

DETROIT and PIONEER will host the 1981 CONVENTION!

Vagabonds drop to 3rd;
Great Lakes Express 44th;
Foreign Policy is 46th



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Bulletin*

Most Happy Fellows are Most Happy Champions

Motor City takes 9th in tough contest

Scarborough's Dukes of Harmony give Canada it's first gold medal

Cartoon book wins PR award for
Oakland County's John Morris and Rusty Ruegsegger



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TROUBADOUR

June-July 1977

Down Our Way

with the Editor



With the retention of Bob Johnson as musical director for the Society, and the appointment of a new Executive Director scheduled in Philadelphia, perhaps we can look for a return to normalcy—perhaps. We certainly hope so! It's time to put the emphasis back where it belongs — on some good old Barbershop Harmony!

Before we put the subject to rest completely, however, we would like to make one last comment regarding President Sam Aramian's article in *Probemotor*, the official bulletin of *PROBE*, which we editors receive regularly.

Last summer in San Francisco, as President Sam points out in his article, he was keynote speaker at the *PROBE* annual meeting. He gave us a justly deserved lacing on responsible journalism, particularly dwelling on the lack of coverage given to the suspension of a member by the International Board at Indianapolis.

He was right, of course. Most of us blew it, and gave short shrift to this action protecting our code of ethics. But now, in commenting on our treatment of the events at Harmony Hall, Sam apologizes and retracts his criticism. We accept, Mr. President, with some reservation.

While your remarks are accurate and well-intended, we are sure, they are somewhat contrary, in their conclusion, to your urgings in San Francisco.

When you say no purpose would be served by exposing internal conflicts for all the world to see," we have to disagree.

Wild speculation excepted, of course, we feel that there is a useful purpose in reporting such happenings. There are several non-Barbershop people on the *Troub* mailing list. Some of them sing in choirs, choruses, Sweet Adelines, and other musical organizations. All of them have their problems from time to time, and more than one of them have commented to me on the "excitement at Kenosha". They all seemed highly impressed that we are such a vibrant organization, able to withstand the traumatic effects of such a shakeup and not let it interfere with our goals of Preserving and Encouraging our musical style. This, they say, demonstrates more than anything else, the true strength and appeal of our organization.

We might add that it has also called the attention of our members, a goodly number of them being neophytes in the Society, to the structure of our organization. For a lot of the oldsters, it has been an eye opener as well. This we can live with, and build on for a greater tomorrow.

Let's have no secrets in our corner of the musical world!

We know this has been a strain on you, Sam, and on all of us. We think you have the potential to be one of the greatest presidents we have ever had, and we appreciate your efficient manner in resolving these problems. It was a thankless task, but you faced it and saw it through to the finish. For that we are grateful.

Emergency telephone messages relayed by Wayne Chapter

A recent emergency call received by the Wayne Chapter's telephone service, involving a person taken to a hospital with an apparent heart attack, has pointed up the importance of this service to our District members.

We have mentioned the Wayne phone number before, but it is worth mentioning again. The Wayne Chapter listing is in the Detroit and West area phone books. The number is 313/525-5370, and the phone is in the home of Chapter P.R. Officer Bob Miquelon.

Bob says that in order to be more effective in relaying emergency messages to Barbershoppers and friends of all our Metro-area chapters, it is requested that chapter presidents and/or secretaries provide him with the name, address, city, and phone number of your chapter's meeting place or places, along with the meeting schedule and time table. If the telephone switchboard is shut down after business hours, another emergency phone number where messages can be relayed should be listed. It is important to include the city, as it may be necessary to contact the police in that city, or the County Sheriff's department if applicable.

Wayne Chapter's regular social meetings are every 3rd Friday at the Rosedale Gardens Civic Association Clubhouse, 9611 Hubbard, Livonia 48150. The telephone number there is 422-9558. The chapter does not meet there in July or August, however. If there is no answer on that number, call the chapter phone number listed above. Bob's house is only 3 blocks from the Civic Association clubhouse. If necessary, call the Livonia police, 421-2900 or 911. The Wonderland Chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening at the Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, just west of Canton Center Rd. in room 1616. The phone number is 543-3100. Since the switchboard there closes at 5 p.m., the phone rings in the Maintenance office, and will be answered if anyone is there. If there is no answer, you can call the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol, 721-2222.

Please note that Wayne Chapter meeting information as printed in the 1977 *Pioneer* directory is incorrect.

"We hope that emergency calls are not frequent," Bob says, but "we know there is always the probability that a message must be relayed at any given time. Having the information I have requested, Wayne Chapter will be in a much better position to relay them."

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Wayne's 'Cadence Counts' take brass gaboon at 31st annual Bush League

The 31st annual Boyne City Bush League contest turned into a real Barbershop donnybrook Saturday afternoon, May 14, when late entries swelled the ranks of participants to 14 — or 15 by Loton Willson's count — to make it one of the best so far. When the smoke and the overtones cleared away, Wayne's *Cadence Counts* were holding the brass gaboon, emblematic of the Bush League Championship for 1977.

Detroit's *Parts Unknown* played the role of the bridesmaid once again, some 22 points behind the new champs. Another Detroit squad, the *Sound Ambassadors*, grabbed the third spot, only seven points out of second. They were followed by the Good Vibrations and the Fringe Benefit from Grand Rapids; the Memory Laners from Wayne; Port Huron's Brightline Express; the Suitable Union, Chordwoods, Harmonizers, Family Affair, Danny's Boys, Those Other Guys, and The Dean's List.

Lansing's *Patch Chords* were on hand to join in the fun, sing on the show, and relinquish the trophy which they won last year.



TO THE VICTORS GO THE PRIZE — Bari Clay Jones, bass Jim Swisher, lead Tom Pollard, and tenor Jim McLane of the *Cadence Counts* show off the venerable Bush League trophy.



second again? The *Parts Unknown* gave it a good shot, only to wind up in a familiar spot.



Horton's Bay Marching Band?



BUSHMEN? The Warren G. Harding Memorial 4 were made to order for the Bush League show, which they headlined Saturday night.



"I SMELL A RAT!" Bob Herrman found it difficult to introduce a number by Boyne City's Snowbelt Chorus, mostly because Emcee Slats Raimer, a Bush League landmark,

was backstage with his cue cards urging the crowd to laugh, groan, applaud or be quiet — at the wrong time, naturally!

