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Clubs which have adjourned during the Summer, and have so notified Editor of Gavel, will not be listed in the Rendezvous.

If your Club should be listed and it does not appear above, write to Gavel, giving the information as to time and place of meeting.

Is your Club incorrectly listed above? Write to Gavel and bawl out the Editor of the Rendezvous column. We cant do anything with him, and you may be able to do as much.

News Items MUST be in the Gavel news room on or before the 20th of the month. SEND YOURS IN NOW, DONT WAIT TILL THE 20th.

ON TO Whittier

An exceptionally fine opportunity for the Toastmasters to present their wares, and to spread their propaganda to YMCA Secretaries will be afforded us this Summer.

On August 6th at Whittier College we will hold an International Council and banquet. We will put on a typical program before these YMCA Secretaries who are to be there from all parts of the United States, Canada, and Hawaii attending the Summer School.

This year on account of the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, there will be many 'Y' Secretaries in attendance.

It is up to the Toastmasters of California to make a good impression on these visitors. This means that every speaker should be the pick of his club.

Art Johnson of Pasadena, Paul Demaree of Anaheim, Clark Chamberlain of San Diego, and Jean Bordeaux of Long Beach are the Committee on Arrangements. Get in touch with them if you have any suggestions, or wish to help in putting over this big program.

The Toastmaster of the evening at Whittier is none other than the Jovial boy from the Crown City, Clarence Marshall. He is in training now preparing to give us a fine exhibition of toastmastering, and also valiant trencherman prowess. Art Johnson, of course, will give Clarence a good run for the latter honor, as Art is a connoisseur of good cats.

Bulletins will be sent out shortly to Toastmasters everywhere, telling all about the program at Whittier, where to go, how to get to the meeting place, what to bring, the cost, etc.

Meanwhile, mark the date down NOW, and be sure to keep it open for this affair. AUGUST 6th AT WHITTIER COLLEGE. This is a Saturday and you will have ample time to take in the Olympic Games in the afternoon, coming to Whittier for the evening because dinner will not start till 6.30.

Constitution & the By Laws Amended.

The amendments discussed at the San Diego Council and then submitted to all member clubs for action, are now a part of International's Constitution and By-Laws.

Under the new laws, we have opened the door and every Toastmaster Club, regardless of location or distance away from our headquarters, can now join and give us support, at the same time receiving much inspiration from us.

Article III of the Constitution covers Membership in the Federation. This article NOW reads as follows:

Section 1 - Membership in this Federation shall be of two classes, and any Toastmasters' Club subscribing to this constitution shall be eligible to membership.

Section 1 - B - Toastmaster Clubs which pay yearly dues for each member of such clubs shall be ACTIVE members of the Federation. Active Clubs shall have the right to vote in Councils of the Federation.

Section 1 - C - Toastmaster Clubs which pay Five (\$5) Dollars or more per year (which payment shall include and pay for five annual subscriptions to the magazine Gavel) shall be ASSOCIATE members of this Federation. Associate Clubs shall not have any vote in councils of the Federation.

Article II of the By-Laws covers dues and Section Two of that Article NOW reads

Section 2 - By-Laws - Dues in this Federation shall be One (\$1) Dollar per year for each member of each Active Club, which fee shall include and pay for one annual subscription to the magazine Gavel. Dues shall be payable semi-annually on the first day of April and of October, except the first semi-annual payment which shall be paid before a charter is granted.

Under these new rules, there is no reason why Toastmasters everywhere should not receive the Gavel and be members of a rapidly growing organization which is spreading Toastmastership around the Globe. Send in your applications. Jean Bordeaux.

Paul Demaree was heartily congratulated on bringing home the bacon from the International meeting at San Diego. This reporter has not yet seen the cup. We are certainly going to keep it in our midst. And that onyx gavel filled an important need in our club. The old one was worn out. President Brown believes in using this new one.

The San Diego Club took the council seriously. On May 24th Ray Lindschied of the San Diegans, attended our meeting to find out why we hadn't sent in any reservations. He was out drumming up business and did very well, too. Imagine his enthusiasm, coming a 100 miles to see how many of us would attend.

