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A big hello to everyone. Boy, is time flying as we are approaching the half-way mark and things are looking fine.

We are well ahead of last year. Thru April 30th, we have a total of \$6785. Last year for the same period, it was \$2551, for a difference of \$4234. You're doing a great job and I'm sure the wheels will keep rolling.

I'm sorry to hear that Susan Gruener, the wife of Ron Gruener, Flint's Logopedic's Chairman, passed away. She had many friends because of all the memorials sent in her name to Logopedics. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Ron and his family.

It was a great honor for me to present all of those awards at the Spring Convention. I can envision next spring with even more chapters receiving the Bronze and Silver Awards, and possibly one or two "Golds," wouldn't that be great!

The Campbells soup label program was a huge success. See another article in this issue as to the results of our 1986-87 campaign. The goal for next year is 1,250,000 labels.

The following chapters contributed in March and April: Swan Valley, Benton Harbor-St. Joe, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe, Holland, Lansing, Saginaw, Wayne, and Windsor. Four chapters already have the Bronze: Alpena, Flint, Swan Valley, and Windsor. Thank you, guys. One Silver goes to the Monroe Chapter. Thank you, "Kurt."

The quartets are doing better, as we heard from the HARMONY RENDEZVOUS with a donation. Thank you, guys. We have heard from five quartets this year and 13 friends and relatives have been memorialized, a great way to remember our loved ones.

I just received those yellow receipts from Harmony Foundation for a total of \$1310, a good start for the middle of May. Keep up the good work, fellows, because I love it!!

Hope to be in Hartford to help at the Logopedics booth and cheer on the Wayne chorus and our two quartets. If you're there, stop by and buy some tickets from me.

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THE PRESIDENT'S



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**PIONEER DISTRICT PRESIDENT
EARL W. BERRY**

Wow! What a contest! This spring's competition had to be one of the district's finest -- 17 choruses and 15 quartets -- everyone of them great! The City of Battle Creek did themselves proud in hosting our first of extended location sites. Most of this can be attributed to the Battle Creek Chapter -- "Roger Lewis and crew." For the excellent job in handling the convention, my personal thanks to you gentlemen and your ladies.

Quartets representing the Pioneer District in Hartford this summer will be the RITZ and the TRI-COUNTY CONNECTION. Our best wishes go with them and our chorus representative, the Wayne RENAISSANCE Chorus. We know they will do us proud!

Throughout the district there are always many fine bulletins being published. If you are not aware of it, a panel of certified judges reviews them to determine who has done the best job. This year the awards for 1st and 2nd place were given to Bob McDermott (Detroit/Oakland Chapter) for the "Gentlemen's Songster" and to Wilbur "Webb" Scriver (Muskegon Chapter) for the "Port City Beacon," respectively. Congratulations to both of you for a job well done.

The responsibility of an "editor" not only requires "articles" for publication, but more importantly getting them on time for the right publication. This is especially true for a "Calendar of Events" activity.

While I'm up here on my soap-box, you A/C's and D/VP's who have not made your visitations, this is a reminder for you to fulfill your obligations.



**HONOR OUR
FLAG
Flag Day, June 14**

DISTRICT REVELATIONS

(From Column 2)

DISTRICT CONVENTION BIDS

Since the Pioneer District has opted to hold their conventions at Battle Creek through 1989, the following bids for hosting have been accepted by the convention committee:

October 16-18, 1987 - Grosse Pointe
April 22-24, 1988 - Grand Rapids
October 14-16, 1988 - Huron Valley
April 21-23, 1989 - Kalamazoo

Bids are still open for the October 20-22, 1989, convention. Any chapter interested in submitting a bid for those dates may submit their bid prior to September 10, 1987, at which time the bidding will be closed. All bids should be submitted to Roger Lewis, the District Director of Convention Planning and Special Events.

COTS' DATE CHANGED

Due to a conflict in schedule, the traditional first weekend in December for our annual Chapter Officer Training School (COTS) has been changed to December 12-13, 1987. It will be held at the Stouffer Hotel in Battle Creek beginning Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

Classes will be held for all the chapter officer positions including the Music Vice President. Additional classes scheduled include the DO/AC course, Public Relations, and Bulletin Editing.

It is hoped that all of our district chapters will avail themselves of this school. Remember, it is a legitimate chapter expense.

HARMONY ROUND-UP

SEP. 11-13th

BOY! AM I EXCITED! Just thinking about the wonderful weekend awaiting us later this year, when our District hosts its annual HARMONY ROUND-UP at Stouffer's Hotel in Battle Creek from September 11th thru the 13th.

Initial planning is under-way, however, and 'ole John needs your help! At the Spring Convention on April 11th, questionnaires regarding the Harmony Round-Up were available to all of you at the registration desk. Would you believe there were only six responses? Only SIX!

Now, gentlemen, you just don't plan a good, well-filled schedule of activities from that! We would like to offer the following:

ARRANGING MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS
CHORUS DIRECTING MUSIC THEORY

Your Input is needed!

- a.) Beginning Vocal Techniques
- b.) Advanced Others

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In the near future you will be receiving a letter from 'ole John, with another, and final chance to select which classes you would desire in order to further enhance your barber-shopping career. Please heed the target date indicated in that letter for your reply, and I will do my best to provide top-shelf personnel in Quartet Coaching, Musical Leadership, and other related barbershop courses. We will make September 11-13, 1987, the best fun-filled and educational weekend that you have ever experienced!

Please respond promptly; I need this in order to:

a.) Meet your personal needs in Music Education

b.) Provide the best Musical Educational Program possible for the Pioneer District.

All of this weekend will only cost \$77 per man! That includes two nights with double occupancy in a room, plus three meals, including two breakfasts, and one Saturday lunch. The Saturday night dinner would be on your own. What a deal!!

That, Gentlemen, is why I am excited!!! Remember, we're working for you!

JOHN BAUER

S.M.A.C. NEWS

A meeting of the representatives of the S.M.A.C. chapters was held at the home of Earl Berry on Thursday night, May 14, 1987. Seven chapters were represented at this meeting. The following actions were taken:

1.) Bob McDermott was elected President, Bill Warner was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and Clay Jones Vice President for the coming year.

