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BULLETIN

KEN WAY, Editor, 350 S. Collier St., Centralia, Mo.

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

IN THIS FIRST WEEK of the NEW YEAR we wish each of you and your families a HAPPY and HARMONIOUS NEW YEAR in 1951.

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI AWARDED REGIONAL CONTEST: Springfield was awarded the 1951 Regional Preliminary Quartet Contest by the District Executive Board. It will be held on Saturday May 5, 1951, to determine which Central States quartets will compete in the International Contest to be held in Toledo, Ohio, in June 1951. The annual meeting of delegates and election of District Officers will be held in conjunction with this event. PLAN TO ATTEND.

ATTENTION ALL QUARTETS IN CSA--The Quartet "CRITIQUE" will be held on Sunday morning May 6, 1951.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONTESTS AND JUDGING has been given the job of outlining the procedure for the conduct of "Critiques" (term applied by our President, Jerry Beeler). Their definition follows: "A Critique shall be known as a specially arranged meeting of several quartets in an area or District together with one or more qualified judges, for the purpose of criticising objectively the presentations of the quartets present with a view to the improvement of the quartet singing and a clarification of the rules by which they shall be judged."

Quoting from Chm. Edwin Smith's letter. . . No hard and fast rules shall be proposed for the conduct of these meetings at the present time. The procedure that was used at Des Moines at the time of the 1950 Central States District Contest developed a pattern that appeared to be logical and very effective. The committee suggests it could be employed profitably whenever these meetings are held.

From the Des Moines experience and from other consideration of the committee, we make these recommendations:

1. That the "Critiques," for the time being be held to the District level.
2. That they be placed in charge of certified judges.
3. That they should not be held just prior to a contest.

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4. That participating quartets should be required to furnish each judge with the lyrics for two songs.
5. That provisions be made for recording the numbers so that they can be played back to show the quartets how and where an error occurred.

Much more will be written about "Critiques" in the near future. They are designed to assist in the improvement of our quartets and our styles of singing.

PLAN NOW TO GET YOUR QUARTETS TO THE CONTEST AND CRITIQUE AT SPRINGFIELD.

MORE COMMENTS -- from Hi Boersma, Pitch Blenders, Longmont, Colorado... "I want to say that the "Critique" was really fine and a big help to us as a quartet. I would be heartily in favor of having a deal of that sort in Denver, or some place near, where all of our local and area quartets could have these advantages. A "green" quartet such as ours needs to have some instruction and basic ideas about contesting; and this we got at Des Moines."

From Bob Davis, Skunk Hollow Four, Cedar Rapids, Iowa . . . "The Critique was tops . . . the Judges assembled for the Contest were all outstanding. John Hill and Dick Svanoe certainly presented in very understandable language a judge's viewpoint of harmony, accuracy and blend. And I believe that the quartet personnel in attendance that morning found out why they didn't make first place spot in the contest. The line of demarkation is sometimes very fine between tops and bottom. But after hearing the Judges that morning the lines were so definitely drawn that we all understood the "sentence." Congratulations to all who had a hand and a repeat should be included in the Regional plans next spring."

NEW CHAPTER -- A HEARTY WELCOME TO C S A

OSKALOOSA, IOWA - - - (Des Moines, Iowa - Sponsor)
President --- James R. Greer, 110 N. Market, Oskaloosa
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DISTRICT DIRECTORY OF QUARTETS: District Quartet Directories have been distributed to the presidents and secretaries, and area counselors, of all the Chapters in the C S A, listing the name of the quartet, the contact man and his address. Copies may be secured by writing me at 3rd Floor Hubbell Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

Since the directory was compiled, the following additions and changes have been sent to us, so we are herewith listing them for the benefit of those who have copies so that they may bring them up-to-date.

NEW QUARTETS -- "Coachmen" of NEWTON, KANSAS -- sponsored by the Sharp Trailer Coach Company -- contact man, Harold Ewert (also Newton Chapter Secretary).

CONTACT MAN -- "Hy Power Serenaders" - Bert F. Phelps, 6135 Park Ave., Kansas City, Missouri.

"Gamboliers" -- Roderick Turnbull, Kansas City Star, 18th & Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

"Riss Rhythmaries" -- Jos. E. Fehrenbach, Jr., U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, Federal Bldg., 8th & Grand, Kansas City, Mo.

"Skellodians" -- John Bremmer, Skelly Oil Co., 47th & Washington St., Kansas City, Mo.