SCORING SUMMARY

Pioneer District Spring Convention

MIDLAND, MICHIGAN — April 23, 1977

Category:		International Preliminary Quartet Contest								SINGING SECONDS		
Song Numbers:		SOUND		INT.		STAGE	ARR.		PREV.	TOTAL	1	2
Rank - Quartet		1	2	1	2	PRES.	1	2	POINTS		1	2
1	The Vagabonds	164	163	177	180	311	-4	8	980	1979	139	132
2	Great Lakes Express	122	128	125	125	257	0	2	819	1579	140	115
3	Foreign Policy	120	114	130	126	271	-11	-1	779	1528	173	111
4	Sound Expression	134	130	127	122	245	-1	-2	700	1455	121	184
5	Dutch Masters	132	133	124	122	236	7	-5	701	1450	108	178
6	Personal Expression	120	117	119	130	216	6	-2	711	1417	130	151
7	The Good Vibration	117	112	111	111	235	-6	0	658	1298	114	154
8	Cereal City							-4	633	1309	131	130
	Chord Committee	110	104	110	108	214	-6	0	658	1298	114	154
9	Subtle Impression	105	113	102	111	217	-11	-7		630	136	116
10	The Golden Oldies	98	97	105	96	205	-2	-3		596	127	117
11	Very Idea	92	95	89	98	211	2	-1		586	139	124
12	Gold Medal											
	Research Team	92	90	105	104	174	-6	-4		555	146	150
13	Four Chordsmen	89	82	77	74	141	-2	-3		458	98	147
14	Can Do's	73	65	76	70	158	2	0		444	94	168
15	Warren G. Harding											
	Memorial Four	97		90		257	-10			A434	148	152

THE VAGABONDS, GREAT LAKES EXPRESS, and FOREIGN POLICY will represent Pioneer District at Philadelphia. The SOUND EXPRESSION is the alternate Quartet.

A-Scores of second song deleted per rule 16(a)2 for arrangement disqualification.

Category:		DISTRICT CHORUS CONTEST							SINGING SECONDS		RANK		
Song Numbers:		SOUND		INT.		STAGE	ARR.		TOTAL	1	2	A	B
Divn.-Chorus		1	2	1	2	PRES.	1	2		1	2		
A	1 Grand Rapids	145	136	129	135	275	3	-4	819	135	137	1	
A	2 Grosse Pointe	127	124	131	125	286	-4	-1	788	114	154	2	
A	3 Oakland County	120	130	126	120	260	1	0	757	137	150	3	
B	4 Traverse City	120	120	135	138	254	-13	-1	753	162	164		1
B	5 Saginaw-Bay	101	102	123	120	217	-6	-2	655	161	142		2
B	6 Benton Harbor-												
	St. Joseph	98	101	106	116	202	3	-1	625	146	150		3
B	7 Lansing	104	111	107	110	212	0	-7	597	a100	135		4
A	8 Clinton Valley	100	91	114	106	179	2	-2	590	149	164	4	
B	9 Port Huron	103	104	109	114	163	-8	-8	577	105	184		5
B	10 Holland	103	111	104	102	133	-2	-3	548	128	137		6
B	11 Gratiot County	90	87	91	90	162	3	-1	522	138	158		7
B	12 Kalamazoo	85	85	87	86	145	2	1	491	160	162		8
<u>Disqualified:</u>													
B	13 Windsor	78	76	89	94	159	-2	-3	443 xy	88	146		9

GRAND RAPIDS wins the 1977 District Chorus Championship.

TRAVERSE CITY is the 1977 Silver Division Champion.

a-Time Penalty: 40 points (5 seconds @ 8 points per second)

x-Time Penalty: 48 points (6 seconds @ 8 points per second)

y-Disqualified per Rule 5C

**Girls . . . Girls . . . Girls . . .
Grand Rapids loves 'em!**

And what a way to charm the ladies — The Suntones, The Salt Flats, and that magnificent Great Lakes Chorus. Here are some of the scenes at the show and afterglow, as seen through the lens of the editor's camera.



The Great Lakes Chorus



THE FABULOUS SUNTONES



HARLAN WILSON and JOHN HILL

THE GOLDEN OLDIES

THE JOHN HILL SINGERS



THE SALT FLATS



THE GOOD VIBRATIONS

SOUND EXPRESSION

Krazy Kalamazoo Konvention Kapers

Kalamazoo is preparing itself for a Great Barbershop Convention, according to Chairman Jim Murray.

Jim has issued a progress report on the "77" Fall Convention to be held in that city this October, and here are some of the things he is planning for us.

October 2-9 will be declared "Barbershoppers Week." The shopping malls will be planning programs, and the Down Town Mall will have special window displays featuring Logopedics themes. There will also be a special evening event at the Down Town Mall on October 5 with all stores open.

The Kalamazoo Center, convention headquarters, is going all out. All registered quartets will be given an opportunity to be heard. Special added inducement for all choruses and quartets that compete.

Almost one-third of Hilton Headquarters rooms are reserved already. ARE YOU AMONG THEM?

Mass Tran

The hottest new idea to come out of the great Spring Convention in Midland was the new concept in Mass Transportation.

Working from the power base of the full Pioneer District membership, rather than individual Chapter membership, gives us strength in bargaining and trip organization.

If your Chapter competes in chorus competition, it is a "legitimate chapter expense". This means that everybody can participate at less "out-of-the-pocket" expense.

So find out what your chapter arrangements and costs will be and get on with the clam bakes and sing-outs and be a Full-Participation Barbershopper.

Competition

Everybody has a right to expect to win. Witness the wonderful Spring Convention at Midland.

However, you should be aware that no chapter or quartet is the loser if you participate.

If you have followed the advice in the quartet and chapter manuals, and the advice from the International and District Music Education Counselors and the special schools for quartets, choruses and conductors, you are the better Barbershopper for having done so. The more you utilize these helps and services the better and happier your organization is.

Only one chorus and three quartets can represent us at the International Convention but *nobody can possibly lose.*

Winners

Winners of the Kalamazoo Pre-Registration drawing at the Spring Convention in Midland were as follows:

1st—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wisdom, 2733 English, Troy, Michigan 48098, Detroit #1 Chapter, Fully paid weekend at the Fall Convention.

2nd—John T. Czarnecki, 308 VanBuren, Apt. 195E, Jackson, Michigan 49201, Jackson Chapter — Two meals at the Metropol.

3rd—Walter L. Quick, 1914 Byrd, Dearborn, Michigan 48124, Detroit #1 Chapter—Two Meals at the Coffee Shoppe.

4th—Mr. Dick C. Liddicoatt, 2695 Wareing Drive, Lake Orion, Michigan 48035, Oakland County Chapter—Two bottles of Michigan wine.

If not, it is advisable to fill in the application form in this issue and get your reservation in now. It would be nice if you could get your money in for all-events tickets at this time. Kalamazoo could use the extra operating money, Jim says.

Room reservations and Pre-registration **MUST** be made in writing to: 513 East Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, Michigan 49096.

This address is to be used for all communications. If your all-events tickets are paid for before the cut-off date — September 16 — your reserved tickets will be with your room reservation along with information on all that will be taking place on this great weekend.

Kalamazoo has set up a Commission on Mass Transportation to deal with all forms and all companies involved in Mass Transportation. "Ours is the pilot project," Jim says.

For full information on how competing chapters can arrange for transportation at a savings to and from the convention at legitimate chapter expense, fill out the Mass Tran form and get it in now. This is a pilot project, originating with this convention, so please make your inquiry and get your chapter rolling with Mass Tran. It should be the FUN way to go.



