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# SONS OF THE PIONEERS

PIONEER NEWS

P. O. Box 2371

North Hollywood, California 91602

USA

March 14, 1982

Mr. Gene DeGruson  
Special Collections Librarian  
The Library, Pittsburgh State University  
Pittsburgh, Kansas 66762

Dear Mr. DeGruson,

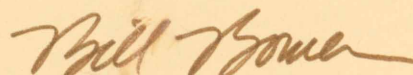
We know of no special relationship between Carson J. Robison and our group. When Len Slye (Roy Rogers), Bob Nolan, and Tim Spencer got together in 1933 they called themselves "The Pioneer Trio." With the addition of Hugh Farr in 1934 they changed their name to "The Sons of the Pioneers." If you are interested in the Sons of the Pioneers and enjoy their music, please help us support, promote, and win more friends and fans for America's premiere Western musical group by joining The Friends of the Sons of the Pioneers, the International Fan Club for these legendary entertainers, past and present. Reactivated five years ago, the Sons of the Pioneers Fan Club has members throughout the world. We hope you'll become a member by completing the enclosed application and returning it today.

Among the benefits members receive are frequent Press Releases with up-to-the-minute news about the Sons of the Pioneers and a subscription to the Pioneer News. This publication contains the current activities of the Sons and their schedule of appearances, features each member of the Sons of the Pioneers individually in the "Portrait of a Pioneer" series, recaps and reviews the films and records of the Pioneers and other Western artists, and includes special stories, photos, local news articles, and letters. Members are encouraged to participate by sharing news, photos, and other materials with Pioneer News readers. If you'd like to see a sample of Pioneer News before joining, you may order any of the back issues at the single issue price indicated on the enclosed list.

If you are looking for certain Sons of the Pioneers records, tapes, or other items, or if you have related items for sale or trade, an advertisement in the Pioneer News "Trading Post" (exclusively for members) should yield results. A twenty(20)-word advertisement is free with each year's membership.

If you know others interested in the Sons of the Pioneers, please tell them about their International Fan Club and the Pioneer News. The Sons of the Pioneers appreciate your interest and welcome your membership and support.

Our best to you,

  
Bill Bowen

enclosures:

Membership application  
List of back issues of Pioneer News



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- No. 1: SONS OF THE PIONEERS CHRONOLOGY - 1977 (cover story); Letters from Dale Warren and Roy Rogers; Trail Dust; (current events); Old West Trail Honors Pioneers; Nolan Records and Appearances; The Sons of the Pioneers in Person! (concert reviews and schedule of future appearances); Portrait of a Pioneer: DALE WARREN; Film: The Old Corral; Trading Post..... \$2.25 postpaid
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Attachment to letter to  
Bill Bowen dated  
March 14, 1982

# WANTED!

## The SONS OF THE PIONEERS Want You!



**WANTED:** New Members for the Friends of the Sons of the Pioneers alias the Sons of the Pioneers International Fan Club. Whether you remember the Sons of the Pioneers from radio, records, and movies of the 1930's or have discovered them through records, television, and concert appearances in the 1980's, you are Wanted for membership. Those Wanted must enjoy the Sons of the Pioneers/ brand of Western music and entertainment, and must want to join in supporting the legendary band of singers, musicians, and composers...from the Pioneer Trio of Roy Rogers, Bob Nolan, and Tim Spencer in 1933, through Hugh Farr, Karl Farr, Lloyd Perryman, Pat Brady, Ken Carson, Shug Fisher, Ken Curtis, Tommy Doss, DALE WARREN, ROY LANHAM, Wade Ray, RUSTY RICHARDS, Billy Armstrong, LUTHER NALLIE, BILLY LIEBERT, Rome Johnson, and others ...whose significant contributions to American music and song have enriched our national cultural heritage and made them the premiere Western musical group of our time.

**REWARD:** Among the Rewards offered is a subscription to Pioneer News, the journal of the Fan Club, which contains current news and schedule of appearances, features each member of the Sons of the Pioneers indi-

vidually in the "Portrait of a Pioneer" series, recaps and reviews the films and recordings of the Pioneers and other Western artists, and includes special stories, photos, local news articles, and letters for publication. The Pioneer News "Trading Post" assists members in locating, trading, and obtaining records, tapes, and other Pioneer memorabilia; and, all members receive the Reward of a free advertisement in the "Trading Post" for each year's membership.

**SPECIAL REWARD:** Those who capture two new Wanted members and include their dues when entering or renewing their own membership in the Friends of the Sons of the Pioneers will receive the Special Reward of a Free one-year membership for themselves. This Special Reward is limited, so please act promptly.

**THE SONS OF THE PIONEERS** appreciate your interest and support and look forward to meeting all members of their Fan Club as they travel across the country on their tours of Rodeos, Fairs, Clubs, and Concerts. Earn your Reward today! Use the coupon below or write to the Sons of the Pioneers International Fan Club, Box 2371, North Hollywood, California 91602.

Please enter (or renew) my membership in the Friends of the Sons of the Pioneers (the Sons of the Pioneers International Fan Club) and my subscription to the quarterly Pioneer News for ☐ one year at \$7.00; or, ☐ two years at \$13.00, via First Class Mail in the USA, Canada, and Mexico, or via Surface (Printed Matter) to other countries. To earn the SPECIAL REWARD, I've enclosed the dues for two New (not renewing members) with mine (their names and addresses are printed on the reverse or on an attached page) for ☐ one year at \$14.00 (\$0 for me, \$7.00 for each of the New members); or, ☐ two years at \$32.00 (\$6.00 for me, \$13.00 for each

of the New members). My check/money order for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (in US \$), payable to Pioneer News is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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