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R E N D E Z V O U S

Where Toastmasters and Toastmistresses

meet - TALK - & eat

ANAHEIM, Calif.                      TUES 6.30 PM

at Highway Tea Gardens

BERKELEY, Calif.                      THURS 6.30 PM at YMCA

El Paso, Texas.                      TUES 6.30 PM at YMCA

EVERETT, Wash.                      TUES 6.15 PM at YMCA

GLENDALE, Calif.                      THUR 6.15 PM at YMCA

HONOLULU, T.H.                      WED 5.30 PM at YMCA

JAMAICA, N.Y.                      THUR 8.00 PM at YMCA

LONG BEACH, Calif.                      TUES 6.16 PM at YMCA

LOS ANGELES 'Y'                      TUES 6.30 PM at YMCA

MODESTO, Calif.                      TUES 6.15 PM at the

CEDARS, 1603 'I' Street

MOLINE, Ill.                      FRI 6.15 PM at YMCA

ONTARIO, Calif.                      WED 6.30 PM at the

HOTEL ONTARIO

PASADENA, Calif.                      TUES 6.00 PM at YMCA

PEORIA, Ill                      TUES 6.00 PM at the

UNIVSITY CLUB

PITTSBURG, Kan.                      TUES 6.00 PM at YMCA

(2 Clubs)

SAN DIEGO, Calif.                      MON 6.15 PM at the

ARMY & NAVY YMCA

SAN JOSE, Calif. 2nd & 4th Mondays 6.30

pm at Hotel De Anza

SANTA ANA, Calif. WED 6.15 PM at Ketrners

Cafe, 4th & Broadway

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. TUES 6.30 PM at the

HOTEL CARILLO

SEATTLE, Wash.

SPOKES CLUB of NEW THUR 8.00 PM at YMCA

WESTMINSTER, B.C. Canada

TURLOCK, Calif                      MON 6.15 PM at the

BROADWAY WHITE LUNCH

WENATCHEE, Wash.                      THUR 6.30 PM at the

HOTEL CASCADIAN

TOASTMISTRESS' CLUB 2nd & 4th TUESDAYS

of the Los Angeles 6,15 PM at YMCA

YMCA.

Still some blank spaces in this column due to lack of information.

SEND IN THE TIME, PLACE, and DATE you meet.

REMEMBER - NEWS ITEMS MUST BE IN GAVEL OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE 20th EACH MONTH.

Did you visit another club yet? Write Gavel your impressions, please?



ON TO SAN DIEGO, CAL.

ALL ABOUT THE BIG  
CONVENTION OF THE  
TOASTMASTERS' ON

SATURDAY, MAY 28th, 1932. OPENS AT 3 PM

Driving to San Diego to attend the convention of the International may seem a big undertaking to far-away Club members, but it will prove a valuable experience, judging by the arrangements already made.

For the first time individual member Clubs will send as speaking representatives, only the finest talent available. This has been assured thru the local contests which will determine the best talk during a two months period in which all members are participating. The winner in the local contests will be the speaker for his Club on the San Diego program.

Competition is keen and will be keener when local members learn that the first place winner at San Diego will be given a valuable prize, with a worthwhile gift to the winner of second place. In addition, the club sponsoring the winning speaker will be appropriately rewarded.

Those who appreciate beauty of surroundings, luxurious appointments and the finest service and cuisine will be delighted to learn that the exclusive San Diego Athletic Club will be our rendezvous. A splendid edifice for our meeting. To add zest to the occasion, a number of useful gifts will be presented as door prizes - cheering news to those who feel lucky. The Club winning the attendance prize will be suitably remembered. This award will be made on a mileage basis with the reservation that mileage of two members be deducted from the total of each delegation.

Entertainment in keeping with the surroundings will provide incentive to the speakers to do their best, and should make better listeners of the audience. Finally, when everyone is satisfied that the meeting has been well worth attending, those who wish to will adjourn to the ballroom to dance to the strains of the Athletic Club orchestra until the

wee small hours.

No, fellow Toastmasters, the charge is not \$2.50 per plate or more - as usual the charge will be \$1.00 per person, and this includes dancing. Obviously such a program cannot be given for \$1.00 but if, as expected, the attendance reaches a new high mark for such a gathering, San Diego Club will be well repaid for its efforts to please.

Monday, May 30th, is Memorial day and a holiday in most cities of the country. By having our convention on May 28th, we thus have three days at our disposal. This will be a boon to the members of the distant clubs, many of whom never attend because of lack of time.

We have arranged for accommodations at the Athletic Club, as well as in many good hotels. The rates we have secured will suit the pocketbooks of all Toastmasters.

Remember, the business session will be opened promptly at 3.30 p.m. in the Athletic Club at Sixth and "A" Streets, San Diego. Every Toastmaster may sit in the Council and express his feelings vocally. Why not make a point of attending and thus learn what your Council is doing to advance Toastmasters' Clubs.

