in September to discuss with our executive ways to improve our chapter in both numbers and quality. Since then we've had a busy time, but some great evenings of singing.

During the summer our quartet, the Souvenirs, made up of Harry Shardlow, bass; Gerry Clowes, bari; Don Bazely, lead; Gene Haines, tenor, attended Harmony College. The wonderful training they received in that week has made them more enthusiastic than ever and this enthusiasm seems to be rubbing off on the other chapter members.

October's election of chapter executive has also resulted in a re-vitalized approach to operating the chapter under Pres. Gord Saxby, Secretary Joe Rogers, Treasurer Joe Ferguson, along with Vice Pres. of Programmes Laurie Rickard and V.P. of Membership Dick Metcalfe. Am sending more complete details to bulleting reporters of most nearby Pioneer District Chapters. (If I miss you, write giving me your name and address, and you too will receive a copy of the "Lock Chorder").

The Pres. and two Vice=Pres. motored to COTS in Lansing Nov. 11 and 12, returning tired but full of great ideas. We were visited by most of the gang from our neighboring chapter of Les Cheneaux on Mon. Nov. 20th. Sure enjoyed singing with you fellows. We plan a return visit before long.

Our meeting is still Mondav at 8:00 P.M., but the place has been changed to Alex Muir School on Kohler Street just off Wellington. If you come North fishing, hunting, skiing or snow-machining, why not drop in on us some Monday night?



HOLLY-PENTON CHAPTER

Grant Wright

We welcome to the fellowship of Barbershopping our newest member, Bob Wonch of Holly, who has already participated in our last sing-out. We appeared on a program for a Masonic gathering in Swartz Creek on Nov. 19th.

A Christmas party is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 5th, at our regular meeing place, to include our wives, and guests. There will be a gift exchange of "White Elephant" gifts, plus other entertainment and a late lunch.

Our 1973 officers will be installed at a dinner meeting on Jan. 6th at our regular meeting place.

Greetings to all our friends and fellow barbershoppers and a progressive and happy 1973.



- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warner are proud grandparents of a baby daughter named Jennifer Lynne. The parents are Sandy and Tom Test who reside in Florida.
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Linde are delighted grandparents of a baby daughter named Kathleen. The parents are Sandy and Vern Fitzpatrick of Windsor, Canada, where Vern is a chapter member and Sandy a Sweet Adeline member.
- 3. Detroit chorus chapter wives entertained the Grosse Pte. chapter Ladies Auxilliary at a card party recently at the home of Inger (Mrs. John) Nieghorn. The evening was enjoyed by all getting acquainted chatting and playing various card games. Punch and coffee were served along with many home made goodles.
- 4. "Our Champs", the Gentlemen's Agreement quartet were presented stone paper weights done in Decoupage with a photo of each individual member of the quartet on it, compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Saundry. The artist, I understand, is Mrs. Saundry.
- 5. Detroit chapter is hosting the Int'l Send-Off featuring the Motor City Chorus, current District Champions and plenty of other talent on June 23rd, '73 at Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium to help raise funds for the chorus to help defray expenses of those representing the Pioneer District at the International Convention in July. Tom Hine, of course, is the proud director, plus more talented quartets to entertain. More details later. The chorus also has a fine recording for sale for those interested. Contact a Detroit Chapter member.
- Anniversary congratulations to Flint chapter's Neil and Irene Norman.
- 7. Flint chapter is holding a combined Ladies Night and installation of officers Jan. 13. They plan on having guest quartets, an orchestra for dance music, food, refreshments and lots of fun.
- 8. Pontiac chapter's Lee Frayer and wife Nancy have moved to Plorida recently and will be missed by chapter members. Good luck to them on their new location.

Pontiac Chapter held a Halloween costume party recently. Jan and Ray Guerin were responsible for most of this along with Jack and Barb Edwards along with many other gals who prepared food for the occasion.

The Four Fits quartet were guests. Costume winners were Bill Dabbs, John Nieghorn and Bill Warner. A delightful time was had by all.

