

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS & A



## HARMONIOUS NEW YEAR

*from the Pioneer District Officers  
and the Troubadour  
Staff.*



*Dec. - Jan.*

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## Musical Notes from the Big Bear

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### 2nd ANNUAL HARMONY ROUND-UP IS HUGE SUCCESS

The 2nd "Harmony Round-Up" has come and gone and, while it was a fine success from a learning and fun experience, to me, it was a disappointment from the standpoint of registrations. We didn't equal our 1978 "Harmony Round-Up." Everyone who attends has nothing but raves and compliments about the schools. So what are we doing wrong? If you have any suggestions, please pass them on to me or any member of the Music Education Committee. Something that I do want to explain, is that when we have no-shows, the deposit cannot be refunded. You see, the facility must know, one week in advance, the number of men they will have to feed and house, and when I give them that figure, we must live with it. They allow me a small percentage for sickness or death, but that is all. Let's start planning now for 1980 and keep in mind that it will be held on either the second or third weekend after Labor Day. With your cooperation, we can make the 1980 "Harmony Round-Up" a record-breaker.

There will be a Quartet and Coaching Workshop either the second or third weekend in March, 1980. Any and all quartets are invited, as well as anyone interested in studying Coaching. To study coaching, you should have a fairly good musical knowledge, and a good ear. The rest you can learn at the workshop.

See you soon.

Bill Butler

### News from Here and There



There have been some good television exposures lately also. Grandma's Boys appeared on the Jerry Lewis telethon - although I didn't hear them identified - and also on the Mike Douglas show. I also caught the

spot on Real People that was shot at International in Minneapolis. I thought it was rather tongue-in-cheek and much too short, but maybe I'm prejudiced. Our own Great Lakes Express got some very nice anonymous coverage.

TWA Ambassador Magazine features a two-page story on the Society, the Minneapolis Convention, our Grandma's Boys and the Bluegrass Student Union. It's a great story.

Other PR feelers are also in the wind. We know of a request from Paramount Pictures for a medalist quartet to appear in a movie directed by and starring Warren Beatty.

### Do you know about S.M.A.C. ?

Early in 1979, the nine Division 1 Chapters in Southeast Michigan formed an organization called the "Southeast Michigan Association of Chapters" whose purpose is three-fold:

- a) To spread the gospel of Barbershopping in S.E. Michigan by sponsorship of entertainment extravaganzas such as the Pine Knob Barbershop Spectacular last May 19th.
- b) To serve as the manpower recruiting arm for the 1981 International Convention in Detroit.
- c) To be an information control point as a service to member Chapters in the scheduling of their activities in the upcoming calendar year. Object: to minimize conflicts.

At this writing, we are trying to get the Clarkston Rotary Club to schedule Pine Knob '80 on May 17th - (The alternate date of May 24th is a holiday weekend - which is definitely not our best choice!)

Last May we sang to approximately 4000 people, and we should do at least as well in 1980. We will keep you posted.

Membership in SMAC is not restricted. Any Chapter that considers itself close enough to the Metro-Detroit Area to want to participate, will be welcome. Call Bob Miquelon, SMAC President, on 421-6132 or 525-0370, or Secretary Sterling Berry, on 882-5018, for more particulars.

## NOTES FROM YOUR LEAD(er)



In this article I would like to focus my remarks on C.O.T.S. and the Troubadour.

By the time you read this, your chapter elections will have been completed and plans are being formulated for the coming year. Make sure that your new chapter officers, directors, assistant director, bulletin editor and logopedics chairman are reported to the District Secretary, John McClinchey, immediately. We want to get the Pioneer Directory mailed to you early in January, so we need this information soon.

The most important thing your newly-elected chapter officers can do for your chapter is to attend C.O.T.S. at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti on December 15 and 16. Classes will be held for Presidents, PVP's, MVP's, Secretaries, Treasurers, District Officers and Area Counsellors, Bulletin Editors and Chorus Directors.

The Chorus Director's class is not an arm-waving class but one for your chapter's entire music team - assistant director, section leaders, librarian, business manager, etc. Joe Liles has put all the successful ingredients he knows to help your chapter grow musically into this course.

The Bulletin Editor's class will give all of the tools of the trade to the man in your chapter with this responsibility. Keeping your chapter informed is an area in which we can all improve. There will be some emphasis on Public Relations as well. We surely can improve both our in-

ternal and external P.R. We have been a secret society long enough.

It behooves each one of us to demand that our chapter sends its representatives to each of these classes instructed by members of an outstanding International staff. We want the most we can get out of Barbershopping, and C.O.T.S. can help to put your chapter on the right track for 1980.

