



# The CENTRAL STATES Serenade



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

AUGUST 1962

## GALA LADS - THOROBREDS NEW CHAMPS KIPPERS 12th - PONY EXPRESSMEN 7th

Central States can be proud of their entries in the International Convention in Kansas City and can look forward with anticipation to even greater accomplishments from them in the future.

The Kippers of St. Joseph — North Kansas City did exceedingly well in the contest by being chosen as semi-finalists and then, to the delight of all Central Staters, taking the number 12 spot among the 45 quartets which competed. This is a tremendous jump for the Kippers from their standing of 28th last year in Philly and bespeaks great things to come from these four lads. The songs which carried them to this honor were, "Darktown Strutters' Ball" and "My Buddy"; "The Roaring 20's" and "Girl of My Dreams".

The Pony Expressmen of St. Joseph also made a fine showing and won the 7th place rating among the choruses with their new straw skimmers and singing "Hard Hearted Hannah" and "Broken Hearted".

The Champion Quartet for 1962 is the GALA LADS, a fine quartet from Alhambra, California. They made it to the top with a leap from 9th place last year in Philadelphia. They thrilled the audience with their beautiful control and feeling for their songs, plus the inevitable championship blend and accuracy.

The THOROBREDS of Louisville, Kentucky, dazzled the audiences with some of the most precise singing and stage movements seen on a contest stage in a long while and took top honors without a shadow of a doubt.

This year a new trophy was presented to the winning quartet and chorus besides the regular traveling championship trophies. The new trophy was the ASCAP Trophy, a beautiful silver urn. This trophy is a permanent one and will be presented each year by ASCAP.

The NUBBINS and VIGORTONES, Central States' other entries in the quartet contests did themselves proud and placed 29th and 33rd, respectively. They appeared a second time at the Quartet Jamboree on Friday, at which

all quartets not going on into the semi-finals are given an opportunity to sing their show material. The NUBBINS were even given an encore which is rare at an International Convention.

Kansas City was literally swarming with Barbershoppers for the four days of the Convention and everything was so well organized and planned by the hosting Kansas City area chapters, that the convention seemed to run along effortlessly, as all well organized events should.

With some 5000 barbershoppers and families to house, feed and otherwise accommodate, the Kansas City Chapters are to be congratulated on how very smoothly the entire week's events ran. The SERENADE salutes Liaison Chairman, "Pete" Peterson and Convention Co-Chairman, Don Thorne, and all their committee chairmen and workers for carrying the convention to such a great and satisfactory completion.

### JOG ALONG TO JOETOWN IN OCT., 5 - 7

Yessir, that time for our annual Central States District Contest is rolling around mighty fast. At the time of this writing there are only 10 weeks to go before the big gathering of the clan in St. Joe to name our 1962-63 District Championship Quartet and Chorus. From the sound of the many chapter bulletins we receive each month from all over the district, there are a lot of choruses working hard to get ready for the contest in October and the quartets should be legion. This year's contest will be tough considering all the enthusiasm being generated in the chapters throughout the district, and the champions will find their trophies hard fought for and early won. We have been informed that already there are three choruses entered for the contest.

The Pony Express chapter is hard at work on the preparations for the contests and convention and soon we will be hearing more from them about their plans for our comfort and pleasure the week end of October 5-7. Announcement has not been made yet of the activities planned, but they doubtless include such extras as a PROBE meeting, a Judges school and the Sunday morning critique. The House of Delegates meeting is set for Friday night at 8:30 PM. Be sure your chapter delegate attends.

Tickets for the contest sessions will be put on sale soon. Prices for both the Quartet Preliminaries in the morning and the afternoon Chorus contest are \$1.00 each. Tickets for the evening Quartet Finals are \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$2.00. Afterglow tickets are \$1.00. Tickets should be ordered from Richard E. Newlin, 3220 Monterey, St. Joseph, Mo. Please accompany all requests for tickets with your check payable to Pony Express chapter, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Headquarters hotel for the convention will be the Hotel Robidoux at Fifth and Francis Streets. All requests for hotel reservations must be made directly with the Hotel Robidoux. Room rates are: Singles \$6.00 - \$8.25, Doubles \$8.25 - \$11.25, and Twins \$10.75 - \$14.25.