2.) A letter will be sent to all SMAC chapters asking them to detail all their major events for the coming year to avoid duplication.

3.) Detroit will submit a bid for the 1992 International Convention. Letters of support from all SMAC chapters will be needed for this endeavor by June 30th.

4.) The Windsor Chapter will host the 1987 Pioneer District Logopedic's Golf Tournament at the Fox Glen Golf Course on August 1, 1987. (See details in this issue.)

5.) The next S.M.A.C. meeting will be held on Thursday night, July 23, 1987, at the home of Bill Warner, 23531 Meadowlark, Oak Park, at 8 p.m.



update

A special 50th Anniversary program involves a song writing contest. It has been laid out in the HARMONIZER.

DYNAMO CONTINUES TO GROW! To date, International Office representatives have performed more than a dozen programs this year, with more planned for the summer. In addition, the trainees for each district are already spreading the DYNAMO plan -- organizing a chapter music program while developing membership numbers.

A copyright reminder -- the International Office receives many show fliers and chapter bulletins. An item creeping into them involves the use of comic strip characters or pulling a comic from a newspaper and using it. This material is copyrighted (just like music) and requires permissions. In particular, watch for temptations like Disney characters, Peanuts characters, among others. Thanks for keeping everything legal!

Harmony Month publicity coming in. Many chapters used the packet of information provided earlier this year -- and some were pretty creative! Looks like another banner year in spreading the word about this wonderful hobby. As a publicity aside, there's buzzing in Dallas with the third meeting of the Mormon Tabernacle choir and the Dallas Vocal Majority in a concert on June 19-20 in Dallas. It's a three hour spectacular featuring these two great singing groups and the Constitution Symphony Orchestra. The concert is entitled "We The People" as a part of the bicentennial celebration of the country's Constitution.

Harmony College is filling fast! There's still room for 12 quartets. Tuition is \$275 per person including room, board and most materials. Pay before July 15 and the discount price is \$250. No partial deposits will be accepted. Cancellations before July 15 will receive a full refund. This year's theme involves father/son combinations and a special song for that kinship.

Hartford registrations passing the 9200 mark. We're headed for a record attendance, currently held by the 1976 San Francisco International Convention at 10,300. Advance registrations are in the mail with an explanatory convention brochure and special events form.

And here's the order of appearance for the Hartford International Convention quartet contest, July 2:

Quarter Finals No. 1 -- Starting at 11:00 a.m.

1. HarmonyWorks (LOL)
2. Cheerful Noise (SUN)
3. Chiefs of Staff (ILL)
4. Rumors (ONT)
5. Remember When (FWD)
6. Partners (NED)
7. Auld Lang Syne (SLD)
8. It's About Time (RMD)
9. Copyright '86 (M-AD)
10. Broadway (M-AD)
11. 139th Street Quartet (FWD)
12. Boston Consort (NED)
13. Classified Lads (NED)
14. Gateway City Slickers (CSD)
15. The Ritz (PIO)
16. Interstate Rivals (CARD)
17. Act IV (JAD)

Quarter Finals No. 2 -- Starting at 3:00 p.m.

18. Midnight Express (DIX)
19. Deuces Wild (SWD)
20. Harmonic Tremors (EVG)
21. Bank Street (RMD)
22. Harmony Heights (EVG)
23. Vaudeville (M-AD)
24. Heartland (DIX)
25. Great Western Timbre Company (FWD)
26. K. C. Connection (CSD)
27. Evening Swingers (S.N.O.B.S.)
28. Inn's-N-Outt's (SWD)
29. Catch 44 (ONT)
30. Northeast Extension (M-AD)
31. The Tri-County Connection (PIO)
32. Northern Comfort (LOL)
33. Kidder & Sons, Inc. (FWD)
34. Chicago Chord of Trade (ILL)

Quarter Finals No. 3 -- Starting at 7:30 p.m.

35. Grandstand (LOL)
36. Free 'N Easy
37. Basin Street Quartet (SWD)
38. Second Edition (CARD)
39. Northwest Spirit (EVG)
40. Promissory Notes (CARD)
41. Stateline Celebration (CDS)
42. B. C. Connection (SLD)
43. Sidekicks (SUN)
44. Junction 33 (B.A.B.S.)
45. Harmony Partners (JAD)
46. His Master's Voice (JAD)
47. Celebration! (LOL)
48. Chordiac Arrest (ILL)
49. Arcade (M-AD)
50. Tradewinds (M-AD)



RASHLEIGH JOINS INTERNATIONAL STAFF

by JOE LILES

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Bill Rashleigh to fill a new position as Music Generalist. He will commence his duties June 15, 1987. In this capacity he will be involved with all the aspects of the DYNAMO program. Working in the area of music as well as administration, he will assist in starting new chapters, provide support to existing chapters, write educational and related materials and assist with the many projects for which the International Music Department is responsible.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in voice and a second major in Theater from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He completes his Master of Music there in June.

Bill brings a broad range of experience and skills to the staff. He has taught choral music and band in high school; had major roles in several university theater productions, repertoire companies and directed thirty-five major productions since 1971; been on the faculty of Harmony College since 1982; been assistant director of the Omaha chorus, and director of the Nebraska city chorus, a chapter he helped to charter. Bill also sings baritone in the LAMP POST HARMONY Quartet and is a certified Sound judge.

NEW DME APPOINTMENT

Due to personal considerations, Mr. Jem Duffin has submitted his resignation as the District Director of Music Education effective with the close of the Spring Convention, April 12, 1987.

Our assistant DME, Mr. John Bauer, has agreed to assume the duties as the Director of Music Education for the balance of 1987. Questions relating to DME functions should be directed to John. He can be reached at (313) 759-5843 or (517) 595-6550. Welcome to the Pioneer District team, John.

What is this Chorus Plateau Award?

Many district members at the Spring Convention were asking about the significance of the chorus plateau award trophies which were presented for the first time at this contest. We hope the following will clarify the intent of the awards and how they were arrived at.

