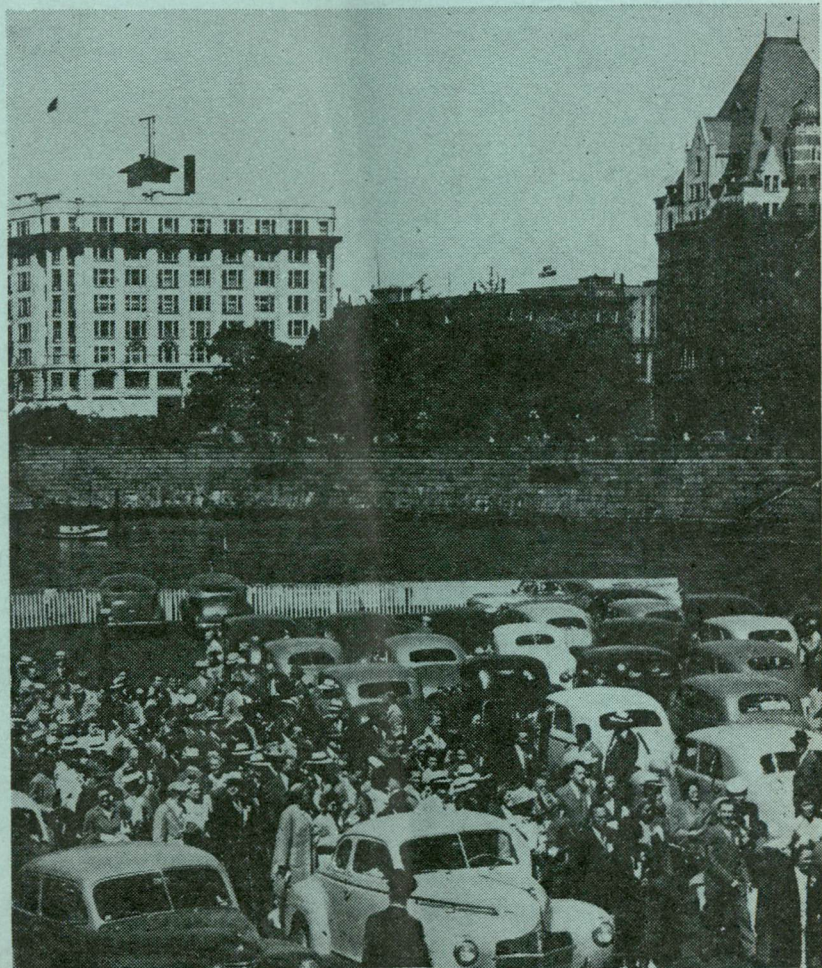


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Your New President . . .



JOSEPH P. RINNERT
President of Toastmasters International
1946-47

Bureau and the Harlan Law Club.

After all that training, he settled down to work. First he had a year as law clerk to Mr. Justice Stephens, of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and then, in 1936, he hung out his shingle in Los Angeles, as an associate in the law office of L. R. Martineau, Jr. His office is 444 Roosevelt Building.

Thus it is clear that Toastmasters International will be wisely steered as to legal procedures during the year before us.

Joe's experience in Toastmasters work is almost as complete as his legal training. He has been a member of the Downtown Toastmasters Club of Los Angeles for years. He has served that club two terms as President, and two as Deputy Governor. He was Lieutenant Governor of Area 3, District 1, in 1942-43; Treasurer of Toastmasters International 1943-44 and again 1944-45; Vice-President of Toastmasters International, 1945-46. He served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee from 1943 to 1946.

If there is anything Joe does not know about the workings of Toastmasters International, it has yet to be invented. His ability as a speaker, as an executive and as a leader should make him a worthy head man of our organization in what promises to be the greatest year we have ever known. Let's follow him to new achievements.

Our new President is a lawyer with an impressive background of training.

He took his A. B. degree at Ohio Wesleyan in 1931, where he was a member of the football, wrestling and debating teams. (Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Delta Sigma Rho, Phi Gamma Delta.)

For variety, he took his M. A. at the University of Minnesota in 1932, where he served as an instructor in political science.

Next, Harvard Law School, with LLB in 1935. Here he was connected with the Harvard Legal Aid

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International? . . . Yes!

By GEORGE REED

Toastmasters should never forget that they belong to an *international* organization. No Toastmaster who attended the Convention at Seattle will ever again think of our organization merely in terms of his own club or even of the U. S. A. The true significance of the "International" in our name was exemplified in the cordial reception given us by the Toastmasters of Victoria, B. C. The words of welcome by His Worship Mayor Percy E. George, and the speech by our own President, Franklin McCrillis, when he made the charter presentation to the Thunderbird Club of Victoria, strengthened immeasurably the bonds of friendship already existing between the peoples of Canada and the United States of

America. The masterful speech at the banquet on Saturday evening, by Barrie Goult, Governor of the new British Columbia Twenty-First District of Toastmasters International, was likewise of powerful and statesmanlike quality. We can look for great accomplishments from this new district under such able leadership.

From the Convention rostrum and floor were read cordial communications from our fellow Toastmasters in Scotland. Their invitation to attend the Scottish Toastmasters Convention in 1947 has been accepted by Toastmaster John Pratt, past-governor of District One. No doubt others will join in this effective furthering of world friendships.

Although there may be differing ideas as to the best procedures for insuring permanent world peace, there can be no disagreement with the truth that better understanding between the peoples of the world is a pre-requisite to the final achievement of this highest goal of all. Nor can there be any dispute with our firm belief that such understanding will be made easier by the establishment of Toastmasters Clubs throughout the world. Whenever men freely and intelligently discuss their problems in open conference, better understanding is the natural result.

Let us speed the day when Toastmasters Clubs can be found in every hamlet and city of the world.

The President's Message . . .

By Joseph P. Rinnert

The program for the coming ten months formulated at the enthusiastic convention at Seattle is summarized on the back cover of this issue. It is an ambitious program. It can be transformed into action only by hard work. It will require the effort of ten thousand men. My message to each of you is that I am counting on your help. The job to be done is worth doing, and your officers can accomplish little unless every man in our powerful organization does his part.

