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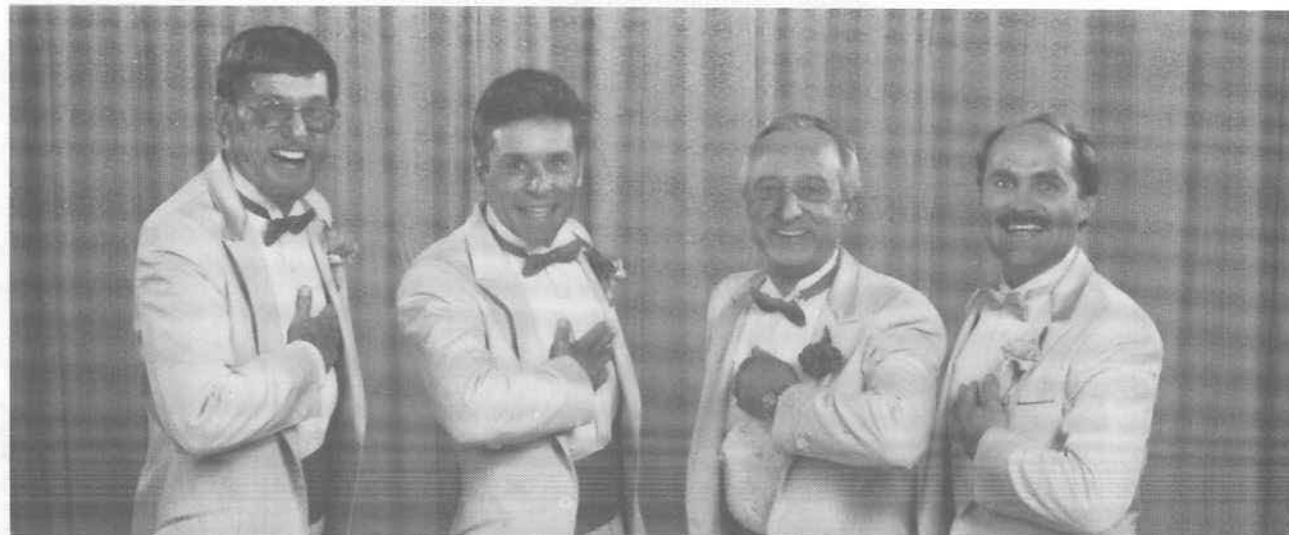
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Wow, I can't believe 1988 is almost upon us. What a fine year it has been for the kids at the Institute, just because we care about others who are less fortunate.

I got a letter from Reddie Wright who is our head man for the Institute. In it he said that all District Presidents and District Logopedic Chairmen are invited to visit the Institute Jan. 7-9, 1988. I'm really looking forward to going because I missed the last one two years ago due to an operation. I'm sure it will be very enlightening.

As you all know 1988 is the Fiftieth Anniversary of our Society, and as a special project we set a goal of \$1,000,000 for this special year. Our district goal will be \$35,000. I know for this one time we'll be able to do it with a little extra effort on our part. We'll talk more about it in future issues.

If all chapters and quartets donate 10% of their profits from shows and performances, I know we can do it. Remember, we are a non-profit organization because of the Institute of Logopedics. At this writing through October 31, you have contributed \$15,745.03. Last year at the same time we had contributed \$13,658.06, but we will still need another \$6000 to tie last years overall total for the year. So keep those yellow receipts flowing in, because I love to see them

It's really nice to see so many friends and relatives that have been memorialized the last two months, ten to be exact.

Quartets who contributed recently included the TOUCH OF CLASH, the FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY, and the NEIGHBORHOOD DISTURBANCE. Chapters donating in the last two months included Coldwater, Detroit/Oakland, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe, Lansing, Monroe, Pontiac, Saginaw, Swan Valley, Wayne, and Windsor. Thanks, guys! A full summary will be published in the Feb-March issue.

Remember all contributions for 1987 must be in Kenosha before December 31 to get credit for this year.

I would like to wish all you great guys a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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THE PRESIDENT'S

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**PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT
EARL W. BERRY**

Well, I think Pioneer is moving in the right direction! This past year has seen the successful implementation of our new three year convention site program in Battle Creek. And how about that Can-Am Fund Raiser? Two districts working together -- sharing all their talent, and benefitting both travel funds. Another BIG PLUS for Can-Am was the camaraderie which developed between the two districts.

More and more districts are learning from each other. A recent visit to the Illinois COTS (Chapter Officer Training School) by a Pioneer District team has brought new ideas to be used in our District COTS.

Speaking of COTS -- not too many years ago I remember attending my first COTS. For me there was the aura of excitement and a little bit of fear of the unknown as to how I would carry out my responsibilities. Fortunately for me I had counselors at COTS and some within my own chapter to give advice and assistance when needed.

Back in October each Chapter was required to elect a slate of officers for 1988. One of the requirements was that they attend COTS to give them a better understanding of their position. My message to you "Joe Barber-shopper" is to give these men the opportunity to carry out their programs, whether it's a "Musical Coaching Session, an Open House, or a Membership Drive." They will need your support. They can't do it alone!

D Y N A M O

Develop your numbers and musical organization -- bet you thought we had forgotten about it. Let me assure you that it is alive and well and that your D.M.E. ('Ole John Bauer) and crew, having just recently attended a forum in Kenosha, have confirmed four of the two day DYNAMO programs for the Pioneer District in 1988. Get on the bandwagon now to have your chapter sign up and achieve the utmost in barbershopping. You can't go wrong!!

