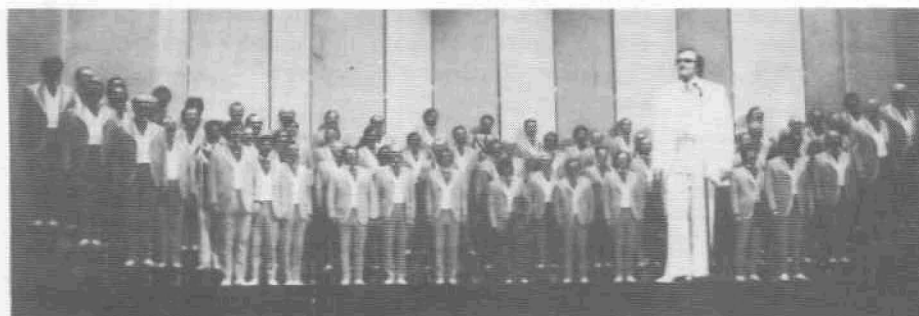


**October  
1975**



**THE CLASSMATES**—New District Champs



**MOTOR CITY CHORUS**—Pioneer's representative at San Francisco



Clinton Valley Charter Show  
set for December 6 at Utica High School  
*See page 10 for details*

**Pioneer COTS  
in Lansing  
November 15-16**



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**TROUBADOUR**

# Labor Day weekend at Harrisville a soggy success for Logopedics

By FRAN DURHAM

Pioneer District Logopedics Chairman

Once again, despite the 40 days and 40 nights of rain, Barbershoppers, their families and friends, and the townspeople of Harrisville and Greenbush demonstrated their support for Logopedics. Oakland County and Pontiac spearheaded several fund raising activities, had a lot of fun and gained a great deal of satisfaction from doing so.

The Pontiac Chapter took over the Greenbush Inn Friday night because of the graciousness of owner Al Worley. 200-250 people heard some great entertainment and before the night was through contributed \$325 to Logopedics. Great job Pontiac!

Oakland County held forth at Fraziers Bar Friday while Pontiac was "doing their thing" at Greenbush. The crowd at Fraziers also was well entertained as the quartets rotated between the two locations. The patrons at Fraziers were also very generous as \$350 was contributed to Logopedics. Oakland County's "Recovery Station" was up from \$165.05 last year to \$211.11 this year. Certainly the rain had nothing to do with its increased consumption. The Horseshoe Tournament netted \$38, the kid's games \$36.25, surplus prize money \$18.48. Something new this year — The Parkside Restaurant raffled a Barbershop Figurine, and raised \$79.50. \$28.55 was raised by the Harrisville Methodist Church and Mr. and Mrs. King Page contributed \$10.

The total donations and money raised at Harrisville by Oakland County for Logopedics was \$771.89. The Oakland County Board of Directors at its last meeting voted to add \$528.11 to the pot for a grand total of \$1,300 which Oakland County will present at the House of Delegates meeting in Grand Rapids.

In addition to the funds raised by chapters and other activities, Henry and Ruth Gauthier owners of the IGA Friendly Market in Harrisville, contributed \$100 to Logopedics — a generous display of the warm regard these two fine people have for Pioneer's annual efforts in that city.

I am sure other chapters were involved in fund raising activities at Harrisville. If you were, please let me know about them. I want to publicize your activities and give you credit for them.

The Pioneer District can be proud of its contributions to Logopedics this year. I only wish more individual chapters and quartets would get involved. A little bit from every chapter and every quartet would go a long way to increasing our per-capita giving and let's not forget the Harmony Foundation Service Award Program that was instituted this year. Every chapter has just as good a chance as every other since the award is based upon per-capita giving. Come on! The year is quickly drawing to a close. Let's have a resounding Logopedics March at the House of Delegates meeting in Grand Rapids.

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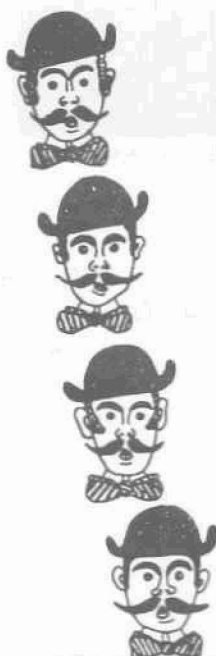
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/s/Roger O. Morris sr.

# Grand Rapids convention was a real winner!

Pioneer District Barbershoppers gathered in Grand Rapids for their Fall convention and contests on the second week end in October, and like all Pioneer get-togethers, they went back home feeling they had just experienced one of the greatest three days of their lifetime.

