

The CENTRAL STATES Serenade



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WE ARE NUMBER ONE

The figures have all been compiled, checked and re-checked, and believe it or not, we came in FIRST in the International District Achievement Contest for 1971! Announcement of this fantastic news was made at the Mid-Winter Convention in San Diego, California, by

Executive Director Barrie Best, and a beautiful plaque recognizing this honor was presented to our International Board Member, Merrill Aitchison. The award is based on gain or loss of members during the year, extension, (200 points for each

chartered chapter and 100 points for each licensed chapter), and chapter bulletins (five points per percentage point for each chapter publication.) In addition, penalty points are awarded for charter revocation, license cancellation, and chapters having less than 25 members.

Our motto, "Win With Central States" is certainly apropos and our 1971 Leadership Team, under the able direction of District President Bill McLatchie, is to be commended for their devotion and untiring efforts in making this award possible. Thanks, guys, we're really proud of you!

Let's Go To St. Jo!

Welcome to historic St. Jo, Home of the Pony Express, Jesse James, The Pony Expressmen, and the 1972 C.S.D. Spring



Pony Expressman Vince Perry gives the official welcome to all Central Barbershoppers to attend the C.S.D. Spring Contest and Convention April 21 to 23 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

contests and Convention, April 21-23. With the added dimension of district chorus prelims. this years spring contest and convention is destined to be bigger and better than ever--more barbershop fun for everyone!!!!

So, enter the chorus and your quartets too. The competition will be tough, but you'll gain a wealth of experience from the dual panel of judges.

Not in a competing group? Don't let that stop you from having a great time. Plan now to "pack up your troubles" and "come on along" to good ole St. Jo where the barbershop hospitality is the greatest.

Registration begins Friday afternoon at the Hotel Robidoux, the convention headquarters; a great time to meet your friends from around the district woodshed a few chestnuts. A Pony Express style buffet dinner awaits you at 6 p.m. after which the Show of Champions featuring the C. S. D. 1971 chorus and quartet champions --plus some other great champions.

The Missouri Theatre is the scene of all contest events. The semifinal quartet contest is set for 9 a.m. Saturday. District chorus preliminary contest is at 2 p.m. followed by the C.S.D. first annual awards banquet. Who will be the new C.S.D. barbershopper of the year? Be at the awards banquet and find out (it may be you)!

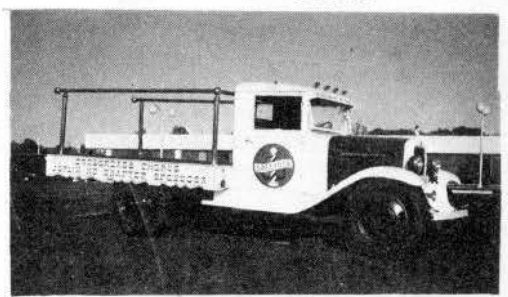
Quartet finals and show are set for 8 p.m. Saturday followed by one heck of a St. Jo Afterglow.

Seating for the awards banquet is limited. All seats for the show of champions and quartet finals are reserved. Fill in the order blank and order your tickets and housing today.

Bring the whole family and plan to get there early and stay late. General chairman Vince Perry, Chapter President Paul Holliday, and over 70 other Pony Expressmen plan to keep you happily busy all the time you're there.

Give yourself a break this spring: Make it with barbershopping and good ole St. Jo.

Tune Buggy



MEET THE JOPLIN, MISSOURI CROSSROADS CHORUS OFFICIAL "TUNE BUGGY"! Members of the chapter spent several months restoring this 1932 Chevrolet Truck for use in sign-outs, parades, conventions and antique car shows and other functions of the chapter.

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Associate Status?

By Lance Heilmann
Lawrence, Kansas Chapter

It wasn't long ago that the Lawrence Barberhawks could answer only embarrasingly, since we epitomized the term. Now, proudly, we don't even remember what it means.

With 34 members strongly in the fold, we have as solid a base as any chapter. The auditions program has done much, "voice placing" every new applicant has helped and eager officers have put the frosting on the cake. But the success of the chapter is primarily 1) of a prodding job by Chet Fox, and 2) an honest and meaningful commitment by the Board to full support of the Musical Director.

Our first AFA gained us two members, luckily; the second was better handled and has netted us five. Being the top Kansas chorus, both in 1970 and 1971 is both a result and a cause of the growth of our Chapter.

Sporting the No. 1 Chapter President in Wade Dexter, and a new but outstanding AVP, in Harold Lytle, the Barberhawks have made "planning ahead" the key word. The Lawrence Chapter now sports two package shows for public performance, and will have at least that many at all times. We don't have the success to be expensive, but we do have the success to be interesting. If any chapter wants to pull our trick out of the hat and present a chorus on the Show, give us a call. We'd just love to sing you one of the "This is My Country" or "Riverboat" tours.

The MidAmeriChords, our top quartet, just discovered in Dick Henderson a new Tenor, and have been very busy. The Youth Movement, a new but upcoming

foursome, plan to display their Kansas City Bush League trophy in St. Joe.

The Chapter is hosting its own Bush League Quartet Contest in May. Interested groups should contact our PVP, DON SUFFRON.

All in all, the Barberhawks are very proud of the past couple of years. All we can say now is, "What's Associate Status?" We're going to leave it far behind.

Installation And Awards

By Charlie Pierce
Leavenworth, Kansas Chapter

A whole host of Cody Choraliers and their wives turned out for the Leavenworth, Kansas chapters first Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet at the Hotel Cody Centennial Room on Tuesday evening, January 18th.

Mr. Lance Heilman, our Area Counselor (and able director of the Lawrence, Kansas Chapter.) installed Dr. Adolph Mueller as President; Floyd Parsons, Administrative Vice President; Tom Orłowski, Program Vice President; Charlie Pierce, Secretary and Chet Morris, Treasurer.

Barbershopper Lloyd Mathis, a past president, presented the "Barbershopper of the Year" Award to Charlie Pierce who was too flustered to make a speech. This was the first such award to be conferred upon an individual by the Leavenworth Chapter and it is hoped there will be many more to follow.

Needless to say, the rafters were given a resounding treatment of barbershop music under the direction our own Al Smith and by Counselor Lance Heilman. Our chapter quartet, the "Jayhawk Four" in the persons of Ron Garsow, tenor; Al Smith, lead; Bill Bay, bari and Floyd Parsons, bass, likewise contributed most admirably to the gala occasion.

Treasurer Chet Morris, an accountant by profession, sized up the situation quite adequately with the cool, calculated remark "IT'S GREAT TO BE A BARBERSHOPPER!"

Annual Parade At Concordia

By Al Segerhammar
Concordia, Kansas Chapter

The Cloud County Chapter is presently preparing for the 18th Annual Parade in the chapters history. Date of the event is set for April 15th and featured quartets will be the Mid-Continentals, current Central States District Champs from St. Joseph, Missouri, and the MidAmeriChords from Lawrence, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri. We expect this to be an outstanding parade and the welcome mat is out for any Central Stater to attend.



