

THE GAVEL

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GAVEL SPLINTERS

A successful man, nationally known, died in our town last week. The account of his life revealed that his ability to speak in public was to a great extent responsible for his success.

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Ladies Night in the club is an ideal way to build up the social life of your club. It makes for more permanent members - by pleasing the power behind the throne.

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Variety in the program is the electric spark that keeps the ol' bus (club) running. Don't load your program work all on one man - have a program committee.

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And then perhaps the true test for the Toastmaster is to ask him to speak at the local Women's Club.

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Contrary to Will Rogers all speakers do not end up in Washington, D.C. We once knew a man who claimed to be "speaker of the house" and he lived in Walla Walla. P.S. - His wife died some years back.

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They say a chain is as strong as its weakest link. Applied to a club - as its least interested member.



TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS URGED TO BROADCAST THEIR ACTIVITIES

President Chamberlain Stresses need for GAVEL Reporters

Believing that the pages of THE GAVEL should be given over largely to publicity concerning the various Toastmasters' Clubs, I shall hereafter use less space in these columns.

We are all tremendously interested in knowing what is taking place in neighboring communities as well as in the far-away ones. Thru exchange of ideas we are certain to profit materially, so it naturally follows that we must appeal for contributions from all Clubs.

If your organization has not officially appointed an Editor, or contributor to cover the activities of the Club, make it your business to suggest that this be done. And with each Club having its GAVEL reporter, let's see a contribution in each issue.

The Editor-in-Chief of THE GAVEL and his staff are to be highly commended for their skill in producing such a rapidly improving publication - but they need the support of all Clubs if such improvement is to be maintained.

Even if your news seems over-ripe to you, the rest of us won't think so. Don't be bashful, out with your happenings.

- J. Clark Chamberlain, Pres.
Toastmasters' Internat'l.

THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 11TH. The "MILLIONAIRES" ARE WORKING ON A GALA PROGRAM. START SIGNING UP YOUR DELEGATES..... RIGHT NOW.

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

ANAHEIM - Tues. 6:30 P.M. at Elks'
Club

EUGENE, OREGON - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of
each month 6:15 P.M. at Y.M.C.A.

GLENDALE - Thurs. 6:15 P.M. at YMCA

LOS ANGELES - Tues. 6:15 P.M. YMCA

LONG BEACH - Wed. 6:10 P.M. at YMCA

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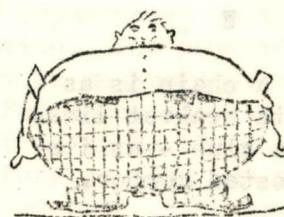
SAN DIEGO - Mon. 6:15 P.M. at
Army & Navy Y.M.C.A.

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 will be printed each month)

No. 1 - "Ye Over-Worked Editor"



QUILL POINTS

by
Jean Bordeaux

Unless the clubs send in news items, this Columnist will be stuck with his own quills.

Did you read your last issue of THE GAVEL? And note how little news appeared? Every Club should appoint one man as Reporter. He could keep the local club in the public eye, and send in clippings to THE GAVEL. Unless the Clubs do cooperate on news, your paper will not be what you want.

Wonder if THE GAVEL splintered when a toastmaster was smacked on the coco?

That was a mighty good exposition of International aims as set forth by Chameralain in the last issue of THE GAVEL. Did you notice the little figure at the head of the column? Razor in hand - he cut right to the meat of things.

"On to Pasadena in April - No Foolin." Does that mean no foolin while in Pasadena, or NO FOOLIN there will be a meeting then. Anyhow, BE SURE TO COME.

"Memorizing by the Roth System", says J. Gustav, "Hi there, Mr. Addison Simms, Lumber I believe". We would all be much keener mentally, if we would study and USE Roth's System.

Harry Hill phoned me the other day. Appears we shall have a good crowd at the State Banquet to be held in Hollywood on March 6th. Have you made your reservations for this event? SEND THEM IN ! ! ! ! !