At the end of each year International publishes the number of members in each chapter in the District, and assigns each chapter to a plateau based on this membership figure. The plateaus are used for District Achievement Levels, and it was decided by the District House of Delegates at our Fall Convention to use these figures for our own District Chorus Contest. The plateaus are determined as follows:

- Plateau One -- Under 30 members
- Plateau Two -- 0-39 members
- Plateau Three -- 40-49 members
- Plateau Four -- 50-74 members
- Plateau Five -- 75-99 members
- Plateau Six -- 100 or more mbrs.

It was decided by the delegates that rather than awarding the Gold and Silver trophies as we had in the past, that we would award a trophy to each plateau winner, that is, all chapters falling into a particular plateau range. Thus, small chapters would be competing against chapters of their own size with the hope that competition between chapters of equal size would spur more chapters to compete.

The overall champion chorus would be determined as it has in the past, and these additional awards are presented to supplement the other.

For the plateau awards, it was decided that rankings would prevail, so if a chorus, even though not eligible to win the overall contest, could still win the plateau award. This usually occurs when a chorus is disqualified because they do not have the required twenty men on stage. Thus, a chorus with only 15 men could win in their own plateau. It is an added incentive to get every chorus competing at the district level. A chorus would be defined as having a minimum of twelve members. We think this award system has a lot of benefits for our members. What do you think?



WE GET LETTERS



(The following letter was received by your editor from Les Lang, a long time dedicated Pioneer District and Flint Chapter member.)

Dear Bob,

Bill (Tobias) was an excellent editor and I'm sorry to see him go. I'm sure the "Troubadour" is in good hands again, as you have been an outstanding President, and will adequately fill his shoes. I know what a job editing a bulletin is, as I was the editor of the "Flint Notes" for ten years.

I had a heart attack at the Atlantic City Convention in 1970, but I continued to put out the bulletin until 1973, when I retired and moved to Florida for the winters. They didn't have a chapter where we stayed, but they had a few barber-shoppers that met in a church just to woodshed and have fun. We each used to put in 50¢ every Monday night just to get music. I used to buy it from Kenosha for us. There were a few guys from our area that belonged to the Sarasota Chapter, and Fort Myers, too. We changed our meeting night to Wednesday so they could come. We ran an ad for singers in the local paper and we finally got about 35 guys together and organized the Charlotte County Chapter.

We put on a show every year and had the SUN TONES quartet on it for four years, plus the JOKERS WILD from Sarasota consisting of 3 of the HARMONY HOUNDS and Lee Frayer from Pontiac. We also had the MID-STATES FOUR formerly from Chicago and now from Orlando.

Cliff Douglas is singing in a quartet with Howard Hawkins, formerly of Lansing's MERRY MEN fame. (Ed. note: The quartet is named THE BACK PORCH MAJORITY, a name not unfamiliar in these parts.) Bud Carpenter, former member of the BEAN TOWN FOUR, is now in a quartet with the former bari of the AUTO TOWNERS, (Clint Bostic?) out of West Palm Beach.

I organized a quartet in the Charlotte County Chapter called the HARBOR LITES. We did a lot of performances for the retirees in the area.

I am now living with my son in Lapeer. I have poor circulation and emphysema, so I have problems getting around. As my wife died in 1981, my son didn't want me living alone, so I now have a nice 3 room apartment on the back of his home, and have my own furnace, bath, etc. I eat with them and am real comfortable.

/s/ Tenorly, Les Lang

LADIES-LADIES-LADIES

The Ladies Hospitality Committee for the International Convention cordially invites all ladies to visit the Ladies' Hospitality Room while you are in Hartford. The room will feature the Northeastern District, with many ideas of things to do while in the NED area. Several attendance drawings will be held. Please be sure to stop by and register for one of these drawings. It has been 22 years since an International Convention has been in the NED, and our enthusiasm will be showing. We are looking forward to meeting all of you.



2ND ANNUAL PIONEER GOLF TOURNAMENT

TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 1ST

The second annual Pioneer District Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held on Saturday, August 1, 1987, at the Fox Glen Golf Course near Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The first tee-off time is set for 9:30 a.m., and is sponsored this year by the Windsor Chapter. Plans include 18 holes of golf followed by a steak fry, and will include door prizes as well as course prizes.

The price for all of this is just a measly \$25 American, \$30 Canadian. It does not include carts which are extra. Now is the time to sign up and get an early tee time. Fill out the attached coupon and mail it to Pete Aubry, 319 Watson Ave., Windsor, ONT. CAN., N8S 3S3. Net proceeds will be forwarded to the Institute of Logopedics. Flyers will be available shortly, but you can sign up now by sending the following coupon with your check or money order made out to the Windsor Chapter, SPEBSQSA.

The Callaway system will be used for scoring handicaps. Donations of door prizes will be gratefully accepted to help offset costs. FOX GLEN Golf Course is located on Howard Road at Middle Side Road, Windsor.

 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 ZIP _____ Chapter _____
 Appx. Hdcp. _____ (Based on 18 hole-
 Par 72 Course)
 Singing part _____ Preferred
 Partner? _____

DISTRICT NEWS

Battle Creek

After putting on our annual show in March and hosting the Spring Convention in April, the Battle Creek chapter planned to slow things down a little for April and May as the chapter goes through quite a major turnover in its leadership and administration.

A whole new music team has been organized in concurrence with the DYNAMO program--music team manual concept. This has caused some major changes in the board and committee chairman positions too numerous to mention here. Randy Campbell, formerly the Logopedic's Chairman and Chapter Librarian, is now our new Music Vice President.

But the biggest change occurred in May when the board asked former director (1983-85) Giff Richards to return to lead the chorus, with the hope for a higher finish this coming fall in our fair city. The last time Giff led us into the contest "wars" we finished a strong 4th.

Over the years the arguments, pro and con, regarding chapter contests have always surfaced in our chapter. It reminded me of a poem found in the June, 1979, Harmonizer, by Jack Burton of the Rochester, NY, chapter.

"It isn't whether you win or lose is an oft' repeated phrase;

But somehow this kinda' outlook has me in a daze.

If humility and sportsmanship are all we're striving for,

Will someone kindly tell me why the heck they keep the score?"

