

pioneer TROUBADOUR



JANUARY

1972

*MEET YOUR
NEW
DISTRICT
PRESIDENT*

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FOLLOWING THE the CHAMPS Original Choice

Here's their schedule for the coming month:

JAN. 8	FLINT	JAN. 10	BATTLE CREEK
JAN. 14	GRAND RAPIDS	JAN. 15	SAGINAW BAY
FEB. 5	JACKSON		



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Notes from the PREZ



Greetings!

On behalf of the District Board may I start by extending the Greetings of the season and best wishes for a Healthy, Happy and Harmonious New Year to the whole Pioneer District!

As members of the board chosen by you to coordinate the efforts of the chapters in the District, let me start off by saying it is our intention to rise to the challenge and continue the fine example set forth by the previous administration.

In order to do that, it is going to take the concerted effort of every member of every chapter in the district. So - the theme of the years activities will have to be PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT. By that I mean PARTICIPATION - everyone get into the act. Now, granted, there must be some guidelines - rules, if you may - and leaders to channel the efforts. BUT there should not be one member in any chapter that doesn't have a job to do in that chapter and feel that he is contributing something for the good of the chapter, the district and the society.

Beyond that lets just say I will consider the year 1972 a Barbershopper success if we can accomplish only three things. It is my ardent hope that

- 1st: Every chapter in the District will have a chorus on stage in competition in the Spring and Fall conventions.
- 2nd: Every chapter in the district will have its full compliment of delegates at the Spring and Fall House of Delegates meetings.
- 3rd: Every chapter in the district will put on an Auditions for Admissions night at least once during the year.

Lets all get involved and earn the respect and recognition you and I know Pioneer District deserves.

Yours in song,
Bill Warner

P.S. I sing Bari - try me!



CHARTER FLIGHT to ATLANTA

The Pioneer District Charter Flight to the 1972 International Convention in Atlanta will leave Detroit Metro Airport at 11:00 A.M., E.S.T. on Wednesday July 5th. Arrival time in Atlanta is approximately 1:30 P.M. E.D.T. at which time charter busses will transport us to the Convention headquarters, arriving there about 2:30 P.M. The return trip commences with the bus pick-up at 1:30 P.M. on Sunday, July 9th. The plane leaves at 3:00 P.M. E.D.T. and arrives Detroit at 3:30 P.M. E.S.T.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT APPLICATION

DO NOT use only one form for several persons not residing at the same address. Each society member must fill out a separate form for his own family unit. (Note: qualified family members may go on the flight even if the member himself does not)

READ the government regulations regarding eligibility (shown on the reverse side of form)

PRINT or TYPE the information on the form (except the members signature)

DO NOT write in the columns with shaded headings.

IF you desire confirmation, include a stamped, self addressed envelope.

MAIL completed form with check or money order to

Tom Damm
2636 Sanford Street
Muskegon Heights, MI. 49444

The round-trip fare is \$80 per person and includes the bussing at Atlanta. Lunch will be served on the flight down and snacks will be available on the return trip. Of course, ample supply of throat tonic will be available at no charge. Based on reports of last years trip, it appears this one will be an early sell-out. Fill-out and mail your application as soon as possible to avoid being left behind. There are only 132 seats available.

First class seating will be offered to those passengers who first complete total payment. One-way reservations will be accepted at a cost of \$40 per person; however, they are subject to cancellation up to June 24th. The fare has been based on participation of 110 people-round trip. Any additional passengers may enable you to receive a rebate on your fare which could be as much as \$13.00 on a round-trip or \$6.00 on a one way.

Please notice that the due date for full payment is May 15th. This is important. If the flight should be cancelled for lack of 110 reservations by May 15th or for any other reason, refunds will be made. Any person cancelling 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.

Pioneer Charter Flight						Make checks payable to: Pioneer Charter Flight	
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⇨ COMPLETE PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 1972 !! ⇩

I hereby attest that the above named persons are qualified to participate in this charter flight according to the CAB rulings shown on the reverse side of this form. I further attest that I am a member of the _____ Chapter of the Pioneer District.

signature of member _____

street address _____

city & state _____

phone _____ zip _____

☐ Please confirm. I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope. ()



VOICE PRODUCTION

BY MAC HUFF,

cont'd from Nov.
Issue.

PHYSICAL POSITION FOR SINGING

The key to the proper physical position is comfort. The vocal apparatus performs most efficiently when the body is in a relaxed, comfortable position.

There are three basic steps to a proper singing position:

- (1) Position each foot directly below each shoulder, respectively.
- (2) Place both arms to the side, palms in, and raise them forward to an over-the-head position. Then lower the arms to the side, without bending the elbows. The hands should be palms in at the thighs, the shoulders should be up and slightly back, and the chest should protrude normally, leaving the diaphragm free to operate efficiently.
- (3) The head should be in a normal, relaxed, straight position at all times. Do not tilt the head backward or forward unless the body is also bent in that general direction.

PROPER POSITION OF VOCAL APPARATUS FOR GOOD RESONANCE HUM-OO-OH-AH TECHNIQUE

Prior to the coaches' concern with proper vowel production the quartet must strive to reach like areas of placement.