Los Angeles and Long Beach Clubs had a joint meeting, and a very large evening it was. Tom Butler toastmastered and J. Gustav White was a jovial and witty critic. Yours truly was a flop, and one L. B. man had "Buck Fever". With heaps of good food, plenty of pretty ladies (even the Mayor of Long Beach and his wife attended), what more would one wish?

Anaheim Club - six years old, and never missed a meeting. It's some kind of a record, and all Clubs must try to beat it. Can yours? Anaheim has a man who, in his first speech, held a silver dollar in hand. At the close of the speech this chap found it was only a dime. And he isn't Scotch either.

Wonder what that Pasadena Cup looks like?

Santa Ana needn't think they have a monopoly on "table chatter". Just go to any Toastmaster meeting - - -

That New Westminster crowd is certainly peppy. How about some Rogers Candies? J. G., Ye Editor and his hi-powered aides are always hungry.

We'll boycott Aplets soon if Wenatchee doesn't send in some news.

Did you read about Nelson and his letter to THE GAVEL? In addition to that, he has promised to have a write-up on T.M. Clubs, which will appear in National "Y" publications.

If the Toreador Clubs will throw a little "Bull" this way, it will help us. Lincoln freed the Slaves - Why don't the Lincoln Clubs free a little news for use in THE GAVEL?

Is your reservation in for Hollywood?

"Take One After Each Meal"



"THAT
REMINDS
ME"

Of the Lawyer (paternally to client anxious for divorce): "My dear young lady, occasional tiffs are bound to occur in your married life, but think of the joy to be got out of it."

Client: "Exactly. Get me out of it."

That true love never runs smoothly. Witness the case of the girl: "So you've seen Dad, Darling? Did he behave like a lamb?"

Suitor: (grimly) "And How! Every time I spoke he said, 'Bah !'."

And that thrifty Scotch wife who, seeing her Angus looking at the various magazines on display, upbraided him and said, "Look ye, my guid mon, ye're playin' wid fire. One of these days you'll go and buy one."

Somewhat, one sympathizes with the schoolboy who answered "Columbus didn't discover America, but discovered something very much like it."

And married folks will appreciate the little girl's remark anent costumes, "That white is color standing for joy and women are married in white, but men never are."

Terrible tempered Mr. Bangs dubbing around the links, got into a trap and a well-meaning spectator said, "Why don't you use your spoon, Mr. Bangs?"

Bangs replied: "My trap is closed like yours ought to be, and besides I use my spoon to stir my coffee."

A Kansas Paper reports a resident of that town who appears on the porch whenever his wife starts to sing, so that the neighbors can see he isn't beating her.

The street car swerved from side to side, and as it rounded a curve the sadly inebriated man fumbled for his money. "May I help you?" asked the solicitous conductor.

"If you will", replied the Old Soak, "Just hold this darned strap while I get my fare out, please."

Her lips quivered as they approached mine. My frame shook and my chest heaved, my chin vibrated and we both shuddered. MORAL - never kiss her in a flivver while the motor is running.

Mr. Spinkos: "But why did you buy a dachshund for the children?"

Mr. Next-Door: "So that they could all pet him at once."

Two consecutive items in the Geneva News-Tribune read as follows: "Henry Morgan bought a second-hand car yesterday."

"Henry Morgan went to Des Moines this morning to have his eyes examined."

Mrs. Newlywed: "Im sorry, Darling, but dinner is a little burnt tonight." Fond Hubby: "What! Did they have a fire in the Delicatessen today?"

That was a good one Clark Chamberlain pulled on his boy. Said the youngster "Dad, does money really talk?" And Clark replied - "Yes, Son, but only broken English to me."

Have you a favorite story?
Send it in to Yo Editor. We
will print it and give you credit.

EDITORIAL

Somehow I've never cared very much about editorials - and now that I have to write them, well I care less.

However, I have come to see them in the light of a necessary evil. They might be likened unto the whip that keeps us poor slaves working - or the fire built under the donkey - or the match to the can of T N T - or what have you ?

In other words, editorials are the hope of the editor or publisher to so stir up the readers that they will be moved to action. Now that I've explained the plot, let us get down to the drama.