The individual club is the nucleus of Toastmasters International. Each club is dedicated to the service of the individual club member. The new strength of each new man, with his growth from our association, will make us strong and enable us to grow.

We are engaged, in the final analysis, in a great program of adult education. If we enable the individual member to continue his education, regardless of his age and regardless of when he quit school or college, we help him win success and we help build a stronger democracy. The brunt of the work therefore must be borne by the men who are working directly with the individual member. The responsibility lies with the club officers. In most of our clubs the present officers are nearing the end of their terms. They

owe it to themselves and to their successors during their remaining weeks of office to build the membership, and to stimulate attendance, so that new officers, when elected, will be called upon to lead clubs which are enthusiastic and eager. With such clubs the new officers will find it easy to start immediately to strengthen the educational work of the club and to plan strong and varied programs.

The District Governors and Lieutenant Governors are now arranging meetings with the Deputy Governors and club officers to explain and to put into action the program initiated at the Seattle convention. These men will find the solutions to the membership, administrative and training problems presented during the educational and business sessions of the convention. No matter how eager, the International Committees can reach correct conclusions only if they have the benefit of the views and experiences of the club officers. It is essential, therefore, that every request for either facts or opinions made to any individual member or club officer from any officer be given immediate attention and receive a prompt, thoughtful and reasoned reply.

We have a tradition to maintain. We have renewed our covenants. We have been given our objectives. Shall we march?

Officer Installation Responsibility . . .

By GEORGE W. BENSON

Vice-President George Benson presented this subject at the Seattle Convention. His material is so timely and so helpful that his talk is condensed here.

SUMMARY

1. Have an Officer Installation Committee in the Club.
2. Use past officers, especially past presidents, on the committee.
3. Prepare carefully for installation ceremony.
4. Invite District Officers, but don't depend on them to do your work.
5. Be sure that every officer is familiar with Constitution and By-Laws.
6. Give new officers inspiration and encouragement as well as obligations, when they are installed.
7. Make clear to officers that to be elected is a promotion to more important duties—not just an honor.
8. Inform all the members about officers' responsibilities.
9. Emphasize officer responsibility in your club and the officers will lead the club to achievement.

The installation ceremony is essential. It is the best way to emphasize responsibility to new officers. Without it, the officers have a right to feel let-down at the start of their term. Duties of officers should be reviewed occasionally so that all may understand.

Prepare for the installation. There should be a committee, and if past officers are available, they are the ideal members of the committee.

Formal installation serves as a charge to the officers. It assigns them work to do. Carelessness in charging the officers breeds carelessness in execution of their duties.

No officer should ever be able to say, "I was never told that." He should be told, and then should act on his own initiative. Elbert Hubbard said, "Initiative is doing the right thing without being told." He also said, "The next best thing is to do the right thing without being told more than

once." The Installation Committee sees that the incoming officers are told that once.

Election to office is an honor, but more than that, it is an assignment to duty. Don't let your officers forget that.

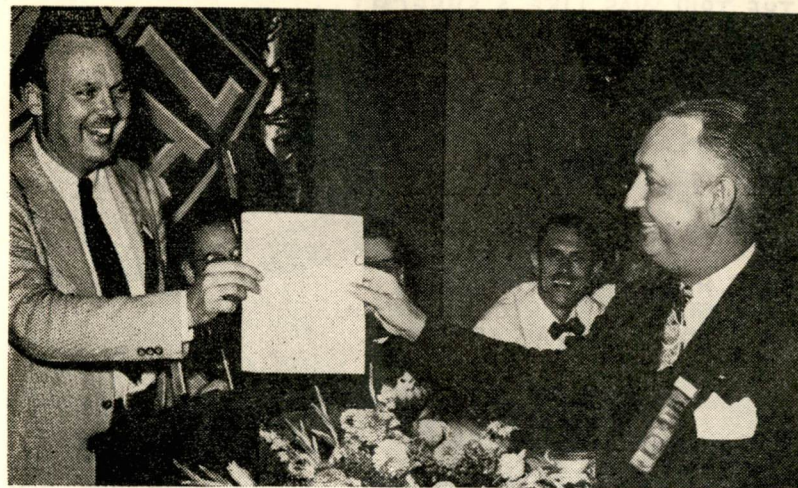
Ask the District Officers to visit your club for installation, but don't depend on them to do the work for you.

Get Speech Practice

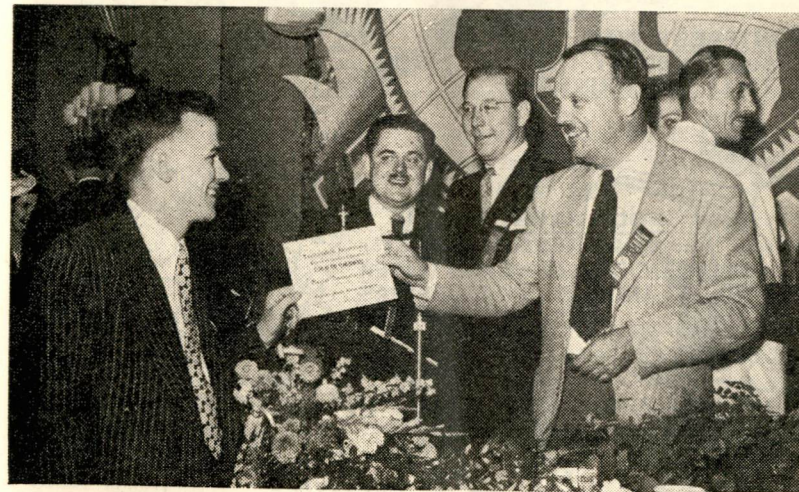
Devote an entire program to the installation ceremony. Have each officer installed in a three-minute speech by some member, and let each have three minutes to respond with his "inaugural" address. Five officers will mean five installations, or the equivalent of five short speeches, and it will give ten men practice in a most important line of speaking.

Plan your installation so as to get full value in practice while charging the officers to do their duty.

Club Of The Year Awards . . .