We are again hearing one autobiography each week, lasting four to five minutes. We recently learned from Paul Demaree that he spent the first 15 years of his life in Japan. When you hear him muttering unintelligible sounds, he is 'cussing' in Japanese.

As part of our program at the June 7th meeting we heard a debate on the question Resolved - that selfishness is the motive of every human act. Bill Kohlenberger took the affirmative and Cyril Hannah the negative. This was the culmination of a friendly argument on this subject between these two members, which had been going on for some weeks. No decision has yet been reached. After hearing them, we were strong for both sides.

The proposed amendment to the International Constitution and by-laws was heartily approved by our club. As usual, we will continue to meet during the Summer. Some of the boys will drive up to the beach each week but will manage to be on hand for our sessions.

That new toastmaster in your reporter's family now weighs 11 pounds and is under study for the post of Stentor, the strong-voiced orator. He even talks back to his mother who asserts that on all good features, he resembles her, but the bad features are an inheritance from the male side. Come around and see the world's youngest Toastmaster.

Bill Claussen.

To begin with, our club thanks all the toastmasters and toastmistresses, and their friends for the splendid support and cooperation given us at the recent convention. Without such interest being shown, the convention would not have been a success. THANK YOU ALL.

Remember, we meet at 6.15 p.m. in the San Diego Hotel every Monday night. You will be welcomed.

Beginning June 15th we started a drive for members to run three weeks. Or until we had 35 active members. We divided into two teams with Roy Chafe heading the Reds and Ray Linschied the Blues. The team getting most members will eat chicken and the losing team will dine on beans.

During the past month our club gave 29 radio talks over KGB and KFSD. Some of the boys gave 4 talks, some 3, and a great many single talks were delivered.

In addition, we have been out speaking in behalf of the Midsummer Night Symphonies to be held in Balboa Park. These talks were made before various service clubs.

Wilkie Wilkerson has been giving 30 minute talks on Traffic Safety before schools and clubs. Fred Heidlebach has filled the pulpit in various churches.

C. VanDerBurg, Doc. Knutson, and Roy Chafe are assisting Jim Willey on the Outside Activity Committee, which body keeps us all on the go. Just look as the you felt like making a speech before some civic group, and that bunch of committeemen will have you signed, sealed and delivered in a jiffy.

Besides the various outside talks mentioned above, Leo Schmid and Clark Chamberlain have been making speeches here, there and other places but they don't even keep track of these engagements. Robley Veall braved the terrors of the Lions and talked before the East San Diego Lion's.

There is much more news but I must go down to Oceanview and look over these new bathing suits. Oh yes, they are on girls.
Ken Hallawell.

OTHER TOASTMASTERS LAUGHED AT THESE

She - You're the nicest boy I ever kissed
He - Tell that to the Marines.
She - I have, dozens of them.

The new member claims to be related to you and says he can prove it.

"The man is a fool."

"Yes, but that may be a mere coincidence"

Fish Dealer - Lady, this fish is absolutely fresh, just breathed his last as you came in.

Lady - Sniffing - What a breath it had!

We shall reside at the old manse said the bride. And the reporter wrote, "When the couple return from the honeymoon, they will reside with the bride's father."

Artist - Shall I paint you in a frock coat, sir:

Newly Rich - Oh, dont fuss, just wear your overalls.

Sache Guitry gave a young lady an audition. After listening to a song or so, he benevolently patted her on the head and said, "My dear child, marry soon, God Bless you."

How do you like your new boss, said one stenographer to another.

Fine, but he's bigoted.

Bigoted, how do you mean.

Well, he thinks words can be spelled only in his way.

There was an auto wreck. One driver came out of his car grumpy and bellicose. Striding up to a man on the sidewalk, he thought this chap the other driver, and roared, "What's the idea, where's your tail light. The innocent bystander looked at the wrathful autoist in amazement and said, "Say, Mr. do you take me for a lightning bug."

Lady, will you help a poor man that's been to the front?

No. And I dont believe you ever were at the front.

I was, Lady, but couldnt make you hear me.

Curios - Didx you give the wife that lecture on economy.

Domesticity - Yes.

