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THIRTY years ago in the fall of 1904, Ralph Smedley became educational director of the YMCA at Bloomington, Illinois. A club of older high school boys was organized for training in public speaking, there being no such work offered in the public schools of that day. George S. Sutton, general secretary of the Bloomington YMCA, suggested the name "Toastmasters Club" because the meetings simulated the surroundings of a formal banquet.

Two years later Smedley removed to Freeport, Illinois, as general secretary of the YMCA there, and at once he proposed a toastmasters club similar to the one at Bloomington. However, the older men ran away with the idea and the first thing Smedley knew, he had a toastmasters club of business and professional men who held their regular dinner meetings, celebrated with a big affair on "ladies night," and operated generally in the style which is accepted today as good practice for our clubs. From that day to this the club has been a men's organization.

Instead of a formal constitution they used a "memorandum of organization" prepared by Smedley, which filled but one page and which outlined the club's purpose "to facilitate practice in after-dinner speaking and in presiding over meetings, to promote sociability and good fellowship," with weekly meetings, rotation of members as speakers and toastmasters, and with numerous short speeches, rather than long ones. Officers were named as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms, who constituted an executive committee in charge of programs and business of the club.

Each time Smedley was transferred to another YMCA he started a new club. Usually the club died in a short time after he left. So it went until October 22, 1924, when the Santa Ana (Smedley Chapter No. 1) held its organization meeting presided over by J. P. Baumgartner, chairman of the YMCA Educational

Committee. President W. F. Crites and secretary H. G. Nelson were the first permanent officers elected on November 5, 1924.

Hearing of the Santa Ana club, Clark Chamberlain, then residing in Anaheim, visited a meeting with some friends in the fall of 1925. In January, 1926, Anaheim club organized with Smedley's assistance and has met continuously since. During 1926 clubs were formed at Fullerton and Ontario, California. The Los Angeles club began in June, 1927, and all these groups attended the first joint meeting on August 11, 1927, at Santa Ana where the federation idea germinated. The conference passed a resolution reading, "it is the sense of this body that definite consideration be given by individual clubs to the question of a federation and that steps be taken to protect our name and the idea." A list of those present reveals the names of many still active in the work.

Names of the individual clubs and their activities percolated to the Atlantic coast. An article by J. Gustav White appeared in the magazine *Association Men* in February, 1928, in which a brief history of toastmasters clubs was given, with an offer to help anyone interested in forming such groups.

So many requests for information were received by Smedley that in self defense he prepared an Manual of Instructions for the organization and conduct of a toastmasters club. Published in mimeographed form with his "Ten Lessons in Public Speaking" added, the whole was copyrighted in 1928, assuring control of the name and the plan, protecting against its misuse. When Toastmasters International was incorporated, Smedley assigned his original copyright to the corporation which now holds it.

During 1928 clubs formed at Pomona, Orange, and Long Beach, California. These, with the other clubs mentioned, and representatives from Anaheim's toastmistress club and Santa Ana Women's Forum met on June 7, 1928, in the latter city.

The State YMCA recognized the importance of the clubs in January, 1929, when it gave them a major part in the program at the State convention in Long Beach, California. Delegates from Ontario Nos. 1 and 2, Santa Ana, Long Beach, Glendale, Orange, Pomona and Anaheim clubs attended the conference led by J. Gustav White. Many problems discussed then continue to animate federation councils.

One result of the Long Beach conference was the Santa Barbara club, begun in March, 1929, continuing successfully since, especially in its work of interesting all high schools of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties in the annual public speaking contest.

The first actual steps to form a federation were taken in 1930 at Whittier. With this beginning Clark Chamberlain urged all known clubs to send representatives to Anaheim and late summer found the federation developed with temporary officers. On October 4, 1930, the first meeting of the federation as such was held

and a president, first and second vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer elected. Those were J. Clark Chamberlain, Arthur H. Johnson, C. George Hedstrom, Robert H. Orr, and George M. Grant, respectively.

Our magazine (then called "The Gavel") was born at this meeting with Clarence F. Marshall as editor, Ralph Smedley and J. G. White, associate editors. Mimeographed on two sheets of letter-size paper stapled together at one corner, it was not impressive. The few copies existing are veritable relics. Volume 1 No. 1 carries the date December 6, 1930. (The name was changed to "The Toastmaster" in December, 1932, and the first issue under the new masthead was in January, 1933.) If any reader has a copy of volume 2, No. 6 of "The Gavel," or volume 1, No. 1 of "The Toastmaster," please send to the editor to complete our files.

Owing to the many details to be ironed out, another meeting was held at Santa Barbara, November 1, 1930. At this and the first meeting Roswell Stearns acted as secretary pro temp. The resignation of Robert Orr as secretary was submitted at Santa Barbara. The minutes show that Jean Bordeaux was elected unanimously to fill the position "because he is fitted for the job and is not present." The latter clause still causes those who read it to wonder.

Toastmasters evidently liked to hold councils in those early days. The federation convened at San Diego in December, 1930, and at Los Angeles on January 24, 1931, eight clubs being well represented at each affair. George Hedstrom and Clarence Marshall presented to the latter council sketches of proposed emblems and designs to be used on letterheads. With minor changes these were accepted and the results appear today on all literature. This same meeting brought a letter from California's State Secretary and from the Register of Copyrights at Washington informing that the name "Toastmasters" was the sole property of Ralph Smedley when used in connection with any group meeting to practice public speaking.

Banquets became noteworthy when Pasadena gave the federation its finest up to that time on April 11, 1931. Attendance prizes were inaugurated with a gigantic tootsie roll candy bar going to the San Diego club which ever since has been a strong competitor for such prizes. Chamberlain reported the National and World Committees of the YMCA through Francis Harmon and Thomas Nelson officially recognized the toastmasters clubs and promised full support to the federation.

Here, too, was born the idea for our annual high school public speaking contest after its originator Paul Demaree sold it to the council. The booklet known as the Prospectus unfolded its pages at this meeting. At the same time the junior toastmaster clubs for boys under 18 were officially recognized when Long Beach and Santa Barbara senior clubs reported sponsoring them.

The lapel pin was adopted in June, 1931, when the federation met at Long Beach. Samples were submitted by J. A. Meyers Company who continue as our official jewelers, selling pins and buttons at \$1.25 and \$2.50, with rings \$4.50 and up.

Unauthorized clubs began disturbing council meetings at Santa Barbara on August 29, 1931. Groups at Whittier and Beverly Hills were mentioned. Later we learned of the death of Beverly Hills club whose founder left this vicinity and seemingly his offspring couldn't stand the separation.

Marshall, editor of our magazine, resigned at Santa Barbara. Bordeaux was asked to take over the assignment. The federation was informed of its terrific financial loss entailed through the failure of the Bank of the United States at Los Angeles. However, the \$15 has been returned almost in full. Again San Diego won the attendance prize when their president Bill LaMont accepted the silver-mounted gavel. This particular banquet was the only one (so far as this writer knows) where any member club imported a professional master of ceremonies. Harry James, well-known radio artist, acted as toastmaster and his wise cracks still linger in the memories of the diners.

Anniversaries come if you keep going and the federation's first came October 24, 1931. The officers elected were J. Clark Chamberlain, Paul H. Demaree, J. A. Hillstrom, H. John Evers, and Jean Bordeaux, being respectively, president, first and second vice-presidents, treasurer and secretary. The original Glendale club joined Toastmasters International and their president Max Green was appointed to one of the committees. Later this group withdrew from our union, although they continue holding meetings.

The first meeting of International's executive committee came on December 13, 1931, at the home of president Demaree. A memorable occasion because Arthur Johnson offered his committee's revision of the constitution and by-laws. Here, too, was settled the momentous question of a trophy to be given the school winning our annual high school public speaking contest. The big silver cup selected continues to be a sought for prize.

The famous fifteen points, our set of ideals, and the first high school public speaking contest were the highlights of the council at Anaheim on February 27, 1932. Demaree had been given the responsibility of formulating a statement of ideals and he received added fame as presiding officer and instigator of the contest. Seven entrants from as many schools were present, a total of 19 schools entering the preliminary contests. The cup was won by John MacFarland of Santa Ana.

Active and Associate club classifications resulted from the San Diego council of May 28, 1932. For the first time we had to fill a vacancy on the official staff when John Evers resigned as

treasurer. Arthur Johnson was appointed, making about forty-eleven jobs he had held in the organization.

Secretaries who attended the Pacific Southwest Summer School at Whittier College in 1932 will remember the demonstration dinner put on by Toastmasters International on August 6th. Held in an open-air amphitheatre, the occasion was a happy one for all participating, and the spectators enjoyed themselves hugely. Those on the program were shown up by great floodlights and looked somewhat like the victim at a medical clinic with staring eyes gazing down, row on row.

The fifteen points previously submitted by Demaree were adopted unanimously at our second anniversary on October 8, 1932, at Long Beach, California. Election gave us Paul H. Demaree, Arthur H. Johnson, F. Edward Taylor, Frederick H. Eley, and Jean Bordeaux as president, first and second vice-presidents, treasurer and secretary respectively. This was the council at which Harry Finlay advocated the sponsoring of a toastmasters club in San Quentin penitentiary. Arthur Johnson suggested such a group be called the 'speak easies.'

Toastmasters International became a legal entity on December 1, 1932, when the executive committee met in the office of attorney Gethin T. Fowler of Los Angeles, and voted to adopt that name and making the magazine's title "The Toastmaster." The incorporation papers were approved by the Secretary of State December 19, 1932. Official forms for charters and membership cards were adopted in the identical style now used.

During January, February, and March, 1933, the by-laws were prepared for submission to the council March 25, 1933, at Pasadena when the body endorsed all actions of its executive committee. Since the new by-laws created offices of assistant treasurer and secretary, Harry Finlay and Elmer Smith were elected to these places.

Isama Masuda brought glory to himself and Garden Grove high school by winning the second annual high school public speaking contest at Pasadena, California, over which Demaree again presided, aided by Clark Chamberlain, Ralph Smedley and J. G. White. Those attending will not forget the enormous cardboard globe prepared by Marshall showing the spread of toastmaster clubs in the year 1950. The artist had an eye to magnification!

The printed prospectus, by-laws, and articles of incorporation submitted by Fred Eley on May 16, 1933, at the executive committee meeting in Glendale brought him high praise and these were at once adopted as standard. The size and format of the magazine remain unchanged.

Convening on July 1, 1933, the council found Coronado club a real host and here came the first actual work of standardizing club procedure with the appointment of a committee to investigate the feasibility of publishing Ralph Smedley's book *The Amateur Chairman*. Many copies have been sold to toastmasters and interested persons even as far away as Australia. Anaheim won the attendance prize, Smedley chapter's Dr. C. J. Ruley the first prize for a serious talk, and Pasadena's Arthur Johnson first prize for a humorous speech.

Printed constitution, by-laws, Prospectus, and *The Amateur Chairman*, all uniform in size and style were exhibited by Fred Eley to the council meeting at Glendale, October 7, 1933. Eley was given a big hand for his excellent work on publications which the council accepted unanimously. Nominations of A. H. Johnson, Leo Schmid, Elmer Smith, F. H. Eley, Leo Hanson, Jean Bordeaux and Harry Finlay were submitted for the offices of president, first and second vice-presidents, treasurer, assistant treasurer, secretary and assistant secretary and the secretary's unanimous ballot elected all. First amendment to our by-laws came when the junior past president was made a member of the executive committee.

At the interclub speaking contest Ray Watts captured first prize for his talk on San Diego, with Santa Barbara club winning the attendance prize. The entire evening was spoiled for Marshall when he happened to glance up and saw suspended high on the wall above the toastmaster of the evening a flamboyant banner advertising the Los Angeles toastmasters club. To this day the perpetrator of this stunt remains unknown although many a finger has been pointed at Fred Brown, well-known cutter-upper from Glendale.

Clarence Johnson of Glendale won first prize at our third annual high school speaking contest when almost 300 people came to the banquet. At the fourteenth council held in the afternoon at Elks Clubhouse, Chamberlain's rules for adjudging the attendance were adopted. Even now Clark has to refer to these before making decisions. Here, too, Progressive club of Huntington Park received its charter with Doctor Howard making a good talk.

Only two months ago, October 6, 1934, at San Diego, came our fourth anniversary. A resolution upholding the clean speech so uniform in all our clubs was adopted unanimously when presented by R. M. Switzler of the host club. Again election of officers went through without a hitch, the nominees Olin H. Price, R. J. Huff, E. H. Layton, A. G. Porter, B. M. Tylicki, Jean Bordeaux and Ray Watts being elected by unanimous ballot to president, first and second vice-presidents, treasurer, assistant treasurer, secretary and assistant secretary. Toastmaster of the evening Bill LaMonte presented speakers from 15 clubs and Quakertown chapter of Whittier, California, went wild at the verdict giving their Ralph Peck first

place. With Santa Barbara's president waiting to receive the attendance prize, the judges discovered Montebello was winner. Smedley presented a charter to La Jolla club and Clark Chamberlain read telegrams from Victoria, Canada, and Seattle, Washington.

And so the toastmasters club has lived through thirty years, growing slowly but serving faithfully. In so far as the actual time of its origin is concerned it antedates ALL the service clubs, but the wave of popularity which has led to its spread has been late in developing.

The ideals of its founder have been preserved faithfully. It never has been commercialized, never has become expensive, and never has it departed from the simple program of personal development through expression in speech. No individual ever has received financial profits from our federation. No salaried officers have been employed, nor has there ever been any smooth-tongued highly-paid promotion artist sent out to start clubs. The entire movement has been built up on the basis of voluntary service and mutual helpfulness.

The expense of maintaining the service of Toastmasters International, the central organization, has been met by means of the per capita tax of one dollar per year per member, plus the charter fee of ten dollars paid by each club entering the federation. Thus it has been possible to maintain the standard of small cost, and no man ever has been excluded from its benefit because of financial reasons. Most of the local clubs operate with merely nominal membership dues with the principal expense to members being the cost of the weekly dinner.

Today there are 28 clubs belonging to Toastmasters International, enrolling a total of 800 members, operating in the United States and Canada. Five clubs have applications for charters pending, and inquiries as to how clubs may form have come from practically every civilized country on the globe. So long as we follow the famous 15 points, the growth of clubs and the federation is assured.



