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GAVEL SPLINTERS

About this time of year, "Mr. Toastmaster, fellow club members, the subject of my speech this evening is, 'The Fish I Caught and The One That Got Away'."

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There is one good thing about Five Year Plans and that is--they look ahead into the future. Why not this summer lay out a Five Year Plan for yourself in Public Speaking? This will do for a starter---after that we'll talk about 10 and 15 year plans.

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Following the popular song trend of the day, why not coin this theme for your club. "We've got a Five Year Plan--and we've got great Ambition--our club's in good condition--you should belong to us!"

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Speaking of Ambition---the writer's particular ambition is to make a speech that will leave the critic tongue-tied.

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The thought occurs (Due apologies to Ralph Smedley) that perhaps the original Toastmasters' Club started at Cy Perkins store in Bingville Center. Dinner in the form of cracker, prune and dried apple barrel--plenty of long winded orations.



OUTLOOK FOR FALL IN
TOASTMASTER CIRCLES
EXCELLENT

TOASTMASTERS' INTERNATIONAL
BOUND TO GROW IN THE
COMING YEAR '31-'32

Then there are the prophets--may their tribe increase--who take a look into the future and tell us what is hiding around the corner and what we may expect if the signs hold good.

Now the scribe doesn't claim to be an A#1 prophet, but he has been looking up the signs during the past month and they look good. So good in fact that he ventures to predict a large number of new clubs will come into being during the year 1931-32. There are any number of potential Toastmasters' Clubs in the towns and cities of the Pacific Coast. With the resuming of activities in the fall these prospects should blossom out into full fledged clubs.

However, they will need care and tending and that is where the individual clubs already established and the International can get in some good service.

In the case of the International the stars say that the coming year will be a big one. Daily throughout the east and middle west, word comes of a new Toastmasters' Club that is in existence and flourishing. At the present time there are approximately 60 clubs in the central and eastern section of the country that are receiving THE GAVEL. THE INTERNATIONAL HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER THEM AND THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE VALUABLE HELP TO THE INTERNATIONAL. It's just a case of getting together for mutual benefit.

Right here in this section of So. Calif. there is a fertile field for development. There are several clubs that need help in getting under way----and once established they will probably join the bunch in International. GET SET FOR SEPTEMBER.

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"Believe it or---do you hail from Missouri" the Editor craves a rest, and the reporters have gone places and are doing the beaches and countryside.

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That is reason No. 1 for the small summer issues, the other reason being we wish to cut down on expenses. However, send us the news of what your club is doing and we'll give it postage stamp space.

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Watch for the opening number in the fall, it'll be a large number--perhaps 100 percent representation.

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A Baseball league has been formed at Sing Sing among the various cell blocks. We understand police have been asked to be on the lookout for a good umpire. - Life

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Practical Science
Teacher: "If coal is ten dollars a ton and you pay the dealer \$75 how many tons does he bring you?"

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Pupil (very brightly) "A little over six tons."

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Teacher: "You know that is not right!"
Pupil: "I know, but they all do it."

Bob: "I hear they caught one of those hotel robbers."

Job: "That so? What hotel did he run?"

Thus we retire!!!

ORATORICAL CONTESTS

Space does not permit the printing of all the interesting things that take place at District Meetings of Toastmasters' International. However, in this issue we will try to give some of the highlights of the Long Beach Conference.

Franklin Howatt, of Santa Barbara, gave a splendid report on the subject of Public Speaking Contests in high schools sponsored by Toastmasters' International.

At the August meeting in Santa Barbara, plans will be drawn up for the first International District Contest, to take place during the fall and winter of 1931-32. At the conclusion of the next conference, printed information will be obtainable on detailed rules and regulations under which these contests are to be conducted.

CHARTERS

Geo. Grant reported on charters, to the effect that the cost of an engraved one was prohibitive at the present time. It was moved that the charter committee have a membership certificate prepared, that could be issued individual clubs. This certificate would be signed by two or more officers of the International and issued in lieu of a charter, until such a document can be provided.