Curious - Any results

Domesticity - Yes, I've got to quit smoking.

JOKES. SEE HOW THEY EFFECT YOUR FUNNYBONE

A city boy was quizzed by his country cousin. "What do you know about a cow, you dont even know if that's a Jersey." "Well, of course I cant see its license from here."

The pharmacist instructed the errand boy to deliver the prescription to a Mr. Crummack. Remember, Crummack rhymes with Stomach. Two hours later the boy returned and said, I cant find Mr. Kelly.

A small lad loading a donkey passed an army camp. Two soldiers jeered and one of them called "Why hang on to your brother so tightly, son? "So he went enlist in the army."

Tombstone Dealer - How would a simple "Gone Home" do?

The Widow - I think that is all right, it was always the last place he ever thought of going.

My good man, does this dog possess a family tree.

Oh No, Sir, he has no particular tree.

My wife can be an ~~xxx~~ angel when she wants to be.

Mine, too, any time now.

Do you think I look all right in my new gown, Darling.

Yes, replied Hubby, but couldnt you get a little further into it.

A corporal was drilling and marching in front of a squad and overheard a rear rank voice say, "This squad is like a flivver with the crank in front."

"Yes, snapped back the corporal, "But the nuts are all behind."

A smart young man monopolized the conversation in a pullman smoker and ridiculed Bible stories, especially those of David and Goliath, etc. Turning to an old man he asked for corroboration. The old man said, "The story is not improbable. If Goliath was as softheaded as you, David would have had no trouble."

A father, nervously waiting for a telegram, received the following message, "Baby girl born this morning stop mother and the baby both fine." On the corner of the envelope he noticed this label "When you want a boy, ring Western Union."

Los Angeles Club - Los Angeles, Cal.

June 14th was the big night for us. We met at the home of J. Gustav White in Arcadia and found his beautiful gardens gayly decorated with colored lights and gorgeous flowers.

The folks arrived early and enjoyed strolling about the flower beds, playing in the numerous games at hand, and greeting old friends.

It was a dinner al fresco. Tables were scattered over the lawn, the ladies had hampers filled to overflowing with good things to eat.

Some 45 people sat at the tables and amid sallies and fast-flying jests, all present satisfied the pangs of hunger and seasoned the food with stories both old and new. C.R. Hampson, president of the club had one and having told it, found to his dismay, that it started an avalanche of similar stories. With his well-known perspicuity, our jovial critic Mr. White told one that capped the climax and we gave up in despair, knowing we couldn't match him as a raconteur.

The lights glowing softly, the moon shining down with a huge smile on his genial face, made a unique setting for the program which was so ably introduced by Toastmaster G. R. Thomson.

His speakers were Dr. Russell Jewett who talked about food. Mrs. Press Adams of the Toastmistress' Club gave a stirring speech on Honor the Flag.

Dr. Luis Chandler hopped back to Epictetus and learnedly disguised Stoicism. He revealed that the topic carried a lesson to us all.

Peter Whitehill with his usual good humor, showed us verbally some of the things to expect during the 10th Olympiad and urged that we all support the games. Mrs. P.A. Foster of the Toastmistress' Club explained the various kinds of friendship, and Dr. Campbell closed the program with his feelingly related tale of an old Country Doctor. Adjourning at 9.30 p.m. after discussing the points brought out by Critic White, we departed bearing happy memories of a large evening.

Tom Butler

The Toastmistress' Club of the

Los Angeles Y.M.C.A.

On June 28th we held a joint meeting at the Pollyanna Restaurant overlooking Westlake Park. About 100 Toastmasters and Toastmistresses with their friends were in attendance.

The dining room was appropriately decorated and President Mrs. Frederick Hershman asked her young son Frederick, Jr., to recite the American's Creed, which was followed by the invocation of Dr. Trowhella.

Toastmistress of the evening Mrs. P.A. Foster introduced her program to the queen's taste. Dr. Walter Stark of the Toastmasters Club sounded the keynote for the evening by putting us in good humor with his talk on Tolerance. Dr. Trowhella spoke on Opium and Miss. Frances Moore gave us Foot Notes on a Radio Broadcast.