Picture if you will "Ye poor editor", seated before a blank wall, with a blank piece of paper in the typewriter and a blank mind. Seconds minutes, days pass, and the first of the month approaches. Hour after hour he has watched in vain for the mailman - would he never come - - - why, oh why ! did he not bring news from Wenatchee, Eugene, Santa Barbara, and way stations? What was happening in San Diego and in Long Beach ? The piece of paper in the typewriter is still blank, - so is the editor's mind, but on the wall appears the writing - "You wait in vain". The editor raves, he pulls his hair (and he hasn't any too much) he thinks seriously of selling the typewriter and retiring - when lo ! ! ! who should enter the door but the mailman.

The editor leaps to his feet - grabs the packet of mail and shouts for joy, - but alas his joy is short lived, each letter has a narrow black band around it - at last the truth dawns on him, - all the clubs are DEAD.....Well not quite all.

"ALL RIGHT - THEN PROVE I'M ALL WET BY SENDING IN SOMETHING PRONTO."

PASADENA

The Pasadena Club celebrated its first Ladies Night since its reorganization last fall, on February 24th. The theme for the meeting was the celebration of Washington's Birthday. Forty people sat down to a table decorated especially for the occasion with miniature cherry trees and American flags.

Instead of the customary speeches A. H. Johnson, toastmaster of the evening called on various members of the club for toasts. Toasts to George Washington, to the City, to our President, to the Ladies, and to Mr. Average Citizen were given. Mrs. Marshall Holden played several piano selections that were very pleasing.

The President's Cup, a small silver cup awarded to the man who has made the most improvement in a six weeks' period, went to T. W. Johnson.

Members of the club are working on plans for the next International Council meeting April 11th, and from all indications it will be a great meeting.

EUGENE, OREGON

Thru our good friend, John Rudd, we heard that you still "rise to the occasion" and "orate". We would like to hear about your meetings and any new lines of activity you are following. Drop us a line "B. J."

SANTA BARBARA

Elmer Smith, what are the chances of stirring up a little news in that charming city of yours ? We know that your club is still on the map and going strong -- but by what means ? --- Ah! That is the question - By what activities and new inovations? There's another GAVEL coming up April 1st.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

The Spokes Club was visited by the Vancouver Club a short time ago and defeated in debate on a technicality. The Chairman of the judges was a lawyer and he introduced court-room tactics to the great surprise both of Vancouver who had conceded the debate to us, and our men, who really won it with ease. The Spokes Club will again go out this week to put on a similar program at Mount Lehman, excepting that we provide the contestants for both sides of the debate.

A combined banquet of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Y.M.C.A. Spokes Club was held in the Canadian Legion Hall on Tuesday evening.

The main feature of the Spokes Club's contribution to the evening's entertainment was a mock parliament. Frank Paulding acted as Speaker and the bill brought before the House was entitled "The Tax on Bachelors Act".

F. Sanguine, as premier, introduced the bill and was supported in humorous fashion by S. F. Mark and Fred Green. F. O. Mills, C. Goodwin and J. E. Paulding constituted "The opposition". A. Cox and F. B. Gillespie, the latter in woman's costume, were introduced by the government and opposition respectively as deputations to further their arguments. The passing of time was officially noted by F. A. H. Devinney.

And right here the entire GAVEL Staff wish to take off their hats to Frank Paulding and the Spokes Club. The Spokes Club is one live wire organization who's activity stock is 100 percent above par.

Marshall at Pasadena has a copy of the Mock Parliament procedure.

SANTA ANA

Election of officers was held with an intense political campaign resulting from the nominations. A. C. Hasenjaeger was elected president; H. LeBard, vice-president; D. H. Tibbals, secretary-treasurer, and Wm. Iverson, Sergeant-at-arms.

Harold Fish, who spoke before the last Toastmasters' International is preparing for the next Southern California Bankers' Oratorical Contest to be held in May. Mr. Fish is also assisting Mr. Smedley in his Y.M.C.A. Public Speaking Class the second one to be held this season.

W. J. Ferris is preparing to address a meeting of the salesmen of the Southern Counties Gas Company of Southern California in Los Angeles, March 9th. His topic is "The Economic Cycle".