Due to the director change and because of the CAN-AM date conflict, it appears the chorus will not be singing at the World's Longest Breakfast Table-Cereal City Festival this year. But the chorus is scheduled to sing at the Hot Air Balloon championships in early July plus other performances we always do each summer.

Although the chorus and chapter quartets won't be going to CAN-AM, some members plan to attend. Also, one or two are heading out east to Hartford for the International Convention.

Seven guests attended our "Guest Night" held in the Montgomery Room of the Stouffer Hotel ten days after contest. We have three good prospects from that evening. A big thanks to Membership VP Gregory Loser and Program VP David Allen for a great

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job! The chapter might hold an open house in June in conjunction with the reintroduction of our new director.

In closing I'd like to extend my congratulations to our Troubadour Editor for being named "Bulletin Editor of the Year" at the Spring Convention for his fine job on the "Gentlemen Songster." Also, best of luck to the RITZ, TRI-COUNTY CONNECTION, and the Wayne RENAISSANCE Chorus at Hartford.

Finally, we'd like to thank Dorn Burrill for his able leadership in directing our chorus the past year-and-a-half. BEN JERZYK

Benton Harbor-St. Joe

The contest wave that loomed so large so recently has washed over us and we've survived! Survived and climbed up six places in the chorus standings over our finish last October. And that puts on a spring board for a higher finish next fall. Let's see, Huron Valley and Battle Creek were right above us in April. OK, guys, there's our target for next autumn.

At this point I'm going to take the liberty of expressing a personal opinion, which I feel qualified to do, having participated in roughly forty Pioneer District contests. Opinion: this April contest was one of the finest, if not the very finest ever held in this district, in both the quality of the contestants and the smooth flow of events. I heard numerous others express this same sentiment. Congratulations and appreciation to everyone involved in the convention and contest.

And now we're under the dominance of another time gobbler--our annual show May 29th. Barbershopping in no mere hobby but a way of life. Tom Gentry visited our chapter in March with the usual dramatic results. Too bad there isn't a Tom in every chapter.

Lovely Nola Shine, wife of chapter president Charlie Shine, passed away on March 13. For many years and in many ways Nola gave the chapter active support both materially and morally. We miss you Nola.

We are planning a membership drive for June. Remembering that big choruses are big because they sing well, and being mindful of our improvement, we expect to enroll a number of new members. Wish us well.

Whisper to DOC: Dick Liddicoatt glues antlers to young does!

BRAD LAUGHLIN

Boyne City



LOTON WILSON CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

"Here's to You, Old Timer..."

Loton Wilson of Boyne City, MI, recently celebrated his eightieth birthday with the help of the chapter he founded, and most of the citizens of Boyne City in the heart of the Pioneer District. Loton was the originator of the "Bush League Contest" open to novice quartets, or as he says, "Quartets that ain't never won nothin'!" Through the years winners of this contest have gone on to district championships and in at least one case, an International Championship (AUTO TOWNERS).

Loton, father of barbershopping in northern Michigan, Director, Arranger, Bush League King, fair Saxophone player, Hall of Famer, and an all-around great guy, is a treasured member of the Boyne City Chapter. On the occasion of this eightieth milestone, we pay tribute to him and wish him and his lovely wife Jessie, many more years of sweet harmony.

BOB MARTIN



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DISTRICT NEWS

Detroit-Oakland

Things are really looking up here at Detroit-Oakland, especially after our victory at Battle Creek. It was a thrilling contest, and we have a lot of laurels for our music team headed up by Steve Sutherland. We're already gearing up for the big one in the fall, and that should be some contest. We're putting in two new songs for the fall contest, along with a full schedule of rehearsals and coaching sessions, including a two day retreat for the chorus in September.

Our membership is growing, having signed up five new, young and active members in the past month, and more still in the wings. We are having weekly craft sessions to improve our sound and our stage performances. We know we have a long way to go, but we are all in agreement that hard work is the only way to success, and that is exactly the attitude of our chorus.

But that doesn't mean we've excluded quartetting and octetting, not on your life! Mary Wilson, our Quartet Activity Chairman, has recently initiated some new ideas relative to forming quartets and octets from within the chorus, and having those quartets perform weekly. So far it's been really enjoyable, and it's great to hear all the warbling going on during breaks and after the session.

A week ago the chorus participated in a video recording session with United Cable Television of Royal Oak. The session lasted approximately two hours, and will be scaled down to a 30 minute program for viewing on all of the local television cable stations in the area. Our intention is to promote our chapter and barber-shopping in general in the area. It looks as if it might have a lot of merit.

We are looking forward to participating as a chorus on the CAN-AM show in Chatham on June 6th, to support our Hartford bound quartets and the Wayne chorus. That should be a terrific day for all of us. We'll see you all there!

Don't forget our June 12th "Return of the Jug" night at our Lathrup Village Meeting hall commencing at 8:30 p.m. We will be entertained by the RITZ and the TRI-COUNTY CONNECTION on that night, plus other quartets of renown. Plan on it, as it will be a great night for singing.

HERMAN SCHWARZENEGAR

*Wouldn't you rather sing
along than sing alone?*

Grand Rapids

Congratulations to Captain Clay and the RITZ and the TRI-COUNTY CONNECTION for their outstanding performances in Battle Creek. The competition was fierce. They will represent the Pioneer District well in Hartford this July.

Grand Rapids is also proud of the fine job the TOUCH OF CLASH and the FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY did in the contest. Great job, guys! The quartet contest was a dandy and speaking of dandies, how about that chorus contest? Terrific!

It was one of the more spirited and competitive contests we've had in a while. The level of singing was very high, in fact, it was too close to call, especially if sound was any indication. You had two or three that were right in there, but after the smoke cleared, Steve Sutherland's band, the Detroit-Oakland GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS emerged the winner over a strong Grosse Pointe LAKESHORE Chorus, followed closely by the Gratiot County MIDSTATESMEN Chorus. The fall contest should be a good one, and I know we're looking forward to it. We would also like to congratulate the new plateau champions not mentioned above. You guys were great!

Since the contest the "TIDE" has been very busy as we get ready for this fall. In May we had an extremely successful open house with 14 receptive and excited guests. It looks like we will get about half, with a few that are still undecided and we hope to get them on the dotted line soon. Yep, we're on the grow!