To achieve this, each member must practice the following technique daily.

The first step of this technique is learning how to hum properly.

- (1) Close lips lightly, but all the way. Do not pinch them together.
- (2) Part the teeth a quarter of an inch so as to relax the jaw.

- (3) Place the tongue down flat in the mouth with the tip forward just behind the lower front teeth.

- (4) Hum softly and allow the lips to vibrate freely.

The second step is to open the mouth easily in order that the placement of the tongue remains forward in the front of the mouth.

To achieve this allow the lips to part from the humming position to an "OO" (as in loose) and proceed, without stopping the sound, to "O" (as in go) and then finally "AH".

If done properly this technique will prevent the primary placement of the tone from returning to the throat or nasal area.

Along with proper placement development, humming is also excellent for warming up the voice and for utilizing the diaphragm and abdominal muscles.

As a rehearsal technique, quartets and choruses should be encouraged to hum an entire song in harmony at the outset of each rehearsal.

When practicing the humming and the HUM-OO-OH-AH techniques, the singer must always maintain good posture.

POSITIONING THE MOUTH, LIPS AND TONGUE

From the HUM-OO-OH-AH technique we progress to the proper positioning of the mouth and lips.

- (1) THE MOUTH. By allowing the jaw to drop freely the mouth assumes the proper position for singing, vertically. Do NOT open the lips horizontally as in smiling. This results in a flat and strident quality of tone.
- (2) THE TONGUE. The role of the tongue in adjusting the resonator; in order for the pharyngeal cavity to be geometrically oriented for resonance, the tongue must extend upward and forward. It can be appreciated that the back and side walls of the pharyngeal cavity are relatively fixed. It is mainly the front wall, when it is formed by the tongue's being in proper position, which is the moveable part.

Cont'd next month . . .

THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS ARE FROM THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD REGULATIONS - PART 207

Sec. 207.45 Par. (d).....Every person identified on the attached list is (1) a bona fide member of the chartering organization, and will have been a member for at least 6 months prior to the starting flight date, or.....(4) is the spouse, dependent child, or parent of a person described hereinbefore and lives in such person's household.....

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Coming Events

SEND REQUESTS FOR PARADE CLEARANCE TO:

John T. Gillespie
712 Newgate road
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49007

Jan. 29, 1972	PONTIAC PARADE
FEB. 5, 1972	MONROE PARADE
Feb. 12, 1972	NILES-BUCHANAN PARADE
Feb. 26, 1972	OAKLAND COUNTY
Mar. 11, 1972	BATTLE CREEK PARADE
Mar. 18, 1972	KALAMAZOO PARADE
Apr. 8, 1972	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
Apr. 8, 1972	FLINT PARADE
Apr. 15, 1972	BOYNE CITY BUSH LEAGUE
Apr. 28-30 1972	SPRING CONV. MIDLAND
May 6, 1972	HOLLY-FENTON PARADE
July 21, 1972	DETROIT MOONLIGHT CRUISE
Oct. 13-15 1972	FALL CONV. FLINT
Nov. 4, 1972	DETROIT PARADE
FEB. 3, 1973	MONROE PARADE
Feb. 17, 1973	NILES-BUCHANAN PARADE
Apr. 7, 1973	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY
Apr. 27-29 1973	DISTRICT CONV. LANSING
May 5, 1973	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
July 20, 1973	DETROIT MOONLIGHT CRUISE
Oct. 12-14 1973	DISTRICT CONV. BATTLE CREEK
Nov. 3, 1973	DETROIT PARADE
Apr. 20, 1974	GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
May 4, 1974	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY
Apr. 12, 1975	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY
Apr. 3, 1976	BUSH LEAGUE BOYNE CITY

PONTIAC CHAPTER BARBERSHOP SINGERS....
PRESENT THE 29 TH. ANNUAL PARADE OF QUARTETS

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HARMONY-HOUNDS
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YOUR NEW BOARD FOR 1972



BILL WARNER RECEIVES
NEW DISTRICT PRES.
PIN



OUTGOING IBM GENE
GILLEM RECEIVES GIFT
OF APPRECIATION FROM
BOARD



TREASURER BOB DRABIK



SOUVENIR GAVEL PRESE
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DAMM BY BILL WARNER

