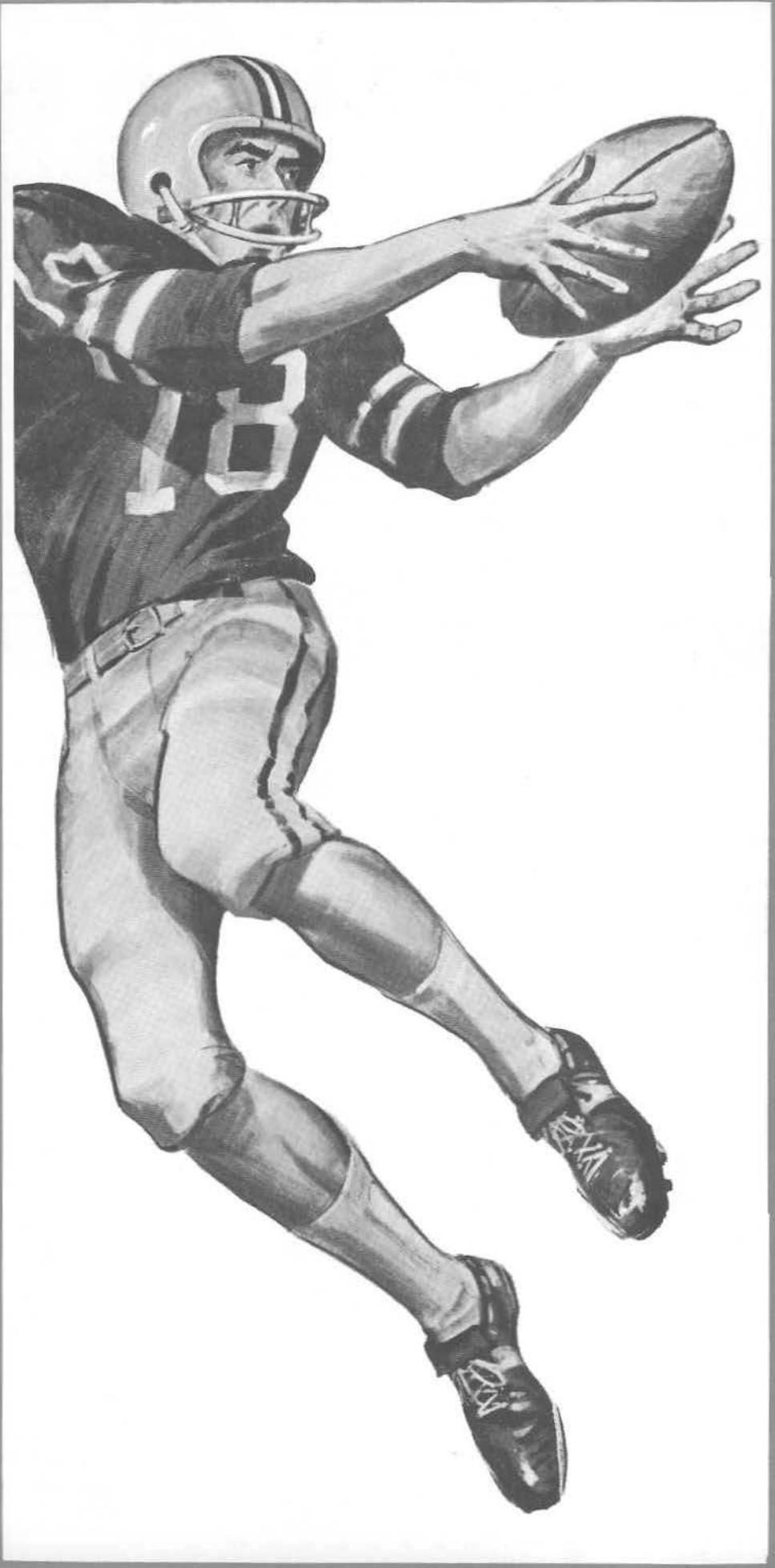


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### Off The Davenport

Where is all of the copy? Here 'tis the fourth of October and . . . thank you Dora, Joe, Morrie, Jay and Mr. Bax for making this issue possible.

Remember, gang, this is YOUR Troubadour. Helllllp.

The Michigan District Board has voted to award the 1969 Fall Convention of our District to the Jackson Chapter to be held October 10-12, 1969



### FEMININE OBSERVER



News is out that the Jack Rushes are expecting a baby, a new little "Barbershopper". Jack and his family have moved to Atlantic City. He was a former member of Detroit Chapter and Motor City Chorus.

Congratulations to James and Marlene Smith, who are expecting a visit from the stork. James is a member of the Wayne Chapter. Perhaps another "Barbershopper"?

Ray McCalpin was hospitalized recently with

pneumonia. He is recuperating at his home now. Ray is the baritone in the FOUR FITS quartet.

