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Wayne Wonderland Chorus

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TROUBADOUR



SCORING SUMMARY Saginaw, Michigan - April 28, 1979

Pioneer District Spring Convention

CHORUS CONTEST

Category: Song No.:	SOUND		INT.		STAGE PRES.	ARR.		TOTAL	SINGING SECONDS	A RANK	B RANK	
	1	2	1	2		1	2					
<u>RANK</u>	<u>CONTESTANT</u>											
1.	Wayne	151	150	132	134	294	+7	+7	875	138	159	
2.	Grosse Pointe	137	136	132	126	252	+6	+6	795	123	145	1
3.	Oakland County	132	132	140	136	236	+12	+5	793	115	170	2
4.	Lansing	122	115	142	128	244	+4	+4	759	135	133	3
5.	Traverse City	119	122	132	118	214	+7	+6	718	115	205	
6.	Benton Harbor- St. Joseph	107	106	130	132	217	+5	+10	707	137	150	1
7.	Gratiot County	118	120	112	104	192	+7	+8	661	123	175	2
8.	Battle Creek	99	93	110	104	179	+8	+5	598	135	148	3
9.	Flint	99	98	100	100	169	+5	+9	580	123	126	4
10.	Kalamazoo	87	85	96	96	174	+6	+2	546	130	181	5
11.	Windsor	75	75	106	88	145	+8	+8	505	126	139	6
12.	Port Huron	76	75	96	100	136	-1	-7	475	115	129	7

Wayne is the 1979 District Chorus Champion.



International Preliminary Quartet Contest

Category: Song No.:	SOUND		INT.		STAGE PRES.	ARR.		SUB TOTAL	PREV. POINTS	TOTAL	SINGING SECONDS	
	1	2	1	2		1	2					
<u>RANK</u>	<u>CONTESTANT</u>											
	<u>FINALS</u>											
1.	Great Lakes Express	150	143	140	142	239	+8	+6	828	834	1662	150 141
2.	Motor City Music Company	130	128	124	116	276	0	+8	782	815	1597	160 148
3.	Crosstown Exchange	133	134	134	132	252	-2	+13	796	771	1567	100 158
4.	Personal Expression	125	130	130	118	264	+9	+5	781	762	1543	124 166
5.	B & L Exchange	127	125	130	136	240	+8	+9	775	757	1532	138 138
6.	Black Velvet	124	119	126	120	240	+3	+10	742	690	1432	119 131
7.	Dutch Masters	120	125	122	114	235	+8	-6	718	657	1375	139 127

First two ranked quartets represent PIONEER at International; 3rd ranked is Alternate.



a message from-

Mr.
President



In the last issue of the Troub, I stressed PARTICIPATION at our district conventions. It was great to see four choruses singing with fewer than twenty men. Now, didn't you have fun? Let's commit ourselves to meet once more this fall in Kalamazoo and do it all over again.

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. is not a secret society and yet too many of us act as if it were. There are thousands of men within shouting distance that don't even know we exist.

We are selfish. We say that Barber-shopping is the greatest thing since sliced bread but we won't even tell anybody about it. When was the last time you told the Barbershop story to a colleague at work? a neighbor? a friend? When was the last time you brought a guest to your Chapter meeting? When was the last time your Chapter had a guest night? an A.F.A.? an I.B.H? an open house? If it has been a while, then shame on you and your Chapter.

Most of us are lazy when it comes to recruitment of new members. We tend to sit back and let George do it, but in most cases, George is not doing it. My answer is simple. Each one of us must make a commitment and stick to it unceasingly.

My own chapter, a year ago, had 28 members and then a commitment regarding membership was made. We are now at 41, a new

increase of 46% but we must not stop there. We must continue with our commitment and by next year we will be at 50.

I, personally, had not brought in a new member in quite a while. I was satisfied to come out each week and just belong. Since the commitment was made, I have brought in four new members and I definitely am not going to stop there.

What a thrill it is to see those new men enjoying a Barbershop experience!