While other happenings of the convention will be covered elsewhere in the Troubadour, the Chorus and Quartet contests consumed a great deal of time and interest. With 17 quartets and 12 choruses on stage, the three sessions in the

Civic Auditorium were the center of attention on Saturday. The competition was intense, the music was Barbershop, and the execution was terrific.

A new district quartet champ has been crowned, and a chorus chosen to take on the biggies in San Francisco next year. For the rest of us, it's back to the rehearsal room for another year, or at least until the Spring contest in Lansing, when the fever will once again match the pitch of a tenor, and the battle begins anew.

## Saginaw-Bay's Classmates are new District Champs

The Classmates from Saginaw-Bay jumped off to a big lead in the morning semi-finals at Grand Rapids and stretched their lead in the evening finals to win the Pioneer District Quartet contest by 252 points in a strong performance that left little doubt as to the outcome.

Tom Peil, lead; Bob Glover, baritone, and Len Johnson, bass, are all members of the Saginaw-Bay chapter. The new tenor with the Classmates, Jim Johnson, is from Battle Creek.

The big surprise of the evening was the solid singing of the Sound Spectrum, a new quartet comprised of members of two of the District's newest chapters, Port Huron and Clinton Valley, and one member from Grosse Pointe.

The Sound Spectrum was tied with the Rolling Tones in that spot following the morning session, but the Rolling Tones slipped to fourth place in the finals, as the Stateliners came on strong to take third after the judges broke a tie with the second place winners who edged them in the sound category according to contest rules.

Galen Oliver, lead, is a member of Clinton Valley, which was chartered on stage at Grand Rapids. Dennis Phelan, tenor, and Brian Kaufman, baritone, are from Port Huron, and Jack Slamka, bass, is a member of Grosse Pointe.

The Sound Objective, with Fred McFadyen, tenor, OCC; Ron Gillies, lead, and Fred Kienitz, bari, Flint; and Cliff Douglas, bass, Pontiac, took the Novice Quartet trophy.

## Motor City Chorus wins trip to San Francisco

It will be the Motor City Chorus representing Pioneer District at the Cow Palace in San Francisco next July.

The pride of Detroit #1 Chapter racked up a decisive edge in the Interpretation and Stage Presence categories to edge out the Wolverine Chorus by a total of 47 points at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids Saturday, October 11 to win the district prelims.

Bob Whitledge led Motor City to the big win with "Back In The Old Routine" and "Ma, She's Making Eyes At Me".

The Oakland County Chapter's songsters gave away only two points in the new Sound segment, and another two in arrangement as they came off second best for the second year in a row following a brief hiatus from competition.

Glenn Van Tassell directs the Wolverine Chorus.

The host chapter's Great Lakes Chorus, with Chuck Buffham at the helm, put on a fine performance to capture the third spot.

The Motor City Chorus returned to the competitive wars in Midland last Spring and promptly recaptured the District crown, edging out the fine Lake Shore Chorus from Grosse Pointe in the Center for the Performing Arts.

Wayne Wonderland, the district's representative at Indianapolis this year, did not compete.

Other scores and the finishing order can be found in the scoring summaries in this issue.



THE SOUND SPECTRUM

## A.I.C. Scholarships available to Barbershoppers, sons

Now is the time for members to submit their applications to the district secretary in order to qualify for the scholarship being offered by the Association of International Champions.

The September-October issue of the Harmonizer covered the applicable rules, along with a scholarship application. Scholarship applications must be received by January 15, 1975, to be considered.

Pioneer Executive Vice-President John Gillespie notes that the scholarship has been increased from \$200 to \$400 this year.

The 1974 A.I.C. scholarship of \$200 from our District was awarded to Daniel Sullivan of Traverse City, to be disbursed directly to Olivet College for his tuition use.

**Official Scoring Summary — S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc.**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan — October 11, 1975

