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"Now let's try to sing it like it's written!"



THE TOP HATS brought a refreshing brand of comedy to the Lansing show. (l. to r.) Alex Vaughn, tenor; Lou Grillo, lead; Joe Richards, baritone; Doug Cassie, bass.



"I'll take this chorus into competition anytime!"  
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# Pontiac Show District first for Dealer's Choice

The Pontiac Chapter will be the first Pioneer affiliate to present the 1973 Gold Medalist "Dealer's Choice" to District Barbershoppers and fans. The show is set for Pontiac Northern High School auditorium, Saturday, January 18.

The Dealer's Choice stunned the International Convention crowd at Portland, Oregon last year when they became only the fourth quartet in the Society's history to win the champion-

ship in their first try at the International level. However, when you look at the other side of the coin, as any member of this smooth quartet can tell you, it took a lot more than a few months or a year to reach that first plateau — winning the right to represent your district at the big one!

Another veteran contestant on the International scene, the Sharplifters, from Detroit, will share the stage with the headliners, along with Pontiac's

own Drop Chords, First Amendment, and the Motormen Chorus.

Doran McTaggart, Windsor's court jester first class, will be the master of ceremonies.

The Troub has learned that it's photographer, Bill Pascher, has prepared some sensational set designs and stage production for his home chapter, and that should be worth the going rate at the door in itself!

Ticket information can be obtained by calling Dick Guerin (313) 673-6183, or Cliff Douglas (313) 623-1102. Admission is pegged at \$3.50, and that's a real entertainment bargain for Barbershop lovers.

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PONTIAC NORTHERN AUDITORIUM

# Yes Pioneer will have a Bulletin contest!

By Bob McDermott

In an effort to stimulate greater emphasis at the Chapter level on the importance of the Chapter bulletin, the Pioneer District is holding the first of what is hoped to be an annual competition to determine the District's "Bulletin of the Year".

All Chapters having published at least ten bulletins during the year 1974 are invited to enter their bulletins in this competition. The rules are extremely simple:

1. For monthly bulletins, eight (8) copies of three (3) consecutive issues, plus eight copies of one other issue of your choice, must be submitted.

2. All bulletins to be entered must be mailed prior to January 31, 1975, to Bob McDermott, 1859 Maryland, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Phone (313) 647-4807 if you have any questions.

3. All bulletins must have been published during the calendar year 1974.

For the 1974 contest, two judges only will determine the winning bulletin, due to the lateness of the contest. The top two bulletins will then be forwarded to the International Bulletin Contest as the Pioneer District's representatives in that competition.

It is hoped that for the 1975 District competitions, at least five or ten judges from outside the District can be selected for the contest to insure a greater degree of fairness and a much finer critique.

The two judges appointed for the 1974 contest are both veteran editors and contest judges in their own right. Roger Morris, besides doing a great job as our present editor of the "Troubadour", has recently judged the International contest and Johnny Appleseed and Far Western District contests. Bob McDermott, former editor of the Oakland County Chapter's award winning bulletin, the "Gentlemen's Songster", has also recently judged in the Mid-Atlantic and Far Western District contests.

Awards for the contest winners will be presented at the District convention held in the spring each year. It is hoped this competition will inspire all chapter officers and editors alike to recognize the real importance of the bulletin to each and every member of the Chapter. This communication media has not really been stressed enough in relation to maintaining a strong and healthy Chapter, and we hope this contest is one step forward in that direction.

## Lansing's Riverboat Days was quite a cruise!

The theme was "Riverboat Days", and that's what it said right there on the front of the program we were handed as we walked in the door at Lansing Eastern's auditorium Saturday evening, October 19.

Now Riverboat Days and Barbershop Quartets are not exactly strangers to each other, and Barbershop buffs become more or less accustomed to this sort of thing. But when the curtains parted in full view of a packed gallery at the Lansing Chapter show, what they saw and heard was worth the price of admission alone!

Somehow those guys in the Capitol City had managed to get a "real live steamboat" complete with steam whistle, skipper and all right on stage and plying its way right up the Cedar River, if you will! Now that was class! And all this with a banjo player (Ron Snyder) out on deck, too.

