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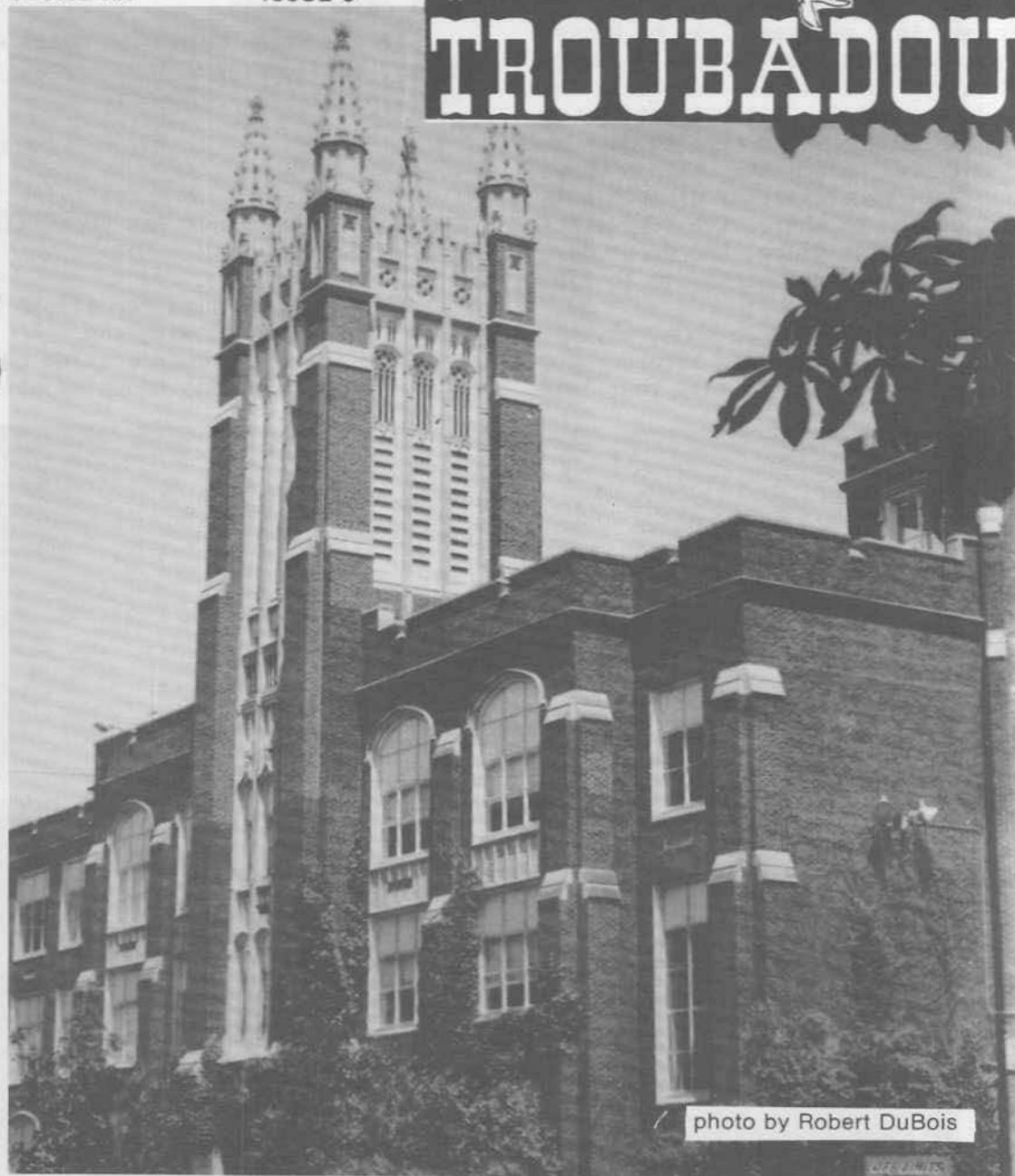


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Fall Contest Site — Jackson High School

Chord Action in Jackson, Oct. 17-19

Convention Notes from Jackson

By the time you read this, we of the Jackson Chapter will be eagerly awaiting your arrival for the Convention on the 17th. This should be one of the most exciting competitions in years considering that this is the Chorus Competition leading up to the International Contest in Detroit in 1981.

Although not everyone can be housed at headquarters, Jackson is small enough geographically so that one can make the rounds of the motels without eating up too much time. There is no need to go hungry (or thirsty) after the chords have been rung. There are plenty of good eating places close to where the "Chord Action" will be taking place. AND we do have a great place for the contestants to sing in.

If you hadn't planned to come, why not reconsider. Come Friday and Saturday for the competition and plan to make your lei-

surely way home on Sunday. There are many interesting things to do while you are here. We'll mention only a few: a visit to the Space Center or Ella Sharp Museum, a round of golf on one of the many fine area public courses, a trip to Hidden Lake Gardens southeast of Jackson on M-50, or if you can't resist, there's shopping at Westwood Mall, just a few blocks west of Jackson High, not to mention a trip home at the beginning of Michigan's beautiful fall color season.

If you need help with motel accommodations, call George Dyer (517) 787-3768, or Bob Dininny (517) 629-2250.

Bob Dininny

A WORD OF WISDOM TO ALL COMPETING BARBERSHOP SINGERS.....

If you would sing for all to hear,
Avoid the flowing cup.
For after too much bottled cheer,
Your tang gets toungeled up!



Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, Michigan

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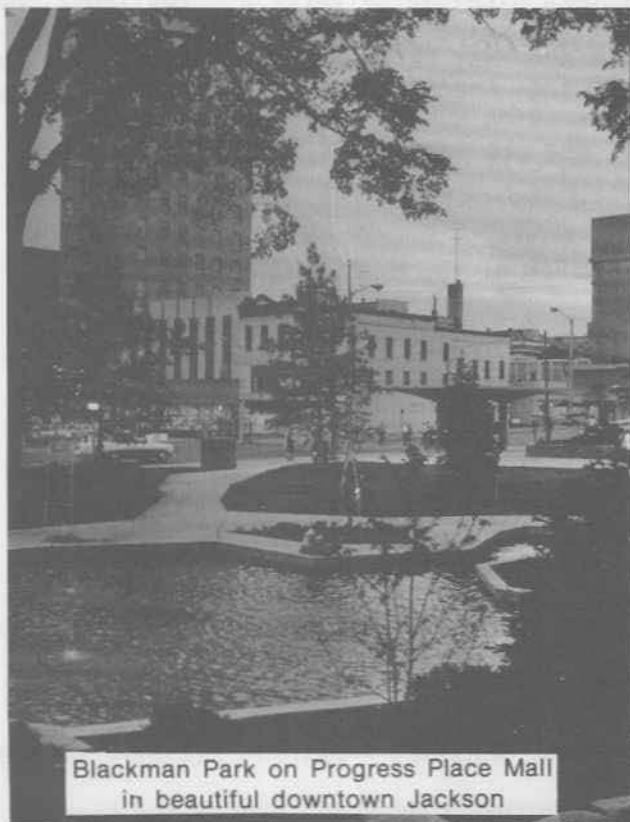
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Blackman Park on Progress Place Mall
in beautiful downtown Jackson

Please check your significant upcoming dates and determine NOW when publicity must be available for inclusion in the Troub.

QUARTET UPDATE

The CEMENT CITY CURB & CULVERT CO. have changed their name to The HARBOR TONES.

contact Bruce Vanden Bosch
630 Thunder Bay
Alpena, MI 49707

The HARMONY RENAISSANCE have changed their name and address to CENTER STAGE.

contact Glenn VanTassel
5876 Mohawk Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

The GREAT LAKES EXPRESS have changed their address. Contact Walter Dorosh

3436 Merrick
Dearborn, MI 48124

The BLACK VELVET have a new contact man.

contact Joel Mills
2972 Wausaukee, NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Please make the following Chapter change:

1 Detroit: Address for Director
Robert Whitledge
123 Lincoln Ave.
Monroe, MI 48215
Ph: (313) 242-9207

Also, PLEASE NOTE.....

Chapter Officer Training School (COTS) dates, reported incorrectly in the last issue of the Troubadour, are:

1980 - December 6 - 7
1981 - December 5 - 6
1982 - December 4 - 5

As you know, Chapter Officer Elections are to be held in October. Please notify the District Secretary on the form provided as soon as this is accomplished. This will greatly facilitate the timely publication of the 1981 District Directory.

John M. McClinchey
District Secretary

The following quartets have let their registrations lapse:

The HARMONEERS of Sault Ste Marie, Ont.

The PERSONAL EXPRESSION of Gratiot County.

The HARMONY FORUM of Grosse Pointe.

The EXTENDED FORCAST of Grosse Pointe

The DUTCH MASTERS of Holland.

The SOUND OBJECTIVE of Oakland County, Pontiac and Flint.

Barbershopper of the Year

Every year at about this time, chapters all around the Society are going about the selection of a member of their ranks to honor for his continued devotion to his chapter. Most of the time, these award ceremonies are closed to all except chapter members. Sometimes they are saved for a Ladies Night, and sometimes we see a report written up in the chapter bulletin.

We think that these men, who give of themselves so unselfishly all year long, should receive more recognition than that. We would like to ask you to send us a snapshot (b1 & wh) and a short writeup of your honoree and, shortly after the first of the year, we'll publish them all. That way, we will all be able to add our congratulations to your Barbershopper Of The Year.

Rusty

Who Says Barbershopping Isn't Fun?

DRINK from the fountain of fellowship that exists in your chapter.

STEAL a little more time for learning your music!

SWEAR to start doing a better job of singing!

LIE down at night, satisfied that you're an asset to your chapter!

by Jim Fulks, Editor of The 'Starting Gate'



Musical Notes from the Big Bear

W. D. 'Bill' Butler, D.M.E.
33748 Pawnee Drive
Westland, Michigan 48185
Phone 313/721-4747

Harmony Round-Up #4 is now history, and while it was a disappointment from an attendance standpoint, it was a huge success artistically. With a faculty consisting of Dave Stevens, teaching Advanced Arranging; Dave LaBar, teaching Basic Craft; Lyle Pettigrew, with the Chorus Directors; Merle Clayton, with the Intro to Barbershop Harmony (Beg. Arranging) --- each one giving their all, keeping it fun AND interesting. Nine quartets (see list) enjoyed the expertise of Mac Huff, Fred King, Lloyd Steinkamp, Brian Beck and Rudy Partin. The quartets all finished the weekend on Cloud 9, hoping that they could retain all, or at least half of the great coaching they received.

The next Quartet and Coaching Clinic (for Quartets and Coaching Students only), will be held at Hoyt Conference Center, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, on February 27-28 and March 1, 1981. All quartets and any Barbershoppers interested in learning Coaching should set the above dates aside NOW and plan to attend.

See you in Jackson.

Bill Butler

QUARTETS AT THE HARMONY ROUND-UP

1. THE VERY IDEA! - Oakland County Chapter
2. The LONG and SHORT Of It - Monroe Chap.
3. BLACK VELVET - Grand Rapids Chapter
4. COLLECTOR'S CHOICE - Lansing Chapter
5. THE OTHER DIRECTION - Livingston County
6. THE HARBOR LITES - Benton Harbor - St Jo
7. 4 WHEEL DRIVE - Oakland County Chapter
8. MUSIC MAESTROS - Clinton Valley - Gr Pte
9. BY MUTUAL AGRFFMENT - Coldwater Chapter

HARMONY VALLEY CHAPTER, SWEET ADELINES, INC
PRESENTS

♪ *Swinging and*
Sentimental ♪



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KENOSHA CAPSULE

The Fieldman Team is Now at Full Strength... two men were appointed during the summer months at the direction of the International Board. The new guys are RON ROCKWELL, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, and PAT WARREN, from Grand Rapids, Michigan. They're joining TOM COGAN in the business of developing new chapters, working with District Officers and Area Counselors, running COTS and aiding all chapters whenever possible. Specific District assignments have been made for each Fieldman, outlined below. Pick the right guy for your District and make him the prime contact for all your questions and needs... They're on the board for just one purpose...to serve you!