When liberty first sought a home on the Earth
No altar the goddess could find,
Till art's greatest triumph to Printing gave birth
And her temple she reared to the mind;
The phantoms of Ignorance shrank from her sight,
And Tyranny's visage grew wan,
As wildly he traced, in the Volume of light,
The pledge of redemption to man!

(contributed)

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Olin H. Price



Perhaps no other quality has contributed to the present growth of Toastmasters International in such generous quantities as "spirit." By spirit I mean the belief that the ideals behind our organization are of the highest type, deserving our best thought and effort. The cut exemplifies the spirit I mean. It's a toastmaster on his way to give a talk.

Not alone the interest in the promotion of new clubs, but the maintenance of interest and enthusiasm in those clubs which have functioned from a few months to many years, is proof of the continued faith in our ideals. And if added evidence is needed, consider the officers of the individual clubs constantly striving, contributing time, ability, and ideas to their successful organizations; thus keeping the spirit of the members to the high standard ever before them.

An unheralded visit to any club is also proof that the spirit expressed in the famous 15 points fills every member. Often toastmasters stop me to relate accounts of happy times and helpful thoughts gained by such visits.

Those associated with me in official capacities are showing a faith and loyalty unequalled. They give unsparingly of their time and talents, frequently making long journeys to hold executive meetings. This spirit makes my job both easy and pleasant and assures us all a most successful year during 1935.

With this, our last magazine during 1934, we can look back on the strong foundations laid by those who preceded us, and face the future confidently. To you all, my hearty greetings and best wishes for a merry Christmas and a year of prosperity.



Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards, they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly as we wake or sleep, we grow and wax strong, we grow and wax weak; and at last some crisis shows us what we have become.

(Bishop Westcott)

RALPH C. SMEDLEY

From Waverly, Illinois, comes the father of the toastmaster idea. While getting a B.S. at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ralph taught school, worked on a newspaper, managed the college glee club, edited the college weekly journal, debated, and during spare time studied.

PATERNAL PROGENITOR OF ALL
TOASTMASTERS CLUBS



Ralph C. Smedley

becoming general secretary at San Jose, California a club was formed and has continued intermittently since.

Rotary, too, has taken much of Ralph's time. He was a charter member of Monmouth, Illinois, club in 1918, has been president and secretary of Santa Ana Rotary and for years editor of the Rotary Wheelbarrow, publicity organ of Orange County Rotary.

General Secretary and teacher of public speaking for some 12 years, he still preserves confidence in human nature. The author

Starting in YMCA work at Peoria, as assistant secretary, he has been in harness ever since. In 1904 at Bloomington, while educational secretary of the YMCA, he began the first of the T. M. clubs. The second club he formed at Freeport while general secretary. Again at Rock Island, Illinois, he organized a club taking time off to campaign successfully for a new building costing \$150,000. This sort of work interested Smedley so much that he spent three years in architectural research specializing on YMCA building, and helped in planning many of the big branch buildings in middle western states.

The war came along and Ralph hastened to Monmouth, Illinois, getting a new YMCA building erected. He spent so much time in war work that no toastmasters club was started. However,

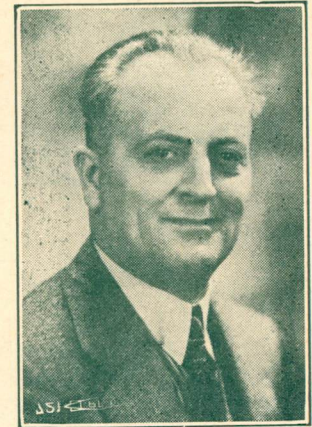
of "The Amateur Chairman," "Ten Lessons in Public Speech," as well as many magazine and newspaper articles, he counts his outstanding work as an author the Toastmasters Club itself.



OLIN H. PRICE

Born in Pierce City, Missouri, January 12, 1887, Olin Hendrix Price journeyed to Helena, Montana, in 1889, when his father became pastor there of the Methodist church. The public schools and a special Methodist Training School in beautiful Bitter Root valley gave Olin a thorough education with the idea he would enter the ministry. However, sales and sales promotion appealed too strongly and during the past 25 years he has sold pianos, automobiles and real estate. Believing the land is the base of all wealth, Olin has been helping people share the land of California since his arrival in 1918. Some of the most successful and thriving sections of the Southland owe a great part of their growth to his efforts.

PRESIDENT TOASTMASTERS
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Olin H. Price

Offered an opportunity to join Anaheim Toastmasters club he seized it avidly, realizing it gave a splendid outlet for his urge to speak while allowing him the opportunity of promoting a worthwhile organization. A past president of Anaheim and Huntington Park clubs, now president of Toastmasters International, Olin carries membership card No. 3. He is exceedingly proud of his card and swears he would not trade it for a front seat at the next world war. Best of all, president Price asserts that whatever success he has had in the Toastmasters merely reflects the inspiration received from the clubs and the association with the lovable, loyal members.

ARTHUR H. JOHNSON

Just before the Spanish war Arthur Johnson appeared on the scene at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His parents took him to St. Joseph, Missouri, but decided Chicago was the place for a young lad.

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Coming to Los Angeles several years ago he remembers when 7th and Broadway could have been bought for much less than now, but hadn't the money either time. Railroading, banking, real estate have been dabbled in by Johnson, and during the past few years he has been manager of Flintridge Realty Corporation. In 1927 he graduated from the YMCA public speaking class, helped form the Toastmasters club of Los Angeles and ever since has been speechifying at dinners. International corraled him at its inception. He has served as first vice-president and is junior past president. At present Arthur belongs to Pasadena T.M. club where he has been through all the chairs. Last, but not least, he belongs to the American Legion and among the hommes 40, chevals 8, whinnier loud and long at all conventions.



N.B.—The Toastmaster regrets the omission of cuts of past officers George Hedstrom, H. John Evers,, J. A. Hillstrom, F. E. Taylor, Fred Eley, George M. Grant and Leo Hansen. Likewise omission of biographies of Messers. Eley, Hedstrom and Taylor, as well as histories of the clubs at Berkeley, Fullerton,* Honolulu,* T.H., Istanbul,* Turkey, Long Beach No. 1,* Mutual* of Los Angeles, Ontario,* Orange,* Pomona, San Pedro,* Seattle No. 3, and Victoria, B. C. This material had not been received when we went to press although every effort was made to obtain it.

*—defunct.

PAUL DEMAREE

Two Methodist missionaries in Kobe, Japan, brought unique distinction to our second president when they became his parents. Coming to the United States in 1910, Paul worked his way through high school and Kentucky Wesleyan Academy where in 1917 they pinned A.B. on his manly chest, turning him over to the tender mercies of the U. S. Field Artillery Officers training school. Drill ceased in December, 1918, allowing Paul to become Principal of Walnut Ridge High School in Arkansas and it took him three years to get loose from the river bottom mud. It is understood his escape was facilitated by his wife who accepted him in 1919, shunted him to California in 1923, helped him report for Pasadena Post for two years, checked his post-graduate study at U. S. C. during 1925, going with him to Anaheim that year when he became history instructor at the high school. Demaree began toastmastering in 1928 at Anaheim and is a past president of that club holding card No. 15. He has headed the public speaking contest committee since 1931.

His lovable youngsters report Paul to be a grand daddy, kindly and helpful, which latter sentiments are seconded by those who know him.

PRESIDENT 1932-33



Paul Demaree



But words are things, and a small drop of ink,
Falling like dew upon a thought, produces
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions,
Think. Lord Byron.



His speech was like a tangled chain, nothing impaired, but all disordered.

J. CLARK CHAMBERLAIN

The Crown city where the Rose Bowl sits and famous now for the Tournament of Roses is even more famous for here our first president was born. Moving to Anaheim he graduated from high

PRESIDENT 1930-32



J. Clark Chamberlain

Some years ago the Bureau of Radio and Electrical Appliances was formed in San Diego County. Chamberlain was appointed its manager and still serves in that position, also being manager of the Gas Appliance Association, and permanent manager of the annual Electrical Exposition. Not finding enough to do in his daily work and toastmaster club membership, Clark belongs to the Advertising club, the Electric club, the American Legion, and

school there and had one year in college when the world war started. Anxious to see the world, Clark enlisted in the Navy, serving at home and abroad from May 1917 to August 1919.

Returning from France he spent some years in Chicago as circulation manager of the Shorthorn World, a publication devoted to live stock. Publicity work in California offered him an opportunity to return to his native soil. Going from Los Angeles to Anaheim, he became interested in the toastmasters club at Santa Ana, starting one in his home city in order to be its first president.

In 1926 Clark was commander of Anaheim's American Legion Post. His good work in publicity fields made Frigidaire appoint him salesmanager for Orange County, and in 1930 he took over the same position in San Diego County, moving to San Diego.

Again he formed a toastmasters club which continues most active, being the parent of two other clubs. In 1930, recognizing his splendid work, Toastmasters International elected Clark to the presidency. Unwilling to let such a worker go, he was re-elected in 1931.

the loyal order of husbands and fathers. He joined the latter organization several years ago when Mrs. Chamberlain agreed to take him in charge. His wife and the sturdy children assert Clark is a splendid chap, which proves the good judgment of all his friends.



R. J. HUFF

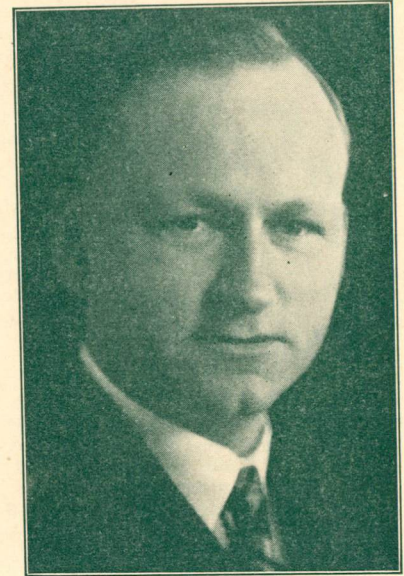
Rockville, Minnesota is a good place in which to be born, suggests Ray Huff. That's where he was born but for schools, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Washington are good.

Contracting in 1911, at Wenatchee, Wash. gave Ray his first experience in moving dirt, building, dredging and hard work. The Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company of Seattle needed a good man and Huff went with them in 1916. Like the Admiral in Pinafore, R. J. worked so cheerfully he was made vice-president and secretary which positions he holds today.

After his marriage and the four good-looking children came, Ray decided he ought to learn about youngsters and went into Boy Scout work as a hobby. For two years he was president of the Seattle area council, including Alaska, and even now can pass a tenderfoot test.

Toastmaster clubs started in the Northwest in 1933 when Seattle No. 1 was organized. Huff was a charter member and has held most of the offices in the group. His wife, Mrs. Ruth Wood Huff, commands the family home at Seahurst Park, Seattle, while Ray keeps busy flying down to Los Angeles Harbor district, supervising his firm's breakwater construction and piers in that vicinity. He asks that special warning be given all clubs of the Northwest to have the 'welcome' mat out as he intends visiting each one during the coming months.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, 1934-35

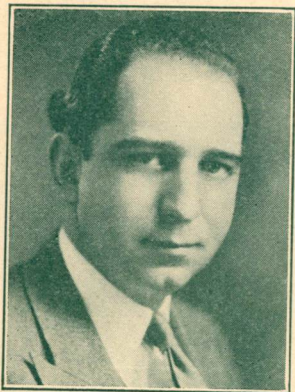


R. J. Huff

LEO R. SCHMID

On a blistering hot day in Dubuque, Iowa, the first president of Seattle Club No. 1, Leo R. Schmid, saw the light of day. It is recorded that the first words he spoke were either "toast" or "Toastmasters" but we know

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1933-34



Leo R. Schmid

definitely his first sentence was "the meeting is called to order." After weathering the ordinary run of youthful escapades he completed an A. B. degree in Campion College, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. He studied medicine at University of Iowa and then became associated with Schmid Manufacturing Company.

For some unaccountable reason he became interested in "mammy" songs and decided to go south. From 1927 to 1929 we find him working for the Hormel Sales Department in New Orleans, Louisiana. Presumably having had his fill of the south, he went from blackface mammy songs to the other extreme, selling flour for Pillsbury-Astoria Flour Mills Com-

pany, covering the territory of Los Angeles and San Diego, California.

Leo became a Toastmaster in San Diego club in May, 1931, was elected vice-president in October, 1931, and president in May, 1932. In October 1932 he was transferred to Seattle. Having had bred in him from birth the cry of "Toastmaster" he immediately began the organization of a club. In due justice to Schmid, the success the Seattle club has attained is due to his enthusiasm, hard work and above all, his spirit of friendliness and helpfulness evidenced throughout his entire association with our club. In May 1934 he was elected first vice-president of Toastmasters International.



The only sin which people never forgive in each other is a difference of opinion.
(Emerson)

How long a time lies in one little word.

(Shakespeare)

ERNEST H. LAYTON

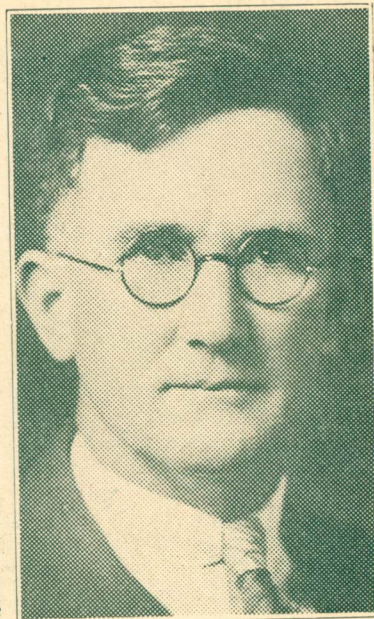
Southern California received a bundle of joy several years ago when Ernest was born. He can remember way back when —, and even farther, but says "why discuss it because there weren't any T.M. clubs then!"

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Parents were American and white. Layton asserts there never have been any pinks or reds in the family. Graduated from U. H. N. (University of Hard Knocks) with the degree of M. G. (Made Good), the young man found the sweetest, dearest, most loyal girl in the world and married her. (Evidently he believes the wife will read this). They have one son who is a chip off the old block, and the boy told this historian, "Dad's more solid than I am, but I'm not so thick as he is."

Finding the oil business the only lucrative avocation to which he could apply his esthetic temperament, Ernest slid into oil sales and for years has been a purveyor of lubrication service.

He assigns his idiosyncracies and eccentricities to the fact that he was dropped when a baby during a bargain sale rush, and also because he wasn't licked enough. Prominent highlights of his life are his association with the toastmasters clubs and their founder Ralph Smedlev.