THE FORMALITIES
Barbershop Quartet

LARRY KNIPFER TENOR	DOUG NICHOL LEAD	LORAN HERSHBERGER BARI	BOB THOENNES BASS
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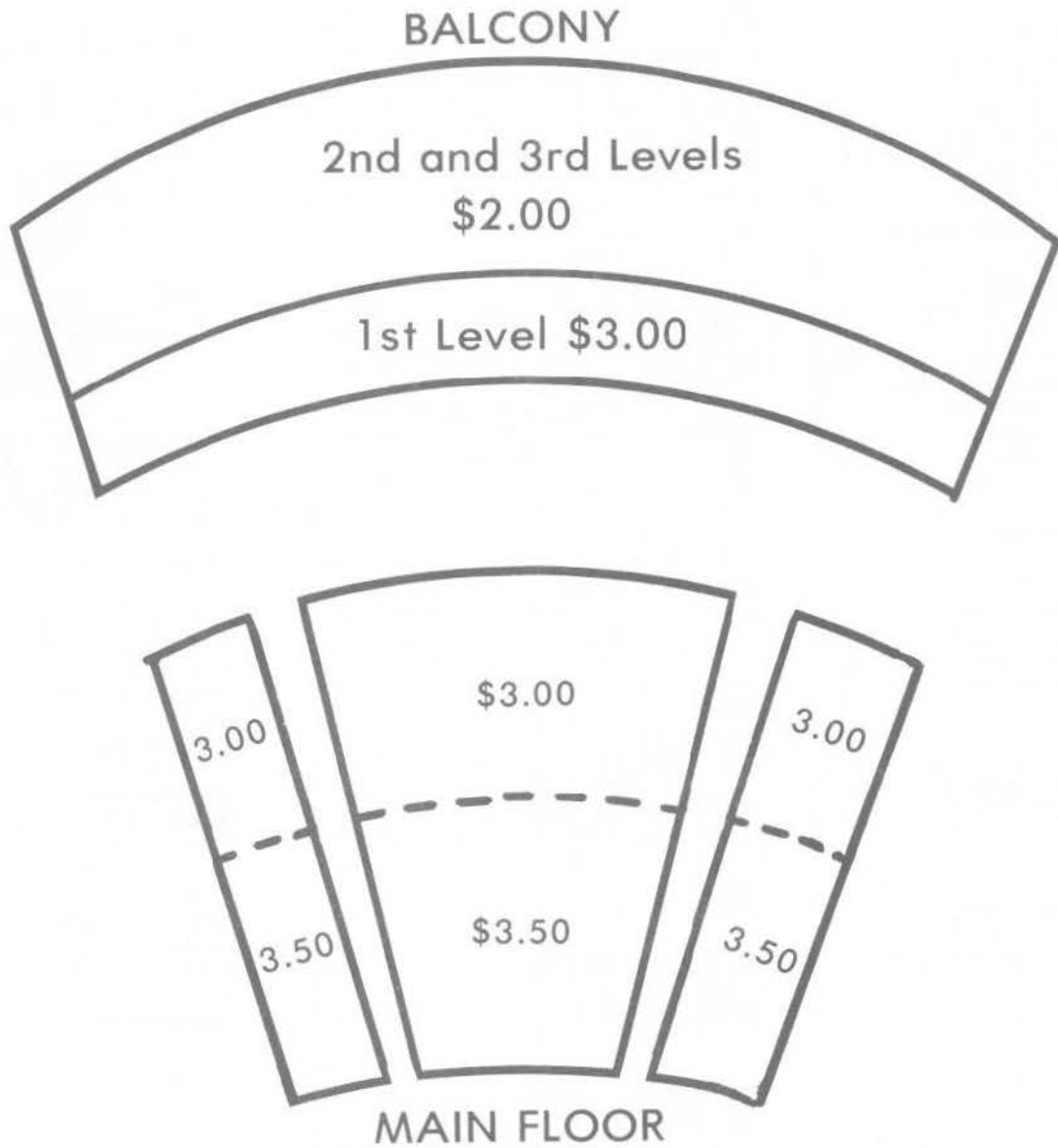
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MISSOURI THEATRE
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



Parade of Champions	FRIDAY	April 21	8:00 P.M.
Quartet Finals	SAT.	April 22	8:00 P.M.

The Second Time Around

By CSD PRESIDENT,
BILL MC LATCHIE

Hey, Guys! We're NUMBER ONE! We have won the 1971 District Achievement Award! It was presented to IBM Merrill Aitchison at the Mid-Winter Board Meeting in San Diego in January. It's quite an accomplishment to win this honor, and I am, to say the least, most pleased.

I wrote to you in the December Serenade about our extension efforts. We are still going strong. I must give credit where credit is due, however, and tell you that much... NO, MOST of this find showing is due to the effort of one CHET FOX. He is doing a great, great job for our district. He will be leaving us May 1st to go back to his regular tour of duties around the Society. I want to take this opportunity to compliment in print how pleased we are with his efforts in our behalf. I have had the pleasure of accompanying him to several chapters this year, so I speak from experience, Chet. We are much better because of your efforts. Thank you from all of us. Our thanks also go to the International Board for sending Chet to us.

As the result of Chet's and your efforts we have many licenses and groups working toward licenses and charters. They are: Atlantic, Council Bluffs and Sioux City in Iowa, Jefferson City, Springfield, and Harrisonville in Missouri; Kearney, Grand Island, and Fremont in Nebraska. Count 'em men, that's nine. Chet hopes to have another one before he leaves us. By the time you read this it may be working. We are going to try something on our own in Oskaloosa, Iowa and we have some good barbershoppers who are interested in Clinton, Iowa. In addition, I have asked our South Dakota Central Staters to take a long look at Huron, S. D. Let's face it, men, we're growing and that spells G-O-O-D for you, me and CSD.

Since my last writing, we have presented charters to both Sterling, Colorado and Watertown, South Dakota. Executive V. P., Al Potts did the honors out west in January and I slipped into South Dakota between storms in February. These two latest additions to the CSD family are most welcome.

As I sit here writing this (at a chapter meeting) I am making plans to attend the St. Joseph show this week-end. I am looking forward to it. I will be visiting one of the fine chapters in our District, but in addition, I get to scout out the best Pepsi houses in town before you get there. Seriously, these fellows are working very hard to put on a great contest on April 21, 22, and 23, and it can only be a success if you come out and participate. I remember some contests in the past where our hosts have broken their backs to be good hosts and we CSD members did not show up. Can you think of anything more discouraging for a host chapter? We have a very interesting format this year with our first chorus qualification contest. It should be interesting at any rate.

One of the problems each year is when to hold the House of Delegates meeting. We have determined that 11:00 at night is too late. So it will be held Sunday morning at 9:00. Keep in mind that if you need to attend the critique which runs concurrently, you will want to appoint an alternate and supply him with a letter of authorization to be presented to the Credentials Chairman, Bob Hendershot. I do want to plead with all you chapter presidents to be sure and have your chapter represented at this important meeting. If finances are a problem, remember it is a legitimate chapter expense. It is your chapter's duty to be represented.

You will be pleased to know that most of our Spring Awards will not be given on

stage at St. Jo. Instead we are having a Saturday evening "Awards Banquet." I believe this is by reservation. We are looking forward to a big turnout. Join us, won't you?

Come up and say "Hello" at St. Jo, will you? I am looking forward to it. WE DID IT IN '71, LET'S DO IT IN '72!



Convention Headquarters
Hotel Robidoux
Fifth and Francis Sts.
St. Joseph, Missouri

St. Jo Hotels and Motels	Rates		
	SINGLE	Double	Twin
Robidoux Motor Hotel (Headquarters)	\$9-12	\$12-16	\$12-16
Ramada Inn	\$13	\$17	\$17
	(\$3.00 per ex. person in double)		
Holiday Inn	\$10	\$12	\$12
Pony Express Motel	\$10-12	\$15-17	\$15-17
Travel Lodge	\$11	\$14	\$14
Shangri-La Motel	\$8-10	\$10-14	\$10-14

ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY

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816-279-4930

Hey, Steve:

Here's my check for \$ _____ for the following:

_____ Mail the tickets. They'll get to me in time.

_____ Hold my tickets at the desk.

_____ Chorus Prelims	@ \$2.00
_____ Quartet Semi-Finals	@ \$1.50
_____ Finals Tickets	@ \$3.50
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_____ Afterglow Tickets	@ \$1.00
_____ Buffet Dinners	@ \$3.25
_____ Awards Banquet	@ \$2.75

Name _____

Address _____

Banner Year For Central States

Dear CSA Barbershoppers:

As you can see from the attached table, Central States had a banner year in 1971 in support to the Institute of Logopedics. Chapters increased contributions from \$5,000 in 1970 to over \$10,000 in 1971. The Society, Institute, and especially the beneficiaries, children at the Institute, are very grateful for your fine efforts.