Santa Ana Toastmasters are sponsoring a debate between the University of Washington and U.C.L.A. which will be held in Santa Ana, March 3rd. This is fine advertising for the Club and at the same time renders a community service. Such debates may be secured by any club through the local high schools, and the best part is that there is no cost to the Club.

GLENDALE

Tell you what, we think the boys over there in Glendale ought to be able to get in some news now and then, especially as one of their members is the Postmaster and he should see that the mail goes out on time. Let's have the "Low Down" on what is being done these fine Spring days.

SAN DIEGO

You may be at the foot of the state, but that's no reason why you should stay at the foot of the class, but until we hear from you -here you stay.

BROADCASTING THE TOASTMASTERS

SAN DIEGO

* - Editor's Note: -Because of the lateness in the arrival of this news the other San Diego notice must stand as it had already been printed when this notice arrived. Moral: - "Better late than never."

Members of the San Diego Club have been somewhat busy during the month of February. In the shortest month more than 25 talks have been given before outside organizations, including a half dozen over the radio stations K F S D and K G B.

These outside activities have been participated in by ten different members of the Club. In addition, two pilgrimages to outside communities have been made in the interest of promoting the Toastmasters Club idea. On the 3rd a delegation journeyed to Oceanside to meet with the Oceanside group, not yet definitely organized, and on the 25th, a full program including speakers, Toastmaster, critics and general critic was put on at El Cajon for an organization which may later be interested in joining our movement.

Similar activities are on the calendar for the month of March.

ANAHEIM

Anaheim Toastmasters are jubilant over the results attained in the high school oratorical contest sponsored jointly by the club and the Anaheim Bulletin, originated by Franklin Howatt, now of Santa Barbara Club, formerly on the Editorial Staff of the Bulletin.

Five candidates, selected thru a series of elimination contests in the Brea-Olinda, Garden Grove and Anaheim High Schools, competed in the finals before the Anaheim Club at a "Ladies Night" program, February 24th, with the entire membership of the club serving as the jury.

ANAHEIM (Continued)

Lila Barbee, petite freshman of the Brea-Olinda School, was adjudged the winner with a splendid 10-minute address on "Liquor and Its Results". She took the Toastmaster's silver trophy to the oilfields' school, and added \$15.00 cash to her bank roll.

Second place found Thomas Moses of Garden Grove and George Honigan of Brea-Olinda tied. Each received \$7.50 in cash. Loretta Nichols and Fred Bath received \$5.00 each. The cash prizes were donated by the Bulletin, and were presented in person by Lotus H. Loudon, publisher, who was the special guest of the Club.

Paul Demaree presided over the meeting which was thoroughly enjoyed by the Toastmasters and their guests.

Instructors of public speaking from each school entering the contest expressed the opinion that the event had been very helpful and they hoped more schools would enter next year.

- "Con" Jongewaard.

LOS ANGELES

The Toastmasters of Los Angeles have decided that when a man fails to be present when he is scheduled to give a talk and does not take the trouble to notify the Program Manager in time for him to secure another speaker, he will be dropped from the Speakers' Schedule and his name will appear only among the associate members.

Tom Butler, the Program Manager of the Los Angeles Club, believes in taking the club into different fields for practice, such as conjoint meetings with other clubs; different cafes and hotel dining rooms, for a change of cuisine, etc. On February 24th the Club chartered the dining room of a very exclusive place in the city. The refined setting and prevailing ultra spirit had the members on (CON.)

LOS ANGELES (Contd.)

their toes. The procedure is somewhat different. Guests and club members are, upon arrival, immediately seated and served dinner, which is going on for one hour. After dinner the president raps for order and the meeting commences by the President informing the invited guests of the purpose of the Toastmasters' Club, welcoming the guests and then calling for introductions. The Toastmaster is then introduced and the meeting proceeds.

Our general critic, J. Gustav White, has introduced seven new members into the Club during the last three or four meetings. And Oh Boy! You should know them - all high-powered guns.

THE JUNIOR TOASTMASTERS

The Junior Toastmasters' have arrived - more power to 'em.