The Convention Committee

After reading the convention plans as outlined above, the Editor began counting pennies, calling creditors and asking for extensions. Even called my Uncle to learn if the tuxedo was in good condition.

Mark the date now. Club secretaries should immediately begin getting reservations and forwarding these to the San Diego Club.

They have gone to a great deal of trouble and expense in arranging for the council at San Diego. Certainly every Toastmaster who can possibly attend, will be there at 3.30 in the afternoon for the business session.

Until you have participated in one of the International's council meetings, you are not a full-fledged Toastmaster.

April 20th was a gala night. Long Beach Club visited us and we had our ladies present, too. Only four came from Long Beach. Sixty sat down to dinner.

In sending out the special invitations to the ladies, some of these were addressed to Mrs. and delivered to bachelor members of the club. Our secretary was accused of endangering the standing of the aforesaid bachelors, Toastmasters Fish and Humphrey, assisted by D. Hamilton and Alfred Ault complained bitterly and threatened this reporter.

The meeting took the form of a report from the City Council with Doc. Green Acting Mayor. Each City Department was represented, and these presented salient facts on special divisions of their departments.

Our inter-club exchange brought us two splendid chaps from Long Beach, Dr. F.E. Taylor who told of HUMAN NEEDS, and Dr. H. C. Fairley who spoke of MONUMENTS TO HOOVER.

The membership battle between the Greens and the Reds places the Greens well in the lead. Chicken dinner served by the losers is the prize of the winner. Greens feel sorry for the Reds who will have to be content with baked beans.

Our Exchange Speaker nights have been helpful. On the 19th we sent two of our stalwarts to Long Beach. That reporter will write it up, saving me some work.

D. H. Tibbals

An OPTIMIST smiles and presents a cheerful countenance to the world. He stays on the funny side of the street from which he can chuckle at the foolishness of others, and chortle over his own stupid mistakes. If you can go thru life seeing a little of the ridiculousness in yourself, you may be sure that your mental balance is o.k. In fact you will be AN OPTIMIST. Just try it!

(Jean Bordeaux)

During March 48 talks were made before outside organizations. These talks were given to 38 separate groups. Nothing is so helpful to a Toastmasters' Club as the outside activities. We will be glad to hear what other clubs did in this regard during March.

The big affair for April was our Ladies Night and Foreign Affairs cabinet. Did we have fun? Various members appeared as Mussolini, Briand, McDonald, Hoover, etc. and reported each for the country represented. The affair was one of the most delightful to date. We intend having more along these lines.

We are working like beavers to get all arrangements made for the May 28th Convention. On another page you will get the plans and details.

J. Roy Chafe

On Mar. 29th at Pasadena Dr. McCoy, Dr Taylor and V. W. Chase ably represented us with three splendid talks. We enjoyed the speeches of the Pasadenans and liked their fine Toastmaster Ted Johnson. With some 60 present it was a happy occasion.

April 19th we were host to Santa Ana whose two speakers were accompanied by 4 other members. Messrs; Woodworth and Humphrey gave us humor and entertainment with their talks on 'Banking' and "Marriage" respectively.

V. W. Chase was Toastmaster being introduced by President F. E. Taylor. We were honored with a visit from J. Clark Chamberlain, our President of the International. President Clark amused with his vivid description of the wild goose chase on which he was lured by Jean Bordeaux. Our speakers were R.H.Gossom - Man a Block plan; A.E.Fickling, Sidlights on the Mayor's office; Jean Bordeaux - A curious incident in Court.

Fred Eloy and Dr. Ruley of Santa Ana thoroly enjoyed the evening. They did nothing but eat and listen. President Clark gave some interesting advance news on the Convention at San Diego. Toastmasters who miss that will be sorry.

F. C. Jankowsky

G A V E L

S P L I N T E R S

C. F. Marshall



May - not a girl's name but the first month of the last two-thirds of the year. Well, guess it's a bout time to start thinking about planning the year's program.

Came across the name of a fellow the other day who was interested in public speaking - a Jean Bordeaux - must write him about Toastmasters' International.

Hey! "Vinnie of San Hosioc", since swinging the gavel for these splinters my weight is down to 175 B.C. (before clothed). This heavy reading matter is the effect of another cause.

Shouldnt be surprised to hear of a new Toastmasters' Club started over in Agua Caliente about May 28th. That would put us in hot water. (Consult your Spanish).

With all these outside speaking engagements, we hope San Diego will be "at home" when we come down to the International Convention on May 28th.

We WELCOME Istanbul, Turkey, but we want it known right now if the Toastmasters' International don fezzes - we wont wear 'em - we look bad enough now.