I challenge every chapter board to schedule some form of membership recruitment for your chapter in the next three months and another one before the end of the year.

I challenge every Pioneer Barbershopper to make a commitment to bring in one new member between now and the end of the year. I promise to bring in at least two.

Will you accept the challenge?

Speaking of a commitment to new member recruitment, I think this letter illustrates what Doran has in mind:

March 12, 1979

Albert Fricker
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Dear Albert;

It's a real pleasure for me to write this letter on behalf of the entire Society to congratulate you again on the achievement of sponsoring your 30th member in the Society's Man of Note program.

Your #30 tie-tac to add to your collection of tie-tacs for your frame is being forwarded under separate cover to your chapter for presentation to you at an appropriate time.

You're only the 14th Barbershopper in the Society to have sponsored this number of new members.

Again, Albert, heartiest congratulations and we'll look forward to sending tie-tac #30 to you soon.



Sing-cheerily,

Hugh A Ingraham
Executive Director

Calling it a day—

Pending retirement of the Vagabonds will leave a big void in Pioneer District

By ROGER O. MORRIS, sr.

When the Vagabonds fulfill their show commitments some time in May of this year, Pioneer District will be losing its premiere quartet from the competition scene, and the Society will be without the services of one of its most entertaining attractions on the show circuit.

After nine years of grueling competition, with most of them in the elite top ten bracket and more than a few as a medalist quartet, our champs are calling it a day. According to tenor Ken Gibson, in a discussion with this reporter, the Vagabonds will not be competing in the International Prelims at Saginaw this Spring.

"It is not that we are tired of the competition grind, or that we don't enjoy singing as a quartet," Ken told me. "It is rather that, after nine years, some of us have personal responsibilities that merit first consideration."

Ken says the foursome hopes to arrange a series of chapter visitations within the district, perhaps involving joint chapter meetings in several locations, to give the Vagabonds an opportunity to express their gratitude to the members for their support through the years.

It would also give all of us a chance to express our thanks to the Vagabonds for nine wonderful years of barbershop harmony, and for the pride and honor they have brought to our district during their tenure as our flagship quartet.

It has been my personal privilege to attend dozens of fine shows around the Society featuring the Vagabonds, and to have been on hand at every district and International competition (except Atlanta) since 1972. I have watched their meteoric rise to the top, shared in their accomplishments, suffered with them through some bitter disappointments. Along with thousands of barbershop faithful, I thought they had attained the pinnacle in San Francisco, but it was not to be.

The silver medal is always a bittersweet thing to any great quartet that has labored in the pits so long. For the Vagabonds it will have to suffice as their crowning achievement, competition wise. The class and dignity with which they accepted their fortunes in San Francisco and the following year in Philadelphia will long be remembered as characteristic of our Vagabonds.

But our musical world does not start and end with competition, fortunately. Whatever disappointments members of the quartet may have experienced along the trail were more than offset by the enthusiastic applause heaped upon them by their host of admirers and faithful fans wherever they performed.

The poise, polish and perfection that marked each performance is a tribute to the high ideals and standards of these four fine gentlemen and to our society. As with any great show performers, they have offered their audiences a wide variety of musical entertainment, from ballads through the upbeat tunes and ever-popular spiritual medleys. Still they have adhered closely to the barbershop style we all cherish. They established their goals and principles early in



THE VAGABONDS

Denny Gore, Norm Thompson, Ken Gibson, Clay Shumard

the game and followed them unwaveringly to the last ringing chord.

For lead Dennis Gore, bari Clay Shumard, bass Norm Thompson, and for Ken Gibson the long hours of travel, rehearsal, coaching sessions, and competition are nearing an end. When they take that final curtain call, I know it will be with a lot of mixed emotion. The applause will fade away and die in the auditorium, but in the hearts of those who have followed their brilliant career it will ring forever. We wish you well, Vagabonds and thanks for the memories.