<u>TOM COGAN</u>	<u>RON ROCKWELL</u>	<u>PAT WARREN</u>
Land O'Lakes	Ontario	Evergreen
Central States	Northeastern	Far Western
Illinois	Seneca Land	Rocky Mountain
Pioneer	Mid-Atlantic	Southwestern
Cardinal	Sunshine	
Johnny Appleseed	Dixie	

Geography and travel distances were part of the decision-making process in assigning districts, so, while they are not equal in number, they sure are in space!

Award of Harmony Program Packets were shipped out to all chapters in the past couple of weeks. The complete outline of operations for one of the Society's most successful publicity and Public Relations campaigns is all there. Now is the best time to get the chairman and his committee underway.

We just did a Survey of the Harmony Hall Radio Tape Series so far this year. Here's what we found out.. (Michigan has used the program 3 times).. If you want to hear Barbershop on your local radio station, all you gotta do is ask. If you haven't heard it, nobody's asked. The tapes are sent at no charge... and there are 52 15-minute shows available. We'll be happy to send a demo tape to any station that requests. There's a station in every town which could feature Barbershop Harmony at its best once a week. How about your town?

Membership continues to Grow...August figures show a boost of 1053 members over

July. Keep 'er goin', guys....you're doing a great job! You've been asking for Promotional Material to help you secure new members, and it's now available. It is a brochure that is designed to answer the questions prospects may have about the Society and what it can mean to them. It offers a chance for the prospect to take action, too with the attached reply card. With the Fall "hunting season" (for members, that is) about to open, these handy brochures can be a big assist. They are item #4206 in packs of 25 at \$2.50, orderable from Harmony Hall Merchandise Department.

A Sincere Thank You from FRED WARING to the hundreds who sent birthday cards to him in June. He is feverishly working to thank each one individually if he has an address. According to the ol' Music Master's note to Harmony Hall.."the avalanche of mail literally swept him off his feet." That was a wonderful gesture of Barbershoppers' appreciation for all that he has done to promote our Society.

Next July it's ON TO DETROIT.. and the registrations are a'comin' in. The "draw" was conducted on July 16 and totaled 2815 advance registrations. We'll be operating next year in the Renaissance Center, right next to Cobo Arena. The Republicans left everything in good shape for us, including a new rubber-tired "trolley train" that will wander around downtown to carry folks to and from the contests and hotels.

San Diego's Mid-Winter Convention registration forms and ticket order blanks are in the September HARMONIZER. Send in your registration and you'll receive right back a hotel application form. The Headquarters is the Holiday Inn at the Embarcadero.... which means "right on the bay." Think about next January in your hometown...now think about palm trees, steady warm sunlight... The Boston Common, The Chicago News, The Roaring 20's, The Grand Tradition and the Classic Collection. Who could ask for more?

The troops have Headed Home from another successful Harmony College. Exactly 500 attended this year's "Festival of Fellowship" and were guided through the essence of the hobby by 41 instructors. As usual, vanilla won in the annual "ice cream derby" with chocolate and butter pecan rounding

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out the field. This year's students even managed to consume several gallons on their breakfast cereal. Highlights of the week included production of the final night show by the "Saturday Night Live" class and the Parade of Quartets on Saturday afternoon. Next year...same time...same place...and it is a must for any member who wants to enjoy his Barbershop life to the fullest.

CHORD-ially,



Burt Schindler
Director of Communications

The Winds of Change

Recent District-Shaking news out of the Mid-Atlantic District is to the effect that:

(1). Scott Werner has resigned as music director at Alexandria and...

(2). Alexandria will not compete in the district contest this year and will consider remaining out of competition until 1982.

The word from Alexandria is that the Harmonizers are deeply appreciative of what Scott's musical leadership has meant to the chapter chorus and that they completely understand and sympathize with the rationale of his decision. There is considerable respect and affection on both sides, and the separation, while regrettable, is an amicable one.

Scott recommended that John Hohl, currently musical director at Fairfax, be named his successor. The Alexandria Chapter Board of Directors concurred and has already arranged for John's tenure as musical director to begin in a few weeks.

Although John Hohl is eminently qualified, recommended by Scott Werner, and totally familiar with the Alexandria scene through service there as associate director, coach, arranger, and premier quartet baritone (Nova Chords), he and the Harmonizers aren't about to commit musical suicide by entering the district contest after only a few weeks together in the new arrangement. Not that they wouldn't win.

The underlying feeling here is that their primary concern is that they would win and

then would have to worry about being adequately prepared to face the difficult demands of International competition in Detroit in 1981. Add to this the fact that the men of Alexandria are physically and emotionally drained from the rigorous preparations associated with three consecutive years of International competition (a 4th and two 2nds) and are apparently feeling the frustrations of having the top prize tantalizingly elude their grasp.

This probably also accounts for the fact that the Alexandria Chapter Board of Directors is giving very serious consideration to withdrawing from competition until the Southern Division contest of 1982 which, hopefully, would launch them into District in '82 and International in '83.

There is a feeling here that Scott Werner's resignation as musical director was, therefore, not the sole determining factor in precipitating the action taken or the plans under consideration at Alexandria.

What does all this have to do with us, you ask? Well, for one thing, the Harmonizers are, competitively, where many of us would like to be and we must give serious consideration to what it takes to get there and remain there. Every chapter that takes pride in its musical accomplishment must periodically take a perspective inner look at its goals and what is involved in their achievement. Every chapter has a philosophy - real or implied and, every so often, that philosophy has to be reevaluated in terms of such commonly kicked around words and terms as musical assets and liabilities, time, effort, sacrifice, level of commitment, and short and long term goals.

One of our most outstanding and successful chapters is going through the process right now. I find it fascinating to observe and contemplate.

