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DISTRICT BULLETIN

TUNE UP YOUR LUNGS
AND JOURNEY TO JOIN
THE BARBERSHOP SINGERS
WHO MEET IN DES MOINES.

1950 DISTRICT QUARTET CONTEST AND DISTRICT MEETING-- The 1950 Central States District Quartet Contest will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday, October 28, 1950. Preliminaries will be held at 1:00 p.m. and the finals at 8:15 p.m. Competition will be divided into three classes; Senior, Junior and Novice. In the morning at 9:00 a.m. there will be held the mid-year meeting of District Delegates and Officers--all Chapters should be represented by their delegates. The meeting will be held at the Savery Hotel as will the Preliminary Contest. The finals will be held at KRNT RADIO THEATRE. Entry blanks for the contest have been mailed out to quartets. Additional forms may be had by writing the District Secretary's office. THE CORN STATE GUARANTEES FUN FOR ALL--GET YOUR QUARTETS ENTERED AND BE IN DES MOINES.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT RUSS GENTZLER and GENERAL CONTEST CHAIRMAN ROCK OLMSTED met with Des Moines Chapter Officers and Board August 16th to outline final details for the Quartet Contest. Look at this line-up of Judges! The one and only, Jerry D. Beeler, International President of SPEBSQSA, Inc.--- Edwin Smith, Chairman, of the International Committee on Contest and Judging--- John Hill and Dick Svance both members of the International Committee on Contest and Judging. And REMEMBER to tell your Quartets these men will be on hand at CSA's FIRST Quartet Clinic Sunday morning, October 29th, 1950 at 9:30 a.m. - Savery Hotel. The Quartet Clinic is an attempt to have a judge in each category comment and possibly offer suggestions to quartets. We hope that all quartets in CSA will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to secure help and aid from these outstanding judges.

KEN WAY, INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBER and Barbershopper, par excellence, will be Master of Ceremonies at our District Quartet Contest. This will be worth the price of admission.

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(AS OF JUNE 30, 1950 - COMPARED WITH JUNE 30, 1949)

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT
1950 TOTAL 3383 MEMBERS - 75 CHAPTERS
1949 TOTAL 2721 MEMBERS - 59 CHAPTERS

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>		<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
<u>COLORADO</u>	280	186	<u>KANSAS (Cont'd.)</u>		
*Boulder	40	--	Seneca	34	30
Colorado Springs	30	21	* Smith Center	37	--
Denver	77	58	Topeka	54	61
Longmont	60	67	Wichita	197	192
Loveland	38	40			
*Sterling	35	--	<u>MISSOURI</u>	734	587
<u>IOWA</u>	576	560	Centralia	18	16
Burlington	42	53	Clayton	79	75
Cedar Rapids	46	46	* Columbia	22	--
Clear Lake	16	16	* Cuba	24	--
*Clinton	38	--	* Fulton	32	--
Denison	23	16	Hermann	20	16
Des Moines	67	62	Independence	22	20
Dubuque	76	74	Jefferson City	49	41
Ft. Dodge	27	32	Kansas City	150	159
Ft. Madison	53	43	* Kennett	18	--
Newton	29	30	Mexico	35	35
Sioux City	37	48	* Moberly	39	--
Spencer	56	55	* Neosho	26	--
Storm Lake	66	69	Poplar Bluff	16	24
			St. Louis	95	117
<u>KANSAS</u>	1111	866	* Springfield	37	--
Abilene	29	43	Union	21	30
Anthony	16	16	Windsor	31	36
Arkansas City	38	19			
Dodge City	62	62	<u>NEBRASKA</u>	557	435
*Emporia	31	--	* Beatrice	35	--
Great Bend	20	16	Franklin	18	18
Hutchinson	87	100	Fremont	50	52
Junction City	16	16	* Grand Island	48	--
Kansas City	35	49	Kearney	59	33
Kingman	17	19	Lexington	36	51
Kiowa	31	53	Lincoln	72	70
*Lincoln County	42	--	Omaha	212	188
Manhattan	26	25	Scottsbluff	27	23
*Medicine Lodge	31	25			
*Newton	60	--	<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>	105	68
Osborne County	33	40	Elk Point	16	25
Pittsburg	31	33	Vermillion	23	27
Pratt	20	20	* Viborg (Tri-Valley)	66	--
*Rice County (Lyons)	64	--			
*Russell	66	--	<u>WYOMING</u>	20	19
Salina	34	47	Laramie	20	19

* Indicates Probationary Charter

QUARTET DIRECTORY--We are again this year going to publish a list of quartets in CSA and their Contact man. Please advise your quartets of this publication and have them or your Chapter Secretary forward this data to the office of CSA's Secretary.