The project to collect and bring gifts to Institute went off real well, with the Rocky Mountain Division leading the way, thanks to the promotion there by D. V. P., Al Potts.

Another windfall befell us when Bill Griffith, a member of the Cedar Rapids Chapter, found that General Mills, Inc. had 63,000 lbs. of surplus foodstuff. Through his efforts and the cooperation and help of the Harmony Hawks, it was all delivered to the Institute. Surely this will give others some ideas.

But seriously fellas' we're just scratching the surface. Looking ahead in 1972, we need to redouble our efforts. Last night the Wichita Chapter sang for the staff and parents of children at the Institute. The thought came to me that for twenty-five years our great society has sung and promoted the barbershop quartet and had a lot of fun. Six years ago we formed an association with the Institute of Logopedics, are still promoting bar-

bershop quartet singing, and now have twice as much fun. The children at the Institute need us and we surely need them. It is a very high purpose that "We Sing That They Shall Speak."

You members of Central States, please do two things this year . . . 1) Badger your Chapter President until he appoints a

"Service Chairman" and 2) encourage the chapter officers to order the Logopedics Change Banks, then get them distributed in your town. They're very successful in areas where they are being used.

A01	Boulder	\$100.00
A02	Pikes Peak	33.00
A03	Denver	296.33
A04	Longmont	120.00
A05	Burlington	63.00
A06	Cedar Rapids	33.00
A08	Davenport	888.00
A09	Des Moines	535.00
A10	Dubuque	100.00
A12	Sheldon	233.00
A13	Forest City	50.00
A16	Dennison	125.00
A17	Joplin	224.17
A18	Mt. Rushmore	133.00
A19	Storm Lake, Iowa	158.00
A21	Cloud County	100.00

A22	Hayes, Kans.	50.00
A23	Ottumwa	215.00
A24	Durango, Colo.	158.00
	Watertown, S. Dak.	100.00
A40	Wichita	570.00
A41	St. Louis	118.00
A44	Bethany, Mo.	125.00
A45	St. Charles	107.00
A46	Kirkwood	33.00
A48	Kansas City, Mo.	233.00
A52	St. Louis, Mo.	903.43
A61	Hastings	50.00
A62	Omaha	374.00
A64	Brookings, S. Ka.,	35.00
A65	Viborg S. Dak.	200.00
A66	Sioux Falls	150.00
A67	Laramie	233.00
A75	Greeley, Colo.	33.00
A76	Pueblo, Colo.	87.00
A79	Casper, Wyo.	100.00
A80	Ames, Ia.	255.00
A83	Mason City, Ia.	333.00
A84	Marshalltown	61.00
A87	Waterloo-Cedar Falls	538.00
A89	St. Joseph, Mo.	630.00
A90	Lawrence, Kans.	105.00
A93	Flint Hills	133.00
A94	Florissant, Mo.	343.00
A95	Waukon, Ia.	8.32
A96	Kansas City	370.00
A97	Algona, Ia.	100.00
A98	Ft. Dodge, Ia.	200.00
A99	Sioux City, Ia.	358.96
	Total	\$10,825.00

International CONVENTION

Atlantic, Georgia



July 3rd thru 8th

What's Coming Up Next?

- April 1 Lincoln, Nebraska Parade.
- April 7 Fort Dodge, Iowa Parade.
- April 8 Des Moines, Iowa Parade
- Hastings, Nebraska Parade
- Sheldon, Iowa Chapter Benefit
- Parade-Orange City, Iowa
- Laramie, Wyoming Parade
- April 9 Burlington, Iowa Parade
- April 14 Forest City, Iowa Parade.
- April 15 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Parade Mason City, Iowa Parade
- Concordia, Kansas Parade
- April 21-23 International Prelims and
- District Chorus Prelims,
- St. Joseph, Missouri.
- April 29 Dubuque, Iowa Parade
- Salina, Kansas Parade
- Colorado Springs, Colorado Parade
- McCook, Nebraska Parade.

- May 1-11 Mac Huff visit to District.
- May 5 Casper, Wyoming Parade.
- Boulder, Colorado Parade.
- May 6 Davenport, Iowa Parade.
- Wichita, Kansas Parade.
- Cheyenne, Wyoming Parade.
- Quartet and Coaches Workshop-
- Sterling, Colorado
- May 13 Rapid City, South Dakota Parade.
- Denver, Colorado Parade.
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- May 19 Greeley, Colorado Parade.
- May 20 Fort Collins, Colorado Parade.
- Emporia, Kansas Parade.
- Sioux City, Iowa Parade.
- May 20 Eastern Iowa Quartet Workshop-
- Cedar Falls, Iowa.
- May 27 Hutchinson, Kansas Parade.

- June 2-8 Lloyd Steinkemp visit to District.
- June 10 Rocky Mountain Divisional
- Contest - Longmont, Colorado.

- July 3-9 International Convention
- Atlanta, Georgia.



Dennis McPheeters B.O.T.Y.

By Lyle Spoelstra
Pueblo, Colorado Chapter

Dennis McPheeters received the "Barbershopper of the Year" Award for 1971 at the annual meeting of the Pueblo, Colorado Chapter, SPEBSQSA, on December 18, 1971. Dennis has been chorus director for the Chapter for the past three years. He is a member of the "Un-Called Four" quartet, and he has been very interested and active in all the activities and promotions of the Chapter. The award was presented by Lyle Spoelstra who was the recipient of the 1970 award. This is the third year the Pueblo Chapter had made the "Barbershopper of the Year" designation. The first Pueblo Barbershopper to receive the award was Chuck Bible.

River City Sets Goals

By Bob Harnack
Mason City, Iowa Chapter

River City has 1972 pretty well organized as to objectives to be attained.

FIRST . . . our big aim is to win the Central States District Contest in Des Moines this fall.

SECOND . . . we aim to put on one of the best, if not the best, Barber Shop Parades ever on April 15. The Mark IV and The Foremen will be our guests.

THIRDLY . . . we aim to reach the 100 membership mark this year.

President Irv Boyd certainly knows how to set up a work program. Besides that Chet Crum, Booster Chairman, has set a goal of 500 boosters. However, there is still time to work in a Campout in June.

The Chorus has been working hard on about a dozen songs for the Parade. The songs date back to Put On Your Easter Bonnet and climb the ladder to If I Could Write A Song. Don Fraser has done an excellent job on getting the music for many of them into Barber Shop style.

March 4 will find the Chorus at St. Ansgar to sing on a Sweet Adeline Parade, and from then on it's work, work, work on the April 15 Parade music. After that comes the plans and work to win the Fall Contest.

Polecat Den Opened At Nojoco

By Mike Michel
NOJOCO Chapter

Look at it this way: we're not losing a good tenor, we're gaining a fine director at Nojoco.

Darrell Rundus has left for civilian work with the Navy, and we're mighty fortunate to have Lyle Wylie as our new director. We're sure there will be barbershopping wherever Darrell goes, and we wish him the best always.

Lyle, tenor of the Entertainment Committee, directed his first show on just 3 days notice. That was Cass County's first parade and most of the population of Harrisonville must have been there, most enthusiastically. They're hoping to charter in time to get into the chorus competition at St. Joseph, and keep an ear open for their Rural Route 4.

At Nojoco we think the Barber Polecat program is great, and we've started a Polecat Den, open 30 minutes before every meeting. The turnout has been wonderful. Our goal is to have the first quartet, octet, etc., of 14th degree Barber Polecats in the Society. Any takers?

Our Installation Dinner was the best yet. Howard Kraybill received the Jim Poindexter Memorial Award as Barbershopper of the Year for 1971, and handed the gavel to Jack Eskilson. Jack and his board were installed, as only John and Marguirite Baeke can, and you'd better believe that Nojoco is organized this year.