Ed Kelly, Editor,
The Colonial Crier

Many a man who misses an anniversary.....
....catches it later!

Did you hear about the guy who advertised for a wife in the newspaper and got 300 replies? Most of them were from men who wrote, "You can have mine!"



The Very Ideal with Mac Huff



The 'Magic Hands' of Freddie King

The 'Magic Fingers' of Lloyd Steinkamp



The 'Magic Recipes' of Sarah - Chef

The Big Bear D.M.E. Photographer?

The Best Side of Br



The Profile of Merle Clayton

The 'Exhaustive' Coaching of Rudy Partin.



The 'Magic Chords' of Dave Stevens

Coaches



Music Maestros



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By Mutual Agreement

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1980 Harmony Round-Up (Mini-HEP)
September 12, 13 & 14, 1980

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The 'Magic Chords' of Dave Stevens

Coaches of the Future

4 - Wheel Drive

Lyle Pettigrew & the Chorus directors

1980 Harmony Round-Up (Mini-HEP)
September 12, 13 & 14, 1980



All the
"BIGGIES"
were there!



3/4 of The Other Direction
(With Apologies from Bill Butler
Photographer?)



ian Beck



BASIC CRAFT is FUN!



The Harbor Lites
(see Apology above!)



Mac Huff teaches
a tag!



of the Future



The LONG and SHORT Of It
(Same Apology!)



le Pettigrew & the Chorus directors



Collector's Choice



THE HARMONY HOUNDS

Pedigree: Barbershoppers

The Harmony Hounds are not "just a Barbershop Quartet," but a tradition. First organized in 1958 by four men who loved the Barbershop style of singing, they felt that comedy was also important to fully entertain their audience.

Thus started a group that was to go on farther than any of these men had dreamed. Through ten different combinations of voices and twelve different men, the Hounds have accomplished many goals.

In competition, they have won Junior, Novice and 2nd place medals in the Pioneer District. They have also represented the District in International competition in St. Louis in 1969.

In 1970, they traveled with the U.S.O. to entertain at U.S. hospitals in Japan, the Phillipine Islands and Guam. During the nineteen day tour, the Hounds traveled 20,000 miles and sang over 44 performances.

In 1974, the Harmony Hounds traveled abroad again to visit the British Barbershop Clubs, singing shows in Brighton, Hove, Crawley and Nottingham, England. From England, they traveled to the continent touring Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, Holland and Belgium.

The tradition continues as the Hounds style of entertaining keeps you wondering "What's coming next?" It may be slapstick or a toe tapper; subtle comedy that "puts you on" or a wild, zany number like "streak," that deals with current social happenings.

Their unique style of "Dog-gone" good comedy, fine close harmony and the ability to mix straight solid Barbershop, solo renditions and toe-tapping instrumental numbers, makes them popular with all age groups and any audience.



Dorn Dick Roger Bud

The group is composed of Bud Burrill, who "yips" tenor and plays the banjo; Roger Lewis, who "barks" the lead and plays the ukelele; Dorn Burrill, who "howls" the baritone (yes, Dorn and Bud are brothers), plays the banjo, guitar and the string bass; and Dick Smith, who "growls" bass, and plays the string bass.

All four members are extremely active in their local chapter and district. They have held several chapter offices and in spite of their busy quartet schedule, continue to participate by serving on various committees, singing in, or directing the chorus and generally standing by to give help and support when needed.