## Pioneer District Chorus Contest

| Rank, Chorus                         | Category:<br>Song Number: | SOUND |     | INT |     | SP  | ARR. |    | TOTAL | SINGING SECONDS |     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|-------|-----------------|-----|
|                                      |                           | 1     | 2   | 1   | 2   |     | 1    | 2  |       | 1               | 2   |
| 1 Motor City, Detroit #1             |                           | 138   | 136 | 145 | 156 | 311 | +4   | +3 | 893   | 165             | 135 |
| 2 Wolverine, Oakland County          |                           | 136   | 136 | 138 | 136 | 295 | +4   | +1 | 846   | 125             | 124 |
| 3 Great Lakes, Grand Rapids          |                           | 117   | 125 | 119 | 118 | 258 | +7   | -3 | 741   | 130             | 127 |
| 4 Cereal City, Battle Creek          |                           | 107   | 105 | 123 | 126 | 258 | +3   | +4 | 726   | 159             | 155 |
| 5 Cherry Capitol, Traverse City      |                           | 114   | 120 | 111 | 123 | 240 | +4   | -3 | 709   | 133             | 143 |
| 6 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe          |                           | 116   | 105 | 119 | 117 | 220 | 0    | -4 | 675   | 115             | 152 |
| 7 Mall City, Kalamazoo               |                           | 90    | 94  | 90  | 98  | 170 | -2   | 0  | 540   | 131             | 125 |
| 8 Gateway, Niles-Buchanan            |                           | 96    | 96  | 90  | 88  | 155 | +1   | +4 | 530   | 135             | 125 |
| 9 Huron Harmony, Port Huron          |                           | 92    | 90  | 93  | 90  | 142 | +1   | 0  | 508   | 183             | 123 |
| 10 Fruit Belt, Benton Harbor-St. Joe |                           | 92    | 93  | 96  | 107 | 121 | -8   | +3 | 504   | 154             | 128 |
| 11 Jacksonaires, Jackson             |                           | 85    | 87  | 81  | 84  | 135 | 0    | +4 | 476   | 103             | 144 |
| 12 Huron Valley, Milford             |                           | 78    | 76  | 81  | 82  | 149 | +1   | -3 | 464   | 161             | 143 |

Motor City Chorus will represent Pioneer District at International Contest in San Francisco, California, July 10, 1976.

## Pioneer District Quartet Contest

| FINALS | Quartet         | Category:<br>Song Number: | SOUND |     | INT. |     | SP  | ARR. |     | SUB TOTAL | PREV. PTS. | NET TOTAL | SINGING SECONDS |     |
|--------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----|
|        |                 |                           | 1     | 2   | 1    | 2   |     | 1    | 2   |           |            |           | 1               | 2   |
| 1      | Classmates      |                           | 120   | 122 | 137  | 133 | 301 | + 9  | + 7 | 829       | 814        | 1643      | 149             | 182 |
| 2      | Sound Spectrum  |                           | 115   | 110 | 122  | 120 | 232 | - 7  | 0   | 692       | 699        | 1391*     | 129             | 125 |
| 3      | Stateliners     |                           | 109   | 106 | 124  | 131 | 262 | + 1  | + 3 | 736       | 655        | 1391*     | 119             | 144 |
| 4      | Rolling Tones   |                           | 121   | 119 | 119  | 123 | 198 | 0    | - 1 | 679       | 699        | 1378      | 167             | 124 |
| 5      | Final Edition   |                           | 109   | 108 | 116  | 112 | 274 | 0    | - 1 | 718       | 648        | 1366      | 94              | 165 |
| 6      | Sound Objective |                           | 104   | 92  | 123  | 107 | 221 | 0    | + 3 | 650       | 647        | 1297      | 154             | 130 |
| 7      | Patch Chords    |                           | 95    | 89  | 121  | 120 | 213 | - 2  | + 3 | 639       | 650        | 1289      | 127             | 157 |

\*Tie Broken by Sound Category per official Quartet Contest Rules.

### SEMI-FINALS

|    |                         |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |       |     |     |
|----|-------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|-------|-----|-----|
| 1  | Classmates              |  | 127 | 124 | 125 | 122 | 294 | +18 | + 4 |  |  | 814   | 191 | 117 |
| 2  | Sound Spectrum          |  | 111 | 111 | 127 | 120 | 230 | - 1 | + 1 |  |  | 699   | 124 | 122 |
| 3  | Rolling Tones           |  | 108 | 108 | 121 | 107 | 250 | + 1 | + 4 |  |  | 699   | 151 | 102 |
| 4  | Stateliners             |  | 101 | 108 | 99  | 108 | 236 | - 2 | + 5 |  |  | 655   | 105 | 158 |
| 5  | Patch Chords            |  | 100 | 99  | 127 | 130 | 193 | - 1 | + 2 |  |  | 650   | 138 | 160 |
| 6  | Final Edition           |  | 100 | 90  | 98  | 94  | 259 | + 5 | + 2 |  |  | 648   | 125 | 124 |
| 7  | Sound Objective         |  | 91  | 91  | 106 | 123 | 231 | + 5 | 0   |  |  | 647   | 110 | 151 |
| 8  | Harmony Helmsmen        |  | 108 | 114 | 96  | 101 | 179 | + 3 | +10 |  |  | 611   | 151 | 134 |
| 9  | Metrochords             |  | 114 | 112 | 87  | 93  | 179 | - 1 | + 9 |  |  | 593   | 129 | 122 |
| 10 | W.G. Harding Memorial 4 |  | 78  | 82  | 83  | 81  | 281 | - 7 | -10 |  |  | 588   | 137 | 150 |
| 11 | Innocent Bystanders     |  | 90  | 88  | 96  | 92  | 155 | 0   | + 2 |  |  | 523   | 129 | 118 |
| 12 | Flatland Four           |  | 92  | 87  | 84  | 82  | 158 | + 4 | - 1 |  |  | 506   | 145 | 134 |
| 13 | Fringe Benefit          |  | 87  | 84  | 108 | 86  | 135 | - 1 | - 5 |  |  | 486°  | 123 | 116 |
| 14 | Oakland Counts          |  | 79  | 74  | 91  | 93  | 146 | + 2 | - 1 |  |  | 484   | 135 | 147 |
| 15 | With One A-Chord        |  | 82  | 85  | 76  | 79  | 146 | + 1 | + 2 |  |  | 471   | 123 | 125 |
| 16 | Ransom Notes            |  | 75  | 69  | 81  | 86  | 152 | - 4 | -19 |  |  | 408#  | 143 | 93  |
| 17 | Evil Companions         |  | 74  | 72  | 75  | 79  | 144 | + 4 | - 1 |  |  | 287\$ | 93  | 127 |

