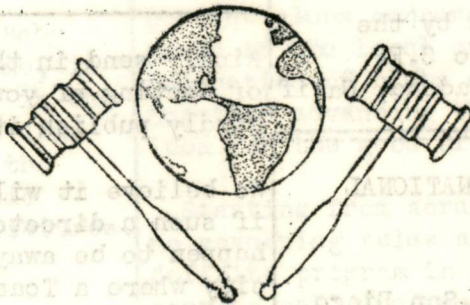


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Kindly send in the place and the time
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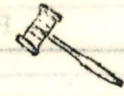
We believe it will help with visitation
if such a directory is kept. If you
happen to be away from home and in a
city where a Toastmasters' Club is
meeting, drop in and visit them - you
will receive a warm welcome.

NOTICE

Has your club changed its time or
place of meeting. Check the above
list and if not correct notify the
editor of The Gavel.

We have either lost or never had the
time of meeting for the following
clubs.

New Westminster, B.C., Peoria, Ill.,
Wenatchee, Wash., Whittier, Calif.,
Beverly Hills, Calif., and ther are no
doubt others. Kindly send in you time
of meeting with a news article for next
month's Gavel.



"MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY--TOASTMASTERS' INTERNATIONAL

GAVEL SPLINTERS

One year old this month----- what would you give to be able to take a look at Toastmasters' International a hundred years hence?

A birthday calls for cake--- three layer cakes with lots of frosting would be an ideal innovation at the Council Meeting this month.

If this International Baby grows in the years to come, in proportion to its growth in the past year----it won't be long before AP and UP report the conventions and World Wide Photo take the banquet pictures.

As this is the column wherein bouquets are handed out----we would like to distribute several right now. Bouquets to all the International Officers--to all the Committees and Chairmen for their splendid work--to our able advisors and well wishers such as Ralph Smedley, Gus White, and the many others.

You really don't know how many nice friendly people there are in the world---until you attend an International Banquet of Toastmasters. Come to the one in Santa Ana this month and see if I'm not right.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AND MESSAGE TO TOASTMASTERS FROM PRESIDENT CLARK

International President
Reviews Work Of
The Year

The publication of this issue of The Gavel marks the close of the first year of our federation, Toastmasters' International.

During this period, progress has seemed slow to some of us, but in looking back, we find that a great deal has actually been accomplished, and that from a group of independent clubs concerned only with the progress of the local organization has come a federation of clubs actively interested in together advancing the Toastmasters' Club idea for the good of their fellow men.

Starting from scratch, so to speak, with no governing rules and regulations and no definite program in mind, it has been necessary to call frequent meetings of the International Council. These meetings have sometimes been little more than a month apart, in order to insure the successful completion of the kind of solid framework which holds together a federation such as ours.

Enough of this constructive work has been completed, however, to make such a procedure unnecessary during the coming year. And while it has been a real pleasure for all of us to mingle at the banquets which have always followed our Council Meetings, we can easily see the logic of cutting down the number of these gatherings from the eight of this year, to a possible three or four during the coming term.

This means that the next meeting scheduled for Santa Ana, October 24th, will be the last until early in 1932. Celebrating as it will, the close of the first year's

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PROMOTING TOASTMASTERS' INTERNATIONAL

TOASTMASTERS' CLUB IDEA PORTRAYED
FOR MEN ON INTERNATIONAL
AND NATIONAL LIFE

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gustav White Sponsor
Delightful Social and Tea
For Noted Visitors

The following is a brief account of an informal gathering at the White House in Arcadia, on Sunday, September 13th, at which Mr. and Mrs. White were hosts at a tea given in honor of Dr. Fong, F. Sec. of China, and T. H. Nelson of New York. Among those present were C. E. Lashbrook, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chamberlain and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Bordeaux.

Dr. Fong is President of the "Y" and the Rotary Club of Shanghai, China, and Managing Editor of the leading newspaper in that city. Dr. Fong is also a classmate of Gus White -- but we won't hold that against him.

T. H. Nelson is Senior Secretary for Education on the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. with headquarters in New York. Once you meet and hear him talk, you'll understand why he has been such a force in educational work in the U.S.

C. E. Lashbrook is a young and zealous secretary in charge of the South Pasadena Community "Y". His activity there is creating a real force for community development and spirit.