Dog Gone GOOD Entertainment
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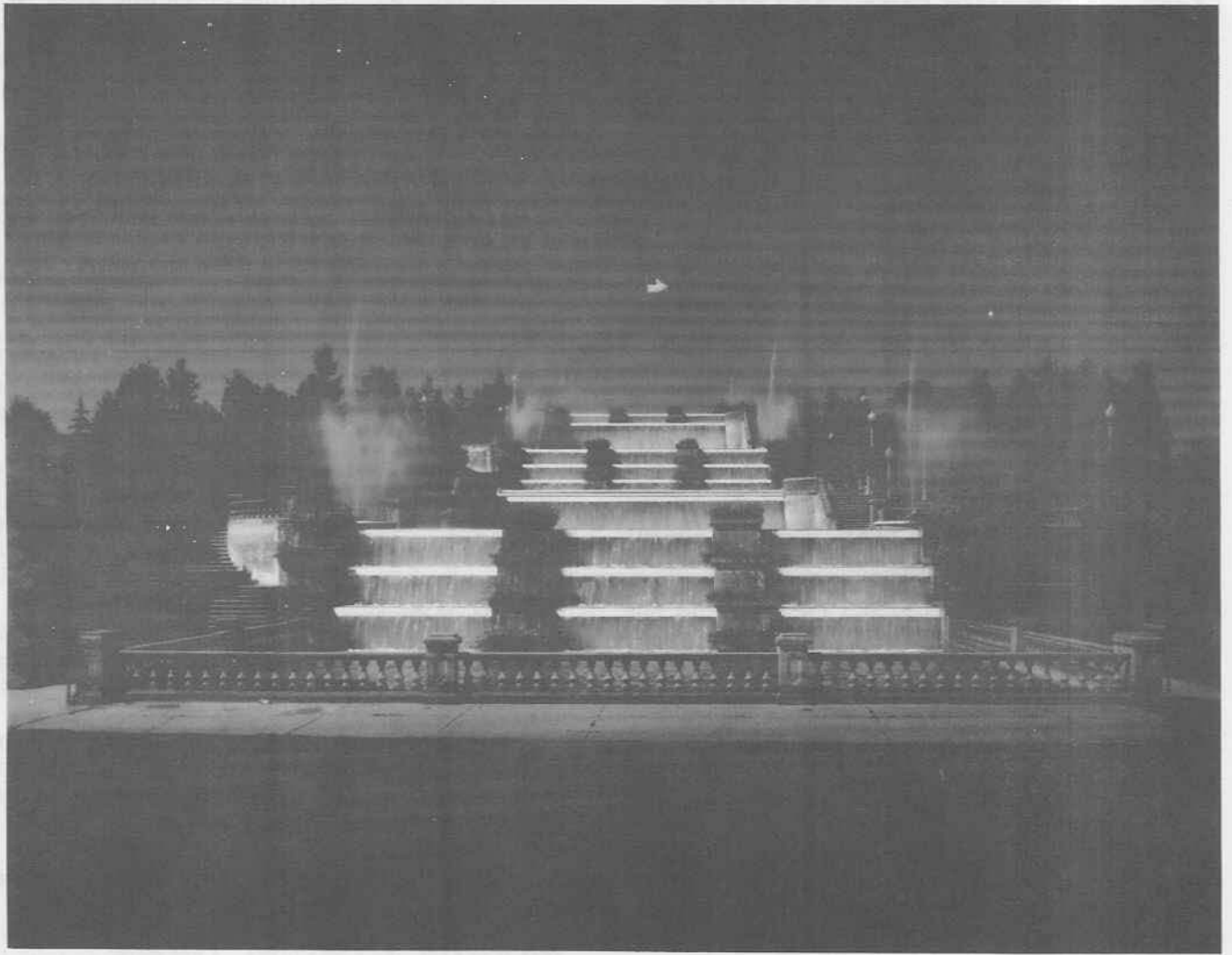
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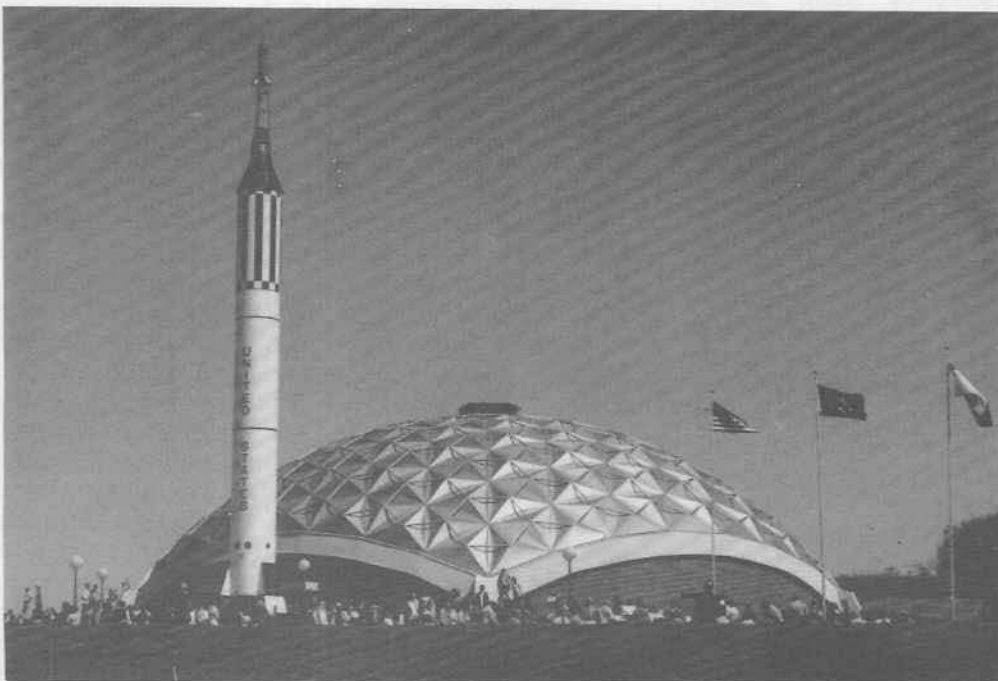
by Lloyd Davis

"Take Me Out To The Ball Game" was written by Albert Von Tilzer, who didn't see a ball game until twenty years AFTER he wrote the song "My Blue Heaven," one of the most successful songs about marital bliss, was written by Walter Donaldson, a bachelor... "In The Shade Of The Old Apple Tree" was inspired by a walk through New York's Central Park, which has NO apple

trees ... Stephen Foster, who wrote all the songs about the South, was NEVER below the Mason-Dixon Line... "Yes, We Have No Bananas," which sold 2,000,000 copies in 1923, was the biggest sheet music seller of all time. After it became a hit, Westman Co. sued the song's publishers, charging that the melody was a direct steal from Handel's "Messiah." Westman, the publishers of Handel music, proved its case in court and was awarded a share of the song's profits. Interesting, and TRUE.



Picture above: The Hidden Lake Gardens in Jackson, Michigan.



Picture on left: The Michigan Space Center at Jackson Community College, also in Jackson, Michigan.

Grand Rapids Chapter News...

Over the summer, the Grand Rapids gang has kept itself busy. We had a Memorial Day weekend campout, where we put on a show for the other campers. The location of the campgrounds was just outside of Grand Rapids, and we have been asked to return and make it a yearly affair. In June, the golfer in the bunch and some who pretend to be, gathered for the annual Golf Scramble and Pot Luck. Four "Ringers" walked away with the trophy. July found five of our hometown boys singing in the International competition, something we're very proud of. Next year, we hope to have fifteen times that many. Later in the month, we again hitched up the trailers and packed up the tents and were off to Horsehead Lake for our annual Chorus Campout. Eighty-five Barbershoppers were present, including members from Clinton Valley, Muskegon, and Lansing and the entire District Board (you know, LaBumbard, McTaggart, the Bear, and the boys). Saturday morning found about three inches of 'partly cloudy' all over the ground, which didn't do much for the golf, but we did manage to put on a pretty fair show that night with Doran taking the MC honors. In August, we had a family picnic, which, once again, was blessed with the presence of umbrellas. Herm Baker's Corn Roast (the sight of the formation of the Black Velvet, two years ago) came about mid-month. The B & L Exchange, the Black Velvet, and many soon-to-be-forgotten quartets sang their hearts out! End of August and a dozen or so of the Grand Rapids Gang attended the Battle Creek "Tyler Creek" Campout. They managed to pull Larry Swan, who just happened to be in town, out of his shell to dazzle the audience with the old Harmony Hounds and the entire Battle Creek Chapter.