Here's hoping Pat Hoemke is feeling much better after her recent illness. In spite of her illness she found time to send me a cookie recipe; the yummy fattening kind, my specialty.

Paul Lusk Jr. has been hospitalized--hope he is on the mend by now. They are looking for you to be back at chorus rehearsals soon--Motor City Chorus, that is.

Bill and Jean Butler announce the marriage of their son, Larry, to Diane Couper. The marriage was August 24, and took place at Garden City Methodist Church. Congratulations to the newlyweds for a "Happy Marriage".

John and Inger Neighorn and family are enjoying a new camper that they purchased recently. They gave it a good try out at Harrisville and sure enjoyed their stay--even found room to share with some folks who were unable to find housing. Quarters got a little close, but that's Neighorn hospitality for you.

Motor City Chorus members and wives held a very successful rummage sale that sure built up the treasury. It was work and fun too; even sold radios and T.V. sets. Had a piano offered to sell, but had to turn that down as it was in Flint. Many of the chorus members helped to make it such a success. A couple of them got some weird looking clothing outfits together that they tried on and clowned around in. I'm speaking of John Wearing, Dick Baron, Pat Ryan and a few others.

The Harrisville "Tent City" Barbershop weekend

# CHAPTER NEWS

was a huge success. 720 people attended the festivities and they are hoping to have it number 1000 next year. Last year's attendance was around 500.

Metro D. Sweet Adeline Chapter had the most members in attendance and received a traveling trophy. Nineteen families from Detroit Chapter attended; twenty-three families from Oakland County Chapter; Wayne Chapter boasted forty-four families and was awarded a trophy for having the most in attendance.

Fred Kienitz from Flint directed the "Sweet Adeline" chorus, made up from various chapter members in attendance. They sure made some beautiful harmony and one song they sang was "Rain". Shortly after singing that number, it did just that.

Feminine quartets that entertained were the Facinators from Windsor and the Tailor Maids. The Smithsonians, Four Fits and others entertained--a real "harmony weekend".

Many Barbershoppers came with trailers and campers earlier in the week and by Friday night the camp was filled up, so some of the latecomers set up for the night behind Freidrichs Tavern. The next morning there was room for them in the park.

The town ladies cooked a tasty barbecue chicken dinner one day for all.

Mary and Larry Winchester and family had a couple of mishaps. Larry is a member of Oakland County Chapter. I hear that Larry, not a "died in the wool" camper, burned some of their food, the stove exploded, burning the table cloth, and when the wind and rain came, part of the tent came down. In spite of it all, they all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year's outing.

Some of the late comers had trouble finding housing, but Barbershop hospitality took care of that: Can you picture Carl Restevo and Mike Arnone sleeping together in a pup tent? They couldn't have had much room for stretching. Some slept on inflated beach pads with the sky and stars above for their ceiling, BUT next year they will be back at HARRISVILLE.

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Just a reminder of the Detroit Chapter's 29th Annual Concert and Parade of Barbershop Quartets at Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium, Woodward at Jefferson Ave. A fine line-up of quartets will entertain; plus the Cracker Jills (past Int. Champs Sweet Adeline quartet). Tom O'Malley, lead of the PITTSBURGHERS (1949 International Champs) and a great community singing leader is to be master of ceremonies.

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The Motor City Chorus, directed by Bill Butler, will be making singing appearances with the Detroit Lions on national color television on November 10 and 24. The chorus will form in a semicircle on the podium in back of Al Hert and will sing "When The Saints Come Marching In" while Al plays the trumpet. Sorry, the Detroit area will be blacked out, so get out to see the game as many of the chorus members' wives are planning to do.

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Don't forget, let me know what is going on in your chapters. Don't keep it all to yourself--share a little news. Write or phone me. Sing-Cheerily, Dora Vogel, 309 Belanger Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. (TU5-2094)

## JACKSON

Chapter Reporter:  
Joe Hubbard

Back after a Long summer of being busy an doing nothing. But the Chapter has bee on the go sence the last time I got a letter off to the Troubadour an when I did get one off that was the month they didn't publish. So that is the way it gose; you can't win for all the songs you have to sing.

We had an election the last meeting night an I was goming to tell you who was put into Office for the coming year. But you'll have to wait as I can't find the lest and I don't remember who we put in. I'll tell you all next month so be sure to look us up. Who knows you may Know them or meet them some time.

In your "Can you top This" We can't top but we will give you a run for your money as we have three members that have a combind membership of 79 years with combined ages of close to 200 years.

That is all for this time as I have to get this to the Post Office so it will be in Office in time to make Oct. issue. Will look forward to see you fine people in Momroe Come Oct ? 1968 I can't remember the date but I'll find out by then--by the way, which way is Monroe from Jackson? Till then keep singing an I'll be looking for a ride with someone gonig that way.