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF PIONEER

DISTRICT, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HOUSE OF DELE-

GATES MEETING - Oct. 16 and 17, 1987

REPORTS: The Secretary minutes, Treasurer report, and the Consent Calendar were all approved unanimously.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ACTIONS:

Moved, seconded, and carried that the expense of meals, lodging, and travel for the Assistant D.M.E. be paid by the District, and if he is unable to attend another individual would attend in his place.

Moved, seconded, and carried that All Events registrations for wives of judges that are attending convention be complimentary.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the CAN-AM Jamboree be supported by the District as a send-off function, and that the Windsor Send-Off show be offered to S.M.A.C.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the cost of the CAN-AM pins for quartets appearing on the CAN-AM Jamboree be paid for by the District.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the board recommend to the House that the fall 1989 convention be awarded to the MacComb County Chapter.

Moved, seconded, and carried that we include an expenditure of \$300 in our 1988 budget to cover the district's share of the expenditure for the display at the Smithsonian Institute marking the Societies' 50th Anniversary.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the district pay five nights lodging at the single rate and airfare for the District President and the International Board Member to the International Convention.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the host chapter procure gifts with a cost up to \$15 each for the judging panel including practice judges as well as other invited dignitaries with the cost being paid by the district.

Moved, seconded, and tabled until COTS that the District hold a Seniors Quartet Contest.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES ACTIONS

Moved, seconded, and carried that the MacComb County Chapter be awarded the Fall 1989 Convention.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the \$300 district share of the display at the Smithsonian Institute for the 50th anniversary of the Society be paid.

(From Column 2)

Moved, seconded, and carried that the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote for the slate of officers for 1988 as proposed by the nominating committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schneider-Pioneer District Sec'y

Report**by 'Ole JOHN BAUER**

Greetings from your D.M.E. -- Boy, am I excited! Just returned from the District President/D.M.E. Forum in Kenosha, and we were well represented!! In addition to Earl Berry and yours truly representing Pioneer, we also had Bob Dixon, D.M.D.C., and Don Bazely, your new Assistant D.M.E. for 1988.

Many items were covered, and numerous ideas exchanged between Districts, but most important was setting up the schedule of International Staff visitations, and tentative Dynamo Program dates for the entire calendar year of 1988.

If any chapter wants to get the jump on some of these dates, give us a ring, and Don Bazely and 'Ole John would be more than happy to accommodate you. The 1988 D.M.E. schedule is as follows:

FEB. 27 (Sat) Chorus Coaching - Coldwater Chapter
MAR. 11-13 Quartet Coaching Clinic Location TBA
MAR. 14,15,16 Chapter Visits - Open - Jim DeBusman
MAR. 18,19 Dynamo Program-Detroit/Oakland Chapter
APR. 4,5,6,7 Chapter Visits - Open - Bill Myers
APR. 8,9 Dynamo Program - Open - Bill Myers
MAY 14 (Sat) Direct Hit - Open - Mel Knight
MAY 16,17,18 Chapter Visits - Open - Mel Knight
MAY 20,21 Dynamo Program - Open - Mel Knight
MONTH OF JUNE Chorus Coaching - Chapters and Dates Open
SEP. 9,10,11 MINI-HEP(Harmony Round-Up) - Location TBA
SEP. 12,13,14 Chapter Visits - Open - Mel Knight

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DISTRICT NEWS

Detroit-Oakland

We came, we saw, we were conquered, but we weren't vanquished. If anything, our third place performance at the competition at Battle Creek will serve as an impetus to spur us on to even greater heights next fall. We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate both the Grand Rapids GREAT LAKES CHORUS and the Wayne RENAISSANCE CHORUS for fine showings. HI TECH did a superb job in winning the District Quartet Contest, and deserve accolades also. All of the choruses and quartets in the contests really did a job.

The next three months look to be very busy for the Detroit/Oakland GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS, beginning with five Christmas performances in December. Add to that our December Ladies' Night meeting, which is always a great tribute to our ladies who have supported us so much over the year, plus our regular Monday night rehearsals.

We have already started preparing eight new songs for our February 12-13, 1988, show (See Ad in this issue). If that isn't enough, we've also signed up for the DYNAMO program to be held at our Lathrup Village Meeting Hall on March 18-19. We will be the first chapter in the District to take advantage of this program, and we foresee it as the catalyst to propel this chapter to be one of the best in the Society in the future.

We are extremely proud of our incoming officers for 1988, including: PRESIDENT, Rene LeBlanc; MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT, Bill Juchartz; PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT, Bill Wickstrom; MUSIC VICE PRESIDENT, Don Stewart; CORR. SECRETARY, Terry Webner; REC'DG SECRETARY, Jim Lekander; TREASURER, Bob Taylor; BOARD MEMBERS, Austin Quinn, Bob Kirby, Tom Uicker; IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, Bill Fanfalone. With that kind of leadership, who can go wrong?

We wish to take this opportunity to wish the entire District a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

HERMAN SCHWARZENEGGAR



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Battle Creek

This is your old barbershop action news reporter from Cornflake County after being MIA for the past few Troubadour issues with the latest top barbershop hits from the Cereal City Chorus Hit Parade.

"Do You Remember When" it was the last time you heard from Battle Creek, or as our beloved Troubadour Editor Bob states, "How Can I Miss You If You Don't Go Away?" Anyway, I wish I could have used the excuse that I was at Harmony College or at Hartford for the International Convention. No such luck, but those are definitely two events that this writer would like to put on his calendar of events in the very near future -- "When You Wish Upon a Star."

The Cereal City Chorus enjoyed good attendance "In the Good Old Summer-time" for meetings and performances. The chorus, under the direction of Giff Richards and Assistant Director Dorn Burrill, kept busy with "I Have A Song To Sing". Performances included the World's Longest Breakfast Table, Post Band Concert, Tyler Creek Campout, Battle Creek Sweet Adelines Show, and the Stan Musial World Series ("Take Me Out to the Ball Game").