As you can see, no grass grows under the feet of the Grand Rapids Chapter during the Summer, and I don't mean just on weekends. Captain Clay Shumard has been riding the Great Lakes Tide all Summer, trying to get us Grand Rapids Turkeys to soar like Eagles this October in Jackson. He really has his hands full. It takes a lot of work to keep a chorus in the running in a District on the move like Pioneer.

We are sorry to see Pat Warren, a fine member of our ranks, leaving Grand Rapids. He is to be the newest International Field Representative, and we are very happy for him.

To any Barbershopper in the area on a Tuesday night, we offer our invitation to come sing with us. Until then, best of luck to all in the Fall!

Phil Wilder

Muskegon Chapter News

We have had a chorus rehearsal every week throughout the summer and have had a good turnout. Keep up the good work, guys.

Our chorus sang in Grand Haven at the Waterfront Park, for the dedication ceremonies for their new band shell, this summer.

Our quartet, which is named, "Our Pleasure," has had some performances as well. We sang at the Ravenna School Homecoming, and at The Lions Club as well as some others. We hope that more quartets will be forming from this chapter soon.

We had a steak fry and chorus rehearsal at Wayne Hamilton's cottage on White Lake, on Aug. 21, and it was a huge success. We had 50 people out for this event.

The chorus is building its repertoire with some new songs and we are enjoying Barbershopping. We are also adding a few new people to our ranks.

Bernew Kitchen

Monroe Chapter News

The Monroe Chapter has been rather active this summer. We had a tent at the Monroe County Fair and sang there. We sang at two churches and have had some family picnics. Several of our members went to the Mini-Hep School and Harmony Round-Up at Ypsilanti, in September.

As a point of information, our Secretary was Stan Brant until his work took him to Flint to work in a hospital there. Stan thought it was too far to commute so he turned the Secretary's job over to Jack Ready. Jack's address is 3356 Heiss Rd., Monroe, MI 48161, Ph (313) 241-0873. Stan, we wish you luck and we'll miss your smiling face and the enthusiasm you gave to our chapter. The Monroe Chapter recently started the Barbershopper of the Month program, and Stan was the first to be so named. Congratulations, Stan.

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One of our members who returned for a visit was Art Lusty. Art is a Past-President, among several other jobs he held in our Chapter. He and his wife, Lois, were gracious hosts for several Christmas parties at their beautiful home in Grosse Ile, until they moved to South Carolina. Art is still a member of our Chapter and is the only one who lives south of the Mason-Dixon Line. It was good to see you again, Art.

Two members of our Chapter, Gil Steinman, myself and our wives, went to the International Convention in Salt Lake City. We felt it was one of the best ever. We were happy that the Judges agreed with us that The BOSTON COMMON (who are going to headline our 17th Annual Show, next February) were the Quartet Champions.

Don Schroeder

Grandma's Boys Lose Bass

Last year's champions, GRANDMA'S BOYS, have lost bass John Miller, who has moved to Los Angeles to take a better job with CBS-TV. Hold on, basses, don't send them a tape of your basso profundo just yet. You see, they've already selected a replacement and he has already begun performing with the quartet. He is Randy Loos (rhymes with gross), director of the Atlanta chorus. Randy sang bass with the Gatortown Goodtime Harmony Four, one of the top quartets in the Sunshine District, and, more recently, with the Southern Connection from Atlanta.

I wonder if he has the 'wooden soldier' routine perfected yet? Working that close to all those flailing arms, could result in a nasty knock on the nose, if a guy didn't know what he was doing!

And speaking of champions, did you know that the BOSTON COMMON almost didn't qualify to go to International this year! It seems that while they were in the warm-up room just before their contest, these cool guys decided to do two nice ballads for the Friday night set. This they did, and the result was that they ran over the six minute maximum time limit. They were penalized a total of 216 points and were in 4th place at the end of the semi-finals. However, according to Phil Johnson, editor of the 'Harmony Notes', in the finals, they

scored a whopping 981 points to vault them into 2nd place among the 9 quartets competing. After winning the silver medal last year, they came that close to 'not making the cut' in their own district, this year.

Now here's an interesting bit of trivia for you...because the BOSTON COMMON ended up second, "What quartet beat the champions in the year that they won the gold medal?"

Paul Extrom, who edits the Portland, WA. 'PITCHPIPE', found this interesting paragraph written by Dr. Sigmund Spaeth in his book 'Barbershop Ballads and How To Sing Them' (Prentice-Hall, 1940).

"The...baritone should be the best musician of the four, as his part is generally the most difficult. The range is not likely to be large, but the quality should be good, and the sense of pitch very accurate. The 'bari' is consistently called upon to sing the trickiest intervals, whose accuracy will make or break a barbershop chord. An unerring ear and great musical confidence are valuable assets in a baritone. The world is full of instinctive tenors, but natural baritones are rare."



WHO KNOWS It Might Really Have Happened This Way

Johann Sebastian Bach is well known as a composer of serious music. Not so well known is Bach's influence on the food industry. While all his contemporaries were enjoying big lunches: weiner schnitzel, dumplings and beer, not so Johann Sebastian. Bach was a light eater...just a sandwich, two cookies and an apple.

To this day (while the spelling has been Americanized) we still know such light meals as "Box Lunches".....

This little jewel comes to us by way of the 'Colonial Crier.'



Fran Durham, Pioneer District Logopedics Chairman
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Midyear Report

The following is an accounting of Logopedics contributions from January 1 - August 31, 1980. Is your chapter conspicuous by its absence?