Clark Chamberlain gave these friends a resume of the Toastmaster movement, while we all houdinized a large platter of sandwiches. When Clark ran out of breath, Bordeaux continued the work.

After a thorough discussion, Messrs. Nelson, Fong and Lashbrook announced themselves convinced that Toastmasters' Clubs were a real benefit to communities sponsoring them.

TOASTMASTER IDEA IS PORTRAYED
TO NOTED VISITORS

(Continued from column 1)

Dr. Fong expressed his opinion that the various Debating Clubs in the Shanghai "Y" would be greatly interested and probably there would be a club formed in that city.

Mr. Nelson promised to carry the message to all Associations on his way back to New York City, and felt that there would be no difficulty in getting Eastern Clubs started.

Mr. Lashbrook asked that full information be furnished him on just how to start a club, and undoubtedly he will have one going in his community some of these days.

In addition to having a large time in eating and taking of Toastmasters' Clubs, we had the pleasure of exploring the wilds of the White House terraces, discovering many curious and beautiful plants and flowers. It was what one might call a "perfect afternoon". You can't beat the Whites for hospitality.

J. CLARK CHAMBERLAIN SENDS
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

(Continued from page 2)

regime, it is fitting that a review of the growth of our organization during this period be given at this meeting, and as a fitting climax to a year filled with enjoyment, let us all make a special effort to attend.

Let this last gathering of the year be the biggest and the best of all, as a challenge to 1932.

J. Clark Chamberlain

QUILL POINTS



By: Jean Bordeaux

"What good is the Toastmasters' Club?" As well ask, "What good is a gold nugget?" Buried in the ground, the nugget is of no value. Dug up, minted and you can purchase the necessities of life with the gold.

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The Toastmasters' Club allows its members to dig up from their buried talents, the gold of oral expression. Put to use and that talent will bring you returns tangible and intangible.

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Ian Hay wrote, "Modesty consists not in taking a low estimate of one's worth, but in refraining from the expectation that the world will take a high one." The Toastmasters' Club will if operated properly, compel the world to take a high estimate of your worth.

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Thoughts today are actions tomorrow. The failure has failure thoughts. The successful man constantly envisions himself as a success. Have you thought your club was failing? Get busy, change those thoughts.

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You thought the Toastmasters' Club was worthwhile, else you would not have joined it. Remember that your job is to improve your club while improving yourself. And a job half done is an advertisement which reads: "Service not guaranteed, you hire me at your own risk." You must keep moving to get anywhere.

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Speaking of advertisements they say that Jenny Lind sang very well for a girl who didn't smoke cigarettes.

Starting at the top would be great--except that there's no place to climb but down. The Toastmasters are climbing upward using mistakes as stepping stones. Keep stepping UP.

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Recently, a Toastmaster said, "It's not how much you THINK of doing--but how much you do of THINKING--that makes the DOING you do--worth THINKING of."

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This month sees the International starting on its second year of existence. Just a beginning. We must not rest on our oars. There are thousands of cities where the Toastmasters' Clubs are unknown. Every member we have is in a position to strengthen the International, as well as to widen the circle of his particular club's influence. You know what we stand for--the spread of public speaking, the building of better men through discussion and presentation of our daily problems simply and without bias.

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Toastmasters' Clubs teach a higher standard of citizenship. A clearer conception of our community needs. New members stimulate and encourage. bring them in.

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Start this new year with a bang!! Look about and see if your club cannot sponsor and start a new club on the road to better speeches. The Anaheim Club started one last year and helped another to start. The first club sponsored by Anaheim is now sponsoring one itself. Thus you see how your club widens its influence.

-O-

The International is your federation. Its function is to advise, to coordinate the work of the various clubs, to lend a helping hand wherever it can. The local clubs are what the local members make them.

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"Cheerio", Don't think I'm as solemn as I sound--not by a jugfull. Now that the above thoughts are off my chest I feel better. Come on down to SANTA ANA ON OCTOBER 24th, and meet me in the flesh.

"BE AT THAT BIRTHDAY PARTY OCTOBER 24th"

SANTA ANA TOASTMASTERS' CLUB
EXTENDS INVITATION TO
INTERNATIONAL

Birthplace of Toastmaster Idea
To Be Scene Of First
Anniversary of
International

Santa Ana, birthplace of the Toastmasters' Club, will welcome the hosts of orators on October 24th for an evening of forensic splendor unprecedented and unrivaled in the annals of history. That is, providing the program lives up to promise, and no hot winds are encountered outside the banquet hall.