When was the last time you read an article in the Troubadour about your chapter? There are literally hundreds of exciting things happening in the Pioneer District. Your chapter has many good programs, visitations, public performances, quartet contests, Barbershopper-Of-The-Year Awards, shows, ladie's nights, open houses and all sorts of other events, past present and future that would be interesting to all Troub readers. If you haven't got a reporter for your chapter, get one today and send in an article tomorrow. Toot your own horn.

It is a difficult job to put out the Troub on a regular basis when no articles are sent to the editor. All articles and pictures in good taste will be published. Let's be informed and get to know each other better.

I'll be watching for your Troub article and I'll see you at C.O.T.S.

 Doran McTaggart.

### More News from Here and There

The 1980 Convention at Salt Lake City continues to move smoothly through the planning phases. Over 5700 registrations had been received by October, as many as had been received by December, last year! Chorus bloc orders will be going in soon, so, if any of you are planning to attend "the BIG one", better get your registrations in to the International Office soon.

And speaking of conventions, the Colorado Springs Mid-Winter Convention, slated for January 23-26, has some unique things going for it. There is a specially prepared Barbershoppers' pre-Convention ski program. I am sure you have seen a flyer on it by now. The Air Force Academy Band and dance orchestra are scheduled to play, there will be an old-fashioned cowboy howdown, and, of course, the ultimate show of the top five medalist quartets.



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## PIONEER DISTRICT LOGOPEDICS REPORT

The following is a record of Logopedics contributions from Chapters and Quartets as of November 1, 1979. Is your chapter or quartet conspicuous by its absence? We still have two months left to make contributions for fiscal year 1979. Harmony foundation plaques will be awarded to each chapter contributing \$10.00 or more per member on a per-capita basis. Nine chapters won the award in 1976, thirteen chapters in 1977, fourteen chapters in 1978. How about increasing the number in 1979? As you can see, some chapters have already qualified for the award.

Chapter	Contribution	Per Capita
Alpena .....	\$320.00 .....	\$12.80
AuSable Valley	100.00	3.03
Battle Creek.....	544.00 .....	14.32
Benton Harbor -		
St. Joseph	500.00	12.82
Boyne City .....	12.00 .....	.36
Cadillac	-- --	-- --
Clinton Valley ....	73.97 .....	2.73
Detroit #1	214.20	1.50
Flint .....	262.00 .....	6.39
Grand Rapids	2229.47	21.36
Gratiot County ....	320.00 .....	7.27
Grosse Pointe	1200.00	10.23
Holland .....	345.00 .....	13.80
Hudson	312.50	13.02
Huron Valley .....	51.75 .....	1.39
Jackson	210.00	5.12
Kalamazoo .....	180.00 .....	3.60
Lansing	168.00	2.70
Livingston County .	93.23 .....	2.45
Milford	50.00	2.27
Monroe .....	540.65 .....	10.01
Muskegon	-- --	-- --
Niles-Buchanan ....	50.00 .....	1.92
Oakland County	1030.00	10.62
Pontiac .....	-- -- .....	-- --

Port Huron	616.00	15.02
Saginaw Bay .....	630.00 .....	13.69
St. Joseph Valley	-- --	-- --
St. Ste. Marie, Ont.	14.41 .....	.37
Traverse City	-- --	-- --
Wayne .....	350.89 .....	3.65
Windsor	-- --	-- --

## QUARTETS CONTRIBUTE

I am happy to see a significant increase in the number of quartets contributing to Logopedics this year. While only 4 quartets contributed last year, 15 have already made contributions this year. We have 49 registered quartets in the district, and while not all are active, names of many of the active quartets are missing from this list. How about it guys?

All The President's Men .....	\$ 25.00
The Banker's Choice	50.00
The Cadence Counts .....	45.00
The Common Bond	200.00
The Country Estate .....	25.00
The Crosstown Exchange	25.00
The Great Lakes Express .....	50.00
The Motor City Music Company	75.00
The Pilgrims Progress .....	25.00
The Schizo Phonics	13.29
Smokey and the Bandits .....	40.00
Sounds Around	40.00
The Tall and Short of It .....	50.00
Those Other Guys	20.00
The Very Idea .....	35.00

Total contributions - 11/1/79 - \$10,926.36



Fran Durham  
Logopedics Chairman  
Pioneer District

## District Officers Elected . . .

Listed below are the Pioneer District Officers for 1980:

President.....	Dan LaBumbard
Executive V.P.....	Fran Jones
Division I V.P.....	Russ Seely
Division II V.P.....	Ren Neff
Division III V.P.....	Jim Horton
Division IV V.P.....	Dick Wheeler
Division V V.P.....	Jim Gougeon
Secretary.....	John McClinchey
Treasurer.....	Jack Schneider
Internat'l Board Member....	Doran McTaggart

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A, INC.

