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GAVEL SPLINTERS

One doesn't appreciate what the Pioneers went thru until one undertakes to pioneer a movement - such as the International. Still there's the knowledge of service done to fellow man, and the comradeship of splendid "fighters" to help recompense.

The ever widening circle of International is steadily reaching new shores - the latest inquiry concerning our movement comes from a T.M. Club in Moline, Illinois.

"Spring Fever" is in the air, which simply means that club members will have to make their speeches shorter and snappier than ever.

A letter from the Junior Toastmasters at Long Beach reminds me that it is young men, and men who stay young, who do things in this world. Spring housecleaning and remodeling in the "upper story" at this time would be a good thing for us all.

WANTED - An after dinner speech that will make us glad we came - bring tears of laughter to our eyes - burn one, and only one, lasting worthwhile thought into our hearts.

April 11th - Pasadena, Calif.
(Is this in your date book?)
? ? ?



TOASTMASTERS' INTERNATIONAL GAINS SUPPORT OF NATIONAL Y.M.C.A. PRESIDENT

Francis S. Harmon Pledges Aid
In Spreading Toastmaster
Club Movement in U.S.

Since the last issue of THE GAVEL appeared, the Toastmasters' Club idea has been given tremendous support through the interest of President Francis S. Harmon and other officers of the National Council.

Naturally all Toastmasters, and particularly those who have long worked for such recognition gain great satisfaction from the recent turn of events. But we must realize that our efforts have only brought the attention and good will of the National Council. While we may rightly expect complete cooperation from that body in advancing the Toastmasters' Club Movement, we must not forget that all Clubs are self-supporting and self-governing, and that the growth of the idea must depend largely upon results achieved by Clubs already established.

In other words, if your local club has gained a suitable place among other organizations of the city by doing worthwhile things, it will not be a difficult matter to interest your neighboring Y.M.C.A. in sponsoring a Club.

As the real birthplace of the movement, - California will be closely watched by prospective sponsors throughout the country. It most certainly behooves the established organizations of this state to strive for even greater achievements. If we continue to prove of value to the Associations which sponsor us, there can be no question as to the example our Clubs will set for those Associations now becoming interested in sponsoring local units.

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Being the time and place of meeting
of the various Toastmasters' Clubs.

- ANAHEIM - Tues. 6:30 P.M. at Elks' Club
- EUGENE, OREGON - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month 6:15 P.M. YMCA
- GLENDALE - Thurs. 6:15 P.M. at YMCA
- LOS ANGELES - Tues. 6:15 P.M. YMCA
- LONG BEACH - Wed. 6:10 P.M. at YMCA
- PASADENA - Tues. 6:00 P.M. at YMCA
- SANTA ANA - Wed. 6:15 P.M. at YMCA
- SANTA BARBARA - Tues. 6:30 P.M. at Hotel Carrillo
- SAN DIEGO - Mon. 6:15 P.M. at Army & Navy YMCA
- WENATCHEE, WASH. - Thurs. 6:30 P.M. Cascadian Hotel

Kindly send in the place and the time of meeting of your club. If you happen to be away from home and in a city where a Toastmasters' Club is meeting, drop and visit them - you will receive a warm welcome.

INTIMATE PORTRAITS OF INTERNATIONAL TOASTMASTERS
(One will be printed each month)

No. 2 "YE ACTIVE SECRETARY"



Jean Bordeaux

QUILL POINTS

By Jean Bordeaux

Good news spreads ! Moline, Illinois has a Toastmasters' Club. "Live Wire" Mott of that group has written seeking some information on the International and its constitution.

Seems Ye Editor Marshall sent a copy of THE GAVEL. You know Moline is a great manufacturing center. Maybe those boys read of the Honolulu T M Club and those grass skirts ? ? ? ?

Did you ever read the book of Ecclesiastes ? Excellent ! And read it again.

What a speech Clark gave at Hollywood ! And Chief Justice Waste seized it like a drowning man. The 50th Anniversary of the State Y M C A Board will long be remembered.

No wonder Francis Harmon was re-elected President of the "Y" National Council. What a man and what a personality ! His talk was most inspiring.

Wasn't it odd that only a few "Y" secretaries brought the good wife along ? Of course the wives are only mothers of the "Y" boys, the very life-blood of the organization.