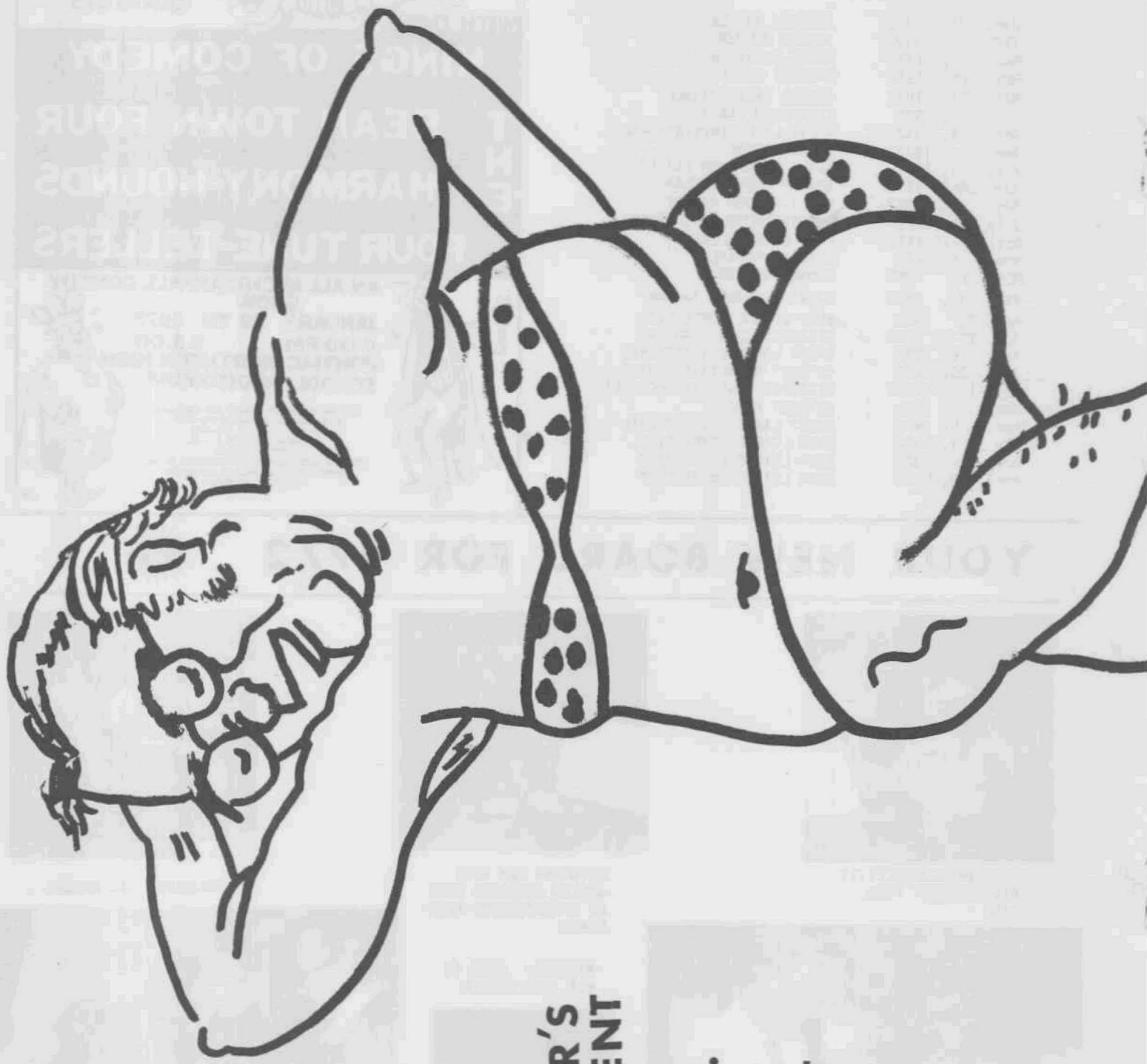
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V.P. MAX CARTER



