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## CHAMPS !! WHO'LL BE THE NEW ONES ???

International Representative  
At 1965 District Contest

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R.A. "Reedie" Wright  
President-Elect

We in Central States are privileged to have as our International representative for the '65 contest R. A. "Reedie" Wright of Altadena, Calif. who is President-Elect of the 30-thousand member Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. His election took place at the Society's 27th annual convention in Boston, June, 1965.

Wright is currently serving as First Vice President of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. His term as President commences January 1, 1966.

He is a long time Barbershopper and has held many chapter, district, and International offices. A member of the Pasadena Chapter, he has sung with a

number of quartets as well as the chapter chorus.

In business life, Wright is manager of the special products division of Arden Farms Company. Born in Oklahoma, he is now a proud Californian and lives with his wife "Dude" in Altadena.

St. Louis #1 Chapter and the St. Louis Area Chorus again participated in the annual "Light-Hearted Evening In The Park" on Tuesday, August 3rd, before an audience of approximately 2500.

The Chorus was made up of a cast of some one hundred thirty to one hundred forty people. There were nine quartets and two chorus engaged in enriching the cultural atmosphere of south St. Louis County with our kind of music.



On Saturday, August 7th the same group was privileged to be part of the "Pinch Hitters Ball-B-Que." The pinch hitters is a local charitable organization made up of St. Louis Cardinal Baseball Team players and officials wives. Their "Ball-B-Que," is an annual affair with the proceeds of a baseball game and Bar-b-que combination going to three charities. At the game, at which there were some 20,000 people in attendance, the St. Louis Area Chorus, some 75 men strong sang 4 songs plus the National Anthem in a pre-game activities program and were very well received. This game and the singing of the National Anthem was televised over "The Game of the Week" and as such was National in scope.

# CSA CLOCK WATCH

## CHEYENNE CAMPOUTS AT COCKLEY'S CABIN

Fourteen CHEYENNE barbershoppers enjoyed a mid-July overnight campout at Walt Cockley's cabin out in the range. Things went so well that they'll pack their pitchpipes and pajamas and do a repeat August 21.

The SHARPLIFTERS are in the market for a tenor and there's a possibility the SHY-GUYS may reform.

## GOOD OLD DAYS AT FOREST CITY

July 23 the FOREST CITY Chorus again sang at the Good Old Days celebration. Also on the docket-another Ellsworth Park show for the Crystal Lake Church.

## SUBURBAN DOESN'T FISH-AGAIN

ST. LOUIS SUBURBAN held its annual "No Fishin' Trip" to Meramec State Park July 9-11. The Overland barbershoppers permit horseshoes, darts, softball, corkball, and swimming, and you darn well better woodshed quite a few, but fishin' is verboten. By the beards of all barbershoppers we swear we're going to make this show next year.

And while the big Open was on at St. Louis, SUBURBAN held a golf tournament of their own. Member Ed Donelson was runner-up but the low score was turned in by Paul Ezell of neighboring ST. CHARLES.

## OLD CAPITOL HEARS YOUNG QUARTET

Paul Jablonski and three other Regina High Scholars sang for the IOWA CITY barbershoppers at a recent meeting and father Glen, who directs the OLD CAPITOL CHORUS busted a few buttons.

On July 15 the chapter held a golf tournament. Don't have the results.

## NORTHWEST IOWA NEWS

The FOUR NUBBINS sang a premature swan song. Even though Red has moved to Norfolk we understand Harold has a new plane and that the three of them will fly back east for some singing.

SHELDON held a guest night at Boyden recently. Their picnic was July 14. What's brockwurst? Badgerburgers?

## VISITORS WIN RIVER CITY CONTEST

Four TWIN TOWN barbershoppers, entered as the Chord Wringers, took the honors at RIVER CITY'S quartet contest. Six Mason City quartets made it a close race for the balance of power. The wives attended the contest. Last month they were guests at a chapter chicken dinner.

July 4 three quartets sang in a concert at Clear Lake and on July 14 the chorus sang at East Park.

## DESMOINAIRES BUSY

Two shows for the Salvation Army, a Greenwood Park community sing, and a conjunctive band concert on the Statehouse lawn, all in the past month and all on the docket of the DES MOINAIRES.

They're planning to mail a contest directory the first of its kind, to all district members to explain the city and the contest coming up October 1-3. Watch the mail for yours.

## NEW OUTFITS FOR DAVENPORT

DAVENPORT Y will be sporting new outfits at the District Contest. It is difficult to envision pink satin raglan shirts and turquoise knit walking shorts.

The CHORDBUSTERS made two appearances at the Mississippi Valley Fair, one with the VIGORTONES, and have shows scheduled for a retarded childrens' benefit and an X-Ray technicians' convention.

## MESECHER IS VIP IN VE

Howard Mesecher, CHORDBUSTERS' Director, was named "Specialist" in the Voice Expression category of judging at Boston.

His many credits were in a recent SERENADE, so we won't take the paragraphs to repeat them. But we shout a loud hurrah for Howard, the first in CSA to make this judging pinnacle since the late Floyd Strong.



I hope to see all of you in Des Moines, but in the meantime please see that your DELEGATE IS PREPARED for the Des Moines House of Delegates Meeting--ascertain whether or not your Chapter cares to make a CONTRIBUTION TO LOGOPEDICS during the House of Delegates meeting--CONTACT ALL MEMBERS EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30TH (here is a place "Mr. President" can perhaps use help)--let Barrie Best know any REASONS WHY any didn't renew--and be sure your NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS WORKING REALISTICALLY and is informing all candidates of CHAPTER OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL in Lincoln on January 22, 1966.

## GULLIVER TRAVELS

The Air Force transferred Rick Gulliver and the CHORD SHARKS, our 1965 Novice Quartet Champs, lost a darn good bass. But MILE HI has more quartet men than some of our smaller districts. We'll be looking for the SHARKS at Burlington come next Spring, maybe even at Des Moines, October 2.

## EMPERIANS ENTERTAIN 135

TRI-VALLEY and Brookings barbershoppers and wives joined Sioux Falls at their picnic on July 18. About 135 attended the pluvial pot luck and entertained the Farm Bureau, neighbor picnickers.

## LONGMONT OPENING A FIFTH

Word from LONGMONT is that we can expect an application for a new chapter at Fort Collins, soon we hope. They'll be our 5th Colorado chapter.

A good bit of assistance in the organizational work has come from MILE HI Chapter in Denver.

## COLLECTION CUPS AVAILABLE

Mugs designed for the collection of change for the Logopedics project are now available from International Headquarters at a cost of \$2.75 which includes the 10% handling and mailing charge.

Loose change from 51 chapters can come to a considerable amount. We need about \$800 to complete our 1965 budget for Dan, the young lad we are sponsoring at the Wichita institution. This can be collected quickly if each chapter will make the mug available to members' contributions at all meetings. Dimes and quarters mount up when two thousand men are pitching them.

There's a mug waiting at Kenosha for your \$2.75. Is it on the way?

## TOPEKA JOINS HULLABALOO PROGRAM

TOPEKA barbershoppers strolled the avenue during the city's Holiday Hullabaloo on Independence Day weekend.

Two weeks later the chorus made an evening trip to the Institute of Logopedics, a 150-mile drive. The JOLLYAIRES, RIP CHORDS, and SHAMROCKS joined the chorus in putting on a show for the children. And the WICHITA Chapter hosted them to a woodshed coffee to round out the evening.

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