Next red-letter entry on the calendar is the District Chorus Preliminaries at St. Joseph. We've heard a lot about the great contests at Des Moines, and we've just got to go as competitors. And next year, in 1973, we hope we'll see all of you at Kansas City when Nojoco sponsors the District Contest the first week-end in October.

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A BARBERSHOP QUARTET

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BERT Tenor
BOB Lead
GORDON Bari
RON Bass

Attention Travelers

You say you travel in the Central States District and would like to visit some of our chapters, but don't know when or where they meet? Tell you what we're going to do--here's a list of all Central States Chapters and the night and place of meeting.

MONDAY

Denver, Colorado--Christ Episcopal Church
Durango, Colorado--Durango Elks Club
Grand Junction, Colorado--V. A. Hospital
Greeley, Colorado--First Methodist Church
Sterling, Colorado--Presbyterian Church
Algona, Iowa--American Legion Building Whittemore, Iowa
Burlington, Iowa--First United Church of Christ
Des Moines, Iowa--YMCA
Denison, Iowa--Municipal Utilities Building
Forest City, Iowa--Methodist Parlor, Fire Hall, Forest City, Lake Mills
Mason City, Iowa--The Manor
Storm Lake, Iowa--Clough Petroleum Equipment
Concordia, Kansas--Martin Tractor Co.
Emporia, Kansas--Retarded Children's Center
Lawrence Kansas--South Park Rec. Center
Salina, Kansas--Area Technical School
Bethany, Missouri--First National Bank, Community Room
Harrisonville, Missouri--Christian Church
Hastings, Nebraska--Public Library
Kearney, Nebraska--Senior Hi Choral Room
Lincoln, Nebraska--East High School
McCook Nebraska--St. Catherine's Hospital
Brookings, South Dakota--Memorial Art Center
Rapid City, South Dakota--Central High School
Watertown, South Dakota--First Congregational Church
Casper, Wyoming--First Presbyterian Church
Cheyenne, Wyoming--The Flight Room, Cheyenne Municipal Airport
Laramie, Wyoming--American Legion Hall

MONDAY OR TUESDAY

Waukon, Iowa--Waukon, Lansing Waterville (Phone for details)

TUESDAY

Colorado Springs, Colorado--First United Methodist Church
Longmont, Colorado--St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Pueblo, Colorado--S. Colo. State Voc. center

Dubuque, Iowa--YMCA

Fort Dodge, Iowa--Wiewel Drug Store Basement
Iowa Falls, Iowa--Bethany Lutheran Church
Marshalltown, Iowa--R. E. C. Building
Ottumwa, Iowa--Ia.-Ill. Gas and Electric
Sioux City, Iowa--Sioux City YMCA
Waterloo, Iowa--Waterloo Recreation Center
Leavenworth, Kansas--St. Paul's Parish House
Topeka, Kansas--Sweet Building 622 Topeka Avenue
Wichita, Kansas--St. Christopher's Ed. Bldg.
Joplin, Missouri--First Methodist Church
Kansas City, Missouri--Unity Temple Church
Saint Joseph, Missouri--Zion United Church of Christ
Saint Louis 1--St. George Auditorium
Omaha, Nebraska--Eugene C. Eppley Complex
Sioux Falls, South Dakota--Old County Courthouse

TUESDAY OR THURSDAY

Elkader, Iowa--Elkader Municipal Bldg.

WEDNESDAY

Boulder, Colorado--Sacred Heart School Library
LeMars, Iowa--Farm Bureau Office
Sheldon, Iowa--Jr. High School, 3rd Floor
Saint Charles, Missouri--St. John's Church Community Hall
Saint Louis Suburban--Overland Lions Home
Viborg, South Dakota--100F Hall, Viborg

THURSDAY

Ames, Iowa--Elks Club
Atlantic, Iowa--First Whitney Bank, Basement
Cedar Rapids, Iowa--YMCA
Davenport "Y"--YMCA
Iowa City, Iowa--City Recreation Center
Hays, Kansas--Hays Savings and Loan
Hutchinson, Kansas--Leisure Arts Center
Overland Park, Kansas--Sequoyah School
Columbia, Missouri--Daniel Boone Hotel
Florissant, Missouri--Mt. Providence School.

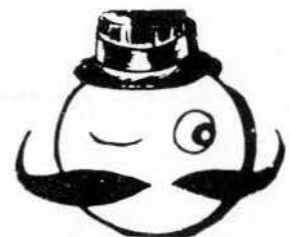
SUNDAY

Kirkwood, Missouri--Community Center

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT CONTEST

October 6-8

Des Moines, Iowa



Meet Your 1972 Centennial Leadership



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Eastern Iowa V. P.



DR. JAMES HARRIS
Western Iowa V. P.



WILL WINDER
Kansas V. P.

Meet Your 1972 Central States District Leadership Team



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MERRILL AITCHISON
International Board Member



DON LITTLE
Immediate Past President



MIKE HINES
Secretary



JIM GRAHAM
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Eastern Iowa V. P.



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Western Iowa V. P.



WILL WINDER
Kansas V. P.



GIL LEFHOLZ
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BOB STOCK
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MILT HAYDEN
Rocky Mountain V. P.

Central States District

Top Team



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BOB STOCK
Neb-Sod V. P.



MILT HAYDEN
Rocky Mountain V. P.



GIL LEFHOLZ
Missouri V. P.

Hi-Country Hi-Lites

NEWS FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

NEW DIVISION NEWS LETTER

As in past years, the Rocky Mountain Division has a somewhat regular newsletter. For the past two years it was called "Echolades" and was sent to 2 or 3 persons in each of the division's chapters. This year's new wrinkles are two-fold. First a new name—a name that more clearly identifies it with our region. Secondly, an expanded mailing list - nearly doubled from previous years.

Communications have always been a problem, and especially so among our far-flung chapters. By expanding our coverage, we hope to reach at least one or two fellows in each chapter who will "read and heed" what we're saying. We'll let you know how it works.

DIVISION PLANNING MEETINGS TO BE CURTAILED IN 1972

In past years we've held quarterly planning sessions in and around the division at which we planned for division wide functions and events. This idea was pioneered in our division and has now been adopted in one form or another by most Central States divisions.

We've found, however, that being spread so thinly over such a large chunk of geography makes attendance at these sessions quite costly in both time involved and travel expense. Consequently, attendance has not always been as good as we would have liked it to be.

This year, we're planning only one division-wide meeting, and it'll be a doozy! Both District President, McLatchie and Field Representative Steinkamp will be on hand to lend us their fatherly advice and counsel.

With this one meeting, on June 4th, and the expanded newsletter coverage, we hope to get the job done as well as, or even better perhaps, than it was done in past years—and at less expense. It goes without saying that attendance at our one meeting should be good.

AREA COUNSELOR SYSTEM TO BE DRASTICALLY REVISED

At a March meeting of all division AC's, we plan to junk the entire set-up as we know it and come up with a plan that will work more effectively to supply help where it's needed most around the division.

It appears now that we'll probably come up with a "group therapy" idea that will give intensive care and outside help to those chapters most in need of aid. This scheme may get some positive results where past sporadic visits by AC's have done little or no good for the most part.

We've undertaken this tremendous task for obvious reasons. We have a very

limited budget and too much ground to cover to carry on as in the past and expect much of a return for the counseling dollar spent. The new plan will endeavor to enable our "corp" of AC's to give the most help to those in greatest need, and at the least possible cost.

Will it work? Who knows --but we feel it's a step in the right direction. Our attitude is "Let's do something, even if it's wrong." We'll give you a complete rundown on our plan and how we've implemented it in future issues of the Serenade.