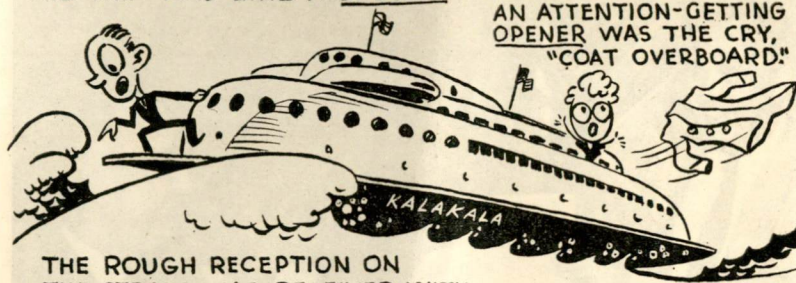
THE WINNER—Huntington Park Toastmasters Club, No. 14. Herb Lakey modestly accepts the award at the hands of Dr. Gordon Howard, donor of the trophy and chairman of the Committee on Awards.



RUNNER-UP—Pioneer Toastmasters Club of Moorhead, Minnesota. James Wentzell, delegate from Moorhead, carried home the second place certificate. It was the first time the Pioneers have entered the competition which made their success the more striking.

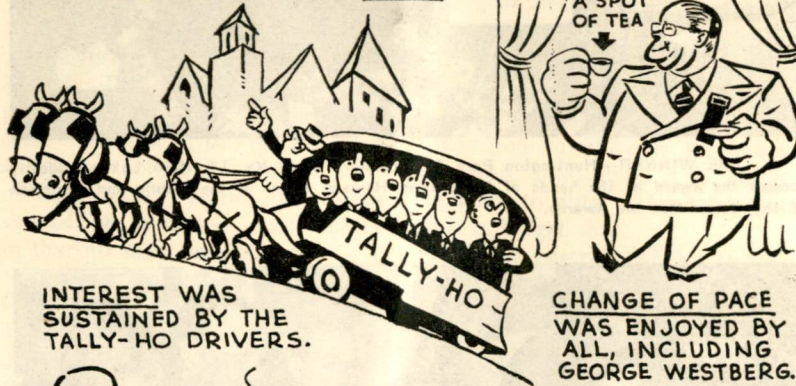
VICTORIA VIGNETTES BY JACK HAYNES

THE TRIP WAS LIKE A SPEECH



AN ATTENTION-GETTING
OPENER WAS THE CRY,
"COAT OVERBOARD!"

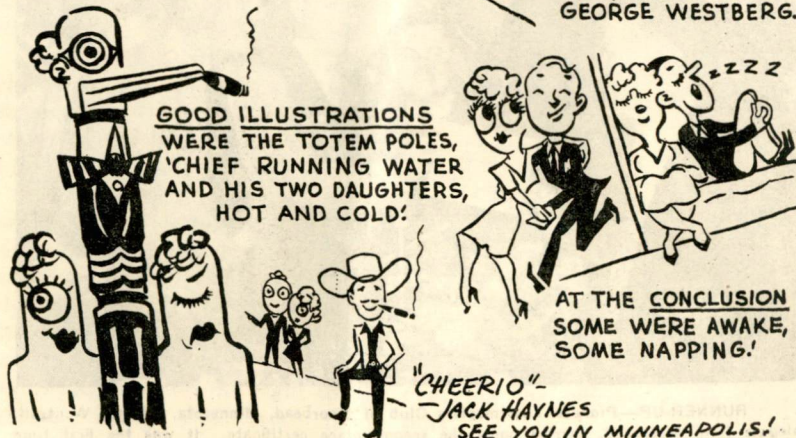
THE ROUGH RECEPTION ON
THE STRAIT WAS RECEIVED WITH
TYPICAL TOASTMASTER POISE.



A SPOT
OF TEA

INTEREST WAS
SUSTAINED BY THE
TALLY-HO DRIVERS.

CHANGE OF PACE
WAS ENJOYED BY
ALL, INCLUDING
GEORGE WESTBERG.



GOOD ILLUSTRATIONS
WERE THE TOTEM POLES,
'CHIEF RUNNING WATER
AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS,
HOT AND COLD!

AT THE CONCLUSION
SOME WERE AWAKE,
SOME NAPPING!

"CHEERIO!"
- JACK HAYNES
SEE YOU IN MINNEAPOLIS!

What's Going On

News of Toastmasters Clubs, gathered from all quarters. Has your Club made a discovery, invented a procedure, performed a notable service? Write in and tell about it. Let us know "What's Going On."



At Victoria, while the Convention audience looked on, President Franklin McCrillis presented the charter for the new "Thunderbird" Toastmasters Club. President Russ Stark, of the new chapter, accepts the document.

Other Charters Presented

Most unusual was the opportunity at Seattle, when President Franklin McCrillis gave charters to three new clubs at one time, as a feature of the Saturday Noon Fun Luncheon. The clubs thus recognized are The Bainbridge Island Toastmasters Club, of Winslow, Washington; The Monday Noon Toastmasters Club of Seattle, and the Olympia Toastmasters Club, of Olympia.

Still another charter was presented to the Richland Toastmast-

ers Club, of Richland, Washington, by Founder Ralph Smedley, who drove across the state on Monday, following the Convention, to attend the ceremonies. This new club is located in a city which grew up around certain atomic bomb processes, and which is continuing as a center of research and manufacture of various scientific appliances. The presence of the Founder, together with visiting Toastmasters from various other clubs, plus District Governor Mert Rosauer, of Spokane, added to the interest.

Our First In Scotland

Toastmaster John T. Small, of the Downtown Toastmasters Club (No. 65) of San Francisco, was a recent visitor in Scotland, where he had the pleasure of meeting A. L. Cunningham, President of the Edinburgh Toastmasters Club (No. 343) for a conference about Toastmasters affairs. The Edinburgh Toastmasters Club was in recess for the summer, so that Small did not have the opportunity to attend a regular meeting, but, according to President Cunningham, his visit in Edinburgh was most helpful. He is the first Toastmaster, so far as can be determined, who has had the pleasure of visiting any of our members in Scotland.

This Is Basic Training

Seattle "Victory" Toastmasters score another victory. The members are at work on Basic Training with definite purpose. Up to this time, five certificates of completion have been awarded in this club. The five faithful Toastmasters who have thus achieved are: T. Harry Abney, Tennys Bellamy, Lloyd Shuman, Leslie Stotts and Frank Sweeney. This record tops the field.