If you want to get a subject to talk on before your Club - read the Gavel. The topics mentioned in April issue range from the Sino-Jap embroglio (a two dollar word) to "Why is a coffee shop?" Our guess is (on the last one) "a starting point around which to build a hotel."

Jurisprudence!! I nearly forgot my philosophy paragraph. "Woman is a miracle of divine contradiction." But dont you laugh too soon, Mister, for "Clothes often fake the man."

Wonder where the next foreign Toastmasters' Club will start?

Excuse me, I must review my Ancient History.

THE TOASTMISTRESS' CLUB

of the

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Y.M.C.A



Election of officers was the main event at our April 12th meeting. President Mrs. F. E. Hershman, Vice-President Mrs. P. A. Foster, Treasurer Dr. Florence Dunlap, Secretary Mrs. L. L. Henninger, and Sergeant-at-Arms Mrs. F. L. Breckenridge.

Toastmistress of the evening Mrs. Breckenridge, introduced as speakers Mrs. L. C. Chandler, Mrs. L. L. Henninger, and Miss Estelle MacVicar.

On May 10th we will be joint sponsors with the Toastmasters Club in the dinner to be given for the Public Speaking Class and friends.

We are eager to hear from all Toastmistress' Clubs. What news from San Jose and Ontario??

Mrs. Jean Bordeaux



WELCOME

TO

OUR

NEWEST BABY

On April 26th the Toastmistress Club of Los Angeles, voted to affiliate with Toastmasters' International. They took this action because they wished to help spread the work being done by our organization. Each President of their Club will take a membership in International. Many of the Toastmistresses subscribe to Gavel.

You will note that we are now listed in the Rendezvous Column. Visiting Toastmasters and their wives will be heartily welcome to any of our meetings. We are especially desirous of hearing from other Toastmistress' Clubs.

Mrs. Frederick Hershman,  
President

SANTA BARBARA - CALIFORNIA

Our weekly bulletin called THE INFORMANT is a genuine newsy sheet. We like it and thank it's editor Franklin Howatt.

Recently a business woman here wrote to the Morning Press anonymously and challenged us to have open Forum discussions. On May 10th, we will inaugurate this feature by debating a controversial civic question. The affair will be for members and guests only, but later we plan to invite the public.

We read the letters from Turkey and found them interesting as well as inspirational. Those young men have the same problems we have. We shall be watching for more news from those live-wire chaps.

Victor Loson, the Mickey Mouse man, was a guest at our club last week. He gave us a lesson in alibiing. During the evening Elmer Smith made a sales talk; Leonard Bowman boosted the emblems; Louis Green falsely accused Franklin Howatt of selling second hand goods; James Woods gave a fine talk; Bernie Marcus was his usual self; then we romped on our critic.

In addition to usual committees we now have committees on Publicity; Speech Rating; and club history.

Must hurry out and broadcast now.

Franklin Howatt

LOS ANGELES 'Y' - CALIFORNIA

We Installed officers April 5th. They are President C. R. Hampson, Vice-president Dr. J. S. Trowhella, Treasurer Dr. P. A. Foster, Secretary T. S. Baker, and Sergeant-at-Arms Dr. H. L. Henninger.

Our trusty Toastmaster Tom Butler has been elected President of the California State Society of the Blind. He will be pleased to hear from Toastmasters who desire to give inspirational and educative 30 minute talks before the Blind Society.

At present we are preparing for the May 10th Dinner when we, assisted by the Toastmistress Club, will sponsor the closing dinner of the Public Speaking Class. We expect a hundred or more to attend.

Tom Butler 5

ANAHEIM - CALIFORNIA

It was interesting to see the letters from Turkey. Wonder if they ever have a Ladies Night in their Club.

Each week one of our members gives us his autobiography. Strange but the married men never speak of their courtship and marriage. Apparently they are not proud of that period of their lives and wish to forget it.

Santa Ana Club has an attendance contest on now and any of their members get credit if they visit another club. Several Santa Anans have visited us lately. We appreciate these visits, the more the merrier.

Jimmie Heffron, Charter member of our Club, has resigned because of his increased activities as Sports Editor of the Anaheim Bulletin. Jimmie was the last Charter member left and we miss him very much. For over six years his cheery face and lively wit enlivened our weekly sessions. Drop in whenever you can, Jimmie.

Speakers are busy shining up for the San Diego Convention. It is a puzzle as to who will represent us there. Whoever he is, you can be sure of hearing a real talk.

April 19th was Guest Night. We had a goodly number there. This occasion has been helpful, arousing interest and providing good prospects for membership in our Group.

At the last three meetings we have had three speeches on different phases of evolution. The toastmasters are beginning to wonder from whence, and how far they sprang.

Speaking of life's little ironies, we noticed in the paper recently that an Unemployment Committee secured a position as night watchman for a father of triplets in New Jersey. Meet me in San Diego May 28th - Don't forget!