Former Grand Rapids president Marv Brower dies in California

G. Marvin Brower, 84, a former member and president of the Grand Rapids Chapter, passed away in Chula Vista, California December 24, according to word received from Ed Gaikema of Grand Rapids.

Marv was very active in Grand Rapids Chapter #4 from its inception. He was much in demand as a master of ceremonies at many Barbershop functions, Ed recalls.

After moving to California in 1952, Marv became active in the Far Western District, serving in many capacities.

He is survived by his wife, Rhea, who lives at 471 Fourth Avenue, Apt. G, Chula Vista, 92010; two sons and a daughter.



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EIGHTY-FOUR YEAR OLD BARBERSHOPPER TO WALK TO THE INSTITUTE!

George Knault, of the Grosse Pointe Chapter, wants to find out why "We Sing That They Shall Speak." He's going to walk to the Institute of Logopedics to do so. George is not going to walk all the way, but he is going to walk from Kansas City, Kansas, to the Institute in Wichita.

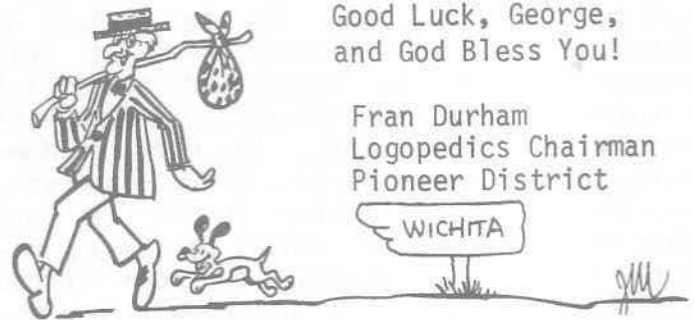
George is the father-in-law of Rev. John Salles, pastor of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Detroit. George's wife passed away in September, 1976 and, at his daughters insistence, he sold his apartment in Saginaw and moved into the parsonage in Detroit with his daughter and son-in-law.

George was a lonely man with his wife's passing. He pretty much confined himself to the parsonage. One evening, his son-in-law suggested he go listen to the Barbershoppers who held their practices at the church. George wanted to know what Barbershoppers do and was told "We Sing That They Shall Speak." George was reluctant but eventually agreed to attend a practice. At the practice, George was asked if he could sing. He indicated that he could sing a little bass and sang a song he had learned in World War I.

Singing that song changed Georges life. His depression disappeared. He felt a part of something. He fell in love with Barbershopping and soon became a member of the Grosse Pointe Chapter and has been singing ever since.

George has a real appreciation for life. He has a God-given gift of song and avidly uses that gift in support of the Society's International Service Project, the Institute of Logopedics. George wants to know first-hand why "We Sing That They

Shall Speak." He wants to know about the work of the Institute and the wonderful things that are being done for speech handicapped children. He enjoys walking and being out-of-doors. George is packing up his tent, knapsack and fishing pole, and on May 16th he's going to take a long walk. He'll enjoy the beauties of nature along the way. He'll fish any stream that looks inviting. He is looking forward to the time spent at the Institute with eager anticipation.



Good Luck, George,
and God Bless You!

Fran Durham
Logopedics Chairman
Pioneer District

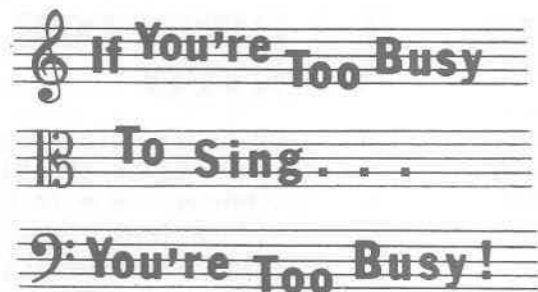
Huron Valley

This is to let all you faithful "Troubadour" readers know about a new Chapter in Michigan. It's the Huron Valley Chapter in Ann Arbor. We have been in operation since February, 1978, and we had our charter presented to us at our Chapter Show on March 10, 1979, at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School. We hope you'll come and visit us if you are in the area. We were chartered with 38 members and have since signed up 5 more!