In August our director was away and Assistant Director Dorn Burrill, along with the Kalamazoo Chapter's Director, were at Harmony College ("On the Farm in Old Missouri"), so the Mall City guys came over for a visit and we had a great evening of harmonizing ("It's a Small World After All"). Also enjoyed visits that same evening from our Area Counselor Curly Davis and former HARMONY HOUND Lowell Wolfe who was up from Florida, "Where Have My Old Friends Gone?"

Of course, Battle Creek played host city to another fantastic convention in October. Great crowds for all three contests -- "Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven!" A great job by the host chapter Grosse Pointe, and again by our own Roger Lewis, the Chairman of Conventions and Special Events. Barbershop conventions are something else. Where else could you walk by in a hotel lobby and hear the CENTER STAGE minus Van Tassel plus Shumard belting one out for everyone's delight? Did you all get down to Battle Creek's "Hawaiian Flavored Hospitality Area"? The quartets had great fun singing by the pool all wearing leis and hula skirts. Will have to get some skirts that will fit all sizes next time. Hope editor Bob got some good pictures.

Hopes were high for the chorus and our quartet representative, the SONGSPINNERS, who were making their debut

BATTLE CREEK (Continued)

at contest. "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows", "Ten Feet Off the Ground". But the judges brought us down to earth as the chorus finished tenth and our SONGSPINNERS didn't make the finals. "I'm Sorry I Made You Cry", "Last Night Was the End of the World"!!?. Anyway, all the contests were great, especially among the choruses. "Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Good luck to the "Tide", the GREAT LAKES CHORUS from Grand Rapids, as they represent us in San Antonio.

Election results in October ("Who'll Take My Place When I'm Gone?") produced the following for 1988: President Dick Smith, Program VP Bob Dininny, Membership VP Bob Krause, Treasurer Bill Lang, Secretary Dave Dillman, and three new Board Members, Jack Eagles, Roger Lewis, and Mal Graham. We of course, are urging them to attend C.O.T.S. which will be here in Battle Creek at Stouffers in December. ("Will You Love Me in December As You Do in May?")

Our chapter held an excellent "Guest Night" following the contest with an attendance of 62 counted, our best count number-wise of the year. ("You're as Welcome as the Flowers in May!") The evening's total was helped by visits from several of the members from the Holland and Muskegon Chapters, including Fred Kendall, Webb Scrivner, and the FOUR TUNE HUNTERS minus one plus our own Dorn Burrill as substitute bass. Roger Lewis led us in some tag-singing, plus five of the chapter's six quartets sang -- the HARMONY HOUNDS, the SONGSPINNERS, the NOTEWORTHIES, the RETREADS, and the GRAND PRIX which stars your writer as the baritone. ("That Old Quartet of Mine.") The evening ended with a great feast and the showing of the BLUE GRASS STUDENT UNION video.

For other excitement we've been reviewing and rewriting the chapter by-laws ("Ain't We Got Fun?" and "There'll be Some Changes Made.") However, in the month of November Burt Szabo, music specialist from International came to visit our chapter on his way through the district. Several area chapters were invited to attend this special meeting.

This holiday time again finds the chorus and several of the quartets active in performances and engagements. We wish the district members "Happy Holidays" and the best for 1988 as we start celebrating our Society's 50th Anniversary. If you're ever around Battle Creek, please visit our chapter some Monday night. ("For the Sake of Auld Lang Syne") 'cause ("I've Got the Time, I've Got the Place!")

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GROSSE POINTE (Con'td from Col. 2)

What a great convention weekend for "The Tide". Are we happy, proud, and excited to be going to San Antonio? You'd better believe it! We are very PROUD to be representing our district in San Antonio. As anticipated, it was a close and hard earned win over a mighty fine RENAISSANCE CHORUS. They did a great job! Speaking of great jobs done, how about Sutherland's fine group, the GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS from Detroit/Oakland. WOW! When you see the whites of their eyes I can tell you that's too close for comfort. Steve, take a break, ok? Now, if Grosse Pointe got serious about S.P., wouldn't we all have fun next fall? Say, who's this Slamka character, anyway? Easy, big fella, easy! Great job with the chorus. Just keep it to 37 guys, okay?

In fact our compliments to all of the competing choruses and quartets for fine performances. The spring contest should be a dandy.

Our congratulations to the new Pioneer District Quartet Champions HI TECH, ANYTHING GOES, The Junior Champions, and the HARMONY ROAD SHOW, the Novice Champions. They all were outstanding.

Also, we'd like to thank all of you (our friends) out there for your encouragement and support prior to the contest and for your many warm and sincere congratulatory comments after the contest. It meant a lot to us.

Many thanks to Cindy Hansen and Nancy Shumard for everything they did for us and their love, encouragement, patience (plenty of that), and understanding. Without that, we would not be where we are now, going to San Antonio.

A special thanks to our 1987 Officers, Board of Directors and our Assistant Directors for seeing that we received the necessary tools, training, and encouragement that we needed to grow. They helped keep our focus fixed and straight.

Of course, the fellow that brought it and kept it all together, and made sure it fit and worked, was our Director, Captain Clay Shumard, the best! At this time, the chapter and the chorus salute you for all you have done for us to let you know we are very happy you are back, where you belong, with us, the TIDE. We appreciate, care, and love you, and we look forward with tons of enthusiasm and anticipation to the coming year, 1988, the year of the TIDE.