Wm. (Bill) Clausson.

"The best book hasnt been written,  
The best race hasnt been run,  
So keep everlastingly at it  
And NEVER say "I am done."

(Contributed)



PRESIDENT CHAMBERLAIN  
GETS THE EAR OF THE  
TOASTMASTERS' WORLD

J. Clark Chamberlain

A matter which comes in for little discussion, but which is really vital to the success of any Toastmasters' Club, is that of conduct of meetings and program management. Much has been said about membership, about outside speaking activities, and of growth of the movement, but unless individual Clubs operate in a business like and interesting manner, these other activities will suffer because of lack of member interest.

After all, member interest is one of the most important objects of any group, and certainly Toastmasters' Clubs should be no exception. To keep members in a frame of mind calculated to speed self-improvement and aid in maintaining group enthusiasm, it is necessary to have a smooth-running organization which gets under way on time and closes on time.

The Club President is responsible for the conduct of meetings, of course, but all members should be willing to assist him in this respect, by at least showing up on time. With a full attendance ready to take part in the meeting at the appointed hour, the President can quickly embark on whatever program the Club has to occupy the time during the dinner hour.

Just what form the dinner program should take does not seem so important, but it is essential that something in the way of current events, stories, introductions, committee reports, etc., should fill the entire time during dinner. From the standpoint of practice in speaking the value of this custom is apparent, but it is also true that interest lags during spells of silence.

Whether you have a program chairman or committee, or place this responsibility in the hands of a club officer, considerable thought should be given to varying club programs. It is left to their own devices speakers will usually decide to talk about that with which they are most familiar, and in consequence, little

time is spent in preparation with the result that the talk turns out quite commonplace.

To freshen the programs those in charge should frequently stage "Council Meetings", "Dedications", "Directors Meetings", "Debates", "Political Rallies", etc., which require considerable preparation on the part of those engaging in the program. This is helpful to the individual and usually provides interesting entertainment to the listeners.

In some of the older clubs it has been found that speakers of recognized ability sometimes fail to improve during certain periods, and even lose effectiveness, due entirely to the lack of improvement on the part of others caused by dull programs.

We all need incentive in order to improve and it goes without saying, that no incentive is greater than that of a fellow member showing steady improvement. With programs arranged to arouse to keenest interest of members, the speakers are certain to improve and such improvement is an indication of a healthy Toastmasters' Club.

JAMAICA

NEW YORK

We meet weekly at 8 p.m. except on the last Thursday of the month when we have a dinner meeting opening at seven o'clock. Your reporter has been swamped and could not send in news for a month or so. We require all applicants for membership to have completed two or more terms in a recognized public speaking class, and one term in the Central Queens Branch 'Y' public speaking class. Our April 21st meeting opened with initiatory ceremonies. Candidates were blindfolded, led to the Club room, examined and questioned as to their reasons for desiring admission, and the rest is left to your imagination. We adjourned at 11 p.m. and then had supper. New Officers are President G.J. Farmer, Vice-President J.J. Heins, Secretary A.H. Foulkes, Treasurer V.P. Adams, Permanent Trustee H.W. Reifsnnyder. Corresponding Secretary F. M. Genzlinger. We will be happy to receive visiting Toastmasters, and to hear from Clubs as to what they are doing to keep up the good work.

F. M. Genzlinger

On March 23rd we had a continuation of the Chinese programs which proved so popular. The prize meeting of the season was March 30th, with J. A. Maurer as Toastmaster. Speakers and subjects were respectively: W. E. Baier, R. S. Winkle, E. J. Ritter - Unemployment and related insurance; Salesmanship; Accidents. Speakers were warned to be prepared for heckling which was liberally bestowed. We even turned loose on the Critics and the Toastmaster. Thanks to our Club training, everyone participant came thru with flying colors.

We take our hats off to the ladies. On April 4th we met with the Toastmistress Club of the Business and Professional Womens' Club to celebrate April Fool. Decorations were in keeping with the occasion, all wearing dunce caps. An old-fashioned sing was had, and the speeches were out of the ordinary.

Mrs. Alda Kirkpatrick, President of the Toastmistress' Club presided while Mrs. Mabel Collins was our Toastmistress. She called for a bubble blowing contest between the two club presidents. Our own Wm. Batchelor won handily. Speakers from our group were - H. T. Wilson whose subject was "Mystery". Speakers from the host club were - Mrs. Mary Hull, Mrs. Esther Close, their subjects being "Origin of April Fool", and "April Fools". Miss Lois Le Baron gave a witty critical review of the program which closed with a toast to the ladies by our Club.