"Questions and Answers" is worth reading. The Editor of that column has been aiding men to express themselves vocally all his life.

If Francis S. Harmon comes to your city, drop all your engagements. Go hear him speak. He is a man "burning within". Also we don't for an instant hesitate in voting Mr. Harmon into the brotherhood of speakers - he's one man who gets his message across, and makes them call for more.

Santa Barbara has joined the International Toastmasters - on March 10. Must be one of the Editors there in the Club. Talk about scareheads ! But that's what counts in bringing our organization to the attention of people. And we are mighty glad to have Santa Barbara with us.

Have you REHEARSED your speech for the next meeting of your Club ? These impromptu (?) speeches - and how the hearers suffer.

Speaking of verbal wings on which to soar to empyrean heights of oratory, read the Book of Job. If possible, get Goodspeed's translation of it.

Wenatchee Club writes of their distress over the accusation that Aplets are smaller. Deny the allegation and dofy all the alligators.

Reading the Editorial in THE GAVEL for March, - what a picture of an editor. Ah well ! He's in Pasadena, where they don't speak - but Toast everyone.

That man Fish at Santa Ana is a banker. Bot he can say NO ten different ways, especially if you have no collateral.

Notice how San Diego gets on the Radio? Anaheim conducts public speaking contests? Los Angeles goes visiting - an' how ! But Eureka, Glendale, Orange, Ontario, Portland - WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO OFFER ? ? ? ? ? Let's hear the news and what you are doing.

Speaking of radio broadcasting, Santa Barbara is the first club in this section broadcasting club meetings regularly. They'll tell you about it at the council meeting -

APRIL 11th



T H A T
R E M I N D S M E



- 1st T.M. - "Lets sit by the musicians."
2nd T.M. - "But you can't hear what I'm saying to you then."
1st T.M. - "Yes, I know, come along!"

"John, Dear, what are these queer looking tickets I found in your pocket? One says 'Ann B, 5 to 1'."
"My dear, those are archaeological jottings, relics of a lost race."

Did you see the sign on First Church the other day - "DO YOU KNOW WHAT HELL IS ?" - and beneath in small print "Come and hear the new organist."

Speaking of music, what a testimonial to its powers is the following:
"I want you to know your music saved my life. During a raging flood our home was swept away; my parents floating to safety on the rooftop, while I accompanied them on the piano."

Father - "What did you and Joe talk of last night, daughter, that kept you so quiet in there in the dark ?"

Daughter - "Oh, we discussed things that the youth of 50 years ago wouldn't have dreamed of."

Father - "Humph, what for instance?"

Daughter - "Radios, airplanes and talkies, Dad."



DON'T FORGET - APRIL 11TH.



Teacher - "If a number of cattle is a herd, a number of sheep a flock, what is a number of camels called?"

Johnny - "A carton."

With Violet in his arms,
He drove his car - the silly.
Where once he had a violet,
Now he has a lily.

The old-fashioned girl was an expert on cooking a dinner, but not in it with these modern gals in getting dinners.

Judge - "This lady asserts you attempted to flirt with her at the station."

Prisoner - "It was a mistake, Judge. I was seeking my wife's sister, whom I had never met. She was described to me as a very handsome blonde with classic features, fine complexion, perfect figure and beautifully dressed."
Lady - (interrupting) "Your Honor, I wish to drop this complaint. Anyone would make the same mistake."

Wonder how that University boy felt. During an exam he came to a question he couldn't answer. He wrote it on his paper, and his answer read, "God knows, I don't. Merry Christmas." The day after New Year's he received back his paper with this notation: "God gets a hundred, you got zero. Happy New Year."

Doctor - "Any insanity in the family, Madam."

Lady - "No sir, altho my husband thinks himself the boss."



BROADCASTING THE VARIOUS TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The Long Beach Club believes in visiting neighbors and establishing new friendships. On March 31st the Club returned a visit to Anaheim.

Speakers on the program were: -
A E Fickling, Alexander Beck, Phil Putman, S J Miller, J P Hibert, C L Morehouse and H H McCoy.