Pioneer District Quartet Contest, held at Kalamazoo, Michigan, October 20, 1979

The Panel of Judges

Chairman - - - Don Lang, St. Joseph, Mich. (PIO)  
 Sound - - - - James Beutel, Skokie, Ill. (ILL)  
                   James Richards, St. Paul, Minn. (IOL)  
 Interpretation - William Fletcher, Medford Lakes, N. J. (MAD)  
                   Steve Plumb, Essex Junction, Vt. (NED)  
 Stage presence - Don Challman, St. Paul, Minn. (LOL)  
                   Ray Glynn, Westfield, N. J. (MAD)  
 Arrangement - - Jack Baird, Oakland, Ill. (ILL)  
                   Robert Margison, London, Ont., Can. (ONT)  
 Secretary - - - Larry King, Farmington Hills, Mich. (PIO)  
 Assistant - - - Fran Jones, Rockford, Mich. (PIO)  
 Timers - - - - Dick Kloko, Kalamazoo, Mich. (PIO)  
                   Ray Robinson, Kalamazoo, Mich. (PIO)



RANK	CONTESTANT	SONG # >>>		1		2		S P		ARR		SUB TOTL	PREV PTS.	NET TOTAL SCORE	1 2	
		1	2	SND	INT	S	P	ARR	TOTL	PTS.	SCORE				TIME SECONDS	
1	GREAT LAKES EXPRESS	143	141	146	136	278	-5	-1	833	840	1673			132	136	
2	BLACK VELVET	119	123	119	122	290	-1	-3	754	805	1559			116	149	
3	SAT. NITE FEATURE	134	124	126	127	243	3	1	753	792	1550			135	170	
4	CROSSTOWN EXCHANGE	140	146	127	125	233	-2	3	772	756	1528			100	158	
5	CADENCE COUNTS	107	112	126	121	208	4	1	679	731	1410			153	132	
6	SOUND AMBASSADORS	103	104	119	119	217	0	-22	644	644	1288			114	196	
7	A POSITIVE ENDEAVOR	99	94	110	109	192	0	3	607	639	1246			137	145	
8	VERY IDEA	93	103	105	110	193	-3	-5	586	613	1204			167	73	

Pioneer District Quartet Semi-finals Contest, Kalamazoo, Mich., October 19, 1979

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		1	2	SND	INT	S	P	ARR	TOTL	PTS.	SCORE		TIME SECONDS	
1	GREAT LAKES EXPRESS	148	139	137	134	282	-1	1	840			100	195	
2	BLACK VELVET	130	132	132	124	292	4	1	805			140	120	
3	SATURDAY NITE FEATURE	133	133	130	130	246	6	4	792			125	137	
4	CROSSTOWN EXCHANGE	135	139	120	126	235	1	0	756			99	161	
5	CADENCE COUNTS	126	123	123	122	232	3	-3	731			146	121	
6	SOUND AMBASSADORS	96	100	105	115	226	1	1	644			141	143	
7	A POSITIVE ENDEAVOR	113	107	115	110	223	3	3	639	D		115	120	
8	VERY IDEA	103	104	111	101	193	-2	-2	618			112	133	
9	PATCH CHORDS	96	98	110	103	207	-1	-1	617			140	103	
10	TUNESTERS UNION	99	91	116	106	212	-5	-3	616			134	127	
11	SOUND OBJECTIVE	97	85	103	106	189	-4	7	573			112	130	
12	MEMORY LANERS	81	88	99	94	190	0	2	544			120	166	
13	BLUE PLATE SPECIAL	87	85	97	97	190	-6	-7	543			140	151	
14	CCC & C CO.	101	101	92	93	168	-8	-13	534			129	161	

D-TIME PENALTY OF -40 POINTS.