E. J. Ritter presided April 13th, introducing R. W. Reynolds as Toastmaster. Speakers were T. C. Manchester, D. E. Vowles, E. M. Fallon, J. E. Maurer. The subjects were respectively; California's Avocado Industry; Great Post-Republic Chinese Characters; California's Wild Flowers; Payment of Veterans' Bonus. Dr. F.F. Abbott was our critic. We were delighted with the visits of Roy Vick and K. W. Fuller. The latter belonged to our group for years. He spoke briefly on the benefits of the Toastmasters Club membership.

We plan more and better meetings. Our motto is - The three S's - Strive, Study, Stick, with lots of the last.

T.C. Manchester

Our President Fenner Fuller is back from Dayton with a new watch. He went to San Francisco returning with a new chain both presents being rewards for his sale of Frigidaires. We once knew a girl who sent herself valentines. Oh well ---

Last week we had a Chamber of Commerce and all present improved the city. Frank Youngdale was speaker of the evening. He averred that Turlock is the logical place for a mammoth cheese factory. The idea must be hot, for all Northern California papers copied it. Jack Mitchell was the Toastmaster. We intend having other imitative civic affairs.

When Critic Louie Windmiller begins to ride us, we simply say, "I'll tell your wife about the milk bottles." It has so far worked.

M. A. Niland visited Clubs in Southern California, bringing back interesting news of how the toastmasters in that section do it.

We suggest that San Diego, and other Clubs who broadcast, publish the dates in Gavel so we can listen in.

You heard that rumor that Modesto Club was dead. The fact is, they are not even sick. We visited there on April 19th and what a grand night, too.

16 Turlock members met 28 Modesto men and we were royally entertained. Not only do they have good speakers, but a splendid quartet which tickled our tympani.

From our bailiwick we brought Critic Windmiller, President Fuller, and speakers Niland, Peterson, Swanson and Channing, all of them upholding our reputation. We regret that we cannot give the names of the Modesto speakers, but presume that Club's reporter will notify Gavel.

Judging from our experience, we believe that joint meetings are an excellent means of stimulating interest and bringing to your club now inspiration. We hope to entertain Modesto soon.





Scot; "How do you sell eggs?"

Clerk; "Four cents each for the good ones and three cents each for those

that are cracked."

Scot; "Crack me half a dozen."

Doctor; "Now, young man, what have you got to say for yourself?"

His Son (in for a licking); "How about a little local anesthetic?"

Burglar; "Let's figure up and see how much we made on this job?"

His Pal; "Shucks! I'm tired, let's wait and look in the morning paper."

Burglar; "Yeh, but we want the correct figures."

Farmer's Wife (to Druggist); "Now, be sure and write plain on them bottles which is for the horse and which is for my husband. I don't want nothin' to happen to that horse before the spring plowin'."

Small boy; "What is college-bred? Pa." Father (with son in college); "They make college-bred from the flour of youth, and the dough of old age, my boy."

Wife (to returning husband at a summer resort); "Oh Darling, I'm so glad you're here. We heard that some idiot had fallen over the cliff, and I was sure it was you."

"Your wife has been delirious all day," said the nurse in a worried tone, "calling for you and crying for money." "Oh yeah!" snorted the husband.

A beautiful damsel had broken her eye-glasses. She carried the remains to an optometrist. "I have broken my glasses," she said, "Must I be examined all over again?" The young optometrist sighed, "No," he replied, "just your eyes."

Conductor; "Madam, you will have to pay full fare for that child. He is over six years old."

Madam; "But I've only been married five years."

Conductor; ~~Hey~~ "Lady, I'm not the editor of True Confessions, please give me the fare."

Two boys were talking about the accomplishments of their fathers, and little Bill said, "My father is an Eagle, an Elk, a Moose, and a Lion." Mickey asked; "How much does it cost to see him?"



"And there, my son, you have the story of your dad and the Big War."

"Yes, Dad, but why did they need all the other soldiers?"

Southern Californian (Home from a vacation trip); "Ah! Doesn't the old bus ride nice now that we've got the tires filled with this wonderful Los Angeles air?"

After a special prayer in support of the foreign missions, when the contribution plate was passed to a certain man, he said to the holder, "I don't believe in foreign missions."

"Then take some out," replied the Deacon, "It's for the heathen."

Clara; "You may not believe it, but I said 'no' to seven different men during the summer."

Maude; "Oh, I don't doubt it. What were they selling?"

Smart; "In Old Testament days it was a miracle when an ass spoke."

Dumb; "Yes, yes, go on."

Smart; "Today only a miracle keeps one quiet."

He; "Do you believe everything every fool tells you?"

She; "No, Darling, but sometimes you do sound so plausible."

Clerk; "Could I interest you in a one-piece bathing suit, sir?"

Mr. Smith; "Not right now, girlie, my wife is over there by the ribbon counter."

"If I were trying to match politeness," exclaimed the haughty lady, "I should have a difficult task here."