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Real results are being obtained in the Club with the new critic, Prof. Douglas Newcomb, principal of the Long Beach Junior High. His efforts are discouraging our bad practices and habits, and bringing out qualities with which we are all endowed, but which, without a real critic, will remain dormant in any speaking club. Our investment is bringing real returns, and we strongly recommend to any club without a paid critic, to get one immediately.

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At a recent meeting of the club a motion was passed which requires each regular member to bring with him a guest at least once each month. An amendment provided that should a member fail in this requirement, he might be called upon to pay the dinner charge of a guest brought by another member. It is expected that this will greatly increase the attendance at the meetings.

- L J Vaughn, Reporter

MUTUAL T. M. CLUB
Los Angeles, Calif.

Day by day new toastmaster clubs are uncovered in various parts of the country. The newest is the Mutual Club in Los Angeles, a group of employees of the Automobile Club of Southern California. This group was formed thru the efforts of A P M Brown, Secy. of the Anaheim Toastmasters' Club. It is an up and coming club, and we hope to see some representatives in Pasadena Apr. 11.

EUGENE, OREGON

Dr. A. H. Norton was the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Lions' Club recently.

Dr. G. P. Winchell has been giving a series of lectures on the Passion Play before various organizations of the city.

Harry T. Shea acted as a Judge in the District High School Public Speaking Contest, held March 21st at Cottage Grove.

You see we believe in getting our speakers out before the public and thus it is known what we are doing.

Fred Crosby, "Y" Boys' Secretary was a guest at our last meeting. Our next meeting April 7th will be guest night. Each member is to bring a guest. Dr. E. T. Helms will deliver an address on "Character Analysis".

- Harry T. Shea, Reporter

SANTA ANA, CALIF.

March 11th was an evening away from home. We traveled out to a former member's new tea garden and held a most delightful evening around the tables there.

The dinner was very tasty; the setting pleasant; the service satisfying, - all of which buoyed the speakers to greater heights of oratory. We suggest to other clubs a meeting away from home for a pleasant change.

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Several of our Toastmasters are entering the local political field, running for various city offices. Toastmaster Hasenjaeger, president, is out for Councilman, while our worthy member Wm. Iverson is out for the School Board.

- D. W. Gilbah, Reporter

BROADCASTING THE VARIOUS TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Guest Night at the San Diego Club proved to be a popular and interesting occasion. Each member brought a guest and following the meeting, two visitors requested that their names be placed on the waiting list.

Our Club was placed on the city map of San Diego, very neatly, on Monday, March 16th, when the entire Club membership adjourned from the regular meeting and attended the Francis Harmon dinner. The club was seated in a group and received special recognition.

A. C. Acason of the Club suggests in fun the following typical criticism that might arise as a Women's Toastmistress' Club -

"Mrs. Toastmistress, Girl Toastmistresses and Toastmistress Fanny - I didn't think much of your poise, my dear, - aren't you a little stouter than you were last week? - Or maybe its that awful frock you are wearing. Nothing personal, of course - but we critics must be constructive, mustn't we? So why don't you put a coupla of pleats or some flares or ruffles or something along the sides? It would relieve the rather embonpoint outline quite a little, if you know what I mean. And while I'm on the subject that hat is really quite out of place at a gathering of this sort, don't you think - or do you? Far be it from me to say anything of a personal nature, you understand, but that's what we are here for, isn't it? - To improve ourselves, and I really think, my dear, I would use just a little less rouge, don't you know? Otherwise, I think your talk was perfectly grand."

The San Diego Club plans to have a good delegation present at the International Banquet. There may be a candy bar prize for the largest delegation. We'll see you there.

WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

The March 5th meeting of the Wenatchee Toastmasters' Club, to which ladies of the Club and other guests were invited, was broadcast over radio station K P Q. This was the first meeting of the club to be broadcast.

Speakers for the March 5th meeting were Messrs. Douglas, Tertsagian, Hinshaw, Wood, Ray Clark and Sam Clark, who were accused of doing a brother act, although they are not related. The Toastmaster of the evening was R. H. Maus, and the president was J. C. Bolinger. In addition to the 30 members of the Toastmasters' Club, about 45 guests were present.

At the meeting held Thursday evening, March 12th, the following were speakers: Messrs. Vandivort, Sharkoy, Hennessy, and Trobin. Election of officers resulted in: Harvey Davis, Pres.; Frank Hennessy, Vice-Pres.; Nick Trobin, Secy.. The Toastmaster for the evening was Hubert Thomas.