Make your arrangements now to attend this great contest in St. Joe and have the time of your life. If you attended the '59 contest in St. Joe, you'll remember how well you were treated and what a really wonderful convention the St. Joe boys can put on. See you in Joetown this October!

### "MUSIC MAN" PREMIERES IN MASON CITY

June 19th proved to be one of the busiest days Mason City, Iowa Barbershoppers ever encountered. That was the day on which the much heralded movie of Meredith Willson's THE MUSIC MAN received its world premiere in Mason City. The event was held in conjunction with the MUSIC MAN MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

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held there the same day. The competition involved bands from 30 states all competing for the title of the National Champion High School Marching Band and a ten-day concert tour in the eastern part of the nation.

The bands began arriving in Mason City on June 18th and the entire day of the 19th was devoted to band events including a big Parade (the kind that marches down the street) in which all of the thirty bands marched plus many floats and other entries. The members of the RIVER CITY Chapter constructed and entered their own float in this parade.

The RIVER CITY Chapter (We assume everybody knows by now that Mason City is the "River City" of the MUSIC MAN) held its annual Spring Banquet on the 18th and as special guests, they entertained and were entertained by the BUFFALO BILLS, who appear in the film and were in Mason City for the premiere. Stopping by just to "look in and say, 'Hi!'", was Meredith Willson himself. He was not able to attend the banquet but took this means of expressing his appreciation to the Chapter for their part in the festivities. Several quartets from Mason City and

environs sang on the program to make the BILLS sound "good". Among them were the RUSTY HINGES, the ALEXANDERS and the SILVER TOPS. Of course, the BILLS enraptured the group with their Singing. Present in Mason City for the banquet and the premiere were CURT HOCKETT and BOB JOHNSON of International Headquarters. Both gentlemen spoke at the banquet and made those present proud to be part of this wonderful Society.

The Chorus also took part in the events of the day. They participated at a picnic for visiting dignitaries at the City's East Park. The Chorus sang a few numbers followed by the BILLS.

At the premiere that evening, only the press personnel were able to attend because of the limited capacity of the theatre. Being a member of the Fourth Estate, Roy Stuart, Editor of the RIVER CITY PITCH (the Mason City Chapter bulletin) received tickets and put them to full use. Roy reports that Arthur Godfrey attended the premiere and introduced the personalities in front of the theatre before the preview. He also says the movie is just great and you are sure to love Shirley Jones.

Our congratulations to Mason City for the fine way in which this nationally publicized event was handled and to the RIVER CITY Chapter for their part in the various functions.

## PROBE-INGS FROM KANSAS CITY

The P.R.O.B.E. meeting at the Int'l Convention in Kansas City saw an attendance of nearly 100 men and among them was a fine representation from Central States District.

Curt Hockett, Int'l Director of Public Relations opened the meeting and spoke on the great upsurge of interest in our Society by people and organizations outside our Society. The MUSIC MAN, both the stage and screen productions have given great impetus to barbershop singing. The movie in particular through the MUSIC MAN quartet contest, is promoting barbershop widely. The ASCAP organization is also tremendously interested in us, as was evidenced by their presentation of two beautiful silver trophies to the Championship Quartet and Chorus on stage in Kansas City.

Curt presented several awards following his speech. He gave achievement awards to eight chapters, fourteen individuals and six quartets.

Both President-elect, Wayne Foor and current President, Lou Layrel dropped by the meeting to address the group briefly.

The M.C. for the remainder of the program was Dee Paris of Washington, D. C. He introduced several prominent PROBE members who spoke on subjects

varying from "Getting chapter bulletins started" to "Using celebrities in PR". We will not try here to give a summary of these short five minute talks, but we wish every Central Stater could have heard them. They provided a world of "food for thought".