## WAYNE

Chapter Reporter:  
Morrie Giles

At the time of this writing the contest is just three weeks away and I guess Wayne Wonderland Chorus is a ready as we'll ever be. Naturally, we're out to win, as every chorus should be. However, should we lose there will be no sour grapes and nothing but our fullest support for our representatives at International next year.

This fall Wayne moved its meetings to a new location The K. of C. at the extreme west end of Annapolis Rd. in Wayne. Come visit us any first or third Friday nigh

We did retain possession of the Harrisville Trophy once again this year and will attempt to make another repeat next year. Those of you who have never gone to the annual outing in Harrisville should try it just once. It's contagious.

Besides chorus rehearsals, we've been rather busy putting on package shows and making appearances at homes for the aged and mental institutions. If you have such institutions in your area, you'll find a ready and eager audience awaiting you. In addition, you'll appreciate a warm feeling of personal satisfaction for having brought a little ray of sunshine into a rather drab existence.

We recently committed ourselves to a rather heavy drain on our treasury, so what do our everloving wives do? They have been gathering all kinds of exotic items for a gigantic rummage sale to be held in Wayne on October 25.

Plans for our 1969 "Pitch-Pipe Parade" have been finalized and tickets will be available sometime in January. The show will be held on March 1 and is expected to surpass even last year's success.

When Wayne does something, we do it really big--including an overwhelming defeat in the horseshoe contest at the hands of Oakland County Chapter. Con-



## GO GO TO MONROE

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gratulations O.C.C.

At our first indoor meeting this fall, the entire evening was dedicated to a little big guy who has written all our shows for the past ten years and been right in the midst of every undertaking of ours, however minor or big. At the beginning of the meeting, emcee Mike Mudgett called Tom Pollard up front to lead us in a song. When finished, he was asked to sit up front for a few moments. Then a light began to dawn as in came the other three parts of the old "Pitch Blenders" Quartet. In sequence, every quartet with whom Tom has ever been associated came forward and we re-heard songs we hadn't heard in years. Some of these men had not been seen in this vicinity for six or seven years. Yet, they came back for this momentous occasion--this was undoubtedly the most enjoyable meeting in a long time.

Tom's wife, Gloria, was escorted in and seated in the very front row.

That this event had been well planned was most evident, yet very few of Wayne's members knew about it in advance.

We have come to the conclusion that every chapter needs a Tom Pollard.

### MUSKEGON

Chapter Reporter:  
Jay Smith

"Pass the shrimp and perch" and "Wow, what a feed" were the only words heard at our membership-guest night meeting September 24.

Our Membership V.P., Fred Kendall, did his outstanding job, as usual, seeing about the food prepared by the Mona Lake Boat Club group, plus lining up the finest talent this side of heaven.

The Great Lakes Chorus, under the able direction of Maestro Lou Mahacek, really livened things up after our dinner along with those two clowns of misfit music, Dick and Clyde Hester. The DUNE TONES and Port City Chorus also made appearances.

I hope this copy makes the deadline, as this is short due to not enough hours in a day.

Lois, my wife, and I were called to Iowa due to the sudden death of my brother, and now I am taking over my mother's affairs from my brother and I have developed a bad case of writer's cramps.

The highlight of our trip was flying from Chicago to Muskegon with Miss Michigan, Darlene Kurant of Muskegon, who was returning from the Miss America finals.

### SAULT STE MARIE

Chapter Reporter:  
C. Bax

June the eighth will long be remembered by all who were in Battle Creek for the Logopedics Benefit Show. Singing under Bob Johnson's direction is a real thrill and experience. The Battle Creek Chapter is to be congratulated for running an excellent show. It was well organized and planned and we from the Sault enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

During July the Les Cheneaux Chapter again hosted a family picnic for us "Saultites", which we enjoyed

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## HERE'S A BARBERSHOPPER

## Coming Events

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October 26, 1968	Oakland County Parade
November 2, 1968	Detroit Parade
November 30, 1968	Holly-Fenton Parade

immensely. The barbecued chicken was yum-meeee.

On Monday, August the 26th, we started our meetings again. Unfortunately our president, Art Bodley, had to resign for the balance of the year due to other commitments. We're looking for him again, after Christmas, to attend our meetings. I know he'll be missed, and we thank you, Art, for all the work you have done.

On Monday night, September 30, the Les Cheneaux Chapter will be joining us for our meeting. Cliff MacLean will enlighten us with a talk on the stage presence category of judging.

On October the 26th we hope to have the Cincinnati International film here for our Ladies Night which we'll have together with the Les Cheneaux Chapter. If you're in the Sault, see us Monday night at the Steelton Hall on John Street; we'd love to have you.

## MEN OF NOTE

August

Frank Tritle	Harold Bauer
Fred Hanson	Curtis M. Seely
Glen Bonnette	Norman Thompison
Kenneth A. Gibson	Gordon Limburg
Thomas Roozenburg	