A special tribute was held at Grand Rapids' Harmony Hall on September 20 as a Recognition Day and Open House for three members of our chapter. Ed

Gaikema and Gordy Hall, both members of the 1944 International Quartet Champions, the HARMONY HALLS, and Emerson Sperling, a long time member of our chapter, 46 years, and tenor of the PITCH PIPERS quartet. All were honored for their contributions to barbershopping in the Society, the District, and the Grand Rapids area. Fran Jones, Jim Horton, and Gary Branch also video taped interviews with Ed, Gordy, and Em, along with their wives. The tapes will be given to them along with one that will be given to the chapter for their archives.

We were pleased to have with us on this special occasion our District President, Mr. Earl Berry, Executive VP Mr. Clay Jones, Division III VP Mike O'Donnell, District Secretary Mr. Jack Schneider, and District Treasurer Mr. Fran Jones. Their contributions were greatly appreciated.

Ed, Gordy, and Em were also honored along with Ray Hall and Bob Hazenberg, deceased members of the HARMONY HALLS, when they were inducted into our newly established GREAT LAKES HALL OF FAME. This Hall of Fame will be handled much the same way as the District. After the program there was an open house with plenty of time to talk with the honored guests. A good time was had by all.

Now, a moment of reflection..... and sorrow.....

Our weekend at the convention would really have been complete if Emerson Sperling could have been there with us, especially with his induction into the Pioneer District Hall of Fame. I know Em would have been extremely proud, happy and very honored to think his peers thought that much of him. So it was, at our last rehearsal prior to contest, that the Captain gathered us all around and, with all in agreement, dedicated our efforts and this convention to Em. This one was for you, Em, and for all the love, joy and happiness you gave to many of us that were touched by you and that could call you friend.

We will miss you but we know you will be with us always, in your usual spot on the riser, and on stage with us where ever we may sing, and especially at San Antonio. I know you'll be there, for in our hearts you will live forever.

DICK WILLIAMS

Grosse Pointe

The Grosse Pointe Chapter is meeting regularly on Tuesday evenings at the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club, located at 17150 Waterloo, between Neff and St. Clair, in Grosse Pointe.

Our election of officers was held the Tuesday before the District Convention. After a vigorous campaign, the following officers were duly elected:

<u>Jack Messina</u>	- President
<u>Dale Barber</u>	- M.V.P.
<u>John Wade</u>	- P.V.P.
<u>Carl Uridge</u>	- Music V.P.
<u>Russ Hofer</u>	- Secretary
<u>Len Henk</u>	- Treasurer
<u>Don Adams</u>	- Chorus Manager
<u>Russ Seely</u>	- Chorus Director
<u>Scott Houghton</u>	- Asst. Chorus Director
<u>Howard Lehti</u>	- Logopedics Chm.
<u>Don Willoughby</u>	- Uniform Chairman
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<u>Harvey Burr</u>	- Board Member
<u>Eric Ernst</u>	- Board Member
<u>Howard Lehti</u>	- Board Member
<u>Alan Cole</u>	- Board Member
<u>Joe Bichler</u>	- Public Relations

We had a dinner dance on November 7 to celebrate the installation of our newly elected officers.

Grosse Pointe lost one of its beloved members, Dr. Sherman Faunce, in September. See a separate article in this publication.

Grosse Pointe hosted their annual KOMEDY KWARTET KONTEST at the Neighborhood Club on Friday, October 30. About 44 men representing four chapters featured eight quartets. It would be nice to double that participation next year.

With the holidays approaching, we'll be doing a lot of sing-outs. The biggest, though, will be our annual all-day bus tour to the area Convalescent and Half-Way Homes. Then we'll wind down with our membership Christmas Party where we take time to wish our brothers a holy and happy holiday. In fact, we wish Happy Holidays to all of our brother members.

JIM KINNER

IN MEMORIAM

DR. SHERMAN P. FAUNCE, 79, Grosse Pointe Chapter, died in the Royal Oak Beaumont hospital recently. He was a 1936 graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, and had just recently received his 50 year certificate for a half-century in the medical field. Dr. Faunce was former Chief of Staff at Cottage Hospital, and had been on the staffs of the Ford and Macomb Center Hospitals. He originally belonged to the Detroit Yacht Club Chapter, joining Grosse Pointe when it folded.

DISTRICT NEWS

Holland



update

Since last we wrote, the Holland Chapter was busy preparing for the District Convention in Battle Creek. The chorus was unable to sing in the contest, but there are other ways to prepare for a convention. We cheered lustily for the performance of our very own FOUR TUNE HUNTERS - who did sing in the contest.

In October we looked at the bank balance and immediately held a submarine sandwich sale. Encouraged by our efforts and still with fond memories, we visited the Battle Creek Chapter on Monday, October 26. It was a guest night that was very well organized and we had a lot of fun. Then, with the books almost balanced, we held a rummage sale on October 31.

If you think that's real exciting news, wait until you hear this. Our President, Darrell Vande Hoef was on NBC television at noon -- telling all about our glorious Logopedics Show. Yes, by the time you read this, our annual Logopedics Show will have come and gone . . . but not forgotten. It was held at the Sandy Point Restaurant facilities, and featured many famous singing groups. The HOLLAND WINDMILL CHORUS was again superb under the equally superb direction of Mike Onk. Mike also sang in the FOUR TUNE HUNTERS quartet, and they did a simply "mahvelous" job . . . simply "mahvelous!" Chapter members profusely thanked and applauded the other quartets also, including the HEIR-LOOMS (Sweet Adelines from the West Shore Chapter), the FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY, and the fantastic TOUCH OF CLASH. As usual, we all agreed, "Let's do it again next year!"

During the summer, the FOUR TUNE HUNTERS have been extremely busy with performances. They performed at the wedding of their tenor, Mike Onk, in June, and rumor has it that Mike chose the quartet because they had matching tuxes! In August, they sang for the Pioneer Days Festival at the Allegan County Fairgrounds where, in addition to singing for a wonderful audience, they even sang to a group of mule skinner! Must be a first!