Following the speakers, the annual election of officers was conducted and the results are as follows:

President - - - - Wilbur Sparks,  
Alexandria, Virginia  
Vice-President- Ed Tainey,  
Whittier, California  
Vice-President- Charlie Wilcox,  
Freeport, Illinois  
Sec'y-Treas. - - Leo Fobart,  
Kenosha, Wisconsin  
Advisor - - - - Joe Griffith,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

## NEW OSKALOOSA, IOWA CHAPTER

The DE-MOINAIRES Chapter of Des Moines, Iowa has done it again! This makes the second chapter this year they have sponsored to licensing. Bethany, Mo. was finalized as a full fledged chapter during March and now, Oskaloosa is progressing toward the same goal. On May 21, 1962, the Des Moines Chapter sponsored the application to International and this has now been approved. This culminates not just a few short weeks of effort, but is the result of years of work of members of both the Des Moines Chapter and a few musically spirited men from Oskaloosa. The required interested members had been a draw back. Two visits by the Des Moines Chorus were necessary, correspondence was exchanged, and now, the birth of a new licensed chapter. To you in Oskaloosa Chapter, welcome into the finest organization a-singing. The Des Moines Chapter is proud, Central States is proud, and International is really proud. We invite you to feel as if you are just as much a member as the oldest mem-





## ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAPTERS

The HARMONY HAWKS have been a busy bunch recently. On Good Friday the chorus participated in the Cedar Rapids Lenten Services at which 900 were in attendance. The chapter's annual Parade was held on April 28 with the Schmitt Bros., as headliners. From the profits of the show the chapter was able to contribute \$500 to Camp Good Health, \$300 to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation and \$200 to the Shrine Crippled Children's Fund, in memory of Duane Platner. The chapter also happily reports that the DIPLOMATS have reorganized with Buzz Brown as contact man. His address is 650 Twenty-eighth St. Ct. S.E., Cedar Rapids. Fourteen C.R. men attended the K.C. International convention.

The chorus of the DUBUQUE, IOWA chapter sang for the Dubuque Sports Show in April and for the YMCA in May. Their annual Parade was on May 12. Chapter quartet has sung six times.

The SWITZERLAND OF IOWA chapter reports that they are in the process of purchasing new uniforms for their Parade which will be September 8th. Booked for the show are the HUT FOUR and the BADG-AIRES. The chapter also has had a picnic for members and families and in February a dinner at which Past President Pins were presented to three former Prexies. The chapters two quartets have sung four engagements.

In WICHITA, KANSAS, the chorus has been very active, having sung five engagements, these being for the Institute of Logopedics, an Old Timers Night, the Beach Employees Club, the Boeing Stratasingers and at the Orpheum Theater. The chapter also reports preparing for a show at Cheney, Kansas, in September.

From the AK-SAR-BEN chapter of Omaha we hear that the chorus has sung for the Lutheran Old People's Home and the Central States Auditors convention. Also, they have been receiving good coverage on TV and in the Newspapers, with a quartet singing on KMTV to publicize Harmony Week and also a picture in the Omaha World Herald. Twenty AK-SAR-BEN members visited the Lincoln chapter on April 14. The chapter quartets have sung three times.

Our vote as one of the most conscientious chapters in Central States goes to the KOSSUTH COUNTY chapter at Algona, Iowa. Last February 17 their Parade was severely hurt by an untimely blizzard, and many

ticket holders were unable to attend. The boys at Kossuth County decided that these people should be given a second chance to hear our wonderful music, so on April 14, the chapter held a second show so these people would be able to use their tickets. The chapter also invited the River City chapter and the Forest City chapter to be present. The chorus entertained the Iowa Wigwam Campers on May 26th and had a family picnic in June. The chapter has a new quartet called the NIGHT OWLS. Martin Huber, 418 N. Jones, is contact.

The most successful Parade in their history is reported by the CHEYENNE, WYOMING chapter in their second quarterly report. Headliner quartet for the show was the VIGORTONES of Cedar Rapids. The chapter chorus sang engagements for the Herbert PTA and the Bain PTA along with their two quartets. The chapter is also working with a group in Casper, Wyoming in an effort to get a chapter started there. The Cheyenne and Laramie chapters had a combined chorus sing on June 18. The chapter quartets sang a total of 10 times during the quarter.

For the second quarter the PONY EXPRESSMEN report singing for three groups. They appeared before the Bliss Jr. High School PTA, the DeKalb High School Alumni Dinner and the St. Joseph Optimist Club Minstrel Show. The JOETOWN FOUR and the KIPPERS sang eleven times this quarter.

The chorus raised \$146 for the Vocal Department of the Charles City Public School through their appearance there.