Ernest H. Layton



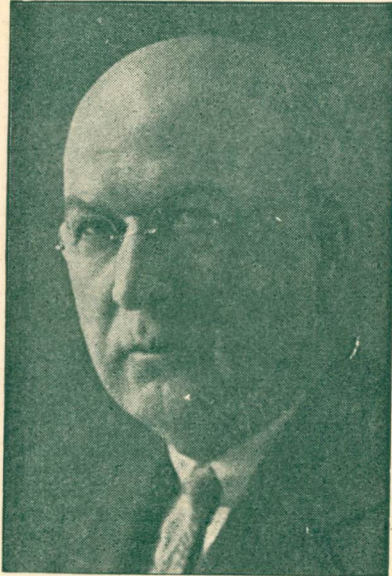
So live, young man, that when you grow old you wont be forced to stand on the street corner and amuse yourself by finding fault with others.

(anon)

ELMER L. SMITH

Elmer L. Smith, clerk in the Santa Barbara Post Office, is the only remaining Charter member in the Santa Barbara Chapter of the Toastmasters International.

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Elmer L. Smith

Mr. Smith has held every office in the gift of the local Chapter, and has just concluded a term as second vice-president of the Toastmasters International. This year he is chairman of the High School Public Speaking contest being conducted by Santa Barbara Toastmasters in this and Ventura Counties.

"Aside from the personal advantages derived from membership in an organization of this sort," said Mr. Smith recently, "I think I appreciate most being associated with such a splendid group as Toastmastering encourages,—and the further fact that our Santa Barbara Chapter's membership limit is reached, with a waiting list in reserve."

Inspired by the opportunity Toastmastering afforded for increasing his ability in carrying on his work as president of the California Federation of Post Office Clerks, and as National Representative of the same organization in California, Mr. Smith became an earnest and ardent member of the founders group, in Santa Barbara, an interest which has never abated; and he also is an accredited winner of a local membership contest. Throughout the years the regular weekly meetings of the club have always held first place in his dinner engagements, except during necessary absences from the city — and these latter more often than not were occasioned by conferences and meetings of Toastmasters International where his presence was required.

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J. A. HILLSTROM

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT 1931-32

Sometimes called John and sometimes called Arthur, he made his first speech in Minneapolis by saying "Mama." Going to Fairbault, Minnesota, Arthur graduated from grammar and high school while giving wide circulation to his home town newspaper. Pulp products fascinated him so greatly he found a job in a stationery store.

From 1906 to 1918, Hillstrom lived in St. Paul-Minneapolis, moving from one side of the river to the other at intervals to get a change of scenery. After a visit to Michigan and a short time in Chicago, he came to Los Angeles, joining the organization of Blake, Moffett & Towne, where he has worked ever since as a junior executive.

A visit to Los Angeles toastmasters club in May, 1929, convinced him of the worth of such groups. During his membership in this club he served in every office except treasurer. Hillstrom was one of the original instigators of our federation, attending the first meeting and helping formulate the constitution and by-laws. While business and increasing engagements to speak before business organizations keep him from attending regularly, he continues his admiration for his old club and whenever possible, drops in to fellowship and add his smile to the occasion.



FORGET IT

If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd—a leader of men mashing fearless and proud, and you know of a tale whose telling aloud would cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed—it's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away in a closet, and guarded and kept from the day in the dark, and whose showing, whose sudden display would cause grief, sorrow and lifelong dismay—it's a pretty good plan to forget it.

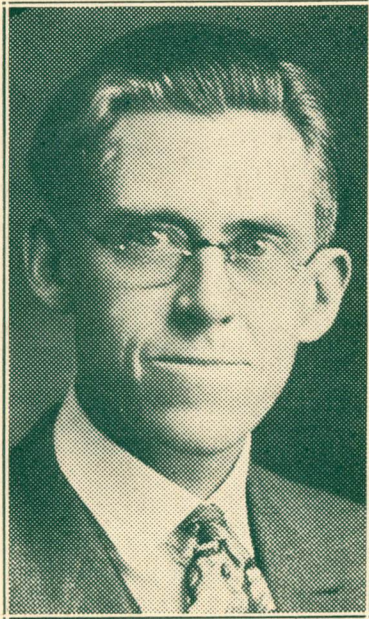
If you know of a think that will darken the joy of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy; that will wipe out a smile, or the least annoy a fellow, or cause gladness to cloy—it's a pretty good plan to forget it.

(From Rotary via Santa Ana)

ARTHUR G. PORTER

The town of Albia, Iowa, was put on the map when our Treasurer was born there. When Dakota Territory (now South Dakota) was opened, Arthur began raising cattle near Pierre which was at once made the State capitol. Flitting through college, he learned the essentials of banking and for years cashed checks at Frederick, South Dakota. Abstracts and Titles interested Arthur who formed his own company and operated it for some years, but the strains of 'I love you, California' kept ringing in his ears. Coming to Anaheim in 1923, Porter went back to his first love, banking, and has remained in that profession since, being trust officer of the First National Trust & Savings Bank of Fullerton, California.

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Arthur G. Porter

During his busy life he has been a Kiwanian (a past president, too), and best of all, acquired an amiable kindly wife who has three sons to show she is a real partner.

In 1927 he joined the Anaheim toastmasters club where he continues most active, having held every office in the organization. His hobby, he says, is Toastmasters International.



The art of quotation requires more delicacy in the practice than those conceive who can see nothing more in a quotation than an extract.

(Disraeli)

H. JOHN EVERS

TREASURER, 1931-32

International's second treasurer selected Boston as a birthplace and chose California for his mature years. Before deciding on the State of the golden bear Johnnie tried the wilds of northern Michigan famous for its Long Point and Paul Bunyan's lumber operations. When Pershing's punitive expedition sought the elusive Pancho Villa, Evers was aid to the general.

When he completed a course in public speaking at the University of Southern California, he realized the need of polishing off the rough spots which was one of his reasons for helping start Mutual club of Los Angeles. Happily married, his wife and children are always glad to help John whip a talk into shape. Traveling auditor for the Automobile Club of Southern California for several years, John has visited many toastmasters clubs.



G. M. GRANT

TREASURER 1930-31

Born where the maple leaf means a great deal, General Grant dug out his education from books while schooling in Canada. Reading about the mighty Solon, Hammurabi and other legal lights of the past, Grant studied diligently to get the LL.B. which follows his name.

Established in law practice he heard of the glorious climate, the great opportunities, and also that in Southern California were many Canadians, he came here several years ago and hung out a shingle.

Between separating torts and breaches of contract, the young man found time to become president of the Canadian Club, go through all the offices of the Los Angeles Toastmasters club, likewise the Gavel club, and busy as that may seem he used his artistic oratorical ability to convince a charming girl that he was the last word in husbands, ergo! she should seize her opportunity. Mrs. Grant has done much in social and civic life but her greatest achievement was the creation of some lovely children. The general admits Mrs. Grant is a real partner and although his business activities keep him from his old friends, occasionally the couple come to meetings and renew happy memories.

DR. B. M. TYLICKI

Examples for Horatio Alger writers are plentiful in the Toastmasters clubs. Our present assistant treasurer has more "pull" than the other executives of International because he's a dentist.

ASSISTANT TREASURER
1934-35



B. M. TYLICKI

Starting life in Russia, "Bill" (as all his friends call him) came to the U.S.A. in 1913 where he completed his grammar and high school education at Chicago. Reading in his history the words of Greely, Bill decided to find out for himself if times had changed much. So far as he was concerned, the West was still the land of opportunity.

Just as he was getting set to start down Success Avenue the world war came. Bill enlisted, went overseas with the 52nd Ammunition train, stayed there nine months, fought the battle of caissons and canisters manfully, inspected French scenery, and returned unscathed but thoroughly fed up with such strife.

Entering the University of Southern California he majored in Dentistry, coaxed a sweet young lady to help him study and before she knew it, found the study assistance a permanent task because Bill

married her. After obtaining his degree the couple went to Long Beach, California, where they have resided since. Pulling teeth, practicing his speeches, shooting 88 at the City links, going to football games, helping his wife rear the two fine youngsters, keeps Doc Tylicki on the go. Outside his recent attack of flu, Bill claims the only other occasion to startle him was the famous shake of last year. Crediting the Toastmasters and Gavel clubs with a great deal of his success, Tylicki is an ardent worker in his own and in the International group.

LEO E. HANSEN

ASSISTANT TREASURER 1933-34

Leo is a genuine native son, one of the rarest birds in this State taken over by Middle Westerners. His boyhood was spend in Coronado whose bay shores were known minutely by Leo in those days of long ago. As a youth he was a leader in high school and his classmates of San Diego College recall his sincere desire to make them, his College and himself a credit to the city.

Turning to banking after graduation, he found one had to be able to say "No" in all languages. Leo speaks English, Navy, and a couple others, but declared life was too short to learn several hundred other negatives. Remembering his classic literature where he learned of petroleum reducing friction, Leo decided to try oil. While the black gold hasn't made him a millionaire, it has lubricated his path of life bringing him a lot of friends and fun.

One of the organizers and first president of Coronado club, he ended his term as assistant treasurer of International in October. Enthusiastic in the club, an unquenchable speaker, Leo continues to be our most eligible bachelor.



EVOLUTION OF THE TOASTMASTER'S GAVEL

In days of old the cave-man bold with a big stone hammer knocked 'em cold.

Asserted his authority over any minority for he was a majority,
When his big stone hammer knocked 'em cold.

The bigger the rock the harder the knock; and how that cave-man learned to sock!

Asserted his nobility by his very great ability to exercise agility
In beating all stability out of any human block.

The boss today has a milder way of getting attention to his say.
Asserts that we are civilized, analyzed and synthesized, thoroughly democratized;

And just a little rap gets attention to his say.



No one cares about your yesterdays. Talk of today and think of tomorrow.

HARRY FINLAY

Coshocton, Ohio was the birthplace of the man who helped put Glendale real estate on the market. Harry won his A.B. degree at Parkville, Missouri, and then taught high school for a time in the

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Harry Finlay

and public speaker he is known wherever Realtors meet.



True hope is swift and flies with swallow's wings:
Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings.

(Shakespeare)

JEAN BORDEAUX

Jean Bordeaux peeked thru a San Francisco fog at birth and headed east to northern New York state. Entering one door and leaving by another at Dartmouth university he grabbed someone's chemical engineering diploma.

In the U.S. Marines he was a hard-boiled first sergeant, fought the battle of Paris and points south, was gassed and met all the nurses. Coming to California he sold real estate and leaped from that to the Shell Oil Company as secretary to a field superintendent. Pacific Western Oil Company's General Manager needed a secretary and Bordeaux got the job. Today he is secretary to the head of Oil Properties Management Company.

He has been around the YMCA, as a leader and assistant to State secretaries in the east since the gay nineties. Aided Cameron Beck on various campaigns, even recalling the great leader Mott.

Since 1928 toastmasters have known him. A charter member and secretary of the Long Beach club No. 4, he went through the various chairs and then came to Los Angeles club retracing the same positions. Secretary of Toastmasters International from the start, Neil Nettleship calls him the "perennial" secretary. Ralph Smedley accuses Jean of aiding him in preparing the Amateur Chairman.

Jean has many hobbies mostly along educational lines. Helps J. Gustav White teach public speaking classes, collaborates on dictionaries, does much research in abnormal psychology, president of John O'London's literary circle at Los Angeles, and edits our magazine. Regardless of his past and present shortcomings, we hope to have Jean with us many, many years.

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Jean Bordeaux

RAY WATTS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY 1934-35

Born in East Boston, Massachusetts, naturally Ray's mother comes from the much-touted Puritan stock dating back to the Mayflower. However, Ray says, "My father came to the United States via Canada."

Education was a problem with our assistant secretary. He couldn't get enough knowledge in the day schools and took on a lot of night school work. In addition to increasing his cerebral development, this also helped his hair grow and he recommends the treatment to anyone interested.

Hearing the bugles blow in 1917, Ray's feet trotted him to a recruiting station where he signed up, received a shiny new gun and snappy uniform, and went to war. When armistice was over, he was given his honorable discharge and enlisted in the Navy to find out whether or not battleships actually had port holes through which a man might see the world.

In 1927 Watts decided to help San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Company increase its scope. Accounting, employee cooperative work and other phases have been under his charge, although temporarily Ray is in charge of the Better Housing Bureau at San Diego on leave of absence from his regular desk. Training and coordinating the speakers to publicize the benefits of the National Housing Act is a tough job which is keeping the young man busy.

Toastmastering attracted him in 1933 when he joined the San Diego club. Made its president in October 1933, Ray became the secretary-treasurer in April 1934, and has been re-elected ever since much to his dismay. International heard of him when he won the inter-club speaking contest at Glendale in 1933 and elected him to his present office last October.

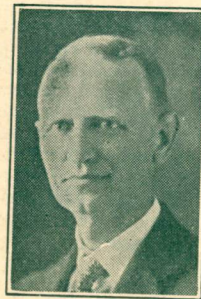
Mrs. Watts, his charming wife, says Ray is all right as a husband but insists on playing golf in all parts of the house and the yard. Several moles have moved out in protest at his backyard divot digging.

His pet likes are "birdies" on those 400 yard holes and the fudge Mrs. Watts makes for him to soothe the pain of those 102 scores which frequently occur. And if you want to make Ray froth and foam and fume, just say "without further ado" or "It is my pleasure to introduce a gentleman who needs no introduction."

J. GUSTAV WHITE

Denmark was responsible for one of Toastmasters International's best friends. Upon arrival 'Gus' greeted his parents with a smile and has kept it up since. His travels began at five with a voyage to the U.S.A. where Minnesota, Texas, Mississippi, Utah, New York and California were temporary homes. After laughing a diploma right out of the hand of the President of the University of California, Gustav decided the university needed him, remaining as general secretary of the YMCA, leaving to administer educational work for that organization in Salt Lake City, Buffalo, and San Francisco, which endeavors kept him occupied till 1916. Then came the war, offering our subject his only chance to get into prison. After acting as secretary of 28 German war prison camps centering around Berlin, he was made educational secretary for the world's committees of YMCAs at Geneva, Switzerland. 1918 found him in London heading educational work and Russian affairs for the AEF YMCA. The United States Government delegated him as one of its seven

AREA REPRESENTATIVE OF YMCA



J. Gustav White

official representatives to the Inter-allied Conference on Disabled Veterans. Presented to the King and Queen, made a guest of the British Government, and of the Lord Mayor of London, he even made an address in the great committee room of the House of Parliament. In all overseas war service Mrs. White accompanied him as able secretary.