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY

S.P.E.S.S.S.A, Inc.  
 Pioneer District Chorus Contest  
 Held at Kalamazoo, Michigan - April 20, 1979



The Panel of Judges

Chairman.....Don Lang, St. Joseph, Mich. (PIO)  
 Sound.....Jim Deutel, Skokie, Ill. (ILL)  
                     Jim Richards, St. Paul, Minn. (LOL)  
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                     Bob Dixon, Battle Creek, Mich. (PIO)



Category: Song No.:	SND		INT		S P	ARR		TOTAL	SINGING SECONDS	
	1	2	1	2		1	2			
<u>RANK</u> <u>CONTESTANT</u>										
1. Wayne	150	148	150	140	307	2	5	902	133	159
2. Grand Rapids	158	153	140	146	296	2	-7	888	139	167
3. Grosse Pointe	159	153	128	138	279	6	3	866	143	130
4. Detroit #1	142	142	133	132	279	1	-3	826	115	179
5. Oakland County	130	134	135	141	259	4	-1	802	118	172
6. Huron Valley	116	118	121	122	225	4	-1	689 a	111	127
7. Monroe	100	104	116	116	220	6	6	668	132	121
8. Lansing	123	132	118	114	186	-5	-7	661	180	156
9. Flint	86	81	110	101	220	3	-1	600	129	121
10. Benton Harbor- St. Joseph	92	89	102	110	197	0	6	596	150	164
11. Saginaw-Bay	87	91	103	112	199	-4	3	591	127	120
12. Alpena	94	95	98	102	196	4	0	589	134	160
13. Kalamazoo	96	98	112	111	197	5	2	535 b	119	109.

Ineligible Contestant (per Article 5(c) of Chorus Contest Rules)

1. Clinton Valley	92	99	102	109	170	3	1	576	140	131
2. St. Joseph Valley	67	70	78	71	99	-17	1	313 c	120	113

a - Time penalty - 16 points (2 sec. @ 8 pts./Sec.)

b - Time penalty - 96 points (12 sec. @ 8 pts./Sec.)

c - Time penalty - 56 points (7 sec. @ 8 pts./Sec.)

The WAYNE CHAPTER will represent Pioneer District at the International Chorus Contest in 1980. The GRAND RAPIDS Chapter is the alternate.

# CHAPTER NOTES

## Wayne—

A very happy bunch of Wayne members want to express their gratitude and appreciation to John Gillespie and the Kalamazoo Chapter for a great Fall Convention. It was super, and a great challenge for us to meet when you-all come to Ann Arbor next April. (Are you ready to Sing in the Spring in Ann Arbor?)

We also want to congratulate the new Pioneer District Champions, the Great Lakes Express -- what a vital sound!

The quality of competition, in both quartets and choruses, in Pioneer District is improving - thanks to D.M.E. Bill "Big Bear" Butler and his Music Ed. Program. We are all learning that President Ernie Hills' motto: "Music Is The Way To Grow" has real meaning for us.

Congratulations also to the awesome Grand Rapids Chapter's Great Lakes Chorus, who scared the pants off us (almost) and their fine 2nd place quartet, The Black Velvet, a quartet to be watched.

We also are justly proud of our three chapter quartets in the contest - The Memory Laners, The Cadence Counts, and The Crosstown Exchange.

Did you get your tickets for a show called "Whatever Happened To The Class Of '54?" Wayne teamed up with the We-Wa-Co Sweet Adelines to stage this 2-night Barbershop Bash at Mercy High School in Farmington on December 7th & 8th. Depending on when this issue of the Troub hits the streets, I want to say either a) hurry and get your tickets from Tom Pollard 427-5527 or b) It was a great show, we hope you enjoyed it, and thanks for coming.

On Tuesday, October 23, we fulfilled our commitment to the man who bought the winning ticket on our Chorus Raffle last Summer. We performed (58 men) for his K of C members and their wives at the Patrick O'Kelly K of C Hall, in Dearborn. They treated us royally! We received a standing ovation, were wine and dined, and they even started a travel fund for us.

Another enthusiastic audience greeted us the following evening at the Kirk Of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland.

Our 1980 Board of Directors is headed up by Hubbs Grimm, and has a generous sprinkling of new blood, which is good-- (old blood gets tired, don't you know!)

Just in case any of you readers want to a) congratulate him, or b) complain to him, his phone number is (313) 455-9799.

The Wayne Chapter was shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Oz Newgard, in Minneapolis, on the weekend of October 20, at their District Convention. Oz was from Kansas City, a certified Sound Judge, and premier bass with the K.C. "Heart Of America" Chorus. We engaged the services of Oz twice recently for weekend coaching sessions, and we learned to respect him for his expertise and to love him as a person. The loss will be felt by the Society, as well as his home Chapter and our own Wayne Chapter.

Bob Miquelon

## Oakland County—

The Oakland County Chapter's 1980 show will be a sequel to our '79 show in that the theme this year will be "Take Her Out To The Movies." (Last year's theme was "Vaudeville.") The show will be held on February 16th, at Fitzgerald High School, which is on Ryan Rd., at Nine Mile in Warren. We invite you to attend.