STERLING HOSTS SUCCESSFUL CHARTER PARTY

January 29th was a big day for the new Sterling chapter. For on that evening they were officially presented with their charter by District Executive Vice President, Al Potts.

The entire evening was one of fun, fellowship, and good barbershop harmony for the 100+ people on hand for the event.

The first half of the evening featured the Sterling chorus and a quartet from their chapter. The Denver Mile-Hi chorus appeared on this half of the program also and presented a lively 20 minutes of entertainment for the appreciative crowd.

A brief break for refreshments preceded the second half of the program which featured the visiting quartets. Three groups from Denver were on hand—the "Three Wrongs and a Wright", the "Silver Kings", and the "Arrangement." The Northern Colorado chapter was represented by the "Coloradoans."

Breakfast at the J&L Cafe for those who didn't know when to quit, and a couple more encores topped off an exciting evening as we officially welcomed the Sterling chapter into the fold. Welcome, fellows!

DIVISION CONTEST TO BE JUNE 10th

With April and May nearly all filled with spring shows, it became necessary to schedule our annual division chorus and quartet contest for June 10th. It will be held this year at Longmont, Colorado, in the high school auditorium.

We expect at least 10 of our 13 chapters to be on hand with their choruses to compete in the event. There will probably be about 8 to 10 quartets in the running also. This has always been one of the biggest events in our division and we expect another enthusiastic turnout.

Frank Fancone and Nick Baki of the Denver chapter have designed and constructed a handsome new traveling trophy to be presented to the winning chorus. The trophy combines the usual brass fittings with wood taken from some rustic, weathered mine timbers which were

sawed before the turn of the century. They've fashioned a prize that will be the pride of the winning chorus's trophy collection throughout the year.

NORTHERN COLORADO NEWS

By Mild Hayden

The Northern Colorado chapter continues to flourish and improve as the months pass by, proving, at least to us, that mergers don't always fail. It's been over a year now since the former Greeley and Ft. Collins chapters merged—and a busy year it's been!

The chorus has held numerous singouts and social functions and is planning an activity packed agenda for the rest of the year.

Our two quartets—the Feed-Lot Four, 1971 Moose International Champions and the Coloradoans, 1971 district Novice Champs—continue to maintain a hectic pace. The "FLF", as we affectionately refer to our Moose champs, are busy singing on shows around the district and are planning to compete again this year in the Moose competition—this year in Miami. The Coloradoans are planning to try their luck at International Prelims in St. Joe and at our division contest in Longmont in June. They've been working hard and note that they're completely booked through April and May.

On the recruitment scene, at least one AFA program is in the planning stages. Our membership is bringing guests regularly, and several of these have been added to the roster in recent weeks. An unexpected bonus came in the ample form of former Kansas Division Vice President, Dick Cullers. Dick recently moved to Greeley from Topeka and will be a tremendous asset to our group.

Our 1972 show, "Springtime in the Rockies," will be presented on May 19 in Greeley and on May 20 in Ft. Collins. Feed-Lot Four tenor, Randy Jones, is show chairman and is certain to come up with a winner. Our old friend, Keith Barrett, of Lincoln will perform the MD chores, and the Intrastatesmen of western Kansas will headline. We can hardly wait!

We know many of you have watched the reports on our merged chapter with a great deal of interest in view of the fact that mergers almost never work. The reason they seldom do is that problems that plagued the old chapters are carried right along into the new one. So instead of one set of problems, it becomes two sets!!

From reading the above report, we're sure you can see why our merger has succeeded. We left both sets of problems behind, have learned from our mistakes and are not making the same mistakes again. We're having fun, we're enthusiastic, and we're working. There's no room for apathy in a successful, growing chapter.

1st Annual Parade

By Rod Heldenbrand
McCook, Nebraska Chapter

The McCook, Nebraska, "Prairie Statesmen" chapter will present its 1st annual Parade of Quartets, April 29, at the McCook, Nebraska, City Auditorium at 8:00. General admission will be \$2.00 and advance sale tickets of \$1.50 may be purchased by mail from show chairman, Don Green, 307 Seminole Dr., McCook, Nebraska 69001.

Headlining the show is the fabulous "NUBBINS" from Spencer, Iowa. Also appearing with the Nubbins are the "Mello-Lads," popular CSD Quartet from Lincoln, Nebraska and the "EMISSARIES" Quartet from our own chapter. Show Emcee is Keith Barrett from the Lincoln, Nebraska chapter.

Chorus attraction will feature our own "PRAIRIE STATESMEN" chorus and will be wearing their new white tux coats. We are looking ahead for a complete 1800 seat sell-out. Be sure and order your tickets early.

Looking back found a very exciting board meeting with International Field Rep. Chet Fox. Many goals were established and much help was given for production on coming parade. What a blessing of harmony that there is a Chet Fox and the SPEBSQSA has him working for them

On Feb. 21 saw the conclusion of a very exciting Ladies Night to give the wives a preview of the sounds and songs for the up and coming parade. A total of 33 men and 22 wives were present. Entertainment were the Prairie Statesmen chorus, The Emissaries Quartet and The 3-Song Quartet.

Our chorus sing-outs are still averaging one sing-out a month and now looking forward to 2 sing-outs before our parade. We will be singing for the Bartley, Nebr. Coop Banquet on March 13th and the Trenton, Nebr. Rotary meeting on March 30th. Past performances include the Imperial, Nebr. Masonic-Eastern Star Banquet, Wauneta, Nebr. Coop annual meeting and the Wauneta, Nebr. Odd Fellows meeting.

Our very active chapter quartet, The Emissaries, have been singing to South-west Nebraska area towns on the average of three a month and their audiences have rated them A-1. What a good P-R job they are doing for Barbershopping.

Rehearsal attendance has been great averaging over 30 men per Monday night. With many guests coming every week, we have accepted 6 new members into the chapter of now 46. The Prairie Statesmen chapter in on the move to be one of the finest singing chapters in the state and one that the district will be proud of I'm sure.

HARMONY WEEK

April 9th-15th.

CENTRAL STATE DISTRICT Spring Contest and Convention April 21-22-23, 1972 St. Joseph, Missouri

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

12 Noon to Midnight	Registration	East Mezzanine	Hotel Robidoux
1:00	District Board Mtg.	Rm 211	Hotel Robidoux
3:00 to 6:00	Quartets and chorus on stage rehearsal (by reservation only)		Missouri Theatre
5:00 to 7:30	Buffet Dinner (\$3.25) (by reservation only)	Crystal Room	Hotel Robidoux
8:00	Parade of Champions		Missouri Theatre

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 to Noon	Registration	East Mezzanine	Hotel Robidoux
7:30	Judges Briefing		Missouri Theatre
8:00	Quartet Briefing		Missouri Theatre
9:00	Quartet Semi-Finals		Missouri Theatre
12:00	Directors Briefing	Rm 211	Hotel Robidoux
12:30	Judges Luncheon		American Legion
2:00	Chorus Contest		Missouri Theatre
5:00	First Annual District Awards Banquet (by reservation only)		
8:00	Quartet Finals Contest and Show		Missouri Theatre
11:00	Afterglow Hospitality	Crystal Room	Hotel Robidoux

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:00	Critique by Judges	Oak Room	Hotel Robidoux
9:00	House of Delegates Met.	Hunt Room	Hotel Robidoux

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Switzerland Of Iowa Chords

By Lester Thomson
Waukon, Iowa Chapter

The Switzerland of Iowa chapter has been busy with sing-outs during the Christmas season. The chorus has recently performed for the Good Samaritan Home, the North Gate Retirement Home, the local hospital, and at the county home. All performances were enthusiastically received. We are also planning to sing for the services of two of our area churches. We will

be singing at the Waterville Lutheran Church and also at the Lansing Lutheran Church. Our annual Christmas party was held in the home of Chester Theile.

Our rehearsals are held once every week, but with all the school activities, such as basketball, vocal, and band it is difficult to have good attendance. We have changed our meeting night from Monday to Tuesday evening due to the University of Iowa Band concerts.