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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE - November 1987

Harmony Hall was jumping last week; we had visits from the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, the District Presidents, District Music Educators and District Membership Development guys. There was lots of activity and a lot of things were accomplished as everyone got ready for the coming 50th Anniversary year.

International President-Elect Jim Warner's theme for the year will be "Barbershop Harmony...a Golden Ring."

Plans are in the works for special events during 50th Anniversary Harmony Month in April. They include an open house to be conducted by every chapter on the same night. Another possibility is a grand chorus, with every Barbershopper singing "The Old Songs" at the same time, from Fairbanks to Halifax, on the evening of April 11. More about these later.

Make sure your district and chapters will have an active Public Relations Officer during 1988. We'll need his help more than ever to make the 50th-anniversary celebration a success. If he wants information or help, have him drop us a line. (Editor's Note: Our new District Public Relations Officer is Bob Moreillon, a member of the Detroit/Oakland Chapter. His phone numbers are as follows: H(313)259-5743, W (313)259-2511

Start thinking now about reviving the Award of Harmony program next fall. Be looking for a deserving non-barbershopper member of the community that your chapter can honor for having made that special effort that makes a community a better place to live. Even better if that person has done good works through the use of music. We'll send along more information and promotional kits as the year gets under way.

Looks as though the commemorative stamp idea got shot down again.

The 1987 Convention film features a farewell by Hugh Ingrham. Not a dry eye in the house!

The order of singing for choruses at the 1988 50th anniversary convention will be: 1) CHORUS OF THE GENESSEE, 2) GREAT NORTHERN UNION, 3) LOUISVILLE THOROUGHBREDS, 4) PRIDE OF POLK, 5) VOCAL MAJORITY, 6) PROUD IMAGE, 7) GREAT LAKES CHORUS, 8) NEW TRADITION, 9) HALL OF FAME CHORUS, 10) DUKES OF HARMONY, 11) PHOENICIANS, 12) NEW MEXICHOIDS, 13) CASCADE CHORUS, 14) BIG APPLE, 15) NARRANGANSETT BAY, 16) CAROLINA CHORD COMPANY.

(From Col. 2)

Send in the names and addresses of new chapter officers to the International Office. We need 'em to prepare our 1988 mailing lists.

There's still time to enter the Seniors Quartet Contest. Quartet members must be at least 55 years of age; total quartet ages must add up to at least 240 years. Entries are accepted at International Headquarters until December 31.

Harmony College will be held July 31 to August 7, 1988, at St. Joe, Missouri. Tuition will be \$260 this year; full payment must be received in Kenosha if you want to enroll. Registrations may be sent after January 1 - first come, first reserved!

Happy Holidays!

RAY HELLER, Manager of Communications

JOHN BAUER D.M.E. (From Page 3)

SEP. 16,17	Dynamo Program - Open - Mel Knight
NOV.28,29,30,	Chapter Visits - Open - Jim DeBusman
DEC. 1	
DEC. 3,4	Pioneer COTS - Location TBA

We should also point out that any Saturday throughout the year may be scheduled for a Direct Hit, or a Chorus Coaching Session for those who wish to apply. We especially urge those choruses who have not competed in the last two years to take advantage of this fine program.

Another thought -- don't overlook the possibility of using a Chapter Visitation Night by an International Staff person, for purposes of a Mini Chorus Coaching Session! We could provide one or two additional coaches on that given night to assist the Staff person. However, in this situation, we would recommend an early rehearsal start time, and a four hour minimum total rehearsal.

That's about all for now, gentlemen -- We will be waiting by our telephones for your call, and look forward to seeing you at the Pioneer COTS on December 12 and 13.

JOHN BAUER, DME	DON BAZELY, Asst.
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IN MEMORIAM

EMERSON P. SPERLING, a long time member of the Grand Rapids Chapter and the Pioneer District. May He Rest in Peace. (He was inducted into the Pioneer District Hall Of Fame).

The Executive Pitch



by our Executive V.P.
Clay Jones

Egads...it's here already and we haven't even finished with '87 yet. So many places to go and things to do. Just when last year's events are getting laid to rest and final summations made, it's time to start the cycle all over again, but this time we're going to do it better.

The permanent site convention program appears to be a resounding success thanks to the efforts of Roger Lewis and his merry band at Battle Creek. A few glitches developed that your convention committee is working on and future conventions should function even more smoothly with greater services to all.

CAN-AM '87 was finally put to bed and now it's time to start planning for CAN-AM '88. This year's date will be June 18, 1988 (not June 4 as reported in your '87 District Directory). The DUKES OF HARMONY from Scarborough have already made a commitment as has the GREAT LAKES CHORUS from Grand Rapids. It's hard to imagine how last year's CAN-AM can be topped but you can bet it will be, especially now that we know where the weakspots are and are taking steps to correct them. And one month earlier, on May 13, we will also be holding the annual CABOTO CLUB SEND-OFF show.

There was one thing that was missing in '87 throughout most of the Pioneer District but hopefully is being corrected for 1988, and that's successful inter-chapter visitations. Our District used to be renowned for the great times we had when chapters used to visit each other on select Friday nights. Barbershop camaraderie was at its peak during the 60's and 70's when chapters got together for woodshedding, quartet exchanges, tag singing and just rubbing elbows (and glasses of suds) with fellow barbershoppers from other areas. At this year's COTS the PVP's are placing greater emphasis on this aspect of Barbershop life, and I believe you will see greater efforts made to get you out mingling with your brothers from nearby chapters. There is more to the Barbershop Experience than standing on risers all night rehearsing two contest songs.