We meet every Tuesday night at 8:00 at St. Lukes Church, 4205 Washington Avenue.

We plan to serve the Society faithfully as long as we are in operation. We really enjoy singing Barbershop. I am the youngest member of the Chapter but I thoroughly enjoy it.

Keith M. Opal
Bulletin Editor



Musical Notes from the Big Bear

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Chalk up another very successful Quartet and Coaching Clinic. On the weekend of March 9-11, 1979, Pioneer District held another of our now famous and successful clinics. The super faculty, composed of Ken Buckner, Russ Foris, Mac Huff, Oz Newgard, Don Gray, Don Harbin, Sonny Henderson, and the Big Bear, filling in for Jim Luse when he was forced to cancel on the day before the Clinic started. Everyone agreed that Pioneer District's Music Education Committee maintained their reputation for always providing the very best faculty available anywhere. Fifteen quartets, and fifteen student coaches, all said they felt it was one of the finest fun and learning times of their Barbershop lives so far. Let's make the next Clinic even bigger and better by increasing the participation to at least twenty quartets and twenty men studying

coaching. Speaking of coaching, and there isn't a quartet that doesn't need it, we now have several men who have attended a number of these coaching Clinics, and, of course, had a good musical background even prior to joining our Society. They are now ready to coach quartets and choruses. Let's put them to work and continue to improve our performance and enjoyment levels. Anyone interested in knowing the names of these men please contact Bill Butler, Director of Music Education.

Mr. Barbershopper, I surely hope you have set aside the dates of September 14-16, 1979. This is to be our second annual Pioneer Harmony Round-Up (Mini-Hep), and is designed to provide a learning and fun weekend for every member of the District. This will include Basic Craft, Beginning and Advanced Chorus Directing, Arranging, Show Production and even MCing. You name it and if we have enough interest in the subject, we'll provide the faculty to teach it. See your next Troub for details and registration forms.

-- PLAN NOW TO ATTEND --
-- PIONEER HARMONY ROUND-UP --
SEPTEMBER 14 thru 16, 1979

See you there,

Bill

Detroit has new meeting hall

The Detroit #1 Chapter has moved to a new, much larger facility for its Monday night chorus rehearsals and regular second Friday of the month meetings. The building is the K of C Hall, three blocks west of Greenfield on Michigan Avenue. This hall is being fully air-conditioned for comfort and is more than twice the size of the old Ford Post Hall, known to barbershoppers throughout the area.

CHORUS DIRECTOR WANTED

The Detroit Chapter is also looking for a new, talented music man to be the Director of its Motor City Chorus. Due to business and other considerations, Thom Hine has decided to hang up his Director's shoes

and to do his singing from the risers rather than out front. Thom joins Bill Butler who will also help in getting the new man started.

"We're looking for a man who will continue the fine traditions of our winning chorus, a man who can do it all with our eighty man group," was the consensus of the Board of Directors led by Earl Berry, Chapter President.

Contact Earl at (313) 277-7130 if you are interested or if you know of someone the Chapter should contact. Remember too, local and far-travelling barbershoppers are always welcome to visit Detroit #1.

Detroit's Bob-Lo cruise will sail Friday, July 20th

It's All Aboard for the annual Detroit #1 Bob-Lo Boat and the Moonlight Curise.

Art Schultze reminds us the date has been set and arrangements have been completed for this great affair.

Grand Rapids

by Dick Williams

We had another successful Great Lakes Invitational and much of the success of our show can be attributed to the DUTCH MASTERS and the HARMONY HOUNDS who stepped in at the 11th hour after the Suntones cancelled due to sickness. Those guys did such a fantastic job that few people missed the Suntones.

SURGING Grand Rapids just concluded a very successful OPEN HOUSE. The turn-out went about as planned, 250 plus wives. Needless to say, we have gained many new members to enhance the ranks of our chorus, better known here as CLAY'S LEGIONS.