Kimbell Responsible For Sterling

By Stan Boltz
Sterling, Colorado Chapter

Our Chapter was just an idea that was brought to the City of Sterling by Dr. Curtis Kimball when by some stroke of fate he set up shop in our town. Phoenix surley must be at a loss for his leaving but whatever or whomever brought him was certainly our gain. January 30, 1971 was the night set for our first night exposure and at this gala meeting the City of Sterling was introduced to Barbershop Harmony by Quartets from all around our area. We were signing up men at the door and with these contacts and more help from our Sponsoring Chapter, Boulder, we built a chorus of about 35.

It Works

By Herb Crapson
Topeka, Kansas Chapter

What works? Auditions for Admissions that's what. The Topeka Chapter set aside the month of February for this program. They followed the book. They advertised in the daily news papers and on the local radio stations. Chapter members arrived early on rehearsal nights to greet the guest, extend the hand of welcome, show them around and see that they were seated in the right section and had music. As this is being written, just how many applications for membership will be received is not now but some new member applications have already been received. The first four Tuesday nights of the month were Auditions for Admission. The 5th Tuesday was celebration night. A chili supper for all members, guests, and their families. It was a booming success. Even the kids had a part in the program that followed the supper. There is another advantage to this program. The enthusiasm it created among the long time members was fantastic.

By October 9, 1971, we were able to put together a show which we called the Harvest of Harmony, Sweet Adelines, which are now the Windsong Chapter of Sterling, helped us with half of the Show and "The Coloradoans" and "spiceations" tied the bow to a standing room only crowd in the 1200 seat City Auditorium.

We had our Charter Night ceremonies January 29, 1972 where our Charter was presented by Executive V. P., Al Potts. There have been many Singouts between these dates and I must say we certainly enjoy doing them. Our next engagement is a request for a complete show from Brush for an Auditorium Dedication and we were sure proud to be remembered.

We then started toying around with an Octet which was able to handle many requests that the entire Chorus could not attend, and from this has come an 'unnamed as yet' Quartet with two more breathing down their necks.

I can only hope that we can continue building and add, that if everyone enjoyed Barbershop as much as I, there would be no problem to "Keep America Singing."

Meet Your CSD Vice-President

By
Bob Stock



It was a cold Jan. 14, 1938, where he first registered with an early 3:15 performance. He had a beautiful Tenor voice then and if I remember correctly his first song was "Mammy!". Although the Arrangement judge really gave him a low score, Balance and Blend had him at 6 lbs. 14 ounces and 20 inches long. However there was a Time Penalty of one week. Since he got such a low score he decided that when he was old enough he would go to school and learn how to do things right. After completing grade school, he moved right along to High School when he decided that he'd had all he could take of Education.

When he graduated in June 1955, he enlisted in the Army and spent two years

in Germany as a radio operator. Upon receiving his discharge he began looking for a job and was surprised to find out that there were none to be had. Seems there was a Recession going one (whatever that was.)

Eventually Bob was fortunate enough to be accepted into the Plumber's Apprenticeship program. After five years of school and work at the trade, he graduated first in his class and is still working at the trade he loves.

One day in Jan. 1968 while working and singing, a fellow employee started telling him about something called barbershop singing and invited him to a chapter meeting. After a couple meetings Bob was sold forever on barbershop. At last, 30 years after that brilliant performance at St. Joseph's he had made the Big Time. Bob has always been active in the chapter. In the short time that he has been a member he has served as: librarian, assistant Bulletin Ed., headed up or served on various show committees, has been A.V.P. and Chapter President. Bob also was honored recently by the Omaha Chapter being named Barbershopper of the Year for the second year in a row. As he'll tell anyone, they are his two most prized possessions. He also has found three other guys who love to sing as much as him and they recently formed a Quartet called "The New Brass Keys" in which Bob sings lead.

One thing we certainly don't want to overlook is Bob's family. He met his wife Karen via letter as part of a practical joke while in Germany and upon returning he got serious about the courtship and decided she was the gal for him. So on June 6, 1959 they tied the knot and now have two children, Doug 6 and Karri 2. Karen is a real barbershop wife. Bob says "I know there are times when she could just scream when I'm gone so much to meetings etc., but she very seldom complains." I don't think I would be so patient if it were me."

Bob would like the NEBSOD Division (Nebr. and South Dakota) to make great strides this year. He is planning a Division Quartet Workshop for Sept. Also his Div. is hosting a District wide Quartet School with some big name faculty, Mac Huff etc. in Omaha May 6, 1972. You will be hearing more about this in the mail, plan now to attend. Other activities which NEBSOD Div. is hosting includes:

July 22--HEP School, Directors School (Lincoln, Nebr.)

Sept. 9 or 17--Logopedics Spectacular (Omaha)

Oct. 14--Dave Stevens and Greg Lyne-Intermediate Arrangers School (Omaha)

Dec. 2 and 3--COTS School (Lincoln)

After a planning meeting March 18 Bob will probably have a few more items to add to that list. The Division, thanks to the help of Chet Fox, has also Chartered a chapter in Watertown, S. D. and has two very promising extension sites at Grand Island and Fremont, Nebr. (both of which have licensed recently.) It looks like 1972 will indeed be a good year for this Division, "Keep America Singing."

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By Jerry Easter
Waterloo-Cedar Falls Chapter

The year 1972 promises a lot of big events for Waterloo-Cedar Falls Barbershoppers, if the inaugural talk given by Chapter President Bob Mortensen carries any weight. At the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Chapter's officer installation dinner held on January 15th, Mortensen outlined a 9-point program under the heading of GROWTH IN '72. These points might serve as good guideposts for any chapter, but we hope that they will serve Twin-Town especially well.

1. Gain new members.
2. Retain old members.
3. Organize new quartets.
4. Win a higher score at Central States.
5. Teach Barbershop to more people.
6. Have fun.
7. Inspire the membership.
8. New songs and new endeavors.
9. 72 members by the end of the year.

La Vern Fratzke, our 1971 Programs Vice President, was honored as our Barbershopper of the year for his outstanding work in designing and doing most of the building of our fabulous new chorus shell (which can be expanded by adding new sections to accommodate 150 or more men.)

Plans are well underway for our 5th annual mid-July Barbershop Sing-Out at the Backbone state park east of Waterloo. Attendance has really grown over the last two years. The various Chapters will receive promotional materials on that before long.

And of course, our two local Radio shows are still "carrying the word," both on our local-coverage KCFI in Cedar Falls, and KXEL in Waterloo, which goes coast-to-coast with our 7:30 p.m. show on Saturday nights. You can read more about these in an upcoming Harmonizer.

Our Chorus and quartets are priming up for the contests at St. Joseph and Des Moines, so keep an eye out for the Men from Twin-Town.

Chordmasters Sponsor Sioux City

By Larry Verdoorn
Sheldon, Iowa Chapter

The Chordmasters have been invited to participate in the centennial celebrations in two area towns this summer. Both

All Is Not Quiet At Flint Hills

By Jack Houghton
Emporia, Kansas Chapter

Even though not much has been heard from the Flint Hills Barbershoppers at Emporia, this doesn't mean they haven't been doing anything. The Flint Hills Chapter is going its best since it was formed. There are 36 singing men that are attending the Monday night meetings, just real regular. New members that have joined are Edward Shumate, Glenn Fuller, John Truax and guests are a common thing now. When you see that grin on our Director Monty Duerksen, you just know that the sound is there. We had several sing outs in January and have had two in February. March 20 is the next scheduled out of town sing out. Just 12 Monday evenings until our annual spring show which is May 20 this year. "GAY NINETIES REVIEW" complete with a dance line from the Chorus. Songs of the Gay Nineties such as Fluffy Ruffle Days, Kentucky Babe, Hello Ma Baby and Gay Nineties Medley that takes in quite a few oldies. Monty and Wil Winder of the Wichita Chorus got together and came up with a dandy, "Because." All in all we are real busy getting ready for the show, singing for others and getting new men next to that good old Harmony. This Mid-Continental is the headliner for our show. Also the Rip Chords from Topeka and the Wichita Linemen from Wichita. If you are in the Emporia area, come May 20 to the Civic Auditorium and spend another wonderful evening of Barbershop. At this writing we are not sure if we will be able to make the contest in St. Joe in April. Seems as though too many may be unable to make it. So long for now from the GROWING CHAPTER AT EMPORIA.