The RIVER CITY chapter of Mason City, Iowa, reports their chorus sang at the North Central PTA meeting at Hanlontown, Iowa, the Iowa Postmasters convention, the Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting, the Charles City Public School Vocal Department and the Charter show of the Garner, Iowa Sweet Adelines. Their quartets also participated in the functions besides singing at the International Preliminaries contest in Waterloo, Iowa in May.

From OTTAWA, KANSAS we received word that the chorus sang for the Osawatomie Hospital in April. The chapter Parade was on May 18 and it proved to be very successful. The chapter presented an Ottawa University scholarship to Vic Shanes for \$150. The chapter quartet has sung three engagements.

The SHELTON, IOWA chapter reports singing at a Hymn Sing at the Sheldon Community Bldg., in April and also for the O'Brien County Teachers meeting in April. The chapter had a Ladies Night in May which featured a chicken dinner. Four members went to the Kansas City convention. A new quartet has organized in the chapter called the MEL-O-ARCS and David DeKek of Anchor, Iowa is contact man.

The boys in the NOJOCO chapter have been active during the past quarter because their chapter assisted the Kansas City chapter in hosting the International Convention. Several of the men worked on committees and acted as Hosts and Aides to visiting quartets and choruses. The chorus also found time to sing for the Kansas City Epilepsy Association, the Roseland School PTA, the Johnson County Auxiliary of the National Postal Trans. Ass'n., and the Johnson County Frontier Days Celebration. The chapter made a contribution to the Central School PTA of \$25 and another \$25 to the Shawnee Kiwanis Club for charity use. One of the most unique of achievements is reported by the NOJOCO chapter. Although the chapter has no organized quartets, they still managed four singing engagements during the second quarter according to their quarterly report.

The DAVENPORT, IOWA chapter chorus appeared for the "i's Men" on May 24 and at the Starlight Revue on June 19. The chapter promoted some excellent Harmony Week activities, with a proclamation from their Mayor, radio and TV programs and a luncheon at which the International Honor Chapter award was presented to the chapter. The chapter held a Phil Beck Night at which they honored their departing Admin. Vice-Pres. who is moving to Florida. A trophy was presented to Phil. The chapter picnic was also held during June with 75 attending.

The chorus at FT. DODGE, IOWA has been quite busy with engagements during the second quarter. They sang for the St. Edmonds High School Benefit show in April, the Badger, Iowa Benefit show at which funds were raised for the Community Hall, the Otho Public School PTA and the District School Board meeting. The chapter also had a Ladies night on May 12 and their annual Parade in April. A donation of \$150 was presented to the Garry Rabiner Boys Home.

## CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS IN 1962 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The following are corrections in the District Directory for 1962.

Page 9 and 40 - Change George Strebler's address to read:  
6010 Carlsbad Ave.  
St. Louis 16, Mo.

Page 14 -- Change Larry Detweiler's address to read:  
3447 Bellaire St.,  
Denver 7, Colo.

Page 22 -- Change MASON CITY CHAPTER to RIVER CITY CHAPTER -- Change Al Dann's address to read:  
1116 Maple Dr.,  
Mason City, Iowa

Change Chet Crum's address to read:  
1207 Manor Dr.,  
Mason City, Iowa

Page 30 -- Add prefix Dr. to D. L. Young.

Page 35 -- Delete Fred Cort as Treasurer of Claytob, Missouri Chapter, treasurer now is:  
Charles Kellerman  
6901 Roberst Ave.,  
University City 30, Mo.

Page 37 -- Change Nile Abbott's phone number to:  
GE. 6-1510

Change address of SOUTHTOWN CHAPTER meeting place to:  
6425 Wornall Rd.

Page 38 -- Delete Tom Saunders as NORTH KANSAS CITY CHAPTER bulletin editor to:  
J. R. Kendall  
3238 Wayne  
Kansas City 9, Mo.

Page 40 -- Delete William Haupt as ST. LOUIS NO. 1 CHAPTER president. New president is:  
Robert Bond  
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Affton 23, Mo.  
Phone: FL. 3-4850

Delete Robert Bond as ST. LOUIS NO. 1 CHAPTER vice-president. New vice-president, Program is:

Bert Flier  
6201 Michigan  
St. Louis 11, Mo.