Capt. Irv Dedow, who proved to be a most eloquent interlocutor, had quite a show for the folks. He started the evening with Ken Gibson and the Capitol City Chordsmen; put his resident deck hands the Used Parts, to work entertaining the people; soothed and relaxed the fans with the offerings of the Vagabonds; tickled their collective funny-bone with the zany antics of Hartford Connecticut's Top Hats, and topped it all off with the Gentlemen's Agreement.

That's Showbiz in Lansing! And that's Barbershop at its best!



The pre-show buffet at Lansing gives the Top Hats a chance to warm up with a funny song.



The GA gives out with a fireside melody before the show.

## **Instant enthusiasm!**

# **COTS sessions in Lansing were best yet**

The 107 Pioneer District chapter officers who attended the Chapter Officers Training School at the Lansing Olds Plaza went home with a feeling of solid accomplishment, a new perspective in administration, and an urge to get on the job.

This feeling of enthusiasm seemed to dominate the scene from the time Bill Fitzgerald welcomed the group at the noon luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 9, until the last tired Barbershopper had checked out the following afternoon.

Fitzgerald brought a highly competent staff to Lansing for this year's school, and Pioneer responded with one of its largest turnouts to date. Those who made it, even though many have attended previous schools, are better prepared chapter officers today. Those who missed it will never know just what they missed, but it is reasonable to assume there will be days ahead during their tenure of office when the lessons learned by others could have served them well.

Among those serving on the faculty were Joe Lindy, Rapid City, S.D., who instructed the class for chapter presidents; Steve Hanrahan, Huntington, W.Va., vice presidents; Ken Fletcher, Belleview, Wash., treasurers; Don Harbon, administrative VPs; and Tom Coogan from the headquarters staff.

Dave Stevens was also on hand to conduct a special class for chorus directors, and gave a splendid example of his talents in directing the students in rehearsal and recital. Football fans at the hotel following the MSU-Ohio State game were entranced with Dave's great performance and let it be known with a loud burst of applause from the back of the room.

Your editor served as moderator for the District's first school for Chapter Bulletin editors and Public Relations officers. It's difficult to teach a class of eager-beaver editors and still cover the happenings of the training school at the same



BILL FITZGERALD welcomes officers to COTS as Pioneer President Don Funk smiles approval of the large attendance.

time, so we know we have left out some of the faculty names and we apologize in advance.

The PROBE students were a serious lot and wouldn't even take time out for coffee. They even missed the Sunday morning wind-up recital because they were too busy to sing — if you can imagine that! Why were they too busy? They had a paper to get out — and by golly, they did it — hitting the "street" with the edition just as everyone was checking out! That's dedication!

Headquarters sent out an advance release to district editors, including a nice glossy picture of all the instructors, complete without caption or identification. Since the picture included COTS faculty throughout the Society the Troub (being short on space this month) has decided to run some random shots at the school, which we feel will tell a bit more of the story.

## ***Labor Day weekend at Harrisville a resounding success for Logopedics***

**Fran Durham, Pioneer District Logopedics Chairman**  
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Once again, Barbershoppers, their families and friends, and the townspeople of Harrisville, demonstrated their support for Logopedics. Oakland County spearheaded several fund raising activities, had a lot of fun and gained a great deal of satisfaction from doing so. \$300 was raised at Oakland County's Friday Night Chapter Meeting at Frazier's Bar. The children's matinee Saturday at the Alco Theatre netted \$208.50. The Horseshoe Tournament netted \$33. The baseball game sponsored by the Oscoda Bakery netted \$90.75. The Kid's Talent Show netted \$6.40. Oakland County's Recovery Station (Try it, you'll like it!) netted \$165.05.

In addition, Marge Friedrich contributed \$100.00 to Logopedics in memory of Milt Friedrich. The IGA Supermarket contributed \$50. Mr. and Mrs. King Page contributed \$10. Mrs. Doris Gauthier contributed \$10. An anonymous lady, attending the Pre-Glow, contributed \$3. This brought the total money raised at Harrisville to \$976.70. Oakland

County contributed the balance to bring the grand total to \$1,000.