This Is Practical

The Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) Toastmasters Bulletin carries this paragraph in announcing a program: "Each speaker will tell what he thinks of The Toastmasters Magazine, suggest improvements, mention special values he has gained from its pages, or review any article which he has found especially helpful therein."

This Is Serious

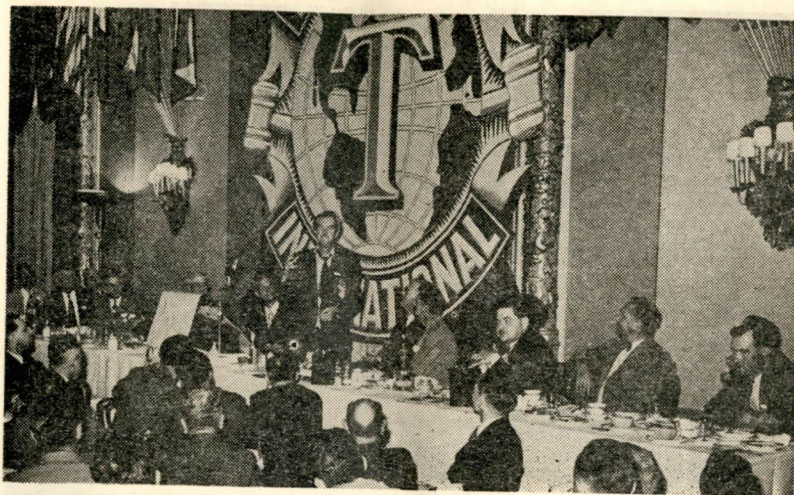
The Toastmasters Club of Pullman, Washington, devoted a July evening to the study of the atomic bomb, and we mean *study*. The Program Committee put out a sheet full of references on the various phases of atoms and bombs, all the way from the history of the early studies down to the ultimate effects on civilization, and the members were assigned related topics, for speech and discussion. If the program did not solve all the atomic problems involved, it surely made a good start in that direction. Pullman's action reminds us to remind you that occasional preparation of a reading list or bibliography or set of references on speech topics is excellent practice.

Golden Westerners

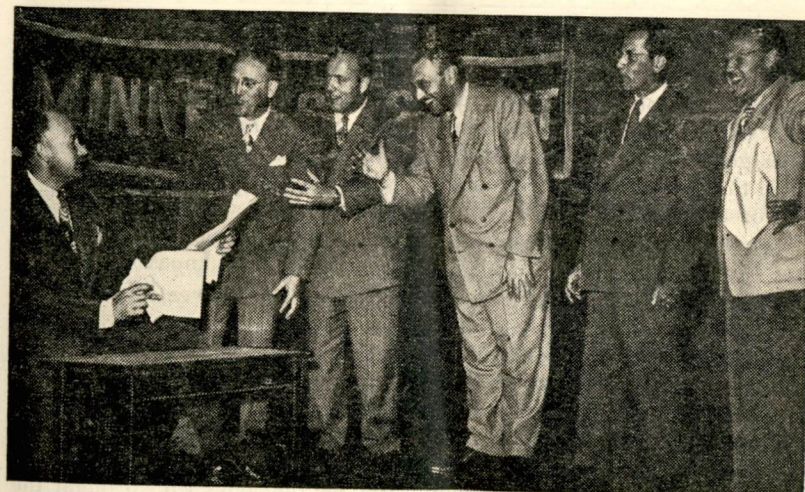
The Educational Committee of the Golden West Toastmasters Club, of San Francisco, comes forward with recommendations worth copying. First, that all members, particularly new ones, be encouraged to use the Basic Training Manual.

Second, that attention of members be called to the numerous pamphlets and bulletins provided by Toastmasters International, and the leading articles in The Toastmaster Magazine, through summaries presented at the meetings, by members appointed by the Educational Committee. Third, that the programs during the next six months include two debates, two parliamentary drills, one panel discussion and one voice recording session.

Fun At Seattle . . .



Charles Griffith, of Tacoma, really put on an act at the Fun Luncheon. So did half a dozen others. Clean, wholesome humor, with never a bad taste, made this event memorable in the Convention program.



Jack Haynes, Jim Blalock, Herb Hill, Jim Barnet, Jack Parkinson, Briggs Howorth.

Glendale "Jewel City" Toastmasters Club put on a skit showing how a speech contest may be judged. Full of action, full of entertainment, with a note of warning on how to pick the real winner.

Minneapolis-St. Paul — 1947 . . .



President Joe Rinnert says, "It's all yours, boys!" The "boys" from the Twin Cities, who are to "take home the bacon" are Watt Welker, Tracy Jeffers, George Benson and Clarence Olson. You can't tell which ones are from Minneapolis and which from St. Paul by looking at them, but you can count on both cities, and all of District Six, for a wonderful welcome and a grand convention next summer.

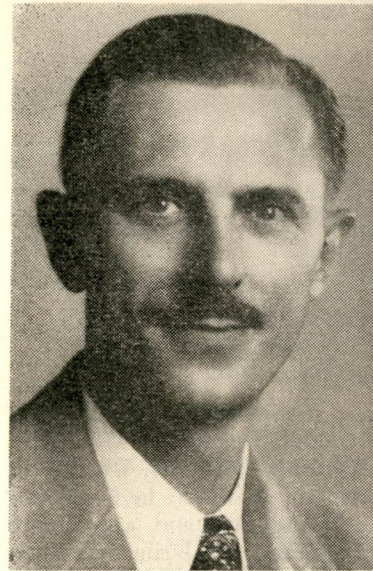
Numerous invitations for next year's convention enlivened the business session at Seattle. We seem to be popular, and we could have gone anywhere from Hollywood to Albuquerque to Indianapolis or to Florida.

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul presented such convincing arguments and such an enthusiastic invitation that it proved irresistible, and the Convention voted by acclamation to go there in 1947. The fine delegation from District Six had abundant opportunity to see what it takes for a great and good Convention, and they went back with expressed determination to show us the best time ever.

It is generally agreed that the men who attended the Seattle Convention are the best salesmen for next year's meeting. With their enthusiastic help, and with the great number of mid-western Toastmasters who have never yet been able to attend, the 1947 meeting should be a knockout.

