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Greetings

This Christmas, our hearts once more are filled with a feeling of rejoicing as we recall the rich friendships and grand associations that have been our proud possessions these many years. To all our old friends and new acquaintances we extend our warmest and heartfelt greetings for Christmas and the New Year.



CSA Membership Now 2,516

District Still Ranked Third Despite Gain

BULLETIN

Just before press time, a new summary of the Society's membership on Nov. 30 was received by The Serenade.

The report credited the Central States association with 2,516 members—a gain of 13 over Oct. 31. The C.S.A., however, was still in third place with Mid-Atlantic and Land O'Lakes in first and second.

The total Society membership as of Nov. 30 totaled 24,869 as compared with 24,636 on Oct. 31.

The Central States association showed a gain of 23 members from Oct. 4 to Oct. 31, but still ranks No. 3 in the Society membership roster.

According to statistics from International headquarters, the C.S.A. had a total membership of 2,503 on Oct. 31. This is 66 more members than we carried on the rolls at the end of 1954, but still far short of the two top districts in the Society.

Again leading the SPEBSQSA in membership is the Mid-Atlantic district with 2,707 members. In second place is the Land O'Lakes district with 2,683 members.

Following the Central States district are Johnny Appleseed with 2,282; Illinois 2,199; North-eastern 1,928; Michigan 1,670; Far Western 1,583; Daxie 1,515; Indiana-Kentucky 1,283; South-western 1,273; Seneca Land 1,169; Evergreen 1,025, and Ontario 816.

At the end of 1954 the Central States association was the No. 2 district in the Society with 2,437 members. Land O'Lakes was second with 2,669 and Mid-Atlantic, current membership leader, was third with 2,379 members.

Total Society membership as of Oct. 31 is 24,636 with 597 chapters. This compares with 23,128 members as of Dec. 31, 1954.

Chapter membership as of Oct. 31 in the Central States district follows:

Colorado (172 members)

Aurora 29, Boulder 20, Colorado Springs 39, Denver, 46, Longmont 38.

Iowa (615 members)

Burlington 30, Cedar Rapids 56, Clinton 28, Davenport 31, Des Moines 64, Dubuque 29, I-kader 32, Emmetsburg 21, Fort Dodge 23, Fort Madison 34, Harlan 26, Humboldt 21, Le Mars 46, New London 29, Oelwein 29, Sioux City 27, Spencer 67, Storm Lake 22.

Kansas (787 members)

Abilene 38, Arkansas City 20, Cloud County 32, Eldorado 32, Ellis 27, Kiowa 21, Newton 53, Osborne County 34, Ottawa 28, Phillips County 29, Pittsburg 26, Rice County (Lyons) 24, Russell 53, Salina 25, Seneca 26, Smith Center 42, Topeka 66, Ulysses 24, Wichita 135, Junction City 20.

Missouri (570 members)

Breckenridge 28, Clayton 74, Columbia 34, Fulton 21, Hermann 20, Independence 31, Joplin 26, Kansas City 121, Mexico 21, Monett 26, Neosho 24, No. 1 St. Louis 31, Springfield 60, Ye Olde Tymers (St. Louis) 53.

Nebraska (201 members)

Alliance 34, Holdrege 24, Kearney 38, Lexington 5, Lincoln 24, North Platte 20, Omaha 56.

South Dakota (102 members)

Columbia 33, Viborg (Tri-Valley) 37, Wessington Springs 32.

Wyoming (56 members)

Cheyenne 28, Laramie 28.



Presidents Stay Active in Spencer Barbershopper Chorus—

Past presidents in most organizations seem to have a habit of losing interest after their term of office is completed. This certainly isn't true of the Spencer, Iowa Barbershopper chapter. Since the chapter was first organized in 1947 there have been eight presidents and every one of them is still active in chorus work. The presidents, all of whom sing with the Regional championship chorus, are (left to right) George H. Williams (president in 1947-48), O. M. Chaney (1949), Thomas Thomas (1950), I. J. Dvergsten (1951), Carl Larson (1952), Dr. Clyde Johnson (1953), Wayne Winslow (1954), and Bob Snyder (1955). The Spencer chapter will be host to the C. S. A. Regional contest next May.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 14—Davenport, Iowa, Parade.

Jan. 26—MID - WINTER MEETING, DENVER, COLO.

Feb. 4—Dubuque, Iowa, Parade.

Feb. 12—Burlington, Iowa, Parade.

Feb. 26—Fort Madison, Iowa, Parade.

March 24—Jola, Kans., Parade.

April 6—Eldorado, Kans., Parade.

April 7—Springfield, Mo., Parade.

April 7—Russell, Kans., Parade.

April 14-15—Kansas City, Parade.

April 20—Newton, Kans., Parade.

April 20—Humboldt, Iowa, Parade.

May 12—REGIONAL PRELIMINARY, SPENCER, IA.