- 9. Congratulations go to OCC chapter member Jim Miller and Nancy Garbe who were recently engaged. A May wedding is being planned.
- 10. OCC chapter's Bill Shannon will be missed as he is being transferred to the Cleveland, Ohio, area. He has been singing with the "Rolling Tones" quartet. Good luck in your new location.
- 11. The Detroit Chapter held a dinner for chorus members and wives, quartets that entertained on the Nov. 6 show, plus the show staff at Cobo Hall in the afternoon. The view from the dining room overlooking the Detroit River and Canadian shoreline was beautiful. All enjoyed the quartets entertaining, dinner and beverages.

The Detroit show, called "Barbershop Americana", a concert in harmony was well attended. MC's for the evening were District President Bill Warner and Nelson Gotshall.
Quartets entertaining were the Sharplifters, Harmony Hounds, Gentlemen's Agreement and Golden Staters. Bob Knowles deserves credit for a fine job of Director and Producer of the show. His wife Peggy deserves credit for her help with this, too. Motor City Chorus sang under the direction of Tom Hine. An afterglo followed the show at Cobo Hall where a lovely lunch was served, quartets entertaining and beverages served to please all.

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12. Oakland County Chapter is holding a combined Ladies Night and chapter meeting Dec. 1, at K of C Hall in Berkley. Events for the evening include presentation of the Charley De Long Award, induction of new officers. Quartets enter-taining will be the Vayabonds, Northern Hi-Lites, Rolling Tones and OCC Chorus. Tony Scooros will present his always humorous candid review of the chapter's highlights during the past year. He has a knoak for catching people with his camera. The evening will be topped off with a great meal and beverages will be served.

> MINUTES OF PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Pick-Durant Hotel - Plint, Michigan October 13, 1973

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Warner at 8:45 P.M. All officers were present except Vic President Dick Simpson. Also in attendance were Troubadour Editor Dick Simpson. Also in attendance were Troubadour Editor Roger Lewis, District C&J Chairman Merle Clayton and International Vice President Dick Ellenberger.

The minutes of the meeting of September 17, 1972 were approved as read.

A District C&J report was rendered by Chairman Merle He reported on the need to train more judges in our District.

Zone reports were rendered by all Vice Presidents in atten-

E.V.P. Don Funk read a letter received from V.P. Dick Simpson, tendering his resignation due to health reasons. was moved and seconded that the resignation not be accepted and that Dick be given the District's thanks for his dedicated service to District affairs. All Board members wish him speedy recovery.

It was also moved and seconded that Herm Dykema, Zone II area Counselor, be asked to cover Dick's field activities in Zone II and to sit in on Board meetings for the remainder of the year as an observer and to report to the Board on Zone II on behalf of V.P. Simpson.

President Warner called upon Troubadour Editor Roger Lewis for a report. He stated that he has hopes of having an issue in the mail the week of October 16th, and then immediately going to work on a "Convention Highlights" issue for publication by the first part of November.

A financial report for the mine months ended September 30, 1972 was rendered by Treasurer Larry King, showing total District assets of \$9,378.61. The report was accepted as

International Vice President Dick Ellenberger was introduced by President Bill Warner. He briefly addressed the

District V.P.'s were requested by President Bill to contact all Chapters in their respective jurisdictions and "push" the forthcoming COT School.

E.V.P. Don Funk reported on Mac Huff's visit to take place

A report of the International Send-Off Funds Distribution A report of the international send-off runds distribution Committee was given by Tom Damm. He reported on certain formulae that the committee is considering, although it is not yet ready to make final recommendations to the Board. A general discussion took place regarding an equitable method of distributing funds. President Bill requested that the committee submit their thoughts in writing, if possible, by the next Board meeting.

President Warner requested that the Convention Manual Committee meet before the next Board meeting in order to have a report ready by then.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Gillespie District Secretary



MINUTES OF PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Capitol Park Motor Hotel - Lansing, Michigan November 11, 1972

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Warner at 2:00 P.M. All officers were in attendance except Vice President Max Carter and Secretary John Gillespie. Presi-dent Warner reported that Gillespie could not attend since he was serving on the COTS faculty. Also in attendance at the meeting were Vice Presidents-Elect Herm Dykema and Doran McTaggart. International Field Representative Sam Kennedy joined the meeting later.

The minutes of the October 13, 1972 meeting were accepted as read by President Warner.

President Bill requested that the Zone Vice Presidents make their recommendations for Area Counselors to him as soon as possible.

Brief reports were rendered by the Zone Vice Presidents in attendance.

A Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer King, and was accepted as read.