That, coupled with a number of performances scattered throughout the summer, along with hosting a Division III Open House May 19th, with International Staff member Jim DeBusmann. Throw in a chorus retreat, not to mention our own rigorous schedule, along with coaching etc., we have our hands full, but we are growing, learning, and having fun in the process. The TIDES ON THE RISE!

We would like to thank the Battle Creek Chapter and Roger Lewis for a super convention and we look forward to the next three years. It can only get better.

Congratulations to Bob McDermott for winning the Pioneer "Bulletin Editor of the Year" award. Bob sure does a great job with the Detroit-Oakland bulletin, the "Gentlemen's Songster," and while I'm at it, Bob does an equally fine job with the "Troubadour." Congratulations again, Bob.

(Continued Next Column)

In closing, I would like to mention that little guy I kept running into everywhere during the convention. Who was that little guy, anyway? Actually it was pretty funny, and we both had a good laugh, right J.P.? Hey guy, wish you and chorus the very best in Hartford. I'll be there cheering you on. I know you'll represent us in outstanding fashion, and all of us from G.R. that will be there will be pulling for you guys. Of course, this fall it is a different story. Till then, good singing.

DICK WILLIAMS

Saginaw-Bay

The Saginaw Bay Chapter has started 1987 off with a bang! Our installation banquet was held on January 10th with 85 members and guests in attendance. Paul Lehmkuhle, our Division V Vice President, installed the following officers for 1987: President: Dick Mueller, MVP: Wayne Smith, PVP: Paul Ward and Ron Seager, Treasurer: Len Johnson, Secretary: Alan Schutt, Music Director: Jim Gross, Public Relations: Bob Winters, Logopedics: Dennis Keyes, Past President: Carl Secor, and Board Members Dave Deming and Al Shephard. Following the installation we were entertained by the FAMILY FORUM quartet.

Membership growth is the chapter's major goal for 1987. To get this started, MVP Wayne Smith organized an extremely successful guest night on January 27th with 18 potential new members in attendance. Three of these have since joined the chapter.

Activities continued with a cabaret show following the Bay City St. Paddy's Day parade on March 15th. The 300 paying guests were entertained by the TIMBERLAND CHORDSMAN Chorus and the VOCAL MINORITY, VOCAL GENTRY, and the MAKESHIFT FOUR quartets from our chapter. Our neighbors from Swan Valley contributed the CROSSTOWNERS and the JUST PASSING THROUGH quartets. The featured guest quartet was YESTERDAY ONCE MORE from the MaComb County Chapter.

March also saw twelve chapter members visit Swan Valley for a great workshop put on by Bill Meyer, a music specialist from International.

As the month ended, the chorus and chapter quartets staged a two hour show for an audience of 1200 persons attending the annual meeting of the Michigan Sugar Beet Growers Association.

The rest of the year promises to be just as busy and exciting, starting with the district convention and contest.

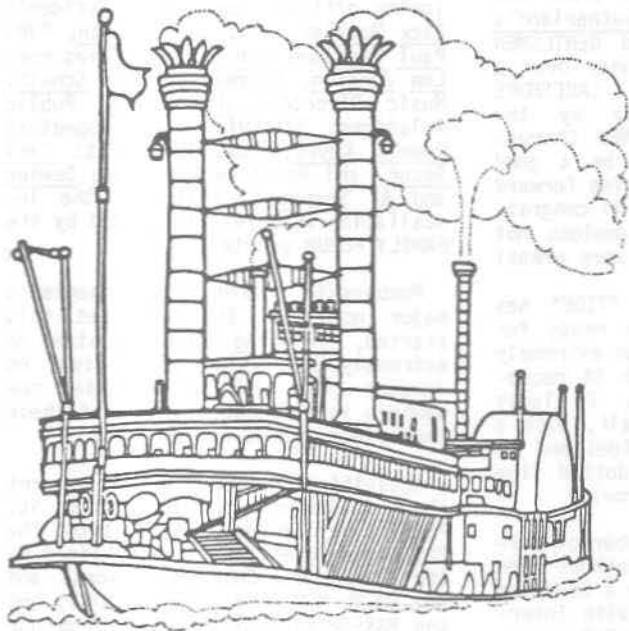
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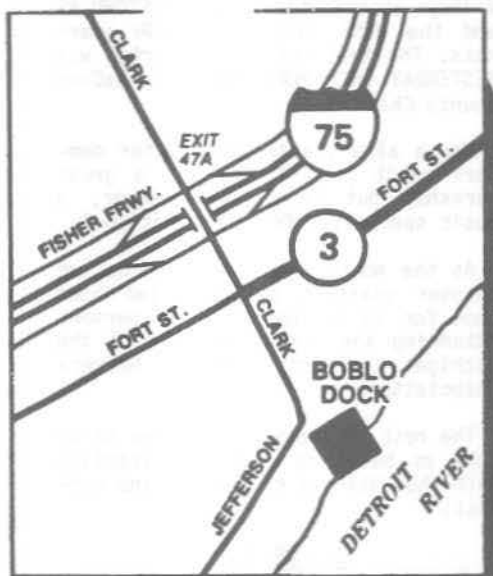
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Traverse City

Traverse City, Michigan, and Perth, Australia, are beginning to have a lot in common. The connection was made at Harmony College in 1986, and in typical barbershop fashion a beautiful relationship has developed. Bruce Okely, director of the Perth, Australia, MEN IN HARMONY chorus, along with his son, Graham, met the Traverse City contingent at St. Joe and they collaborated on a tag or two. From that came an exchange of letters, songs, pictures, bulletins, manuscript arrangements and tapes that has brought the two chapters very close together. The latest exchange was a narrative/music tape with a picture from the CHERRY CAPITOL chorus to the MEN IN HARMONY and a tape of the Perth annual show, the "Best of Barbershop," which was received by Traverse City last week.

There are innumerable benefits to be gained from Harmony College as we all know, but Traverse City claims one of the more unique ones---friendship, fellowship, and sharing with our friends from Australia.