Rev. J. Russell Hughes, Sr., pastor of St. Andrews-By-The-Lake Episcopal Church, also indicated in a letter of thank you to the Northern Hi-Lites who sang for their Sunday service, that the "loose offering" collected that day would be contributed to Logopedics.

There may have been other chapters at Harrisville who raised money while there for Logopedics. If so, I would like to hear about it so we can acknowledge it and give you credit for your activities.

I am happy to report that the Pioneer District, in 1974, has almost tripled its contributions to Logopedics when compared to contributions in 1973. Let's keep it up! Let's have *all* chapters contributing something. Don't feel because you're a small chapter that you can't compete with the big chapters. Contributions are on a "per capita" basis. The big chapters are expected to contribute more. Think of what Logopedics contributions would amount to if every chapter participated!

# Organization is everyone's business!

The name of the game is Preservation and Encouragement — but right behind the P&E (too fine to be seen in print) should be an O-for-Organization.

Pioneer District has been fortunate enough to charter two chapters this year, both lively and vibrant chapters with good organization and great spirit.

A Barbershopper visiting either Alpena or Port Huron soon becomes aware of this feeling. Is it something unique with new chapters? Or is it something you acquire by working at it? Could be that it is a combination of both — but each comes as a result of good organization.

Another star now looms in Pioneer's future.

The Troup recently visited the Troy-Rochester-Utica Barbershoppers who are working hard to gain that coveted charter, with a sound nucleus and some great voices to aid the cause.

They meet in the clubrooms of Colonial Lanes on VanDyke in Utica, just north of M-59, each Wednesday evening at 8. Stop in and get the spirit!



A NEW CHAPTER in the making?



Troy-Rochester-Utica Barbershoppers enjoy Woodshedding



and Tag quartets.

## Detroit #1 celebrates 35 years of Harmony

It all started 35 years ago at a cottage in Lake Orion, and on Saturday, November 2, Detroit Chapter #1 took note of the occasion at their Annual Parade of Harmony in the Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium in the Civic Center.

"These will be the GOOD OLD DAYS Thirty Five Years from now . . . 1939", featured the Boston Common, 3rd place International medalists at Kansas City, making a rare appearance in Pioneer District; the Roaring 20's, 1974 International semi-finalists from Cincinnati, Ohio; the Sharplifters, #1's own International Quarter-finalists; and the Four Fits from Detroit and Grosse Pointe Chapters.

The Motor City Chorus, '73 Pioneer District representatives in the finals at Portland, Oregon, and '74 finalists at Kansas City, added their own smooth harmony to the celebration to make the event a complete success. Tom Hine bowed out as Motor City's director with a great show.

## Pioneer mourns death of Traverse City's Ray Chase

The Troubadour has been informed of the death of Ray Chase charter member of the Traverse City Chapter at the age of 81.

Ray celebrated his birthday on October 4, and was presented an award as Man of the Half Century by the local Kiwanis Club of which he was also a charter member.

He was widely known as a musician and vocal soloist. Ray got his first taste of quartetting in 1910 when he sang with a high school group. For 64 consecutive Easter Sundays Ray sang in services at the First Congregational Church where he was a member.

He was a retired merchant in Traverse City, active in veterans and military organizations, CB radio, politics and civic groups. He served as chairman of the Cherry Festival's Grand Floral Parade among his many activities.

Pioneer District, the Traverse City Chapter, and all of Barbershopping has lost a truly remarkable member. As Ed Drone, editor of the Traverse City Choirster, recently commented, Ray has shown the "young fellows what dedication is really about."

We extend our sympathy to his family and friends in the loss of a wonderful citizen and a great guy.

## Saginaw-Bay

Election of chapter officers for 1975 was recently held. Incoming officers include Frank Bateson, President; Leonard Johnson, Admin. Vice President; Robert Glover, Program Vice President; Charles Fulks, Treasurer; and Thomas Roozenburg, Secretary. Board members are William Dolezel, David Donnelly and Bruce Mulligan. Immediate Past President serving on the board is Eric Meldrum. Formal installation is planned after the first of the year.