Sheldon and Sibley Iowa have extended an invitation to sing in their centennial pageants. The chorus was happy to accept and many of the members are sprouting a bit of facial fuzz to get into the spirit of the festivities. We are also purchasing new vests for the occasion.

Our spring benefit on April 8 in Orange City will be for Harmony Home for delinquent boys. A program featuring a number of area quartets and the Sioux City barbershoppers is rapidly taking shape.

The Chordmasters have the privilege of sponsoring the new barbershop chapter now being formed in Sioux City, and are looking forward to having them at our benefit. A joint practice session has been scheduled for March 21st, and a number of the chorus members have been visiting the Sioux City group regularly.

Auditions for Admissions: how successful will it be in Sheldon? The Chordmasters are eagerly looking forward to our "admissions" program when this big question will be answered. All of the advertising is out and by the time most of you read this we will have had our audition sessions. We will try to share our success with you in the next issue of the Serenade.

Although the summer will be busy the chorus has had a fine program this winter. We were privileged to spread a little cheer when we sang to a group of patients at the Sioux Falls Veterans Hospital. The chorus and their wives enjoyed a Sweethearts Party on Valentines Day with the husbands treating the "honored guests" to broasted chicken at a local restaurant. Under the leadership of our new president-director, Dale DeWaay, 1972 looks like a busy but enjoyable year ahead, and with one new member signed up already we look ahead to more members, more singing, and more fun and fellowship this year.

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Smoke Signals

By Jim Dunlap
Sioux Falls, SD Chapter

Our annual parade, which was mentioned in the last issue of Serenade, was a huge success. It set off vibrations so good, in fact, that about three weeks later, the Sioux Falls, Chamber of Commerce asked us to give a similar performance January 31. This was to be one of the featured programs of evening entertainment at the Sioux Empire Farm Show, an annual event in the Siouxland area which attracts thousands of people. Since the date of the performance was only nine weeks away, and a completely new program was to be put together, the chorus had to put forth with a great deal of effort . . . This was done with gusto, and the show, with Merlyn Lippert at the helm, was on its way. The program was quite varied as in addition to our chorus and two local quartets, the "Sioux Veneers" and "Tumbleweeds" were fortunate in having the "Music Makers" and a pair of great banjo players, Pat Oswald and Joel England, assist us in the evenings entertainment. Since the audience was composed largely of people completely new to barbershop, it was indeed pleasing to hear the fine comments on the show and inquires as to when the next show would be held.

On December 7, the chorus had a sing-out at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. We were met with a warm welcome and a very responsive audience. All concerned had a grand evening.

The Sioux Empireans nominated Terry Roisum as our Barbershopper of the Year. Terry is unsurpassed in his contribution of time given to the Chapter and District work. Some of Terry's past accomplishments are: Charter member of the Sioux Empireans Chapter, sang in two quartets, International V.P. of Probe, District P. R. Chairman, Assistant Managing Editor of Serenade, and editor

of our Chapter Bulletin off and on through the years. Congratulations Terry, you are certainly helping to KEEP AMERICA SINGING.

Banjos, Bells And Bouncing Balls

By Joe Costigan
Kansas City Chapter.

The Kansas City, Missouri Chapter has started the new year with renewed vigor. We have, not only a new slate of officers, but also a new Director, For the year 1972 the board has selected Dan Henry as our director. Dan brings to his new position a great background of barbershopping. Along with Dan we have selected as assistants Jim Bagby and Steve Leone. We hope to use our three directors through the year in many ways. Of course every chapter needs good officers to run a chapter and we feel we have the best in Frank Leone, President; Bob Houpt, VP Admin., Al Moritz, VP Programs; Doc E. Moore, Secretary and Don Stewart, Treasurer.

Our Annual Parade March 18, was a great show. Featured this year were the Cavaliers and the Avant Garde from Chicago, along with the chapter quartets, Kansas Citians and MidAmeriChords (half a quartet-Lawrence, Kansas claims the other half.) The MidAmeriChords have changed tenors, now singing tenor is Dick Henderson from the Kansas City Chapter. We planned something this year to please all the fans, a bell choir, a sing-a-long with the old-fashioned bouncing ball, a banjo selection with chorus background and of course no barbershopping show would be complete without singing Lida Rose with the patter chorus. A good crowd helped us celebrate our 26th annual Parade.
ST. CHARLES: MOVING AHEAD

A Sunday afternoon dinner was held January 23 for our wives and families. Our annual awards program was held at this time. Dean Wilson was presented the BOTY Award for 1971 for his work in the chapter and as an all around Barbershopper. Slides of the past year's activities and the Wichita Contest were shown by one of the members. It seems that President M.C. Putnam and Bruce Watnem were always in the right picture at the wrong time.

A visit by Chet Fox in February was highlighted by presence of CSD President, Bill McLatchie. That Bill would take time to visit with the officers indicated his willingness to help the chapter solve some of its problems and inspired the officers to build a better, more productive chapter. It was gratifying to hear words of encouragement from Chet Fox. The officers hope they convinced him that they really mean business and are prepared to really work hard in order to make the chapter one of the best again.

The chorus is planning and rehearsing their April 7 show. Keith Richmond has his committees working hard in order to meet deadlines for the show. One of the quartets feature, The Nubbins, will be returning to Fort Dodge for the second time in three years. This partially resulted from requests by the community for the return of a favorite quartet.



Tips from The Top

By HOWARD MESECHER

Membership is the lifeblood of our Society. Our Society leaders have tried to understand the reasons for our high rate of membership turnover but without avail. We do know that strong healthy Chapters have a competent administrative team and an accomplished musical director. The administrative team plans activities for all members of the Chapter, while the musical director improves the musical performance level of the Chapter Chorus and Quartets. But unless a member becomes involved in some area of barbershopping activity, he soon joins the ranks of the "has beens." What is your administrative team doing to involve all Chapter members? What is your administrative team doing to involve all Chapter members??? What is your musical director doing to improve your musical skills??? What are you doing about membership??? If your administrative team has you active and you like what you are doing, if your musical director points with pride at your musical accomplishments, then shouldn't you be willing to share our great hobby with a friend or business acquaintance??? WE NEED "SINGER-BRINGERS" . . . Will you be one in 1972????????????

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CHET FOX VISITS FORT DODGE

By Don Langr
Fort Dodge, Iowa Chapter

The Chapter held an "Auditions for Admission" night in January. There were six potential members involved in the program and related follow-up. The musical qualities of these men was a surprising result of the auditions program.

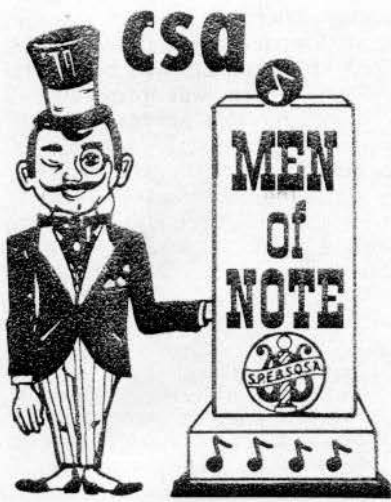


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Bob Kress, Erland Welter, Bernard Newland, Robert Mortensen, Art Lund, Ken Graybill, William Lorenzen, John D. Stucker, Kevin Vaughn, Allen W. Blodgett, Buzz Brown, Len Bjella, Harold Pollock, William Lorenzen, John Buck, Fred B. Kline, John Smith.