Acting as convention hosts is not a new experience to the Twin Cities. With the record of Seattle's Convention to surpass, the Minnesotans (or Gophers, as they are sometimes called) will need all their resources and experience. But the delegates who brought the invitation which won the 1947 convention gave assurance that they can deliver.

Your New Vice-President . . .



GEORGE W. BENSON
Vice-President of Toastmasters International
1946-47

He is a native of Minnesota, born in Cloquet on August 30, 1901.

He lived there until 1918, when the Great Forest Fire completely destroyed the city and its immense lumber yards. He moved to Minneapolis to finish schooling, and has lived there ever since.

He had seven years in a bank, followed by a year on the road as traveling salesman. In 1926 he attached himself to the Texas Company, and is now in his twentieth Texaco year. Recently he was promoted to the position of Assistant to the Manager, after seven years as Auditor of the Minneapolis Division.

George is one of the five men who organized the Minneapolis Toastmasters Club No. 75, the first in District Six which, until its recent division, had grown to 51 chapters. He has been active in new club promotion and is one of the most ardent and sincere Toastmasters.

He has held all the offices in his own club, and served successfully as Lieutenant Governor and District Governor, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Toastmasters International as special representative. He has worked on various committees of Toastmasters International. His ambition for Toastmasters is to see it grow to 5,000 clubs whose members, through Toastmasters training, will become leaders of national thought. He wants members to have a chance to practice 15 to 30 minute speeches.

Years of service on various Speakers' Bureaus in the community interest, plus work in Boy Scouts, Minnesota State Guard and Minneapolis Civilian Defense have given him good opportunities to use his Toastmasters training.

He plays golf, and has been known to break 80, on the easy courses.

He is working on a plan for a new award, in the form of a recognition to each Toastmasters Club which sponsors two or more clubs within a year, with special honors to the club organizing the most clubs in the year.

Officers' Quarters

I. A. McAninch is the new Secretary of the Board of Directors and of the Corporation. He has been with General Petroleum Corporation of California for 20 years as an accountant. He has been in Toastmasters for 8 years in the General Toastmasters Club No. 136, of Los Angeles, where he has held most of the offices. He has been Lieutenant Governor, District Governor, and member of the Board of Toastmasters International.



Robert L. Grube, formerly of Los Angeles, and now of Seattle, holds over as Treasurer—a good man in the right place. In Los Angeles he was Assistant Secretary of the Stephens-Adamson Manufacturing Company. In Seattle, he has an interest in the Washington Machinery and Storage Company. Whether in Seattle or elsewhere, he is a faithful Toastmaster and a guardian of the funds and business matters of the organization.



Meet The Directors . . .

Ed. W. Alexander, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, is Sales Manager of the Akron Truss Company, Inc., Vice-President of the Rotary Club, a Shriner and a 32nd degree Mason. He is a member of Cuyahoga Falls Toastmasters Club where he has held every office except that of Secretary, and he has just completed a term as Governor of District 10. He is newly elected a Director of Toastmasters for a term of two years.



H. O. Buoen, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, holds over on the Board of Directors for his second year. He is Personnel Manager of the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, and a working member of the Tulsa Toastmasters Club. He caught his first real vision of Toastmasters at the Seattle Convention, and went home fired with new enthusiasm.



Ashleigh K. Chamberlain is one of the two famous Chamberlain Brothers of San Diego Toastmasters. He has been a Toastmaster for 17 years and is not ready to quit even yet. He is co-partner and Sales Manager of the Refrigeration Equipment Company of San Diego, and he has not missed a Toastmasters International Convention since 1938. He enters on the second year of his term as Director.



James A. Clark, a new member of the Board of Directors, is Manager of the Railroad Insurance Department of the San Francisco office of Marsh & McLennan, the world's largest insurance brokerage firm. He joined San Mateo Toastmasters Club No. 191 about six years ago, and has served the club in various offices. Two years ago he was Lieutenant Governor, and last year was Governor of District 4. He was born in Toronto in 1907, and became a naturalized citizen of California in 1940. He got most of his education in Southern California, and Mrs. Clark is a Native



Daughter of California. He says: "The recent growth of Toastmasters attests the tremendous appeal of such an organization. As it grows, the rate of growth will be constantly accelerated, creating problems which must be well administered. The business, properly handled, will assure a sturdy and noble structure, resting on the foundation which has been so carefully laid. Individual Toastmasters may be a vital force in shaping both American and world opinion."

Donald T. Nelson, member of Toastmasters Club No. 31, Portland, Ore., since 1935, last year's Governor of District 7, is another newly elected member of the Board of Directors. He is Manager of the Accounting Department of the



Standard Insurance Company, and has won distinct honors in his work as accountant. He is a native Portlander, and was the first recipient of the Yale Alumni Association scholarship for Oregon in 1927. In 1938 he was awarded the gold medal by the American Institute of Accountants for the highest grade in the nation-wide examination of public accountants during the preceding year.

Tracy M. Jeffers, of St. Paul, has the distinction of having served as Governor of District Six during the year when this District of tremendous distances came to the conclusion that it was time to sub-divide,

with the result that there are now three Districts where there was but one before. Tracy has had wide experience in Toastmasters affairs, and he comes on the Board of Directors at a time when his experience and wise counsel will count for much. He will have his work laid out for him in connection with next year's convention in the Twin Cities.

Frank McCrillis continues as a member of the Board as Immediate Past President. He operates a Public Relations Service in Seattle, where he handles a group of selected accounts in advertising and sales



problems. He is an enthusiast on the subject of Toastmasters and expects to continue to devote time and energy to the furtherance of the work.

W. W. (Watt) Welker holds over as Director for another year. He is a native of Ohio, and used to play football, baseball and basketball at Akron University, Kenyon College and Heidelberg College, all in Ohio. Now he is District Manager of the Lamp Division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation. He belongs to Minneapolis Toastmasters Club No. 75 and is Past Governor of District Six.



George W. S. Reed takes his place as a new member of the Board of Directors after a full experience in Toastmasters.