°Time Penalty: 8 points ( 1 second @8 points per second)

#Time Penalty: 32 points ( 4 seconds @8 points per second)

\$Time Penalty: 160 points (20 seconds @8 points per second)

THE PANEL OF JUDGES — Chairman of Judges Merle Clayton, Battle Creek, Michigan, Pioneer District. Vice-Chairman of Judges Edwin Gaikema, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Pioneer. Secretary of Judges Edmund Duplaga, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Johnny Appleseed. Sound James Beutel, St. Charles, Illinois, Illinois; Don Lang, St. Joseph, Michigan, Pioneer. Interpretation Steve Hanrahan, Huntington, West Virginia, Johnny Appleseed; Dan Waselchuk, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Land O'Lakes. Stage Presence O.B. Falls, Jr., Jackson, Michigan, Pioneer; John Sommer, Grove City, Ohio, Johnny Appleseed. Arrangement Jack Baird, Oak Lawn, Illinois, Illinois; Russell Foris, Elmhurst, Illinois, Illinois. Asst. Secretary of Judges John T. Gillespie, Kalamazoo, Michigan, Pioneer. Timers Emerson Sperling, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Pioneer; Lamott Bates, Lansing, Michigan, Pioneer.



## **QUARTET VIGNETTES:**

### ***Getting acquainted with the Stateliners***

We would like to start off our introduction to you by congratulating the Pioneer District and the Saginaw-Bay Chapter for the super Preliminary Contest held last March.

One of the reasons we decided to move to Pioneer District was because of the special brand of hospitality accorded quartets. Secondly, we found ourselves doing most of our jobs in the district, therefore, a change made sense.

The Stateliners were formed three years ago as a lark in a novice quartet contest. The contest was short a few quartets so four basses (Tom Granata, Chan Smith and Bob Hague-Rogers) got together and sang two songs, and didn't they almost win it!

For several weeks we fooled around and finally agreed to get a tenor (Norm Ashbaucher) to compliment the group. So, we ended up with Tom as lead, Chan, bass; Norm, tenor; and Bob singing Baritone. In 1974 Bob moved to Atlanta, Ga., so there was a change until January, 1975, when Bob moved back to Toledo, and the original group re-formed.

The name, Stateliners, was chosen since we have three Ohioans, 1 Michigander, and all live within ½ mile of the state line.

The quartet has been working with Glen VanTassell and Don Barrett in hopes of putting together a pleasing Barbershop sound.

Tom and his wife Laura have 2 children. He sells chemical and paper products, and has been Barbershopping for eight years.

Chan and Bonnie have 3½ children. He is the owner of an auto service and repair center and has seven years as a Barbershopper.



**THE STATELINERS**

Norm is a public accountant. He and his wife Alma have three children. Norm has been a Barbershopper for 12 years.

Bob and Theo also have three children. He is an insurance agent and has eight years in the Society.

Norm has been a Chapter president, treasurer and BOTY. Bob has been Chapter program vice-president, chorus director, and BOTY.

So much for the P.R. We are anxious to meet and be with everyone in the District. We are enclosing our first ad in hopes of getting out the word.

Thanks, Pioneer, for the welcome.

—The Stateliners

## **Pioneer loses a great son in death of Duncan Hannah**

Duncan Hannah, who was the lead of the Clef Dwellers, one of the Society's best known quartets of 25 years ago, passed away recently in a Detroit hospital.

District Champions in 1948, the Clef Dwellers gained international recognition as four-time medalists in International Quartet Competition. They won second honors on two occasions as the runner-ups to the Buffalo Bills and the Mid-States 4.