## HARRY SPARROW MOVES TO CALIFORNIA

Central States' loss was FAR-WESTERN'S gain along about the middle of May when "Mr. Barbershopper", Harry Sparrow, moved to sunny California to "retire". Actually,

he has been retired for nearly twenty-five years and has divided his time among his wife and two daughters, his church, Kiwanis and SPEBSQSA, especially the latter.

Harry joined the Colorado Chapter in 1946, when he was one of the charter members of the Chapter. During this time he served as chapter secretary and bulletin editor for about ten years and has been the District Delegate for fifteen years. He was also District President and a member of the International Board. Administrative policies on both a local and an International level have been constructed with the benefit of his counsel.

Other services which Harry has rendered have been as Secretary and Timer on numerous judging panels - he is an expert on harmony accuracy, knows most everything about arrangement and is thoroughly familiar with all of the other judging categories. He is the perennial assistant manager of the Pikes' Peak Parades, taking care of 1001 details to get the show on and always sold from 100 to 400 tickets.

One of Harry's favorite and best known barbershop activities is his "music exchange". If the song has been written, Harry probably has it in his files. He has over 300 pieces of music on ditto forms and distributes copies and arrangements all over the U.S. Rare indeed is the chapter which does not have at least one piece of music from Harry.

Harry has coached many quartets including the ALTITUNES and the SPRING-SINGERS. He has even sung in some quartets.

When he gets settled in California, Harry is looking forward to forming a chapter of "old folks" and with his background, how can he miss? Harry, all of Central States is sorry to lose you and we wish you the very best in your new home and hope you will come back to visit from time to time.

## DEATH OF FRANK HOLM

Frank Holm was a true barbershopper and an avid quartet man. He was a very active member of the AK SAR BEN chapter in Omaha for 15 years. He was always willing to do more than his share to make the chapter a success. His one ambition was to sing with a quartet in contest. He finally achieved his wish last fall in Topeka when he competed with the "C" NOTES as their bari. Frank had been in poor health for several years and entering competition in Topeka was a great strain on him, but he was such a devoted barbershopper that he entered the contest anyway to achieve his great ambition. Frank passed away the latter part of May. He will be sorely missed by the members of the AK SAR BEN chapter.

## TOPEKA CHORUS MAKES TAPE FOR SAVINGS BOND DRIVE

U. S. Savings Bond State Director for Kansas, Lorin E. Sibley, is not a member of our Society, but he likes our style of singing and is a great booster. Late in April he asked Topeka's Capitol City Chorus to make a tape recording of Irving Berlin's "Any Bonds Today?" Dr. Hershel Stroud, Chorus Director, made an on-the-spot arrangement of 16 bars of the song to run 45 seconds. He gave it a typical intro on the words, "buy bonds" with a solid 7th chord. Sibley thought it was great. After a couple of rehearsals the Chorus was ready to record. WIBW Studios in Topeka donated their facilities for the taping. The tape ran one minute. Copies were sent to radio stations throughout Kansas for exposure during the June Bond Drive. It is estimated the tape was played about 1000 times during the drive.

## HUGH WELCH BRINGS IN FIVE NEW MEMBERS

One of the most loyal members of the Pony Express chapter is Hugh Welch, a charter member of the chapter and its first president. Proving he is still as enthusiastic as ever, Hugh recently was honored by the International Society when he was presented with a beautiful set of brass "Man of Note" book ends in recognition of his service to the Society by bringing five new members into his Chapter within one year. The Central States District wishes to add its congratulations to Hugh and wish him many more years of barbershopping and bringing in new members.

## ST. JOE MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO DISASTER FUND

The Pony Expressmen chorus sang an engagement for the Alumni Association of the DeKalb, Missouri High School on May 12. DeKalb has recently suffered a destructive fire which burned down several business buildings and eight homes adjoining. Because of this unfortunate event, the Pony Expressmen voted unanimously to present the fee which they were to receive for the singing engagement to the DeKalb Disaster Fund.

The new NORTHWEST MISSOURI chapter at Bethany reports two chorus engagements. One for the District Rotary Convention in Cameron, Missouri on April 29 and the following day they sang for the Rotary meeting in Leon, Iowa. A new quartet has been formed called the KNICKKNACKS with David Newman of Bethany as contact man. The quartet sang for the Blythedale Alumni Banquet in May.