CHAPTER	AMOUNT	MEMBERS	PER CAPITA
Alpena	\$ 300.00	31	\$ 9.67
Benton Harbor	129.00	49	2.63
Boyne City	425.00	33	12.87
Coldwater	250.00	20	12.50
Detroit	350.00	122	2.86
Grand Rapids	557.00	104	5.35
Gratiot County	300.00	46	6.52
Grosse Pointe	980.00	102	9.60
Holland	100.00	24	4.16
Jackson	102.00	34	3.00
Kalamazoo	517.50	46	11.25
Clinton Valley	167.76	22	7.62
Lansing	77.39	53	1.46
Livingston County	101.75	26	3.91
Oakland County	337.00	102	3.30
Pontiac	274.00	23	11.91
Port Huron	100.00	39	2.56
Saginaw	100.00	41	2.43
Traverse City	35.00	28	1.25
Wayne	916.34	109	8.40
Flint	100.00	42	2.38
Sault Ste Marie	60.00	49	1.22
Monroe	520.00	51	10.19
Muskegon	100.00	11	9.09
Total	\$6,899.74		

Included in the above total is \$1,005 contributed by seven of our quartets which is over 15% of the total district contribution. Please congratulate the members of these quartets when you see them for their leadership in supporting Logopedics.

Cross Town Exchange	\$ 100.00
Dutch Masters	100.00
Great Lakes Express	400.00
Harmony Forum	20.00
The Innocent Bystanders	150.00

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200.00
35.00

We are not quite half-way to the 1980 projected contributions of \$16,000.00 from Pioneer. Traditionally, many chapters and quartets wait until the end of the year to make their contributions which is alright except that the Institute needs the money NOW. Please send your contributions to the Harmony Foundation as they accumulate. Please note that four chapters have already qualified for the Harmony Foundation Award, based on \$10.00 per capita giving, Boyne City, Kalamazoo, Pontiac and Monroe. Only two chapters, Grand Rapids and Oakland County, contributed \$42.00 to the O. C. Cash Birthday Fund in April. Perhaps more publicity is needed about this fund, what it is used for and why it was established.

Something new is on the horizon. The Harmony Foundation Board of Trustees approved a \$25.00 level Harmony Foundation Award effective this year. As I understand it, the Harmony Foundation plaque will still be bronze in color with the date tabs for the \$10.00 level being bronze. For those chapters that reach a \$25.00 per capita level, the date tab will be silver.

It has also been suggested that there be a third level of giving, \$50.00 per capita and I would suppose that these date tabs would be in gold. This is still at the discussion level, however. Why the incentive to increase Society giving to the Institute of Logopedics? -- because of increased costs, salaries, equipment, housing costs - you name it. The Institute of Logopedics considers the Society to be one of its major sources of contributions. Lets not let the Institute down!

Fran Durham
Pioneer District
Logopedics Chairman

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PIONEER DISTRICT HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING **Sheraton Inn, Kalamazoo, Michigan** **October 20, 1979**

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

Sergeant-at-Arms Dyer declared a quorum present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to those present and accepted as written.

The Treasurer's report was distributed to those present, showing a balance of \$11,614.50 as of September 30, 1979.

IBM Gillespie submitted a written report summarizing action taken at the July International Board Meeting. Society life memberships have been reinstated; the status of "Associate Chapter" has been abolished; the 1983 Convention will be in Pittsburgh; Les Hesketh was elected 1980 International President. He also indicated that he was reappointed to the International Finance Committee. As Chairman of the District Ethics Committee, he reported no violations had been received.

EVP LaBumbard's written report outlined the convention sites for the coming two years. The Grand Rapids Chapter submitted a bid for the Fall 1982 Convention, and the Board recommended approval by the House of Delegates. He also reported the following: nominations are being accepted for the Hall of Fame and for the AIC Scholarship; the Coldwater Chapter has been licensed and would receive same at this convention.

All DVP's reviewed conditions in those chapters under their respective jurisdictions. Each DVP introduced his area counselors from the floor.

President McTaggart announced that the Pine Knob Spectacular would be held again in May 1980, and stressed that all members of the District are invited to participate in the massed chorus.

President McTaggart expressed his thanks, on behalf of the District, to retiring IBM Gillespie for his eleven years of service as a District Board Member.

DME Butler reported on the activity of the Music Education Committee for 1979. He stressed the need for more support for the District's Music Schools, Clinics, and Workshops. He outlined the tentative schedule for the subject programs for 1980, all of which will probably be held at Eastern Michigan University. He also thanked the members of his committee for their assistance during the year.

Logopedics Chairman Durham's report showed contributions totaling \$7,557.37 to date, with six chapters qualifying for the Harmony Foundation Award (\$10 or more per capita). Eleven quartets have also contributed. It was anticipated that the District's pledge of \$12,000 for 1979 would be met by year's end.

Unfinished Business:

- Flight Chairman Don Funk announced that a "Group Flight" plan is being readied for the 1980 International Convention in Salt Lake City. Further details will be forthcoming and announced in the Troubadour.

New Business:

- President McTaggart announced that the COT School in December will include classes for "Musical Teams" (chorus directors, section leaders, assistant directors, etc.) and PROBE (Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors).
- At the behest of the District Secretary, President McTaggart urged that each Chapter submit their Chapter Officer Reports to the Secretary promptly so that the District Directory can be completed.
- The delegation from the Oakland County Chapter asked why there had been no Troubadour published recently. President McTaggart explained that Editor Rueggsegger had not been furnished enough articles concerning chapter activities for inclusion in the next issue. He asked that any member of the District contribute meaningful articles.

Nominating Committee Chairman Gillespie presented the following slate of officers for the coming year:

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 Neff
Division III Vice-President	Jim Horton
Division IV Vice-President	Dick Wheeler
Division V Vice-President	Jim Gougeon

Since no nominations were made from the floor, a motion was made and seconded that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above-mentioned slate. Motion passed.

President McTaggart will succeed IBM Gillespie as International Board Member.

President McTaggart introduced International Vice-President Burt Huish, the International Representative, to the convention. Mr. Huish reported on the state of the Society and indicated that while the Society was very healthy, membership and participation must be increased to insure continued success. He praised the efforts of IBM Gillespie, who, as a member of the International Finance Committee, has been of great service in helping to alleviate some of the financial woes which have plagued the Society in the recent past.