The other members of the quartet were Harold Bauer, Bill Johnston, Dick Wiseheart and later Ed Easley, who replaced Bill Johnston.

Hannah was also active in the Oakland County Chapter and served as an officer therein. Several of his friends have sent in contributions to the Harmony Foundation for the Institute of Logopedics and as a result, his name will be encribed on the bronze plaque at Wichita.



**DUNCAN HANNAH**

He is survived by his widow, Elaine, and three daughters.

—Lou Harrington

So, when it's raining . . .

October 1975



Drippy Days!



Tough act to follow!



SweetAd mass chorus



Kids Talent Show



Lakeshore Chorus



What it's all about!



Alpena's Lumbermens Chorus



Logopedics benefit



Wayne Wonderland



Great Lakes Chorus



Sunday parade



Tough act to follow!



Progressive 4 with Hal and Art Seely



Kids Talent Show



The irrepressible 4-Fits



What it's all about!



Bob Drabik shows pitching form



King Page, MC



Logopedics benefit



Murlene and John Smith



Sunday parade



Innocent Bystanders



(See Fran Durham's story on page 2)



# THE CAMERA'S EYE

By Bill Pascher

## Harrisville '75

—togetherness!



Progressive 4 with Hal and Art Seely



Sound Objective



The irrepressible 4-Fits



Rolling Tones



Bob Drabik shows pitching form



King Page, MC



Clothesline rehearsal



Murlene and John Smith



Keepers of the Keys



Innocent Bystanders



The Final Edition



## Administration, administration!

# Convention is also a time for work

The average Joe Barbershopper probably thinks convention time is a time for fun and competition — a time to let the hair down and relax.

All those quartet and chorus rehearsals have built us up to a fine pitch, and now that we have had our turn in the spotlight there's nothing left to do but live it up! Right?

Wrong!

While it may come as a shock to most of us, the contests are only an adjunct to the convention itself. The main purpose of convening is to conduct the business of the District — contest or no contest.

So while you are enjoying the festivities at a preglow, or bending an elbow in the local eating and watering spots, and even after most of you have packed your bags and headed for home heady with the wine of a great week end, there is a small band of Barbershoppers pondering the problems, finances and future of your singing organization.

Each Pioneer convention finds your board of directors assembled on Friday evening doing just that. These sessions often go far into the night. This Fall they did not break up in Grand Rapids until after the great entertainment provided by the host chapter was over. The board members missed it all.

What keeps them in session that long? Things like selecting worthy persons for the Hall of Fame, extension work, the district budget, how to improve our financial structure, increasing our membership, getting chapters off associate status, approving convention bids and discussing facilities and finances for these conventions, zone reports, officers reports, and a myriad of other problems.

On Sunday morning the House of Delegates convenes. This is the governing body of our district. Your chapter is represented by a delegate. If he doesn't attend, you should find out why, for this is where the action is as far as the chapter representation is concerned.

There are a lot of important things brought up at the meeting of the delegates. Your district officers are there to report the status of the district in general and any new decisions rendered at the board meeting are discussed. Delegates may introduce changes in the by-laws here, and they may also make nominations to the board of directors. In Grand



Dear Roger,

Thanks for sending me the Pioneer Troubadour. I always enjoy reading your bulletin but I especially liked your coverage of the Indianapolis convention.

Your plaintive cry for more help (in Down Our Way) sounds familiar. I wish you every success in finding "those creative minds" and putting them to work!

I am scheduled to be in Pioneer on the COTS faculty and am looking forward to visiting in your excellent district.

Sincerely,  
Ernie Hills

## 1976 District Officers

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| President                 | John Gillespie  |
| Immediate Past President  | Don Funk        |
| Executive Vice-President  | Doran McTaggart |
| Vice-President—Division I | Clay Jones      |
| II                        | Dan LaBumbard   |
| III                       | Tom Hegle       |
| IV                        | Warren Marsh    |
| V                         | Dick Guerin     |
| Secretary                 | John McClinchey |
| Treasurer                 | George Schmidt  |

Rapids they elected a new slate of officers for the coming term.

The end product of both lengthy sessions is the improvement and perpetuation of our district and Society.

This is the real business of, and reason for, conventions.

Minutes of both meetings will be printed in the Troubadour when received from the district secretary. However, we will print a few brief highlights of interest to the membership in this article.

The newly elected officers are listed above.

Lansing will host the Spring convention in 1976, with Grosse Pointe entertaining us at the new Hyatt-Regency in Dearborn in the Fall. Kalamazoo will host us in the Fall of 1977.

