

Central States Serenade

Central States District, SPEBSQSA—Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming

HALF A MILLION MILES OF MELODY IN MID-AMERICA

CSA ON THE MOVE

HARMONY TIME IN '59 — SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES DENVER TO HOST PRELIMINARIES DURING "RUSH TO ROCKIES" CENTENNIAL



MILLARD SMITH
General Chairman

The CSA Regional Preliminaries for registered quartets and a bonanza of assorted hoopla is yours to enjoy at Denver April 24-26.

Friday night Pete Tyree of Colorado Springs' HI CHORDS, formerly of Wichita's ORPHANS and Kansas City's HY POWERS, will conduct a craft session. Truly a man about barbershop, Pete is just about a demonstration team himself.

Preliminaries and finals for the contest will be held in the Denver Civic Auditorium, the finals scheduled to begin at 8 p. m. Saturday night, April 25th. An afterglow will follow at the Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham American Legion Post, 14th at Broadway.

General admission tickets only will be sold for the preliminaries Saturday afternoon. A flat charge of one dollar buys you the best seat available in the hall when you enter.

Ticket prices for the evening show are Parquet \$2.50, Mezzanine \$2.00, and Balcony \$1.50. The charge for the afterglow is \$1.00 - and this price includes your coffee and doughnuts. Orders for tickets

should be sent to: Clay Hutchinson, 4585 Irving Street, Denver, Colorado.

Headquarters hotel will be the Brown Palace, 17th and Tremont Place. If you're planning to attend, it is suggested that you get your request for a reservation in to them as soon as possible.

General Chairmen for the contest are Millard Smith and M. K. Ziegler. Millard's address is 657 Harrison Street. Co-chairmen for publicity are Keith Francis and Buzz Coffman. Keith would like to have photographs of competing quartets for promotional use. They should be sent to him at 6950 Clay Street, Westminster, Colorado, along with biographical data.

This year three quartets will be awarded the right to represent CSA at Chicago the first week in July. As you know the number is determined by membership total as of last December 31. Next year the membership figure to be used will be taken as of March 1st. So if you're planning to use a prepayment system in your chapter this year, now's the time to be getting started on it.

An added lure for the preliminaries this year is Colorado's "Rush to the Rockies" Centennial. There, on the roof of the nation, plans are underway to provide a whopping time for tourists in general, for barbershoppers in particular the weekend of April 24-26. Those of you who have not had the pleasure of touring Colorado should make every effort to take a few days or week to see the state while you're there.

PICK TELLS ILLINI ALL ABOUT IT

We're a bit late with this information but mighty proud to pass it along.

W. C. Pickard, Cedar Rapids' very able demonstrator on the birds and the bees of barbershop, was on hand at Champaign in January for Illinois Music Activity. Assisting in the demonstration, conducted at the University of Illinois were the PLAINSMEN of, we think, Champaign-Urbana.

CHET FOX HEADS SLATE OR NOMINATIONS

Chet Fox has been named by the CSA Nominating Committee as their choice for CSA president for the coming year. Chet has served approximately two years as district secretary and now holds that position.

Others nominated are: Ralph Smith, Denver, Vice-President; Merle Dickinson, Mason City, Vice-President; Delaine Sather, Cedar Rapids, Secretary; and C. V. "Pete" Peterson, Kansas City, Treasurer.

New officers will be elected during the business meeting to be held in Denver, April 25th.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Floyd Strong, Topeka, Chairman; Herb Wall, Springfield; and Harry Sparrow, Colorado Springs.

CSA PARADE SCHEDULE

April 10	Dubuque
April 10	Springfield
April 11	Cedar Rapids
April 11	Ottawa
April 16	Buena Vista
April 18	Cheyenne
April 26	Boulder
May 2	Abilene
May 9	Longmont
May 9	Topeka
May 16 (*)	St. Joseph
November 7	Kansas City

* Not cleared as yet.