EXECUTIVE VICE PRES
DON FUNK



SEC. JOHN GILLESPIE,
ZONE V V.P. BUD CAR-
PENTER, ZONE II V.P.
DICK SIMPSON, ZONE I
V.P. TOM POLLARD



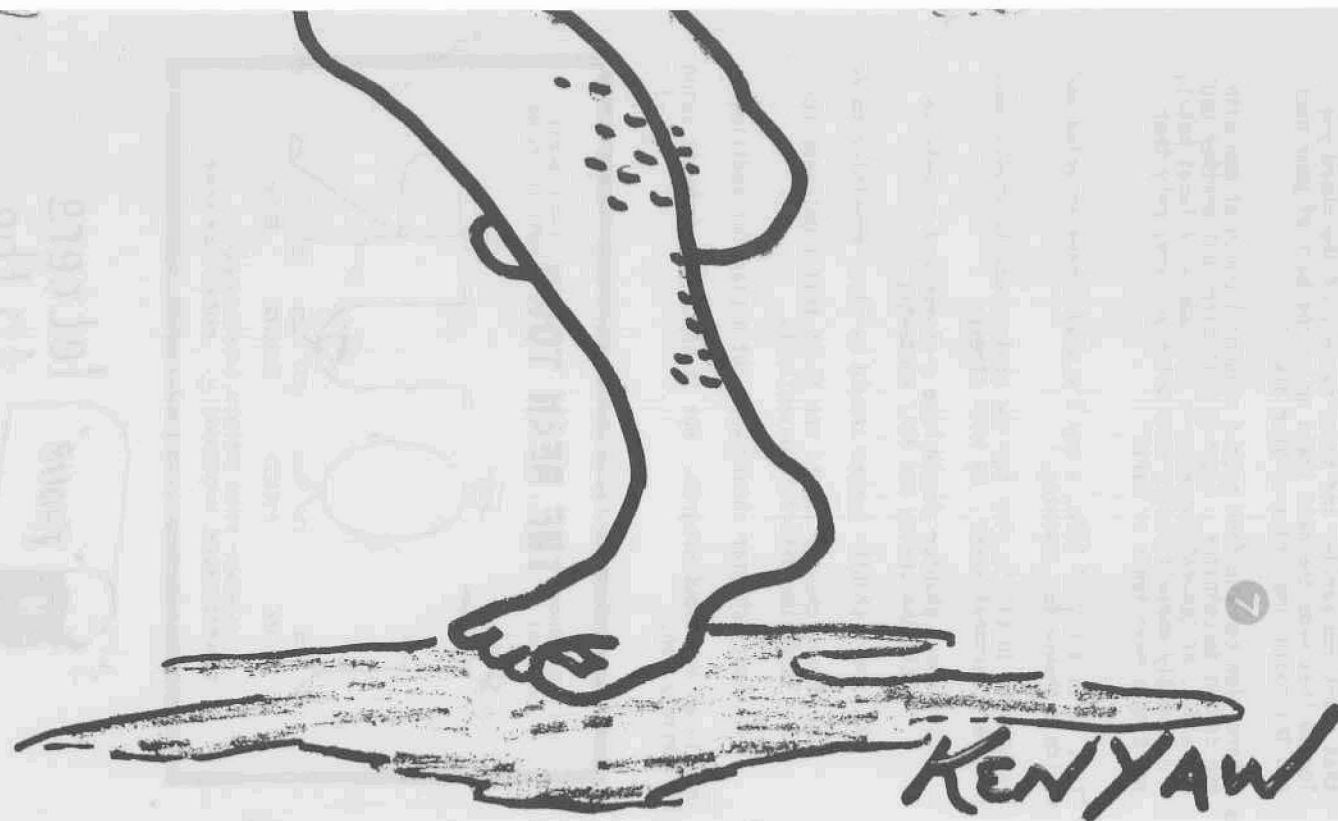
**PIONEER'S
PRESIDENT**

1972

Wm. C.

"Bill"

Warner



by Duane H. Mosier, Historian

The state of Iowa is renowned for filling the corn cribs of the farmers of the country but it also produces many illustrious sons. The subject of these lines is none other than one of it's sons, William C. Warner (Bill to us) who will guide the destinies of the Pioneer District for the coming year.

The native Iowan was born January 6, 1920 in the city of Clinton. The significant fact of this young man's busy career was that he first got a taste of quartet singing in his high school days back in Clinton. He has never relinquished his great love for close harmony. He frankly admits that it has become a "way of life" providing more deep satisfaction than any other facet of his life.

Hungry for an education but lacking a bank roll to further

his ambition he enrolled in the University of Iowa at Iowa City in 1938 where for four years Bill worked his way thru college emerging in 1942 with a B.S. degree in Commerce tucked in his pocket. Altho his desire was to immediately enter upon a business career, his longing was thwarted by the approach of World War II, into which millions of the country's youth would be called. Not waiting to be called, Bill volunteered but was rejected for faulty vision. Undaunted, he tried again and a new draft board gave him the green light. For the next four years Uncle Sam was his boss. The year was 1942.

His first mission was at Valley Forge, Penn., where he was enrolled as a cadet in the Radio Mechanics Training School. Having mastered the fundamentals in this branch of the service, he was then transferred to Yale University for a two months intensive course. It was here that he received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Bill

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was at once shipped to a new and somewhat crude training center at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where his technical knowledge was used in training other young army men in the field of electronics and, after a hitch here, was given passage to a stop at Barksdale near Shreveport, Louisiana, still teaching until a final shift was made to Selfridge Field near Mt. Clemens, where he was mustered out of service in 1946.

In addition to his army service at Barksdale University, Bill's work was leavened by romance, for there he met a charming young lady by the name of Nell Hendrix who was serving in a clerkship capacity in the Signal Corps Depot. The romance led to their marriage on August 22, 1944.

Lucky it was for the Pioneer District that Bill's last maneuver landed him near Detroit, where he and his family have since resided in suburban Oak Park. Bill and Nell are the Parents of three lovely daughters; SANDRA, married; CHERYL, attending Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo; and PAMELA, attending High School.

In this land of opportunity, two requisites are essential to success: education and ambition. Our President has both of them, and in addition an abiding love for human beings. He has a heart well proportioned to the 193 pounds he carries on a solid frame. His friendly bearing is an asset which is a natural part of his life. It flows along like a mountain stream. It has stood him well in all his business pursuits.

Bill's first business venture was with the L. A. Young Spring & Wire Company where he served in the accounting and purchasing department from 1946 to 1951, then going to the Waggoner Corp., a stamping company, in the same capacity from 1951 to 1956. This was followed by an association with the Voss Steel Co. as a salesman of that product for four years. With a burning desire to launch out in a business where his ability could be better utilized, he joined the Modern Vending Service Co. in 1961 which was then operated by two partners, but since incorporated. At that time the company had only 50 vending machines in business places. Bill put his talents to work and now the company has over 500 machines installed in all kinds of enterprises serving the public with what they want, including prepared lunches obtainable upon the drop of a coin. Hard Work? Sure, but it has paid off. His hours are from 5 A.M. until he gets home at any hour of the night.