## CENTRAL STATES "MEN OF NOTE"

These men are helping build our Society

Paul Roberts, Bolivar, Mo. (Pomme de Terre)  
 Keith Parminter, Bolivar, Mo. (Pomme de Terre)  
 Joe Williams, Bolivar, Mo. (Pomme de Terre)  
 Dr. Ben Koon, Bolivar, Mo. (Pomme de Terre)  
 William Ashcroft, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pikes Peak)  
 Harold Elwell, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pikes Peak)  
 Robert Elgas, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pikes Peak)  
 Charles Honnold, Davenport, Iowa  
 Leon Kershaw, Denver, Colo. (Mile-Hi)  
 Leland White, Denver, Colo. (Mile-Hi)  
 Carmine Cerone, Denver, Colo. (Mile-Hi)  
 Robert Magill, Denver, Colo. (Mile-Hi)  
 Don L. Farrell, Des Moines, Iowa (De-Moinaires)  
 Bernard Fisher, Elkader, Iowa  
 Bradley Smith, Elkader, Iowa  
 Harry Herrick, Elkader, Iowa  
 John Rugger, Florissant Valley, Mo.  
 Al Blodgett, Florissant Valley, Mo.  
 Kenneth Eggers, Florissant Valley, Mo.  
 Larry Forrestal, Florissant Valley, Mo.  
 Herb L. Dick, Ft. Dodge, Iowa  
 James Blahan, Ft. Dodge, Iowa  
 Orville C. Martin, Kansas City, Mo. (Heart of America)  
 Arthur Babcock, Kansas City, Mo. (Heart of America)  
 Clem Galles, Lemars, Iowa  
 Eldon Baker, Lincoln, Nebr. (Cornhuskers)  
 Jim Krieger, Lincoln, Nebr. (Cornhuskers)

Robert C. Johnson, North Johnson County, Kansas (Nojoco)  
 Lee Huddleston, North Johnson County, Kansas (Nojoco)  
 R. F. Stryker, Omaha, Nebr. (Ak-Sar-Ben)  
 Chet Stolinski, Omaha, Nebr. (Ak-Sar-Ben)  
 Albert C. Mouthy, Pittsburg, Kansas  
 Reginald L. Longstaff, Pittsburg, Kansas  
 Jerry Suiter, Concordia, Kansas (Prairie Crooners)  
 Hugh D. Welch, St. Joseph, Mo. (Pony Express)  
 Harvey Parker, St. Joseph, Mo. (Pony Express)  
 Ronnie Meng, St. Joseph, Mo. (Pony Express)  
 Warren E. Booher, St. Joseph, Mo. (Pony Express)  
 Don Binnicker, St. Joseph, Mo. (Pony Express)  
 Joe Wodicka, St. Louis, Mo. (No. 1)  
 Jack McVey, St. Louis, Mo. (No. 1)  
 Fred Bohn, Clayton, Mo. (St. Louis Suburban)  
 John Sarson, Clayton, Mo. (St. Louis Suburban)  
 Dr. R. F. Hickman, Sheldon, Iowa  
 Dan Shinkle, Sheldon, Iowa  
 Norman Shryer, Springfield, Mo. (Heart of the Ozarks)  
 Jedd Abney, Springfield, Mo. (Heart of the Ozarks)  
 Richard Ellis, Kansas City, Mo. (Southtown)  
 Russ Craig, Kansas City, Mo. (Southtown)  
 Lester Schrader, Kansas City, Mo. (Southtown)  
 Charles White, Topeka, Kansas  
 Bob Stuner, Topeka, Kansas  
 Duane Larsen, Viborg, South Dakota (Tri Valley)  
 Waldomar Dick, Wichita, Kansas

## CSA BULLETIN CONTEST

It was announced in Waterloo that the Central States District again this year will hold a chapter bulletin contest to determine the most outstanding bulletin in the District. As you will recall, this contest was instigated last year and the winning bulletin for 1961 was the RIVER CITY PITCH of Mason City, Iowa, edited by Roy Stuart.