Dr. P.A. Foster explained Voice Value and Mrs. Russell Jewett took us skipping over Italy which country she covered in about 6 minutes. Dr. Florence Dunlap was a splendid booster for the Olympic Games. Tom Butler was a man of his word and his subject Inspiration actually did that.

Robert Jones, Vaudeville Headliner, gave us some lovely tenor solos. He tried to get away but we coaxed some encores from him.

The Hershman children, Sara Jane, Margaret, Frederick, Jr., and Suzanne delighted us with their sweet music on the Marimba. Suzanne, who announced, was as lovely as cupid and captivated the audience.

Mrs. Jean Morris Ellis criticized the men and did it very handily. J. Gustav White acted a like service for the women, and had us all laughing happily over his astute analyses.

The speaking program over, we adjourned to the balcony room and found bridge tables waiting for those who like to flip the cardboards.

The audience voted hearty thanks to the good ladies of the Toastmistress Club for the excellent program.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JULY

An eminent authority on public speaking once visited a Toastmasters club in Sou. California, and learning for the first time of this unusual activity, he became tremendously interested in its possibilities.

In commenting on the constructive criticism received by each speaker, this authority stated that in his opinion, such criticism was the most valuable and important part of the entire program. Without such criticism, faults can never be corrected.

Evidently all Toastmasters do not share the opinion, for it is apparent in some clubs that criticism is a matter to be touched on lightly. Where such a condition exists there is no doubt, a certain hesitancy against a strong criticism for fear it might discourage or antagonize the speakers, and thus do more harm than good.

Such an attitude comes from the best motives but is highly detrimental to the Club's best interests, and will do more to retard progress than almost anything else.

It is true that criticisms can be too harsh, though members who sincerely wish to be better speakers will disagree. You do not need to be harsh or biting in making strong criticisms.

Constructive criticism is never caustic or unfeeling. However, I believe that it is far better to inject occasional bite to your criticisms, than to continue as many critics do by praising a talk to the skies, or weakly remarking "I can find no fault with the speech."

A true seeker after knowledge (and the improvement of one's speaking ability certainly belongs in that category) is broad enough to take the good suggestions for improvement, as the critic gives them and to disregard suggestions that are unfair or inappropriate.

Surely no genuine Toastmaster needs to be told how good he is, when his very presence at the club meetings indicates his desire to become a better speaker. 6

At present, various methods of handling criticism prevail, but most clubs have either a permanent critic who handles all such work, or as in the case of several Sou. California clubs, the responsibility for constructive criticism is placed upon the entire membership of the club.

Sharing this responsibility appeals to me, though I do not wish to take issue with other methods which are undoubtedly proving successful.

Under the one plan the General Critic appears at the end of the speaking program, after the individual critics have been heard. This General Critic is simply a member taking his turn at the job, and while he will leave something to be desired the first time or two, such practice will eventually work a remarkable change for the better. By rotating this assignment the club is soon well equipped with trained critics and the effect of such a system will be noted ere long.

Under the other plan you must hire and pay for an expert in public speaking. Occasionally you secure one who actually can criticize and explain faults so that the club members will profit by the expert knowledge. But all too often you find that the expert cannot seem to fit in with the Toastmaster Club, and in addition, his fees soon leave the club treasury bare.

Regardless of the method used in your club, take stock of the type of criticism being offered to your speakers. If the criticism is not constructive, not strong and not beneficial, you are missing the great feature of toastmaster clubs.

Don't misunderstand me, I do not advocate sarcasm nor biting irony. I DO ADVOCATE that critics be honest and not afraid. Say what you think and do not refrain because you fear injuring the speaker's feelings.

Remember - you are attending the Club meetings not only to help yourself, but to help the other fellow. If you want to improve, and if you want the other fellow to improve, then you should show it by telling frankly where his faults are, and having told him, be prepared to tell him how to overcome those faults. Try it, and watch the improvement.

J. Clark Chamberlain.

The way our last few programs went over it would appear that our members have become more interested as the season advanced. Anyhow, we have all advanced in speaking ability this season, far beyond our fondest hopes.

With the June 1st ^{session} ~~season~~ we closed our term and the next meeting will be held on October 5th. This gives us a four months vacation. During this time our vocal chords will recuperate.