But his life is not all hard work, necessary as it is to finance the education of three children. Bill is a member of the Royal Oak Council of the Knights of Columbus, the Plymouth, Michigan, Lodge of Elks, the Ushers Club of Lady of Fatima Church, and the Madison Heights Rotary Club. Where does he find time for his greatest hobby - Barbershopping? He got his first real taste in attending a parade in 1962. This merely whetted his appetite for more, so on January 20, 1963, he became a member of Detroit No. 1 Chapter. It takes a busy man to do things and with his dedication to the chapter he was put to work. Bill has served his Chapter as secretary, treasurer, and in 1967-68 as president for 2 years. Seldom does he miss any of the local chapter's activities or District Conventions or International Contests where he has missed only one. His tenure in office as District Secretary during the past year was a natural stepping stone to the top post which was given to him at the Grand Rapids Convention.

Every barbershopper knows what this fine hobby has meant to him. The question was put to President Warner and here is his reaction:

"Someone told me soon after I joined the organization back in 1963 that barbershopping was a way of life - that I would change my whole life pattern - find new friends - find a new outlet and a new outlook on life. Nothing I have heard in my several years of existence on this planet could have been more correct, nor could it have been more welcome. Granted, I was active in many other ways in many other organizations, but until I joined SPEBSQSA I had no idea what satisfaction in a hobby was."

"Where can you find such a congenial group with such agreement as to a set of goals? Where else can you go to spend a couple hours in an evening (all knotted up with the cares of the day) and walk away refreshed, forgetting the problems that beset you earlier and thinking only of the chord you locked that made the hair stand up on the back of your neck and the goose bumps rise on your arms?"

"Where else can you find such a congenial bunch of men with one common denominator - a group that cares not whether you are a V.P. of General Motors or a bell man at a local hotel, and probably doesn't really know which you are, only that you sing a mean tenor or bari?"


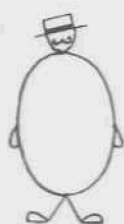
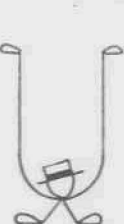
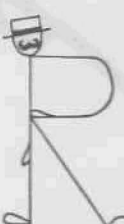
"Yes, it is a way of life, a way I'm glad I have accepted and wouldn't change for anything."

The keynote to Bill's aims for the coming year is involvement in a very personal sense. He will stress:

- (1) Every chapter should have a chorus and compete in both the spring and fall contests;
- (2) Every chapter member should be given something to do;
- (3) Every chapter should see to it that a delegate attends the district conventions;
- (4) Every chapter should work out a plan for auditions.

This is an ambitious program. But if anyone can make it swing, Bill Warner can.

A BARBERSHOP QUARTET **THE BEAN TOWN** SAGINAW-BAY DETROIT - FLINT

RON
FRED
DOUG
BOB

CONTACT: FRED KIENITZ, 5338 FLORIA DR.,
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN PHONE 655-8694



letters
to the
editor

Dear Mithter Lewith:

I juth loved the pathionate pink paper uthed on latht month'th TROUBADOUR and the thparkly red ink - - it juth thimply thent me into theventh heaven!! Like Wow!!

I thowed it to one of my buddieth, and he wath exthatic!! "Deliciouth", he thaid, ath I remember. Ith the greateth thing I can remember thince I joined all the fellath at the chapter, and they athked me to thing tenor.

Yourth Truly

A Tenor (you know who)

BOARD BRIEFS



MINUTES OF DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING ON NOVEMBER
13, 1971, LANSING, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Pres. Damm at 7:45 P.M. All officers were present except Vice Pres. Cliff MacLean. Also present was Treasurer elect Bob Drabik and photographer Bill Pascher.

Zone I: Tom Pollard reports membership up. All chapters have indicated they would have representation at COTS. Mac Huff's visit set in Milford and Windsor. Detroit #1 chapter tribute to "Gentlemen's Agreement Quartet" night was a great success. Oakland County held a very successful A.F.A. Bob Drabik has submitted complete report to V.P. Pollard. These reports are available to any chapter in the district that would like to examine them in preparation for their own A.F.A.

Zone II: Dick Simpson reports Mac Huff's visit is all set in zone chapters. Jackson logopedics get together resulted in a net of \$150.00 for logopedics. Pres. Damm reported that he had advised Kenosha that the Tecumseh chapter would not receive district support for extension beyond 12-31-71.

Zone III: Don Funk reported there has been no final report to date from Grand Rapids on the fall convention. Big Rapids was discussed and it was decided to talk to the officers in attendance at COTS and get their assurance that an effort would be made to bring membership up. If no one shows at COTS the board should not request another extension. The balance of Zone III is going great.