Entering the contest is simple. To do so, notify the District President "Pete" Peterson that you intend to have your bulletin entered in the contest and then send him three (3) CONSECUTIVE issues of your bulletin immediately! Pete will forward the bulletins to the judges whose decision will be announced at the District Probe meeting in St. Joe on Saturday, October 6.

In case you didn't already send your bulletin to Pete, you should, as it is urged that chapters send their bulletins to all District Officers. Pete's address is: C. V. Peterson, 6112 Lamar,

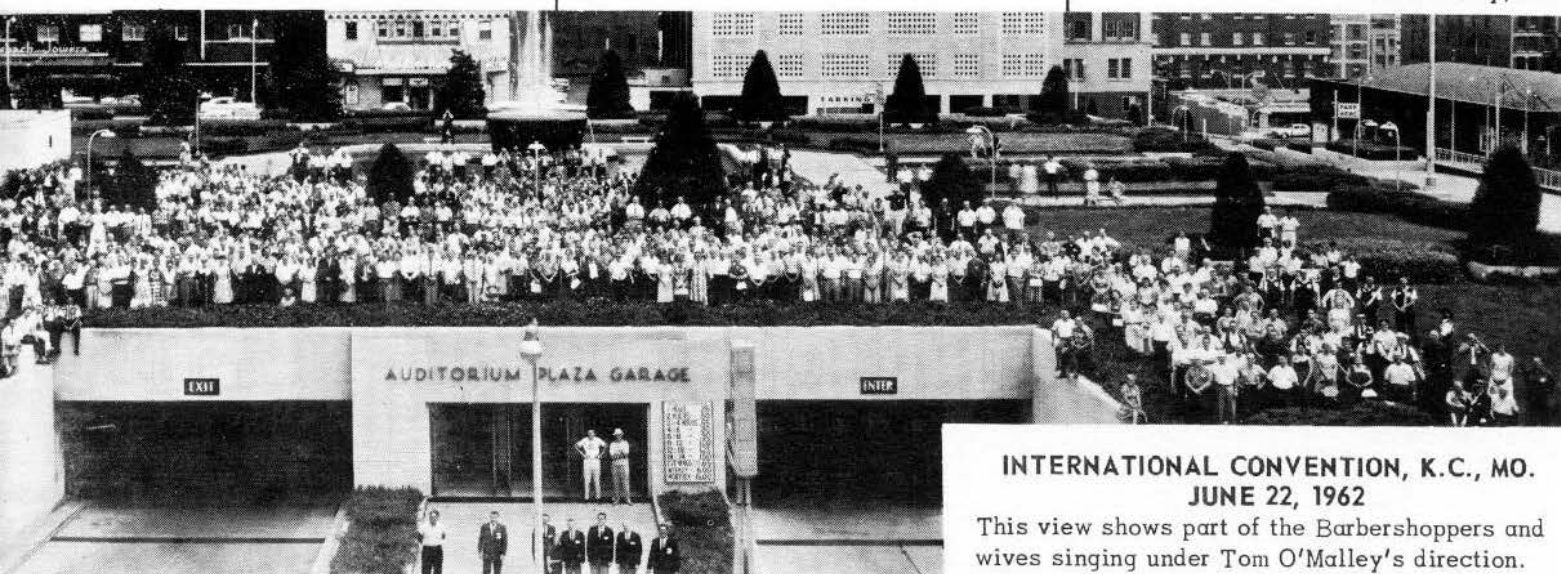
Mission, Kansas.

Come on and send those bulletins in and get in on the fun! YOU may be the winner. (By the way, your District Editor - that's me - would also appreciate receiving your chapter bulletin. You'll find my address on the return address of this paper.)

## COMING EVENTS

All events are Parades unless otherwise noted.

September 8, 1962	Waukon, Iowa
September 29, 1962	Le Mars, Iowa
October 5-7, 1962	District Contest, St. Joseph, Mo.
October 13, 1962	Davenport, Iowa
October 20, 1962	Waterloo - Cedar Falls, Iowa
November 3, 1962	Southtown, Kansas City, Mo.



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, K.C., MO. JUNE 22, 1962

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Richard E. Newlin, 3220 Monterey St. St. Joseph, Mo.