Strange as it seems, and believe it or not, the Ontario Toastmistress' Club does not feel the need for a vacation. They will carry on and keep our fair city on the oratorical map during the Summer. Rumors reach this reporters ears that some of the fair and lovely ladies sniff at us because we are taking a vacation. Since we do all the work, we need one.

On May 25th we held our Laugh night. If anyone present failed to laugh, we put him on the spot. Harold Wilson was the Toastmaster and he started us off by being on hand. W. E. Baier described His Boyhood Ambition. William Batchelor told of His First Disappointment. Francis Lino revealed that he gave old Don Juan lots of competition as he revealed the details of His First Romance.

The June 1st meeting at San Antonio Park was a combination picnic and program. Of course we brought the ladies along, because men must eat. The club gave the committee on arrangements a big hand. We wont name them because too much praise is detrimental. Toastmaster of the evening was C. W. Jaggard. Speakers were Roland ~~Reynolds~~ Reynolds, Don Vowels, and Harold Wilson. Subjects were respectively Strange Patents, Our Navy, It Might Have Been.

Well folks, we'll be looking for you in October. And if you come thru Ontario look me up. Till the next time, Aloha.

T.C.Manchester.

A.C.Acason of San Diego Club received the following letter from the Turkey Boys.

"Dear Mr. Acason: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed letter of March 18th, together with several copies of the Gavel forwarded from the International Headquarters. In one of our recent meetings your letter was read and our members are very enthusiastic about contact with you. They want to know all of you better and become real friends with you all, even from afar.

In the copy of the Gavel, which appeared in April, we see that the whole of page two is devoted to our club, which is very flattering to us, indeed.

These last weeks, in addition to our usual fortnightly debates, we have had some very interesting lectures, given by English speaking professors on Fine Arts, Physical Hygiene, How to develop Mental Capacity, and by our own members on Exportation in Turkey, The Wood Industry, Liquors, and on how To Acquire the Art of Effective Speaking. Further we had a few meetings with a group of young women from the Y.W.C.A. of our city, in which problems common to both sexes were discussed.

In regard to the question of our affiliation with the Toastmasters' International we are considering this matter very seriously and I will write to you again about this in our next letter.

I have the pleasure to enclose a picture of some of the members of our society, taken during one of our meetings, and, awaiting the favor of an early reply, I am

Yours very truly,

~~xxx~~ A. D. ATESHGLOU, Pres.

English Debating Society of the
Beyoglu Branch, Y.M.C.A.

42 Moshrutiyet Cadesi, Istanbul, Turkey.

The editor hopes that other Toastmasters will write to these splendid fellows. Get an idea of how people on the other side of the world think. These chaps will be delighted to hear from Toastmasters around the world. And undoubtedly the Turkish speakers are progressive. Drop 'em a line.

SANTA ANA - CALIFORNIA

We have completed a three months contest on attendance and membership in which unusual enthusiasm developed, to the great good of the club. Exceptional attendance records were made and the programs were excellent.

We will continue our meetings thru the Summer, granting leaves of absence to our members who go on vacations. We meet at Ketner's Cafe each Wednesday at 6.15. Better drive over.

The Summer programs will stress impromptu discussions of timely subjects, informal debates, and careful criticism.

A series of three talks given recently on three successive evenings proved helpful. The first was on HOW TO DELIVER A SPEECH - the second on HOW TO CRITICIZE A SPEECH - and the third on HOW TO BUILD A SPEECH.

The new timing light which we won at San Diego convention, is rendering fine service in limiting speakers. Clubs in need of such a device would do well to copy the design of this cleverly built light.

Ralph Smedley

ENGLISH AS THE SIAMESE WRITE IT

Recently your Editor found a sample of Siamese newspaper writing. It is quoted below as a warning to all ~~the~~ good Toastmasters.

"The news of English we tell the latest and ~~we~~ all writ in perfectly style and most earlist. Do a murder get commit we hear and tell it. Do a mighty chief decease, we publish in borders of sombre. Staff has each one been colleged, and write like the Kipling and the Dickens. We circulate every town and extortionate not for advertisingsments. Bought it have you? Be touched with the last word."