The Oakland County Chapter Officers for 1980 are: President, Ron Breidinger; Program V.P., Jim McCatty; Membership V.P., Del Badgley; Corresponding Sec'ty., Chuck Walton; Recording Sec'ty., Pete Peters; Treasurer, Pete Burns; Asst. Treasurer, Ric Miller; plus a simply 'sokko' Board which should make for some fun Barbershopping in 1980.

Oakland County is now meeting at the U.A.W. Hall, located at the corner of Fifteen Mile Rd. and Stephenson Hwy. in Troy. Rehearsals are held on Mondays and Chapter Meetings on the first Friday of the month.

Bill Kellogg

LABAR WITH BASIC CRAFT



1979 HARMONY ROUND-UP

THE STAFF



GARETH EVANS - INTERPRETATION COACH

HARLAN WILSON - QUARTET PROGRAMMING

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JOE LILES WITH CHORUS DIRECTING



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THE POSITIVE ENDEAVOR



"HOW MANY BEERS, DAVE?"

JOHN SEEMAN - STAGE PRESENCE



VE SCHMIDT - SOUND COACH



INTRODUCTION TO BARBERSHOP HARMONY - MERLE CLAYTON



JACK PITZER - STAGE PRESENCE



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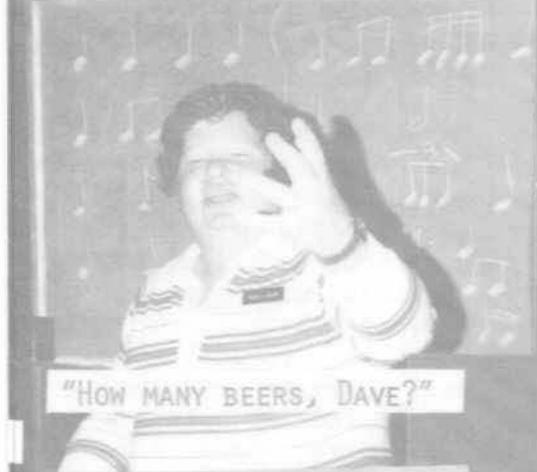
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"THE BIG BEAR"



JOE BARBERSHOPPER (S)



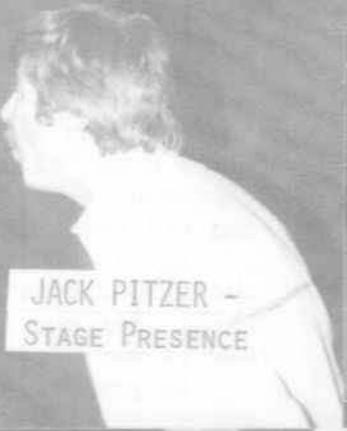
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"LORD" STEINKAMP IN ACTION!



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BARBERSHOP HARMONY -  
MERLE CLAYTON



JACK PITZER -  
STAGE PRESENCE



THE PINE RIVER FOUR



HAD BY ALL!"



"THINK HIGH"



THE CADENCE COUNTS

## "So long Mauri..."

On August 17, 1979, "Veteran" Mauri Giles a 33-year Society Member with the old Northville and Wayne Chapters, was honored by his fellow Wayne members at their regular chapter meeting. The meeting was held at their new location - in Northville - how appropriate for Mauri.

When Mauri came to Wayne from Northville in 1955, he brought with him some back-drop scenery that the old Northville Chapter had used. It was a 'Turn-of-the-Century' Barber Shop, and Wayne used it in it's first 'big show' in the auditorium at Eloise in 1956.

Mauri retired in September, 1979, and he and Tillie have moved to Florida.

He is a tenor among tenors, and his departure leaves a big hole in the Wonderland Chorus. He will be missed for other reasons, too: e.g. He was Wayne's very able and consistent reporter to the TROUB for many, many years. He was also one of the most faithful attendees at chorus performances, contests, rehearsals, and he hasn't missed very many chapter meetings, either.

Every Summer for the last several years, Mauri has been the only member of the "dawn patrol" to hold the site for the chapter's annual family picnics in Hines Park in Plymouth -- a very necessary service that, like other things he has done, have, all too often, been taken for granted.

It is a privilege to have known Mauri, and I have always considered him a gentleman. Join me in wishing him and Tillie the happiest days for the rest of their lives.



The above picture was taken the night of Mauri's send-off. Pictured are (l to r) Bob Miquelon, Program Vice President, Mauri Giles, Retiring Tenor Par-Excellance and Herb Hebner, Chapter President.

## HARRISVILLE HAPPENINGS...

The Summer ended on a Barbershop high note with several hundred families heading north to the woodlands of N. E. Michigan and into the woodshedding capital of the world.