Executive Vice President Don Punk read a letter received from the Grand Rapids Chapter entering a bid to host the Fall 1975 District Convention. A motion was made and passed awarding this convention to Grand Rapids. E.V.P. Punk announced that the District Convention for the Spring of 1975 is still open for bids, as well as all convention

Les Lang, from the Flint Chapter, joined the meeting to render a financial report of the Fall Convention. The vention was a financial success, netting the District \$1,548.46. The Plint Chapter was congratulated by the Board on hosting a successful convention.

The question was raised regarding the apparent error on the Spring, 1972 convention financial report. Don Funk reported he had discussed the matter briefly with a representative of the Saginaw-Bmy Chapter and the matter has not yet been resolved. He is to meet further with them.

Tom Damm reported on the 1973 International Charter Flight. He stated that with the great numbers planning to take the flight from the Detroit Chapter, it would appear that the flight will be sold out early. Plight applications will be made available at a later date, either throught the Troubadour or a blanket mailing.

President Warner reported that he had talked with Roger Lewis recently regarding the continued delay in publishing the Troubadour. Roger reported that the latest delay was attributable to the printer, but the matter has been resolved. He also said that he and assistant editor Merle Clayton had worked out a schedule for 1973 publishing dates.

Sam Kennedy addressed the Board, covering the topics of proper programming of A.F.A. and more thought toward chapter extension.

Tom Damm, Chairman of the International Send-Off Funds Distribution Committee, presented his committee's report.
The Committee suggested that the Board consider the following premises:

- That the basic amounts contributed to chorus and quartet contestants be \$20.00 per person reimburse-ment of registration fee, plus \$.03 per person per one way mile.
- That, for purposes of more equitable fund distri-
- bution, a quartet be considered 8 persons. That the maximum number of chorus members to be used for distribution under 1. would be 70.

He then gave some examples of what the distribution would be for future conventions in Portland, Kansas City and San

lengthy discussion ensued. Some points brought out were that once the ratio of quartet members to chorus members was agreed upon, then the dollars could be allocated on an annual basis, depending on amounts available in the Travel

It was moved and seconded that the formula as recommended by the Send-Off Funds Distribution Committee be used as a guide for disbursement of travel funds for the ensuing year. Motion passed unanimously.



POPULAR DIXIE

[The quotation herein used is from the excellent book of Gilbert Chase, America's Music. Permission to use the quotation was kindly given by McGraw-Hill Book Co. of New York. Copyright, 1955.]

We were engaged in casual conversation when our talk turned to popular music, popular, that is, during the past decades when my barbershopping friend asked this question: "Why do so many songs relate to Dixie?"

At first it seemed like a simple question to answer. Upon reflection, however, there seemed to be a deeper meaning than merely saying, "Because song writers like to use the word 'Dixie' as it fits into the general structure of the song." Down through the years the word "Dixie" has come to have a nostalgic feeling for the old South when Negroes sang their spirituals or made up a simple song as they worked in the cotton fields or tugged at bales of cotton on the levees. That the Negroes are a musical race and always have been there can be no doubt. Given a banjo or a fiddle they could drive away the monotony of their humdrum lives. It was part of Americana both North and South, and it blossomed into song in a big way when minstrelmen seized upon the word as far back as 1850.

The word "Dixie" prompts some questions. Does it have geographical limitations? Who discovered the use of the word? Is it just the land South of the Mason-Dixon line? Is the word derived from Jeremiah Dixon, one of the two English surveyors employed by the heirs of William Penn and the Calvert families when they disputed over the boudary line between the provinces of Pennsylvania and Maryland? If so, the line was a short line as it had no landwise extension either East or West. Later the Congress used the Mason-Dixon line to include the Ohio River from Pennsylvania to the Missippi River for the purpose of settling the controversy of slavery extension then threatening the Union. So, in time, the line became firmly established. "Dixie" got its first big lift in April, 1859 when one of the top minstrel men of the day, Dan Emmett, wrote, "I Wish I was

In Dixie" for Bryant's Minstrels in New York. The song made such a hit that the show ran on and on for a long time. The lively rhythm of the piece produced a new concept in song writing.

song writing.
"Den I wish I was in Dixie, Hooray, Hooray!
In Dixie land I'll take my stand
To lib or die in Dixie."

To lib or die in Dixie."