WAYNE CAMPBELL

A MESSAGE FROM DIV. IV V.P. DON BAZELY

The HARMONEERS quartet from the Sault Ste. Marie Chapter is the 1987 Bush League champion. It was a hollow victory because we were the only competing quartet. In fact, we were not scheduled to compete at Boyne City this year because of other conflicts.

We went because it seemed unthinkable that the 1987 Bush League should be cancelled. We were out of practice and we sang poorly, but we were there! (Bob Tracy said that this was the only way we would have won the contest anyway!!) The 1987 contest was the 42nd time that this event was held and in relative terms that makes the Bush League part of the pioneering period of our district and our Society. It is part of our Pioneer District heritage!

In my opinion, the Bush League is a legitimate district event that should be treated with the affection, and yes, even the respect due a venerable barbershopping tradition. The first Saturday in May is Bush League weekend! It has been for many years past and it will be for many years to come. PLEASE pick any of the other 40 plus available weekends for other chapter events and shows. I would like to see one dozen or more quartets show up in Boyne City on May 1, 1988, and try to register ahead of time, will ya?

Keep the whole world singing

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF PIONEER

DISTRICT, SPEBSQSA, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HOUSE OF

DELEGATES MEETINGS - April 10-11, 1987

REPORTS: The Secretary minutes, Treasurer report, and the Consent Calendar were all unanimously approved. Delinquent reports that were distributed at the meeting were discussed individually for both meetings.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ACTIONS:

Moved and seconded that the Senior Member Recognition award be adopted. Motion defeated.

Moved and seconded that the Battle Creek Chapter run the Barbershopper's Shop for the next 5 conventions. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Grosse Pointe host the Fall 1987, Grand Rapids host the Spring 1988, Huron Valley host the Fall 1988, and Kalamazoo host the Spring 1989 convention. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Roger Morris be permitted to provide traveling trophies for first, second, and third place for the Bulletin Editor of the Year Contest for the District. Motion carried.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES ACTIONS:

Moved and seconded that the host chapter be extended the opportunity to run the Barbershopper's Shop at future conventions. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the proposed 1987 budget be accepted. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schneider-Pioneer District Sec'y

LOGOPEDIC'S MEMORIALS

George Van DeVelde, our District Logopedic's Chairman, reports that the following sixteen names of members and relatives will be memorialized at the Institute of Logopedics with their names inscribed on a plaque to be displayed at the Institute. What a great way to remember them.

- 1.) Cecil Adams
- 2.) Harold E. Anderson
- 3.) Lester Bame
- 4.) D. Ronald Breidinger
- 5.) Charlie Buxton
- 6.) Rosella Costigan
- 7.) Leo Gougeon
- 8.) Florence Halsted
- 9.) Geneva Kleckner
- 10.) Robert Lake
- 11.) Harold Mitter
- 12.) Hubert Pearce
- 13.) Carl Pearson
- 14.) Raymond Reed
- 15.) Robert H. Rehe
- 16.) TheIma Ruyle

Remember When

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

(In recognition of our Society's upcoming 50th Anniversary in 1988, it was decided to run a series of articles covering the historical beginnings of the Pioneer District. Many of our district members have no conception of what part our district played in the early days of our Society, so it is hoped that these articles will help many into a better understanding of the importance of our district in the formation of this great Society of ours.)

Memorial Day, 1939. Gathered for Detroit's annual Memorial Day parade on a Woodward Avenue corner, were several American Legion members. One group was enjoying a song when attention was called to a newspaper story about a convention and contest of the newly organized Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, to be held in Tulsa beginning June 2nd. All had read about the formation of the new organization and several were interested in getting more information about the Society. Ed Schwoppe, of the Michigan State Highway Department, member of a quartet known as the STATE HIGHWAY FOUR, said he'd "go down there and investigate."

Schwoppe made the trip to Tulsa with Harold Gibbs, then of Traverse City. At the meeting held in the Hotel Tulsa on June 2, 1939, a national organization was created with Rupert Hall, of Tulsa, as president. A vice president was named from every state represented, "to be in charge of development." Ed Schwoppe was named as the vice president from Michigan.

On Sunday, July 30, 1939, a group of twenty men met in the cottage of William Barry at Lake Orion. The story of SPEBSQSA and the convention doings was related to them. At that meeting the Detroit Chapter was organized and a charter was applied for, the first in Michigan and the first east of the Mississippi River. Elected as officers were Joseph Wolff, president, Howard Tubbs, vice president, William Barry, master of ceremonies, and Glenn Shields, secretary and treasurer.



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OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY
 INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY QUARTET CONTEST
 PIONEER DISTRICT, S.P.E.B.S.O.S.A., Inc.
 Battle Creek, Michigan, April 10 - 11, 1987

FINALS	SND		INT		SP		ARR	SUB	PREV	TOTAL	SECONDS			
	1	2	1	2	1	2								
1 The Ritz	137	138	161	163	43	132	136	9	3	922	942	1864	129	124
2 Tri-County Connection	150	147	141	152	40	116	126	-1	6	877	889	1766	139	176
3 Hi Tech Musical Circuitry	144	148	153	156	31	114	116	6	5	873	842	1715	148	152
4 "The Ivy League"	118	114	156	154	44	120	118	9	5	838	823	1661	130	188
5 Harmony Rendezvous	132	132	148	142	33	108	109	-6	2	800	807	1607	100	134
6 Blue Ribbon Coalition	132	132	149	155	37	116	113	-3	5	836	766	1602	132	182
7 The Family Forum	126	125	144	147	35	106	120	-1	5	807	769	1576	152	177
8 Touch Of Clash!	111	107	139	134	41	105	110	-1	2	748	729	1477	171	127

SEMI-FINALS

1 The Ritz	153	151	156	153	45	136	138	5	5	942	0	942	175	153
2 Tri-County Connection	149	147	144	141	43	133	134	2	-4	889	0	889	153	133
3 Hi Tech Musical Circuitry	145	140	147	148	36	112	114	0	0	842	0	842	155	153
4 "The Ivy League"	126	124	143	146	50	112	117	3	2	823	0	823	138	158
5 Harmony Rendezvous	134	139	140	144	35	103	111	1	0	807	0	807	136	173
6 The Family Forum	128	128	129	134	36	106	107	3	-2	769	0	769	125	133
7 Blue Ribbon Coalition	129	125	142	135	28	102	97	5	3	766	0	766	168	182
8 Touch Of Clash!	122	121	122	120	30	110	108	-4	0	729	0	729	137	130