Local arrangements are in the hands of a special committee consisting of Harry LeBard, president of Santa Ana Toastmasters, W. H. Wright, vice-pres. and D. H. Tibbals, secretary. These gentlemen are preparing for a comfortable and convenient meeting place, a spacious and well provided eating place, and such other conveniences and accessories as are essential to a successful convention of Toastmasters.

The members of Santa Ana Club will do their best to convince visiting delegates that they are welcome. The members of the reception committee hope that their hands will be thoroughly shaken off by the time they get through extending greetings. This is an ambition which can be realized only by the attendance of an overwhelming crowd from other clubs, and to that end, the Santa Ana Toastmasters shout, "Come one, come all".

Santa Ana, besides being the greatest city on earth has other attractions. To put it briefly--this should be the largest in attendance and the best program of any meeting yet held by Toastmasters' International.

EDITORIAL

If it be true that Editorials are the expression of the Editor, then this particular expression is one of regret.

Due to the pressure and added responsibilities of my regular vocation, I find myself forced to resign as Editor, and this is my last issue of The Gavel in that capacity.

The publishing of this little paper during the past year has been a source of much pleasure and inspiration. It has been the means of making so many friendly contacts---I shall miss it greatly.

In keeping with the International idea we have tried to make The Gavel a paper of real service to the many individual Toastmasters' Clubs. With that thought in mind, my associates and I have tried steadily to improve The Gavel, both in content and appearance from month to month. We wish to make the paper one that every Toastmaster will want because there is personal help and inspiration in it.

I "toss the keys on the desk" with a feeling that while we have come some distance, there is still a long way to go. We have an excellent medium of expression in The Gavel---one that will help spread Toastmasters' International to the four corners of the Earth.

In turning over The Gavel to the new Editor I have but one policy to send with it. "A written word, once released, can never be reclaimed---keep The Gavel at the highest standard and use freely the blue pencil".

To my associates who have helped make The Gavel possible, thank you. I know you will get behind the new Editor and do your best in the coming year to make a bigger but better Gavel.

BROADCASTING THE TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Beginning at once, the San Diego Toastmasters' Club again takes up its duties in fostering the speaking activities of the Community Chest Campaign. During the next six weeks the entire Club membership will be called upon to carry the burden of the 1931 speaking campaign, estimated at more than 150 separate engagements. Sponsoring the speaking activities of the Community Chest has become an established custom of the San Diego Club and is an activity which brings much of value to all who participate.

For the past three weeks, some member of the San Diego Toastmasters' Club has appeared on the air each day, in the interests of a Safety Program, the speaking activities of which, the club is sponsoring.

These talks may be heard over station KPSS every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:30 P.M., and over station KGB every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3:00 P.M.

This program will continue for some time, in the hope that motor vehicle deaths and accidents may be lessened. Needless to say, this type of community service is bringing much favorable publicity to the Toastmasters' Club.

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Club resulted in the decision to hold the first Club meeting of the year on September 22.

The Committee recommended to the members present that the future meetings be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 P.M.

New officers were elected and as soon as they get their coats off you may expect to hear of "big doings" in the city by the sea.

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

September 22, seems to be a good day for starting fall activities. Down in Santa Ana on that particular evening was held the grand opening of the Toastmasters' Club and The Woman's Forum.

The Santa Ana Club does the thing up right with a printed invitation to their opening occasions.

Right about now the Club is busy planning for the International Council Meeting and Banquet which will be held here in Santa Ana on October 24th. In another place in this issue of The Gavel you will find an account of what we are planning to do.

EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

As the first meeting of the Club will be held on October 5th, we have no news of the doings or program of the Eureka Toastmasters.

From advance notice the club this year is starting with a small but enthusiastic group and being thoroughly sold on toastmastering, they plan to go ahead and get more people and do things.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

The Pasadena Club got under way a couple of weeks ago and is now going strong. The Club has been particularly fortunate in their selection of critics and this year in the person of Glenn Lloyd Lembke have a critic thoroughly versed in modern public speaking.

The Club plans to introduce, this year, several innovations and should they work out well will be glad to pass on the results of the experiments to other clubs.