Enthusiasm and excitement are reaching an all time high as we continue to gear for Kalamazoo, and like the Legions of Rome, united we stand, Proud, Defiant, no longer will we be denied.

Take heed.....



LAST CHORD



A great number of Barbershoppers in the Detroit area were saddened to hear of the loss of one of the really great stalwarts of our Society, Cecil Craig, long-time member of the former Dearborn Chapter and, more recently, active in the Detroit #1 Chapter.

Cecil was a gentle man and always a gentleman. His contributions to his chapters, the District and to the whole Society are too numerous to mention. Cecil was nominated and elected to the Pioneer District Hall of Fame.

Those of us who were privileged to know him will always remember him as an outstanding person. We will sorely miss Cecil, but we will remember him and we will find a measure of solace in being able to say, "He was my friend."

What's going on

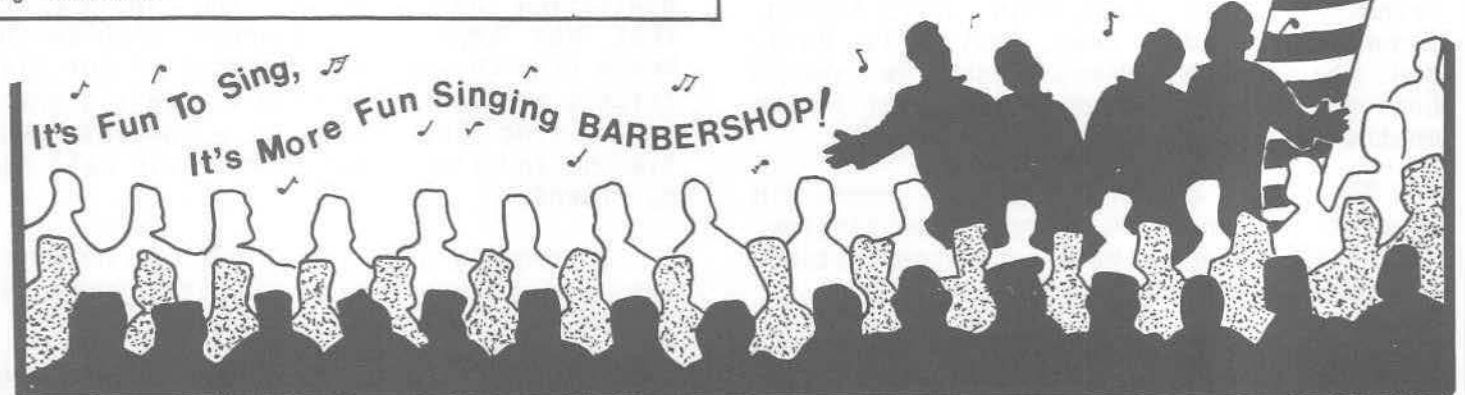
By Thom Hine
Division I Vice President

Quite Frankly, a great deal! All nine Chapters of Division I are currently moving toward the formation of S.M.A.C. (Southeast Michigan Association of Chapters) with three goals in mind:

1. The formation of a coordinated base to hold the 1981 International Convention in Detroit,
2. To improve inter-chapter relations and promote inter-chapter activities,
3. To offer a forum whereby these chapters have an opportunity to coordinate individual chapter calendars and avoid overlapping dates.

With respect to item #2 above, and in association with the Clarkston Rotary Club, we have just successfully completed a Pine Knob Barbershop Spectacular on May 19th, featuring the New Baltimore Exit, The Citations, The Vagabonds, The Lakeshore Chorus, The Wolverine Chorus, The Motor City Chorus, and a massed chorus of 250 Division I members PLUS Master MC Doran McTaggart, our own Pioneer District President. While total ticket sales figures are not yet available, there were 4100 people in the audience, many of whom had never before been to a Barbershop Show.

HARMONY HEAVEN... ON EARTH!