GLENN VAN TASSELL and CECIL CRAIG receive Hall of Fame awards



DAN Labumbard presents Area Counselor award to RON NEFF of Niles-Buchanan

all events ticket

RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE RESERVE _____ TICKETS @ \$8.00 each, at MILLER AUDITORIUM
(☆☆☆ ALL SEATS RESERVED ☆☆☆)

FOR (names): 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

CONTACT NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____



RETURN this form, along with your room reservation request

TO: S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.
Attn. Chuck Wilson
513 East Kalamazoo Avenue
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006

☆☆☆ Tickets will be \$9.00
after September 19th ☆☆☆

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ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ (Area Code) _____
ARRIVAL DATE _____ Time _____ Departure Date _____

Number of Accommodations Necessary . . .

**In order to secure your room,
reservations should be received
at least three (3) weeks prior to
conference date.*

_____ SINGLE @ \$22.00 _____ TRIPLE @ \$32.00
_____ DOUBLE @ \$27.00 _____ QUAD @ \$37.00

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S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.
Attn: CHUCK WILSON
513 East Kalamazoo Avenue
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006

Please, tell us how we can make the

'77 FALL CONVENTION

start when we leave home and last until
we get home at . . .

"LESS THAN OUT-OF-POCKET CASH".

CHAPTER _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

"Conserve Precious Fuel"

Quartet, coaching clinic and workshop scheduled for August 19-21 at MEA Conference Center

District Director of Musical Education Bill Butler has requested the announcement of another quartet and coaching clinic and workshop be published in the Troubadour, thereby saving considerable in mailing expenses. All Chapter presidents are asked to inform ALL chapter members of the following, which is directed to all chapters, all quartets (registered and non-registered), all members interested in studying coaching (Pioneer needs you), and all District Officers:

ANNOUNCING ANOTHER GREAT QUARTET AND COACHING CLINIC AND WORKSHOP

When—August 19-21, 1977, 8 p.m. sharp Friday to Sunday noon.

Where—The MEA Conference Center, on St. Marys Lake, just north of Battle Creek on St. Marys Lake Rd.

Cost—\$35 per man, includes two nights lodging in the Dormitory, four meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, Saturday, and breakfast Sunday. \$40 per man in the four-man suites, including meals as above.

The Faculty will be Dr. Jim Curry, Don Bong, the inimitable Don Barnick, Don Lang, Merle Clayton, and Glenn Van Tassell, headed by the Super-talented Mac Huff, plus three others not yet confirmed. How's that for a lineup of superb talent and know-how?

There has been a lot of interest for this Clinic, prior to this scoop sheet, soooo, we may reach our capacity quite soon after you receive this announcement, so get with it right away. Quartets should have at least two numbers off the paper. The Faculty doesn't have time to teach notes. BE SURE to bring your cassette recorders. Registration deadline is August 5, 1977.

DO IT NOW, PLEASE. DON'T WAIT and be TOO LATE!!!

Use the accompanying registration form in this issue.

Yours for better singing,

/s/ W. D. 'Bill' Butler



MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE — Port Huron was represented at the Marine City Memorial Day services where the above quartet joined in the tribute. John Hightower, tenor; Loren Moss, lead; Pat Jacques, baritone; and Wally Joure, bass.

International Board votes to retain Bob Johnson

KENOSHA — (PROBE) — International President Sam Aramian has advised Society Director of Music Education and Services Bob Johnson that the International Board had voted to rescind the action of former Executive Director Barrie Best which had terminated Johnson. Johnson had been reinstated by the executive committee pending a full investigation of the charges which led to his dismissal. The board vote came after Johnson had had an opportunity to respond in writing to each of the charges.

Though the candidates for the executive director position have been narrowed down to three — Charles Abernethy, John Krizek and J. Daniel Lyons — the final choice will not be made until the Philadelphia board meeting.

Don Lang is named as new Pioneer DAC&J chairman

Pioneer President John T. Gillespie has announced the appointment of Don Lang as the new Pioneer District Associate Contest and Judging Chairman, effective immediately.

Don, a certified judge in the Sound category, will complete the unexpired term of Larry King who is moving to Connecticut.

"We in Pioneer are extremely sorry to see Larry leaving our District," President Gillespie commented. "I am sure that Don will continue to do the excellent job as DAC&J Chairman that has been executed by Larry."

REGISTRATION FORM

August 19th, 20th, 21st 1977

Quartet and Coaching Clinic and Workshop

Name _____ Date _____
(Quartet or Coaching student)

If quartet, list personnel:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Type of Lodging: Dormitory (\$35 per man) 4-man suite (\$40 per man)

Please find enclosed check or money order for \$ _____

Signed NOTE: You will NOT be notified further unless you are not accepted.

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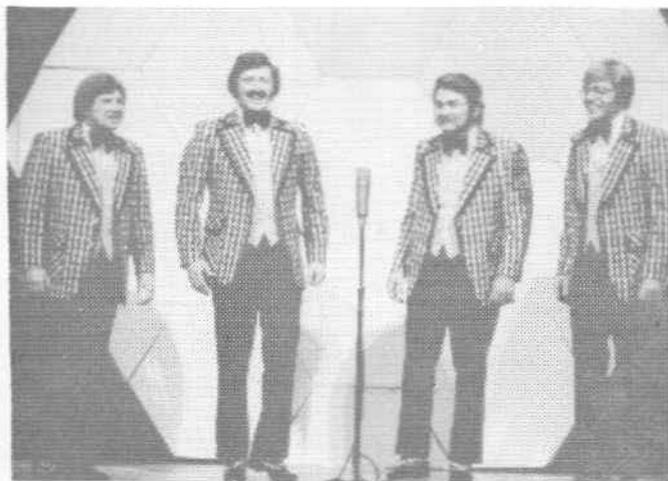
Friday, Sept. 23 — 8 P.M.
Donation \$4.00

- ★ The Vagabonds
- ★ Bluegrass Student Union
- ★ Harmonica Men Trio
- ★ Detroit Edison Glee Club

Saturday, Sept. 24 — 8 P.M.
Donation \$4.00

- ★ Bluegrass Student Union
- ★ Harmonica Men Trio
- ★ Brother Love
- ★ The Mike Whorf Troupe

Afterglow Friday Night — \$4.00
Plenty of Free Parking



THE VAGABONDS



THE BLUEGRASS STUDENT UNION

To order tickets specify either Friday or Saturday night and enclose check or money order made payable to: Nats, St. John's Episcopal Church. Include self-addressed stamped envelope and mail to: Ticket Chairman, St. John's Autumn Harmony, 115 S. Woodward, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067.