After the armistice our friend was enticed to New York City as executive secretary of all YMCA schools but illness compelled his return to sunny California and Los Angeles in 1920. Inoculated by the Toastmaster bug in 1927, he helped draft International's first constitution. Since then he has been our man and never did us wrong. His hobby is helping all toastmasters better themselves, but he spends most of his energy as dean of the YMCA training school at Whittier College. For personal counseling of students he has been called for protracted service to the University of California at Los Angeles and at Berkeley, and the college men's conference at Asilomar. Now starting his second term as President of the Vocational Guidance Association of Southern California, he lives in a suburban home at Arcadia where his lovely wife presides over the White house.

CLARENCE F. MARSHALL

Toastmaster's first editor, C. F. Marshall, was born in the land of beans and cod, where Lowell's speak only to Cabot's and nobody talks the Cabot's language. Old Samuel Fuller, the pilgrim father, revolved in his grave when baby Clarence sounded his broad "a's." His parents hastily fled to Providence, R. I., following Roger William's footsteps.

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Clarence Marshall

Technical High having the best football team, our young hero spent four years running back punts, dabbling in socials, editing the year book, and sailing around Narragansett Bay where bathing girls abound. Rhode Island State College sheltered Clarence for a time, Lambda Chi Alpha receiving him into their fold with a "warm" reception. However, electrical engineering was too juicy, so Marshall switched to business administration, getting as a graduating present a trip to Pasadena, California.

The Santa Fe persuaded him to deal out tickets, but he heard about oil so started selling, until he broke into the news as "cub" reporter for the Morning Sun. One day the "Sun" set forever. Pasadena YMCA invited him to try out his theories and today he is Membership and Promotion secretary there.

Charter member and first president of Pasadena club, Toastmistresses will kindly note he is married to a native daughter. Clarence thinks Toastmastering the best idea ever and had much to do with promoting the International with "Y" secretaries at Whittier in August, 1930. To keep his writing arm in condition, Marshall "splinters" a gavel every time our magazine goes to press.

God! What a world, if men in street and mart
Felt that same kinship of the human heart
Which makes them, in the face of fire and flood,
Rise to the meaning of true brotherhood.
(Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

He tires betimes that spurs too fast betimes. With eager feeding food doth choke the feeder.

(Shakespeare)

PERTINENT POINTS FOR CLUB CRITICS

By Ralph C. Smedley



Each speech made at a toastmasters club should receive intelligent criticism especially to

1. Indicate to the speaker the audience reaction,
2. Help the speaker correct obvious mistakes,
3. Encourage the speaker to improve his style,
4. Promote the habit of critical observation on the part of all members.

Good criticisms must be

1. Constructive and positive always. Say "Do" and never say "don't,"
2. Commendatory when possible,
3. Tactful,
4. Encouraging and impartial.

A useful form for criticisms comprises

1. Delivery,
2. Material, thought and arrangement,
3. Opening,
4. Conclusion,
5. Choice of words,
6. Errors in grammar or pronunciation,
7. General effect of speech.

Select the best and the worst thing that can be said on each of these points. Since all points cannot be covered at once, select the ones to be treated. Criticism should be progressive. The beginner needs criticism on details which can be neglected in the case of an experienced speaker. It is wise to use experienced members as critics because they are better fitted to perform the duty. Many clubs forget to provide the critics with even blank paper. Some form of critique sheet is helpful to them and more so to the speaker.

THE GENERAL CRITIC who is on his toes will not duplicate the individual critic's remarks. He has a great opportunity for comparative comments which are most helpful. "Why was B's speech more effective than A's?" "How did C's opening and conclusion compare with D's?"

EVERY GENUINE CRITICISM is in itself a complete, well-planned speech. Here one can exemplify the truism "Brevity is the soul of wit." Let us remember the critic is open to criticism as to presentation of his comments.

SMEDLEY CHAPTER NO. 1, SANTA ANA, CALIF.

CHARTER NO. 1
Historian D. H. Tibbals



THE TOASTMASTERS Club of Santa Ana years ago adopted the title, "Smedley Chapter, Number 1," anticipating the time when the growth of the organization would give significance to the name. The claim was justified by the fact that while the Santa Ana club was not the first Toastmasters Club ever organized, it was the one from which the entire fabric of organization has spread during the last ten years, and is regarded as the parent of the movement.

The organization meeting was held October 22, 1924, at a dinner in the newly completed Santa Ana YMCA building. J. P. Baumgartner, publisher of the Santa Ana Register and chairman of the YMCA Educational Committee, presided and spoke on the importance of ability in public speech for the modern man. Thomas H. Glenn, of Santa Ana Junior College also spoke on a similar theme. Smedley explained the idea and plan of organization, and the club started forthwith.

Permanent officers were elected on November 5. From that day to this the club has continued in active service. Numbering among its members many of the leading business and professional men of the community, it has made an incalculable contribution to the lives of its members and to the progress of local affairs.

As Santa Ana holds the "Number One" charter of Toastmasters International, so Ralph Smedley holds the "Number 1" membership card of the organization as evidence of his relationship to the movement.



ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 2
Historian Walter Taylor



WAY BACK yonder—January 19, 1926—Toastmasters began orating in Anaheim, with Clark Chamberlain as President and a constitution ready to work that same night. The early years of our club were flooded with exciting events and things: to-wit: a full membership from the first night, the first big "Ladies' Night," police routing a meeting to "arrest" Jim Heffron (he escaped), and Ralph Smedley instructing the boys how to "save the pants pockets from wearing out while speaking." Twelve out of seventeen past presidents are still active in toast-

mastering. They have presided over more than a hundred different members during the nine years of the club's life.

Club extension has been a definite part of our program. We have been responsible for the formation of six toastmasters clubs, and these in turn have helped many others to start. Because of Clark Chamberlain's missionary work in San Diego, we claim some credit for you clubs in the Northwest. Now we have a Junior Toastmasters club in the Anaheim High School, thanks to Paul Demaree.

June, 1927, saw Anaheim working for a federation of TM clubs, and in August, 1930, we entertained representatives of the then existing clubs to form the organization. Clark Chamberlain was again the first president. He, Paul Demaree, and Olin Price are our reasons for becoming chesty over International Presidents. We are proud of Clark as first president, and of Paul for his work in making it International—also for his "famous 15 points." Other International officers from Anaheim are George Hedstrom and Arthur Porter. International Charter No. 2 graces our club room. The High School Public Speaking Contest originated in Anaheim in 1928. To Franklin Howatt, now of Santa Barbara Club, goes the credit. A splendid success! Paul Demaree and his committee successfully staged the first International contest with Anaheim acting as host in 1932. Financially the other clubs weren't an asset to us, but socially it was a real success. Our contestant won the first prize in 1933. The contest is with us to stay. All High Schools in our district are cooperating to make the local contest a success.

Five men who served in an outstanding manner and since have left the community are honorary life members: John Rudd, Clark Chamberlain, Evan Alsip, "Baron" Baronowski, and Olin Price.

We never have missed a meeting night during our nine years. Many meetings have been outstanding: a Radio broadcast, a phonograph recording, Old Timers' night, when all old members were invited.

The club holds as much interest as ever for our gang. Although Jim Heffron, our last Charter member left us in 1932, most members are old in Toastmasterdom, and are still the mainstays of the club. Even the "old timers" enjoy coming back to get acquainted again.



A good thing to remember and a better thing to do is to work with the construction gang and not the wrecking crew.
(contributed)

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 3
Historian Tom Butler

RECALLING events of June 7, 1927, is a difficult task. But those present on that evening at the Downtown YMCA have not forgotten. Recalling the many happy times, the friendships made, I wish often I might live those years over. International's junior past president Johnson presided at our first meeting. Our charter officers were president Clarence Brogan, vice-president Tom Butler, secretary-treasurer Clarence Shattuck. Of the original 30 members we have five still in the club.

Our greatest achievements aside from the development of members was the forming of the Pasadena, Glendale, and San Pedro clubs. Many of our members have been active in Toastmasters International whose charter secretary has been in the club since 1930 coming to us from Long Beach.

During seven years we have missed but few Tuesday nights.

The membership has averaged 30 and the attendance 20 for that period. The general critic, J. Gustav White, was with us the night we started. He continues with us and has been absent only about 20 times which is a remarkable record. Clubs come and go but the Los Angeles Toastmasters club, like Tennyson's brook, goes on and on.



SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 5
Historian Vincent H. Grocott

SANTA BARBARA Toastmasters club was formed in 1929 under the leadership of Mason Danner and De Los Tibbals of the local YMCA, and Elmer Smith, well known to all Toastmasters. Harry Hill was also instrumental in helping form our club.

It was the third Toastmasters club to form. Our first president was Richard Ferguson, followed by J. M. McCloskey, Clarence Rogers, Kenneth Bolton, Paul Davidson, J. C. Grim, Elmer Smith, Leonard Bowman, Louis Green, Owen O'Neil, Earl Beaulieu and Greydon Howell now in office.

One record of which we are proud is the Junior Toastmasters club started here in 1930. This was one of the first such groups organized, if not the very first one.

During the years the club has been functioning never a meeting has been missed, and, although only a few members were in attendance during the early childhood of the club, the spirit has never weakened.



PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 6
Historian C. F. Marshall

BEGINNING September 1, 1929, as a club of men and women we probably were the group which started the Toastmistresses clubs. We soon discovered the women were better speakers than the men. Toastmasters International then formed with its by-laws reading "men only." We joined and our women had to start a club of their own. Not quantity but quality of membership has been our slogan. It is interesting to note the average age of members is 29 years.

During our five years we have handled many speaking campaigns for civic organizations, with the Community Chest being our special project so far as speakers are concerned.

We have been first in many things, notably the timing light to halt speakers. Our light was a traffic signal designed by your historian, who also instituted bigger and better banquets for Toastmasters International. Other ideas we pioneered were the cup for the best speech of the month, the tin cup for the most humorous speech, programs showing speakers and topics issued a month in advance, quarterly "ladies' nights" with special programs, the use of instruction sheets on various phases of public speaking, and the guidance obtained from having nationally known orators visit our club often.



SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 7
Historian J. Clark Chamberlain

LIKE many others since organized, this club came into existence through fate which frequently causes the migration of Toastmasters to cities where the idea has not reached. From Anaheim came J. Clark Chamberlain, organizer and first president of that club, who in March, 1930, commenced to gather the nucleus of the San Diego organization. In this work, Herbert Holmes, YMCA general secretary, and

C. T. (Jimmie) Jamison in charge of "Y" personnel work at that time, proved helpful.

Actual organization took place April 5, 1930, when a large delegation from Anaheim, under its president Olin Price, put on a sample program for the benefit of the thirty prospective members present. Immediately following this meeting officers were elected. The first president was J. Clark Chamberlain and the first secretary, Jimmy Jamison. Within four months the Club faced its first speaking test tying in with the Community Chest Campaign of that year, a custom which has been adhered to since. During August and September, members of the club collectively made more than fifty Chest talks. In October, 1930, Toastmasters International came into being with San Diego Club claiming its first president in the election of its president Chamberlain to that office. In December, 1930, San Diego played host to International for the first time, with delegates present from eight clubs.

During 1931, the club was active in carrying on various speaking campaigns and in attempting to form other clubs. In February and March, attempts were made to form clubs in Oceanside and El Cajon, but without success. Oceanside actually was formed, but due to lack of membership material, the group quickly disbanded. In May, 1931, we handled a speaking campaign for the Merchants Association, under the direction of A. C. Aason. Again in September and October, the Community Chest Campaign was handled by Toastmasters, and in October and November, an intensive six weeks Radio program undertaken in the interest of the Traffic Safety League.

In 1932, San Diego again inaugurated a heavy outside speaking schedule. In February, Foreign Trade week was exclusively handled from a speaking standpoint. Beginning in June, and extending over a three months period, the club shouldered its heaviest speaking obligation up to that time by taking charge of the program of the Traffic Safety League. This was an exclusive Radio series, using both local stations. It reached its climax in August when members collectively delivered 29 radio talks in thirty days. In July, the Midsummer Symphonies, a series of outdoor concerts, were likewise sponsored exclusively by the club, and again in the Fall, the usual support was given to the annual Community Chest campaign. This year also marked other important milestones. In May, the most pretentious meeting of International up to this time was held in San Diego Athletic Club, and in August, under the leadership of president Leo Schmid, San Diego sponsored the Coronado Club.

While 1933 was marked by the usual club contributions to outside speaking activities such as Community Chest and Midsummer Symphonies, without doubt its most noteworthy accomplishment along these lines was the staging of a Toastmasters Club broadcast over KFSD, January 16, 1933. Under the guidance of president

Bill La Monte, a thirty minute sample club program was put on the air. Using four speakers, a toastmaster, four individual critics and a general critic, a well rounded program was worked out. Numerous comments of a most favorable nature were received, resulting in splendid publicity. In April, San Diego entered the High School Public Speaking Contest for the second year, winning honorable mention in the finals at Pasadena. Our speaker was awarded fourth place.

The year 1934 saw the close of the term of Ray Watts as president, the full term of Bob Switzler as our presiding officer, and the beginning of the regime of Dave Austin. For the second successive year, a waiting list of prospective members has kept the club on its toes at all times. Early in the year, under the management of Ray Watts, a flying corps of Toastmasters was inaugurated to cover theatre speaking engagements in the interests of N.R.A. For a period of several weeks, fourteen theatres were covered each Saturday and Sunday night, proving a strenuous but most valuable experience in braving the footlights for those who participated. In February, the most pretentious of this club's many Ladies Night parties was staged at the San Diego Club, with Coronado and La Jolla joining in. Ladies instead of members were the speakers. Entertainment engineered by Neil Nettleship was novel and most enjoyable, ending with dancing as usual. Since its inception, San Diego has averaged a Ladies' Night three times each year.