"Let me see your sample, madam," said the clerk calmly.

"Whatever I have accomplished," said the pompous man, "I owe to myself."

"How delightful it must be," murmured a weary listener, "to feel so clear of debt."

PASADENA

- CALIFORNIA

We are busy these days, yes indeed! You know they are going to hold the Olympic Bicycle Races here in the beautiful Rose Bowl. We've been using the topic for speeches and we're just going round in circles.

We enjoyed the recent visit of the Long Beach Club. They have some good speakers whose topics were interesting. The event was Ladies Night and we designated the occasion as Humor Night. The funny part of it was----the chap who made arrangements at Long Beach forgot to tell his crew that they were supposed to make humorous speeches. Either that, or the depression is no laughing matter down in Long Beach.

Up here in Pasadena we "laugh and grow fat" -- it gives us the appearance of prosperity. Art Hendricson who spoke on "The First Moustache" had so much genuine humor that we gained three pounds.

The boys have their road maps out and plan to go in numbers to San Diego. We'd like the Convention Attendance Committee to know that we have a gavel, loving cups and a Robert's Rules of Order -- but we can use a set of auto tires or a new top.

T. W. Johnson

BERKELEY

- CALIFORNIA

Every Thursday we gather round the festal board to eat and learn to speak.

Our Club has been running successfully for some months now.

Visiting Toastmasters will be welcome. We are especially anxious to hear from San Jose or any other nearby Toastmaster Club.

Look us up in the Rendezvous column. Or drop into the YMCA and ask for Ben Rickli who will be pleased to introduce you to our Club.

Ben Rickli

Take the 'die' out of  
Depression, and what is left -  
'PRESS ON'

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. - CANADA

Two interesting debates were held this week by the Public Speaking Classes who comprise our Spokes Club. On Wednesday night the mens' class argued the topic "Resolved that government-controlled health insurance is advisable in B.C." The affirmative was taken by Kirk Gerow assisted by H. Edgar, H. Atkinson and Dr. R. F. Butler. The negative was headed by John Watson and his colleagues were R. Wooliams, A. W. Mark and W. Mott. The decision of the judges N. McDonald, R. Pound, Gene Roy, J. P. Copp and J. Bennett, favored the affirmative by a narrow margin. Frank Paulding presided and acted also as timekeeper.

On Tuesday night the Vancouver School of Expression brought a debating team of three men to meet a mixed New Westminister team. The debate subject was "Resolved that machinery is the predominant cause of unemployment." Fred Green, President of our club, occupied the chair, and the timekeeper's gavel was handled by C. A. McMaster. Vancouver took the affirmative and was headed by Dr. B. Smith, supported by J. Shuker and T. Scheffler. George Thomson was our leader and his team was Mrs. E. Daunt and Mrs. C. A. McMaster. A capable and spirited discussion was followed by a popular vote which gave the honors to New Westminister. Proving that while visitors may storm our walls we always get the decision. After the debate a social hour was held.

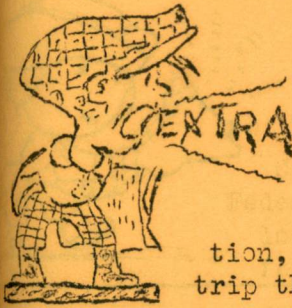
Mrs. J. Fergusson gave a reading, Our beloved Frank Paulding spoke briefly and then light refreshments were served. The committee responsible for catering were Mrs. G. N. Stowe, Mrs. E. Augustine, Mrs. C. E. McLean and Mrs. R. Purdy.

We are now grooming ourselves in preparation of a contemplated forensic assault on Vancouver or any other neighbor which has the mistaken idea our speakers cannot debate.

All Toastmasters who intend visiting along the Pacific Coast during the Summer will be heartily welcomed here.

Fred Green

DESERVE SUCCESS AND YOU SHALL COMMAND IT



VICE-PRESIDENT PAUL

DEMAREE SURVEYS

SOUTHWESTERN CLUBS

During Easter Vacation, takes family for a trip thru Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

We enjoyed our flying trip thru the Southwest. It was a great disappointment to us when we failed to reach El Paso to attend the regular meeting of the club there. We were ready to leave Albuquerque at noon on Tuesday but a snow storm blow in and prevented our departure.

At Albuquerque I had the pleasure of a long talk with W. K. Wingfield, the 'Y' Secretary. He is enthusiastic over forming a club in his Association. He already has a splendid public speaking class and with these good people to aid him, he will undoubtedly have a strong club very soon.

At Douglas, Arizona, I met a cordial reception. Ralph Pederson is the capable 'Y' Secretary and he promised to bring the matter of a Toastmasters' Club before his Young Men's Club. We will hope he persuades these chaps to start organizing.

