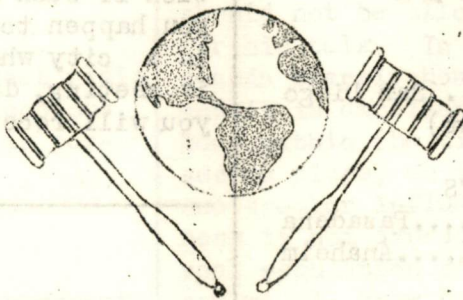


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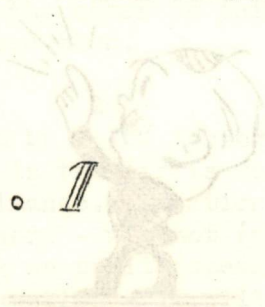
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Being the time and place of meeting
of the various Toastmasters' Clubs.

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each month 6:15 P M at YMCA
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Kindly send in the place and the time
of meeting of your club and we will
gladly publish it in this column.

We believe it will help with visita-
tion if such a directory is kept. If
you happen to be away from home and
in a city where a Toastmasters' Club
is meeting, drop in and visit them -
you will receive a warm welcome.

INTIMATE PORTRAITS OF
INTERNATIONAL TOASTMASTERS

(One is printed each month.)

No. 4 - "Ye Fair-Haired Vice President"



A. H. JOHNSON.

GAVEL SPLINTERS

Putting gestures and action into your speeches is like taking that morning cold shower - it takes a long time to get used to it.

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If you are ill at ease in arguing your opinions, try the debating cure. It tends to make your speeches more logical "aussi".

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Have you heard of the "President of the United Friends" (Not a religious order)? He lives in the California "White House". Congratulations are in order (25 years married) - to both Mr. & Mrs. "Gus" White.

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And what will these great radio orators do with their copious notes when Television is perfected ???

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"We do not need more government; we need more culture."

- "Cal" Coolidge.

And what we need is: -

1. Steadier knees
2. Clearer thinking
3. Less stammering and "er's"
4. Better speeches
5. Name the other 95 points as you see them.

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"Ho - Hum !! - Its Spring", and a spring in the air is worth 2 in the almanac. Vacation will soon be here - why not read a good book on public speaking during vacation - it will give you a head start on this fall.



SPEECH LIMITATION IN CLUB PROCEDURE IMPORTANT FACTOR

Power To Regulate Length Of Speeches, Criticism, In Toastmaster's Hands

One of the best methods of keeping up interest in your Toastmasters' Club, or any club for that matter, is in keeping to established schedules. An occasional violation of time limitation rules may do no harm, but it is clearly a mistake to allow such violations to occur often.

The President is, of course, responsible for getting the meeting started on time and for handing the gavel to the Toastmaster at the appointed hour, but that individual is clearly to blame if the schedule is not adhered to from that point on.

There are good reasons why the speaker should not be allowed to exceed the time set for his talk. In the first place he understands exactly how long he has for his talk, and it is excellent practice for anyone to keep within the time limits granted. In the second place, an infraction on the part of one speaker influences others and if firmness is not exercised, there soon will be no real regulation of talks or of closing hour and we all know how quickly lack of interest creeps in when this happens.

Critics are frequently more troublesome than speakers in respect to running overtime possibly due to the fact that some clubs do not set a time limit for criticism. If it is important to limit a speaker, it is also important to limit the critics. That is a matter for individual club action, but those using two minutes for this purpose seem to find it is long enough to bring out helpful criticism and not too long to overbalance the program. Regardless of the time limits the Toastmaster holds the gavel and alone is responsible for returning that emblem of authority to the President at the appointed moment.

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LIMITING TOASTMASTERS' SPEECHES

All clubs have, or should have, some method of timing speakers and critics, otherwise close control of the meeting is impossible. The most satisfactory method of timing and checking speakers seems to be that of colored lights flashed on at a definite point in the talk, usually one minute from the close and again at the exact closing moment.

Should a speaker or critic disregard the time signal, the Toastmaster with his gavel is in position to call down any serious offender. It is not necessary to force a speaker to stop in the middle of a sentence, but surely it is good for him to be checked in what is, perhaps, an established habit of accumulating seven or eight minutes' worth of material for a five minute talk.

Discipline and regulation is good for any organization and surely our Toastmasters' Clubs are no exceptions.

- J. Clark Chamberlain

EDITORIAL

What does your Club Program call for this summer ???

Many clubs close down during the summer months. Other clubs close down regular activities and meet once or twice a month, very informally, for speeches and a social time.

There are many things to be said for and against the closing for the three summer months. Those standing for closing believe that the vacation period tends to stimulate interest and energy for the fall and winter program. Their argument holds much merit, otherwise why a vacation from

EDITORIAL (Continued)

our regular vocations? There is no doubt that a breaking away from the regular routine does tend to stimulate our interest and give us new enthusiasm.