In April came the annual High School public speaking contest eliminations, an unusual feature of which was a short wave broadcast arranged for us by KFSD. Under the chairmanship of R. C. Wilkinson, practically every High School in the County participated, sponsorship being divided by Coronado and San Diego. In the finals at Los Angeles, San Diego County was decidedly "in the money" with second place going to Coronado and third to San Diego. The second club to be sponsored successfully by our group was that of the State College, an Associate Club brought into the fold in May largely through the efforts of Bill Copeland. The crowning achievement of 1934 was undoubtedly the Annual meeting and banquet of Toastmasters International held at the El Cortez Hotel, October 6th. Easily the most successful gathering of the International yet held, this was made possible by the splendid cooperation of the many members who assisted general chairman Ray Watts and Bill Copeland. President Bob Switzler presided, Bill La Monte conducted the speaking contest, Neil Nettleship appropriately honored the newly elected officers and others who had duties assigned carried them off in splendid fashion. Such is San Diego's history.

Really religious people always shock slightly religious people by their blasphemous attitude to religion; and it was precisely for blasphemy that Jesus was crucified. (R. G. Collingwood)

GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 8
Historian Harry Finlay

WISHING to avoid the weekly ride to Los Angeles club, two Glendale residents, Fred Householder and Harry Finlay formed the first toastmasters club in Glendale in February, 1929. Householder was our first president. To help us start, the Los Angeles club put on a demonstration program. We have returned the compliment several times in the past five years.

Glendale is becoming toastmaster-minded. Our waiting list became too long and efforts to form another club were successful. November 22nd International Club No. 2 of Glendale organized. Charter will be applied for soon and we will enter the ranks of cities with two or more clubs of toastmasters. Credit Dr. Gilkerson for this group.



CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 9
Historian Hilding Weisgerber

THIS organization is still a young one, having been created less than two and one-half years ago; in the autumn of 1932. Only one member, Alf Laing, had previous toastmastering experience, but with the help of Clark Chamberlain, Leo Schmid and his fellow San Diegans we were soon strutting about like old timers.

Leo Hansen, our first president, served with distinction as did Dwight Miller who followed him. During the latter's term in office we were host to Toastmasters International with the summer convention of 1933 staged at Hotel del Coronado.

Stanley Ridderhof followed in the presidential chair on the first anniversary of the club's organization. Largely through his efforts, and those of former president Dwight Miller, the La Jolla club was organized.

Lt. Al Cooley, our second flying executive became president in March of this year. The first honor to his reign being the sponsoring of the High School Public Speaking contest eliminations and Miss Mary Beck, eventual winner in the finals at Los Angeles.

With several of our flying toastmasters absent in the east with the fleet and the benefit of a recess apparent, we adjourned last June for the summer. Returning in September we found ourselves with several long lost members returned, some new ones and plenty of ideas and enthusiasm.

SEATTLE CLUB NO. 1

CHARTER NO. 10
Historian Louis LaBow

THROUGH the enthusiasm of Leo Schmid our club was born the summer of 1932 with the first regular meeting in September. Within six weeks we had our quota of 30 members. Since that time there always has been two or more applicants on the waiting list. Leo Schmid and Ed Hed were our first president and vice-president respectively. They held office until September 1933 when Les Knight and Ray Huff took office. Louis LaBow and John L. Gordon were elected to the same positions in September 1934.

Sponsored by Leo Schmid, Ed Hed, Ray Huff and Les Knight, Tacoma Club No. 13 was formed. We have had several exchange meetings with this live group.

Future activities here depend a great deal on the interest which we hope to develop in public speaking in the high schools. It is planned to sponsor a high school contest, donating a cup as a prize. Looking back over the two years of our activities, our club has made a decided and helpful contribution to our city and to all those contacting our influence.



GAVEL CLUB, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 11
Historian Dr. B. M. Tylicki

AGROUP of men met on September 12, 1928, at the YMCA answering the call of its secretary R. H. Gossom, who introduced Ralph Smedley to explain the toastmaster idea. Dr. William Cole, Asa E. Fickling, Alexander Beck, Jean Bordeaux and Dr. R. C. Christie promised to join and to bring more prospects. On September 28th the club organized with 26 members.

The club influenced the civic life of the community. Christie and Fickling became city councilmen, the latter being mayor three years. These men and others of the club often credited the organization with helping them immeasurably.

Time and tide ripped away many of the members. The club was dormant when R. W. Hendrick organized the Gavel club which took over many of the first club's members. In the spring of 1933,

a charter was granted. The first officers were Clifford Smith, president, B. M. Tylicki, vice-president, Hugh R. Etzell, secretary, and M. C. Richards, treasurer.

Today Gavel club is one of the most active in the city and noted for its exchange of speakers with neighboring clubs. Officers now are Clifford Hayes, president, Walter H. Gillis, vice-president, V. W. Goodwin, secretary, Lowell Carney, treasurer, Kenneth Bucklen, sergeant-at-arms.



TACOMA, WASHINGTON

CHARTER NO. 13
Historian C. J. Shaw

THE PUBLIC speaking class of Tacoma YMCA had been seeking some method by which to continue work on that subject. A committee met on April 10, 1933, organizing our club with Dr. Cyril Lundvick, president, Paul Jeffrey, vice-president, R. E. Rogers, secretary, and T. M. Kimball, program chairman.

Before a month passed we had our limit of 25 and a waiting list established. Our constitution and by-laws are much the same as those suggested by T.M.I. In September, 1933, we became International getting Charter No. 13 of which we are extremely proud.

Outgrowing YMCA quarters we moved to the hotel Tacoma where we expanded membership to 30 which limit long ago was reached. Our programs consist of speaker, 6 critics and one general critic, with each member not on the program presenting a two-minute talk on current events. Toastmasters rotate weekly.

This year we took over our first definite service project, joining the speaking committee of the Community Chest campaign. With our large waiting list, we felt a second club was needed. It is forming now.

Joint meetings with Seattle and other neighboring clubs have developed friendly rivalry and much fellowship. The Northwest is becoming toastmaster-minded because of these exchange meetings.



The world's champion hog caller says "You've got to have appeal as well as power in your voice to convince the hogs you have something for them."

(contributed)

HUNTINGTON PARK NO. 1, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 14
Historian R. L. Applegate



THE Toastmaster idea came to our city in 1931 with the advent of Olin Price. For several months he spread the idea in the fertile minds of selected men and September 6, 1933, found these chaps meeting to organize a club.

With Olin as first president, Maurice Sopp vice-president, Bob Grube secretary-treasurer, we were off to a successful start. Membership then and now was composed of business and professional men. Out of 26 charter members 19 still are active in the club, and our waiting list always has had several names. Average attendance during our existence has been 22 plus.

Second president Maurice Sopp carried on where Olin Price left off. Bob Grube was so efficient he was kept in office a full year. Today Bob is president and Don Morrison performs excellently in that most thankless of all jobs, the secretaryship.

Highlights which illumine our heaven of memories are the clubs we have been instrumental in founding. Progressive club of Huntington Park, Montebello's toastmaster group, Walnut Park's brand new club, all were due to Olin Price, Steve Stevens and George Smith.

Exchange speaker nights with most of the clubs in this vicinity taught us the value of fellowship with others. We have not missed a single inter-club speaking contest since we have been in the federation, and at Montebello Dean Severance honored us and himself by winning first prize against tough competition.

The two annual ladies' night parties sponsored by our boys brought large attendance from some 10 clubs each time. Those who came to the affairs remember the happy times, the enthusiastic spirit of real toastmasterly friendship.

So great has been the influence of our club on the community that it cannot be measured. Members have appeared before every service club, at nearly all the churches and theatres, before the Boy Scouts, and always they have spoken on matters tending toward civic betterment. The community chest drive speaking was handled almost exclusively by the toastmasters. Campaigning for the Federal Better Housing Act has kept many of us busy.

With Olin Price president of International we have an added incentive to keep progressing. Feeling that the name Toastmaster is one of distinction and a real factor for better living in our city, we members are proud to continue participation in an interesting worthwhile movement.

"EL CAMINO" TOASTMASTERS

CHARTER NO. 15
Historian Fred Eley

AT THE regular meeting of "Smedley Chapter No. 1" on October 18th, 1933, the attention of its members was called to the fact that some of the "Waiting List" were becoming anxious to know when they might be able to enroll in Active membership. For the past year or so, especially since the club had continued its meetings throughout the summer, there had been a marked decrease in membership turn-over and only when members had to leave the city had there been an opportunity for new members to enroll. It was proposed to divide the club into two sections, each to enroll new members to make up its limit. This scheme was voted down, as no one seemed willing to lose his membership in No. 1 Club of the International organization. However, during the week following, four members decided that in the interests of the Toastmaster Club idea it seemed necessary to form a new club, and should it be found such a club could be organized they would themselves request leave of absence from No. 1 Club and organize a new club.

On October 26th these men, with the "Waiting List" and others interested, including several members of No. 1 Club in sympathy with the idea, met together at a dinner in the Y.M.C.A. A sample program was put on by members of No. 1 Club, after which the new club organized, twenty men signing up. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and application made to International for a charter. The charter roll was closed at the meeting the following week with a membership of 26. Two additional members added at the following meeting made up the full limit of 28, and we also had a waiting list of four prospects anxious to be enrolled.

We received our charter November 23rd at a joint meeting with No. 1 Club; the presentation being made by International President Arthur Johnson, who started our club on its official way with some well-chosen thoughts ably expressed. This auspicious occasion was observed as a "Ladies Night" and attendance numbered 114. Among those present we noticed the Honorary President of International, also the Secretary and the Treasurer. Ralph Smedley, being called upon for a talk, responded in his usual gracious and helpful manner, giving us points and ideas of keen interest to all toastmasters who had the privilege of hearing him. The opening session was presided over by our president, Ernest Layton, who later turned the meeting over to the toastmaster of the evening, M. Macurda, who was the treasurer of our club. The program was participated in by the two clubs, each providing three speakers. In addition to the officers already named, our vice-president was Don Rice, secretary Ernest

Wooster, and sergeant-at-arms Carlyle Dennis; these officers, together with Ralph Smedley, constituted our executive committee.

All our members were enthusiastic regarding the purposes and work of the club and this enthusiasm has not been in any way dissipated, but has gained new strength as the work of the organization became better understood. We have had some turnover in membership, due principally to business removals from our city, but sixteen charter members are still actively engaged in the club work. We have throughout our existence maintained a full membership limit and almost always have some applications on file on "waiting list."



TUCSON, ARIZONA

CHARTER NO. 16
Historian Willis C. Collier



ORGANIZED November 6, 1933, the 21 members passed the tentative constitution and by-laws, electing P. K. Hill, J. Edgar Voorhees, J. A. Bruning, E. E. Russell and G. A. Vance to the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms, respectively. Our fine general critic, William Dunipace, continues to aid in bringing out the latent talent of our members.

When we resumed meetings after the summer recess the boys decided something had to be done in the way of making our group noteworthy. After some discussion we decided to meet at noon rather than at night. The plan was and is a great success, bringing out strong attendance and great interest.

The year of life seems mighty short as we look back, but only those of us who have struggled up the path of better speeches realize the development of members. Today the toastmasters club is distinctive in Tucson. Civic campaign leaders seek us out and obtain willing help in putting over good talks. A second club is forming here to whose chartering we look forward. When that event comes, Tucson will be given an occasion to remember.



The purest treasure mortal times afford is spotless reputation.
(Shakespeare)

"He's of a better nature, sir, than he appears by his speech."
(Shakespeare)

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

CHARTER NO. 17
Historian A. F. Williams

WE FIRST learned of the toastmaster club idea by reading Tom Nelson's "Ventures in Informal Adult Education." It was felt this work would be ideal to handle those who graduated from the YMCA public speaking class and wished to carry on in oral work. Cards were sent to all such former students and we met December 14, 1933, with 32 present. All applied for membership, 28 were selected, the remaining four going on the waiting list.

Charter presentation was held in February, 1934, with F. S. Cannon, president of the board of directors of the YMCA making the tender. Turn-over in membership has not been extreme although we have held strictly to our by-laws and any member absent three times consecutively without excuse is dropped. So enthusiastic has been our group, we met continuously through the summer.

Highlights of the past are the visit to the Veterans Hospital when we put on a regular program for the patients; the various times when members of the club have been honored speakers at great civic banquets; and most of all the appearance of several of the boys before the microphone at the local broadcast station.

Composed of the leaders of business here, the club has attracted more attention and favorable comment than any other group in the YMCA, or so far as that goes, in the city. Where well-known service clubs have lost many members, we have continued to keep full strength and those on the waiting list have small chance to get into active membership except through the death of some member. We feel sure that another club will be formed soon, because conditions demand it and so do prospective members.

Your historian was a charter member and is proud of it. During all the club life we have had E. O. Snethen, prominent attorney, as critic assisted by F. E. Marshall who conducts our YMCA public speaking class. Looking back on the growth in ourselves and in the club spirit, all members agree that toastmastering has been a great influence for good.



Truth hath a quiet breast.

(Shakespeare)

That sun that warms you here shall shine on me.

(Shakespeare)

PROGRESSIVE CLUB, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.

CHARTER NO. 18
Historian P. F. Mekeal

AT AN INFORMAL meeting with fifteen persons present Progressive took root February 20th, 1934, having its first meeting as a club, March 3rd, 1934. Gordon Howard was elected President and through his efforts, ably assisted by the members, the full roster was obtained March 17th, 1934. Charter was applied for and publicly obtained April 21st, 1934. Functioning as a Progressive Club, visits were made to Long Beach, Whittier, and Montebello and to other clubs at frequent intervals.

Marking the first six months of our existence, we elected new officers in October and celebrated with a banquet and dance at the Rio Hondo country club. We were happy to assist No. 1 of Huntington Park in the formation of the Walnut Park club which is now planning its charter night party.



QUAKERTOWN CHAPTER, WHITTIER, CALIF.

CHARTER NO. 19
Historian William Emery

BACK in the days of yore several citizens conceived the idea of a club affiliated with T.M.I. after their experience in a club which did not choose to make such a tie. Leon A. West, Fred H. Bolles, Charles Kinnear and Wm. Emery invited some 25 men to Green Arbor Inn on March 21, 1934, where the formation of a club was discussed. Arthur Johnson, Ralph Smedley, Olin Price, Paul Demaree and E. H. Layton, well-known toastmasters, joined the group and organization began.

March 29th the committees previously appointed reported on by-laws, constitution, and program, all being adopted as presented. Leon West, Frank Chandler, Charles Kinnear, William Emery and F. F. Calvert were elected to president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms respectively.

Charter night was set for May 10th and the name Quakertown Chapter adopted. On that evening we were host to some 125 visiting toastmasters and ladies with Leon West receiving the Club's charter from Arthur Johnson.