Zone IV: Gene Gillem reported on progress in the zone in the absence of V.P. MacLean. It was moved and seconded that the International Board be petitioned for a 6 month extension on the Au Sable license. Motion carried.

Zone V: Bud Carpenter reports that all chapters have elected their officers. Mac Huff quartet clinic and coaches school is all set for Alma at Travel Lodge for December 4th.

Treasurers report was given by Treas. Gillespie and was accepted as presented.

Pres. Damm covered current correspondence with the board.

Tom Pollard brought up the previous discussion of Area Counsellors and the possibility of discontinuing their use.

It was pointed out that the ineffectiveness of the system can probably be blamed on lack of communication and lack of knowledge on the part of the A.C.'s as to what their job is comprised of.

Area Counsellors are a direct arm of communication between the chapters and the chapters and the Vice President in the zone.

It was suggested that the Zone Vice Presidents analyze their respective zones and appoint area counsellors to cover as many chapters as he feels can be effectively covered.

President Damm gave a report on progress to date in setting up a charter for district travel to the convention in Atlanta in July, 1972.

President Damm advised that our copy of the Logopedics film was in need of repair. In view of the fact that a new film would cost \$100.00, it was decided to repair our current copy.

A letter from Editor Roger Lewis pointed out the necessity for the purchase of another typewriter for the Troubadour.

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Feminine

ZONE 1 by Dora Vogel

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GROSSE PTE., MICH.
48236

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

OBSERVER



Here's hoping you have all enjoyed the "Happy Holiday" Season and a Happy New Year.

A speedy recovery is wished to CHARLES (Bud) DASHIELL who has been recently hospitalized.

Get well wishes go to JEANE RYAN (Mrs. Pat) who recently underwent surgery and is recuperating at home.

Mr. & Mrs. ARTHUR SCHULZE proudly announce the engagement of their daughter RHONDA to WILLIAM KAL.

Get well wished go to BOB ROCK who recently underwent surgery and is recuperating at home.

Congratulations and Best Wishes go to Flints Chapter NIEL & IRENE NORMAN on their wedding anniversary, also IREN'S birthday. BEN JONES of O.C.C. Chapter surprised the chorus by personally purchasing new risers, which were delivered to their meeting hall the Monday before (on rehearsal night) before competition in New Orleans, perhaps this helped them sing so well in Int. Competition, the members are indeed grateful of Ben's great gesture.

Detroit Chapter, Motor City Chorus held their 32nd annual "Parade of Harmony" at Henry & Edsel Ford Auditorium recently. The theme was "Travel Through the Years." Master of ceremonies was ED CONN. Motor City Chorus wives were costumed on stage in costumes worn throughout the years and graced the stage, while the line up of quartets entertained including the SHARP LIFTERS, CHORD DUSTERS, VAGABONDS, ORIOLE FOUR, MARK IV. Motor City Chorus sang under the direction of BILL BUTLER & CLAY SHUMARD. BOB KNOWLES deserves credit for a job well done as (Stage Producer & Director). PEGGY KNOWLES & INGER NEIGHORN are credited with making the (large) black bow ties for the chorus worn on the red & white striped barbershop & banded shirts. Chorus members and their wives enjoyed a dinner before the show held in a beautiful room overlooking the Detroit River at Cobo Hall, where the show entertaining quartets sang. An Afterglow followed the Auditorium Show, when a lovely buffet was served and more entertainment by the quartets was enjoyed.

Detroit Chapter is having their Ladies Night Jan 28 at Rose-dale Park Community Center, Dancing, prizes and a buffet lunch will be served.

Motor City Chorus wives are having a fund raiser, "Millionaires Party" Feb. 12, at Legion Hall 4211 Mable St. in East Dearborn, you are welcome!



Because of the cost involved, it was suggested that additional avenues be pursued and additional quotes be obtained before purchase. Don Funk was assigned the responsibility of obtaining additional information.

COTS faculty assignments were discussed and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 A.M. to sort down material and prepare the rooms for Saturday's Chapter Officer's Training School.

Respectfully submitted
William C. Warner
District Secretary

Chapter News

Wayne

by MORRIE GILES

Hope this article finds you all in the very best of health and not too far in the hole as a result of Christmas.

On Nov. 6, THE WONDERLAND CHORUS put on a half-hour show for the "National Power Squadron" Convention in Ann Arbor 700 strong, and very receptive.

Nov. 19 was our regular chapter meeting night which turned out to be a double event. First, the chorus sang for the retirees living in Presbyterian Village, then onto Hawthorne Country Club where we were invaded by the Pontiac Chapter in full uniform. If you haven't heard their chorus lately you have a treat coming. The featured guest quartet of the evening was the ROLLING TONES from Oakland County Chapter. Also a surprise reunion for the INVOICES as DICK WEBBER came in all the way from Baltimore, Md. They still sound great.

The latest "New" addition to the Wayne Roster is none other than twice-Editor of the "Troubadour" JIM DAVENPORT. Welcome aboard, Jim, we're proud to have you.