Just beca use a rope is twisted to make good, is not a proof thata good Toastmaster must be twisted, too.

PASADENA - CALIFORNIA

We ended our season in a blaze of glory. We had candles on the table. Clarence Marshall was Toastmaster of the evening and swears he was steam-rolled into the task.

Art Johnson had us in stitches with his talk on the GAY NINETIES, telling of the advantages of courting by horse and buggy. We didnt know he was so old.

We are hibernating for the Summer. We frankly admit that we are asleep. We need the rest because we work so hard during the remainder of the year.

But even while we sleep we are in demand because our Program Chairman received a request from the Manager of the Pasadena Community Playhouse to furnish some 'four-minute' men. This playhouse is world famous and they wish to put on a recruiting campaign during July. Knowing that with Toastmasters on their speaking programs the campaign would be 100% successful, they insisted that we take charge.

Our men will speak between the acts in the show. Certainly a new experience for us, and one that will prove valuable to those participating.

C.F. Marshall

MY DIARY OF YESTERDAYS

I have closed my diary of yesterdays, There were joys and mistakes, for the Thing I've longed to do the most Has caused a great heart ache. I want to stand upon my feet and Think and speak out loud, and if I could do it well enough, I'm sure I'd get a crowd. BUT all my fears must be put to rout, Even my knees will have to find out That my heart is calm, and I have no Fear in taking the step I'm taking here.

So before my knees get old and creaking, I'M GOING TO TAKE UP PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Grace V. Hershman

Clark Chamberlain told ye Editor that we needed more efficiency, But someone has to get the work done - So what ??????

G A V E L S P L I N T E R S

After listening to the Democratic and Republican conventions via radio, it is our honest and humble opinion that there is plenty of room at the top for the Toastmasters.

Dont know if we can pin the blame for all these conventions on Berkeley Toastmasters or not. We understand they held a mock national nominating convention the other evening.

Looking forward to 1936 we have written the Convention Committees with the intent of interesting them in the famous Toastmasters' invention - the Speaker's stop light.

For the benefit of the country at large we will ship them several lights.

And by the way, who was that fellow who recently asserted "that the day of the long-winded orator is past."

If there is a shortness of breath it is because they are exhausted from mud-slinging.

Speaking of exhaustion - have you had your vacation yet? Rumor has it that there will be more work done this Summer than ever before.

Enter notice as you read the Gavel how familiar the ~~xx~~ names of certain Toastmasters throughout the country sound? One feels as though he had many friends even though he has never seen them.

Here's an idea - The Toastmistress' Clubs, during the Summer, hold picnics and go swimming - a wonderful chance to practice your gestures.

If you are distressed when the wind is blowing from Los Angeles, it is probably Bordeaux's pipe.

Hasta la vista - must untangle my fish line. For the benefit of the editor, that phrase is Spanish and not profanity.

Dont forget to look me up at Whittier when we put on the program for the Pacific Southwest Summer School.

C. F. Marshall.

TURLOCK - CALIFORNIA

June 6th was our last meeting for the present. We plan to hold one meeting per month, on the first monday of the month during the Summer. We shall resume our weekly meetings with the beginning of the Fall school term.

At our last meeting we had as guests of honor, the Principal of the Turlock Union high school, and the members of the High School Board of Trustees.

President Fitch of the Modesto Club dropped in last week and assured us their club is very much alive, very much up, and very much coming. He was accompanied by Vice-President Smith as a bodyguard. If he'd been visiting some of those clubs in the wilds of Southern California, we'd have understood why he brought the guard.

If the Modesto club would appoint as reporters, such live wires as the President and Vice-President, we would have to increase the size of the Gavel.

Critic Louie Windmiller left the 17th for Atlantic City, N.J. as delegate to the N.E.A. Convention. We wonder if he, too, will return all draped with watches and chains. Anyhow, we know he will give a good account of himself and cover our community with reflected glory. Reading over that last blurb, your reporter sees a great future ahead as a writer for the Political Campaigns.

Frank Gray

This space is dedicated to the reporters and clubs who did not send in any news.