June 13-17—1956 CONVENTION, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



'Mr. Barbershopper—'

Harry Sparrow (above), past president of the Central States Association and spark-plug of the Pikes Peak chapter at Colorado Springs, Colo., was honored in a surprise ceremony during his chapter's recent "Harmony Roundup" parade. Sparrow received a handsome scroll pronouncing him "Mr. Barbershopper," a sterling silver tie clasp and cuff link set bearing the SPEBSQSA emblem and engraved with "Mr. Barbershopper." Mrs. Sparrow received a bouquet of orchids. The presentation was made by Thomas R. Johnson, president of the Colorado Springs chapter.

Financial Report & Statement TO CSA Assoc. of Chapters, SPEBSQSA ON DISTRICT CONTEST, Wichita, Kansas Held OCTOBER 1, 1955

REVENUE

Ticket Sales (afternoon & evening shows) \$2,949.50

LESS: EXPENSES

Auditorium—Rental \$354.90
Stage Hands 213.86 568.76

Advertising & Publicity:

Newspapers \$300.00
Posters, Tags, etc. 166.28
Printing Programs 272.34
Printing Tickets 129.43 868.05

Kansas State Sales Tax on Admissions 58.99

Judges: Floyd Connet \$100.00
Dick Means 47.95
Don Stevens 54.70
Henry Foth 40.37
Ed Fahnstock none
Pete Tyree none
Bob Groom none 243.02

Misc. Expenses:

Ticket Sales \$116.38
Photographs 96.90
Ushers 20.00
Liability Ins. 34.00
Postage - Phone Calls, etc. 197.22 464.50

Total Expenses \$2,203.32

Net, overall, profit on CSA District \$ 746.18

CSA of Chapter's share (50%) \$ 373.09

Wichita Chapter's share (50%) 373.09

Respectfully Submitted,
Roy Wiley-Treas. for
Wichita Chapter SPEBSQSA, Inc.
Wichita, Kansas
(Signed Roy Wiley)

C.S.A. Picture Highlights of '56



New President—
The year 1955 brought a new president to the helm of the CSA district — Herb Wall of Springfield, Mo. Wall succeeded George H. Williams of Spencer, who had served as district president for the previous two years. In the above photo Prexy Wall flashes his well-known smile during the district contest in October.

Top Three Quartets in District—
Highlight of the year for Central States Association quartets was the big district contest Oct. 1 at Wichita, Kans. Winning the coveted championship was the Hawkeye Four of Des Moines, shown above with their trophy. Standing in the middle row are the Four Pitch Hikers of Springfield, Mo., who placed second, and in the top row are the Spring Singers of Colorado Springs, Colo., who ranked third.



Retiring President Congratulates Successor—
Two outstanding Barbershoppers in the Central States Association during 1955 (and a good many years before, too) are shown following the district election at Davenport last May. George H. Williams of Spencer, Iowa, retiring CSA president (right), is shown as he congratulated Herb Wall of Springfield, Mo., upon Wall's election as district president.



Founder's Daughter at Regional—
The Central States Association had a high honor paid to it when Mrs. E. A. Oathout, daughter of our late, beloved founder O. C. Cash, attended the Regional contest at Davenport. In the above photo, Mrs. Oathout chats with her husband, who is stationed at the Waverly, Iowa Air Force radar base.