SEMI-FINALS

	SND		INT		SP		ARR	TOTAL	SECONDS			
	1	2	1	2	1	2						
9 Curtains 4 Certain	117	115	134	128	30	97	94	2	2	719	101	140
10 Furniture City Chord Co.	119	115	122	125	29	87	80	2	6	685	145	136
11 Mutual-A-Chord	129	125	110	123	20	76	81	4	6	674	185	166
12 Yesterday Once More	103	102	119	114	33	94	94	1	-4	656	142	149
13 Grand Prix	109	111	110	108	23	83	81	3	-3	625	130	135
14 Accidental Blend	106	99	110	105	16	70	71	4	-7	574	144	128
15 The Golden Cadillacs	80	78	90	89	25	67	69	-1	-5	492	128	168

The Ritz and Tri-County Connection will represent the Pioneer District at the 1987 International Quartet Contest at Hartford, Conn.

Hi Tech Musical Circuitry is the Alternate.

1987 PIONEER DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

OCTOBER 16, 17, 18, 1987

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

REGISTRANTS NAME _____

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 OCTOBER 2, 1987

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



OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY
 DISTRICT CHORUS CONTEST
 PIONEER DISTRICT, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc.
 Battle Creek, Michigan, April 11, 1987

THE PANEL OF JUDGES

CHAIRMAN	James Beutel	Bloomington, IN	Cardinal
SOUND	David H. Patterson	Clinton, MA	Northeastern
	Tom Woodall	Charleston, IL	Illinois
INTERPRETATION	John M. Austin	Burlington, VT	Northeastern
	George H. Peters	Wheaton, IL	Illinois
STAGE PRESENCE	Roger K. Steffens	Vero Beach, FL	Sunshine
	Dale E. Thomas	Bloomsburg, PA	Mid-Atlantic
ARRANGEMENT	Jack R. Baird	Oak Lawn, IL	Illinois
	Greg Lyne	Elmwood Park, IL	Illinois
SECRETARY	Larry King	Farmington Hills, MI	Pioneer
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Ron Bashia	Crown Point, IN	Cardinal
TIMEKEEPERS	Bob Dixon	Bellevue, MI	Pioneer
	Ron Mell	Battle Creek, MI	Pioneer
PRACTICE PANEL CHM	John Bauer	Alpena, MI	Pioneer

	SND	INT	SP	ARR	TOTAL	SECONDS	MEN
			NSS 1 2		SCORE		
1 Detroit/Oakland Gentlemen Songsters	136 131	134 133	43 120 116	7 -2	818	108 115	60
2 Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Chorus	138 134	143 137	32 107 108	3 2	804	147 102	53
3 Gratiot County Midstatesmen Chorus	134 135	123 121	40 116 112	8 3	792	144 157	37
4 Macomb County Harmony Heritage Chorus	124 129	133 135	39 105 107	8 2	782	129 184	34
5 Flint Arrowhead Chorus	130 125	135 131	29 89 91	8 7	745	119 186	29
6 Lansing Capitol City Chordsmen	111 116	124 127	35 106 112	1 2	734	116 115	47
7 Traverse City Cherry Capital Chorus	127 132	119 121	26 88 101	9 2	725	196 135	32
8 Saginaw-Bay Timberland Chordsmen	130 124	121 120	28 83 87	2 6	701	154 138	20
9 Battle Creek Cereal City Chorus	105 107	111 111	27 100 99	4 4	668	139 94	39
10 Huron Valley Huron Valley Chorus	130 121	109 108	25 75 73	3 1	645	100 144	25
11 Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Fruitbelt Chorus	112 111	119 120	26 74 73	1 2	638	133 139	26
12 Monroe Stateline Chorus	84 76	112 107	31 81 80	5 1	577	99 160	27
13 Windsor Sun Parlour Chorus	87 78	110 115	26 75 75	4 6	576	130 120	34
14 Milford Mill Valley Chorus	96 96	101 98	25 71 70	2 10	569	127 159	23
15 Holland Windmill Chorus	94 90	95 91	26 76 75	4 1	552	114 103	22
16 Swan Valley Soundmen	84 81	92 91	28 71 75	-2 -3	517	191 92	23
Ineligible Chorus(es) - Article 6d of Official Chorus Contest Rules							
Clinton Valley Heart Of The Hills Chorus	90 91	114 112	29 88 85	6 2	617	102 113	15


Gentlemen Songsters is the 1987 Pioneer District Chorus Champion.

Plateau Champions:

- Plateau 1: Harmony Heritage Chorus
- Plateau 2: Timberland Chordsmen
- Plateau 3: Midstatesmen
- Plateau 4: Cereal City Chorus
- Plateau 5: Lakeshore Chorus
- Plateau 6: -----



Rick Sims - Tenor
Mike Dixon - Lead
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TRI-COUNTY CONNECTION

Pioneer District Quartet Champions

Mike Woodruff - Bari
Tom Conway - Bass

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Chorus Competition-On Stage Time

The International Contest and Judging Committee has spent a considerable amount of time on the concern of increased riser decoration and elaborate staging preparations in competition. We are experiencing delays in the chorus contests because of the extended preparation.

Our major concern is the effect of delays on competitors, audiences and overall convention schedules. A singing order and schedule are published in advance of the contests.

This provides a guideline for the preparation toward a peak performance on stage. You can understand that delays in the contest will disrupt this schedule and create a negative impact on competitors singing later in the contest.

The International Contest and Judging Committee's responsibility is to protect the rights of all competitors and assure them of a fair opportunity toward a best performance. Yet, the committee is reluctant to

legislate against creativity on the contest stage. As a result, we are appealing to all competing chorus leadership to plan onstage time not only to adhere to published convention schedules, but also to respect fellow competitors and convention audiences.

We are also asking district C&J chairman to provide data on chorus preparation by timing backstage preparation. This timing is for information purposes only and will not threaten your competition performance scores.