Hear Ye! Hear ye! All you chapter Program V.P.'s! Wayne's counterpart for 1972 would like to hear from you regarding visitations between your chapter and ours. Just contact GEORGE FITZGERALD, 15506 Comstock, Livonia. Tele. Area Code 313-425-0919.

Our man in Harrisville, KY CUYLER, has suffered a relapse and is back in the hospital in serious condition. Cards sent to the bar will be delivered to him.

Our chorus is putting the polish on several new numbers for the big "Pitchpipe Parade" scheduled for the first Saturday in March at the Henry Ford High School in Detroit. We are featuring several guest quartets headlined by the FANFARES from Milwaukee, International Semi-Finalists, --- one of the most talented and versatile quartets in the country today. More on this in the Feb. issue.

Remember, now, you're all welcome to join us at Hawthorn Valley on the 3rd Friday of any month.



St. Joe Valley

GEORGE DIEFFENDERFER

It's a busy Christmas season for the St. Joe Valley Chapter. Two chorus engagements in Bronson, plus five quartet engagements, and a Ladies' Night on December 20th.

We are having a quartet contest, with the ladies as judges. They are our best critics anyway so we decided to give them a chance to judge us officially. We have four quartets signed up for the contest.

Our chorus has ordered new uniforms and we should have them in time for our engagements. There are quite a few new faces in our chorus and we hope to be up to the 25 member limit by Christmas.

We were happy to see so many choruses and quartets in the District Contest. Even tho we didn't make it to the District, the members always have it in mind and I am sure one of these days we will see all of you there.

Battle Creek

by BUD BURRILL

The Battle Creek chapter is still riding high from our recent "outing" in Grand Rapids. Attendance is good plus we are seeing some new faces at our rehearsals. Sure makes you feel good to know that barbershop music still can do something for a fellow.

Had the pleasure of singing a show for our local Sweet Adelines. Always nice to be able to sing for a group of pretty young ladies. The Sweet Adelines put on a good show, there headliner quartets being the MEADOW LARKS from Toledo, Ohio and the SHARPLIFTERS from good old Detroit.

Pioneer District Officers! What are the whys and the wherefores on using a "shell" in district competition? It is the consensus of opinion that it would be nice if they were required for contest. They do more good than harm. Comments!

Held our annual election of chapter officers for the coming year and those elected are as follows:

DICK SMITH	President
RAY SIKKENG	Administrative V.P.
LOWELL WOLFE	Program V.P.
RAY DAVIS	Secretary
MAYNARD MC DONALD	Treasurer
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DORN BURRILL	JIM CRAMER
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"Build for the future with the Barbershop Sound"
Good Luck fellows.

Our chapter had the opportunity to have MAC HUFF visit with us on Nov. 30th. He put us thru a couple songs and then showed us how we could improve our sound by following some proven methods of singing. MAC then worked with the BURRILL BROTHERS to show how we all can improve our individual sound for a collective plus to chorus. Enjoyed having him come down to visit and maybe we can get him to come back sooner. Cause you sure could tell the difference when we (the chorus) began to sing the right way. Thanks MAC and hurry back.

Final arrangements are being made to have the 1973 Fall Convention here in Battle Creek. Plans are progressing nicely so we will be well equipped and ready for the contest. We are looking forward to having it here in Battle Creek.

Gotta go. - Put a tag on it guys!



Holly - Fenton

by GRANT L. WRIGHT

We extend a Merry Christmas greeting to all readers of the Troubadour and families and our best wishes for a happy and successful New Year.

Our advertising campaign for singers has attracted a very good tenor who seems to be interested in becoming a member of our unique and growing Society and our Chapter will be fortunate if we can sign him up as a member.

We have asked CLIFF DOUGLAS, our Area Counselor, to install our 1972 officers at a ceremony and dinner to be held on January 22. We will have the Drop Chords of Pontiac as an added entertainment.

Once again, Seasons Greetings and let's all KEEP AMERICA SINGING.

Muskegon

by FRED KENDALL

Muskegon's October meeting was a costumed Halloween Party in honor of the members wives. Program Chairmen - BILL DUPLISSIS - DON COURTRIGHT & RONALD TRAP can thank their "better halves" for a job well done and appreciated by the members. The SOUNDSATIONS came up from Holland - THE DUNE TONES & "Woodshed quartets" filled the evenings need for quartet harmony.

On Nov. 6th the Port City Chorus presented a package show for the Awards Nite Program of the Muskegon General Hospital at the the Spring Lake Holliday Inn.

On Nov. 15th the chorus presented an hour program for the residents of the Michigan Mental Retardation Center located here in Muskegon. This has become a yearly activity for the Chorus and the reward to the members is beyond compensation. At times plus, and tough competition in the Spring Contest! like these we really appreciate our blessings.

Our November meeting was the annual Hall of Fame Nite. This is one nite in the year when the Muskegon Chapter honors one, or possibly two members who have given of their time and talents, for over a ten year period, to the benefit of the Muskegon Chapter. The idea was formulated back in 1962 by CLARE BRISTOL and BILL WICKSTROM. This year we honored BILL DUPLISSIS and a real old timer, HERB ALLEN.