INTERNATIONAL PIN

Geo. Hodstrom submitted a drawing of a proposed lapel pin and charm, that met with general approval. The pin was composed of a world, crossed gavel beneath, and a semi-circular streamer with the words "Toastmasters' International". The colored enamel blends in with the gold and makes a very beautiful pin.

TOASTMASTERS' INTERNATIONAL MANUAL

A rough draft of the proposed manual for introducing toastmaster work to prospective clubs, was submitted by J. Clark Chamberlain.

It was an excellent piece of work and showed a great deal of time and effort had been spent on the part of Messrs. Chamberlain and Demarce.

The delegates present were eager to have the booklet sent the various existing clubs for their approval and then with slight revision have it published.

This manual was felt to be a big step forward in the promoting of the toastmaster idea among prospective clubs all over the country.

THE LAST BANQUET

When one reports and reports on these International Banquets they soon run out of superlatives and find themselves inadequate in doing justice to the occasion.

Long Beach put on a keen banquet and the writer has eaten away from home this past year at 85 "dinners". The dinner was good--the souvenirs were good (hard to match)--the program was good--the fellowship was good--now what more could one have at a banquet. Long Beach made the grade and is hereby awarded the degree "K.H." (Knows How.)

You know it really is up to us as Toastmasters' International to evolve the perfect banquet (if there is such a thing) and we are well on the way to this achievement, if we may judge by the International Banquets of the past.

Wo hard the well known bouquet to Mr. Bordeaux and his "Iowans" (Hold those bricks mister) they "click".

PASADENA

The Pasadena Club closed its season with a Ladies Night, June 16th. It was one of the best meetings of the year. Among the distinguished guests were J. Gustav White, who acted as guest critic, and Jean Bordeaux, Sec. of Toastmasters' International.

The club plans to meet informally during the summer and plan programs for the coming year.

SANTA BARBARA

Up here among the millionaires we are thinking of taking the month of July off in order to get rested up for the International Meeting to be held here in August. After the meeting we will probably have to take the month of September off to recuperate.

Our weekly bulletin, "Toast Masters" is meeting with great response from the club members. Not only does it keep them informed on current issues but it carries each week some meaty thought on Toastmastering.

SEE YOU AUGUST 29TH, ALL OUT

ANAHEIM

Anaheim is proudly acclaiming to the world that it is enjoying its sixth year of continuous meetings without interruption. The experience of the Club has been that while a few of its members may be absent for short periods that the interest of the Club is maintained without interruption. The further fact remains that those who are able to attend throughout the summer have the privilege of speaking more often and acquiring more experience, which is really the purpose of our Organization.

During the past few weeks one of our members has been assigned to make
(Con'd next Col.)

ANAHEIM

an eight-minute review of a chapter from an established authority on public speaking each week. It has varied the program and we feel that it has been very beneficial to each of our members.

We have recently changed our program to permit three eight-minute talks and one twelve minute talk, instead of five - five minute and one ten minute as heretofore, and find that our speakers take more interest in preparing their subjects.

While Anaheim slipped a little on the number of its members attending the District Convention at Long Beach, and the attendance prize went to the deserving city, our slogan now is: "Santa Barbara, 100%!"

A. G. Porter.

PEORIA, ILL.

*Note- This account written by editor of Gavel---don't blame it on Peoria.

The Peoria Club has a member limit of 60 and this quota has been full from the start of the club. (There's a club for you.)

One of the members is a dean of our local college and he acts as instructor and critic.

The club adjourns for the summer on June 30th with a Ladies Night, regular program with perhaps one or two special numbers.

The Peoria Club is appointing a reporter in the fall when the club resumes activities, so from time to time we will be posted on their activities and program.

WHAT IS AUGUST 29TH ? ? ? ? ?