This was the last meeting that Bro. Lon Martin will attend. Lon was a charter member of the Club but his business makes it necessary for him to remove to the Coast and the Club will miss him very much.

- "Fred" Hazzard, Correspondent.

ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

Greetings, Ontario, altho we have not heard directly from you, we know you are up and doing.

Make up a bunch and come to the banquet in Pasadena on April 11th. We know you will get some interesting slants on what the other clubs are doing and have a very enjoyable evening in the bargain.

MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

Thanks for your inquiry - how about sending us some news of your program.

THE SPOKES CLUB
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Some 20 members of the Y. M. C. A. Educational Classes journeyed to Vancouver on Wednesday evening to hear the debate on the subject: "RESOLVED- that the cost of Education is not Excessive", staged between members of the New Westminster Spokes Club and the Vancouver "Y" Talks Club. The affirmative was taken by V. Lewis, W. Lambert and T.D.H. Hodgins; while D.J. McGugan, Frank H. Trapp and J. Paulding of New Westminster argued the negative side. The arguments adduced by the New Westminster debaters were judged to have carried the preponderance of weight and proof and the decision was accordingly given in their favor.

"We are interested in THE GAVEL's discussion of Ladies Public Speaking. We have a class, for the first time, who are taking the regular Y.M.C.A. course of 16 lessons. The ladies are very capable speakers already, and are enjoying the experience, and two weeks ago staged a debate on: "RESOLVED - That Installment Buying is Beneficial To the Community". Their material, construction, and delivery would have brought credit to any men's club. (No pun intended.)"

- Frank Paulding, Reporter.

LONG BEACH JUNIORS

"We have a very enthusiastic and growing young club and all of our meetings are full of pep, novel innovations and talks by the various members.

"We open with a lively group-singing and a condensed executive session, and go into our program with snap and precision."

Watch these Juniors grow.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Election night at the club was Tues. March 24th. George R. Thomson was installed as the new president, taking the place of Happy Jack Casson who has served us so faithfully. Jack is a little fellow in stature, but OH! What a heart. He has been one of the Club's most active members since he joined nearly two years ago. George, our new president, is an accountant and a firm believer in the Toastmaster ideals. With his help we expect to make forward strides under his leadership.

The other officers elected were:- G.T. Fowler, Vice-President; Tom Butler, re-elected Secy.-Treasurer; Charles R. Hampson, Rec. Secy.; and H.H. Baker, Sgt.-at-Arms. Tom Butler was also re-elected program manager.

The week following election, the club held an inaugural dinner-dance meeting at the Figueroa Hotel with 65 in attendance. Members of the Public Speaking Class were present at this affair and a good time was had by all.

Our average attendance has crept up. It is now about 85 %.

The Los Angeles Club is thoroughly convinced that the wearing of buttons helps members to become better acquainted with each other.

- Tom Butler, Reporter.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

We are not doing a thing over here in our club - EXCEPT

GETTING READY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BANQUET ON APRIL 11th, WHICH WE HOPE TO MAKE THE BEST ONE EVER HELD. THAT IS A LARGE ORDER SO WE'LL PASS UP ANY NEWS ITEMS UNTIL THE NEXT ISSUE.

THE INTERNATIONAL IS GROWING

INTERNATIONAL GAINS SUPPORT (Continued from page 1)

Substantially then, the degree of success which this growing movement meets with will depend largely upon 1931 performance of existing clubs.

Ideas which click, mean the difference between success and failure. If your neighboring club is using some good ones, don't hesitate to follow suit.

Let's have more visitation; in this way exchange of ideas is certain to become mutually profitable.

-J. Clark Chamberlain,
Pres. Toastmasters' Inter'l.

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED

The following is an interesting bit of recent history that will give another slant on Pres. Chamberlain's message.

At the California State Council Meeting in Hollywood, March 6th, a special invitation having been extended Toastmasters International, a group attended en masse. President Clark was asked to tell of the movement, and fighting a poor introduction and the noise of 200 clashing knives and forks (he had to speak during the eating) he attempted by energy and enthusiasm to get his message across. He did a good job of it, and I think all the "Y" secretaries, who are still going up hill, will make use of the Toastmaster idea.