BUSH LEAGUE CONTEST A HUGE SUCCESS

The 1979 Boyne City Bush League Contest held on May 19, 1979, proved to be one of the most interesting and well-attended ever and seems to be gaining in popularity every year. The quartet contest, which is held on Saturday afternoon, had thirteen quartets competing for the old "Brass Gaboon" trophy. Believe me, it was great fun and also great competition. The 1979 Bush League Champs are the "Black Velvet" from Grand Rapids Chapter, with Jerry Koning, Tenor, Phil Wilder, Lead, Joel Mills, Bari, and Bob Goldschmedding, Bass. We should hear good things from this quartet in the months and years ahead.

This is a great weekend to renew old acquaintances and have a great time singing. Many Barbershoppers have not missed attending the Bush League in years.

The Crosstown Exchange, our 1978 Bush League Champions, along with the Black Vel-

vet, 1979 Champs, and the Tunesters Union, runners-up this year, all appeared on the evening show along with the original Road Runners from Ohio (featured) and the Boyne City Chorus, under the direction of Bob Tracy. The large Boyne City gymnasium was filled to near capacity by a very appreciative audience. Special, and well-deserved, tribute was paid to "Hall of Fame" member Loton Wilson. Some of you may not be aware of Loton's history in the Pioneer District. Loton was District President in 1954 & 1955 and has held practically every District and chapter office, as well as being an accomplished arranger. Certainly not his least dedication has been as the 'spark plug' that has kept the interest high in the Boyne City Chapter and for most of our District's northern Division 4. He's a great guy, a fine Barbershopper, a complete gentleman, and I'm proud that I can call him my friend.

I strongly urge you to plan on being at the Bush League next May. It's your loss if you don't attend.

Bill Butler, DME

LET'S DO IT AGAIN -

We have been notified by International of the following winners of the International Achievement Award for 1978:

- Plateau 1 - The Boyne City Chapter
- Plateau 2 - The Niles-Buchanan Chapter
- Plateau 3 - The Flint Chapter
- Plateau 4 - The Jackson Chapter
- Plateau 5 - The Grosse Pointe Chapter
- Plateau 6 - The Detroit #1 Chapter

The congratulations of all Pioneer District Chapters go to you all.

The scoring for this award is based on a wide range of activities including chapter programming and membership recruitment. A hearty "Well Done, Men."

you ought to know

We have received word from Ron Neff, Division II V.P., that on March 22nd there was an organizational meeting held in Coldwater to discuss the establishment of a new chapter. They already have 18 potential members. Joe Jenkins was there from International, and to furnish the Barbershop chords, the Battle Creek Chorus, the Harmony Hounds and the Village Ramblers all 'pitched in'.

Currently, the group is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the music room of Legg Jr. High School in Coldwater.

Good Luck, Men!

Wayne Chapter

It sure seems good to be back in the reporting game again. I had almost forgotten how. Even though we received short notice of the resumption of publication, I'm sure every reporter will be eager to respond. The feeling is, "If you'll be sure to print it, we'll keep it coming." It did get rather exasperating to send in current news which got printed as ancient history.

It has been a long time since the fall contest, but this is the first opportunity the Wayne Wonderland Chorus has had to "humbly" express it's elation at being selected to represent the Pioneer District at the International Convention in Minneapolis this Summer. We pledge to do our best, and to that end, we are already working hard at our weekly rehearsals.

Through concerted effort, we now have our membership up over the century mark. We also have a rather long list of weekly visitors who are potential members.

The Wayne Chapter has received the Service Award for Logopedics contributions. For the fourth consecutive year we have averaged over \$10.00 per member. Our average for 1978 was over \$12.00 per member. We congratulate our Logopedics Chairman, Al Fricker, for a job well done.

On January 27, we held our annual Ladies Night at the Mayflower meeting hall in Plymouth. This was, by far, the best we have ever had, with a full course Prime Rib Dinner and a 4-Piece Dance Band. Attendance was 54 couples.

