



# Central States Serenade



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MAKE THE TRIP ON MAY 5th----WHERE?... TO SPRINGFIELD, MO. WHY? ... Regional Contest and Annual Meeting ... The best quartets in the District will be there to sing for you. The General Chairman, HERB WALL, has issued a special notice regarding this special event. Should there be any questions relative to the REGIONAL CONTEST contact HERB WALL, 900 N. Clay St., Springfield, Missouri.

THERE WILL BE AFTERNOON and Morning (if necessary) preliminary contests-- FINAL CONTEST at 8:00 P.M. ----- an AFTERGLOW after the FINALS.

QUARTET ENTRY BLANKS AVAILABLE FROM HERB WALL OR THIS OFFICE. Entries must be in the International Office by April 15th.....Contact Virgil Williams, 217 East Walnut, Springfield for TICKETS .... write PEYTON ENLOE, Hotel Colonial, for hotel accommodations.

WE UNDERSTAND every one of Springfield's 68 members are working hard to make our visit one of the most pleasant experiences we have ever had....let's show SPRINGFIELD we are appreciative of their efforts.

RUSS GENTZLER, CSA PRESIDENT, INVITES all chapter delegates, chapter officers, area counselors and all interested members to attend the CSA business meeting which will start at 9:00 a.m. COME to the meeting with some ideas to help make CSA one of the best districts in the International.

QUARTETS WILL BE SINGING IN COMPETITION TO DETERMINE THE FIVE BEST quartets who will represent the CSA District in the INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION in Toledo, June 8-9.

REMINDER TO CHAPTER OFFICERS----elect your delegate to the DISTRICT BOARD -- send me his name and address not later than April 20.

SPRINGFIELD has a reputation for hospitality and we hear they are all set to produce an outstanding show----let's all help to make it a sell-out. We urge you to buy your tickets well in advance --- every barber-shopper in CSA who plans to attend this contest should order tickets immediately..... Reserved seats, 320 at \$2.40.....500 at \$1.80 and 2600 at \$1.25....all seats inc. tax.

Election of new Chapter Officers is a must during April.

WILL YOUR CHAPTER BE HOST TO THE ANNUAL DISTRICT CONTEST to be held this fall? ----if you are considering it submit your bid in writing to Ray Niblo, 3rd Fl. Hubbell Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa... your bid will be acted on at our business meeting in Springfield. In submitting your bid tell about hotel fa-

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cilities, transportation to your city and the seating capacity of your auditorium.

NEW PETITIONS FOR ORGANIZATION of a Chapter from HASTINGS and NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA.....nice going, KEARNEY.... more later.

13th ANNUAL CONVENTION..JUNE 6-10..TOLEDO, OHIO..INTERNATIONAL CONTEST....Semi-Finals and Finals, June 8....Jamboree and Medalist Contest Saturday, June 9th. 40 of the nation's best quartets will compete for the honor of International Champions. Send for your tickets immediately--over 1500 books have been sent out -- the books of tickets are selling at \$7.50 each and include tickets for the semi-finals, the finals, the jamboree and the medalist contest as well as a coupon for making hotel reservations.

If you have never attended an International Contest you will be thrilled with the good, close harmony that will be yours for the listening.

CHAPTER OFFICERS -- Get busy immediately on the JULY OVERSEAS TOUR OF ARMY POSTS BY BUFFALO BILLS AND MID-STATES FOUR.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS  
(As reported to District Secretary through April 1, 1951)

April 20	- Parade	----	Newton, Kans.
April 21	- "	----	Moberly, Mo.
April 22	- "	----	Seneca, Kans.
April 22	- "	----	Emporia, Kans.
April 22	- "	----	Mexico, Mo.
April 28	- "	----	Kearney, Nebr.
April 28	- "	----	Neosho, Mo.
April 29	- "	----	Ft. Dodge, Ia.
May 5	- Central States Regional Preliminary Contest	--	Springfield, Mo.
May 12	- Parade	----	Lexington, Nebr.
June 6-10	- International Convention and Contest	--	Toledo, Ohio.
October 27	- Parade	----	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
October 27	- "	----	Omaha, Nebr.
November 3	- "	----	Longmont, Colo.
February 9	- "	----	Kansas City, Mo.

REMEMBER TWO IMPORTANT DATES---

1. May 5, 1951---Regional Preliminaries ---Springfield, Mo.
2. June 6-10, 1951--International Contest--Toledo, Ohio.

I'll be seeing you.

CHORD-ially,

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



MEMBERSHIP  
S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.  
(AS OF MARCH 31, 1951 - COMPARED WITH JUNE 30, 1950)

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT  
50-51 TOTAL 2869 MEMBERS - 73 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>	242	280	<u>MISSOURI</u>	704	734
Boulder	47	40	Centralia	17	18
Colorado Springs	42	30	Clayton	86	79
Denver	59	77	Columbia	30	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>	532	576	Jefferson City	18	49
Burlington	35	42	Kansas City	146	150
Cedar Rapids	50	46	* Kennett	18	18
Clear Lake	16	16	Mexico	31	35
* Clinton	48	38	Moberly	26	39
Des Moines	79	67	* Neosho	26	26
Dubuque	44	76	Poplar Bluff	17	16
Ft. Dodge	20	27	St. Louis	79	95
Ft. Madison	48	53	* Springfield	69	37
Newton	26	29	Union	20	21
* Oskaloosa	41	-	Windsor	31	31
Sioux City	27	37			
Spencer	40	56	<u>NEBRASKA</u>	387	557
Storm Lake	58	66	Beatrice	16	35
			Franklin	18	18
<u>KANSAS</u>	834	1111	Fremont	21	50
Abilene	27	29	Grand Island	30	48
Arkansas City	16	38	Kearney	35	59
Dodge City	17	62	Lexington	33	36
* Emporia	36	31	Lincoln	39	72
Great Bend	20	20	Omaha	172	212
Hutchinson	41	87	Scottsbluff	23	27
Junction City	16	16			
Kansas City	30	35	<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>	151	105
Kingman	16	17	* Freeman	27	-
Kiowa	31	31	* Lennox	26	-
Lincoln County	16	42	Vermillion	26	23
Newton	50	60	Viborg (Tri-Valley)	72	66
Osborne County	35	33			
Pittsburg	37	31	<u>WYOMING</u>	19	20
Fratt	20	20	Laramie	19	20
Rice County (Lyons)	41	64			
Russell	79	66			
Salina	30	34			
Seneca	36	34			
Smith Center	37	37			
Topeka	54	54			
Wichita	149	197			

\*Indicates Probationary Charter