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TO ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS, AREA COUNSELORS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS:

President, Russ Gentzler, and the District Board are going to decide very soon which locality will be awarded the Regional Contest, to be held May 5, 1951. At the Regional, the Judges pick the Quartets that qualify for the Finals at Toledo in June.

If your Chapter is interested in submitting a bid for this Gala Event, let us know about it immediately -- Ray Niblo, 3rd Floor Hubbell Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

There is absolutely no expense to your Chapter -- in fact the Chapter splits any profit with the District 50-50.

Now that the Quartet "Critique" following the Contest is to be a definite part of the District and Regional Contests, we will be assured of a good registration of Quartets. The Quartets that attend the "Critique" in Des Moines were 100% in praising the session to the limit.

The Annual Meeting of delegates and election of District Officers will be held in conjunction with this event.

In submitting your bid, give hotel accommodations, size of auditorium, etc.

Chord-ially,

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TO: Chapter Presidents, Secretaries, Area Counselors, District Officers, Officers of other Districts, International Officers and Board Members.

HAIL TO THE NEW DISTRICT QUARTET CHAMPION -- THE SIOUXLAND FOUR -- If you weren't at Des Moines, and if you haven't heard how the Contest came out, here is the story: THE SIOUXLAND FOUR of Hinton, Iowa are the new District Champions; followed by second place HAWKEYE FOUR of Des Moines; third place and NOVICE CHAMPIONS the MELODY MASTERS of St. Louis; and JUNIOR CHAMPIONS the CLEAR LAKE-AIRES of Clear Lake, Iowa.

PERSONNEL

	<u>SIOUXLAND FOUR</u>	<u>HAWKEYE FOUR</u>	<u>MELODY MASTERS</u>	<u>CLEAR LAKE-AIRES</u>
T	Wayne Spies	Bob Langerak	Vernon Betz	Wilbur Hollatz
L	Bob Haggblade	Bob Boudewyns	Tom Bouchier	A. B. Engen
BARI	Bob Bogenrief	Fred Owens	Ed Heidbrier	Dayton Merriman
BASS	Dean Harrison	Ben Jordan	Dale Cartwright	Roy Stuart

These boys did a grand job. CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD WISHES. The other Finalists were the MELODY MUGS from Omaha; Riss Rhythmaires from Kansas City; and the LIONAIRES of Wichita. The winners deserved their honors and all praise the JUDGES' decision--it was a fine panel of Judges. Ken Way of Centralia was Master of Ceremonies, as advertised, and did his usual fine job.

THANK YOU ROCK OLMSTED, District Contest Chairman, the DES MOINES Chapter and District Contest Committee--they did a grand job of handling all arrangements. And to you that missed the EVENT--well, you missed one of the finest weekends ever provided by your District.

QUARTET CRITIQUE -- SUNDAY MORNING -- SAVERY BALLROOM -- NINE O'CLOCK.

This session was undoubtedly the finest thing that ever happened for our District Quartets. Thanks to Russ Gentzler, the finest judges in our Society were handling the affair--it was real ENCOURAGEMENT.

COMMENTS -- from Bob Haggblade (Siouxland Four), "We had a wonderful time in Des Moines, and of course being named District Champions was really the thrill of a lifetime, one which we shall never forget.

From the standpoint of the competing quartets, we feel that the Sunday morning critique was definitely the high spot of the whole affair. In our opinion, the comments of the judges were very interesting and helpful. The information to be obtained by quartets at critiques such as this should prove to be of tremendous value in subsequent competition.

"By thus promoting a clearer understanding of just what is considered good Barbershop Quartet singing, the net result should be a general over-all improvement of most of the quartets, thereby making for better contests, better parades, and a greater appreciation of our Society by the general public. In short, we think the critique is a great idea!"

From Richard F. Ferguson for the Melody Mugs - "The quartet has asked me to tell you how much they enjoyed the critique Sunday morning following the contest. I am sure it was the only thing which could possibly have gotten us

out of bed after our two and one-half hours sleep! Three of the Melody Mugs have been in quarters for a matter of several years, and we all felt that the critique was the most helpful activity we have ever attended. It was the kind of help that could be understood by both new and experienced quartets, and I believe that every effort should be made to continue such meetings at every available opportunity. The only possible criticism that I can think of is that there wasn't enough time to learn all of the things which we should. I assure you that the Melody Mugs are 100 percent for these meetings."

From Roy Stuart for the Clear Lake-aires - "In our opinion the Critique following the quartet contest, which was inaugurated this year by CSA, is one of the best moves yet made to interest and aid chapter quartets. This was the first barbershop contact for our Lead, and he was so well impressed that he came home and resigned his leadership of a fifty voice choir, which paid him \$50 a month, to put more of his time to our men's chorus and quartet."