Saginaw-Bay submitted a bid for the Spring, 1977 convention, and we will be returning to the fine facilities at Midland once again.

Chapters are needed to host the Spring and Fall conventions in 1978 and 1979.

These are just a few of the items which were on the agenda at Grand Rapids.

The district's business *does* consume some time, but the sound administration of any society, any district, any chapter, can make the difference between a real-going organization and one of associate stature.

Yes, Barbershopping is fun! But it is also involvement, and if you haven't been involved you've missed out on a goodly share of the action.

## Quartet Changes

New Quartets in Pioneer District as reported by Robert D. Johnson, Director of Music Education and Services are:

WITH ONE A-CHORD Bill Schwedler, 27245 Shagbark Dr., Southfield, Mich. 48076 (Oakland Co.) I30.

HEIRS OF HARMONY — James Catellane, Jr., 41309 Soal Rd., Sterling Hts., Mich. 48078. (Grosse Pointe) I13.

SOUND SPECTRUM — Brian Kaufman, 204 West Blvd., Marine City, Mich. 48039. (Port Huron, Grosse Pointe and Clinton Valley) I10, 13, 22.

Unrenewed Quartet registrations are the NOTE ABLE FOUR, Jackson, Mi., and the AFTERSHAVES, Wayne, Mich.

## **Memory Laners entertain at Old Car Festival in Greenfield Village**

When antique auto buffs gathered at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan September 6th and 7th for the 25th annual Old Car Festival, it was only natural that such an affair should include a little mood music for the occasion.

So what better than a Dixieland band and a Barbershop quartet?

Jim Joseph and the Tailgate Ramblers supplied the Dixieland for the festival goers, and the Barbershop harmony came from our own Memory Laners of the Wayne and Milford chapters.

They sang every hour on the half hour throughout the two days of the gathering, using the gazebo near the landing for the paddlewheeler on the "Suwanee River" for their backdrop.

Anyone who has ever been to the fabulous Greenfield Village can readily recognize the possibilities for the employment of our songsters in this beautiful complex. The opportunities are limitless. And when Grosse Pointe hosts the Fall convention next year at Dearborn's new Hyatt-Regency, many Pioneer people will have an opportunity to visit the Village and the nearby Henry Ford Museum.

The four-part harmony was enjoyed by thousands who paused to hear the old songs and laugh at the comedy of the Memory Laners. The quartet has been invited back for the



**THE MEMORY LANERS**  
George, Mike, Gene and Marty

Fall Festival, and the foursome is looking forward to the return engagement at one of America's great tourist attractions.

Antique autos were exhibited from all over the midwest and Canada.

The Memory Laners are George Meinschein, tenor; Mike Bourgoin, lead; Marty Zurn, baritone; and Gene Beaty, bass. All are members of the Wayne chapter, and Marty is director of Milford's Huron Valley Chorus.

**THANK YOU**  
**PIONEER DISTRICT**  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE THE MEN OF**  
**DETROIT #1**  
**CHAPTER**  
**WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WITH YOUR**  
**CONTINUED SUPPORT, WE WILL MAKE 1976**  
**"THE YEAR OF**  
**THE PIONEER!"**



## CHAPTER NOTES



### Clinton Valley



President Don Funk presents charter to Clinton Valley. Left to right, Tom Gay, Clinton Valley; Don, Zone V Vice-President Cliff Douglas, and Area Counselor Dick Guerin.

**CLINTON VALLEY IS NOW COMPLETE!** Our charter was granted on August 14! Our membership now stands at 45, and we expect to be over 50 by the year's end. It's hard to believe that less than a year has passed since that night last September when 25 of us first gathered in George Schmidt's basement and spent an evening trying to figure out which end of the pitchpipe you blow! Now we can really go to work!

On Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. at Utica High School auditorium, you're cordially invited to what we modestly believe will be the best chartering show our district has ever seen. Featured will be the 1975 International medalist Vagabonds, the Aire Males, the Sound Objective, and the Sound Spectrum (the last two you're going to know a good deal about by the time you read this, because of what they're going to do in the Grand Rapids competition), a mystery quartet from Johnny Appleseed district, the Clinton Valley Chorus (you bet we've got one!), and for the capper — MC'd by everyone's choice — Bill Wickstrom.

For show tickets and afterglow information, call our show chairman George Schmidt, 333-7221 (home) or 355-5500 (work) or Tom Gay, 879-9461 (home) or 353-6666 (work). Y'all come and let's get acquainted!

Our 1975 slate of officers are Galen Oliver, president; Garry Glomstead, AVP; Tom Gay, Program vp; Chuck Paine, VP, publicity; Marilyn Byrd, Corr. Sec.; Miles Currie, Mem. Sec.; Wes Tomlinson, Treas.; Bud Richards, House Chmn.; Board of Directors Bob Brown, Nels Gregersen, Jim Harrison, Stan Salter, and George Schmidt.