TICKET ORDER FORM

St. John's Autumn Harmony
115 S. Woodward
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067

Please send _____ tickets to Friday show

Please send _____ tickets to Saturday show

Please send _____ tickets to Friday Night Afterglow

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

City _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Make checks payable to Nats, St. John's Episcopal Church
Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope

THE VAGABONDS



THE GOOD VIBRATIONS



GREAT LAKES EXPRESS



MARTY CHIRGWIN
accepts Silver
AWARD from President John



CEREAL CITY CHORD COMMITTEE

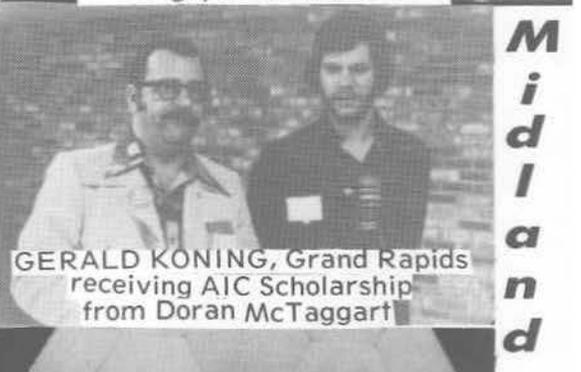
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FRAN DURHAM presenting
Logopedics Awards

SUBTLE IMPRESSION

SOUND EXPRESSION



GERALD KONING, Grand Rapids
receiving AIC Scholarship
from Doran McTaggart

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THE DUTCH MASTERS

GOLD MEDAL RESEARCH TEAM

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GOOD VIBRATIONS



MARTY CHIRGWIN accepts Silver AWARD from President John



WAYNE relinquishes championship to GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER



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FRAN DURHAM presenting Logopedics Awards



President GILLESPIE welcomes International Rep LES HESKETH



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International Achievement awards went to St. Joseph Valley, Saginaw-Bay, Lansing, Monroe, Grand Rapids, and Detroit.

Saginaw-Bay also received a District Silver Division award and Detroit received the Gold Division award.



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OUR CHORDSMEN



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THE GREAT LAKES CHORUS



CAPITOL CITY CHORDSMEN



THE LAKESHORE CHORUS



CLINTON VALLEY CHORUS



President GILLESPIE welcomes International Rep LES HESKETH

THE WOLVERINE CHORUS



HURON HARMONY CHORUS



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CHERRY CAPITOL CHORUS



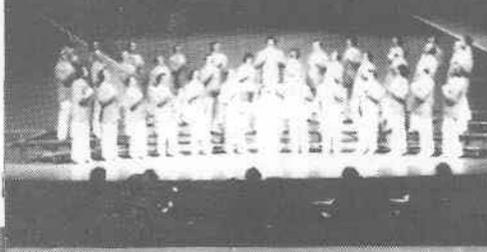
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TIMBERLAND CHORDSMEN



MID STATESMEN CHORUS



FRUIT BELT CHORUS



MALL CITY CHORUS



**MINUTES OF THE PIONEER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HOLIDAY INN, MIDLAND, MICHIGAN
APRIL 22, 1977**

The meeting was called to order by President Gillespie at 11:20 a.m.

Directors Present: All Directors were present.

Also Present: Committee Chairmen Durham, King and Warner; Director of Music Education Butler; Troubadour Editor Morris; International Vice President-Treasurer Les Hesketh, Jr.; and International Field Representative Tom Cogan.

The minutes of the January 16 meeting and the special meeting of March 6 were read by the Secretary. The minutes of both meetings were accepted as read.

Treasurer Schneider submitted a written report for the quarter ending March 31, 1977, showing a balance of \$6,138.72. The budget for 1977 was also reviewed in preparation for its presentation to the House of Delegates.

IBM Funk reviewed the Mid-Winter International Board Meeting with a written report outlining the rescinding of the 75/25 "Keep It Barbershop" policy; the proposed International Budget; the resignation of Barrie Best, Executive Director; the dismissal of Robert Johnson, Music Director; the Pioneer District resolution regarding ASCAP violations; and the Pioneer Districts' bid to hold the 1981 Convention in Detroit.

Executive Vice President McTaggart's written report outlined the convention bids through Fall of 1978. He announced that the Saginaw-Bay Chapter had submitted a bid for the Spring 1979 Convention and the Wayne Chapter had bid for the Spring 1980 Convention. He also announced that Gerald Koning of Grand Rapids had been awarded the A.I.C. Scholarship.

All Division Vice Presidents submitted written reports on activities within their divisions. President Gillespie announced that DVP LaBumbard agreed to remain in office.

DACJC King submitted a written report outlining the status of judges within the District and recommended that a site committee be made a part of the District Convention Committee. Because he is relocating in Connecticut, Chairman King submitted his resignation. President Gillespie regretfully accepted same.

Music Education Director Butler submitted a report outlining the music clinics to be held in the District in the coming year.

REX Chairman Warner's report saluted 14 chapters that have shown a gain in membership over the past year, but pointed out that the District total shows a net loss of 33 members. Extension possibilities are being actively pursued at five sites within the District.

Logopedics Chairman Durham announced that contributions to Logopedics from the District for 1976 totaled over \$11,000 and that the goal for 1977 is \$12,000.

Under unfinished business, the Northup Handicap Scoring System for quartets was reviewed. On a motion by DVP C. Jones and a second by DVP Marsh, it was agreed that this system be used on a trial basis for the Fall Contest. The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the Northup System to all registered quartets in the District.

The International Send-Off Show sponsored by Division I will be held June 10, 1977, at the Caboto Hall in Windsor, Ontario.

As per the resolution adopted at the Fall House of Delegates' Meeting, the COT School has been changed to the third weekend after Thanksgiving Day, commencing this year. The site will be the MEA Center near Battle Creek.

DVP F. Jones reviewed the Grand Rapids Chapter's donation of a refrigerator to the Logopedics Auction in Philadelphia and displayed the special nameplate that will be affixed thereon.

Under new business, President Gillespie read a letter from A/C LaMont Bates regarding the possibility of changing the Fall Convention Schedule from the second weekend in October to avoid the conflict with the Michigan/Michigan State football game. After considerable discussion, it was moved on a motion by IBM Funk, with a second by F. Jones that the Secretary request that Communications Assistant D. William Fitzgerald explore the possibility of permitting the Pioneer District to change the Fall Convention dates to the third Saturday in October, commencing in 1979. The District By-Laws will have to be amended should the District receive permission to change.

Upon a motion by DVP Guerin with a second by DVP LaBumbard, the Board agreed to budget up to \$200 for the

hospitality suite at the International Convention in Philadelphia.

President Gillespie presented the Niles-Buchanan Chapter's proposed By-Law Changes for the Fall House of Delegates' consideration. Copies of said proposal were to be included in the Spring House of Delegates' folder for each delegate's consideration.

International Vice President-Treasurer Hesketh addressed the Board commenting on the current status of the Acting Executive Director and Music Education Director situations; outlined the reasons for other staff members' terminations; and stressed the need for the continued support of the International Expansion Fund.