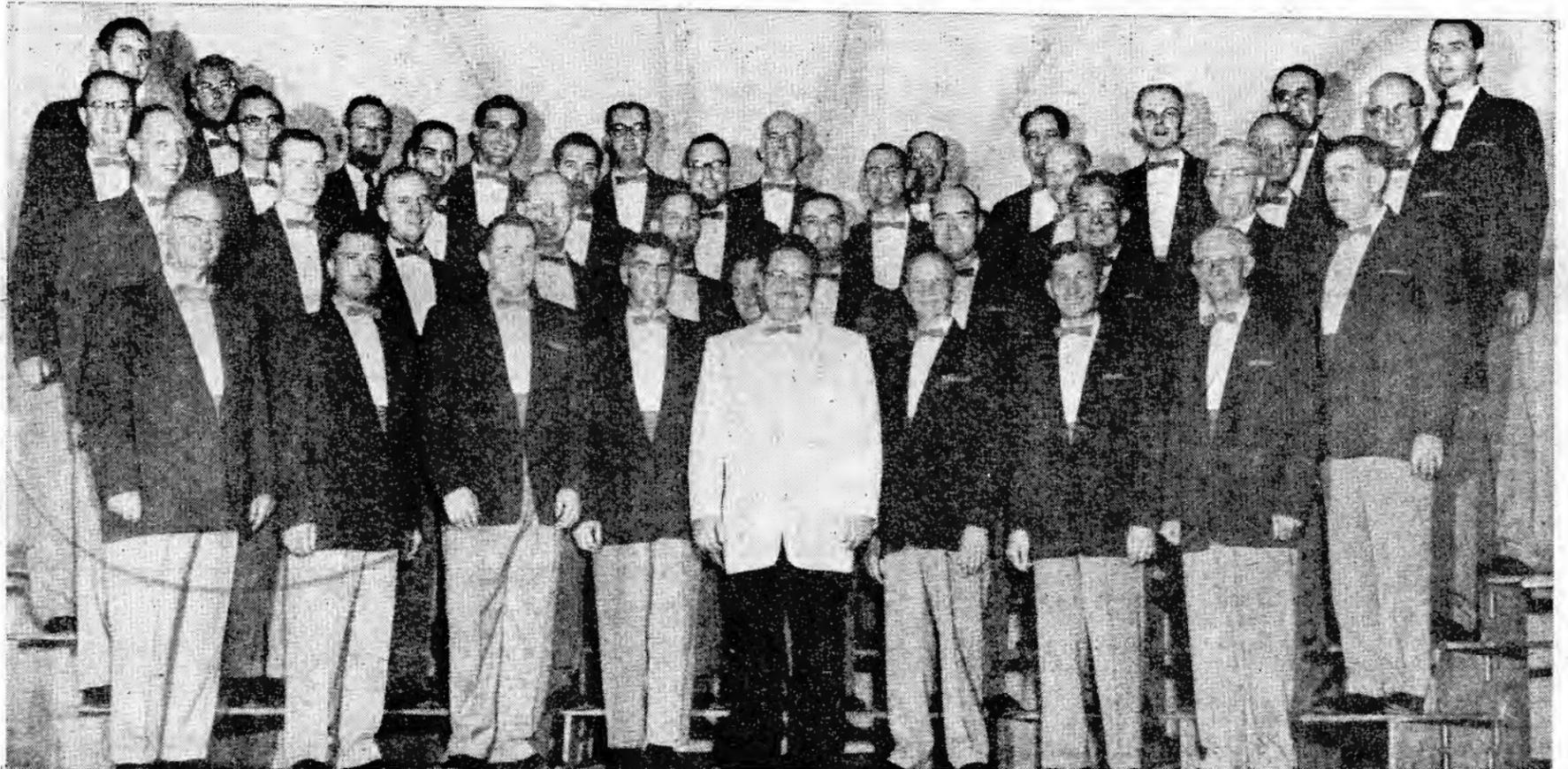


There Was a Serious Side, too—
Activities during 1955 weren't all concerned directly with the art of flexing our vocal chords in Barbershop harmony. Here a large group of delegates listens attentively during a business meeting at the Davenport Regional contest.



Champion C.S.A. Choruses—

Our chapter choruses continued to play an ever-growing role in district activities during the year. Repeating as Regional champions for the second consecutive year was the Spencer, Iowa chorus while Wichita, Kans., took the district championship. The above photo shows the Spencer songsters in action at the Regional, and the bottom photo was taken of the Wichita group after their final number in the District contest.



We Helped Others too—

Charitable work, as always, played a big role in district activities during 1955. One of the highlights was the contribution the Wichita, Kans., chapter made to the American Red Cross blood donor campaign during the district contest. Free tickets to the afternoon preliminaries were given to persons who contributed blood to the program. In the above photo R. E. (Pat) Patterson, president of the chapter, is congratulated by Red Cross general manager Tom Irving.



Championship Crew Disbanded—

The past 12 months had its share of bad tidings for Barbershop singers, too. A great loss to the Central States Association was the disbanding of the Skymasters quartet of Omaha. The Skymasters, CSA district champions, broke up in January when Harold (Pappy) Sterling was transferred to North Africa. Shown above in one of their final appearances are (left to right) Jim Baird, Joe Zwiirn, Bob Schneider and Sterling.

Gala Time Promised at Spencer

Committees For Regional Are Named

By I. J. DVERGSTEN
Publicity chairman.

If you have ever planned on attending a "live" contest — this is it! It's the Central States Association's Regional contest May 12 at Spencer, Iowa, in the heart of the beautiful Iowa Great Lakes region.

All indications point to a gala event, both from the standpoint of the sweetest harmony and a most enjoyable weekend in this peppy Iowa metropolis and around those enchanting blue waters of Lake Okoboji.

Plans now call for the chorus and quartet contest to be held in the auditorium, which boasts perfect acoustics, a Friday evening delegate and officers' meeting at the Hotel Tangney, a visit to the lakes during off hours, a Sunday morning critique and probably a little fishing or boating on the side.

Yes, we're out to make this the most enjoyable Regional contest ever. We want you to be so pleased that you'll relish the memories of the tunes, the hospitality and the enjoyment the whole year through. That is the goal of the gang at Spencer.

We invite you all and we'll do our best to organize the event so well that you'll be satisfied with the trip in every way. So, get on the contest band wagon and plan to be at Spencer for the Regional Preliminary May 12.

Right now registrations are being taken for entries in the contest from quartets and choruses. Invitations are going out to all chapters and quartets in the district, and all indications point to great interest with many chapters making intensive plans to enter the race for honors from this district and then on to the International convention in Minneapolis in June.

Ticket and hotel reservations can be secured by writing to O. M. Chaney, vice-president of the Clay County National bank, Spencer, Iowa.

Past CSA President George H. Williams has been named general chairman for the contest and he in turn has named men to assist with the preparations and program.