Our annual Pitchpipe Parade was held on March 2nd and 3rd, at Mercy High School, in Farmington. The theme this year was "The Great Escape," and featured "The Gentlemen's Agreement" and the "Schizo-Phonics," from Chicago, as well as the Wayne Wonderland Chorus. We pride ourselves in knowing that we have never put on a bad show, and this one was no exception.

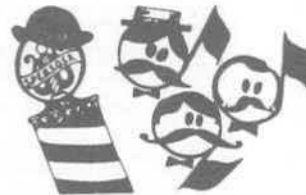
Come visit us on any 3rd Friday nite at our club house, 9611 Hubbard, in Livonia.

Mauri,

Mauri Giles

If I can convince the doctor to leave me alone, all the news will be out on a timely basis, fair enough?

Rusty



Niles-Buchanan

QUARTET JAMBOREE

Say fellows, are you looking for a place you can take the family for a camping weekend and where you can still enjoy your Barbershopping. Well, why not consider the 5th annual Quartet Jamboree and Barbershop Campout, sponsored by the Niles-Buchanan Chapter, which will take place July 20-22, 1979, at Fullers Campground, just west of Buchanan. It's basically a fun weekend but there is a quartet contest - the main rule of which is: No quartet shall have more than 1 member who is actively involved in a registered quartet. Sound like fun? For more information contact:

Ron Neff
118 Forest

Niles, MI 49120

Ph (616) 684-4127

Alpena

The Alpena Chapter has not been making any big news lately, and membership has not been soaring, but we are managing to keep the Chapter official. The 1979 officers are: Bernie Martin - President, Cliff Anderson - Membership V.P., Ted Johnson - Program V.P., Earl Froh - Treasurer, Bill Martin - Secretary, and Mike Froggett - P. R. Man. We all have some good ideas for promoting membership, so this might be a good year.

This year's annual show was held at Alpena High School, on April 7th. Headlining our show was the "Harmony Hounds." We also featured a great Sweet Ad quartet, "The Right Direction." We also had our own quartets, the "4 Of A Kind" and "The Cement City Curb and Culvert Co.", and the Lumbermans Chorus performed as well as the Anama-kee Sweet Adeline Chorus. Tom Pollard did a masterful job as our MC.

Even though we are somewhat out-of-the-way, we urge any of you out-of-town Barber-shoppers to drop in and pay us a visit.

Bill Martin

What's New in Your Chapter?



CUT US IN!

Deadline for all material is the 25th of the month prior to publication

PIONEER TROUBADOUR



Bring the whole family!

Labor Day week end

It's the ultimate in Barbershop campouts!

PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING HOLIDAY INN SOUTH, LANSING, MICHIGAN JANUARY 28, 1979

The meeting was called to order by President McTaggart at 10:15 A.M.

Directors present: All Directors were present except IBM Gillespie and DVP Jones, Gougeon and Neff.

Also Present: Committee Chairmen Butler and Lang, 1979 Spring Convention Chairman Donnelly, 1981 International Convention Chairman Warner, 1979 International Convention Pioneer District Flight Chairman Funk, and Area Counselor Hunter.

DVP Hine led the delegation in the singing of "The Old Song".

Inasmuch as the minutes of the previous meeting had been mailed to all members present, the reading of the same was waived. Minutes were accepted as written.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$11,225.26 as of December 31, 1978.

IBM Gillespie's written report outlined items for the agenda at the International Board meeting on January 28 in Sarasota, Florida. As Chairman of the ethics Committee, his report indicated that no ethics violations have been reported since his last report.

DVP LaBumhard presented a written report outlining the District Convention sites through the Fall of 1981, and announced that the Jackson Chapter would submit a bid to the Spring House of Delegates to host the Fall, 1980 Convention. He also announced that one application had been received for the A.L.C. Scholarship.