On the other hand, it is so easy, once a club disbands for the summer, for the members to lose interest and drift away. When the fall term arrives, they are among the missing, and the few who return find that they have on their hands the task of forming a new club.

While this is not an editorial for or against any particular practice, the editor would like to suggest, what to him seems to be a desirable solution of the problem.

Taking a middle of the road attitude, it is thought that a club should disband regular activities for the summer months. The rest is needed. However, there are many of the members who will be in town all summer and who do not want to lose all the valuable summer weeks when they might be improving "each shining hour".

The thought occurs that the summer time is an ideal time to get the boys most interested in the work together, take the ol' machine (Club and Program) apart, and give them an overhauling so that they will be in first class running condition for the coming months of regular activity.

Summer is a good time for outdoor picnic and beach trip meetings, where good fellowship prevails and the members can discuss informally club affairs and program. It is also an ideal time for members to study together, and individually, some good book on public speaking.

QUILL POINTS

By



Jean Bordeaux

Remember how the Editor of THE GAVEL threw bouquets in earlier issues of our monthly. Now he has stopped. Guess he has a splinter in his hurling hand. Gives me a chance to toss the flowers, and here's a quotation from a letter I received the other day from a National figure of the "Y": - "Marshall is doing a splendid work with THE GAVEL and deserves much praise."

June 6th is the day and Long Beach the place. Be there for those good eats and high-powered Toastmaster speeches.

Pasadena was founded by Iowans and then takes a slam at Long Beach, as per "GAVEL SPLINTERS".

The L.A. Club put on a dandy show in honoring J. Gustav White and his charming wife, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 16th. Only J. Gustav knows what a beneficent power Mrs. White has had in his life, and while thousands of boys and men know what he has meant to them, they are not telling. Congratulations to these folks, the salt of the earth.

San Diego and Santa Barbara clubs with their community service ideas, give us something at which to shoot.

If you hear something burst as you read this column, blame it on Gus White. Just read his column (last issue) again and picked out several bombs. Now if I can only find some way to explode them? ?

V. P. Harvey at Eureka Club has a sweet job. Responsible for all the critics. Just imagine the brickbats he must receive.

That's a fine idea about unusual words Eureka. Hope other clubs take it up.

Paul Domaree at Anaheim is never too busy to help others. Nor is A.G. Porter over too busy to say: "What collateral have you?"

Anaheim has the most handsome reporter in captivity. Hello Con.

Over in Pasadena they take a night off for humor. That's funny, when you think it over - or isn't it?

You can't keep Frank Paulding's crew down. Here they are climbing mountains, winning cups, and helping the ladies talk. Most unusual, that last. More power to the Westminster Club. They're setting a high standard for Toastmasters' Clubs.

Honolulu is keeping in touch with International thru THE GAVEL, so the editor writes. Just the same, I'm keeping an eye out 'cause if a club functions regularly over in the Hawaiian Islands, it will be a good excuse for me to toddle over. Wouldn't mind learning the language on the beach at Waikiki.

Charles Emery of Eugene Club ought to come down to Southern California. We have dozens of T M members who will give him insurance information. The Eugene Club has the right spirit. Their boys go out and speak at various places in the community. We must all try this.

You should see the Long Beach Junior T M Club. Went there the other night and found them putting on a big entertainment for the Y.W.C.A. Business Girls' League. And how the Juniors are working to aid the Seniors entertain the next Council meeting.

Save and read your GAVELS for the ideas you will find in every club's news items.

IF YOU CAN'T LAUGH - GRIN

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THAT
REMINDS
ME

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The following was overheard from a certain Long Beach Toastmaster:

"Well Caddie, how do you like my game?"

"O K by me, but I prefer golf."

His wife was away for a month. Each week he wrote telling her how he spent the evenings at home reading. When she returned the light bill came - only fifty cents.

Angry Papa: "What's the big idea bringing my daughter home at this hour?"

Young Man: "Well, I gotta go to work at seven."

"Its scandalous to think they are charging all that money just to tow us three miles."

"Never mind, I've got the breaks on."

Bridegroom (in poetic frenzy, as the newlyweds stroll along the shore) - "Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean, Roll!"

Bride: "Oh Gerald, how wonderful you are. It's doing it."

"They laughed when I sat down at the piano - - - Some sap had removed the stool."

Will it come to this ? ?

Astonished Mistress (To new maid who has handed her a cigarette): "No, thank you, Kate - er- not just now."

New Maid: "Don't say 'NO', mum. Put one behind year ear for later on."

Two hoboes met on a blind siding. One had been a salesman whose hours were from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The other one didn't have any money either.

"I'm afraid my husband hasn't any sales resistance."

"What's he done now?"