Handling the publicity for the event will be I. J. Dvergsten of the Woman's Shop, assisted by Harvey Sanford of radio station KICD and Carl Larson of Western Union.

On the stage and house committee are Glenn Scott of The Spencer Daily Reporter, Glen Carlstrom of the Carlstrom Oil company and Dr. L. Larson, Davies Bldg.

O. M. Chaney of the Clay County National bank is handling ticket reservations and Dr. George Fraseur, 407 1/2 Grand avenue, is in charge of finance. Dr. C. T. Johnson, 401 1/2 Grand avenue, and Gene Krause of Leuthold and Krause, are in charge of the program, while Thomas Thomas, Glass Block Bldg., and Paul Sonner, 513 Eighth avenue west, are in charge of transportation.

Serving on the reception committee are the current officers of the Spencer chapter — Robert Snyder, Rexall Drug store; Robert Sopeland, Glass Block Bldg., Dr. George Fraseur, 407 1/2 Grand, and Dr. L. Larson, Davies Bldg. Special assistants to the general chairman are Wayne Winslow, Bee Hive Department store, Vern Hofsommer, Hofsommer Insurance company, and Kenneth Scott, Dekalb regional office.

Cities May Bid on Society's Building

Five years ago the Society started a fund to eventually provide an International headquarters building of its own. During the intervening years, this fund has grown to the point where it has been suggested we should now decide on the proper location for the proposed building.

So far, only two cities have come through with definite bids — Tulsa, Okla., and Kansas City, Mo. Some comment has been made about Washington, New York, Detroit and Chicago, but no definite bids have been received from those cities.

The building committee, headed by King Cole, wishes to submit all proposals for the building site to the International board for its decision at the Denver Mid-Winter meeting.

President Merrill wants to get some action at that time on the location, so that the building committee may next go into the phases of planning the type of structure and determining the best means of raising the necessary funds.

Any city in the Central States district interested in submitting a bid for the building, should do so immediately. Following is a check list of site qualifications that should be fully explained in each proposal. If possible bidding cities should include with the proposal any illustrated brochure from the chamber of commerce describing the city's facilities and advantages:

- CENTRALIZATION**
- A. Are you centrally located?
1. Society population-wise, both present and future.
 2. Geographically as to distances.

- ACCESSIBILITY**
- TRANSPORTATION**
- A. Air lines schedules?
1. How many serve your city?
 2. How many daily meals?
 3. How many seats available?
- B. Railroads
1. How many passenger lines serve your city?
 2. How many daily schedules:

- a. Passenger.
 - b. Mail.
- C. Bus Lines.
1. Direct lines.
 2. Connections available.
- D. Highways.
1. What U. S. Highways serve your city?

- SERVICE TO MEMBERS**
- A. Mail service.
- B. Availability for schooling of Chapter and District Officers.
- C. Telephone and telegraph costs.
- D. Outside business facilities available to supplement work done by our staff, i.e. printing and mailing, publications, supplies etc.

- FACILITIES FOR STAFF EMPLOYEES**
- Describe:
- A. Living conditions.
 - B. Housing.
 - C. Recreational.
 - D. What cultural advantages does your city have?

- CONVENTION AND MEETING FACILITIES**
- A. Describe acoustics and seating capacity of auditoriums available.
- B. List the number of Hotels and rooms available in each.

- SENTIMENT**
- A. Will your city satisfy the historical significance of our society for past, present and future members?
- B. In what way would your community be interested in encouraging the location of our headquarter's building in your city?

- ATTITUDE**
- A. What is the attitude toward and what support has been given to other similar ventures in your city by civic organizations, business and civic leaders? In other words, what is the extent of their interest?

- PUBLICITY**
- A. Are there any special publicity advantages that your city can offer through active support of:
1. Civic organizations such as Chamber of Commerce?
 2. Local press?
 3. Radio and television facilities?

- PROPERTIES**
- A. What properties (land and/or buildings) are available as sites?
- B. Describe possibilities for low cost building — operations — personnel — material, etc.

What organizations have national headquarters in your city? Are you familiar with any of the conditions or circumstances which prompted these organizations to locate there?

What additional facilities does your city have to make it a preferred choice?

LOCAL CHAPTER

What are the prospects for maintaining a strong local chapter of our society in your city?

Orphans Make Certain 'Contact' Is Correct

Former President Williams was at a Barbershop board meeting of the Spencer chapter the other night when the proprietor called him to the telephone. The voice at the other end of the long distance wire said, "Hello, George, this is Jay Bond of the Orphans." Williams was a little surprised, but greeted the bass singer.

The Orphans were changing their contact man. Bud Bigham has been taking the inquiries, but Bond wanted to be sure that the information got in to us in time for the current Serenade. If you want to contact the '54 champs, get in touch with Jay Bond 1128 S. Minnesota, Wichita, Kansas.

Confederates Slated For Fort Madison Show

The Confederates, who placed second in the International Quartet contest at Miami, will headline the annual Fort Madison, Iowa Parade Feb. 26.

Also scheduled to appear on the show are the Four Teens and the Crow Bars.