BROADCASTING THE TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Toastmasters' Club is one of those organizations that run along smoothly the year round. Summer or winter the members of the club gather and speak and enjoy the splendid fellowship of the members.

Ever ready to put on a program and show the values of Toastmastering to the rest of the world, the L.A. Club will sponsor a program for the Altrurian Club on the 16th of this month.

The toastmaster for the occasion will be none other than Tom Butler, that well known and well beloved member of the L.A. organization.

Speakers on the program include G. R. Thomson, J.A. Hillstrom, Dr. F. Herschman and Peter Whitehall.

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

This is the first time that the Modesto Club has appeared on the pages of The Gavel. One of the things that make the Modesto Club one of the outstanding clubs is their summer program. Imagine meeting all summer long up in a warm country -- most of the clubs in So. Calif. go out for the count in the summer.

The Club meets each Tuesday -- (by the way have you noticed how many clubs meet on Tuesday?) -- at "The Cedars", 1603 Eye Street at 6:15 P.M. and visitors are always welcome.

OTHER CLUBS

Jean Bordeaux writes. "Peoria, Ill. going strong and making up a big winter program. Same report from El Paso, Texas Club. Looks like the two above clubs might join the International if circumstances will permit".

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

The Anaheim Club, an all year round club, is going into the fall season with vim and vigor. Program plans of the club call for the sponsoring of Public Speaking Contests in the High Schools of that district.

As Anaheim is located quite near Santa Ana, other clubs wishing to have the largest delegation present at the International Council Meeting should get started right away. We can take the small children as well as the wives---other clubs take notice.

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

While we have no direct news items from the Beverly Hills Club, a notice to our office gives the following club personnel:

Edward Stoltz, President
Jack Eagle, Vice-President
Geo. Dodge, Sec.-Treas.

Dr. R. E. Kinsman is said to be one of the club backers and with the help of the other club members is steadily pushing the club to the front.

GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA

Harry Finley, dropped in at the office the other day and stated that Glendale is still the fastest growing city in So. Calif. and that the Glendale Club is in step with the city.

EUGENE, OREGON

Up here we have to get our football teams off the ways before we open up Club activities. You'll be hearing things from the great Northwest within the next few weeks. And just because it rains up here 13 months a year it doesn't mean that the Toastmasters are



THAT
REMINDS
ME

"Do you know a good fortune teller?"

"Yes, sir; Dunn & Bradstreet are thoroughly reliable."

Jim--"Seems a right sensible girl."

Tim--"Um hum; She didn't pay any attention to me either."

"My husband talks in his sleep, does yours?"

"No; and it's SO exasperating, he simply smiles."

True, a fool and his money are soon parted. But what we want to know is-- where does he get it?

Beggar: "I've asked for money, begged for money, and cried for money!"

Man: "Why don't you try working for money?"

Beggar: "I'm going through the alphabet and I'm not up to the W's yet."

"Bredren," said the colored preacher, "you have come to pray for rain. De foundation for religion is faith. What is yo faith? You comes to pray fo rain, and not one of you bring an umbrella."

Said Hubby: "My wife's driven our car 120,000 miles and never had her hand on the wheel."

Another good way to see the world, is to get elected Mayor of New York.

"I am sorry," said the dentist, "but you cannot have an appointment with me this afternoon. I have eighteen cavities to fill." And he picked up his golf bag and went out.

A young man who pleaded "joy-riding" because he borrowed a car to meet his best girl and wanted to show off, got twelve months' hard labor. Courting trouble, you might say.

"Children should be seen and not heard," grandpa warned little Willie.

"You let that child say anything he wants to!" bristled his mother, "I sold some of his bright sayings last month!"

"Here, hold my horse a minute, will you?"

"Sir! I am a member of Congress."

"Oh, that's all right; you look honest. I'll take a chance."

Passerby: "Begging with two hats? What's the idea?"

Beggar: "Yep. Business was so brisk I had to enlarge the shop."

Honey: "That boy you were riding with has trouble with his vision?"

Bunny: "Yeah, he sees parking spots before his eyes."

Mrs. Newlywed: "I must apologize for the pie I made dear. I think I left something out."

Mr. Newlywed: "Nothing you left out could make a pie taste like this. It's something you put in."

"So Joe was the life of the party?"

"Yea, he was the only one who could talk louder than the radio."

"Oh, well, try picking out funny jokes yourself."