He is a member of Los Angeles Downtown Toastmasters Club; has served as Lieutenant Governor of his Area; is Chairman of the Editorial Board of The Toastmaster. In business he is promotion manager of the Los Angeles Downtown Shopping News, an advertising newspaper with nearly half a million circulation. Of the Convention, he says: "Deep earnestness of every man present revealed how thoroughly the serious purpose has permeated the entire organization."

Your District Governors . . .

Here are the men selected to carry on the work through the Districts. They are the field representatives of Toastmasters International. Through their efforts, our movement will be strengthened and extended.

FOUNDER'S DISTRICT

Herman R. Stromer was born in South America, moved to Europe while a small boy, and came to North America in his early youth. He worked in factories and lumber-yards until somebody talked him into attending the University of California, which marked the beginning of his life as a teacher. He says, "Three and a half years ago I collided with an outfit called Toastmasters. They discovered that even a school teacher makes a good work horse."



He has been a teacher in the Fullerton Junior College until the present season, when he has taken a position with North American Aircraft in their research department. In this position, his extensive knowledge of European languages will make him especially valuable.

Convention Impressions . . .

Every large gathering of men brought together for a common purpose has some salient feature, some clearly drawn characteristic which remains in the mind long after the details have been forgotten. In Seattle, this was the aura of success, and of complete confidence in the future, which was shown in the faces, the voices and the bearing of those Toastmasters. They knew that they had the real thing, and that it will be sought after by many more men.

DISTRICT 1

Herbert Hill, usually known as "Herb", is in service with the U. S. Government. Prior to that he carried on a direct mail advertising business, and before that had been in the automotive field ever since graduating from Los Angeles Polytechnic High School in 1917. Young as he is, he has a son who is just about to get his discharge from the Navy. He is a member of Southwest Toastmasters Club No. 44, of Los Angeles, and last year he worked as assistant to District Governor Howorth. He takes over the handling of one of our great districts. The district work of Toastmasters began in this part of the country, when the Southern California section was the only region with enough clubs to make up a district.



Convention Impressions . . .
It was swell! The educational programs were the outstanding feature. The Hi Jinks Luncheon did a great deal to cement that feeling which makes Toastmasters a living thing. Too little time given District Governors. My first Toastmasters Convention and I enjoyed every part of it.

DISTRICT 2

Jack Harms, the new District Governor, has had good experience in Toastmasters work. Joined Chief Seattle Toastmasters several years ago for self-improvement in friendly surroundings. He had no thought of personal gain, but now gives full credit to Toastmasters training that he has been able to get out of a good position with the Government and into a business of his own, where he finds greater enjoyment in the work, as well as increased income. "Two of life's greatest needs are freedom and happiness, and I have received much of both through Toastmasters," says Governor Jack.

**Convention Impressions . . .**

Great though the convention sessions and events were, to me the most worth while part of it all was the opportunity to meet Toastmasters from all over. The enthusiasm, eagerness and ambition of these men will stay with me. A Toastmaster can learn more from one Convention than through years of club work. On to Minneapolis and St. Paul in 1947!

DISTRICT 3

John A. Baumgartner started life in Portland in 1902. In 1925 he moved to Arizona to become a hydraulic engineer with the U. S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Branch, with headquarters in Tucson. He knows the rivers and out-of-the-way places of that great sunshine state. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He says that his Toastmasters training has been a great help to him. He has plans for enlarging and extending Toastmasters in Arizona this year.

**Convention Impressions . . .**

The Convention exceeded my expectations. It was an inspiration. I appreciate the good work of all who had a part in putting on this convention, and especially the hospitality of our hosts, the Toastmasters of District Two.

DISTRICT 4

Franklin E. Taylor has been around considerably before settling down in San Francisco. He is a native of Connecticut . . . sold papers for the New York Times . . . graduated in mechanical and electrical engineering . . . degrees from Chicago University and New York University . . . taught at State University of Nebraska . . . field installation engineer for Guggenheim until 1917, when he got into action in World War the First. After the war, organized business as Taylor's Research Laboratories, making a line of instruments now known as Taylor Instruments. He came to California in 1928, first at Long Beach, where he was president of the Gavel Toastmasters Club, and helped in organization of Toastmasters International, which he served as the first Vice-president. Still at work on engineering interests, and ready for a big year in Toastmasters work in District Four.

**Convention Impressions . . .**

Excellent, but the next one will be still better. We need more time for discussions, and greater punctuality in starting sessions.

DISTRICT 5

The new Governor of this District represents almost an international incident. D. S. Saund was born in Amritsar, India. He graduated from the University of Punjab and came to the U. S. in 1920. Received Ph. D. degree in mathematics from University of California in 1924, and is author of the book, "My Mother India." He is a rancher in California's Imperial Valley, and as a member of Brawley Toastmasters Club he finds fellowship, plus what he calls "a unique opportunity to practice my hobby of public speaking."

**Convention Impressions . . .**

It was unusual in the fact that even routine business sessions were interesting and fully attended. President McCrillis gave a masterly performance as presiding officer at business sessions. The contest speeches were beautifully done, but they sounded too much like dramatized recitations of memorized texts. The contest rules need overhauling.

I am glad to see that this revision is one of the objectives in the program offered by our President for the new year. It should enable the contestants to give a better demonstration of what we mean by "extemporaneous" speech.

DISTRICT 6

This District presents Ralph S. Lowe as its new leader in its Convention Year. He is a native of the Corn Belt, born in Iowa in 1900. Finished high school at Delhi, Iowa, just in time to get into the U. S. Army Signal Corps for service with the A. E. F. in France. Returning after the war, he worked his way through engineering course at Iowa State College. Then he went to work with Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and has been with them ever since, with various assignments at Des Moines, Minneapolis and Omaha. Now he is District Plant Superintendent in St. Paul. He was first a member of Minneapolis Engineers Toastmasters Club, and later joined Victory Toastmasters of St. Paul, where he has served in all the offices. He is Past President of St. Paul Lions Club and Past Master of his Masonic Lodge, and starts out with high hopes for the year in his reduced, but still exceedingly active District.



If he lives up to the reputation of Number Six, there will be at least a dozen new clubs established before we assemble in the Twin Cities in 1947.

Convention Impressions . . .