"In the first place he let a man sell him a lot of land that was two feet under water, and when I insisted on his going and getting his money back, the same man sold him a gasoline launch and a copy of "Golden Days in Venice".

Adequate preparation is one fundamental of fluent speech. A famous public speaker once said, "I prepare at least an hour for every minute I expect to speak."

BANKING PROBLEM - How to get all the vice-presidents into a bank for a directors' meeting without giving the public the impression that there is a run on the bank.

"Yes sir," panted the new shepherd, "I got all the sheep in, but I had a run getting some of those lambs."

"Lambs? I have no lambs, let's see what you got", was the answer.

Looking into the shed, the astonished owner saw 14 panting jack rabbits.

Fond Parent: - Do you think you can support my daughter on \$150.00 a month?"

College Grad:- "Oh, thank you, sir, that would help me wonderfully."

"You stole my Austin, you pickpocket ! ! !"

BROADCASTING THE TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

The club is looking forward to a Ladies' Night that will mark the adjourning of the club for the summer months.

This event will also be known as "Wit and Humor Night" (You all know what that is, and each speaker is to have a speech that contains plenty of both.)

Although the Club adjourns for the summer as far as regular activities are concerned, they plan to meet once or twice a month in an informal way for speeches and a general good time.

The Pasadena Club is getting their shoes shined for the convention at Long Beach, June 6th, and they are also looking forward to that attendance prize.

SAN DIEGO

Toastmasters' Club experience is proving of much value to members of the San Diego Club in their activities in other organizations.

Each week the Advertising Club with its 250 members, has an advertising talk given by some individual in the club, in the interest of some other member's business. The best talk of the month is rewarded with a suitable prize.

During the past three months of February, March and April the prize has each time been taken by a Toastmaster, for it happened that one of the speakers each month was a member of our Toastmasters' Club and in each instance was able to outdo others in speaking that month.

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SAN DIEGO (Contd. from preceding col.)

May 8th we had our Anniversary meeting and a wonderful time was had by all. The fellows and their wives turned out strong and we shall never forget our first birthday.

The officers of our Club are: - Wm. LeMonte, President; Andy Anderson, Vice President; Ray Linchide, Secretary-treasurer. Address all mail to Ray Linchide at the Y.M.C.A. please.

We are working on the Long Beach meeting and hope to have a good group attending from here.

- C. A. Van Dusen

SANTA BARBARA

The Santa Barbara Toastmasters' Club now has a weekly bulletin, (as yet unnamed), that is sent out to each member. The sheet contains the program for the coming week as well as many interesting personals and news items.

Elmer Smith was appointed by Pres. Paul Davidson to assist Mr. Edgar Robinson, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Water Bond Speakers' Bureau, in arranging speaking engagements for members of this Club.

"Daddy" Robertson was a welcome visitor after his prolonged hibernation.

Santa Barbara is bidding for the next convention - to be held during Fiesta Week. The Barbarans are planning to attend at Long Beach in gala outfit that will make the other clubs sit up and take notice. Be on deck - don't miss this treat.

BROADCASTING THE TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

LOS ANGELES

Dinner parties, surprise parties, and public speaking parties, and "What have you?", have kept the Los Angeles Toastmasters' Club on the jump.

Saturday night, May 16th, the club sponsored a surprise dinner party in honor of its coach, Mr. J. Gustav White. The affair was held at South Pasadena in one of the real cafes there, and 68 people sat at the table. Mr. and Mrs. White were presented with a beautiful silver service in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

On June 2nd the club will celebrate with a birthday party. Our club was organized on June 7th, 1927. And then comes the installation of new officers at which we always hold a dinner dance.

These affairs which I have mentioned never interfere with the speaking schedule. They just serve to bring a larger audience for the speakers to face and mixes fun with training.

- Tom Butler

OTHER CLUBS

It will be noticed that some clubs have no news for this issue. This is due to the fact that they have already closed down for the summer vacation.

Wenatchee, Glendale, Ontario, Oceanside, Santa Ana and all the rest, we'll expect big things of you in the fall. Here's wishing you and all other clubs a keen vacation.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

He: "We'll go trout fishing on this vacation---"

EUGENE, OREGON

Dr. W. C. Buchanan was the principal speaker at the annual Ladies' Night meeting of the local Kiwanis Club.

Dr. J. E. Richmond will deliver an address on Orthodontia at the Oregon State Dental Association meeting in Portland June 18th.

Lester Adams, Northwest secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was a visitor at our last meeting. Mr. Adams is a very interesting speaker.

The last meeting of this season was held May 19th, and it was one of the best meetings of the year. Merle Chase was Toastmaster with a program of impromptu talks.

Our club meetings have been discontinued until next fall when we expect to be bigger and louder than ever.