In addition, Dave Roberts has been appointed Logopedics Chairman, and Merle Brazelle bulletin editor. Under these guys, 1976 just has to be a great year for Clinton Valley! The kick-off will be an A for A in January. We're after another 15 guys just like our May A for A produced! **WE WANT THAT 3rd PIONEER DISTRICT QUARTET AT INTERNATIONAL! LET'S DO IT!**

—Tom Gay

## Detroit

Well, summer has slipped by again and for Detroit #1 the summer activities; the Bob-Lo cruise, the Camp Dearborn family outing, the corn and kielbasa roast and Labor-Day weekend at Harrisville have given way to fall activities, the annual tag Contest, the Fall Convention, the annual show at Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium, and the COT School for the new chapter officers, soon to be elected.

As this article is being prepared for submission, home stretch efforts are just commencing for Detroit's competitive bid at Grand Rapids. The spirit that exists in the chorus ranks is unbelievable and the "new sound" emanating from the chorus under the direction of Bob Whitledge has excited the hopes of many Detroit members, old and new alike, that perhaps 1976 will be "the year of the Pioneer".

Preparations are also underway for Detroit's annual show at Ford Auditorium, this year scheduled for Nov. 1. This year's show will feature The Gentlemen's Agreement, Kidder and Sons, and the 4-Fits. In addition to this fine combination of entertainment, as a portion of a continuing effort by Detroit #1 to add variety to its show format, some interesting new staging and musical effects are being prepared for the show, which should prove extremely entertaining. Tickets for the show can be obtained from any Detroit #1 member or by calling 313-533-2645.

—Don Smith

## Wayne

Sunday, Sept. 14, we held our annual Chapter picnic in Hines Park. At 7:30 a.m. breakfast we shooed away the frozen mosquitoes in 37° temperature. However, by mid-morning the sun had warmed things up to near the 60° mark. During the course of the afternoon we were visited by the Warren G. Harding Memorial Four.

The September chapter meeting will mark the end of outdoor sessions for this year, so come visit us at our regular meeting place — Rosedale Gardens Civic Ass'n. on Hubbard at W. Chicago in Livonia, any 3rd Friday evening.

Gordie Limburg, for many years director of the Wayne Wonderland Chorus, has resigned his post. Gordie has been with us through both lean and fabulous years which included two District championships and the 1975 International contest, plus some of the finest Barbershop shows ever put on by the Society. We'll miss him.

We are currently shopping for a contest-calibre director, and we'll take our time deciding. Meanwhile our former assistant director, Steve Sutherland, has taken the reins and the results have been most gratifying, as evidenced by the rousing reception given the Wonderland Chorus under his direction at Lakewood Shores Country Club in Oscoda during the Labor Day week-end. Steve is a music major at Eastern Michigan University and sings bari with the Final Edition, the 1974-75 Novice Quartet champions.

We indeed consider ourselves extremely fortunate in acquiring the services of Dr. Jerry Smith as a voice coach. Dr. Smith is the director of the Livonia Bentley Concert Choir which holds the state championship, but firmly.

Wayne decided to forego the fall contest this year and concentrate on our big two-night show scheduled for March 5th and 6th. The headliners at that time will be the OK-4 from Tulsa, Oklahoma. More about the show at a future date.

Come see us.

Morrie Giles



# Down Our Way

with the Editor



If your October Troubadour arrives a bit late we hope you will pardon our tardiness.

Somehow, it seems to us, that one of the things our members want to know about at the earliest possible date is the results of the chorus and quartet contests, and we agree with that.

Consequently, despite chapter deadlines, and deadlines for other materials, we feel the district publication should be primarily a means of communication. So, we held up to cover the convention, even though this creates a time lag and pressure, printing and mailing-wise. We hope it's worth it to you.

With the election of new officers to guide Pioneer through the coming months, we also come to the end of another era. Bill Warner, who has served the district so competently as a district officer and International Board member, will no longer be listed on the letterhead of officers, and we will miss him in that capacity.

However, we know that Bill will be around to add his cheerful presence to our gatherings from time to time, and Pioneer Barbershoppers wish him and his charming wife Nell a well-earned rest.

President Don Funk has also labored long and hard in the Pioneer Vineyards and now moves up to the International Board member's spot vacated by Bill. What can we say that would add to the stature of either of these two wonderful guys? We can't! If the district had to pay these two men a commensurate salary we'd have gone broke years ago.