The COTS school held in Lansing Nov. 9 and 10 was well attended by the new board, and drew an enthusiastic response from our members. Frank Bateson reports it was the largest and most successful that he has attended. He particularly cited the high quality instructional staff headed by Dave Stevens, Bill Fitzgerald, and Sandy Levitt; the excellent facilities, and the new format of separate instruction for bulletin editors and chorus directors. Our board feels that their attendance at COTS will be of invaluable assistance in the performance of their duties during the coming year.

As you know, the Saginaw-Bay Chapter has been selected as your host for the 1975 Spring Convention. Cliff Douglas, Zone VP, and Dick Guerin, Area Counselor, recently visited our chapter to discuss plans and progress. General Chairman for this event is Rick Meldrum.

We are pleased to inform you that the Midland Center of The Arts again has been reserved as the convention site. This fantastic facility has to rank along with the best in the state, as those of you who attended the 1972 Spring Convention will recall.

The Holiday Inn will serve as Convention Headquarters. Rick reports that plans are progressing well with most of his committee heads appointed, and much individual committee work underway. Please refer to other sections of the Troubadour for more detailed convention information, and look for more information in subsequent issues.

Saginaw-Bay Chapter is currently conducting Auditions for Admissions. Auditions are being held on regular meeting nights of December 5 and 12th and two were held in November at the Pulaski Hall, 1401 S. Grant, Bay City. This is our regular meeting place. The auditioning committee is comprised of Leonard Johnson, Bob Glover, Bill Dolezel, and our director, John Tome. We are optimistic that we will be successful in obtaining some new members. Tentative plans are to hold an AFA again in the fall of '75.

Our annual St. Paddy's Day Thaw has been scheduled for Saturday, March 15. The Knights of Columbus Hall, 360 S. River Road (near James Clements Airport) has been reserved for this date. The building is new and should provide one of our best accommodations yet for this event. Thaw co-chairmen are Dave Donnelly and Bob Deming. Watch for more detailed information in later Troubadour issues.

Our new chorus director is John Tome. You may have met him at the recent COTS school in Lansing. John is new to Barbershopping, but he brings to it much musical knowledge, enthusiasm and tact. John received his BA in Music Education from Albion College. He is choral director at T. L. Handy High School in Bay City. He is a Cantor in the Russian Orthodox Church, and he directs his church choir. We are fortunate John has joined us. Our chorus under John's leadership is in preparation for the Spring Convention.

The Quad-Chapters of Pontiac, Flint, Holly-Fenton and Saginaw-Bay continue to meet quarterly on a rotating basis. Our last meeting was at the Pontiac Metropolitan Club on Nov. 15. These meetings afford us the opportunity to get together periodically with members from other areas of our district and share our hobby.

Our Chapter finds itself in the unusual position of being down to one active quartet, the Classmates. This quartet recently experienced a change of personnel when Jim Gross was invited to sing with our 1971 International Champions, the Gentlemen's Agreement. We are proud of Jim, and we are proud and honored as Jim's chapter. Bob Glover is now singing bari with the Classmates who are hard at work for April.

—Tom Roozenburg

## Oakland County

Despite the Windsor ambush of OCC by the great Wayne Wonderland Chorus, the Wolverine chorus is bouncing back with more enthusiasm than ever. The mini-chorus "Gentleman Songsters" (out of the regular chorus) performed brilliantly on the Windsor Sweet Adeline show at Cleary Auditorium on November 2. The entire chorus then sang a big show for the Macomb County Sweet Adelines at Warren Woods High School on November 16, followed by a concert at the Arnold Home for the Aged in Detroit on November 20. Christmas caroling and preparation for our big two night show scheduled for February 28 and March 1st will keep our director, Glen Van Tassell and the chorus busy learning new songs and improving on our oldies.