Four Quartets Set For Burlington, Iowa Show

Four quartets, including the former Sweet Adeline champion Mississippi Misses of Fort Madison, Iowa, will appear on the annual Parade of Quartets staged Feb. 12 by the Burlington, Iowa chapter.

Besides the Misses, the program will include the B. M. A. Gamboliers, District Champion Hawkeye Four and the Kord Kutters.

SONG ARRANGEMENT

In collaboration with the Society and Bob Haeger, chairman of the Society song arrangements committee, the Cromwell Music Publishing company has just come out with Bob Haeger's Barbershop arrangement of the very popular number "I Believe".

Copies are available from International headquarters at 25 cents each.

BITTER & SWEET

New Subscriber

As an ardent reader of everything dealing with Barbershop, it is requested that you place me on your mailing list for your wonderful district publication — The Serenade. It is my understanding that this is one of the finest such publications in our Society.

If at all possible for you to send me a few recent back copies, I shall be happy to pay you for them. Please send me a statement for this subscription.

Elmer J. Vorisek
Secretary
Cleveland, Ohio, Chapter

(EDITOR'S NOTE — We're always happy to garner a new subscriber, and we're particularly pleased to note that The Serenade is gaining a reputation among Society members outside the Central States association. Thanks for the compliment and we hope you enjoy future issues of our publication).

Good Photograph

Many thanks to you (George H. Williams) and Dee (I. J.) Dvergsten for sending us copies of The Spencer Daily Reporter, on the front page of which you ran the article regarding the Spencer chapter's plans for your upcoming parade and the excellent picture of the Spencer chorus.

It's really refreshing to see a picture posed like this and we congratulate you and your photographer on achieving something unusual. Too many chorus and group pictures are too stereotyped. For that reason we are wondering if you can send us an 8x10 glossy print of this picture so that we can run it in the Harmonizer to show

other chapters what good photographic treatment can do.

As you can well imagine, we can just about fill every issue of the Harmonizer with pictures of choruses in the same pose, so we want to do something to encourage our publicity people to use more imagination.

Robert G. Hafer
International Sec'y
Detroit, Mich.

(EDITOR'S NOTE — The picture of the Spencer chorus referred to by Bob appeared in the December issue of the Harmonizer. The photo is an excellent one and does show a lot of imagination, which can be duplicated by other chorus pictures in the C.S.A. The Serenade, too, is interested in chorus pictures from our district chapters, as well as photos of chapter activities and stories and reports. Just send your news and photos to The Serenade, c/o The Spencer Daily Reporter, Spencer, Iowa).

From CSA Prexy

Thanks very much for another fine issue of The Serenade. The profusion of pictures certainly makes it an excellent publication and I'm sure it will serve greatly to improve Barbershop affairs throughout the district.

Herb Wall
President, C.S.A.
Springfield, Mo.

Aid Kettle Drive—

Kansas City, Mo., Barbershoppers again participated in the annual Salvation Army Kettle Fund drive Dec. 16.

The chorus and quartets sang Christmas carols at 11th and Main from 9:30 a.m. 'til about 8:30 p.m.

Directory of Quartets

(Advertisement)

The Orphans
International Champs 1954
Contact: Jay Bond
1128 S. Minnesota
Wichita, Kansas
Phone Amherst 7-9995

The Skymasters
District Champions
Contact: James S. Baird
5502 St. 76th St., Ralston, Nebr.

Crow Bars
3rd Place CSA Dist. '54
contact George Bacon
P.O. Box 390
El Dorado, Kan.

Rudy Fick Royalties
Int'l Semi-Finalists
2nd Place Winners CSA
Contact Arlo Moore
3015 S. 28th St.
Kansas City, Kan.

The Big Four
Int'l Sweet Adeline Champs
1953-54
Contact Sarah LeMaster
R.R. 2
Chillicothe, Ill.

Mello-D-Men
Contact Al Boughton
2912 C. Ave. N. E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The Mel-O-Tones
Contact Cliff Asling
Royer's Clothing
Abilene, Kansas

The Four Nubbins
Contact Harold Krile
1321 2nd Ave. E.
Spencer, Iowa

The Hawkeye Four
Central State Dist. Champs 1955
Six times Internat'l semi-finalists
Contact Fred Owens
3408 Hickmna Rd.
Des Moines, Iowa

George H. Williams
CSA Past President.
Available for limited number of emceeing engagements.
1520 Grand avenue,
Spencer, Iowa.

Laramie Boomerangs
Contact Ward Husted
Box 978
Laramie, Wyoming

The Chord Huskers
Contact Louis Gargano
853 So. 15th
Fort Dodge, Iowa

The Barber-Q Four
Int'l Finalists '54
Illinois Dist. Champs '49-'50
Contact Tom Watts
856 South York Rd.,
Elmhurst, Ill.

The Mississippi Misses
Int'l Sweet Adeline Champs,
1954-55
Contact Mary Paul
1121 Ave. F.
Fort Madison, Iowa

The B.M.A. Gamboliers
International Semi-finalists,
'47-52-53.
Central States Champs, '52-53.
Contact Orval H. Wilson,
3646 E. 61st St.
Kansas City, Mo.