It became immensely popular in the South as it did in the North later on. The Confederate soldiers used it as a marching song during the Civil War. "Dixie" and "Old Dan Tucker" by Emmett put him in the top echelon of minstrel song writers. Add to these songs the rollicking lyrics of Stephen Foster's "Camptown Races" and "Oh, Susanna", and you have changed the spirit of the times. One might speculate that Dan Emmett was a dyed in the wool Southerner writing for the benefit of the Southern Negro. On the contrary, he was a typical small town Northerner born and raised in Mr. Vernon, Ohio where his father operated a blacksmith shop. His chief interest in life, however, was music. This is evidenced by the nearly two hundred songs he wrote. Emancipation changed the Nation's thought about the Negroes' status and soon Negro song writers were advancing their talents in songs about people of their own

A new era had arrived in musical America. People no longer wanted to sing the sober, melancholy, sometimes depressing songs of the early slave days. The mood of the people was changing. To be popular, songs must reflect the thoughts, moods and temperaments of people as they exist now, not decades ago. "Dixie" and other comparable songs mirror such changes. It would be pure speculation to guess how many songs of recent years contain the word "Dixie", but the songs that relate in thought tho' not expressed by the word would fill a library of popular music.

Just how Emmett caught onto the word has been the subject of many authors dealing with American music. The subject matter has been delightfully and carefully scrutinized by Gilbert Chase in his book, "America's Music" where he writes as follows:

"There has been much discussion as to the origin of the word "Dixie". A common assumption is that it was derived from the name Dixon and referred to the South as the part of the country below the Mason-Dixon line. Another theory is that the name was taken from the French bank notes issued in New Orleans, said to be called 'dixies' from the French word 'dix' meaning ten. A third version has it that Dixie was the name of a man who kept slaves in Manhattan Island, New York until the hostility of the abolitionists obliged him to move to the South, taking his slaves with him. The latter allegedly kept wishing they were back in "Dixie's Land". This last version is absurd and has no foundation in fact whatever. The other two theories are more plausible but are unsupported by any valid evidence. Emmett himself, in later life, stated that the phrase "I Wish I Was In Dixie's Land" was a common expression referring to the South by people in the entertainment business. The available evidence indicates that the term "Dixie" in any case was of Northern origin. The earliest use of the name that Nathan was able to discover occurred in 1850 in a Northern minstrel play Continued to page 11









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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING Flint, Michigan October 15, 1972

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Warner

The invocation was given by International Board Member and Immediate Past President Tom Damm.

The Sergeant-at-Arms reported to the Chair that a quorum was present at the meeting.

President Warner introduced International Vice President Dick Ellenberger who addressed the Delegates. He com-mented on several of the Society's current programs and goals of International President Dick deMontmollin.

The minutes of the House of Delegates of April 30, 1972 were accepted as read by Secretary Gillespie.

Zone reports were presented by the Zone Vice Presidents. Zone reports were presented by the Zone vice Fresidents. All commented on A.F.A. activity, reporting successes where the programs have been held, or plans by those chapters who have not yet held the auditions. It was reported that Zone V.P. Dick Simpson could not be in attendance due to impending major surgery. President Bill, on behalf of the House of Delegates, wished him Godspeed in recovery.

Executive V.P. Don Funk commented on Mac Huff's coming visit and the Pioneer District C.O.T. School to be held in Lansing on November 11th and 12th, 1972. He also announced that bids are being accepted for District conventions for 1975 and beyond.

International Board Member Tom Damm reported on the change, at the Atlanta International Board Meeting, in International Chorus Rules that was initiated by the Pioneer District. He also reported that final arrangements have been made for the District Charter flight to the 1973 International Con-vention in Portland. Details will be forthcoming in a future issue of the Troubadour.

Treasurer Larry King presented the financial report for the nine months ended September 30, 1972. The report indicated total revenues of \$19,901.41; expenditures of \$19,784.66 and a cash balance of \$8,062.61. The report was accepted

President Bill Warner called upon Secretary Gillespie for award presentations. Presentation of the 1971 District Achievement awards were made to Oakland County Chapter, Gold Division and Pontiac Chapter, Silver Division. Area Counselor Cliff Douglas was named 1971 Area Counselor of

President Bill announced that the International Send-Off Show will be held June 23, 1973 at Ford Auditorium in

President Warner called upon the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Tom Damm, who presented the slate of officers to the Delegates as follows:

President Executive Vice President V.P. Zone I V.P. Zone II V.P. Mone III V.P. Zone IV V.P. Zone V

William C. Warner Doran McTaggart Herman Dykema Loton Willson Noel (Bud) Carpenter John Gillespie Lawrence G. King

After presenting a brief biography of each candidate, Chairman Damm requested nominations from the floor, starting with the office of President. A nomination from the floor was made for Noel (Bud) Carpenter as President. After a motion was passed to close the floor nominations for President, the election for this office was held. The results:

Bill Warner Bud Carpenter 19 votes

Warner elected.