The next scheduled Board of Directors' Meeting will be held August 6, 1977, at Eby's Pines, near Bristol, Indiana in conjunction with the "Jones South of the Border" event.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ John M. McClinchey
John M. McClinchey
Pioneer District Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETINGS
OF THE PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES
OLDS PLAZA HOTEL, LANSING, MICHIGAN
March 6, 1977**

The special Board Meeting was called to order at 11:09 a.m.

Directors Present: All Directors were present except DVP Marsh.

Also Present: Committee Chairmen Butler and Warner; Troubadour Editor Morris; Parliamentarian Darrah; and several Area Counselors and guests.

President Gillespie opened the meeting explaining the course of events that had transpired during the week of February 28, 1977. Executive Director Barrie Best's letter to International President Sam Aramian, dated March 2, 1977, outlining the reasons for the dismissal of Music Education and Services Director Robert D. Johnson was read. The letter also revealed the resignation of Barrie Best, effective April 15, 1977.

President Gillespie also related that Membership Services Manager Robert J. Meyer and bookkeeper Jan Hildebrand were terminated the same week. All terminations were exercised after Executive Director Best had resigned in a verbal statement to International President Aramian.

After considerable discussion by members of the Board and guests submitting suggested resolutions, the following resolutions were adopted by the Pioneer District Board of Directors:

RESOLVED, that for the good and wellbeing of our Society, the International Board, through its Executive Committee, reinstate those employees dismissed from the International Staff during the week of February 28, 1977, without loss of pay and/or other benefits, and that an investigation be conducted under the direction of the International Board to determine appropriate action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the International President be requested to appoint a committee to study the present management structure of the Society, such committee to be comprised of members exclusive of the Executive Committee, trained and experienced in management concepts.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

A subsequent meeting of the Pioneer District Board of Directors and Chapter Representatives was held beginning at 1:17 p.m., same date.

President Gillespie reiterated the discussion that took place during the Special Board Meeting and read the communication from Executive Director Best to International President Aramian. After considerable discussion, the chapter representatives expressed an unanimous vote of confidence in the resolutions passed by the Pioneer District Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ John M. McClinchey
John M. McClinchey
Pioneer District Secretary

Joe Liles Visits Pioneer

Music Services Assistant Joe Liles spent a busy week in Pioneer District May 16-22, bringing his own special talent to teaching and coaching sessions for our benefit.

Joe started the week off with a Monday night visit to Detroit #1, where he joined with District Music Educator Bill Butler, before the session with the chorus and its directors.

He moved on to Windsor for a Tuesday night session there, then traveled to Cadillac for a meeting with that chapter, and members from Traverse City and Au Sable chapters.

Thursday night found Joe in Gratiot County, where he held a Thursday night session. Gratiot County hosted members from Saginaw and two men from Mt. Pleasant who are interested in starting a chapter there.

Bob Johnson was in Lansing with Joe at the Chorus Directors Clinic which lasted until Sunday noon. There were 18 in the beginning directors' class and 19 in the advanced class.

IBM Don Funk attended the clinic which was arranged by Bill Butler for Pioneer Barbershoppers.

\$2,000,000 in smiles!

KENOSHA — (PROBE) — The above headline appeared on a news release just received from Wichita, Kansas, telling us that the Society had reached the coveted two-million-dollar mark in contributions, since 1964, to the Institute of Logopedics, our UNIFIED SERVICE PROJECT. It is also heart-warming to learn that our annual contributions have grown larger each year — topping over \$300,000 during 1976.

International President Sam Aramian, International Service Chairman Reddie Wright and the 1976 Champion Inn-siders were all present in Wichita a short time ago when Dr. Frank Kleffner, Institute Director, presented the Society with the Martin F. Palmer Humanitarian Award, the highest honor presented by the Institute to honor those who have made outstanding contributions. Complete details and pictures covering the day's activities will appear in the July-August HARMONIZER.

The actual contribution total as of May 1, 1977 was an impressive \$2,001,773.40 . . . AND THAT IS INDEED SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT!

MINUTES OF THE PIONEER DISTRICT HOUSE OF DELEGATES' MEETING MIDLAND, MICHIGAN APRIL 23, 1977

The meeting was called to order by President Gillespie at 9:10 a.m. The invocation was offered by IBM Funk and EVP McTaggart led the assembly in the singing of "The Old Songs."

A quorum was declared present by Sergeant-At-Arms Dyer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted. Copies of the minutes and all Officer and Committee reports were distributed in information packs to all delegates present.

Treasurer Schneider's report was reviewed and accepted.

Inasmuch as reports from IBM Funk, EVP McTaggart, Committee Chairmen Durham, King and Warner, Music Education Director Butler, and all Division Vice-Presidents were included in the information pack, verbal reports were held to a minimum. Each officer was available, however, to expand on his report where necessary.

President Gillespie announced the resignation of DACJ Chairman King due to relocation.

Under unfinished business, President Gillespie reported that the Pioneer District had received permission to change the COT School dates from International as per the resolution adopted at the Fall House of Delegates' Meeting. Commencing this year, COTS will be held the third weekend after Thanksgiving Day.

EVP McTaggart announced that bids had been received from the Saginaw-Bay and Wayne Chapters to host, respectively, the Spring 1979 and Spring 1980 Conventions. Upon a motion by REX Chairman Warner, with a second by Delegate Fitzgerald, the bids were accepted.

Under new business, President Gillespie reemphasized the importance of submitting Federal IRS Form 990 by each chapter before May 15 in order to insure the tax exempt status of the Society.

The Niles-Buchanan Resolution pertaining to District By-Law Changes was presented in written form to the delegation with instructions to study same for action at the Fall House of Delegates' Meeting. Delegate Neff made the motion, with a second by A/Sikkenga, that the resolution be referred to the proper district committees for consideration. Motion passed.

Treasurer Schneider presented the proposed budget in written form to those present. After discussion, the budget was adopted on a motion by DVP LaBumbard with a second by IBM Funk.

The Secretary presented International Achievement (Protention) Awards to the St. Joseph Valley, Saginaw-Bay,

Lansing, Monroe, Grand Rapids, and Detroit #1 Chapters. District Achievement Awards were presented to the Saginaw-Bay Chapter in the Silver Division and Detroit #1 Chapter in the Gold Division.

DVP LaBumbard presented the Area Counselor of the Year Award to Ron Neff of the Niles-Buchanan Chapter (Division II).

Convention Chairman Jim Murry of the Kalamazoo Chapter outlined plans for the Fall Convention.

President Gillespie announced that Al Fricker of the Wayne Chapter has sponsored his 20th member into the Society, only the 38th barbershopper to do so.

Troubadour Editor Morris announced that Rusty Ruegsegger, Editor of the Oakland County Chapter Bulletin, "The Gentlemen Songster", is District Bulletin Editor of the Year.

Delegate Van Dyke of the Oakland County Chapter introduced a resolution, amended to read:

RESOLVED: That the agenda for the House of Delegates' Meeting be mailed to all Chapters fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

Motion made by Delegate Van Dyke, seconded by Delegate Metz. Motion carried.