What we have contributed to International is small compared to what we received. We are growing in the toastmaster spirit, urged on by the victory won at San Diego. Our present executives are Frank B. Chandler, president, F. C. Van Velzer, vice-president, John Donan, secretary, Earl Woodward, treasurer, Ralph F. Peck, sergeant-at-arms.

MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 20

Historian Dr. Harry Hansen

IN JULY of 1934, Olin Price and Steve Stevens of the Huntington Park Club No. 1 called a meeting of those in Montebello who might be interested in Toastmastership. At this first unofficial meeting we had an attendance of five including Olin and Steve. The Montebelloites were Dr. Edward Lynch, Dr. Dan Woods and Dr. Harry Hansen, and these three gentlemen were elected president, vice-president, and secretary, in the order named.

During the ensuing week Olin Price brought another aggregation of eloquent speakers from Huntington Park and after some inspirational talks from these gentlemen our membership jumped to twenty, with which number we held the first official meeting August 1, 1934. The popularity of the club spread so quickly through Montebello that in two weeks we had a full membership of 26 and four on the waiting list.

Charter night on October 29, 1934, we found International's president Olin Price presenting us with the document. There was a speaking contest in which seven neighboring clubs entered, with Dean Severance of Huntington Park No 1 winning first prize. Dancing followed the program. The large attendance of 175 people convinced us of the wholehearted cooperation of all the Toastmasters Clubs.



SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 21

Historian Glenn Hovey

WHEN Kenneth Sturzenger of Santa Ana's Shedley chapter came here to handle sales for Shell Oil Company on May 10, 1934, he felt a strange lack at once. Wherever he went he mentioned the need for a toastmasters club and soon we had a nucleus. Jean Bordeaux and others came to some of our early meetings, told us of the clubs and the federation, and September 24th was charter night when Frank Merriam, governor of California, gave the welcome to 140 toastmasters and friends. With such a man on our program, we claim a record other clubs will have to hustle to equal.

Every member feels the benefits of this work. We will continue on and now are planning for the council which meets here in October, 1935. Our motto is, "Where words are sincere, they are seldom spent in vain."

SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE CLUB, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Historian J. Clark Chamberlain

THIS organization came into being during the 1933 semester. Under encouragement from one of the younger members of the faculty, Mr. Paul Pfaff, who is exceptionally popular with both faculty and students and an able authority on oral English, the club held interesting meetings at bi-weekly intervals during the college season. This group was invited to visit San Diego Toastmasters club, individually or as a unit, and accepted the invitation on numerous occasions, notably at the meeting when the Annual High School Speaking Contest finals were held. Members of San Diego club met with them at different times, assisting with the meeting and acting as critics.

During the present semester of State College activity in this club was revived, using some of last year's members as a nucleus, and at present there are about twenty members. The bi-weekly meetings have been the rule again this year. During the early part of November, the first Annual State College Toastmasters Banquet was held. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Watts were invited as the only outside guests and report the meeting following the dinner was constantly punctuated with lively bits of fine, clean repartee of the kind peculiar to youth today. This statement, explains Watts, is made especially for Toastmaster consumption, and for the purpose of indicating that these young speakers have characteristics of value in public speaking that can be of vast benefit to older speakers if opportunity is given the latter to observe and learn from students of the new school.



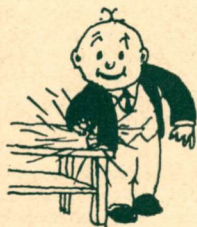
ELSIE JANIS' PRAYER

God, let me live each lonely day so I may know
That come what may I've lived the way you want me to.
Forgive me if I do not pray the ultra-sanctimonious way
In church on every Sabbath day as some folks do.
But let me know if I should stray that I may stop
Along the way at any time of night or day
And talk with You.

Splinters

By Clarence F. Marshall

Just in case you are finished reading the last Toastmaster, and are not all tired out jumping pages or finding your way back to "lost articles," ye scribe herewith presents "Gavel Splinters." Now that you know what is coming you can turn the dial to the other things.



Public Enemy No. 00 is the fellow who keeps reminding you how many more days it is till Christmas. We hope all his Christmas cards are bills.

FOR WOMEN ONLY. Now is a good time to remind hubby that if he expects you to sit up and listen to his speeches in 1935, you've got to have that fur coat, new dress, or whatever your heart's desire is. (Hope nobody sends my wife one of these Toastmaster Magazines.)

The fifteen famous points of Toastmasters International are mighty fine, in fact we think "SPLINTERS" should have some infamous points for Toastmasters, so here goes on No. 1.

1. NEVER SLEEP at a meeting of Toastmasters with your mouth open — it's a sign you came for the dinner and not to feed your mind.

The good wife and "us" are working now for the S.C.I. (Santa Claus Incorporated) trying to help 742 Indian children in Arizona— and now that I have broken most of the toys, yet am still in the Santa Claus frame of mind, I'd like to put a package in Olin Price's sock. Olin is a real go-getter and has to date done much to spread the Toastmaster idea in these parts. We're with you in 1935, Olin, and predict that you will carry us ahead to greater successes.

In glancing over past issues of "this yere" magazine, we note considerable poetry quoted and we surmise ye editor is of a poetic trend of thought—well, hardly that, when he flashes something like this on us —

* * * pray do not scough—
She coughed until her hat blough ough.

Think we'll have to send him one of our masterpieces.

As I read this stuff over, (yes, I really do — gotta see how much more is needed to fill the page), it sounds pretty awful,—guess my gavel must have been out in the rain.

To Toastmasters far,
To Toastmasters near,
A Merry Ol' Christmas,
A Happy New Year.

(How about that one Ed. — and how about a raise in pay in 1935?)

(Editor's Note: O.K. — salary doubled, effective now.)

SPEECHES and SPEECHES

There are speeches which are clever. There are speeches that are bad. There are some we may call comic, and others which make us sad. There are speeches long and dreary, a few which can't be beat, But the speech that makes us happy is one that's short and sweet! There are speakers who are snappy, others who are slow. There are speakers deadly boring while telling all they know. Some speakers keen and sparkling, and some chuck full of wit, But he who makes the shortest speech usually makes a hit!

Tho man a thinking being is defined,
Few use the grand prerogative of mind.
How few think justly of the thinking few!
How many NEVER think, who think they do.

WORDS ARE WISE MEN'S COUNTERS

By Jean Bordeaux



"Words, words, words," said Hamlet. Words are more than useful, they are indispensable. Not just a jumble of letters, words have individuality, color, personality. Try to sing Home Sweet Home using the words Domicile Dulcet Domicile. The appreciation of words is essential in every good speaker. We must prize, estimate, value, esteem and recognize justly the worth of

words and this from a sympathetic viewpoint. Though there are fads and fashions in words, we should not be slaves to trite bromides.

Like people, words are born, mature, age and die. They are resurrected only to die again. Killed, restored, and allowed to live on in our language. Sometimes they marry and divorce, separate, and mutilated, maimed, or betrayed, become rejuvenated and improved. Above all, words are sadly abused. Dryden remarked "Sometimes we torture one poor word ten thousand ways."

Words are veritable garments for your ideas. Would you permit your employees to move about in society naked? Why then, do you use rags and tags for your thoughts? Confucius said "unless you know the force of words it is impossible to know men." And Job exclaimed "How forcible are right words!"

"Tis a kind of good deed to speak well," muttered the worried King Henry. Hearing a messenger utter a jumble of words, one of Shakespeare's characters declared, "Why his words are a very fantastical banquet, just strange dishes." Milton wrote, "by winning words men's hearts are conquered."

We must have an exchequer of words and suit our words to our actions. Words are too precious to be cast away. Even Pericles, notorious among the ancients, whispered as he died, "I never spake bad words."

Bacon and Pope (the latter credited with the expression) wrote "Words are like leaves and where they most abound, much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found." In the play King John, Sir Robert's son avered, "I was never so bethumped with words since I first called my brother's father dad." Often we feel that way after listening to some speakers.

Study your words,—look up new ones frequently. Learn how words have changed during the centuries. 'Nice' used so much today comes from the Latin meaning "no science or knowledge." 'Cunning' in Anglo-Saxon meant "to know, to be learned." In the latest dictionary are some 600,000 words of which the average educated person uses 15,000 to 20,000. In other words we use three percent of an available 100 percent leaving 97 percent dormant.

Thomas Hobbes stated, "Words are wise men's counters and they reckon with them, but words are the money of fools." How many recall Will Carleton's poem beginning, "Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds, you can't do that when you are flying words." The gloomy brooding Hamlet exclaimed, "Words without thoughts never to Heaven go." Every word has a slightly different meaning and few alleged synonyms are truly so. Ferret out these shades of meaning and when you speak convey your exact meaning to auditors.

William Howell wrote an appreciation of words once in which he affirmed, "Words are the soul's ambassadors,—they go abroad upon her errands to and fro."



WITHOUT PRICE

By Shirley Edwards

If price were asked to view a setting sun or pluck the wild-flowers on a hill; if some toll were paid to watch a silver moon and listen to the whippoorwill; if gold were charged for all that friendship means, for sympathy and love unsought, the comfort found in understanding hearts, the precious gifts that are not bought; would we, perchance, more grateful be for all these blessings given free? We place such value on all moneyed things, yet none can equal one of these: the glory of the sky, the hills, the sea, the majesty of redwood trees; the beauty of the moonlight and the stars; the colors of a setting sun; the loveliness we find in trusting hearts, yet these are free.

SMEDLEY CHAPTER NO. 1, SANTA ANA, CALIF.

CHARTER NO. 1

Reporter D. H. Tibbals



VISITED by first vice-president Huff the other day, we enjoyed his brief talk. He left some real brain food, especially an idea for a column in The Toastmaster to be headed "Try this on your club" or "Try your club on this." Each club would send in good ideas and suggestions which had proved successful by actual trial. A cut of an individual wielding a huge cave-man's club over the head of a perspiring speaker would appropriately top the column, and the speaker might be labeled "stand patter," "N. A. Rut," while the club might be tagged "New stuff," "New ideas," etc.

Our attendance contest has been a great stimulator. Like Gaul, the club is divided into three parts called Avocado, Orange and Walnut Grove. The idea is DEMERITS (rather than MERITS) given pest names, such as prey upon the fruit and foliage of the named trees. Each member has a tree. Each absence places a pest thereon removable by making up attendance, bringing a visitor, or securing a new member. Failure to fill a speaking engagement adds two pests, while absence and failure to speak occurring the same night bring three 'varmint.' The stunt has interested our members, added to our attendance, caused the speakers to give more preparation, and has been a real "pepper-upper." Why not work out some plan along similar lines in your club?



ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 2

Reporter Walter Taylor



DID YOU get your letter telling about Anaheim's birthday celebration, January 22, 1935, when we shall be 9 years old! Expect a big Ladies' Night as well as a grand party for all our friends. Come and help make this a success for the Anaheim Club. You will hear more about it later through the mail.

Big Attendance Contest Going Strong! We have divided into two factions—School Teacher fighting against Skull Teacher. Paul Demaree and George Hedstrom are the leaders of the two sides. For five weeks we have been in the fight, and next Tuesday's meeting decides the victor. The winners will have a big dinner GIVEN them by the other side and the losers—well, they wont

be enjoying their meal anyhow, so they will probably eat beans. Just between you and me, I hope Paul eats beans, and it looks like he will.

Jim Moore, our share of the speaking contest in San Diego, brought some of his products from the Corona High School down to a recent meeting, and after the regular program was disposed of, Jim's students presented a short one-act play. Fortunately Ralph Smedley was visiting us that night, and he was the only one able to give some helpful criticism to the Corona folks. We handed them all flowers, which they deserved. Come again, Ralph and you folks from Corona.

To the program committee has been assigned the job of preparing the speaking program now. At last the job is in proper hands. The President of any club has enough work taking care of the meeting without taking substitutions on the program when needed. The plan is working out splendidly.

This reporter has had more fun during the last three weeks looking over the history of the club in the minutes. Names of men have taken on new meaning; the club itself has been raised from its already high place in his thinking and he feels truly proud to belong to this group which has done much to make TMI mean what it does mean today. Two big minute books, and ten portfolios full of minutes have the story in good shape. We have had good secretaries in the Anaheim Club. If every club finds its activities as varied and numerous as I have found those of Anaheim, the historical issue of the Gavel will indeed be thick.

A number of "old timers" attended the club a few weeks back as guests of the present members. It wasn't premeditated, but at least six or eight of the fellows we once heard speak were with us. Did that make us put our talks over or didn't it? It Did.

Anaheim Club can boast an indirect interest in the championship football team of the league here. Dick Glover, a member on temporary leave, is coach of Anaheim Union High School, and his boys brought home the bacon. How many clubs can claim a football team?

We also have a "Junior Toastmasters' Club" in the High School. Paul Demaree and some other members on the High School faculty have a club of about 20 members that meets once a month during the noon hour for a group of short talks. We expect to find the winner of the next H. S. Public Speaking Contest from among this group.

Some Anaheimers were shown a mighty fine time in Huntington Park at the time of their fine Fall Party. Bob Grube and his gang showed us that Olin's offspring (ours, too, of course) can put on a party that is a party. Some nice people in Huntington Park Yowzah!!!

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 3
Reporter Wayne Feike

IF ALL the toastmasters clubs have as many guests at their meetings as does ours, it won't be long before the sky writers will be trailing out the words "standing room only at T.M. clubs." After all, what better place can one find at which to entertain a friend?

During November two outstanding meetings were held. The run-off of finalists in the weekly contests for the three months ending with October brought Tom Butler a silver cup, also a eulogy in the Los Angeles Times from the trenchant pen of Alma Whitaker.

Thanksgiving meeting with Dr. Frederick Hershman toastmastering was a great occasion. His wife and other members of the Toastmistresses club decorated the tables with horns of plenty, tiny replicas of pilgrim days, and his program visualized the Thanksgiving day presided over by Governor Bradford, Massachusetts and the leaders of the Plymouth colony. The continuity was especially well-knit. Both these unusual evenings brought out audiences of more than 50 people.

We celebrate Christmas with our meeting December 18th, aided by the Toastmistresses Club. They furnish three speakers and four individual critics, we furnish four speakers, three individual critics, toastmaster and general critic. Jean Bordeaux is toastmaster. Ray Huff told me he was coming just to see how Jean swings the gavel.



SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 5
Reporter D. P. Jackson

DURING November we have had a record attendance and excellent programs under the direction of Glen Blake, who has proven himself capable in that respect.

Elmer Smith reports nearly all the schools which participated last year have re-signed for this year's public speaking contest. Now that a Ventura club has been formed our burden will be much lighter. That group will sponsor Ventura, Santa Paula, Oxnard, Fillmore and other schools in Ventura County.

We are planning a Ladies' Night to be held Thursday, December 27th, time and place as yet not decided. Any outside Toastmasters roaming around the country on that date are cordially invited to attend. That's all for this time.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 6
Reporter Arthur Johnson

WHAT with planning the Tournament of Roses Parade and mowing the grass in the Rose Bowl for New Year's Football game, our club is keeping out of mischief. We had a nice evening recently when some of the boys from Glendale came over on an exchange program. Plans for the future call for numerous exchange speakers with nearby clubs.

The most exciting event in the offing is our Christmas Party and Ladies' Night planned for the 18th. Special music and speaking will feature the occasion.

The chairman of our club's High School Speaking Contest committee would like to get more detailed information on the contest for 1935, together with rules and information as to whether speeches must be original. Paul Demaree, please note!

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 7
Reporter Ray Watts

SINCE the Annual Meeting San Diego has installed a new set of officers. Dave Austin is president, Lee Harris vice-president and Ray Watts again secretary-treasurer. The membership continues at its limit of thirty and as before there is a waiting list.

The most important development of the year in the line of outside activities was a recent decision of the club to accept the full speaking responsibilities of the Better Housing Program of San Diego. Unlike other assignments of a civic nature which have been accepted in the past, this one is to continue for an indefinite period and is by all means the most far reaching undertaking San Diego Club has ever shouldered.

Primary responsibility for this program rests in the hands of J. Clark Chamberlain, chairman of the Better Housing Program speakers bureau, but the actual machinery for putting this new assignment in motion is being engineered by Ray Watts who is acting as secretary of the speakers bureau. Having been indefinitely loaned by his company to the Better Housing Program, Ray's full time is to be given to this job. At present, all Toastmasters are busily engaged in studying Housing Act material and in familiarizing themselves with all angles of the local campaign. /

GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 8
Reporter Harry Finlay

MMUCH of the success in our club is undoubtedly due to critic Elmer Worthy, Dean of our Junior College. Our members took over the publicity speaking for the Better Housing campaign and we have sponsored various civic projects with our speakers bringing credit to themselves and our mentor.

Installation of officers, December 11th, brought a welcome surprise when president Olin Price visited us, giving one of his usual snappy talks.

During the last quarter several excellent programs were given. The Early California evening allowed all participants to appear in the garb characterizing that period. Halloween we celebrated with ladies and guests present to the number of sixty. Average attendance runs 31, and with a new club forming here, it shows we are 100 percent for Toastmasters International.



CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 9
Reporter Allen Campbell

PUTTING on the ritz, and getting into the same class with Montebello Club, we are meeting at the Coronado Country club. Ah hem! We hear president Price may be down this way soon. Hope so, because our Ladies' Night in January will be a dandy affair. Plans for the sponsoring of our high school in the public speaking contest are in hand. The winner, whoever it may be, will undoubtedly cop the first prize at the finals.

Election of officers recently gave us Hilding Weisgerber, Paul Kohl and Allen Campbell as president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively. Hilding is still hollering about being put back to work. When he was retired from secretary to vice-president of the club, he promptly became the forgotten man and took it easy. This new position will be a lesson to him.

Two years ago we put on a meeting before the Coronado Civic Club. It made such a hit that we are compelled to do it again. Plans are cooking for this big affair. Meanwhile, exchanges with San Diego and La Jolla are preparing. With most of our Navy members back in the fold, we can say as Gridley did, "You may fire when ready."

SEATTLE NO. 1, WASHINGTON

CHARTER NO. 10
Reporter Louis LaBow

MEETINGS have been held regularly every Monday evening with a steady attendance. On November 19th, Seattle No. 1 acted as host of a joint meeting at which was represented Seattle clubs Nos. 2 and 3, Tacoma Club and a representative of Olympia club. Approximately 65 attended and the enthusiasm shown is indicative of the excellent progress which Toastmasters are making in the Northwest.

Two important events are planned for early next year. One is Ladies' Night which we hope will duplicate the success of the affair last year. The second is the sponsorship of the high school speaking contest.

While we have not selected subjects to be used as a basis for talks to be made, we have, however, tabooed any discussion in connection with the defeat of the California and the University of Southern California teams by Washington but certainly hope the Toastmasters clubs in California will accept this restraint as an expression of good sportsmanship on the part of the northern clubs.

We are considerably worried by the absence from our midst of Raymond Huff, a charter member and also first vice-president of Toastmasters International. Is it possible the California clubs have been so impressed by Ray's ability and enthusiasm that they are trying to wean him away from his Alma Mater? We hope not.



GAVEL CLUB LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 11
Reporter Lowell Carney

THE loss of our good secretary Goodwin, who has moved to Santa Monica, was a real blow, but a big gain for the fine club in that city.

Meetings have been going along with each one bringing up more interest and helpful information. The big event during the past few weeks was our joint meeting with the

Long Beach Tala club, a mixed group of people also interested in developing themselves oratorically. With a large crowd on hand and good speakers entered in the contest, we were delighted when our own Kenneth Bucklin received the award of first place.

During the two weeks from December 24th to January 7th our club will recess to let the boys enjoy Xmas with their families and celebrate the New Year Eve in whatsoever manner appeals.



POMONA, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 12
Reporter Orrin Patterson

HAPPY are we to celebrate our own second anniversary in Toastmasters International by acting as host to its member clubs at the International meeting in April, 1935. We are looking forward to a real High School Public Speaking Contest and the boys are hard at work planning for this gathering.

Progressing splendidly since its inception and always with a full membership of leading business and professional men of Pomona, with a few on the associate list waiting their turn to become regular members, we are happy, naturally. The present officers have shown a willingness to carry on and advance the work of their predecessors. Those now in office are John A. Evans, president; Paul C. Parker, vice-president; Orrin T. Patterson, secretary-treasurer; James G. Whyte and Dr. Gil J. Roberts, members of the executive committee.

A Junior College Speaking club which meets twice a month has been sponsored in the local Junior College. The students are greatly interested and are doing fine work. A Toastmistress club also has been formed by a group of business and professional women in Pomona under the direction and guidance of our group. We are working at present to bring into International two clubs from adjoining cities and hope to have something to report on this soon.

A benevolent member of our club known as Mr. X has donated \$10.00 cash as a reward to the man showing the greatest personal improvement in speaking ability during the current six months. A straw vote taken a few weeks ago showed thirteen members in the running for the prize. The award will be made upon the next installation of officers and the contest has created much enthusiasm and progress among members.

During this administration we have discreetly publicized our club by having as honored guests leading business, professional and political men of our community. These men in their daily conversation spread the good name and good work which our club is doing.

We send greetings of the season to all Toastmasters and a cordial invitation to meet with us at the International Contest in April, 1935.



TACOMA, WASHINGTON

CHARTER NO. 13
Reporter Phil Faler

DURING the entire summer period we were the only club in the Northwest which held meetings. Every second Monday evening 15 or more brave lads gathered to practice the forensic art. Inasmuch as several scheduled speakers were conveniently absent, it gave us an opportunity to do a wee bit of extemporaneous speaking. Tough practice, but helpful.

Monday, September 10th, weekly meetings commenced with an attendance of 24. For three consecutive weeks we had two visitors per week, all signing the membership rolls. Now we are filled to capacity, and expect to have a waiting list large enough to start another club within two months. Conceit? No, the other club is actually forming.

We elected new leaders for the ensuing six months on October first. Tim Kimball wields a wicked gavel. Frank Griffiths hits the ball when Tim weakens. Carl Lehman tries his utmost to collect the monies. Elbert Baker records what happens, if anything.

Sixteen gallant lads of Tacoma trekked to Olympia and presented a demonstration meeting on Monday evening, October 15. Immediately following our part of the program the Olympia boys (17 of them) decided to organize and are now on their way to becoming talented public speakers, in which art they did not seem to be lacking. They showed us a wonderful time and we all felt the effort was well spent. Toastmaster Walt Frankland donated one of the Rainier National Park Company's buses for the transportation; thus we were enabled to ride down in a group, a courtesy for which we are all most grateful.

November 19th was the date of our big inter-city meeting of the Pacific Northwest clubs, held in the Washington Athletic Club at Seattle, with representatives from the three Seattle clubs, Tacoma, and Olympia. Out of a total attendance of 58, Tacoma's contribution was 15. Our speakers were Evald Clausen and Carl Caddey. Both upheld the honor of our fair city most creditably.

Revival Night, December 3rd, was homecoming for all members, past and present. Those on the program impersonated the members of the U. S. Cabinet and a good imitation of the Democratic National Committee in session was given. President Kimball presented jeweled toastmaster emblems to past presidents Lundvick and Jeffries and honorary president 'Cy' Shaw, our mentor. Vice-president Griffith returned from California but reported his speed so great he couldn't visit any of the clubs. Suitable punishment will be administered when the 'exec' committee gets around to it. We enjoy visitors from any of the groups, however you wont be able to visit us December 24th or 31st because we are adjourning from December 17th to January 7, 1935. Yes sir! And we wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



HUNTINGTON PARK NO 1, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 14
Reporter Don Morrison

THE outstanding event of the Huntington Park Toastmasters club during the past two months was the annual fall Ladies' Night party. We are indebted to Mrs. Applegate for her efforts in making this a success. With apologies to Olin Price, we only hope that the guests from other clubs enjoyed this party as much as we enjoyed putting it on for them. Held at Huntington Park Women's club, there were 150 in attendance at the dinner with most everyone staying for the dance. Many noticed the unusual high spirits of our International President during the evening—but why shouldn't he be in high spirits? He had just climaxed his career by his marriage to Eva Hyde the Sunday before at the home of Paul Demaree in Anaheim.

Our club sponsored the new Walnut Park club. We feel we owe thanks to George Smith and Cliff Tweedy for their efforts in starting this new group. We have invited them and the Progressive club to meet with us on December 26th and January 2nd. Two fine programs are being planned.



Remember—only on a rainy day can you see a rainbow shining in your sky.

EL CAMINO CLUB, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 15
Reporter Glenn Tidball

SPECIAL attention has been given of late to impromptu talks given as "table topics." Current topics of controversial nature have been found excellent for impromptu discussion. A careful study of the problems of effective criticism resulted in adoption of a special critique sheet which is proving its value in use.

New officers are: Don O. Rice, special agent of Standard Oil Company, president; Glenn Tidball, Secretary-Treasurer of Excelsior Creamery, secretary. Fred Eley, past treasurer of TMI, sergeant-at-arms. With Ernest Layton, second vice-president of TMI, also a member of our club, it has been necessary to take steps to suppress the ebullient spirits of some over-proud members.

A joint meeting of El Camino with Number One club, November 28, was an inspiration to both groups and called out exceptional speeches.

Seating arrangements for the club meetings are never permitted to get into a rut. The table arrangement is subject to frequent change, thus giving the members practice in speech under varying conditions.

A plan of assigning a central general topic for each evening, with all speeches built on various phases of the general topic has been found effective in recent weeks as giving diversity under direction.



INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

CHARTER NO. 17
Reporter A. F. Williams

HELLO, all you toastmasters, and this is a good opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and great prosperity during the next year as well as those following. Rumors percolating down the Rockies to the effect that our club has gone into hibernation are simply rumors. Fact is, we came thru the summer doldrums and have been so busy handling campaigns that your reporter couldn't find time to send in news items. (Dear Editor, How'm I doin'?)

Our program of meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays each month continues. After the 6:30 dinner all members not on the program must speak two minutes each.

The waiting list is filled and plans are being formed to see what can be done about another club here. Before 1935 ends we promise to have a District of Indiana.

Biggest event for us has been the opportunity to broadcast over the radio here. Several of the boys have met 'Mike' and enjoyed the experience. San Diego has nothing on us now because we are handling practically all community speaking programs. The slogan here is ON TO BETTER TOASTMASTERING.



PROGRESSIVE CLUB, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.

CHARTER NO. 18
Reporter P. F. Mekeal

DURING November and December we have been meeting regularly with exchange of speakers occasionally, trying out our members on nearby clubs. Plans are forming now for the joint meeting of the two Huntington Park clubs and Walnut Park club on December 26th and January 2nd. When three clubs get together—some fun! Must wrap up my Christmast presents. Next issue I'll wax poetic so keep in touch with me.



VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 24
Reporter Dr. Ernest Stone

WE HAVEN'T any history yet because the club organized only in November, 1934. Our history began when Santa Barbara club came here and upon a demonstration program, which convinced the prospects of the helpfulness to be had from such a group.

Charter Night, December 15th, with the various clubs in this vicinity represented, and most of the International officers present. Program will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Athene clubhouse. We expect a large crowd and members are priming themselves for the occasion.

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 21
Reporter Glenn Hovey



ARE we happy? Yes sir! The program on December 11th before the Kiwanis club made our city more than ever conscious of toastmastering and its beneficial influence on the community. With Dr. C. J. Gail swinging the gavel, his colleagues (both doctors) R. J. Morrison and C. S. Dickinson, proceeded to operate their speech organs in true toastmasterly fashion. The large audience took all syllables without flinching, even begging for more medicine. Kenneth Sturzeneger, now our president, acted as clean-up man, knocking a home run. (How do you fancy those mixed metaphors?). The luncheon was held at Miramar Hotel.

Interesting programs weekly keep the membership to capacity and also maintain a large waiting list. Perhaps toastmaster V. W. Goodwin, who has moved here from Long Beach, will start the ball rolling to form another club here.

Santa Monica Junior College, where our member Sheldon Hayden teaches the students the latest in oral arts, will send the entire class in public speaking to put on a program for us December 19th. We anticipate a great evening with a chance to get intimate slants on what the younger generation is thinking. Should you, my friend, be in Santa Monica that day, look up this reporter at the YMCA and come along to an unusual evening.



LA JOLLA TOASTMASTERS CLUB

CHARTER NO. 22
Reporter Charlie Reed



A COMPARATIVELY new organization, we have shown good progress developing into a strong unit of the International. For its size the club probably has as much talent and its members take as much interest in club activities as do any of the other clubs.