Our annual Laides' Night Chapter meeting scheduled for December 6th will already have taken place by the time you receive this issue, but it will feature all of our seven quartets in a musical extravaganza. New President Don Cline will be inducted along with the rest of the new officers for 1975. With this kind of talent coming to the forefront, the year 1975 looks to be a banner year for the Oakland County Chapter.

—Bob McDermott

## Grand Rapids

It seems like a lot has happened since our last report.

We have several people on the sick list. Curt Morris is gaining, according to our latest information. Bob McBride has not been feeling well. Bill Wild, Sr. has had a couple trips to the hospital and is doing better. We understand he is sporting a new Pacemaker. Our best wishes go out to these fellows.

Our Chapter had seven men attending the Director's School in Lansing on June 20th. Much information was accumulated there and our representatives tell us that this school is well worth attending.

Grand Rapids sent a check to Kenosha for \$1,000 for Logopedics this Fall, plus other monies which will go to Logopedics as a result of campouts and other activities. One of these was at Tyler Creek, where members of the Battle Creek Chapter and Grand Rapids always have a big time. We also had a campout at Horsehead Lake in September. It got a little cool, but we had a good time around the campfire.

We will have some new officers in January, namely Fran Jones, President; Al VanIwaarden, Adm. VP; Wally Graham, Program VP; Gary Branch, Treasurer, and Jim Empie, Secretary. We are expecting lots of action in 1975.

The contest at Windsor was a success, as usual. We were pleased with the results of the Chorus Contest and plan to expand our Chorus and make ourselves heard come Spring Contest. We were especially pleased with the performance of The Golden Oldies.

We are going to have the International Contest Film for a program December 3rd. We've heard that this is a real good film. We have several guests and potential members who will see this for the first time and find out what happens at the International level at contest time.

We had an excellent time at Hastings on November 1st. This was a joint meeting with Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. We were entertained by the Model "A" Flats, Galaxies, Four D-Minors and Harmony Hounds. This type of get together seems to be very successful.

On November 8th, we had Ladies Night and were entertained by the Harmony Hounds. We had several new people at this meeting and were glad they could see the "Hounds". We all had a very good time.

Our quartets all seem to be busy. The Model "A" Flats have been out on several jobs lately. They just pile in my Model "A" and away we go. The Galaxies have been quite busy lately, but still find time to sing for our Chapter often. The Golden Oldies are sporting new uniforms and really enjoying themselves. We feel quite lucky to have three working quartets in the Chapter. We have a new one in the making, too, but they don't have a name to date.

The Chapter is making plans for our big New Years party. This was a big success last year and I'm sure we will see some bigger and better things this year.

The welcome mat is out every Tuesday evening at the Lexicon Club, 108 Lexington Ave., NW, Grand Rapids. Top in and see if you are in town.

—Bob Lovell

The editor and staff of the Pioneer Troubadour extends to Barbershoppers everywhere a warm and sincere wish that the Holidays have found you in good health, good voice and attuned to the peace and harmony of the season.

## Lansing

Our contributions to the chapter reports have been rather few this year, so here is a recap of our activities since Traverse City.

We all know by now that Traverse was great and the Capitol City Chordsmen originated a district chorus championship trophy. Our sincere hope is that it will become as cherished a symbol as the quartet district trophy and the Bush League Gaboon.

The fabulous Bush League won some more new admirers and our Used Parts took third place in a tough-as-usual contest. The guys had just won the O.C.C. Pre-Boyne contest. Yes, and what a thrill the evening show provided with the Gentlemen's Agreement and Lansing's Lee Talboys.

During the past summer months, the Capitol City Chordsmen wowed two great audiences. Director Ken Gibson put the chorus through its paces before overflow audiences at the Michigan Kiwanis Governors Convention and the Michigan Roundup for Airstream trailer owners. We really spread some fine Barbershop gospel.

We are sorry to say that we missed the real big campout at Harrisville but our chapter was well represented by our district president Don Funk, and our Used Parts. They reported back just beaming with joy. This is another one of those requirements for every Pioneer Barbershopper.

The absence of the Capitol City Chordsmen at the District Convention in Windsor must have been mentioned several times during that week end.