Once again the Labor Day Holiday found the North country around Harrisville ringing with chords from every campfire and from behind every tree. Our "Private" party was not so private as the media got word of our unique yearly gathering and we received a goodly amount of TV and Radio live coverage. Oh Well, the P.R. will do us all some good.

The week before was filled with campfire preparation for the week-end shows and turned out the stars of tomorrow in a super chorus named the "Tag-A-Longs." About 10 of our 3-to-10-year-olds put us all to shame (and pride) by performing a medley of tags that thrilled the large Sunday afternoon audience and brought a few tears of joy. Many thanks go to Chris Swain of the Thumb Area Sweet Adelines for the memorable moment.

Logopedics came out a big winner as local merchants gave sizable donations and we raised additional funds with two golf tournaments and a recovery station.

Friday night was the World-Famous "Road Show Parade" with quartets and choruses filling the local watering holes to overflowing. Barbershoppers, Sweet Adelines and the local clientele got their fill of Harmony until the wee hours of the morning.

Saturday night saw our private pre-glo party come alive with chorus and quartet performances that are probably still ringing off the rafters up there.

After several church service appearances, our quartets gathered at the Band Shell for our finale concert and what a day it was!

If you've never been to a Harrisville Happening, you will find it difficult to imagine this kind of a Championship lineup, and all for free. Our show included five Sweet Adeline Choruses, five Barbershop Choruses, Five Sweet Adeline Quartets and ten Barbershop Quartets, a kid's chorus and a brass Barbershop quartet.

We all came back home enriched with Harmony and ready to start the Fall season. Many thanks to all the groups who attended and the very best of luck in all your endeavors this coming year.

Tom Pollard

# ★ ATTENTION ALL BARBERSHOPPERS!

# GUEST EDITORIAL

Be sure you reserve the following dates....

Mar 21-23 Quartet & Coaching Clinic and Workshop.

- AND -

Sept 12-14 Harmony Round-Up.



BOTH will be held at Eastern Mich Univ., in Ypsilanti.

*Don't overlook this!*

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. - SPRING CONVENTION.

It will be here before you know it, so don't wait until the last minute to....  
"SING IN THE SPRING IN THE ARBOR."

Register now for the SPRING 1980 CONVENTION sponsored by the WAYNE CHAPTER with headquarters at the BRIARWOOD HILTON and performances at the PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL.

SPRING CONVENTION, 1980, April 25, 26 & 27 ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
\$9.00 Pre-Registration. Deadline April 5th.

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Part \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Chorus \_\_\_\_\_ or Quartet \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Registrants @\$9.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names \_\_\_\_\_  
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Send to: Paul Millis  
14441 Hix  
Livonia, MI 48154



Make checks payable to:  
S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. - SPRING CONVENTION.

I suppose I'm no different from anyone else in the Society in that I joined this fine organization to have fun and, above everything else, to sing. I recall, back four and a half years ago, I would stand around after rehearsal and listen to other fellows sing in a quartet. I remember wishing a thousand times that one of the leads would have to go to the 'john' and someone would ask me to fill in for him, - but it never happened.

Over the past couple of years, I've tried to organize a pool of talent from which a quartet could be formed to go out and perform on a moments notice. It would not have to be the very same four men for every occasion, but a person could continue to draw from the pool so that all men who really wanted to, would be able to experience the fun and thrill of singing in a quartet. Apparently, my plea fell on deaf ears, because nothing ever came of my suggestion.

Last February, I decided that nothing was going to happen unless I made it happen. Armed with a special request from a friend of mine to sing for their annual banquet, I decided to put my plan into operation. I contacted three of my buddies in the chapter (all had previously sung in registered quartets) and we went out and sang at the dinner.

Of course, we had to have a name, and, since I'm the treasurer of the chapter (the Banker, you might say), I figured that "The Banker's Choice" would be fitting and proper, because, who knows, maybe I'd get more requests to sing.

Since St. Patrick's Day, last March, The Banker's Choice has performed at eight more functions and have been well received and much appreciated. The best part of the whole thing is that there have been at least fourteen other fellows involved in singing the other three parts of the quartet.

Now, it all has to come to an end! You see, the fellows in the chapter have decided to promote me and I have to move up to the office of President. But I'll be darned if I'm going to let the idea end. I'm going to keep everything the same - only the name will have to be changed. Let's see now, how about "The President's Men"?



Ron Breidinger

# ☆☆☆☆☆ SPECIAL EVENTS ☆☆☆☆☆

Soon It Will Be "Cotting" Time around the continent ... and we're already underway. The largest ... and finest ... COTS faculty in our history will soon be heading to Kenosha for briefing sessions. This year we return to the former format of separate classes for each officer and a team of 46 instructors and deans will be available to cover the 20 schools slated this year. Be sure your new chapter officers are planning to attend.