My first Conventoin, and a good one. It was included in a fine vacation covering 5620 miles of beautiful scenery. I liked the joviality of the "Fun Luncheon" but think some community singing would have helped, both in that and in some other sessions. Impressed by the importance of subjects presented in educational sessions, and by genuine interest shown by delegates. Needed more time for instruction of the incoming Governors. More guides to direct people to meeting places would have been helpful. Next year, in Minneapolis-St. Paul, we shall try to profit by experiences of this year.

DISTRICT 7

Carl H. Hasenkamp, 35 years of age, born and reared in Laramie, Wyoming, came to Portland in 1927, and has stayed there ever since. He is Field Representative for Food Distribution Programs for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, a part of the Production and Marketing Administration. In the past he has done accounting and has worked as a purchasing agent. He has held every office in the Portland Timberline Toastmasters Club, and lists as his hobbies "my home, politics (somewhat curtailed), golf or hiking, and Toastmasters."

**Convention Impressions . . .**

Above everything else, the work of the Convention demonstrated that in this organization are developed the very elements from which community and national progress spring. By encouraging the growth of the individual, we are uncovering a high calibre of leadership to make this progress possible. It was a most worth while meeting.

DISTRICT 8

Here we have another lawyer. Bertram H. Mann, Jr., is a patent attorney. He has been for eleven years with the Carter carburetor Corporation of St. Louis. He is Vice-Chairman of the Patent Section of the St. Louis Bar Association and chairman of the Speakers' Committee. He is a charter member of Tyro Toastmasters Club No. 194, of St. Louis, and he has served in various positions in the Area and District work. Extension of clubs both in Missouri and Illinois will be an important part of his agenda for the year.

**Convention Impressions . . .**

The Convention was a great bracer for me. I was especially happy to meet the men who have carried the flag in the past, and the new crop of District Governors. You may expect a substantial degelation from District Eight at next year's Minneapolis-St. Paul Conventinon.

DISTRICT 9

Mert Rosauer presides over Rosauer's Eighteenth Avenue Market, in Spokane, in the interval between presiding over Toastmasters affairs in District Nine. He is a member of the Gavelier Toastmasters Club No. 238, where he has been learning how the organization works. He follows a succession of strong leaders in this District, which has made a remarkable record of growth. The Eighteenth Avenue Market, by the way, is only one of the two retail grocery establishments which Mert owns and operates in Spokane.

**Convention Impressions . . .**

It was one of the finest Conventions I have ever had the pleasure of attending. I went with very little idea of the working organization in District and International Offices, and came away with an accurate and comprehensive picture of the entire organization. I was impressed with the thorough coverage of duties of officers and also with the educational phases of the program. I can't pick out a single weak point in it all. Let's hand orchids to those who planned and then carried through the plans.

DISTRICT 10

Leonard Price is in the printing business. He is with Craftsman Press, Inc., of Akron, Ohio. He has had an exetensive experience with Toastmasters in Akron and throughout Ohio, where plans are on the way for expansion this year. Has a son who is stationed in Heidelberg in the Military Police Detachment, and has ideas, as he demonstrated at Seattle, on how a club and a district should function.

**Convention Impressions . . .**

I have never met a more serious minded group of men, definitely interested in bettering themselves and their communities. Association with such a group cannot fail to develop sane thinking and correct expression.

DISTRICT 11

D. Joe Hendrickson is a veteran member of Indianapolis Pioneer Toastmasters Club No. 17, one of our first ventures east of the Mississippi. He has served in various offices in the club, and says he has hopes of learning some day how to talk effectively. He went to Purdue University and has documents to prove that he is B. S. and M. S., if anyone is interested. From the active interest in Toastmasters work being shown throughout the Hoosier State, he is going to have a busy year training new ones while encouraging and stimulating the older ones.

**Convention Impressions . . .**

This was my first Toastmasters Convention. It will not be the last. If those who attended can bring back to their clubs one-tenth of the interest, the enthusiasm and the inspiration displayed at the Convention, they will give such an impetus to the movement that even Minneapolis and its 10,000 lakes will be taxed next year. I was most deeply impressed with the work being done by many clubs on educational lines, especially with the new member.

DISTRICT -12

Santa Barbara furnishes another District Governor. A. Stanley Clem is in the hardware business in Santa Barbara, which he thinks is the best spot in all the Golden State. He missed being a Native Son by only three years, having been born in Columbus, Ohio, and brought west before he was old enough to protest. He is active in civic affairs, especially in connection with speech work for the various organizations. He is a member of "Noventa" Toastmasters Club No. 90.

**Convention Impressions . . .**

It was a huge success. Topics presented, hospitality of the host clubs—even the weather—all were excellent. Surely every member who attended will agree that the knowledge and inspiration made a rich reward for time and travel involved in attendance.

DISTRICT 13

Kenneth M. Jones, of Amity, Pennsylvania, a member of the Waynesburg Toastmasters Club, heads District 13 for the year. He did not get to the Convention, although he had made all his plans to do so. A change in work spoiled the plans and kept him at home. He is a native Keystoner, born in Washington, Pa., where he got his education, until he finished at Bethany College and polished off at Washington and Jefferson. He has been for a number of years a civil service employee with the Navy as an Inspector of Naval Materials. His special interest for this year is to build stronger clubs through the District and Area activities.



"I believe in Toastmasters as the means through which our beliefs, ideals and motivating principles may be expressed," says Governor Kenny.

DISTRICT 14

Unfortunately, Governor Fred N. Slygh, of Atlanta, was unable to be present at the Convention, and he has not furnished his picture.

DISTRICT 15

Kenneth Robb is the new Governor of District 15. He has been a Toastmaster for 10 years, and he says, "Without the training I have received in the organization I would never have had the nerve to accept the position of Grand Master of Masons in Oregon, which position I held in 1943-44." He has a "ready-to-wear" store for ladies in Baker, Oregon, where he has resided for nearly 30 years.



Convention Impressions . . .

Without a doubt, the high light of the Convention for me was to meet the Founder of Toastmasters International. I shall always be indebted to him for the help I have received in Toastmasters. I was interested in the difference of opinion in the use of gestures. Some seemed to think that a speech without lots of gestures is a total loss, while others gave them less importance.