QUARTET REGISTRATION went into effect July 1st. Inform your quartets that registration at the International Secretary's office (fee, \$1 per quartet) and payment of chapter dues by each member are necessary for eligibility for competition in the District Contests in October, and for the privilege of using the Society name. Only a registered quartet may claim Society protection of its quartet name or receive Bulletins from the International Quartet Committee. Registration forms are obtainable from Carroll Adams.

FOR THE 1951 CONVENTION IN TOLEDO, the hotel situation is no more promising than it was in Omaha. All the hotels in the city will be loaded to the limit. This is an early reminder that if you wish accommodations in the hotel which headquarters the convention - where the fun is to be had - your wish will be granted if you make your reservations now by sending the International Office your check for \$7.50. They already have nearly 200 reservations.

IMPORTANT-- It is very much the wish of your district officers that no chapter will plan any parade or other public event which would detract from the Quartet Contest on October 28th. This is one of the high spots of the Barbershoppers Year and chapter officers can help greatly to make it a complete week-end by avoiding competition with this District affair.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS: As reported to District Secretary thru August 31, 1950 -

September 30	Charter Night	Clinton, Iowa
October 7	Parade	Kansas City, Kansas
October 8 (new date)	Parade	Burlington, Iowa
October 28	CSA DISTRICT QUARTET CONTEST	Des Moines, Iowa
November 4	Parade	Hutchinson, Kansas
November 4&5	Parade	Longmont, Colorado
November 5	Parade	Columbia, Mo.
November 10	Parade	Topeka, Kansas
November 12	Parade	Spencer, Iowa
November 12	Charter Night	Springfield, Mo.
November 18	Parade	Sioux City, Iowa
November 24	Parade	Hermann, Mo.
November 25&26	Parade	Denver, Colorado
December 2	Parade	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1951		
March 17	Parade	Jefferson City, Mo.
March 31	Parade	Kansas City, Mo.
April 1	Parade	Kansas City, Mo.
April 7	Parade	Des Moines, Iowa
April 14	Parade	Wichita, Kansas
April 14	Parade	St. Louis, Mo.
April 15	Parade	Mexico, Mo.
May 5	CSA Preliminary Contest	??????????????????
June 6-10	International Contest	Toledo, Ohio

Your District Officers HIGHLY RECOMMEND that you INVITE our DISTRICT CHAMPIONS to appear on your PARADE. Let's promote our own CHAMPIONS.

DO YOUR CHAPTER OFFICERS HAVE A COPY OF THE CHAPTER OFFICERS MANUAL?

A GREAT BIG HAND to KEN WAY for CSA's first SERENADE -- a bulletin was prepared for each member. We hope that every Chapter Secretary cooperated in seeing that each member received a copy. THANKS, KEN, for a swell job. NEWS ITEMS ARE WELCOME.

The Serenade

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Vacations are over,
Schoolbells ring,
Let's get in a huddle
For a barbershop sing.

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Make use of it as much as possible. Send in bits of news of your chapter regularly to KEN WAY, CENTRALIA, MO. The more interesting we can make it, the more readers we will have.

CHAPTER OFFICERS NOTICE--It's time to get in your bids for the Regional Preliminary Quartet Contest and Annual Business Meeting of CSA. The date is May 5, 1951. When submitting your bid to Ray Niblo, District Secretary, 3rd Floor, Hubbell Bldg., Des Moines, be sure to give Hotel Accommodations, Capacity of Auditorium, etc.

NEW CHAPTER -- A HEARTY WELCOME TO C S A

FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA - President - Secretary - District Delegate.

DO YOU KNOW?? The S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. is a non-profit organization which has four fundamental aims as follows:

1. To keep Barbershop Quartet singing in its rightful place as a traditional form of American Folk Music.
2. To give every member an opportunity to sing in a permanently organized quartet and to encourage and assist the forming of as many good quartets as possible from among the members.
3. To promote the best possible chorus singing of songs arranged in Barbershop style.
4. To foster maximum altruistic participation of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. units in worthwhile community, state and national projects.

THE SOCIETY is governed by its officers who serve without compensation and the policies are formulated by a Board of Directors who are selected from the various areas. Carroll P. Adams, International Secretary, is the only paid officer in the entire Society, and who, together with Bob Hafer and Bill Otto, supervises the vast amount of detail connected with the proper handling of our Society.

THE HAWKEYE STATE WELCOMES YOU FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 28, 1950.

CHORD-ially & Hummmmmmmmbly,

Ray C. Niblo.
Secretary, C S A, Inc.