DVP Seely led the assembly in "Keep America Singing" to close the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
 John M. McClinchey
 Pioneer District Secretary

PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING **Briarwood Hilton Inn, Ann Arbor, Michigan** **April 25, 1980**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President LaBumbard.

All Directors were present. Also present were Committee Chairmen Butler, Durham, Lang, and Warner; Hubbs Grimm, 1980 Spring Convention Chairman, Past President Gillespie, PROBE Editor Morris, Area Counselor Gregory, and International Treasurer Auman.

President LaBumbard announced that he had accepted the resignation of Division I Vice-President Seely. He also announced that he had appointed Ferdinand McFadyen to fill the vacancy. Mr. McFadyen was present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published with the following amendments: (1) DVP Neff was appointed to evaluate the criteria for the Area Counselor of the Year Award; (2) Reiteration of the Rules for Expense Statements was to be undertaken by EVP Jones; (3) Reevaluation of the travel fund disbursements to be proposed by the Wayne Chapter at the Spring Board Meeting.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$12,879.12 for the period ending March 31, 1980, including \$5,005.76 in the International Convention Travel Fund.

IBM McTaggart's report reiterated action taken at the Mid-Winter Convention including: Update of the Society history for the 50th Anniversary Year; the abolishment of the Associate Status Chapters; Stage Presence Category scoring changes; the \$5.00 dues increase, and the optional six-month's dues payment plan for new members.

EVP Jones reported that the Lansing Chapter had submitted a bid for the 1982 Spring Convention. The bid was to be presented to the House of Delegates for action. Both conventions for 1983 are still open for bids. The A.I.C. Scholarship recipient was to be announced at the Saturday evening contest session. Hall of Fame nominations were again solicited.

The Division Vice Presidents reported on the activities within their jurisdictions. Problem Chapters were highlighted with the Cadillac Chapter pin-pointed as being virtually nonexistent. DME Butler will contact a potential director for further discussion of the Cadillac situation. The vast majority of the Chapters appear to be stable, with Muskegon showing new signs of life after a lengthy dormant period.

Logopedics Chairman Durham reported that \$14,786.64 was contributed by the District in 1979, with 29 Chapters and 16 Quartets contributing. He also reported on the Logopedics Chairman Seminar at the Institute in February. He requested the District Board to underwrite the cost of lodging for two or three nights at the Plaza Hotel in Detroit in 1981 as the District gift to the Logopedics Auction in Salt Lake City. On a motion by DVP Gougeon, with a second by EVP Jones, a motion was passed to allocate up to \$225.00 for same. He also announced that he was endeavoring to secure the donation of a new car as the District gift for the 1981 International Convention.

The Wayne Chapter submitted a proposal, as solicited at the February Board Meeting, regarding disbursement of the International Travel Fund: (1) that funds be distributed equally, per man, among chorus members and quartet members; (2) increase the allotment, per man from five cents to seven cents per mile. The report was accepted as presented on a motion by DVP McFadyen, with a second by DVP Neff. Further action will be considered at a subsequent Board of Directors Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- IBM McTaggart reported that the issue regarding advance ticket purchases of competing choruses far in advance of competition, which was brought up by the Wayne Chapter at the February Board Meeting, will be taken under advisement by the International Board.
 - DVP Neff presented an Area Counselor of the Year Evaluation Form, as instructed at the previous Board Meeting. A committee of DVP's Neff, Horton, and Wheeler was requested to review the proposed form and submit a report at the Summer Board Meeting.
 - As requested at the February Board Meeting, the proposal by Jerry Frantz of the Hudson Chapter that a mini contest be held at International Conventions for quartets outside North America, was pursued with the International Office by IBM McTaggart. In view of the fact that said quartets are not members of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., the proposal was not accepted by the Society.
- There was no progress report regarding the District logo.

NEW BUSINESS

- At the request of EVP Jones and the District Secretary, it was established that all District Board Meetings held in conjunction with District Conventions will commence at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, unless otherwise notified.
 - The Mason Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., via the Lansing Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc., submitted a proposal for the "Joe Dean Memorial Traveling Trophy", to be established in memory of Joe Dean, a late member of the Lansing Chapter. The award would be presented to the highest-scoring quartet in the Stage Presence category as deemed by the judging panel in the Annual Quartet District Competition. On a motion by EVP Jones, and with a second by DVP Neff, it was moved to present this proposal to the District Contest and Judging Committee for evaluation. Motion passed.
 - On a motion by DVP Neff, with a second by DVP Gougeon, it was agreed that Musical Team Leadership and PROBE classes would be offered at the December COT School. Motion passed.
 - The motion was made by IBM McTaggart, and seconded by DVP Gougeon, that tie tacks be awarded to the Champion Quartet in the Annual Quartet Competition in the fall, as has been past practice. Motion carried.
 - A proposal by DVP Neff that the current District Officer, Area Counselor, and Committee Chairman mileage allowance of ten cents per mile be increased to eighteen and one-half cents was defeated.
 - The Audit Committee report was accepted as presented.
 - International Convention Chairman Warner presented a written progress report on the 1981 Convention. He indicated that chairmen for the eighteen standing committees have been selected and committee members are being solicited. He asked for volunteers to help staff the 1981 Convention Registration Booth in Salt Lake City.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 John M. McClinchey, Secretary
 Pioneer District



OCTOBER

- 17-19 Pioneer District Fall Convention -
Jackson, MI
25 - Sault Ste. Marie Chapter Show

NOVEMBER

- 1 - Detroit #1 Chapter Show

DECEMBER

- 6 - Clinton Valley Chapter Show
6-7 C.O.T. School, Ypsilanti

1981

FEBRUARY

- 21 - Oakland County Chapter Show
21 - Lansing Chapter Show
20-21 - Monroe Chapter Show

MARCH

- 6-7 Wayne Chapter Show
14 - Huron Valley Chapter Show

APRIL

- 4 - St. Joseph Valley Chapter Show
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MAY

- 1-2 Coldwater Chapter Show
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