Well, we all wanted to be there but the majority of the members felt that our annual show must have our full attention as it was our first try at a "Show theme" and it required plenty of hard work. Besides it was only a week away from the District Convention and we wanted the Gentlemen's Agreement and the Vagabonds to be proud to be a part of it. Yes, it was a complete success with an overflow crowd and we are very happy.

Our newest members since April are Lloyd Head and Leland Williams in the bass section, and Dave Barrett and Bill Logan are additions to the tenor section. Welcome aboard, men.

We are happy to send along the congratulations of the Lansing Chapter to our new Pioneer District champs, the Four D Minors and our representative to Indianapolis, the Wayne Wonderland Chorus. These two outfits are real professionals and will get the job done.

Been waiting to hear or read about a new report from Mr. Kleinfield of the Wall Street Journal regarding Marty Zurn's letter which was printed in the Troubadour April issue. Nice job Marty — could be he went down the chute with the rest of the market.

In closing we would like to mention that the Lansing Chorus has been fortunate to have Ken Gibson as its director for the past seven years. Ken has led the chorus to several honors including the 1973 Pioneer District championship. It has been a thrilling experience for all of us.

However, due to Ken's many commitments, he has decided to give up directing the Capitol City Chordsmen. We will miss you Ken, and can only say, "It has been a long way from the blue sweaters, bow ties and the bum outfits." Best wishes, Ken, and go get 'em Vagabonds. You'll always be the people's choice.

—Bill McCurdy



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- JANUARY—**  
18 Pontiac Chapter Show
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8 Monroe Chapter Show  
22 Windsor Chapter Show
- MARCH—**  
1 Oakland County Chapter Show  
8 Kalamazoo Chapter Show  
22 Battle Creek Parade
- APRIL—**  
5 GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL—  
Grand Rapids  
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25-27 DISTRICT CONVENTION—  
Saginaw-Bay
- MAY—**  
3 Boyne City Bush League Contest  
31 Au Sable Valley
- JULY—**  
18 Detroit No. 1 Moonlight Cruise
- OCTOBER—**  
10-12 DISTRICT CONVENTION—  
Grand Rapids
- NOVEMBER—**  
1 Detroit No. 1 Parade

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- NOVEMBER—**  
6 Detroit No. 1 Parade

Chapters are requested to get Parade Clearances and dates approved for all public events your chapter expects to hold in your area. Do it well in advance EACH YEAR or even up to five years in advance. This will help avoid conflicts with talent and audience pull.

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with the Editor

The Troubadour staff and the Pioneer family is saddened to learn of the tragic death of Eric Dahlke, son of Carl Dahlke of the Oakland County Chapter. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Carl and his family.

As we went to press Bill Butler activated the "Hot Line" with a call to inform us that Joe Wolff is in Hutzel Hospital, 432 E. Hancock Detroit. Since there is a time lag from writing through printing and mailing of several days, we hope that Joe is on the mend and able to be home for the Holidays.

Chapter presidents Area Counselors and Zone vice presidents should contact the responsible person outlined in an earlier Troub story when illness or death occurs within a chapter. Bill is doing a great service to the District in providing this channel and it should be put to the proper use.

Pioneer Barbershoppers looking forward to the big Spring Convention at the Performing Arts Center in Midland, hosted by the Saginaw-Bay Chapter, will find detailed information in the February, 1975 Troub which will feature a pre-convention special.

There have been some changes in format and price structure, however, which should be of interest to all who plan to attend, and the Troub is printing this information at this time for your consideration.

All-events tickets will be priced at \$9, with no break for competitors. However, those registering before April 1 can obtain an all-event badge for \$8.

A second major change involves the elimination of the Saturday night afterglow. Inflation has taken its toll on District funds, like everything else, and the Board, in a recent meeting with the host chapter, has decided on these changes at this time. Eliminating the afterglow should provide more time for visitations to the various hospitality rooms and promote a better opportunity to get acquainted with fellow Barbershoppers.

For those convention-goers who like to camp out at these affairs, we have been advised that there are campground facilities available in the Midland area. The Troub will try to get a better run down for the February issue.