TOASTMASTERS' INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST INFORMATION

WHAT IT IS!!!!

Paul H. Demaree, the hard working chairman of the Toastmasters' Int'l High School Public Speaking Contest Committee, has started the ball rolling for this fall's contest. In a letter to the various clubs, Paul brings out some interesting facts.

Our public speaking contest for high schools is being enthusiastically received. None are more enthusiastic than the public speaking instructors. The Toastmaster plan is different. The following are its main features:

1. Contestants may speak on any subject in which they are really interested. This feature, which is lacking in all other high school contests, assures enthusiastic talks.
2. Both first and second place winners are selected in each contest and given another chance to win further honors.
3. Judging is done by the group method, the fairest method of selecting the ones who deserve to win.

As Paul, has probably sent out detailed information to the clubs, we will not print the particular contest rules here. However, it might be of value if we review some of the features connected with the sponsoring of a contest of this sort by an individual club.

The procedure recommended by the contest committee is as follows:

1. Appoint a committee to promote the contest for your club.
2. Invite the high schools in your community to enter. The contest will be successful with a single high school entering but as many as six schools may be successfully included.

3. High school public speaking instructors are usually glad to cooperate with you and will conduct their own elimination contests selecting at least six to speak for the honor of representing the school in your contest.
4. The final contest in the school should be held before a student body assembly and should be judged by members of your club. First and second place winners should be selected for further competition.
5. The winners from each high school compete at a Toastmasters' dinner, first and second place winners are picked.
6. Members of the club are the judges at the contest which should be held not later than January 1, 1932.
7. A trophy or cash prizes tend to make the contest more interesting. A cup for the winning school also helps.
8. The winner and runner up of the Toastmasters' Club Contest should later meet the winners from other clubs in a district contest.
9. The winners of the district contest compete for final honors at a meeting of Toastmasters' International.

That is the general idea. Paul had ten points but we have condensed them a little---without losing the meaning we hope.

Here is a project worthy of any Toastmasters' Club and we hope that each club in the International will sponsor one of these contests if they possibly can. It will be rendering a real service to the community and you will find that it will bring a lot of good publicity to your club.

APPOINT THAT COMMITTEE

BROADCASTING THE TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

(Editor's Note: I don't know whether or not Fred Hazzard had been out gathering apples or not---it's about that time of year in Wenatchee---because he failed to mention how the crop was this year. On second thoughts he must have had the entire Wenatchee Club with him because he sent in no club news. No doubt they are gathering apples to send to the next International Convention at Santa Ana. Just the same, Fred, thanks for the poem, as I'm sure the members of International will get the same kick out of it that I did.)

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"Evolution of The Gavel"

In days of old the cave-man bold
With a big stone hammer knocked 'em
Asserted his authority (cold.
Over any old minority,
For he was a majority
When his big stone hammer knocked 'em
cold.

The bigger the rock the harder the
knock;
How that cave-man learned to sock!!
Asserted his nobility
By his very great ability
To exercise agility
In boating 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
Will get attention to his say.

WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

Whittier has a club that is getting under way in earnest this year. At the Santa Barbara meeting the club had three delegates present. We expect to hear more about them.

NEW WESTMINSTER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

In a preliminary news story to The Gavel, Frank Paulding, the man behind the throttle of the Spokes Club, makes the following statements;

The 1930-31 men's speaking class met on September 17th to decide whether they would continue as a group in further fellowship and speech practice or join the Spokes Club. They will join the latter, as it is undoubtedly the best course. Too many organizations spoil the ensemble.

The annual meeting of the Spokes Club for the season 1931-32 is set for Wednesday, September 23, and a new public speaking class will organize Thursday, October 1st.

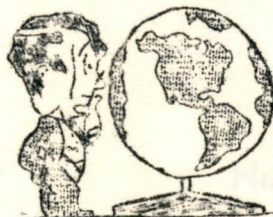
The ladies public speaking class of last year met on September 15th and decided on a permanent practice club during the coming year.

LONG BEACH JUNIORS

The Junior Toastmasters' Club has "shifted into high gear" and is now running smoothly.

Acting President Clyde Brooks has his gavel swinging arm in good shape and the meetings promise to be peppy and interesting.

The club is working on a plan whereby a special meeting will be held about once a month and the five or six best speeches of the month will be polished up and presented again.



"Picking a convention city for Toastmasters' International in 1950"