The Hy Powers
Central States Dist. Champs
1948-49
Contact Bert Phelps
6035 Park Ave.
Kansas City 30, Mo.

The Culligan-Aires
Contact Wes Graham
Kearney, Neb.

Western Hospitality Awaits Barbershoppers

Denver All Set for Big Convention

By MILLARD SMITH
General Chairman
Mid-Winter Meeting

The festive time of the year offering all its glorious holidays is now upon us—the feast of Thanksgiving followed by the joyous Christmas and New Year's season. But for those of us who are on the "Barbershop Diet"—we'd rather sing than eat, that is—the biggest holiday season falls in January.

I'm referring, of course, to the International Mid-Winter Board Meeting and convention, to be held in Mile-High Denver on January 26-29, and flavored with a real Western theme. And here's a partial list of what's in store for you Saturday, January 28.

'Food for Thought'

The 2nd annual "Food for Thought" luncheon, which met with such success at its inception at Louisville last January, will be held at the headquarters hotel, the Cosmopolitan, at high noon. Simultaneously, the ladies may enjoy a luncheon set off by a style show at Daniels & Fisher store, one of Denver's finest. These festivities will be followed by the House of Delegates meeting at the hotel at 2 o'clock.

The "Chuck Wagon Dinner" takes place at the Cosmopolitan at 6 p.m. At 8 comes our show, the "Harmony Roundup", in the Tabor Theater, with all seats reserved. This stellar event will be headlined for our current champs, those terrific "Hearse-men"; last year's top hands, the chord-ringin' "Orphans"; and one of the top comedy-harmony quartets ever formed, the wonderful "Atomic Bums". All this, plus the tops in the regional quartets from the Rocky Mountain area, we think will add up to a long-to-be-remembered, evening.

No organized afterglow is planned, but woodshedded "7th's" promise to be fast and furious back at the hotel. And Sunday morning about 10 will come the "Wrangler's Breakfast", served with a generous helping of harmonious notes.

At Its Best

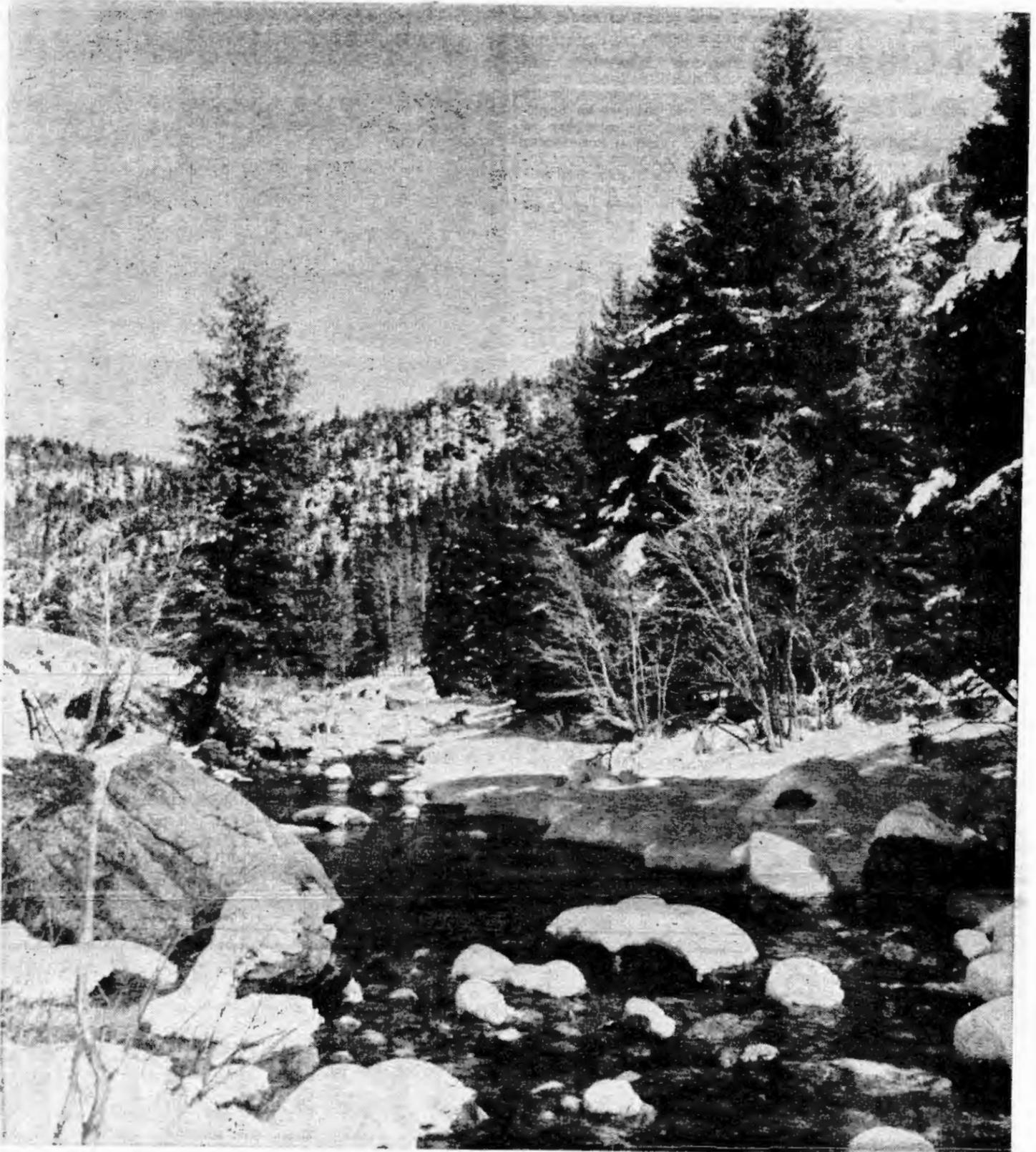
And there you are—barbershoppin' at its best, done in the beautiful setting of the magnificent Rockies—it all adds up to a barbershopper's winter wonderland. So make your plans early—confirm hotel space through international headquarters. And be sure to take advantage of our "Ranch House Special"—a combination ticket, for the Chuck Wagon Dinner, a choice seat at the Harmony Roundup, and the Wrangler's Breakfast—all for only \$7.50. If you are an earlybird, you can save on this biggest bargain in a barbershopper's budget.