Verbal reports were presented by those DVPs present. DVP Hine announced the formation of the Division I Association of Chapters (DOAC) for the primary purpose of coordinating activities within the Division and to be represented by a member from each chapter. He stated that DOAC would be of great advantage in the planning of the 1981 International Convention.

President McTaggart announced that there are still five chapters in the District that are on associate status. He also announced that the Pioneer District was the only District in the Society to have a membership increase over the previous year.

The Area Counselor of the Year was elected by the Board and will be announced at the Spring House of Delegates' Meeting.

Contest and Judging Chairman Lang announced that Roger Lewis from the Battle Creek Chapter had been accepted as a candidate judge in the Stage Presence Category. After discussion of the Northup Handicap System, a motion was made by DVP LaBumhard with a second by Treasurer Schneider that the Northup System not be adopted. Motion passed.

The Secretary was instructed to explore the cost of additional trophies to be awarded to the finalists. Quarters who do not qualify as Medalists. These trophies would be awarded at the District Quartet Contest in the Fall. The Secretary will report on this at the Spring Board Meeting.

On a motion by DVP LaBumhard, with a second by DVP Hine, it was agreed that a third trophy would be awarded in the Spring Chorus Contest. These awards will be as follows: (1) Chorus Champion (overall winner); (2) Gold Division Champion; (3) Silver Division Champion. Motion passed.

Spring Convention Chairman Donnelly outlined the plans for the convention which is to be held in Saginaw at the Civic Center Heritage Theatre. The Holiday Inn East will serve as headquarters hotel. He also presented the proposed budget for the convention. After considerable discussion, it was recommended by the Board that several measures be taken by the host chapter to lower convention expenses wherever possible. The following registration fees will be in effect: Pre-registration - \$9; On-site registration - \$11; Tickets for individual performances - \$5.

President McTaggart announced that E. J. Ruegger of the Oakland County Chapter had accepted the position of Editor for the Troubadour. The target date for his first issue is March 1. The Board also agreed to purchase a "Word Master" typing system for use in the Troubadour preparation on a motion by DVP Wheeler with a second by Treasurer Schneider.

Convention Flight Chairman Funk outlined the plans for the Minneapolis flight in July and distributed forms that will be mailed to all chapter presidents, giving complete details. The form will also be published in the Troubadour.

DVP Butler expressed concern over the lack of registrants for the Quartet and Coaches Clinic scheduled for March 9-11 at Eastern Michigan. Each DVP was asked to contact all chapters and quartets under their respective jurisdiction to promote attendance at the clinic. DVP LaBumhard made a motion, with a second by Treasurer Schneider that a minimum of fifty individuals must be registered for the clinic by February 23 or the clinic will be cancelled. Motion passed.

DVP Butler also reiterated that the Second Annual "Harmony Round-Up" will be held September 14-16 at Eastern Michigan University. Dave LaBar will be in the District February 12-15; Joe Lilje will be here September 10-15.

International Convention Chairman Warner outlined some of the plans for the 1981 Convention. He will meet with the Convention Committee in Minneapolis.

Treasurer Schneider presented the proposed budget for the coming year. After considerable discussion, the proposed budget was amended and balanced. DVP LaBumhard made a motion that the proposed budget as amended, be

accepted and presented to the House of Delegates. DVP Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DVP LaBumhard presented the nominations to the Hall of Fame. One member was elected and will be inducted at the Spring Convention.

President McTaggart presented the work-plan proposal for the coming year and outlined his goals for increasing participation and membership.

The revised By-laws as acted upon previously by the House of Delegates were presented by President McTaggart in IBM Gillespie's absence. International Law and Regulations Committee Chairman John E. Cullen, in a cover letter accompanying the revised By-laws, suggested clarifying several portions. The revised and clarified By-laws will be presented to the House of Delegates at the Spring Convention. Once this is accomplished the By-laws will be approved by the International Committee.

It will be necessary to revise the By-laws further to incorporate the action taken by the Board at this meeting regarding the awarding of a third trophy in the Spring District Chorus Contest.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. McClintock
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