CONFEDERATES, NUBBINS TO SPRINGFIELD

The FOUR PITCHIKERS and BUCCANEERS will be joined by the CONFEDERATES and FOUR NUBBINS on April 10th when Springfield presents its show. Add to this the HEART OF THE OZARKS chorus and Russell Newport at the mike and you have a real call to the lake country for this weekend.

The week of April 5th has been designated BARBER SHOP HARMONY WEEK by the Mayor of Springfield.

The CENTRAL STATES SERENADE

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Fanned out on Main Street behind director Bob Pearson is the Des Moines chapter chorus in a scene from their parade, February 28. Of the chorus, GAY NOTES, PITCH-
IKERS,

THE HAWKEYE FOUR, NUBBINS, and KERNELS, the Des Moines "Register" comments: "They've never been so lively, funny, and tuneful."

BOULDER PARADE FOLLOWS CONTEST

Boulders chapter show this year will be on Sunday, April 26th, just after the District Quartet Preliminaries in Denver. We don't have any dope on it but are sure Swede Martinson, 3166 Eighth Street, will be glad to give you any details you want.

And if you're taking those annual two weeks at contest time, Longmont's parade is scheduled for May 9th. Here again no information, but you can always write Lew Branch, 1302 Ninth Street.

OTTAWA SHOW HEADLINING CAVALIERS

The CAVALIERS are on the dotted line for the Ottawa parade, April 11th. Also on the bill will be Percy Franks, Kansas City's barbershopping pianist, and the 5'2's, Sweet Adeline quartet.

ABILENE SHOW MAY 2

Abilene, with 24 members already in the fold in early March, will present its annual show May 2nd. Chalk up another very successful visit from Floyd Connert and Curt Hockett there. Members motored in from Concordia, Manhattan, Newton, Junction City, Salina, Topeka, and Wichita.

SHADES OF WHITTIER AT MASON CITY

Mason City was snowbound on March 14, but their parade came off on schedule just as planned. All quartets and the chorus sang at least one number from "Music Man." Winners in the recent high school quartet contest in River City were the Hi B's.

BIGGEST OLDE TYMERS JAMBOREE YET

April 4th Kansas City entertained at the third annual Old Tymers' Jamboree of Quartets, groups organized twelve or more years ago.

Quartets from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Nebraska took part in the biggest jamboree yet and the way things are going, next year's get-together will be a weal whopper.

If you belong to a quartet which was organized in or before 1948, drop a line to Bert Phelps, Chief Wheelchair Pusher, 6035 Park, Kansas City, Missouri. Bert will be sure you get all the information on next year's jamboree so you may make plans to attend, sing, and meet your old pals of yesteryear.

When you get the SERENADE this event will have taken place.

ST. JOSEPH PARADE MAY 16

The PONY EXPRESSMEN of St. Joseph have chosen May 16th for their show which will be headed by the BUCCANEERS, District Champs, and will feature the 5' 2's. In addition to the District runner-up chorus St. Joseph will have four local quartets on stage. That should make them second in the district if our records are correct.

Central High School is the site and tickets are one dollar each, all general admission.

BIASI IN BOW WITH BATON

George Biasi, who's done everything else in barbershop, makes his bow as chorus director when the Dubuque chapter presents its 11th annual show on April 10th. Kevin O'Keith is master of ceremonies for the show which features the MID STATES FOUR, HUT FOUR, TONE TWISTERS, and PLEAS-
ANTAIRES.

Ticket orders, one dollar each, should go to John Shifflett, 1510 Mount Pleasant Street. This price includes the afterglow.

CHEYENNE'S DAKOTANS USE AIRLIFT

Four Cheyenne chapter members live in Rapid City, South Dakota, and if you'll check your map you'll see that's a long way to travel to meetings, even as the crow flies. And that's just how the fellows get to the meetings, waving to the crows as they pass them.

All the crows are outside the plane, though. These guys are the DAKOTANS, and they're registered for the District Quartet Preliminaries in Denver.