Chairman Damm then continued the request for nominations from the floor for each office. In the case of all remaining positions, with the exception of nomination for V.P. of Zone V, it was moved that the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the respective nominee as offered by the nominating committee.



In the case of Zone V, a nomination was made from the floor for Cliff Douglas. After closing of nominations from the floor, the election was held with the following results:

Bud Carpenter 34 votes

Cliff Douglas

19 votes

Carpenter elected.

It was moved and passed that all written ballots cast be

President Bill announced that he would how accept Logopedics donations. Oakland County presented the District with a check for Logopedics of \$635.62, representing receipts from O.C.C.'s sponsored activities at the Harrisville outing.

The Delegate from the Hudson Chapter reported on a method his Chapter has been using to generate Logopedics funds. The Chapter sings at summer church services for no fee, but with a request that a notation be made in the church bulls-tin that the Chapter does accept contributions for the Logopedics cause. This approach has been quite successful.

With no further business to be brought before the House, the meeting was adjourned by President Warner at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

John T. Gillespie District Secretary



This is a letter to inform my friends in the Pioneer District that I have relocated in sunny Florida. I have enjoyed my years of barbershopping in the most unique District in our society. The Chapters are all close enough that I felt that I truly belonged to a District rather than to just one chapter.

I hope to make it back some day to the Society's most unique contest weekend - Loton Willson and Boyne City's Bush

League Contest.

My new address is 810 Escambia Drive, Sanford, Florida 32771 (305-322-0920). If any of you are down my way, stop in and sing one!

Noel B. (Bud) Carpenter



PROFILE OF A BARBERSHOPPER By Art Linde - Oakland County

It was November 4, 1972 at the Detroit Parade at Ford Auditorium....

After a fantastic show, the Linde family, Art, June and Robin decided to go to the Afterglow at Cobo Hall. It was just a long block away, so we walked.

Our car was parked in Ford Auditorium underground garage; nothing on the ticket gave a time limit so they must be open all night.

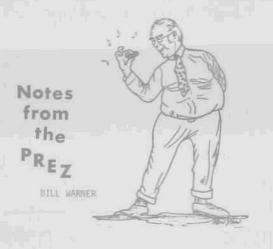
A wonderful time at the Afterglow

We walked back to the garage to get the car; then I saw the half-turned sign, "Closed at Midnight". I hailed a police car; they could do nothing for us but offer to take us back to Cobo Hall; maybe we could find someone going our way.

It's 2:45 A.M.; almost everyone has left the hall. We live 25 miles away in Parmington; guess I'll have to call a cab. We live

Then Nels Gotshall of Motor City Chorus comes over and says he'll take us home after he sends his wife home with their overnight guests. I explained it would be at least 25 miles out of his way, but Nels says, "Hell, we're all Barbershop-pers, aren't we?"

It's sure great to be a Barbershopper!



OFF WITH THE OLD - ON WITH THE NEW

Here we go again - All ready to start a brand new barber-shop year - this one called 1973. But before we leave the old one behind, let me take a minute to thank every member of the Pioneer District for his part in making 1972 the suc-cess that it was. Sure...perhaps a lot more could have been accomplished but reflect for a minute if you will on those things we set out to do at the start of '72 and how we fare

(1) The October House of Delegates meeting saw repre-

sentatives from all but three chapters present.

(2) All but three chapters had held at least one AFA before the Flint convention and those three assured the House of Delegates and the Board of their intentions to conduct one before the end of the year.

(3) Thirteen chapters had choruses on stage in the contest (We slipped there - we had hoped for 100%

(4) Membership shows an increase of almost 10% over a year ago. Not bad - but room for lots of improve-ment and that's what 1973 is all about.