M. W. Benning, Secretary of the 'Y' at Phoenix, and his friend (did not get his name) who was Registrar of the High School, gave their attention to my description of the Toastmasters' Clubs and what they meant. Both assured me they would give us every aid in organizing a club.

I found Harvey F. Smith at Tucson YMCA. He was receptive and introduced me to a friend who will lead in getting a Club formed.

During the trip we covered most of New Mexico, Arizona and the northwest section of Texas, getting splendid receptions wherever we stopped.

Even tho we enjoyed meeting these good folks and the changing scenery, yet it was with a thrill and a heartfelt sigh that we pulled into our home town of Anaheim, Calif. Paul H. Demaree

ENGLISH - WHAT A LANGUAGE IT IS

The Literary Digest published in its April 16th edition, a poem which appears below.

T H E C H A O S

Dearest creature in Creation, studying  
English pronunciation. I will teach  
You in my verse sounds like corpse, corps  
Horse and worse. It will keep you busy  
Susy, make your head with heat grow dizzy;  
Tear in eye your dress you'll tear,  
Queer, fair seer, hear my prayer; Pray  
Console your loving poet, make my coat  
Look new, Dear, sewit. Just compare heart  
Board and heard, dies and diet, lord  
And word, sword and sward, retain and  
Britain (mind the latter, how it's  
Written); Made has not the sound bad;  
Say, said, pay, paid, laid but not  
Plaid. Now I surely will not plague you  
with such words as vague and ague,  
But be careful how you speak, say gush,  
Bush, steak, streak, break, bleak.  
Previous, precious, fuchsia, via, recipe,  
pipe, studding-sail, choir, woven, oven  
how and low, script, receipt, shoe, poem,  
too. Hear me say devoid of trickery,  
Daughter, laughter, and Terpsichore,  
Typhoid, measles, topsails, aisles,  
Exiles, similes, reviles, wholly, holly,  
Signal, signing, same, examining but  
Mining. Scholar, vicar, and cigar, solar,  
Mica, war and far. From "desire",  
Desirable, Admirable from "Admire".  
Lumber, plumber, bier but brier,  
Topsham, brougham, renown but known,  
Knowledge, done, lone, gone, none, tone.  
A of valor, vapid, vapor, S of news  
(Compare newspaper), G of gibbet,  
Gibbon, gist, I of antichrist and grist,  
Differ like diverse and divers, once  
But nonce, toll, roll but doll, polish,  
Polish, poll, and poll. Seven is right  
But so is even, hyphen, roughen, nophow,  
Stephen, monkey, donkey, clerk and  
Jerk, Asp, grasp, wasp, domesno, cork,  
work. Pronunciation-think of Psychol  
Is a paling stout and spikoy, wont it  
make you lose your wits, writing  
Greats and saying greats. It's a dark  
Abyss of tunnel, strewn with stones  
Like rowlock, gunwale, Islington and Isle  
of Wight. Housewife, verdict and indict,  
Saying lather, bathor, father; finally  
Which rhymes with enough; though,  
Through, plough, cough, bough, or tough?  
Hiccough has the sound of sup - my ad-  
vice is, GIVE IT UP!



CRYING FOR THE  
TOASTMASTERS'  
INTERNATIONAL

Los Angeles 'Times'  
Columnist praises the  
Federation, boosts the  
local clubs and cries  
for more Toastmasters

A few years ago Ralph Smedley of Santa Ana, California, started a Toastmasters' club there, the object of which was to teach business men how to think on their feet; how to act when called on at a banquet or public gathering and how to run a dinner or meeting. The idea was so popular that in a year there were three Toastmasters' clubs in Santa Ana and several in nearby towns. That was in 1924/25. Now if you go to Shanghai or Melbourne or Honolulu or British Columbia, or most anywhere you are likely to find a Toastmasters' Club. And if you mention the fact that you are from Los Angeles enthusiastic members will tell you that it is their National Headquarters. Jean Bordeaux, the International Secretary, has an office in the Richfield building there. J. Clark Chamberlain, the International President, lives in San Diego. Thirty-eight Clubs in the United States are affiliated with the organization. In less than eight years, in brief, a movement started by a 'Y' secretary in a comparatively small city has spread pretty much all over the world.

At first blush this would seem to be a terrible achievement. One thinks how it must have multiplied the supply of after dinner speakers - and where can one find a dinner where there aren't too many after dinner speakers already! But the Toastmasters clubs among other things, train them to be brief, to be to the point, to not only talk but say something. While we believe that the great need of the world is for more dumb people, more people with nothing to say, we must concede that the Toastmasters' clubs are rendering a great and needed service, too. Since so many thousands of us will talk at dinners, it is best that at least a few of us should know how. Not long ago we talked before the Men's club at Orange, California. The Chairman said he didn't know what our subject was to be, so he would announce it after we finished. When we finished, one gentleman rose and told the Chairman he

still would like to know what our subject was. The Chairman couldn't tell him, and neither could we. That was because we've never belonged to a Toastmasters' Club.