**DECEMBER** 15-16 C.O.T.S. - Ypsilanti

## FEBRUARY



9 Pontiac Chapter Show  
16 Oakland County Chapter Show  
16 Lansing Chapter Show  
22-23 Monroe Chapter Show

## MARCH



7-8 Wayne Chapter Show  
8 Huron Valley Chapter Show  
8 Grosse Pointe Show

## APRIL



12 Grand Rapids Chapter Show  
25-27 Spring Convention - Ann Arbor

## MAY



3 Boyne City Chapter Show



42nd INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## More News from Here and There

Here's a Publicity idea for your chapter. Members of some Far Western District Chapters are arranging to have Harmony Month, 1980 highlighted on Milk Cartons. All it takes is an early contact with your local dairy or milk distributor. The International Office can provide camera-ready copy featuring the Society logo, the Logopedics tie-in and the Harmony Month, 1980 symbol. Once you've done that, it is an easy step to have the thing localized to announce your Chapter Show, etc. Good idea?

Overall membership figures are on the up-swing. Latest reports show a continuing trend which began with the massive Open House Campaign last year. Questionnaires received by the International President from those members who choose not to renew usually show the same reasons... lack of satisfaction in chapter activities due to heavy concentration on contest efforts... lack of quartet opportunities... and dissatisfaction with meeting night programs. As Ernie Hills says, "Music is the Way to Grow". Evidently it works when members enjoy themselves.

Dear Barbershop Friends:

A great **Thank You** from the Institute of Logopedics staff and the children, for your continuing support of programs designed to help people with handicaps involving communication skills.



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that they shall speak



KEEP YOUR EYE ON MEMBERSHIP

INFORM present members, potential members and the public about your membership drive, and what your group offers its members.

INSPIRE every member to take an active part in recruiting new members and making them feel welcome.

INQUIRE how other successful membership drives have been conducted. Adapt useful ideas for your campaign.

IMPRESS those who have talents your group needs that they can make a real contribution. It's flattering to be needed.

INFLUENCE prospective members with your group's achievements. People like to be identified with a successful organization.

INNOVATE. Maybe it's time to change from old techniques of recruitment. Try some brand new ideas this year.

INTRODUCE new (or potential) members to everyone in the group.

INSTALL new members with a special ceremony. These honors add warmth to your welcome.

INVOLVE new members in specific activities immediately.

IMPROVE methods of keeping old members active and interested.

INSTILL loyalty in every member. Use your club's newsletter to keep everyone fully informed of the group's activities and achievements.

INFUSE your whole membership campaign with an air of success.

PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Holiday Inn South, Lansing, Michigan
July 29, 1979

The meeting was called to order by President McTaggart at 10:15 a.m.

Directors Present: All Directors were present, except the vacancy in Division I.

Also Present: Committee Chairmen Butler, Durham and Lang, Troubadour Editor Rueggeger, and Area Counselor Dixon.

Director of Music Education Butler led in the singing of "The Old Songs".

The minutes were accepted as written and distributed by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$3,859.74 as of July 26, 1979. In reviewing the final statement from the Saginaw-Bay Chapter for the 1979 Spring Convention, it was noted that the District was billed for Afterglow expenses and liability insurance. A motion was made by Treasurer Schneider with a second by DVP Gougeon to instruct EVP LaBumbard to discuss the aforementioned items with the 1979 Spring Convention Committee. Motion passed.

President McTaggart reported that membership in the District is up 49 members from a year ago and as of June 30 stands at 1,483 members, and that the District's goal of 1,500 members by the end of 1979 appears possible. He stressed that the Open House Program is working for those chapters that have used it and an increase of ten percent in each chapter would take the District well over its year-end goal. Again, he urged that DVPs and their Area Counselors stress to their respective chapters the importance of filing the monthly reporting cards with the International Office. Sixteen chapters are delinquent to at least some extent. Fourteen chapters are also delinquent in filing the quarterly reports.

International Board Member Gillespie in his written report summarized the action taken at the 1979 International Board Meeting: Society life memberships were reinstated, the status of "Associate Chapter" was abolished and a committee was appointed to recommend procedures for the handling of those chapters falling below thirty members; the 1983 International Convention was awarded to Pittsburgh; Les Hesketh was elected 1980 International President. As Ethics Committee Chairman he also reported that no violations have been reported since the last Board meeting.

The Division Vice Presidents reported on the activities and problems in their respective areas of jurisdiction. Two DVPs submitted written reports. The Secretary emphasized that written reports should be submitted at each Board Meeting from all DVPs and those committee chairmen that have something to report.