- Harry T. Shea

LONG BEACH

"Plans are under way for a meeting of Toastmasters' International in Long Beach on June 6th, with the Long Beach Club as host." - so runs a newspaper clipping. "Mayor A. E. Fickling is the toastmaster - he is a charter member of the club."

We haven't time for news right now, but if you want to see news in the making and be in on some of it, ATTEND THE CONVENTION JUNE 6TH AT LONG BEACH.

EUREKA

Some of the topics on the club program for May were: "Cutting Wages", "Banks and Hard Times", "Gas Price Wars", "Are The Ten Commandments Out of Date?". We believe in getting information on current events. It is proving very interesting and helpful all around.

ANSWER

THE QUESTION: - "What part does good diction play in a successful speech?"

THE ANSWER: - For a person who would become a good public speaker, there is one essential more important than all others, and that is the ability to use properly a good English vocabulary that comes within the ken of the audience which he is addressing.

Enthusiasm, a good voice, a fluent tongue, are all of great importance; but if one murders the "King's English", his chances of winning an intelligent audience are greatly limited.

As a rule, no matter what the audience may be, short words of Anglo-Saxon origin are always desirable. The average audience has not an extensive vocabulary. Consequently the average mind will wander from the speaker if it cannot easily grasp the intent of his words. For the same reason, long, involved sentences should be avoided.

Clearness of speech involves strict conformity to good grammatical construction, but in this brief article there is space to say simply that one who realizes that his use of words and phrases is not what it ought to be, should have at hand some reliable book on English Composition like that one by Professor Woolcy.

Better, however, than the study of theory thru text books is the study of actual, present day types of men noted for their ability to gain the attention of their audiences or readers.

For example, read Brisbane's Daily Column, - Language, simple; statements clear; descriptions, vivid; reading, easy, requiring little mental effort. You like it, even if you don't always agree with Mr. Brisbane.

Read Ex-President Coolidge's daily contributions. Language, weighty, that of the classic student; statements forceful and convincing; but must be read slowly to be grasped. Not the popular type. Read Will Rogers - easy, catchy, humorous, wise, forceful, but at times entirely disregarding of grammatical usage. A license overlooked in him alone of all noted present day men.

Read Time's "Milestones" for examples of condensed information given by the mere use of punctuation points, points are phrases, instead of sentences and clauses. Take any non-story magazine like Forum. Find out why one article is "logy", hard to read, difficult to understand; while another on the same topic, seems light, easy to read, easily understood.

Avoid the style of the first.
Imitate the second.

Listen to radio speeches. Find out why you eagerly follow one to the end while you turn off another almost immediately.

Be an honest critic of every speaker to whom you listen, and then you will, in time, become a capable speaker yourself.

- S W ("Daddy") Robertson
Santa Barbara

HAVE YOU A QUESTION ON SPEAKING OR TOASTMASTERING ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN OPINION?? SEND IT IN TO THE EDITOR, AND WE'LL SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT.

TOASTMASTERS AND THE FUTURE

BE PREPARED

In view of the distressing and chaotic conditions facing America at the present time, a great amount of earnest, honest and fearless speaking and thinking is becoming more and more necessary to face this crisis.

Its an ambitious idea I know, but I can picture Toastmaster's International playing a large part during the uncertain, reconstruction times ahead. Let's aim for big things, steer our club ships along well marked courses and stay out of foreign waters.

This idea of a Toastmasters' International High School Public Speaking Contest, launched at our Pasadena meeting, offers one practical means of doing some worthwhile community service within our own field. It will be of stimulating interest to high school speakers, teach them the value of independent thinking, and bring the International some very good publicity.

San Diego and Santa Barbara Clubs have taken part in Community Chest speaking campaigns as another legitimate community service activity. Santa Barbara Toastmasters are sponsoring 15 minutes over the radio weekly in presenting civic causes.

One of the most important reasons for the enviable success of the Anaheim Club has been its strict adherence to the policy of not meddling in the service club field.

These are cases within my personal knowledge. Many other examples, no doubt, could be cited.

Every Toastmasters' Club should play a most vital part in its community life, but it must not be an imitative part. See that your club has the respect of its community and you need no membership drives.

- Franklin Howatt.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Editor, on behalf of the other members of the staff of THE GAVEL, wishes to thank the various club reporters for their support during the past months.

Take a vacation, boys, and enjoy yourselves, - rest assured your job will be here when you get back - yes, indeed.

There is just one special assignment I want to give you before you go. Some time during July or August send in a report of what your club is planning to do in the fall in the way of program or other specialities.

TO THE READERS - The issues for July and August may be small ones - but as grandma used to say "Good things come in small packages".

If you haven't been getting your copy of THE GAVEL, arrange for the club secretary to subscribe to the paper for you.

NOTE - During the summer if your club doesn't meet, drop into the local Y.M.C.A. around the 1st of the month and get your GAVEL

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