Please understand that the Contest and Judging Committee has no desire to legislate against this showing of creativity, but we cannot shirk our responsibility of fairness to competitors and audiences. We feel these extended delays are unnecessary and hope this special notice will notify all competitors and enlist your cooperation in preventing another set of rules.

INT'L CONTEST AND JUDGING COMMITTEE

Public Domain Songs

by Joe Liles

In reading articles from district and chapter bulletins, I detect some misunderstanding concerning songs in public domain. Songs over 75 years old do become public domain, but arrangements of those songs are still under copyright protection.

This means only the melody line and lyrics (words) are now free property. After 75 years a melody and lyrics of the song can be used on song sheets or by arrangers wishing to make their own arrangement. Arrangements of those songs are protected as if they are original property and hold all the protection listed under Copyright Law. This includes arrangements copyrighted by S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. It is unlawful to copy copyrighted arrangements to the tune of \$10,000 per copy. It is much cheaper to purchase them! Support your own publishing company, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., as well as all other publishers of barbershop arrangements by legal acquisition.

Shine On Harvest Moon.
Sidewalks of New York.
In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree.
Sweet Adeline.
Bird In a Gilded Cage.
Annie Rooney.
Mary.
Give My Regards To Broadway.
Cuddle Up a Little Closer.
Hello My Baby.
I Love You Truly.
Tell Me Why.
Forty-five Minutes From Broadway.
Ida.
On the Banks of the Wabash.
Will You Love Me in December.

1987 PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION OCTOBER 16, 17, 18, 1987

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5.0 MILES	HOLIDAY INN	\$37.00	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$6.00
5.0 MILES	SUPER 8 MOTEL	\$26.88	\$30.88	\$32.88	\$4.00

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE() _____ CHAPTER _____

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BATTLE CREEK, MI 49017



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What Keeps 'em Coming Back?

by Glenn Van Tassell

Recently, on a business trip to Kansas City, I had the opportunity to visit the HEART OF AMERICA Chapter at their regular Monday chorus rehearsal. They have a successful musical program producing a great show package and a perennial winner of chorus contests. They are, in addition, the home of our 1986-87 International Quartet Champions, the RURAL ROUTE FOUR.

Of great interest to me were some details of the organization of their meeting which made it more interesting by far than most chapter meetings I have attended throughout my years as a barbershopper. First, there was a cadre of greeters (not one or two people, but several) who simply would not have allowed me to slip through the cracks. They provided a short questionnaire which determined for them my name, address, musical background, quartet experience, voice part, and the manner in which I found their chapter. All guests were, of course, introduced to the membership and much was made of us. In addition, however, we were all greeted warmly after the meeting and encouraged to talk and to sing with the men there. As a matter of fact, I managed to make that exercise last well into the night.

The conduct of the chorus rehearsal was as impressive as any I have ever seen. The warmup was organized, productive and well paced. Everyone in a leadership role came prepared and the interest level was high, very high! The transitions from song to song were handled very smoothly with the director and the assistant director ready to take over upon completion of each preceding segment. There were no dead spaces!

It is clear that the level of competence of the musical leadership team was high. There can be no doubt of the importance of that element. Of overriding importance though, was the planning and the high energy pacing of the meeting and the fraternal atmosphere maintained throughout the evening. Those elements did not occur accidentally--they never do!

Singing is not just for the birds



Guess What Our Labels Did?

Thanks to a program called "Labels for Education," the Institute of Logopedics can obtain free school equipment. We were able to collect 974,125 soup labels for the 1986/1987 campaign, thanks to the enthusiasm of the Institute's friends all over the country. We redeemed the labels for the following equipment:

- 1 Casio Digital Keyboard
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- 1 Cast of Characters Plastic Hats
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- 1 Soncom Apple Joystick
- 1 Centennial Hi-Fi Cassette
- 1 Sequential Sorting Box
- 1 Colored Storage Trays
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- 1 Touch and Tell Animal Friends
- 1 Apple IIe Computer
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- 9 Magnavox 19" Color TV
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This year's program will officially begin on November 1, 1987, and end on February 15, 1988. You can start sending in your labels now and continue sending them in until February 1, 1988. Please send labels to: LABELS, Institute of Logopedics, 2400 Jardine Drive, Wichita, Kansas, 67219. Help us meet our goal of 1,250,000 for the 1987/88 campaign.

There are currently 362 Campbell product varieties participating in the Labels for Education Program. The Campbell's Soup Company only accepts the full front panel of labels. Please cut and submit front panels only of canned products. Place labels flat for counting and mailing. Tie labels in bundles of 500. (Note: Use string or cord only!)

Mike Burgoin Presented AREA COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR Award

At right, Area Counselor of the Year Mike Burgoin is shown receiving his trophy from Clay Jones, District Executive Vice President. Mike was the Area Counselor for the Detroit-Oakland and Huron Valley Chapters. Congratulations, Mike!

The Gold District Achievement Award for 1986 went to the Battle Creek Chapter, with the Silver Award going to the Swan Valley Chapter. Congratulations, also, to both chapters.



Coming Events ...

JUNE
 5-6 PIONEER-ONTARIO "CAN-AM"
 JAMBOREE - CHATHAM, ONTARIO
 12 DETROIT/OAKLAND "RETURN OF THE
 JUG NIGHT"
 13 TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER SHOWS
 28 THRU JULY 5TH - INTERNATIONAL CON-
 VENTION IN HARTFORD, CONN.

AUGUST
 1 PIONEER DISTRICT LOGOPEDICS
 GOLF TOURNAMENT - WINDSOR, ONT.

SEPTEMBER
 11-12 PIONEER DISTRICT MINI-HEP
 SCHOOL - BATTLE CREEK
 27 PONTIAC CHAPTER SHOW

OCTOBER
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 TION - BATTLE CREEK (Grosse
 Pointe Chapter will host!)

FEBRUARY, 1988
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 27 KALAMAZOO CHAPTER SHOW

NOTE: All Chapter show activities must be cleared through the District Secretary and the appropriate ASCAP and BMI fees paid. Only shows that are cleared through the District Secretary will be listed above.

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