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The one thing we in PIONEER want to avoid is the feeling of frustration that is surfacing in other districts over the need to get away from the "Chorus Competition" syndrome that is giving rise to the GUBOS Campaign (an acronym for GIVE US BACK OUR SOCIETY). This movement, now underway in some districts, even advocates withdrawing from our Society or starting a new one to get back on track as a QUARTET SOCIETY. As much as we might sympathize with their desires, that is not the way to go about things. Your District Board hopes you will give your PVP's your cooperation and help us get PIONEER back to being a Quartet Society while at the same time striving to better your musical skills through improved chorus singing.

And one final point; Chapter Officers, don't hesitate to utilize your District Officers and Area Counselors. That's what they are there for, to help you. They want to be of service so invite them to your next board meeting and special events. Make them earn their salaries 'cause next year they may ask for a raise.



RAY HENDERS
KEN EIDSON
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"The Barbershop Quartet
with the Built-in Beat"



1988 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION

APRIL 22-24, 1988

CONVENTION REGISTRATION



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WIFE/GUEST NAME(S) _____
(FOR ALL EVENTS REGISTRATION)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

CHAPTER NAME _____

COMPETING QUARTET? YES _____ NO _____ QUARTET NAME _____

COMPETING CHORUS? YES _____ NO _____ CHORUS NAME _____

VOICE PART: TENOR _____ LEAD _____ BARI _____ BASS _____

EARLY REGISTRATION: \$12.00 PER PERSON

LATE REGISTRATION: \$15.00 PER PERSON

EARLY REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 8, 1988

FEE ENCLOSED FOR _____ PERSONS @ \$12.00/\$15.00 TOTAL \$ _____

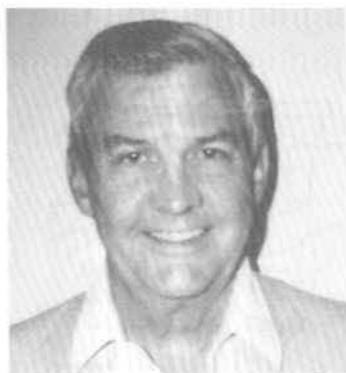
MAKE CHECK(S) PAYABLE TO PIONEER DISTRICT S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.

MAIL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:

BATTLE CREEK VISITOR & CONVENTION BUREAU
172 WEST VAN BUREN STREET
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49017

NOTE: ALL EVENTS PASSES WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DESK, LOCATED IN THE STOUTER BATTLE CREEK HOTEL (HDQRS.)

OFF THE BOARD!



YOUR EDITOR AND NEW INTERNATIONAL
BOARD MEMBER SPEAKS!

Boy, talking about wearing two pair of shoes, this is going to be an interesting two years, let me tell you. But, as long as there is no conflict of interest in my reporting, I see no reason why the two positions are incompatible.

First and foremost, I am going to serve the Pioneer District as your representative on the International Board. In that respect, I will try to be responsible to the needs of our District in relation to the needs of the entire Society. Those two needs are not necessarily contradictory to each other, because generally those needs parallel each other. However, I will not hesitate to bring up what I consider specific problems of the entire district to the International Board. That, I promise you will be accomplished, but it will be in an unbiased and supplicative manner.

Secondly, I will report to you the results of the International Board Meetings and deliberations that are relevant to the Pioneer District and the Society as a whole. These items you need to know, and as they say in the Detroit News, "If you read the News, you know!" So keep on reading the Troubadour to stay in the know!

Thirdly, I will continue to editorialize on problems and situations in the Pioneer District which in your editor's opinion deserve examination by the entire membership. After all, what is an editor there for, anyway? I feel that we have to examine ourselves occasionally to determine if we are on the right track. If we don't do this, we're in trouble! My one wish is to see the Pioneer District excel not only in membership but in quality of overall barbershop musicianship. That is the key to a successful District. I feel we are 85%-90% there, but we still have a long way to go. (Witness our chorus performances over the last 34 years).

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Fulfilling New Year!



1988 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION

APRIL 22-24, 1988

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.2 MILES	COMFORT INN	\$32.95	\$36.95	\$36.95	\$5.00
.6 MILES	ECONO LODGE	\$24.95	\$26.95	\$30.95	\$3.00
5.0 MILES	HOLIDAY INN	\$40.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$6.00
5.0 MILES	HOWARD JOHNSON'S	\$33.00	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$6.00
5.0 MILES	KNIGHT'S INN	\$29.50	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$3.00
5.0 MILES	SUPER 8	\$29.88	\$30.88	\$36.88	\$2.00

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ARRIVAL DATE _____ TIME _____		DEPARTURE DATE _____ TIME _____		

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PHONE() _____ CHAPTER _____

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172 WEST VAN BUREN STREET
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49017

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BILL KNOFF AT STOUFFER'S (616) 963-7050* *

AFTER CUT-OFF DATE OF MARCH 25, 1987 ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED
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RESERVATIONS AFTER THIS DATE!

Fun, Hard Work and Singing Make a Chapter Grow

COLDWATER CHAPTER
ANNUAL SHOW
TIBBITS OPERA HOUSE
APRIL 9, 1988 8:03 pm

WE ARE INVITING ALL INTERESTED QUARTETS TO BID TO
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FAMILY. CONTACT: BOB HUNTLEY, 344 HULL
ST., COLDWATER, MICHIGAN. PHONE (517) 279-9038

Dr. Fran Durham on LOGOPEDICS



1988: \$1,000,000 FOR THE KIDS!

This is the first in a series of articles about the upcoming million dollar campaign fund for the Institute of Logopedics.