In answer to a request by our "wim" and "wigerous" In't. Sec., Jean Bordeaux to "Bob" Gossom concerning the Junior organization, Russell D. Baumgardner, President of the Long Beach Junior Club writes:

"The organization was founded on December 2nd, 1930, to afford practical training in the art of public speaking and in presiding over meetings and also to promote sociability and good fellowship.

"After the charter membership has been filled the age limit will probably be limited to 18 - 25 years. The organization patterns after the sonior group. At some of the meetings we have had a member of the Senior Club act as critic."

More about Junior T M Cs later.

Members from a Junior T M C would be excellent prospects for Regular Toastmaster Club activities.



TOASTMASTERS'
TOASTMISTRESS'
TOASTIES

Information on Toastmasters' Organizations for Women.

(By R.C.Smedley in answer to an inquiry from Jean Bordeaux)

"As a result of the work of local Toastmasters' Clubs, similar clubs for women have been organized in several communities. These women's clubs have worked under various names. At Anaheim they called themselves the "Toasties", a clever name, but unduly suggestive of Battle Creek and breakfast. At Ontario, I think they used the name "Toastmistress".

"In Santa Ana, they are known as the "Ladies Forum". In each case the club is independent, but its program and procedure are modeled on our regular Toastmasters' plan, with short speeches, criticisms, luncheons and the various essentials of our practice.

"As indicative of the interest in public speaking on the part of women I may mention the fact that the Ebell Club of Santa Ana has just instituted a "section" for public speaking which promises to be popular, and which will operate much as we have done.

"There is no reason why any local Toastmasters' Club should not sponsor the organization of a club among the women, under whatever name may be appropriate, and share with the ladies the benefits of our experience.

"Information may be readily obtained from R. C. Smedley, Santa Ana or Conrad Jongowaard, Anaheim, both "Y" secretaries."

WIVES * TAKE NOTICE OF ABOVE.



?????'s ^A_D Answers

THE QUESTION:

After the Toastmaster has called the speaker's name in introducing him shall the Toastmaster remain standing until the Speaker takes his place at the table and acknowledges the introduction?

THE ANSWER:

Yes. The difficulty which lies back of this question arises from the fact that in our club meetings we do not exercise sufficient care in seating our speakers. In a formal dinner the speakers are seated at the same table or portion of the table with the Toastmaster, and each may thus stand in his own place when speaking, so that there is no embarrassing delay.

We frequently permit our speakers to distribute themselves informally about the room, and if we require the speaker in his turn to come to some particular location for his speech, there is a momentary interval, during which the toastmaster may be at a loss. To overcome this, the toastmaster may call for the speaker, and complete the introduction while the speaker approaches.

In any case, the chairman should remain on his feet until the speaker is on the spot, and should then complete the introduction by mentioning the speaker's name. There is no objection to the toastmaster's standing beside the speaker while saying the final words of introduction. When done in a natural and somewhat informal, friendly manner, this action is really effective.

HAVE YOU A QUESTION ABOUT PUBLIC SPEAKING, ETC. THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANSWERED???? SENT IT IN TO THE GAVEL.

"WHAT MAKES A SPEECH"

"No great thing was ever accomplished without enthusiasm", said Emerson. Certainly no great speech was ever given without it.

A Toastmaster got hold of a \$10,000 speech, and reproduced it at a certain local chapter. The Underwriters of America had paid this price for the best speech material on Life Insurance.

This Toastmaster was a General Agent and thoroughly versed both in insurance and speaking. But he wanted to see whether a ten thousand dollar speech would be worth ten cents if given without enthusiasm.

It wasn't.

Here's what happened. Everyone in the Club criticized that speech unmercifully. They declared that many things were wrong in it. In their effort to locate the trouble they mentioned practically every fault of composition, diction, transition, choice of illustration, as well as the more evident flaws in delivery. Imagine the surprise of the critics when they learned the facts : !

It just goes to prove that you can spoil the finest meal by serving it cold.

Therefore, warm up before speaking. Get yourself "All hot up" about the importance of your message. Talk as if it meant much to you. Serve it with hot enthusiasm. Then sit down and listen to the applause :

- J Gustav White

P.S. - Next time you speak give this guy something to do.