Justice Wasto, the toastmaster of the occasion, seized this idea and made use of it to gather in some laughs, riding rather hard at times - there is no justice. Be that as it may it's past history and we got plenty of publicity out of it, and if those present were not acquainted with the Toastmasters' International when they entered the banquet hall, they were when they left. Clark put it across

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HOW IT ALL HAPPENED

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again in San Diego a few days later and I'll tell you about it in his words: -

"Playing a lucky hunch I phoned Mr. Harmon Monday afternoon and arranged a meeting with him later in the day. Having plenty of time, I took the opportunity to cover the entire story of Toastmasters' activities since the inception of the first club six years ago. On top of that I went to see him, armed with an exhaustive written report of the same things for him to have as a future reference.

"Mr. Harmon was greatly interested and very receptive to our idea and promised to personally mention the T.M.I. at every opportunity. In fact, that same evening he told the audience of this new idea, which had been put to work in California and said that soon it would be helped by the national organization. Also, the T.M. of the evening, as well as the president of our local "Y", having been posted by Mr. Harmon, gave us a lot of publicity."

So there you are - we have Francis S. Harmon pulling for us and if you know Mr. Harmon, you can appreciate what that means.

- C. F. Marshall

EDITORIAL

The Editorial Staff want to thank the Toastmasters' Clubs for sending in news items. Keep up the good work - more power to the reporters.

"The Whole World Loves a Fighter" and incidentally that is the reason why we of the International hold Clark Chamberlain, Jean Bordeaux and the other leading spirits of the organization in the highest esteem. They have the fighting spirit that cuts thru all obstacles - the spirit that will make International really INTERNATIONAL.

ANY QUESTIONS ON YOUR MIND ?

?????'s AND Answers

THE QUESTION :- What is the correct position for a speaker to assume when speaking ? ? ?

THE ANSWER :- You will hear all kinds of statements made regarding the proper way the speaker should stand when speaking. Some authorities state that the speaker should assume a position of ease no matter what it be.

A critic, who is an authority on the subject, stated that he didn't care particularly if a man held his hands behind him or now and then put a hand in his pocket - providing it didn't distract from his talk.

However, be that as it may, we need certain standards in which to judge ourselves by and the following is an attempt to state that standard.

The speaker takes a position with the weight of the body balanced evenly on the balls of the feet, chest up, chin in and hands hanging naturally at the sides - in other words the military position of "attention" without too much stiffness. The speaker then takes a deep breath, (says his prayers) and begins.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

Our Club is "on the air" at every meeting and not only do the members get a kick out of broadcasting, but it is the best kind of membership advertising that we know of.

The club is holding a special meeting to select the Boy Scout who will make the National Parks Tour this summer. One of the requirements of the Scout selected is that he be able to report his experiences, at public meetings upon his return.



EXTRA ! EXTRA !

READ ALL ABOUT IT IN THE GAVEL.

INTERNATIONAL BANQUET

WELL, HERE WE ARE, FOLKS, WITH THE LAST MINUTE NEWS ABOUT THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL BANQUET WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE FAIR CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11th.

THE OFFICERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HAVE ISSUED A SUBPOENA FOR YOUR APPEARANCE ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED DIAGONALLY ACROSS FROM THE Y.M.C.A., ON THE CORNER OF NORTH MARENGO AVENUE AND EAST HOLLY STREET. THE ENTRANCE IS ON MARENGO AVENUE, THRU THE PATIO - WATCH FOR THE PRINTED SIGNS.

FROM ALL OVER OUR FAIR COUNTRY SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN SECURED AND A GROUP OF CHARMING LADIES WILL OFFER SOME PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT.

NOT ONLY WILL THIS MEETING FURNISH FOOD FOR THOUGHT, BUT THE MENU AND TABLE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE WELL WORTH THE TRIP TO PASADENA.

GET A CROWD TOGETHER FROM YOUR CLUB AND MAKE IT A REAL EXCURSION AND OUTING. THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE CLUB HAVING THE LARGEST NUMBER PRESENT - THIS INCLUDES THE LADY GUESTS.

DON'T FORGET THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE COUNCIL - 3 PM at the Y.M.C.A.