MEN OF NOTE (3)

James H. Williams, Jerry Donnelly, Thomas Lippert, Art Lund, Harry Herrman, Stuart Martin, Earl Robinson, Bob Brueck, Lee Bendull, Alvin E. Osterholt, Bernard Newland, Robert Mortensen, Russ Craig.

MEN OF NOTE (4)

Vernon Horsky, Ken H. Demirjean, William O. Cass, Jerry Mackie, Carlton Coen, Wade H. Dexter, Robert Stock, Tom Smith, Jerry Donnelly.

MEN OF NOTE (5)

Thomas Connolly, Ted Tarrant, Bernie Geier, Allan Anderson, Richard W. Kimball, Larry Lyons.

MEN OF NOTE (6)

Donald Ransom Jr., Carlos Pence.

MEN OF NOTE (7)

Gen W. Accola, Ray Crawl, Burdett Thompson.

MEN OF NOTE (8)

Ed Groeblichhoff.

MEN OF NOTE (9)

Don J. Doering

MEN OF NOTE (10)

Dr. J. K. Keough
Bert Flier

MEN OF NOTE (15)

Ivan Yoss

St. Charles: Moving Ahead

By Gerry Mohr
St. Charles, Missouri Chapter

The year 1972 rolls along, and the St. Charles Chapter rolls with it—in a snow-balling fashion. Since the chapter's DANIEL BOONE Chorus won the District's Under-40 Trophy at Davenport in October, 1970, things have been looking up for St. Charles.

All was not rosy. There were some disillusionments. One was that the Chorus slipped from its 1970 second- and tenth-place positions in area district competitions, respectively. That, however, was at worst a lesson for the future.

Several events have transpired in the past year, and several projects are in the mill which will combine to make the St. Charles Chapter a very respected chapter in the not-too-distant future.

The First was the chapter's acquisition, in October, 1971, of its new chorus director, Don Nevins. Mr. Nevins is one of the best music men in the St. Louis area, if not in the entire Central States. His livelihood is music: he teaches music at a junior high school in St. Louis county. His background is music: both he, his father, and mother have been involved with music for several years. Don replaces the DANIEL BOONE Chorus's longtime fine director, Carl Daniel, who announced his resignation last summer pending a likely out-of-town transfer by his company. During Carl's tenury, the Chorus became one of the top ones in the St. Louis area and one of the best small choruses in the Central States.

The next occurred just recently, on February 19th. This pioneer event was the ALL-CHAMPS show, the first of its kind ever to be held in the St. Louis Area. This show consisted of the DANIEL BOONE

Chorus, the GATEWAY Chorus, and the St. Joseph, Mo., Chapter, PONY EXPRESSMAN Chorus, plus such quartets as the KEYPICKERS, MEN OF A CHORD, AND the MID-CONTINENTALS. The show was a stunning success, and already talk is heard of next year's show.

The idea behind this show was more exposure of Barbershopping in the St. Louis area and a chance for the people of St. Louis to see the best in CSD Choruses. Part of the proceeds would be used to help pay the CSD Chorus Champion's fare to the International Convention.

Two things in the mill hold much promise for the St. Charles Chapter. The first is the chapter's first Auditions for Admissions, which will be held on March 1, 1972. The chapter hopes to better expose itself to the large resources of St. Charles County in order to bolster its membership. Even without any AFA in the past year and half, the chapter has steadily grown. In October, 1970, at Davenport, the chorus had the bare minimum of twenty members on stage; in 1971, at Wichita, twenty-four; on February 19, 1972, at the All-Champs Show, thirty-five. Thirty represents a new 100 per cent increase in 16 months, and a 33 per cent increase in a mere four months. With AFAs now and in the future, St. Charles should have fifty men on stage in less than a year.

The second event coming up that is crucial to the chapter is the April 22, 1972 chorus elimination contest in St. Joseph, Mo. Not much can be said here, except that DANIEL BOONE Chorus members will go prepared and will return with the knowledge that they will go to contest in the fall. St. Charles barbershoppers do not like to attend two District contests in one Year: they want to remain in the top ten and go only in the fall!

Watch St. Charles in 1972.



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HI-CHORDS - Colorado Spring Chapter
CASTLEMEN - Davenport Chapter
QUARTER MOONS - Davenport Chapter
SILVER KINGS - Denver Chapter



Silver Anniversary

By John Snook, Des Moines Chapter

Nineteen Seventy Two will go down in S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. history as one of the biggest in Des Moines, Iowa.

THE KICKOFF dinner and program held Feb. 18, 1972, did just what it was supposed to do; it set the mood, and got everyone up in spirits to get out and sell the tickets to our SILVER ANNIVERSARY SHOW to be held April 8, 1972.

IN MEMORIAM

VERN DAVIDSON - Des Moines Chapter
 GLEN L. BOWMAN - Longmont Chapter
 ROGER WEST - Des Moines Chapter

The rundown on the featured quartets, "The Pacificaires," "The Hut Four" and last but not least, the 1971 Central States Champs, "The Mid-Continental" produced the necessary expected results, (Enthusiasm for barbershopping and selling tickets for the big show.)

Show Chairman BURDETTE THOMPSON was named Barbershopper of the Year. A standing ovation was given to the hardest working, most likeable barbershopper anybody every knew. Fred Owens, a notable judge from the De Moinaires chapter, and Jerry Pike our beloved director were presented with their 25 year pins.

"Livin the Life We Love" is the theme of the show this year and from the reaction of the members, wives and guests at the Kickoff Dinner it is a most appropriate title. Jerry and our assistant director Jim Frazee together with the Cooperation of the members and their hard working wives of "the De Moinettes," a newly organized auxiliary, we will have an outstanding show.

Next stop after our SILVER ANNIVERSARY SHOW will be at the contest in St. Joseph, Mo. The De Moinaires are working hard on their contest numbers. Our registered quartets have the pubs on Peach St. in Atlanta all staked out. St. Joseph will be another pleasant stop over on our journey through the 25th year of fun and hardworking practices with our brother barbershoppers.

THE CENTRAL STATES District convention and contest to be held in Des Moines Oct. 21, and 22 is going to round out and complete the greatest year in De Moinaire history. We are looking forward to the pleasure of seeing many out of town barbershoppers and a special invitation is extended to non-Iowans to help us celebrate our Big Year.

Remember one of the lines in the song "Iowa" is "you'll remember it wherever you go" and we will bet you won't forget THE DES MOINAIRES SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

1972 The Year Of Bicycle



By Paul Refuss,
 Davenport, Iowa Chapter

This is the year things will happen for the Chordbusters chorus. It started out with a bang. Pres. Don Pedersen riding his bicycle, and "Doc Seversin" Ben Hastie playing his horn was too much to miss. On January 11th, the Chordbusters chorus taped a half hour show at W.O.C. Davenport, for the "Talent Showcase." This was televised on Sunday, January 16th.

The first guest night for 1972 was held on February 3, 1972, 19 guests were present that evening. They were introduced by A.V.P. Doc Don Doering. A well planned program by P.V.P. Ben Hastie was presented for our guests. Also under the leadership of our A.V.P. Doc Doering we have already gained 8 new members.

The annual Awards Night Banquet was held on February 12th. Fran Shawver was named Barbershopper of the Year.

The novice quartet contest will be held on March 25th. Applications are being returned to Terry Tingwald for the quartet contest. We expect there will be about 15 to 20 quartets. It should be a big evening of fun and singing.

One of the Chordbusters community projects was a singout on February 24th. at the Ridgecrest Retirement Village. The chorus was well received by the men and women at the village. The chorus is at this time working on the annual show to be held on May 6th. We are for the first time presenting two shows.

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