Out in COLORADO SPRINGS activity has been quite high during the past quarter. The chorus and quartets presented programs for the Security Junior High School, the Goodwill Industries and the residents of the Myron Stratton Home. The chapter Parade was presented on May 26 with the Evans Quartet

as headliners. Thirty barbershoppers and wives attended the International Convention.

The NORTH KANSAS CITY chapter had its Parade on April 28. The Springfield, Mo. chorus appeared on the show to reciprocate for the appearance the NKC chorus made on the Springfield show last December.

CENTRAL STATES SERENADE  
STEWART VAUGHN, Editor  
Hempfle, Missouri

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHORUS DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED

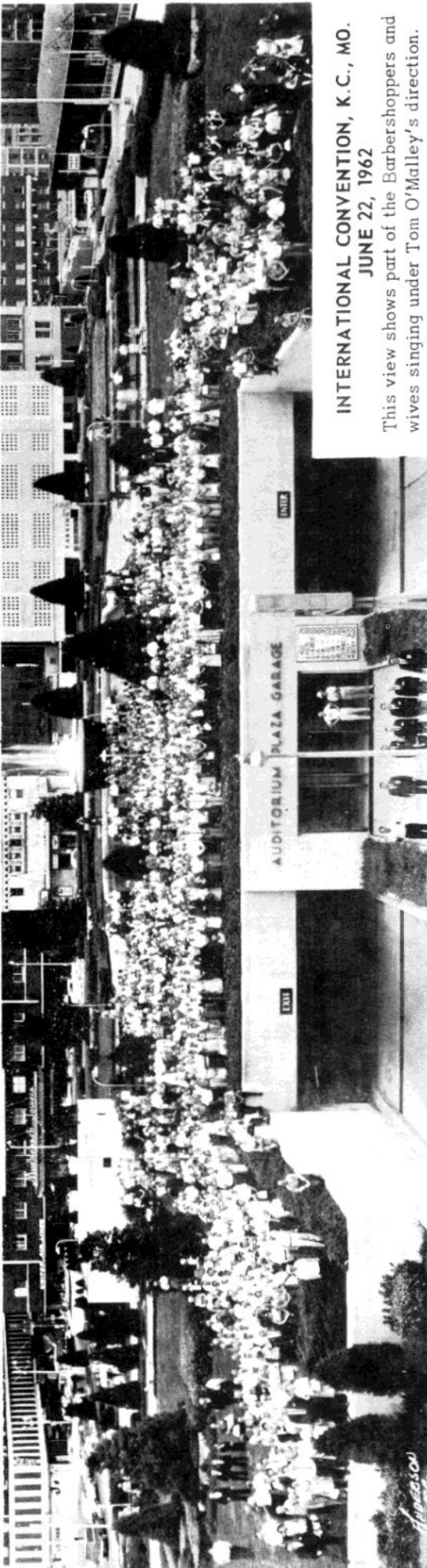
The Trustees of Harmony Foundation of SPEBSQSA agreed to donate \$200.00 to each District for the purpose of sending one or more of its Chorus Directors to one of this year's Harmony Education Program Summer Schools. The selection of the recipients of the scholarships was left to each District Board.

Chet Fox, Chairman of the CSA selection committee, has just phoned your Editor as we go to press that the following men have been selected to represent the District and will attend the HEP school in Winona, Minnesota, August 24-26. Howard Mesecher, Davenport, Iowa; Joseph Secrest, Cloud County, Kansas and Harold Taylor, St. Louis, Missouri are the three chorus directors named. Congratulations to these men and to the chapters they represent. We know their chorus will benefit much from the knowledge each will absorb in Winona.

Chet also mentioned the hope that each chapter in the District would send their chorus director to one of the HEP schools. Use the enrollment blank in the last issue of the HARMONIZER and let your director know that as a chapter how much you appreciate his efforts.

## DES MOINES B.O.T.Y. AWARD

Earlier this year the Des Moines chapter held a kick-off dinner for their Parade and at the dinner the Barbershopper of the Year award was presented. This year's recipient was CHARLES PATRICK, a member of the chapter for 15 years. He is the pitch pipe blower for the Des Moines Chorus, has sung in numerous quartets and can be seen at nearly all contests. CSA's congratulations are extended to Chuck.



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This view shows part of the Barbershoppers and wives singing under Tom O'Malley's direction.

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