I've just returned from the District President's Forum at Kenosha conducted by our new 1973 International President Chuck Abernethy and I'm enthusiastic! I know 1973 will be a great year for the Society and for Pioneer District. Pres. Abernethy has designated 1973 as the year of PAPA and I can think of no better way to express it to you than to pass some excerpts from his address to the District Presidents.

"Why did Vince Lombardi build a football dynasty in the relatively obscure town of Green Bay? Why did he take a mediocre Washington Redskin team and turn it to success? He taught everyone he met that a POSITIVE ATTITUDE was the only attitude; that ordinary people could pull themselves out of the pack by the application of a positive attitude.

Applying a POSITIVE ATTITUDE means that when failures occur, you go right back at the task again with a new exuberance to succeed...if we can saturate this POSITIVE ATTITUDE at the grass roots of each and every chapter, most of our problems

will solve themselves...Get a weak chapter to concentrate on their strength and stop talking about their weaknesses, and you will soon have a chapter on the road to success...

If you should have a flat tire on the way to your next chapter meeting, I expect you to take a moment and admire the other tires. That's a POSITIVE ATTITUDE. But, naturally, that alone will not get your car moving again. Something else must be done. That something else is POSI-TIVE ACTION. Nothing ever happens until somebody does something."

That's what I call a great approach! Maybe not new but it has to be effective.

With PAPA in mind, let's renew our hope that 1973 will see the 100% fulfillment of a renewal of 1972's goals---

Chordially, Bill

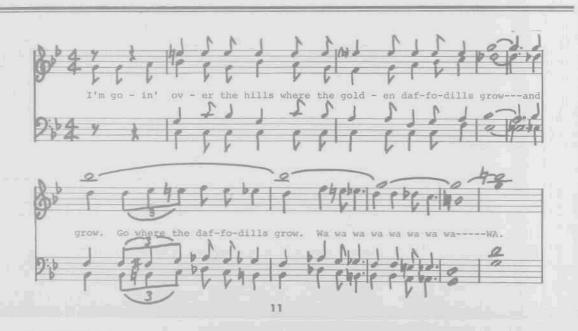
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titled UNITED STATES MAIL AND DIXIE IN DIFFICULTIES. titled UNITED STATES MAIL AND DIXIE IN DIFFICULTIES. Here
the name "Dixie" is given to a stupid Negro post boy. Nathan probably is right when he suggests that the name may
have been invented by white showmen as an occasional nickname for a Negro character, by phonetic analogy with such
Negro stage-types as "Pompey"and "Cuffee". The whole
vexing matter of the origin and significance of the term
"Dixie" has been authoritatively summarized by Dr. Nathan:
"Since Dixie meant the Negro, Dixie's land was obviouslythe land of the Negro, that is according to the consensus of the mid-nineteenth century of the Black South.
When Emmett in his famous song abbreviated the phrase

When Emmett in his famous song abbreviated the phrase to Dixie land and finally to Dixie there appeared again to Dixie land and finally to Dixie there appeared again the original name thought not referring to a person but to its habitation. Thus Dixie had five connotations; it was first a synonym for the Negro (probably the Southern Negro); it changed as a simplified version of Dixie's Land and Dixie Land to a synonym for the South as seen by the Confederates. Parallel to this, Dixie was the popular title by which Emmett's song was written and known".

Thus we have a variety of reasons and opinions in the origin and use of the word "Dixie" which would be difficult to prove even the the court of public opinion. It has had its place in popular songs for more than a hundred years and is still used as an anchor by song writers, particularly in the category of barbershop harmony where nostalgia runs





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PAUL	EBERWEIN	6
JOSEPH	BOGERS	2
COLIN L	DONAGHUE	1
ERVIN	FREIMARK	1
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KENNETH	PRESTON	
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ROGER	MORRIS	3
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DALE	SCHROEDER	14
ROBERT	THOMSON	3



PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING November 11, 1973 (Cont'd from page B)

President Bill reported our District would be visited by International representatives in the first part of 1973 as follows:

Mac Huff Dave Stevens Sam Kennedy March 5 - 15th May 14 - 20th May 21 - 26th

Their itineraries will be available at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

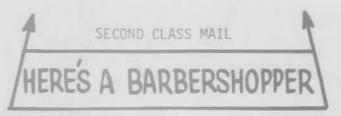
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