DISTRICT 16

Gregg Dahlen was one of the three men who, in 1939, organized the Tulsa Toastmasters Club. Thus he has practically grown up with the work in his District. He came from Wisconsin, after completing college work there, becoming a "Sooner" in 1925. He thinks that Tulsa is the finest city he ever played golf in. He has been Auditor and Credit Manager for the Danciger Oil and Refining Company of Tulsa since 1931. He has to get his Convention inspiration at second hand this time, through Director H. O. Buoen, who was there in person, but Governor Gregg writes: "Count on me to do my best for Toastmasters in my new position."



DISTRICT 17

The Governor of District Seventeen is Albert Smith, of Great Falls, Montana. He is Assistant Treasurer of the Great Falls Production Credit Association, whose work consists of making production loans to farmers and livestock growers. He states that his principal interest in Toastmasters is the selfish desire to improve himself. Having seen our organization in action at the Convention, he has a new view of the wonderful movement of which he is a part, and he intends to make it a still more effective agency in his own District.



Convention Impressions . . .

This was my first convention. How inspiring it was to meet enthusiastic Toastmasters from all over this nation and Canada! How wonderful to attend the educational meetings so ably conducted by accomplished speakers. It was an enjoyable convention which left us with the comforting knowledge that Toastmasters will furnish the steady leadership so vitally needed in our nation now and in the years ahead.

DISTRICT 18

This is our recently established District of Scotland. William Goldie, veteran Secretary of the Glasgow Toastmasters, is now Governor of the District. He would have given much to be in the Convention, and we would have given much to have him, but the distance was too great. He invites us to hold a Convention in Glasgow or Edinboro some of these times, and promises to be there. With an excellent start in our work in Scotland, the coming year should see notable advances there and in England.

DISTRICT 19

Carleton Sias ("Cap" Sias as he is affectionately known in Waterloo) is a busy attorney in that Iowa metropolis. He has been a member of the Waterloo Toastmasters Club since 1940. His wide experience in the legal field, which has brought him into contact with many able speakers, has made him especially valuable as a critical commentator in the club. He has been chosen the first Governor of the newly created District 19, and under his leadership it is reasonable to expect that Toastmasters Clubs will begin to grow in that region like the famous "tall corn."



Convention Impressions . . .

Seattle Convention an unqualified success. Its program carefully and competently planned; closely followed and skillfully executed. Plenty of hard and serious work for the delegates, relieved by the recreation furnished by our cordial hosts in interesting Seattle with its beautiful sea and mountain setting.

I was deeply impressed by the high quality of the membership of Toastmasters, the basic soundness of the idea promoted by its Founder, and the competent leadership furnished by men of experience and sound judgment, with whom it was a privilege to meet and associate during a most delightful week.

DISTRICT 20

Glenn E. Johnson, of Moorhead, Minnesota, is the leader of this District, recently whittled off the great expanse of District Six, for efficiency in administration. He started life in South Dakota, finished his work at University of Minnesota in 1925 (B. A.) and since that time he has been working in the Claims Department of the Travelers Insurance Company. He is a member of the Pioneer Toastmasters Club of Moorhead, and no doubt he had something to do with helping that club win second place in the Club-of-the-Year competition.



He has passed the North Dakota State Bar examinations and is going to establish residence in Fargo, so as to be admitted to legal practice in that state.

Convention Impressions . . .

My highlight impressions were: (a) The many courtesies shown us—Mrs. Johnson, our son, Glenn, and myself—at Seattle; (b) The spirit of good fellowship and harmony which prevailed; (c) The program theme, especially "The future belongs to the man who prepares"; (d) Picking the winner in the speech contest; and (e) Returning home with the award given our club by the Club-of-the-Year Committee.

DISTRICT 21

This is our newest District, the result of separation of the clubs in British Columbia from the Second District of which they have been a part from its organization. It includes all the present clubs in B. C., together with several new ones to be established in that vicinity.



Barrie H. E. Goult, a member of the Victoria Toastmasters Club (No. 83) since 1941, and last year the Lieutenant Governor for the Sixth Area of District Two, is the first Governor of the District. He came to British Columbia from London in 1911, and got his education at the University of B. C. He went into newspaper work which he continued until 1937, when he went to work with the B. C. Department of Labour. He is now the Registrar for the Wartime Labour Relations Board. He finds a special interest in Toastmasters as promoting a

greater community of interest among the English speaking peoples, to the end that freedom of speech (among the other freedoms) may be maintained. He likes to watch the development of newcomers to Toastmasters as they learn how to "speak on their feet." As a former newspaper man, he believes that we have an opportunity to "be kind to newspapermen by teaching public speakers to express themselves clearly."

Convention Impressions . . .

The great pleasure it gave the Victoria Toastmasters to be hosts to the delegates—the exceptional talent displayed by participants in the Speech Contest—the brilliant performance by the Chairman at the humorous speech program on Saturday—the warm friendships made with men from other Toastmasters Clubs.

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Formulated at the 1946 Convention

I. MEMBERSHIP OBJECTIVES.

- a. Strengthen existing clubs; increase membership; improve attendance; reduce rate of membership turnover; organize alumni associations.
- b. Encourage organization of new clubs in all districts.
- c. Make known, through proper publicity, Toastmasters work among all men.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

- a. Step up officers of experience and leadership ability.
- b. Standardize nomination procedure for the Board of Directors and International offices.
- c. Coordinate, revitalize and broaden the Committee system.
- d. Revise, simplify and publish rules for all speech contests and minimize necessity for rule changes.
- e. Perfect the course of instructions for District officers, the bi-monthly District Governor report system, and the District budgets.
- f. Commence over-all study of the International, the model District and the standard Club Constitutions and By-Laws.
- g. Prepare manuals for future Convention Committees.

III. TRAINING PROGRAM.

- a. Stimulate use of educational material; make such material more readily accessible to all members.
 - b. Improve and enlarge THE TOASTMASTER Magazine.
 - c. Stress the study of parliamentary procedure.
 - d. Extend practice of regular speech evaluations by all members, and develop each member's own speaking personality.
 - e. Emphasize the need for thinking before speaking and for conviction before utterance.
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