Our December activities start out with a Christmas Sing at Muskegon's Hackley Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 7th.

The regular monthly meeting is on the 14th and features Past Presidents nite. As many of the chapters past presidents as we can round up present the format of the meeting.

During the meetings progress we will have the installation of the 1972 officers --

BILL DUPLISSIS	President
HENRY MALMQUIST	Membership V.P.
LOUIS SEQUIN	Program V.P.
WAYNE HAMILTON	Recording Secretary

We, of the Muskegon Chapter wish you all the best of the season.

Au Sable Valley

by EARL WHALEY

Big things are happening in the "AuSable Valley Chapter" SPEBSQSA these days. Of particular interest is the fact that a new (and outstanding) director has been recruited. JOHN NOTEWARE of Traverse City became the director as of December 9. John brings a wealth of experience to his new position. He is presently director of the Traverse City Sweet Adelines chorus, and assistant director of the Traverse City men's chorus. He was formerly director of the Cadillac chorus. When he is not directing, he keeps busy singing tenor in both the chorus and in quartets.

Visitors take note: We have changed our meeting night to Thursday, in order to fit into our new director's schedule - still meet at high school, Grayling, 8PM.

Our late November show, held at Grayling "for free", in an effort to arouse some interest was a great success. TOM DAMM as MC, THE TRAVERSE CITY CHORUS, THE "VOCAL GENTRY", Roscommon and Houghton Lake choruses of Sweet Adelines were well received by a "standing room only" crowd. A director and three (maybe four) new members were the result. An explanation of the absense of "THE ORIGINAL CHOICE" from the show is in order - BUD CARPENTER (lead) developed the mumps - Nuf Said!

NEW QUARTETS:
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Flint

by LES LANG

The Flint Chapter held Auditions for Admissions on Nov. 2nd, 1971 and we auditioned eight fellows, resulting in three applications and the rest are prospects for later on.

George Darrah is activating the Barberpole Cat Program and is having some quartet practice before our regular Tuesday meetings, coming along real well and he is to be congratulated on a good job, for with the assistance of Dick McHugh, we should have a quartet before long.

We are having Installation of Officers on January 8, 1972 at our regular hall, a Ladies Night with dancing and guest quartets, food and refreshments.

1972 will see the Flint Chapter with a membership of 50 plus, and tough competition in the Spring Contest!

Pontiac

by DICK GUERIN

Chapter Officers School in Lansing was a most rewarding experience for the Pontiac Chapter Officers: Dick Guerin, PRES.; Ray Guering, ADM VP; Jerry Hoskey, PROG VP; A. J. Van Acker, TREASURER; and Bill Dabbs our new SECRETARY. A successful chapter has to depend on the knowledge of its officers and the knowledge you receive from COT school could mean the difference between a successful chapter or the chapter that just plays it by ear, and hopes for the better. We strongly recommend COT School next year on November 11, 1972.

THE MERRY MOTORMEN has been a very busy chorus. The Red Fox really has them singing. Sing-outs at the Pontiac Mall every Tuesday night before chorus rehearsal, then over to the school for our regular rehearsal. We're getting our show in shape for the 29th of January. What a show!! Are you ready for this? THE HARMONY HOUNDS, FOR-TUNE TELLERS, MERRY MOTORMEN CHORUS, DROP CHORDS, LONG AND SHOR OF IT, PLUS!!!! THE BEAN TOWN FOUR will MC the entire evening. Remember the date: JANUARY 29th, Pontiac Northern High School, with the after-glo at the WATERFORD C.A.I. BLDG. Room for 450 at the after-glo, and ticket chairman Ray Guerin says, there will be AFTER-GLO ONLY TICKETS available this year. So make your plans. Contact: RAY GUERIN 3059 HERBELL, PONTIAC, 48053. Phone 682-1353. \$3 for the show and \$3 for the after-glo. Our Show Chairman CLIFF DOUGLAS promises the greatest show ever this year.

At this time last year the Pontiac Chapter Membership was a dismal 38 members. With the signing of three new members in December, we're proud to say our membership is now a solid 62 members, with prospects of more new members. The reason? Auditions for Admissions, plus a lot of hard work on the part of STAN LAWRENCE, ADM VP; RAY GUERIN, PROG VP; A.J. VAN ACKER, TREASURER; CLIFF DOUGLAS, SECRETARY; LEE FRAYER, PUBLIC RELATIONS; HANK GEYER, CHORUS MANAGER; and the co-operation of the entire chapter.

As President and Bulletin Editor for the Chapter, a heart-filled thanks to one and all on a tremendous job. It has been an extreme pleasure for me working with you. A special thanks to DAN (The Red Fox) RAFFERTY, and TOM (The Silver Fox) RAFFERTY, who have made this all possible. These two guys have done for the Pontiac Chapter, what Penecilin does for a cold. We've got The Music Men, the singers, the enthusiasm, and the will to be the next District Champs, come Midland.

NUFF SAID, see ya at The Pontiac Show, January 29th, and GOOD NIGHT TOMMY TIDY WHEREVER YOU ARE.

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