After summer vacation, we reconvened in September with 23 members. For various reasons 3 men resigned, and 4 new members enrolled so at present writing our total numbers 24.

New members are Henry Colt, Carl Schwartz, Horace Naylor and Laurence Smith, all showing real toastmaster talent.

Probably one of the best talks delivered this season was by new member Schwartz on the subject, "To Hawaii with the Fleet." It certainly put some Old Timers on the spot, so to speak.

Programs usually consist of preliminary extemporaneous talks of about one minute's duration by every member on subjects suggested to each one by the previous speaker. This feature is interesting, serving as good training for extemporaneous work. The remainder of the program consists of 4 speakers, 7 minutes each, on any subject they choose.



OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

CHARTER NO. 25

Reporter Dan L. McCaughan

WE'RE too young to have a history, but oh what a future faces us. Charter Night has been set for December 18th. All good toastmasters of the Northwest will please make special note of the date. Come and help us celebrate the reception of this document, and join our merry Christmas party. Bring along the wife and kiddies, too. Rumors reach me that Santa Claus will appear in person at the affair so I have borrowed the biggest stocking in town.

Officers elected were president E. G. Rice, vice-president L. J. Pierce, treasurer W. A. Cain (no relation to Adam), secretary Louis Benson, and sergeant -at-arms is — Right! I'm guilty, don't shoot.

We vary our meeting place from week to week to accustom ourselves to different surroundings so that if a speaker should speak to a spot on the wall one night, the next time he will be in a different place without the 'pet spot' and thus made to look at his audience as he should.

We are fortunate in having the local high school public speaking instructor, Clarence Bitts, a member of our club. With his constructive criticisms along with the help of several old time politicians always present in a capitol city we know that, with some practice, we will be able to talk on a par with the rest of our neighboring clubs and aim to exchange speakers with them in the near future.

Invitations to Charter Night sent to all the clubs in this area and we are sure to have a big crowd. Leo Schmid, Ed Hed, Johnnie Rudd, even Joe Penner, all promise to augment the party.

(Mr. Editor — Just wait till I get the hang of these keys and then watch out for Olympian reports.)

WALNUT PARK, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 26

Reporter Roy Grubb



WHEN the club history begins only on November 2nd, you might say the tale will be short. On that date some members of Huntington Park No. 1 started organizing our group. In two weeks we had 11 members and the third week 17 at which time we decided to make Tuesday our regular night for dinner.

Two more weeks and 21 members found us all set to become real toastmasters. A name was selected, application made, and our charter has been engrossed ready for delivery after we select the time.

With two holidays coming on Tuesday, our boys were appreciative of the courtesy shown us by Bob Grube's club when they urged us to meet with them. President Howard Ross told the program committee to get going and in order to keep tabs, asked vice-president Cliff Nichols and secretary Grubb to help in arranging features for the nights we were invited over to Huntington Park No. 1.

Charter night will be in January although a definite date has not been picked. However, it will be a "Ladies' Night" and notice will be sent all clubs within 150 miles urging you all to come celebrate with us. Just as soon as we get used to the feel of the table and the boys sitting back with a "Come on, let's see how good you are" look on their faces, we will begin making exchanges with nearby clubs. Invitations will be welcomed and may be sent to this reporter at 319 Bank of America Building, Huntington Park, California.



REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA

CHARTER NO. 27

Reporter Roy A. Hohberger



WITH 25 of the leading business and professional men enrolled, we have our limit and a 'waiting list.' Are yuh lissenin', Los Angeles? Not only that is a record, but we meet in a high school (Sequoia) which is most unusual. Of course Paul Demaree will try to tell us about the Anaheim Junior Club.

Formation was aided much by Ralph Smedley's help in sending us literature and letters offering bits of wisdom. Meeting November 26th, the procedure was explained to 19 prospects. On December 3rd we elected officers and launched on the sea of oratory. Weather fair, sky clear, a following wind and Critic Vergil A. Anderson of Stanford University Oral Arts Department to trim the sails,—what more could we ask. The port of shorter and better speeches is just over the horizon and we're headed straight up the channel. (How's 'at, Ed?)

If there are any other toastmaster clubs in this area, speak up so we may start exchanging speakers and programs. Calling San Jose, San Francisco, Berkeley, (Hi there, Ben Rickli) and might as well say 'Hello' to John Berger.

Owing to December 24th and 31st being evenings on which our members have to make speeches to Santa Claus and to the baby 1935, the club will not meet. But January 7th we will be under way again. Definite date for charter night has not been set. Notices will be mailed in ample time so toastmasters may come and share the fellowship. To you oldsters who haven't been in school for y'ahs and y'ahs (excuse mah suthern accent) be sure to visit Redwood City on a Monday and spend a couple hours in the old school.



ORLANDO, FLORIDA

CHARTER NO. 28

Reporter Frank A. French

WELL, well, well, Howdy, all you toastmasters hither and yon and near and far. Before we get to the news items, let me remind you that Winter climate is what we have the mostest of. Owing to the extraordinary vitality of our natural attributes, the fertility of the soil, the balmy sun, the unusual air, it was necessary only to mention toastmasters clubs with the result, zip! zip! a club appeared magically and are we proud!

St. Augustine, Jacksonville, even Tallahassee (bet you can't pronounce that) had clubs started some years ago, but of course the Orlando boys weren't there to get action. Hence ours is the real, genuine article and the very first in all Florida.

December 11th found the 17 starters getting the completion details wound up, and our limit of 28 is about reached. As soon as we get really started, attempts will be made to form two other clubs and organize the District of Florida.

Del Frederics asks to be remembered to the San Diego boys. In case you don't know, San Diego is located in California near Coronado and has a good climate, too. Next time we'll send a bill for advertising them.

When charter night comes, (it hasn't been selected yet) we will invite president Price to come down and see real estate what is real estate. Oh yes, you'll notice in the Rendezvous the omission of our meeting place. We haven't decided yet just which restaurant will be favored with our super-excellent group. Should you visit here, just ask anyone about the club and be sure you'll be directed properly. Greetings and salutations to you all, seasonal and otherwise, from the club which put Florida on the toastmasters map.



A PARODY ON HAMLET'S SOLILOQUY

To tip, or not to tip—that is the question,
Whether 'tis wiser with a shrug to silence
The mincing line of supercilious servants,
Or to pay tribute to a horde of menials,
And, by disgorging, soothe them. To tip—
To bribe—no less—yet by corruption
Fail to end the sordid struggle. 'Tis a
Condemnation distinctly to be shunned.
To bribe—perchance to please. Ay,
There's the rub! For who would bear the
Cabman's curse, the bell hop's mockery,
But that the dread of some inn after this—
Some well-informed hotel within whose
Walls the traveler is spurned—confounds
The will, and makes us rather tip the
Knives we know than be abused by those
We have not seen. Thus comfort makes
Dissemblers of us all.

(W. W. Bridgman, Dunedin, N. Z.)



Look, what thy soul holds dear imagine it to lie that way
thou goest, not whence thou comest.

(Shakespeare)

FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR



Visiting various clubs, one is struck by the benefits derived from a good song leader. If you haven't one in your club, develop one or bring in a new member who can lead the boys in singing. Your voice will be bettered, your hearts lightened, and the entire evening made more inspiring. Music hath charms—.

Does your club have a monthly or quarterly speaking contest for members? If so, remember the occasion offers a splendid opportunity to bring your ladies and guests, and to gain valuable publicity in your city newspapers. Such events are newsworthy.

Recently sojourning with a nearby club when several guests were present, the matter of excessive dues was discussed. Incidentally some of the speakers hurled barbed innuendoes at members in arrears of dues. The result?—two who contemplated joining the club left in disgust. Experience teaches that we should keep dues at a minimum, never discussing them when guests are present.

Is there in most of our clubs a strict taboo on political and religious topics? These questions are submitted by a northwestern club for answer by our readers. We believe one of the surest ways of maintaining interest is to permit members to engage in discussions of subjects arousing the argumentative faculties. What do YOU think about these questions? Here's a chance to get it off your chest.

Inquiring letters from readers ask: Please recommend a good practical book on Public Speaking. After perscrutating nearly all American books published on this subject, we suggest Dale Carnegie's Public Speaking & Influencing Men in Business. Used throughout the United States in all the schools operated by American Institute of Banking and most of those of the YMCA's, some 200,000 graduates back up our opinion. In addition, our father confessor J. Gustav White endorses our statement and has used the book for years in his classes. Copies may be obtained from White or The Association Press, \$3.50 each and when more than five are bought there is a considerable saving. Orders may be sent direct or to International's secretary.

However, if you seek a brief practical course for odd moment study rather than a book covering every phase of the subject in detail, by all means get Smedley's 10 Lessons in Practical Public Speaking. Send orders direct to him and if he is in his usual good humor, you'll receive an autographed copy. His course is worth far more than it costs, but is written briefly for the student seeking fundamentals on which to begin practical speaking.

EL CAMINO club reports the use of a new improved critique sheet. Certainly this office will appreciate a copy and undoubtedly others would like one. Write International's second vice-president asking for these, and don't forget the old three cent stamp.

ORLANDO, Florida, joining immediately after Redwood City, holds the title of "youngest" at this writing. With clubs forming almost daily, the boys in the South won't have possession of their title very long.

PASADENA historian will be sure to catch a heavy bombardment when readers notice his claim to priority for Toastmistress clubs. Just wait till Santa Ana and Anaheim learn of the claim!

PORTLAND, Oregon club forming now writes via its president Charles L. Stidd of First Federal Savings & Loan Association "composed of Portland's choicest business men, we are about to organize on a permanent basis and need all the data regarding membership in International. Leo Schmid has been zealous in aiding our start." Thank you, Toastmaster Stidd. The federation's arms are open and all you need do is jump into them. The Rose City group will add much to our garden of speakers blossoming around the globe.

REDWOOD CITY, California, has our State's baby Toastmasters club. A news item published in the Tribune there on December 4th, which clipping was sent in by honorary president Smedley shows the baby is lusty. The club is unique because (as far as we know) it is the only one meeting in a high school. Reading over the list of members and their businesses is like perusing Who's Who. It is a pleasure to have this active group with us, and we know the northern section of the State will take notice now because these men are going to make that vicinity toastmaster-conscious.

SANTA BARBARA club deserves credit for its excellent monthly titled "The Santa Barbara Toastmaster." Simple, four letter-size sheets folded and stapled together, price, "your constructive criticism and help." Among other details, programs for the month are given, bits of wisdom scattered promiscuously, a section devoted to choice of words, a page on which scheduled speaker may jot down title and ideas of his contemplated talk, and a directory of members with their business affiliations. Presumably the editor of this useful periodical is dodging the sheriff, because his name is conspicuous by its absence. Write their secretary, D. P. Jackson, 1026 State Street, for a sample copy, sending along a 3-cent stamp.

SMEDLEY CHAPTER reporter wrote up what appear to be two good ideas, one to be used by member clubs, the other in your magazine. Send in your comments and do it now. Would you like a column "Try this on your club?"

TACOMA club made a kindly gesture in giving retiring presidents a toastmasters emblem commemorative of work while in office. Our distinctive pin may be obtained by ordering from the secretary, or from J. A. Meyers & Company, 1031 West 7th street, Los Angeles. The price of \$1.25 for gold-filled, \$2.50 for solid gold, brings you the lapel pin or button, or the emblem mounted to be worn as a charm on the watch chain.

Orders continue coming in for The Amateur Chairman. Unquestionably the experience of 30 years enabled its author, our honorary president Smedley, to write a really helpful book. When problems of presiding come up the little book is a refuge. Copies may be obtained from the secretary or from Ralph Smedley.

EXTRA COPIES of this issue are available. Most toastmasters will want a few to give to interested friends. Write International's secretary stating the number desired, and enclose five cents for each copy.

Another year of life for Toastmasters and their magazine which has seen four twelve-months vanish. Each of us has received back whatever we have put into our club and into our own lives. Nature's rhythm insists on balance and the men who have struggled on up the rocky path of a rough world find efforts repaid in kind. We have had troubles and pleasures and much success which time to come will make greater as we grow. To you all, wherever you may be, it is our sincere wish you will find Christmas a time of happiness and in the New Year the realization of your heart's desire. Remember—all places that the eye of heaven visits are to a wise man ports and happy havens. Teach yourself to be content with what you have wherever you may be, knowing you can better conditions and yourself by plugging ahead. May we all repeat and mean it Tiny Tim's heartfelt prayer, "God bless you, every one."

OUR NEXT ISSUE, DEO VOLENTE, WILL BE IN FEBRUARY. DEAD LINE FOR COPY IS FEBRUARY 10TH. PLEASE, ALL YOU GOOD REPORTERS WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE THE MAGAZINE, NOTE THAT DEADLINE.

THE FAMOUS FIFTEEN POINTS

Toastmasters International, Inc., is Organized and Promoted
for the Following Reasons:

1. **TO PROMOTE** the growth and establishment of Toastmasters Clubs throughout the world.
2. **TO SPONSOR** the publication of THE TOASTMASTER, official organ of our Federation, and disseminator of the latest and best ideas on toastmastering.
3. **TO PROVIDE** literature and other assistance to make possible the establishment of Toastmasters Clubs.
4. **TO PROTECT** the name Toastmasters Club in order to confine its use to clubs conforming to the standards and regulations established by the majority group through Toastmasters International.
5. **TO STANDARDIZE** and maintain as nearly uniform as practical the procedure and ideals of Toastmasters Clubs.
6. **TO UPHOLD** before all the latest and best principles of public speaking and related conduct and procedure.
7. **TO ACT** as a medium of exchange tending toward the improvement of Toastmastering.
8. **TO ASSIST** individual clubs in solving and overcoming problems and difficulties which may arise in the organization and functioning of such clubs.
9. **TO PROMOTE** friendship among Toastmasters Clubs and Toastmasters.
10. **TO SPONSOR** friendly competition in public speaking among the member clubs of Toastmasters International.
11. **TO SPONSOR** contests in public speaking among organizations outside the Toastmasters Clubs, such as the High School Public Speaking Contest.
12. **TO PROMOTE** the technique of tactfully giving and gracefully taking criticism and profiting thereby.
13. **TO MAKE** the name Toastmaster a mark of distinction and of recognized ability in public speaking.
14. **TO ESTABLISH** the place of the Toastmasters Club in the life and work of the community.
15. **TO PROMOTE** a friendly, mutually helpful liaison between Toastmasters International and the Young Men's Christian Association.