Over the past two years barbershoppers have raised \$600-700,000 a year for our International Service Project, the Institute of Logopedics. In commemoration of our 50th Anniversary year, and because of a special program to be put in place in 1988, we have been challenged to raise \$1,000,000. The additional \$300,000 will make it possible to serve three times the number of children presently being served. It will be used for the following purposes:

1.) Establish and staff a new WATTS phone number at the Institute to receive inquiries about children with special problems. The Institute will become a clearing house to process these calls. If the child can be better served by another program, the caller will be provided with the necessary information about it.

2.) Staff and train additional Institute personnel as the need arises, to actively recruit children for the Institute. One such recruiter, Maria Morgan, is already on staff. She has made several trips around the country, seeking sources of referrals - school districts, Special Education Directors, hospitals with programs for the communicatively handicapped, parent groups, etc. These staff members will also go to the homes of potential referrals and do the prescreening there rather than the parents having to bring the child to the Institute for an evaluation. Maria's work has already borne fruit, as some children have come to the Institute because of her efforts.

3.) Special cards will be printed and supplied to all barbershoppers to be given out at shows, performances, and whenever the Logopedic's story is being told. The card will contain all of the necessary information on how to contact the Institute, explains its functions, and includes the all important toll free number.

4.) Expansion of the Public Relations program about the Institute of Logopedics, including its mission, and its staff. Barbershoppers need to

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be better informed about our International Service Project, and they also need to become active recruiters for the Institute. Public Relations materials will be designed to that end. Next to parents and relatives of children at the Institute, barbershoppers represent the largest single source of "word-of-mouth" endorsement of the Institute and its programs. That message has come from song and from prideful support. Now we must do more. We must become active recruiters for the Institute of Logopedics.

FRAN DURHAM

PONTIAC SEARCHES FOR DIRECTOR

Plans are formulating in the Pontiac Chapter for some changes involving image, public perception, and achievement goals. Included in these plans will be elements of the DYNAMO program and a "road map" of long range objectives.

At this early stage of development, the opportunity exists for an aspiring chorus director to join the team and to mold his ambitions into the groundwork of a new emergence.

The MERRY MOTOR MEN chorus is presently rehearsing 23 singers comprised half of experienced barbershoppers and half of enthusiastic neophytes, all with an average age of 51. This group is by no means dormant having scheduled five appearances for Christmas concerts in December, and beginning work on their 45th Annual Show, scheduled in May. They meet on Tuesday nights at the Community Activities Building, in Waterford.

Candidates interested in melding with a new program are invited to write or call Bill Pascher, 3520 Gregory Rd., Pontiac, MI 48055, 391-0572.

BILL PASCHER



HARRISVILLE LABOR DAY WK END

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, HARRISVILLE!!!

As hundreds of barbershoppers gathered on the risers to raise their voices in "Keep the Whole World Singing," hundreds of balloons were released to mark the beginning of our 25th Annual Barbershop Harmony Concert for the people of northeast Michigan. The event was perhaps our biggest ever, with an array of champion quartets and choruses from both the Pioneer District and several Sweet Adeline regions.

This year's harmony weekend held many "special events", including a plaque presented from the Michigan House of Representatives marking the occasion. Blue ribbons were presented to all the singers who had ever sang on a harmony weekend show. Their annual Labor Day parade honored many of the quartets and choruses who participated in this year's show.

The big winner, again this year, was our Institute of Logopedics, for which we raised close to \$2000. Our fund raising events included two golf tournaments, sponsored by the Wayne and Detroit/Oakland chapters, a recovery station sponsored by the MacComb Chapter, and many cash donations from local merchants and churches. A "pass the coffee can" donation netted several hundred dollars for our Logopedic's kids.

The Sunday afternoon show was comprised of 32 organized quartets and choruses (close to a four hour show), and we never lost the audience. Many thanks to all who helped make this show our best ever.

A beautiful brass plaque was donated and unveiled by the Harrisville Arts Council along with a Logopedics donation. Thank you people of Harrisville, and we'll all see you next Labor Day weekend with more new quartets.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you Tom Pollard for sending the above article plus the two photos. We really appreciate favorable reports like this one!)



Attention Bulletin Editors

Announcing the 1987 Pioneer District "Bulletin Editor of the Year" Contest

ELIGIBILITY: All Pioneer District chapter bulletin editors are eligible to compete, provided they have published a minimum of SIX (6) issues on a monthly or a bi-monthly basis by the same editor, or SIX (6) issues during the year by the same editor, other than a monthly schedule. To be eligible for the International Award, however, the editor must have published TEN (10) issues of a monthly bulletin, or TEN (10) months of bulletins on other than a monthly schedule, during 1987.

JUDGING PROCEDURES: Editors shall submit for judging THREE (3) copies each of THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE issues published during 1987. ONE (1) copy submitted must be RUN-OF-THE-PRESS ORIGINAL PRODUCTION COPY, the remaining TWO (2) may be photocopies, although originals are preferred. If you are eligible for the International Contest (10 Issues), it might be wise to submit FIVE (5) copies each of THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE issues, so that you can receive critiques on issues not previously marked on the first judging.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES: Entries must be mailed in a strong manila envelope to Roger Morris Sr., 325 E. Wardlow, Highland, MI 48031, not later than January 15, 1988. The top two scorers will be announced during the Pioneer District Convention at Battle Creek, Michigan, on April 23, 1988, and will represent the the Pioneer District in the International Bulletin Contest in 1988. However, editors who have not published TEN (10) bulletins during the year will be eligible only for the District award. The other top two bulletins who have published TEN (10) bulletins during the year will be submitted to the International.

Entries submitted will be judged by a single panel of THREE (3) judges, with ONE (1) judge to be assigned to each of the three (3) categories as follows: CONTENT (1,000 points), LAYOUT & REPRODUCTION (600 points), and GRAMMAR & STYLE (400 points). Judges will use the Society's International judging forms in rating entries. Judges will be selected by the International PROBE Vice President for Bulletin Editors (Bob Arthur). Ties will be broken by the Content Category scores and second by the Layout and Reproduction Scores.