AND FROM EDWIN S. SMITH, Chm., for the Judges - "Would you be so kind as to convey to the quartets, officers and members who participated in the Sunday Morning, 'Critique' at Des Moines of October 29, the appreciation and gratitude of the panel which conducted the meeting. It was real gratifying to us to be able to make such an auspicious start on a design which promises to be of such great assistance in the advancement of Barbershop quartet singing. It was particularly fortunate that three of the members of the C&J committee could be there, as President Jerry has asked our committee to recommend the procedure for the conduct of 'Critique,' in the future. We learned a lot and are glad that so many of the quartets and members found it profitable. Let us hope that future meetings of this kind will present the same enthusiastic response and profitable results."

AND DO YOU KNOW what all of these comments add up to? Just one thing--PLAN NOW TO BE AT THE CENTRAL STATES PRELIMINARY CONTEST NEXT MAY 5th. There will be another "Critique."

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS (as reported to District Secretary thru Nov. 20th)

Dec. 2nd,	Parade,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	April 14th,	Parade,	Wichita, Kansas
Dec. 3rd,	"	Salina, Kans.	April 14th,	"	St. Louis, Mo.
Feb. 25th,	"	Ft. Madison, Ia.	April 14th,	"	Moberly, Mo.
March 17th,	"	Jefferson City, Mo.	April 15th,	"	Mexico, Missouri
March 31st &			May 5th,	Central States Association	
April 1st,	"	Kansas City, Mo.		Preliminary Contest ???	
April 7th,	"	Des Moines, Ia.	June 6-10th,	International Contest	
April 7th,	"	Dubuque, Iowa		-----Toledo, Ohio	

AREA COUNSELORS -- One of our important responsibilities is that of promoting the growth of the Society by increase in the number of good Chapters and healthy increase of membership in present chapters. Your President, Russ Gentzler, appeals for your immediate, concerted and continuing campaign to bolster the "medium" chapters--let's hold our past gains. Your District Officers want to know of any questionable chapters and what you are doing to pep them up--let Russ know. Consider well and long some Inter-Chapter get-togethers.

APOLOGIES--In our September Bulletin I neglected to give the names of the officers of the New Chapter in FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA. They are as follows: President; Irvin Kaufman, M.D., Freeman, Secretary; Palmer Schrag, Freeman, Delegate; Delmer Miller, Freeman, Sponsoring Chapter; Sioux City, Iowa.

In our Central States District DIRECTORY Russ Gentzler's address is shown as Kansas City, Kansas--it should be Missouri--will you all please correct your copy? Gentlemen, I know better--guess I just don't read well.

MEMBERSHIP
S. P. E. B. S. Q. S. A.

(As of October 31, 1950 - compared with June 30, 1950)

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

50-51 Total 2325 Members - 72 Chapters

49-50 Total 3383 Members - 75 Chapters

	<u>50-51</u>	<u>49-50</u>		<u>50-51</u>	<u>49-50</u>
<u>COLORADO</u>	212	280	<u>MISSOURI</u>	610	734
Boulder	40	40	Centralia	17	18
Colorado Springs	35	30	Clayton	86	79
Denver	55	77	* Columbia	17	22
Longmont	41	60	* Cuba	18	24
Loveland	25	38	* Fulton	35	32
* Sterling	16	35	Hermann	16	20
			Independence	21	22
<u>IOWA</u>	370	576	Jefferson City	14	49
Burlington	31	42	Kansas City	131	150
Cedar Rapids	-	46	* Kennett	18	18
Clear Lake	16	16	Mexico	25	35
* Clinton	48	38	Moberly	21	39
Des Moines	65	67	* Neosho	26	26
Dubuque	44	76	Poplar Bluff	17	16
Ft. Dodge	20	27	St. Louis	64	95
Ft. Madison	48	53	* Springfield	53	37
Newton	21	29	Union	-	21
Sioux City	27	37	Windsor	31	31
Spencer	-	56			
Storm Lake	50	66	<u>NEBRASKA</u>	304	557
			* Beatrice	-	35
<u>KANSAS</u>	690	1111	Franklin	18	18
Abilene	27	29	Fremont	17	50
Arkansas City	-	38	* Grand Island	27	48
Dodge City	-	62	Kearney	6	59
* Emporia	36	31	Lexington	33	36
Great Bend	18	20	Lincoln	27	72
Hutchinson	30	87	Omaha	154	212
Junction City	16	16	Scottsbluff	22	27
Kansas City	30	35			
Kingman	-	17	<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>	121	105
Kiowa	31	31	* Freeman	27	-
* Lincoln County	16	42	Vermillion	22	23
Manhattan	-	26	* Viborg (Tri-Valley)	72	66
Newton	49	60			
Osborne County	29	33	<u>WYOMING</u>	18	20
Pittsburg	23	31	Laramie	18	20
Pratt	20	20			
Rice County (Lyons)	38	64			
* Russell	76	66			
Salina	30	34			
Seneca	33	34			
* Smith Center	37	37			
Topeka	48	54			
Wichita	103	197			

* Indicates Probationary Charter

CHORD-ially,

R. C. Dillo

Secretary C S A, Inc.