TELEBABA TRAVELERS' GUIDE

April 18 Charter Night Florissant Valley
April 24-26 District Preliminaries Denver
May 15 Charter Night Manhattan
May 23 Charter Night Emporia
July 1-5 International Contest Chicago
(Those of you who will be taking vacations soon should check the parade schedules in the backs of your HARMONIZERS.)

When are YOU going to start a quartet?

FLORISSANT VALLEY, FLINT HILLS CHARTERED WAUKON APPLICATION IN; JOHNSON CO. NEAR CSA ON THE MOVE

JIM LOGAN



Jim Logan, baritone of Cedar Rapids' VIGORTONES, succumbed suddenly to a heart attack on February 20. From the QUOTE-R-NOTES: "Each and every one of us feels a deep personal loss because Jim was one of

the nicest guys who ever lived. His friendliness and helpfulness were unsurpassed by any one and he always gave freely of his time for the benefit of everyone. This is pointed out by the fact that he was active in a great number of organizations besides ours."

AMAMUS RIDERE

You old Latin students will recognize that as "We love to laugh," or something to that effect. Here are some of the best from outside bulletins:

BARS & SWIPES (Milwaukee): A Go Getter: One who gets in behind you in a revolving door, and comes out ahead of you.

MID-ATLANTIC PRESS SERVICE: A word of advice--Be sure to turn on brain before starting mouth.

UTICA-NOTES: A government bureau is where taxpayers' shirts are kept.

BUCKEYE BARBERSHOP (Columbus): Heard the one about the square who walked into bank and asked for the Loan Arranger? "He's busy, sir," came the reply, "But Tonto's out back."

HARMONY NEWS (LO'L): Perfect Bore: A Texan who went to Princeton and joined the Marines.

OATKA VALLEY SIGNAL (Warsaw): An intellectual is a man who thinks of the president when someone mentions "Monroe."
TWIN-CITY HI NOTES (Kitchener-Waterloo): A husband is a guy who wishes he had a s much fun when he goes out as his wife thinks he has.

HARMONEWS (Woodstock): Did you hear a bout the trade-in television set that was used only by a little old lady with weak eyes?

JACOBSON IS MANAGING EDITOR



Dan Jacobson has taken over the production end of the SERENADE and is now our Managing Editor. Dan is a commercial artist and has had a wealth of experience in many of the graphic arts. He is a past president of the Artists'

Guild in Kansas City, was for many years editor of Kansas City's HARMONOTES, and has a notch in his easel for a HARMONIZER cover drawing.

We should have a chapter in every city of 20,000 or more and in many smaller cities. How's about it?

ST. LOUIS #1 SIGHTS ON FESTUS

April 3rd St. Louis #1 motored down to Festus where we're hoping a new chapter will soon be organized.

Paul McCullom is taking over the FANFARE this month while Buz Swank vacations.

George Dain managed a fine bit of promotion for their recent parade when he, Doc Rathert, and the ONE MORE FOUR told the story of Barbershop and St. Louis #1 on KMOX-TV. Doc is a past International President.

CONNETT-HOCKETT SCHEDULE

May 28	Clinton
June 4	Monett
June 8	Joplin
June 9	Hermann
June 15	Mason City
June 16	Buena Vista (LeMars)
June 17	Fort Dodge
June 18	Dyersville

BOND STUDYING GERMAN, DUERKSEN STUDYING

Monty Duerksen, not-so-sour kraut of the CAVALIERS' "Bush" song, is concentrating on getting his degree now and Jay Bond has taken over as bass in the quartet. Jay was the bass of THE ORPHANS.

March 17th was Woodshed Nite in Wichita with the "Waggin' Tongue 4" pulling out in front like the darkhorses they were.

Members of a new, unchristened quartet are Stanley Brown, Kenneth Kellum, Dave Dalke, and Carl Gordon. By our count that is Wichita's fifth quartet, a mark for every other chapter in the district to shoot at.

CHORUS HAS DATE WITH GIRL SCOUTS

The Waterloo-Cedar Falls chorus will sing for the annual Girl Scout meeting there April 11.