MEMBERSHIP -- CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT -- 12/31/50 compared with 6/30/50.
 50-51 Total 2708 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>	<u>234</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>MISSOURI</u>	<u>661</u>	<u>734</u>
Boulder	40	40	Centralia	17	18
Colorado Springs	41	30	Clayton	86	79
Denver	59	77	* Columbia	20	22
Longmont	51	60	* Cuba	18	24
Loveland	25	38	* Fulton	35	32
Sterling	18	35	Hermann	16	20
			Independence	21	22
<u>IOWA</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>576</u>	Jefferson City	18	49
Burlington	35	42	Kansas City	139	150
Cedar Rapids	40	46	* Kennett	18	18
Clear Lake	16	16	Mexico	25	35
* Clinton	48	38	Moberly	21	39
Des Moines	69	67	* Neosho	26	26
Dubuque	44	76	Poplar Bluff	17	16
Ft. Dodge	20	27	St. Louis	71	95
Ft. Madison	48	53	* Springfield	62	37
Newton	26	29	Union	20	21
* Oskaloosa	37	-	Windsor	31	31
Sioux City	27	37			
Spencer	40	56	<u>NEBRASKA</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>557</u>
Storm Lake	58	66	* Beatrice	16	35
			Franklin	18	18
<u>KANSAS</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>1111</u>	Fremont	21	50
Abilene	27	29	Grand Island	27	48
Arkansas City	16	38	Kearney	35	59
Dodge City	17	62	Lexington	33	36
* Emporia	36	31	Lincoln	27	72
Great Bend	18	20	Omaha	154	212
Hutchinson	41	87	Scottsbluff	22	27
Junction City	16	16			
Kansas City	30	35	<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>105</u>
Kingman	16	17	* Freeman	27	-
Kiowa	31	31	Vermillion	25	23
* Lincoln County	16	42	* Viborg (Tri-Valley)	72	66
Newton	50	60			
Osborne County	33	33	<u>WYOMING</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
Pittsburg	37	31	Laramie	19	20
Pratt	20	20			
Rice County (Lyons)	40	64			
* Russell	76	66			
Salina	30	34			
Seneca	36	34			
* Smith Center	37	37			
Topeka	52	54			
Wichita	134	197			

* Indicates Probationary Charter

CHAPTERS SUSPENDED since June 30, 1950 in Central States District.

Denison, Iowa - Anthony, Kansas - Manhattan, Kansas - Medicine Lodge, Kansas - Elk Point, S. D.

CAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS-12/31/50 compared with 6/30/50.

DISTRICTS	MEMBERS	MEMBERS	PERM.	PROB.	TOTAL	TOTAL
	50-51	49-50	CHAPTERS 50-51	CHAPTERS 50-51	CHAPTERS 50-51	CHAPTERS 49-50
Central States	2708	3383	57	15	72	75
Central Western New York	1298	1836	39	3	42	48
Dixie	983	1377	19	6	25	30
Far Western	1213	1590	30	11	41	40
Illinois	2827	3335	56	7	63	64
Indiana-Kentucky	1821	2486	38	4	42	43
Johnny Appleseed	1999	2489	50	9	59	58
Land O'Lakes	2114	2568	43	11	54	60
Michigan	1993	2570	52	4	56	61
Mid-Atlantic States	2047	2433	39	3	42	46
Northeastern	1888	2489	44	9	53	56
Ontario	670	855	14	4	18	19
Pacific Northwest	523	706	15	5	20	21
Southwestern	1091	1548	27	2	29	39
Outside District	0	18	0	0	0	1
	23175	29683	523	93	616	661

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS (as reported to District Secretary thru Dec. 31).

January 17	Parade	Omaha, Nebraska
January 18	"	Lyons, Kansas
February 18 (new date)	"	Ft. Madison, Iowa
March 18 (new date)	"	Jefferson City, Mo.
March 31 (night)	"	Kansas City, Mo.
April 1 (afternoon)	"	Kansas City, Mo.
April 1	"	Fulton, Mo.
April 7	"	Des Moines, Iowa
April 7	"	Dubuque, Iowa
April 8	"	Columbia, Mo.
April 14	"	Moberly, Mo.
April 14	"	St. Louis, Mo.
April 14	"	Wichita, Kansas
April 15	"	Mexico, Mo.
April 22	"	Seneca, Kansas
May 5 & 6	Regional Preliminary	Springfield, Mo.
June 6-10th	International Contest	Toledo, Ohio
November 3	Parade	Longmont, Colorado

RAY JONES, CHORUS DIRECTOR, DES MOINES on International Committee of Chapter Choruses -- International President Jerry Beeler announced the creation of an International Committee on Chapter Choruses. On the committee are such other outstanding Society leaders: Chairman, Int'l Board Member Carl C. Jones - Terre Haute, Ind; Rudy Hart, Chorus Director-Michigan City, Indiana; Capt. George Campbell, Cincinnati, Ohio; Capt. H.H. Copeland, Washington, D.C.; Past International President Charles M. Merrill, Reno, Nevada; former International Board Member G. Marvin Brower, Long Beach, California. The functions of the new committee will include

a year 'round program of dissemination of information and of interchange of ideas, as well as supervision at the Convention each year of the conference of chorus directors, of community song leaders and of masters of ceremonies. We in the CSA are mighty proud of this recognition to Ray Jones--it couldn't happen to a nicer guy and one that is more qualified.

VACATION---Your District Secretary will be gone the last two weeks of January attending the Mid-Winter Meeting of Board of Directors on January 19-20-21. We are looking forward to a gala affair--the Buffalo Bills are Headliners for a Jamboree scheduled for that weekend. So. . . if your correspondence isn't answered immediately during the above mentioned two weeks, please bear with me--I'll catch up.

Chord-ially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Dibble".

Secretary C S A, Inc.