So plan to take Horace Greeley's advice come January—make your plans now. We'll keep you up to date on all the schedules as they become final. Western hospitality will await you with open arms—be sure to be in on the best Mid-Winter ever.

Des Moines Chorus on Two November Programs

The Des Moines chorus and the Hawkeye Four, Central States association district champions, appeared on two programs in November.

On Nov. 17 the chorus and the Hawks sang at the new Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines, and on Nov. 21 the group presented a similar program in their annual visit to the Old Folks Home.



Beautiful Denver Awaits Barbershoppers—

Beautiful scenes like this one, plus a multitude of sports and social activities, are in store for Barbershoppers who attend the Mid-Winter convention Jan. 26-29 at Denver in the wonderful Rocky Mountain region. This photo is used through the courtesy of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad.

Hall, Vice-President of Neosho Chapter, Dies

Ralph A. Hall, vice-president of the Neosho, Mo., chapter, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Sept. 24.

Mr. Hall was a charter member of the Neosho chapter and had been active in anything that concerned Barbershoppers. He was a retired painter and his hobbies were Barbershopping and fishing.

Jimmy Carnes, secretary of the Neosho chapter, writes, "There never was a time when he (Mr. Hall) was too busy to sing when someone of the fellows wanted to get together for a few chords, not even when he had a fishing trip planned."

Mr. Hall was a bass singer deluxe and was active in the Harmony Hunters—a new quartet. His death has broken up the quartet for at least the time being.

Members of the Neosho chapter were pallbearers at Mr. Hall's funeral Sept. 27, and a quartet made up of the remaining members of the Harmony Hunters and another bass sang several of Mr. Hall's favorite religious numbers.

Dubuque Chapter Stages United Fund Drive Show

"Barbershopping in Preview" was presented by the Dubuque Iowa chapter at the final dinner of their city's United Fund campaign.

The chorus sang six songs in grand style. These included "The Old Songs", "Carolina", "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles", "Kentucky Babe", "Wait 'Til the Sun Shines, Nellie", and "Tell Me You'll Forgive Me". Twenty-four men made up the chorus under the direction of John Heinz.

Rounding out the program were selectinos by the Key City Korders and the Traveling Scalesmen. Members of the Korders are Dud Thomas, Rudy Olson, Bob Biasi and George Biasi. Members of the Scalesmen quartet are Edmund Wick, Al Heinz, John Heinz and Ted Heinz.

C. George Biasi served as master of ceremonies for the program.



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How About Qualifying As a Contest Judge?

And You Get To Sit Close To the Stage!

By **HERB WALL**
President, C.S.A.

Probably one of the most jealously guarded and most important functions of the International Society is the selection and education of the panel of qualified judges. Every possible safeguard is taken to secure men of good character, even temperament, and absolute integrity so as to provide unbiased, impartial and capable judges.

The obvious importance of the quality of these gentlemen is evident when you consider quartets spend many hours of practice, and a considerable amount of money, getting to contests, and it is imperative that they have every confidence in the judges panel.

An instance: the writer made application as secretary of judges and after filling out a check-type questionnaire and understudying some of the proficient secretaries. I was informed that I would not do at the present time. The reason?—I listen to the quartets and don't pay enough attention to the secretarial duties!

It seems to me that listening to the quartets is a commendable thing, but I'm willing to take the opinion of the Contest and Judging committee since I realize the importance of every phase of the judging procedure. The man who is unwilling to accept criticism or refusal on a position, doesn't belong in the judge category any-

way. I was proud to make the grade as a timer.