Bob Wright is chairman of the nominating committee and Win Wheeler has joined the staff of the CHORD CRIER as caricaturist.

HARMONY TIME IN '59-- SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES

Two more chapters have been chartered in CSA since our last issue, FLORISSANT VALLEY in north St. Louis County and FLINT HILLS in Emporia. More cities are in the process of chartering and interest is being shown at a number of points. The latest rundown looks like this:

FLINT HILLS: In. Sponsored by Topeka. Our unofficial report is that 22 men signed the charter. Presentation is to be made during their charter show, May 23. The Topeka Chorus and area quartets will be featured. Contacts: Max Dunn, P.O. Box 680; Harvey H. Kaufman, 803 West Sixth.

FLORISSANT VALLEY: In. Plans are underway for charter night April 18. Four chapters share in the sponsoring. Contacts: Milton Berghoefer, President, 1020 Flora Avenue, Florissant 21. George E. Dain, Sr., Secretary, 7030 Emma Avenue, Jennings 20.

MANHATTAN: In, as previously reported. Sponsored by Topeka. Charter presentation night scheduled May 16th. For details contact: Harry Trubey, 1204 Moro.

SWITZERLAND OF IOWA HARMONIZERS: Formerly Waukon. Charter petition submitted and will no doubt be fully approved by the time you read this. Sponsored by Elkader. Contact: Dale F. Theis, 13-1/2 West Main.

JOHNSON COUNTY: At Mission, Kansas. Meeting first and third Thursdays at Roeland School in Roeland Park. Now have more than 20 signatures on petition for charter so should be coming in soon. Contact: Bob Dougherty, 5334 Fairway, Kansas City 3, Kansas.

Other contacts, some previously reported are:

Dwain Jackson, Box 384, Grand Junction, Colorado.

E. O. Dick, 3360 Hileah Street, Littleton, Colorado.

Louis D. Goodrich, Olney Springs, Colorado.

Harry Blackwill, 642 West Fourth Street Way, Wray, Colorado.

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Dr. Morton Eames, 2010 Harper Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

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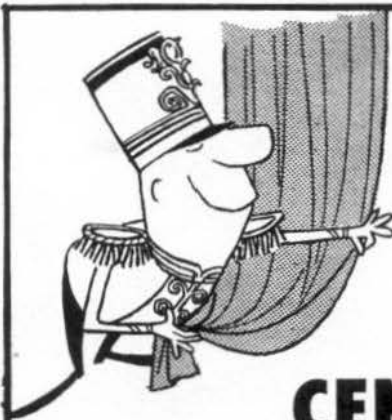
And so the story of extension in CSA land goes on. If there is activity in your area that we're not aware of please cut us in on the goings on.

Many of you who read this will soon be installed as new officers in your chapter. Won't you please do all you can to write next year's extension series. Your CSDO's and HARMONY HALL personnel will be very glad to give you all the help they can.

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CENTRAL STATES REGIONAL PRELIMINARY CONTEST

Hear the Best of Seven States at the Denver Civic Auditorium, Saturday, April 25, 8 p.m. Hear 25 top quartets battle for Regional honors, plus a fine show featuring the Colorado Centennial Chorus. Afterglow follows at Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham American Legion Post, 14th & Broadway.

**DENVER,
 COLORADO
 APRIL 24, 25, 26**

Colorado celebrates its Centennial this year. Thousands are Rushing to the Rockies for the fun-filled celebration. Come along and enjoy Colorado's rarest of climates, Mile High City entertainment and the Best of Barber Shop!

Contest Headquarters: Brown Palace Hotel.
 Gen. Chairmen: Millard Smith, Millard Zigler.
 Quartets must register through International Headquarters using the Official Entry Blank supplied by International.

TICKETS	{ PARQUET\$2.50	AFTERGLOW
	{ MEZZANINE 2.00	\$1.00
	{ BALCONY 1.50	



FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION WRITE:

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