Delegate Hine of the Detroit #1 Chapter introduced a resolution to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Pioneer District request of the Executive Committee and the International Board of Directors that Bob Johnson not be terminated even if his alleged actions are found to have some substance. This is requested because of the circumstances surrounding his termination and the events that have occurred since his termination.

Rather, should such allegations have merit, that he be reprimanded for his actions and reinstated in his office with all previous rights and privileges.

The motion was made by DVP LaBumbard with a second by DVP F. Jones to table action on the above resolution until the presentation of the attending International Vice President-Treasurer. Motion to table passed with one opposition.

Vice President-Treasurer Hesketh addressed the delegation outlining the current status of the International Music Education Director.

Subsequent to the above, the resolution of Delegate Hine was re-introduced. After roll call by the Secretary, it was established that a quorum was present. The resolution was passed, 31 in favor; 4 opposed.

Director of Music Education Butler led the assembly in "Keep America Singing."

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ John M. McClinchey
John M. McClinchey
Pioneer District Secretary

Notes from the MusEd Director



W. D. "Bill" Butler, *Director Music Education*
33748 Pawnee Drive Phones: Res. (313) 721-4747
Westland, Michigan 48185 Bus. (313) 383-3450

We have just completed a very successful Chorus Directors Clinic, held in Lansing at the Olds Plaza on the weekend of May 20-22. There were 37 men representing 16 chapters, that had a terrific learning, singing and fun weekend. **WHERE WAS YOUR CHAPTER?**

If you missed it you were the loser. Bob Johnson and Joe Liles are two of the most talented men in the Society and they are most capable in their ability to pass it on to you so you can put it to use.

I sure hope that all of the quartets are planning to attend the Quartet and Coaching Clinic as well as all of you members who want to know more about our great hobby and study coaching. It will be held at the MEA Conference Center at St. Marys Lake, located just north of Battle Creek, August 19-21. There will be correspondence in the mail in a few days for your registration, probably before you receive this Troubadour.

I would like you to consider the following words of wisdom which are straight from Mac Huffs store of knowledge, and I feel sure he would not mind if I passed them on to you. In fact, I think that's what he would want, so here it is and I quote him from here on.

There is an old saying "Think . . . before leaping". In singing, we use a similar, paraphrased statement that goes like this: "Think (pitch and word sound) Shape (proper mouth shape of the initial word sound) . . . before singing".

Quite often, the singer blurts out the sound prior to giving it any thought as far as pitch and mouth shape is concerned, which results in a poorly intoned pitch and an initial word sound of poor quality.

THINK BEFORE SINGING — HOW TO DEVELOP THE TECHNIQUE

Thinking before singing is imperative if good, realistic Interpretation and Stage Presence is to be realized. Setting the mood of a song's lyric in one's mind aids greatly in the creating of meaningful word sounds that are full of emotion.

Additionally, if realistic facial and body expressions are to be realized, the singer must consider, prior to the singing of the phrase, just what it is he is singing about and what facial expression should be used to aid in the conveying of this thought to the audience.

When dealing with Sound, the think method is not as easily achieved as in Interpretation and Stage Presence, because there is little or no substance matter to conjure up in one's mind as there is in the relating of the story of the song.

"Pitch thinking" can be practiced with the use of the following method: Sound a pitch on the pitchpipe, ask the singers to think the pitch for approximately ten seconds, and then ask them to sing the pitch as they remember it. Sound the same pitch again and then have the singers wait for fifteen seconds before singing the pitch. Keep doing this same procedure, extending the time lapse by five-second intervals until the singers can retain the pitch in their memory bank for a full minute before singing it. (This proce-

Detroit's Joe Wolff is dead at 86

Joseph P. Wolff, charter member and one of the founding fathers of Detroit #1 Chapter, died Wednesday, June 15 at Ford Hospital following a long illness.

The Troubadour was saddened to learn of Joe's passing as we were preparing to go to press.

Joe was a giant among Barbershoppers in the formative years of the Society and his beloved chapter. He was present at Bill Berry's cottage in Lake Orion when the chapter was founded, and served as its president in 1939 and 1942-43. He was International vice president in 1940-41.

To Society members he is best remembered as the author of our Code of Ethics, and for his part in designing our emblem.

He was former commissioner of the City of Detroit's Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering and was a member of the American Association of Architects and a former president of Dom Polski.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Albertus Church in Detroit, with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Joe is survived by his wife, Victoria; a son, Edward, professor of English Literature at Wayne State; and one grandson.

We extend our sympathy on behalf of the Pioneer membership to the Wolff family, knowing that we all share in the loss of one of our true Pioneers.

ture is step 1 of the perfect pitch memory development technique).

Prior to teaching a singer to think the proper vowel or consonant sound, a great deal of practice must be spent on the correct singing of these sounds. The singer learns to hear mentally what he has been taught to hear (and been taught to recognize as correct) audibly.

SHAPING THE MOUTH PROPERLY

The only prerequisite for learning how to pre-shape the mouth on all initial sounds is, of course, to learn how to shape all sounds of all words and to be very sensitive to the shaping of the mouth when executing all sounds throughout the presentation of a song. (Remember, it is not how wide the mouth is open that is important but how it is shaped).

Down through the years, barbershoppers have been getting a pitch and then just opening their mouths and "letting it fly". As a result, a great deal of artistry and vocal beauty is lost before the singer realizes how poorly it sounds and takes steps to bring it into line.

SUMMARY

The overall way to develop the "Think, Shape, Sing" technique is to constantly remind the singer or singers just prior to the uttering of the initial word sound.

With the use of this technique, I promise you better intonation attacks and better overall voice quality. Altogether now — "Think (pause), Shape (pause), then Sing".

End Quote!



DORAN MCTAGGART

Milford goes formal in fantastic new facility

The Milford Chapter show on April 29 was a first for the fantastic Kiva at Lakeland High School. Not only was it the first Barbershop show to be held in the Kiva, but it was Milford's first formal show in many years. Until the new auditorium became available there has been no hall large enough to accommodate such a show in this area.

The chapter invited Barney Hyland, choral director at Lakeland, to participate in the program, which was titled "Bridging the Generation Gap with Harmony". His Lakeland Select Chor, and the Men's Chorus were a big hit with the crowd, and even did a couple of Barbershop numbers. The show headlined the New Baltimore Exit, the Personal Expression and the Note-A-Dames, a Howell Sweet Adeline quartet. Doran McTaggart added his wit and wisdom as Emcee.