Currently, Don is busy working out the details for Pioneer's flight to San Francisco next year. The Civil Aeronautics Board has declared us a non-chartering affinity, and that has thrown a monkey wrench into his plans for '76. However he has come up with some good rates, about \$250, minus a possible rebate, on a group rate. Unfortunately to get the departure times best suited for our purpose, it may be necessary to change planes in Chicago going and coming — and possibly, airlines.

More about that will be forthcoming from Don.

Now comes John Gillespie, the pride of Kalamazoo, to rap the gavel and call the meeting to order. It gets chilly waiting in those wings after a while, but John comes well prepared and we can rest with the assurance the district is in great hands.

Doran McTaggart becomes executive vice-president, and we think having a Canadian executive on the executive is a fitting bit of terminology. The new exec has some experience as a school principal, we understand, and he's going to need it! Creating too much havoc in the classrooms again, eh Doran?

John McClinchey will be the new secretary, replacing Larry King. Larry will be missed by board members of the district, but he will not be out of sight completely. He is working on certification as a judge and should be in the pits before too long.

McClinchey is a member of the Oakland County Chapter, and the good Barbershoppers in that area can tell you his drive and dedication well qualify him for his new position.

George Schmidt will keep the combination to the district vault for another term. He's still trying to find a few buttons he popped when his new Clinton Valley Chapter received its charter on stage at Grand Rapids and one of its members placed second with the Sound Spectrum in the quartet contest on his first try. But when the buttons are all replaced he may find out what they have done to him, again!

The division vp's remain the same, except for Zone V, where Dick Guerin, hard-working area counselor for many years, replaces his good friend Cliff Douglas in that capacity; and Clay Jones replaces McTaggart as Zone I v-p. Dan LaBumbard, Tom Hegle and Warren Marsh are vice presidents in Zones II-IV in that order.

The outgoing officers deserve a big round of thanks from all of us, and the incoming officers a hand of encouragement. When you see one of them, don't be too timid to express your appreciation.

Now, that takes care of everything but editing the Troub. Any volunteers?

We have found time to visit the Holly-Fenton Chapter, along with our fellow Milford members, in an effort to encourage revitalization of the neighboring chapter to our north. The evening was spent in song and fellowship, and there were some new visitors on hand. Holly-Fenton has some fine voices on their roster and hopefully, some good administrative people to kindle a flame big enough to get them off associate status.

The district has five chapters on associate status — Ausable, Holland, Les Cheneaux, St. Joseph Valley and Holly-Fenton. This is five too many, even though the population up north in the Les Cheneaux area is rather sparse. District officers have been making a concerted effort to change the associate structure where such problems exist and thereby remove the stigma from this gallant band of Barbershoppers some of whom live on Drummond Island and pay a stiff price in tolls to be ferried to the mainland for chapter meetings.

Chapters are reminded that the penalty for not meeting the deadlines with the monthly treasurer's report is automatic revocation. This we can do without, but the treasurer's report we cannot.

Don't forget COTS convenes in the Lansing Olds Plaza November 15-16. We will be holding classes for chapter bulletin editors and PR personnel along with the regular administrative and musically oriented sessions. Insure a better 1976 for your chapter by sending your new officers to COTS this year.

## Administrative changes

Ron Neff is now the Area Counselor for the St. Joseph Valley and Fruit Belt chapters (Zone II).

Don Barrett is the Area Counselor for the Battle Creek and Niles-Buchanan chapters (Zone II).

The secretary for the Les Cheneaux chapter is Bert Carothers, Drummond Island, Mi. 49726, 906/493-5432.

# Coming Events

Send requests for  
Parade Clearance to:  
Lawrence G. King  
16260 Parklane  
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—1975—

NOVEMBER—  
1 Detroit No. 1 Parade  
15-16 COTS—Lansing

—1976—

JANUARY—  
17 Lansing Chapter Show  
31 Niles-Buchanan Show

FEBRUARY—  
7 Monroe Floral City Show  
14 Pontiac Chapter Show

APRIL—  
10 Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids  
10 St. Joseph Valley Show  
10 Flint Chapter Show  
23-25 District Convention, Lansing

MAY—  
1 Bayne City Bush League

JULY—  
5-10 International Convention, San Francisco  
18 Detroit No. 1 Moonlight Cruise

OCTOBER—  
8-10 District Convention, Grosse Pointe

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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COTS FACULTY—Tom Cogan, dean, center of front row. Keith Axline, presidents, on left in row 2. Don Miller, AVP's, second from left in row 6. Bob Arnold, PVP's, third from left in row 6. Jim Warner, Secretaries, third from right in row 6. Roland LeClerc, second from right in row 2. Not shown is Jim Miller, chorus director instructor, who was absent when the picture was taken.