In 1928 members of the Santa Ana Club started clubs at Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego and Santa Barbara. With a string of clubs from San Diego to Santa Barbara, J. Clark Chamberlain decided there ought to be an organization, so there was a convention in October, 1930, at which the International was formed. Smedley, J.G. White, J.C. Chamberlain and Bordeaux were the chief movers.

Asa Fickling, Mayor of Long Beach, Calif. recently declared that the Toastmasters' club had done more than anything else to equip him for the social and parliamentary side of his duties as Mayor. Bordeaux says he has just received a letter from Turkey telling him they wished instructions on how to form a club there at Istanbul.

Helping the home boys and doing something for international friendship, too. The clubs usually meet weekly and have a lot of fun. One minute before a man is to speak, the chairman will tell him he is to have three minutes to discuss the Manchurian situation. He must say what he has to say in that time, with the right sort of beginning and climax, and put the punch in the right place. Some nights are heckling nights, which teach a man to think on his feet. All sorts of stunts are used by the various clubs. The big idea is they teach the value of time, of climax, of well ordered thinking and presentation.

The above appeared in the Los Angeles Times issue of April 8th in the column called "Lee Side of Los Angeles" conducted by the well-known and genial Lee Shippey. On behalf of International and all the clubs, thank you kindly, Mr. Shippey. We hope to continue progress and meriting the praise you generously bestowed.

Those interested may like to know that Ralph Smedley started the first club 30 years ago in the Middle West. He did not press the work and it has grown naturally into a worldwide group. There are clubs which have met continuously for over six years. Is YOUR Club a member of the International? You need us, we need you. Come on in!  
The Editor.



# THE Appendix

Jean Bordeaux

Did you ever watch an aviator preparing for a flight? First he checks the oil and gas, then carefully goes over every strut and wire, testing and trying all the controls. At last he straps on his parachute and says "Contact."

What a tip for Toastmasters! Before you give a speech go over it carefully, trying various sentences and phrases, testing every part of it.

The aviator may not need the parachute but he puts it on in anticipation. He prepares in advance for the sudden disaster that may come in flight.

Toastmasters should always come to meetings primed and ready for the unexpected. Insure your impressiveness and effectiveness by being prepared. With such a parachute you may safely land from a flight of oratory leaving a satisfied and delighted audience.

On another page you will find the details of the convention at San Diego. Every Toastmaster should attend this get-together meeting. However, there are many who will be unable to come. For these unfortunates, Gavel will carry full and complete news.

This issue is smaller than it should be, due to lack of news from the distant clubs. Look thru the Rendezvous Column, then check thru the reading matter and notice how few clubs have active reporters.

Mental cleanliness is an important ingredient of Toastmastership. Clean thoughts breed clean speech, a trait that is universally admired and respected.

In all relations with associates, Toastmastership pays. Its dividends may seem intangible, but none the less valuable for that.

For the benefit of Toastmasters who like to exercise the tongue, we publish this issue a poem taken from the Literary Digest and written by a Dutchman to his Parisian girl friend.

Every Club reports the exchange speaker idea a dandy. Let us hope it will spread to other states, now that California has proven its value. In case you want to know, our chubby Gavel Splinters columnist C.F. Marshall, conceived the idea.

All jokes appearing in Gavel are contributed by readers. If you dislocate your jaw laughing at them, dont blame Gavel.

A bouquet to my good reporters, like Manchester of Ontario, Chafe of San Diego, Howatt of Santa Barbara, Claussen of Anaheim, Tibbals of Santa Ana, and Gray at Turlock. As for the reporters who send no news, may they rest in peace with the cobwebs woven around their slumbering forms.

Is there a Toastmistress' Club at Ontario, California? Our eagle-eyed and trusty reporter in that community says "yes." Perhaps we will have some word on this next issue.

The pioneer Toastmistress' Club is an affiliate of the International now. Here is an opportunity for Toastmasters to see a bevy of lovely ladies swing nifty gavels. Obey that impulse and visit them.

Just as Gavel was going to press with ye demented Editor tearing his hair, came a long letter from Jamaica, N.Y. Club. Welcome, Brothers. Send in more news and emulate the early bird, please. Get it in early. Oh yes, these Jamaica boys believe in advertising. Sent me a flock of circulars about their 'Y'. Thank you. And speaking of tough requirements, just read what one must do to get into Jamaica Club

Gavel is eighteen months old today. This Editor has been sitting in the conning tower eight months. Since he is 40% cuckoo and cant give the job to anyone else, looks as tho he might as well continue. Anyone seeking an editor's job, call at Gavel's headquarters. You'll be welcomed.