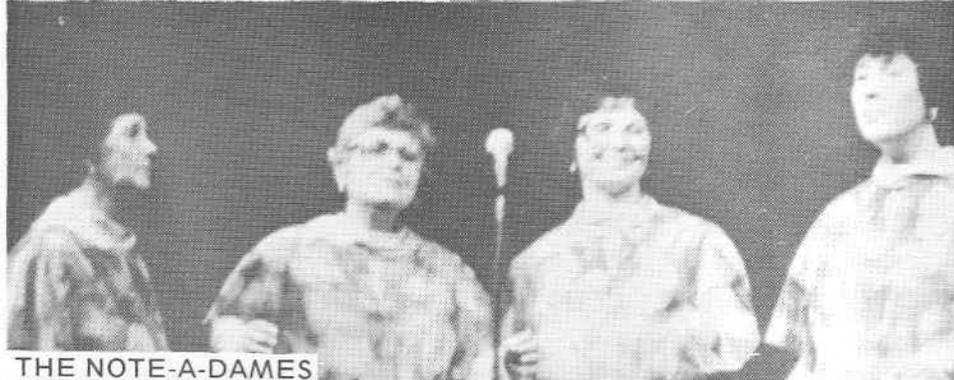
The 90 members of the choral groups were seated in the audience — until each group finished it's performance, when they came to their feet in a standing ovation.



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THE PERSONAL EXPRESSION



THE NOTE-A-DAMES



BARNEY HYLAND and The Lakeland Select Choir

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Update on Au Sable Valley's Mini-Chorus contest

by Rawleigh L. Gregory, Au Sable Valley Chapter

First: I drew a blank when writing the ad copy. All I-75 exits are in the two hundred series, not the one hundred.

Roscommon-Higgins Lake Safari CG should read I-75 Exit 244; Holland's River Park CG, Exit 259, Yogi's Jellystone CG, Exit 251, and (of all things) the Exit for our show site should be 259, as indicated in the text of the article in the Troubadour.

Some inquiries have been received about Golf. There are several courses in the area. One of the most challenging being Sugar Springs, nine miles north of Gladwin on M-18 and F-97, then three miles East. Write Sugar Springs Country Club, Gladwin, Mi. 48624 for info.

Some static has been heard, alleging that our Mini-Chorus contest is detrimental to the official District contests. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are trying to implement the Published Policy of the International Board (Page 2, graph 1, item 8 in the District Officer/Area Counselor Manual): "Doing everything possible to make 'Barber-shopping More Enjoyable for More Men in More Places'." Our contest is spaced as nearly as possible, midway between

Pioneer District's Spring and Fall contests, at a time when Chapter activities are at a low.

Ticket Prices: Show \$3 (advance sale \$2.50); Senior Citizens (Keen-agers) \$2; Children under 12, \$2; Contestants, \$2. Afterglow tickets are \$3.50.

Through no fault of ours, the place where we held the afterglow last year, and where we had reservations for this year was sold. The new owner refuses to honor the reservation. Consequently, our afterglow will be held at the High School. Sorry, no bottles in the building. Those of you who MUST have a drink, please leave your bottles in your cars. You can go out, and we'll let you back in if you can walk. Please don't blame us, we didn't plan it that way.

That arid note notwithstanding, we are sure that you will hear enough liquid chords to more than make up for one small disappointment. So make your plans to come and hear the small choruses compete for our Barber Pole Dog, "Fa-Do".

For reservations, write to Mini-Chorus, 5003 Queens Way, Gladwin, Mi. 48624, or contact your chapter secretary.

Detroit has party for Larry and Joan King



Detroit #1 Chapter members hosted a "Send-Off" party for Larry and Joan King on Saturday, June 4 at the Ford American Legion Post in Dearborn.

Larry, a longtime member of the Motor City Chorus, is moving his family to Connecticut where he is now employed.

In true Detroit fashion, the party turned into a "roast", with the panel sparing no member of the King family from the pointed barbs. Needless to say, Larry managed to toss out a few slings of his own when time came for rebuttal.

Larry, during his tenure with the Detroit Chapter held every chapter office, and later served Pioneer District chapters as recording secretary, treasurer, and for the last two years as Contest and Judging chairman.

The chapter presented appropriate gifts to the Kings, and a midnight buffet rounded out the evening.



Jackson Chapter has new meeting hall

QUARTETS! BEAUTIFUL GIRLS! A NEW HOME!

What a great way to spend a beautiful spring night. A lovely buffet dinner, the company of beautiful women, the Barbershop Sevenths ringing around the new meeting place — what more could people ask?

Every Chapter needs to have a place to call home. A place where they can store their music library, a place where their awards and banners can be proudly displayed, a place where old members and new guests can be made aware of, where the Chapter has been, what it has accomplished and where it is going. These elements have been lacking for some time in the Jackson Chapter.

Many longtime members of the Pioneer District will remember the great conventions held in Jackson, headquartered at the Old Hayes Hotel, a Jackson landmark, with meeting facilities all around, rooms for afterglows abounding, it serves as a pleasant memory for many Barbershoppers. But times change. The Hayes was losing money, so in order to meet expenses, they began renting the top four floors to the Consumers Power Company for office space.

With the reduced room supply, the demand for space diminished and more space was closed to outsiders and converted to a business extension of Consumers Power Company. When this happened, the Barbershoppers who had met there, on and off, for over 30 years, were out in the cold, along with other service and fraternal organizations. With no major hotel available, we in Jackson had to go searching for a home. And we found a good temporary home in the First Congregational Church. But Del Sparks, Chapter President in 1975, felt that this was not entirely suited to our purposes as we were shunted around periodically, so he was constantly on the lookout for a new home. And he found a dandy. We obtained an unused second floor workroom of a photographic studio in downtown Jackson, less than a block from our old meeting place.

The owner gave it to us for a year, rent free and gave us permission to redecorate to suit ourselves. The first day we went there was unreal. The floor tiles were so dirty you had no idea of the color, the windows were filthy, the walls had plaster holes in abundance and one of the entrances was through a window off of an alley fire escape. But a small dedicated group of men persevered.

The grime was removed, new light fixtures hung, paint and spruce up was applied and presto — instant meeting room. A great deal of credit must go to 5 men in particular who worked almost every weekend from mid-November to mid-March to accomplish everything that had to be done. They saw to it that the donations from individuals and other sources were put to good use and they made the necessary purchases to supply the items needed to complete the project. These five, Gene Jones, Jerry Kloostra, Leo Rudloff, Del Sparks and Art Sweeney, were given certificates of appreciation at the potluck held to dedicate the new hall.

Also honored were Jan Kloostra and Linda Jones, wives of Gene and Jerry, who arranged the potluck. Linda was also presented with a bouquet of roses by Chapter President John Czarnecki for the artwork along the walls (a painting of a Barbershop Quartet, A Barberpole and an S.P.E.B.S.Q.-S.A. emblem). Del Sparks made the first annual consecutive

temporary Past Presidents Award (subject to Board approval at a later date), to Art Sweeney for his many contributions to the Chapter in the past year.