The main object of the Pioneer BETY contest is to promote improved communication at the chapter level by encouragement of better bulletins. As in the case of musical competition, each editor should recognize that comments, critiques and suggestions

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are offered to promote understanding and improvement.

Hope we have a lot of entries, and good luck to all of you! This year, trophies will be awarded to the top three District bulletins, thanks to Roger Morris' efforts. The awards will be made at the Spring Convention.

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Remember When!

HOW IT ALL BEGAN!

(A continuation of the series of articles on the history of the great Pioneer District, in recognition of next year's 50th Anniversary of the Society.)

It appears that the Windsor Chapter did receive their charter prior to the June, 1944, International Convention, which was held in Detroit. There was a question in your editor's mind concerning this fact, as mentioned in the last issue. If anyone can shed any further light on this, please do!

At the 1944 International Convention, Michigan once again reigned supreme when the HARMONY HALLS from the Grand Rapids chapter won the International Quartet Championship. They were the very first International Champions, since all previous champions were National Champions. Thought you might like that little

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gem, you trivia fans! The quartet, composed of Ed Gaikema, Bob Hazenberg, Ray Hall, and Gordon Hall, had previously won the District Championship. (See article by Dick Williams in this issue under the Grand Rapids News heading.) In Chicago, the year before, they had won fifth place, thereby becoming the Michigan (now Pioneer) District's first medalist quartet.

The splendid cooperation displayed by Michigan at this convention (still true today!) resulted in the International Board voting the 1945 Convention and Contest to Detroit. One factor which affected this decision, and it's an important one, is that the United States was still at war, Michigan was pretty much the hub of barbershopdom, and travel, being restricted a great deal, forced the Board to consider Detroit as its selection. (Your editor often laughs when people, involved with making International Convention site bids, make the statement that Detroit has had the convention five times (1942, 1944, 1945, 1953, 1981). What they don't seem to understand is that three of those years were during wartime, so they should not be counted against Detroit in their present bids for the Convention, but they always do!)

(More next issue on the great Pioneer District. Information obtained primarily from past Harmonizers and Troubadours, which your editor has accumulated from district members who have generously contributed. Any letters and other mementos which can shed some light on our historic past would be greatly appreciated. Check with me first, however, as I do not care for duplications. Your editor, and new historian, would you believe? All I need is another job!)



Pioneer Members at HARMONY COLLEGE 87

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ED CUNNINGHAM

Here & About ---- Battle Creek



DONNA & GIL LEFHOLZ



HI-TECH



Are they having fun??



PAST INT'L PRESIDENT GIL LEFHOLZ
ADDRESSING HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING



MICRO-TECH



Who could Hula better than our Past District Champs, THE TOUCH OF CLASH!!



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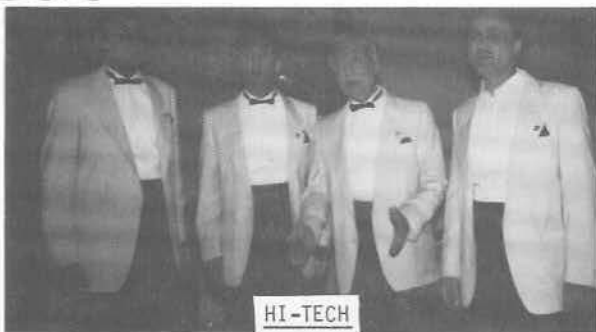
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KIM LEFHOLZ, GIL'S DAUGHTER



HI-TECH



CLAY JONES AND JIM GRAHAM,
Illinois District President



DOROTHY GRAHAM



JIM GRAHAM



GIL LEFHOLZ



Now, Tell Me About....!!



Did I say something wrong?



SUE AND ROGER LEWIS

Coming Events ...

DECEMBER, 1987

12-13 PIONEER DISTRICT CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL - Stouffer Hotel - Battle Creek (All 1988 incoming chapter officers are expected to attend!)

JANUARY, 1988

15 WINDSOR CHAPTER'S "UNCLE SAM" NIGHT
27-30 MID WINTER CONVENTION - Washington, D.C.

FEBRUARY, 1988

5-6 MACOMB COUNTY Chapter Show
12-13 DETROIT/OAKLAND Chapter Show
27 KALAMAZOO Chapter Show
27 HURON VALLEY Chapter Show
27 LANSING Chapter Show
27-28 MONROE Chapter Show

MARCH, 1988

4-5 GROSSE POINTE Chapter Show
4-5 WAYNE Chapter Show
11-13 PIONEER DISTRICT Quartet Clinic - Site to be announced.
26 FLINT Chapter Show

APRIL, 1988

9 COLDWATER Chapter Show
16 CLINTON VALLEY Chapter Show
22-24 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION - Stouffer Hotel - Battle Creek

MAY, 1988

7 BOYNE CITY Chapter Show
13 WINDSOR SEND-OFF SHOW

JUNE, 1988

4 MILFORD Chapter Show
18 PIONEER-ONTARIO "CAN-AM" JAMBOREE - Chatham, Ontario

JULY, 1988

3-10 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - San Antonio, Texas

AUGUST, 1988

13 PIONEER DISTRICT LOGOPEDICS GOLF TOURNAMENT - Fox Glen Golf Course, Windsor, Ontario

NOTE: All Chapter Show Activities must be cleared through the District Secretary, and the appropriate ASCAP, BMI and CAPAC (Canada Only) fees paid. Only shows that are cleared through the District Secretary will be listed above

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Grand Rapids, MI 49505
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