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OF BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA

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Hi Barbershoppers

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
JOYOUS NEW YEAR

GREETINGS:

Your Officers of the Central States Association of Chapters send Holiday Greetings and Sincere Good Wishes to each and every one of you.

We think you boys in the Central States are the swellest bunch of guys in the whole world and hope that everything that is good and fine will come to you and yours in 1950 and forever afterward.

CHORDially and HARMONIOUSly YOURS,

"Floyd" - Prexy -- "Big Chief"
"Ray" - V. Prexy in charge of "Vice"
"Walt" - V. Prexy in charge of "Bull"
"Bob" - "Decimal Diddler"
"Russ" - "Stooge" and "Fall Guy" - "Scribe"

"MERRY SINGING"

LET'S SING AND BRING JOY TO ALL.

The singing of Christmas Carols by Barber Shoppers at this season of the year brings Happiness and a Joyous feeling to those of us who sing and also to our listeners. This is the time when we should make every effort to bring our talents to those unfortunates who are "shut-in", or who are ill in Hospitals or confined in Institutions. I am sure that every Chapter will do just that during this Christmas Season. It makes you feel good!

BUSINESS:

A preliminary report from District Quartet Contest Chairman Dean Palmer indicates that the net return from the Contest will bring approximately \$999.60 to the District Treasury, and a like amount for Wichita, the host Chapter. Thanks again for a swell job well done!

PARADES--SHOWS--CHARTER PRESENTATIONS--ETC.

If your Chapter is planning a public event, please don't forget that you should clear your "date" with the District Secretary. This protects you from staging your Show in conflict with a nearby Chapter's Show, and enables you to secure Quartet talent not otherwise available.

IN MEMORY OF TWO GREAT BARBER SHOPPERS.

HAL STAAB

FRED STEIN

Harold B. (Hal) Staab, International President of SPEBSQSA in 1942 and 1943 and 1944, and International Historian 1947-8-9, International Board Member and one of the most honored and lovable men in our Society passed away November 19th, 1949 in Rochester, N.Y. He was laid to rest in his home town of North Hampton, Mass., November 22, 1949. We have lost a real friend and when the Angels Sing, we know that "Hal" will have helped write the music.

Fred Stein, former bass singer of the 1943 International Champions, "The Harmonizers", passed away in Chicago, Illinois. Fred was a grand fellow and an outstanding bass singer. He will be sadly missed by Barber Shoppers everywhere.

DON'T FORGET to send the District Secretary your Chapter's bid for the two big District events in 1950 and 51, viz:

C.S.A. District Quartet Contest - Sat. Nov. 11th, 1950

C.S.A. Regional Preliminary Contest, May 1951 (first week-end)

BE THE HOST CHAPTER FOR ONE OF THESE EVENTS.

When submitting your bid for the above events, please inform us as to the hotel and transportation facilities of your town. Make a tentative reservation for your

Auditorium or Theater for May 6th, 1950, where the Contest could be held. Make sure you inform us as to the seating capacity of the Auditorium and probable gross income. Remember your Chapter splits 50-50 on the net profits.

The Topeka, Kansas, Chapter who is the host Chapter for the Regional Quartet Preliminaries, and the C.S.A. Annual Meeting is getting plans under way for this event. Dr. U. U. Shoab, 909 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kansas, has been named General Contest Chairman by President Floyd D. Strong. Doc will do a swell job!

Since the International Convention is to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, on June 10th and 11th, 1950, The Central States District is the Host District. The eyes of the entire Society will be on us. Urge every Quartet in your Chapter to enter the Regional Contest, May 6th, 1950, at Topeka, so our District will be able to make a fine showing at Omaha. Quartets should remember that both Topeka and Omaha are within easy traveling distance for these two great events. ACT NOW!

For Hotel reservations at Topeka on May 6th, 1950, write the Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas, at once. Other conventions are scheduled for the same date so prompt action is imperative. Please be sure your Chapter Delegate is in attendance for the C.S.A. Annual Meeting. ACT NOW!

FLASH!!!

Word has just been received that International Secretary Carroll P. Adams is in the University Hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan for a checkup. Carroll has been having some trouble with his left leg and this checkup is to determine the cause of it. Every Barbershopper is pulling for his complete and speedy recovery.

EXTENSION NOTES

NEW CHAPTERS GRANTED TEMPORARY CHARTERS

Sterling Colorado
President and Delegate
Roy F. Walker
532 Broadway
Sterling, Colorado

Sponsoring Chapter: Denver, Colo.
Secretary
Jack D. Hardin
409 Elm St.,
Sterling, Colorado

Grand Island, Nebraska
President
Carl L. Stevens
608 W. 13th St.,
Grand Island, Nebraska

Sponsoring Chapter: Sioux City, Iowa
Secretary
Ed Mottke
2424 Charles St.
Grand Island, Nebraska

(Please send District Secretary name of your C.S.A. Delegate)

The following towns are applying for their temporary Charters: Columbia, Mo., Beatrice, Nebraska. Several others are in process.

We regret to report the loss of Charters for non-payment of per capita tax of the following Chapters: Bowling Green, Mo.; Union, Mo.; Waterloo, Iowa; and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Your District Secretary is informed that Union, Mo. has

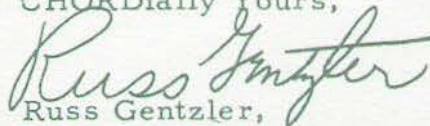
forwarded its per capita tax and will, no doubt, be re-instated. Why? Many reasons. Some of the fault is ours, because we didn't help them enough. Don't forget that the right Officers can do a lot to keep their Chapter going. Please don't forget this important fact when you nominate and elect your Chapter officers in a few weeks. Please elect your C.S.A. Delegate when other Officers are elected!

COMING EVENTS:

January 8, 1950	Parade	Anthony, Kansas
January 20, 1950	Parade	Dodge City, Kansas
January 22, 1950	Charter Presentation	Sterling, Colorado
March 12th, 1950	Annual Parade	Jefferson City, Mo.
March 19th, 1950	Parade	Mexico, Missouri
March 25th, 1950	Parade	Wichita, Kansas
March 25th, 1950	Parade	Lincoln, Nebraska
April 1st, 1950	Joint Parade, Clayton and St. Louis,	St. Louis, Mo.
April 1st, 1950	Parade	Des Moines, Iowa
April 15th, 1950	Parade	Kansas City, Mo.
April 16th, 1950	Parade	Kansas City, Mo.
May 6th, 1950	C.S.A. Annual Meeting and Regional Preliminary	Topeka, Kansas
(Chapters will not schedule events on these dates)		
June 9th, 1950	International Convention	Omaha, Nebraska
June 10th, 1950	International Convention	Omaha, Nebraska
November 11, 1950	C.S.A. District Mid-year Meeting and Quartet Contest	?
May, 1951	C.S.A. Annual Meeting and Regional Preliminary	?

MERRY CHRISTMAS -- Plenty of Holiday Cheer -- not too much, Just Enough, to Start 1950 Right.

CHORDially Yours,


Russ Gentsler,

C.S.A. Secretary

P.S. Union, Missouri Chapter reinstated. Just before going to press we were informed that the Union, Missouri Chapter is now in good standing. Glad to have you back with us.

R.W.G.