DVP Jones outlined the plans of the Grand Rapids Chapter in staging an open house in Muskegon for the benefit of the Muskegon Chapter. He indicated that the Grand Rapids Chapter would be incurring considerable expense in this endeavor and asked if the District might wish to contribute to same. After considerable discussion, an amended motion was made by DVP Wheeler with a second by DVP Gougeon that the District Budget be amended for the remainder of the calendar year to include a line item of \$150 with the monies to be made available at \$25 each to those chapters of 25 members or less for use in advertising when said chapters sponsor an open house under the International plan. Motion passed.

Executive Vice President LaBumbard reported that no further nominations had been received for the Hall of Fame Award, and that no convention bids had been received since the last meeting.

Contest and Judging Chairman Lang announced that Jim Pollard of the Wayne Chapter is an applicant in the Stage Presence category of judging. Because the general membership tends to be somewhat removed from the entire judging process, it was suggested that Chairman Lang write a series of articles covering same for publication in the Troubadour.

Logopedics Chairman Durham submitted a written report showing that as of June 30, \$6,197.56 has been contributed in 1979, which is well on the way toward the goal of \$12,000 for the year. Fifteen chapters and seven quartets have given to Logopedics so far this year.

Troubadour Editor Rueggeger distributed publication deadlines and asked that these be passed on to the individual chapters by the Area Counselors (i.e. October-November issue deadline is September 1, etc.) He also stated that the equipment purchased by the District to aid in publication of the Troubadour is functioning well.

Director of Music Education Butler reported on the annual Harmony Round-Up to be held at Eastern Michigan University on September 14-16, 1979. He expressed concern that only 75 registrations had been received. The final deadline for registration is September 5. He asked that Board Members and Area Counselors do more to promote it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fall Convention Chairman Gillespie distributed the proposed budget for same. On a motion by DVP Jones, the budget was approved. An article on the convention will appear in the forthcoming issue of the Troubadour and a District-wide mailing will be sent out in the near future.

- EVP LaBumbard announced that the Coldwater Chapter would probably receive their license by the end of September.

- In the absence of Convention Chairman Warner, President McTaggart announced that various chairmen for the 1981 International Convention, to be held in Detroit, will be appointed in the next two weeks.

- Chairman Gougeon reported that a District-wide competition will be held to select a Pioneer District Logo. On a motion by IBM Gillespie with a second by EVP LaBumbard two All-Events Tickets to the 1981 International Convention will be awarded to the winner. Motion carried.

- President McTaggart announced that the 1979 Send-Off Show netted \$2,518.34 for the International Travel Fund. He also stated that the Pine Knob Spectacular had an attendance of more than 4,100. The 1980 Spectacular will be open to all District members who wish to participate and is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 1980.

- On a motion by DVP Gougeon with a second by IBM Gillespie, the COT School scheduled for December 15-18, 1979, will include a PROBE class and a "Musical Team" class (chorus directors, section leaders, etc.). Motion passed.

- President McTaggart announced that Don Funk is presently at work organizing a charter flight to Salt Lake City, Utah for the 1980 International Convention.

- President McTaggart announced that, due to job relocation, DVP Hine of Division I submitted a letter resignation. He suggested that Area Counselor Seely be appointed to fill the vacancy. On a motion by DVP Gougeon with a second by DVP Jones, Russ Seely was appointed to carry out Hine's term. Motion passed.

- Nominating Committee Chairman Gillespie announced that the following slate of officers have been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for 1980:

- President ..... Dan LaBumbard
Executive Vice President ..... Fran Jones
Treasurer ..... Jack Schneider
Secretary ..... John McClinchey
Division I Vice President ..... Russ Seely
Division II Vice President ..... Ron Naff
Division III Vice President ..... Jim Horton
Division IV Vice President ..... Dick Wheeler
Division V Vice President ..... Jim Gougeon

President McTaggart will succeed IBM Gillespie as International Board Member.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 19, 1979, at the Sheraton Inn, 3600 E. Cork St., Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. McClinchey, Secretary
Pioneer District

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## you ought to know

The Miamians Chorus of the Miami, Florida Chapter will be the featured performers at half-time in the Orange Bowl on January 1, 1980. This will be a nationally televised game, last year seen by more than 65 million viewers.

National Public Radio produced an outstanding hour-long show to be aired on the feature spot "All Things Considered" at various times throughout the country. The show presents an excellent study of Barbershop Harmony with the champion Happiness Emporium, Dr. Bob Johnson and the inimitable Dave Stevens in narration. Ask your local NPR station for the scheduled airing in your area.