If you are interested and have the qualifications for any of the judge categories, write Bob Hafer and request an application, stating the category of your choice. Judge candidates will be provided with proper instruction and their progress will be earnestly considered. We are particularly in need of harmony, accuracy and arrangement judges.

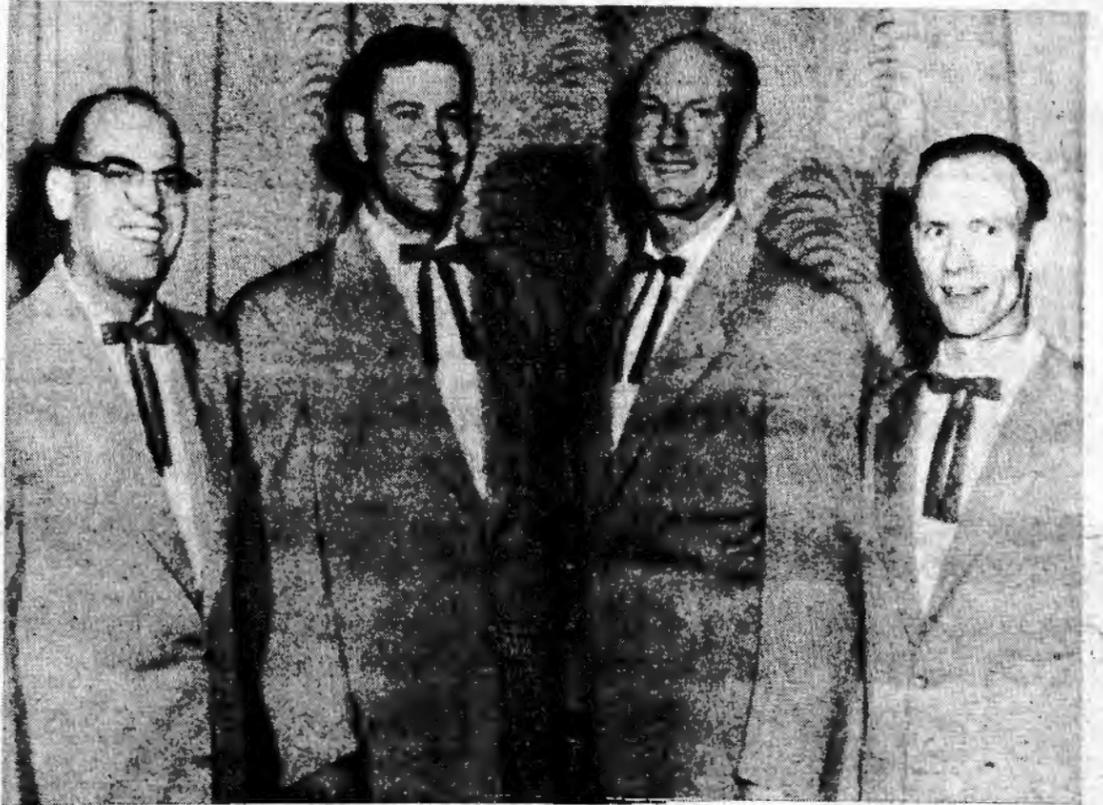
Probably the most honored and important activity in Barbershopping is the judging program—besides you get to sit up close when the quartets perform. If you feel ambitions, get yourself qualified.

Hall Leaves Hospital To Sing With Quartet

William H. (Bill) Hall of Miami, Fla., general chairman of the 1955 convention, continues to improve from injuries received in an automobile collision May 6.

Hall, who is immediate past president of the Dixie district has retained his "fighting" and "singing" heart. Bill prevailed on his doctors to allow him to be transported by train from the hospital in Coral Gables to Jacksonville to be on hand for the Dixie district's semi-annual meeting and district contests. Bill did some horizontal singing with his quartet, the Miamians, and listeners reported he still sings a fine tenor.

Early in October Bill underwent a bone graft on his leg and doctors say it will be at least a year before he will be able to get back to work. Letters or cards to Bill may be sent to him in care of Doctors' hospital, Coral Gables, Fla.



The Timberliners—

These four men make up the Timberliners, well-known Boulder, Colo., quartet which ranked in the top 10 at the Wichita District contest. Members of the quartet are Reubon Martinson, Jr., Ed Mantooth, Lawrence Clark and Willard Flinn.

Four Hearsemen Setting Fast Appearance Pace

The International Champion Four Hearsemen are following a fast schedule, with only two open dates on the calendar through next May.

The champs have already appeared on three programs in Texas and others in Connecticut,

Kansas and New York. The New York appearance was Dec. 10 on the Herb Shriner television show.

Their future schedule includes eight more programs in Texas, two in Kansas and others in Wisconsin, Colorado, Oklahoma, Illinois and Ohio.

The only dates they have open are Jan. 14, Feb. 4 and May 12.

Kendall New President Of Missouri Chapter

Forrest Kendall has been elected president of the Columbia, Mo., chapter to succeed Claude Ratliff. Elected vice-president of the chapter was Burl Finlay, succeeding James C. Turner.

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