The Jackson Chapter has all or part of five quartets in their membership and three of them performed at the meeting. The Four Chordsmen (Gene Jones, tenor; Paul Kinch, lead; Jack Winkleman, baritone; Jerry Kloostra, bass) performed the songs they will use in the upcoming contest. The Pitch-Blendaires (Bob Dininny, bass; Del Sparks, tenor; Art Sweeney, lead; Bob Sullivan, baritone) sang 2 songs and presented the Chapter with a donation towards cost of the room preservation. The Pitch-Blendaires appeared on the Hudson Show recently and presented the fee as a contribution. The For-Tune Tellers (Sam Cushman, tenor; "Red" Shaw, lead; Tom Cushman, baritone; "Bud" Knorpp, bass) also sang in the 2,472 final appearance spread over the last 27 years. They say they just can't keep up but you'd never know it the way they entertain.

In addition to all singing, a "dutch" auction was held using the "old auctioneer" Tom Cushman. We had everything from duck eggs from Manchester to a surprise package that no one knew the contents of. We raised almost \$200 to cover part of the costs of renovation.

So, the Jackson Chapter continues to roll. With a new director, a new home, four active quartets on the books and more on the way, half a dozen new members thru an AFA in January, the "Quartet of the Month" Barberpole Cat program in full gear and a bunch of great wives in support, we can go nowhere but up. Stop in and see us any Tuesday at the rear of 152 W. Michigan (Townley Studios) in beautiful Downtown Jackson. Just ring the bell and we'll ring some chords. Y'all come, hear!!
—Dan LaBumbard

Hastings hosts harmonizers from four Pioneer chapters

On Tuesday, April 26, about 100 Barbershoppers from Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Lansing and Kalamazoo converged at the Elks Club in Hastings for an area wing-ding. All the chapters caravanned their way in except Grand Rapids who were still *flying* from having won the District Chorus Championship in Midland just three days before.

Dick Smith of Battle Creek (the guy who got the idea going) MC'd the show which featured three choruses and four quartets: the Sound Expression, the Golden Oldies, the Good Vibrations all from Grand Rapids, and the Village Ramblers from Battle Creek. In addition, lots of group singing and some woodshedding filled out the evening.

Through advance publicity in the Hastings Banner and Hastings Reminder newspapers, plus word of mouth through the Elks Club, we also had 21 men from Hastings at the meeting. Among them, a former President of Kankakee, Illinois Chapter, Bob Wright; and brother of Past District President Chuck, Bob Sherwood.

A fun evening? You bet! And donations by those present exceeded the expenses of the evening by almost \$45 which we donated to Logopedics. Just watch! We'll do it again.

—Roger Lewis

Scenes from the Flint show

The Flint Chapter held its annual show in Davison High School auditorium April 16. Troub Photographer Bill Pascher was on hand to catch the action with his camera. The accompanying pictures were made at the afterglow.



THE GREAT LAKES EXPRESS



THE SOUND OBJECTIVE



THE PERSONAL EXPRESSION

Alpena

Since the last time you heard from us there's been quite a change, and I ain't talkin' about the weather. We've got ourselves a C-H-O-R-U-S now. Old members coming back, new members coming in, current members fired up like the start of the Indy 500. We just concluded a very successful show featuring the New Baltimore Exit and the Personal Expression. They were both outstanding (in the men's room when the show started). Seriously, they were super! We also had our quartets, the Chordwoods and the Dean's List, and our own Lumbermens Chorus, as well as the Onamakee Chapter of the Sweet Adelines.

Would you believe it, our own chorus director and new tenor for the Chordwoods, Bill Daugherty, was awarded the honor of Barbershoper of the Year. The quartet was standing backstage ready to go on when his name was called. He was so stunned we had to actually push him on stage to accept. No one deserved it more (except maybe me) as he has really earned his credits the past year. Matter of fact, he's been so good we're going to send him back to school — Harmony College, that is.

We are now starting to work on secret material for Program TAG — that's Trophytime At Grayling. We're going to go over and nab the big number 1 at the Mini-Chrus Competition at Grayling this summer. We came in second last year — look out Port Huron and Au Sable Valley, we're puttin' on our heavy stump kickers!

So long from the Lumbermen for now and remember our motto — "We can tell a lie but we can't sing one."

—Bruce VandenBosch

Wayne

First of all, we wish to congratulate the Grand Rapids Chorus for winning the District Championship at Midland, and trust that they will wear the crown well. And a cheer, also, for Traverse City for taking the Silver Division title.

On May 10 the Wonderland Chorus paid its annual visit to Livonia Bentley High School where we were entertained by their championship Concert Choir and Male Chorus under Dr. Jerry Smith, after which we gave them some of our best Barbershop. These kids (our members of the future) are perhaps the most enthusiastic audience anyone could ask for.

After we had finished our part of the show, everyone sat back and listened to the highlights of the evening: The Vagabonds and the Sweet Ads Champion Front Office 4 took time out from a very busy schedule to come down and perform for us. After several encores we retired to Northville Charlie's for a snack and some more singing.

Wayne wishes to thank these two groups for coming out to help us.

In the past two months we have had two A for A's, one at Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor, and another at our clubhouse by invitation only. At the latter, we held a regular chorus rehearsal with the guests joining in for the first hour, then a regular boondoggling session, making sure the visitors got in on the act. All seemed to enjoy it.

We are extremely proud to be one of 3 chapters in the Pioneer District to receive the 1976 Achievement Award. Much credit goes to Al Fricker for his tireless efforts in behalf of Logopedics.

The Pioneer District is about to have a new baby. It will be born in Howell and named "The Livingston County Chapter", or L.C.C. for short. And who's responsible for it? Wayne, of course. We hope to have a chapter night sometime this fall. On May 24 we took our chorus rehearsal up to Howell for a fun-filled session with the L.C.C. embryo. The evening was topped off by the appearance of the Philadelphia-bound District Champions, The Foreign Policy, and the new Boyne City Champions, The Cadence Counts, from the Wayne Chapter.

Have a nice summer.

—Morrie Giles



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Coming Events

—1977—

AUGUST--

5-7 Division II Jamboree
Bristol, Indiana

SEPTEMBER--

17 Benton Harbor-St. Joseph
23-24 Grosse Pointe Show
24 Gratiot County Show

OCTOBER--

7-8 FALL CONVENTION, Kalamazoo
22 Jackson Chapter Show
28-29 Sault Ste. Marie Show

NOVEMBER--

5 Detroit #1 Chapter Show

DECEMBER--

3 Clinton Valley Show

—1978—

FEBRUARY--

11 Pontiac Chapter Show
17-18 Oakland County Show
18 Lansing Chapter Show

MARCH--

3-4 Wayne Pitchpipe Parade

APRIL--

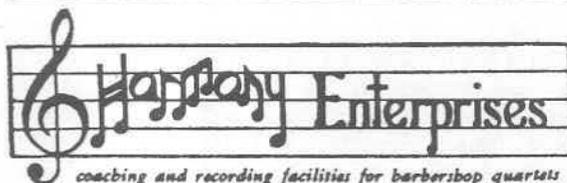
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