

# THE GAVEL

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## GAVEL SPLINTERS

Looking back over a certain Toastmasters' Club membership I am reminded that "Many men start the race only to fall out after the first mile." Our degree of success in life depends upon the amount of sacrifice paid for it.

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Does your Toastmasters' Club "rate" in your town, and if so, how high? A good club project is to make your club the most popular of its kind in town.

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Not a book agent or in the advertising business, but Modern Eloquence is a series of books that the neophyte speaker will find helpful.

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One way that the Long Beach Club can capture the high attendance record at the next International Banquet would be to combine the event with a local Iowa picnic.

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Not only is the Toastmaster idea a boom to married men but it helps the single men become fluent so that they soon enter the married class.



"The Speaker !!!"

## OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES FOR TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

President Chamberlain  
Avocated Formation  
Activities Committee

On several previous occasions, this column has carried the suggestion that outside speaking activities should be fostered to some degree by all Toastmasters' Clubs. Noting however, that not all Clubs are engaging in this type of activity, it seems well to again cover this important point.

Keeping in mind the thought that all Clubs are formed for the primary purpose of perfecting the speaking ability of members, we should not have to look further for complete justification of outside speaking activities, particularly if reasonable care is exercised in limiting such activities as to importance and number, until such time as the Club members are well enough seasoned to fill any and all engagements. The truth of this statement may be vouched for by those Clubs which have been engaging in such undertakings, for in each instance, marvelous improvement in speaking ability of individual members has resulted, and at the same time, valuable member-building publicity has come to the Club as a whole.

The experience of older Clubs using speakers for outside engagements has been that it is best to appoint a permanent Outside Activities Committee, which group has charge of complete speaking activities outside of the regular Club meetings. In one or two instances this committee has arranged for Club speakers to cover the speaking program for Community Chest campaigns. On several occasions, other committees have handled a series of talks in the interest of the local Chamber of Commerce. All Clubs maintaining such committees regularly accept individual assignments for Club speakers to talk before such

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

ANAHEIM - Tues. 6:30 P M at Highway  
Tea Gardens  
EUGENE, OREGON - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of  
each month 8:15 P M at YMCA  
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Hotel Carrillo.  
SAN DIEGO - Mon. 6:15 P M at Army &  
Navy YMCA

Kindly send in the place and the time  
of meeting of your Club and we will  
gladly publish it in this column.

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

INTIMATE PORTRAITS OF  
INTERNATIONAL TOASTMASTERS

(One is printed each month.)

No. 3 - "Ye Zealous President"



J. Clark Chamberlain.

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PRESIDENT CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGE

organizations as Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and numerous other service Clubs. During a recent month, the members of one Club, San Diego, collectively gave 25 talks before outside organizations, and this number no doubt has been equaled by other Clubs.

If you haven't a permanent Outside Activities' Committee, get one, for until this most important activity has been engaged in, you have no conception of the difference it will make in the interest of members towards attendance at meetings, and in the speaking ability of those taking part in such speaking engagements.

- J. Clark Chamberlain

LOS ANGELES

(Editor's Note:- It takes that Los Angeles Club to put things on in a ritzy style. Recently ye editor received an "invite", printed in approved form, to a banquet marking the close of the Public Speaking Class. The L. A. Club sort of sponsors these events and puts them on in an "A No. 1" order. More power to L A, - they certainly do things right.)

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Gethin T. Fowler, vice president of L A, presided at the dinner. Those of us who have been to Los Angeles will remember Gethin as the live wire young lawyer and forceful speaker.

Other names on the program that ring familiar and bring to mind speakers of note were: Tom Butler, Dr. J.S. Trehwella, Dr. W.T. Rothwell, Ralph C. Smedley, and J. Gustav White.

Los Angeles has a membership of 35 which is a very good number to have in a Toastmasters' Club.

EDITORIAL

When it comes to writing editorials I have some misgivings as to my journalistic fitness, however, they tell me that an editorial is merely the expressing of an opinion, so here goes

The great value of THE GAVEL, as I see it, is the wealth of ideas it publishes from month to month and the feeling of fellowship it establishes between Clubs.

Take ideas for example, by a coincidence, President Clark and Associate Editor Franklin Howatt have written on the same question this month. The question of outside activity and the part a Toastmasters' Club should play in the community.

President Clark urges us to get into the life of the community for our own sake and the sake of the club and proves his points with some fine illustrations. Its one fine little idea and one that every club should take into consideration and act upon.

Editor Howatt indorses Clark's idea but advances it from the club point of view. In his article "Questions and Answers" he points out some very pertinent and worthwhile facts that we should keep in mind.

Consolidate the messages of these leaders and you have one grand idea to begin work on.

I would not recommend (fearing the wrath of irate wives) that each Toastmaster save each copy of THE GAVEL - but I most heartily do recommend that the secretary of each Toastmaster Club keep a file of them - then when your particular club is feeling low for want of program or ideas - consult your GAVEL file - you'll find a host of them there.

And by Jiminy, that gives me an idea for next month's editorial.

SEND IN YOUR QUESTIONS ON TOASTMASTERING

???'s AND Answers

THE QUESTION: - What part should a Toastmasters' Club play in community life?

THE ANSWER: - This is a question which every club should take much care in answering for itself. How it answers it will determine, to a large extent, the degree of loyalty shown it by its own members and the degree of respect with which it is regarded by the community in which it functions.

Right at the outset Toastmasters must determine that their club shall not be "just another service club".

In other words, a Toastmasters' Club must not become involved in so many purposes that its fundamental purpose, its *raison d'etre*, is lost in the shuffle.

A Toastmasters' Club functions to provide ambitious young men opportunities for self-expression and for developing the art of public speaking. It does not exist to take up collections for orphans, to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop, or to hear speeches from outside orators.

These forms of activity are common to every service club. Let's not invade someone else's field when we have an area for activity all our own, untouched, and crying for leadership.

This does not mean that a Toastmasters' Club must be entirely selfish introspective, in its program. This does not mean that there is no community service for us to render. Far from it!

No greater service can be rendered any community than the development of an interest in the art of public speaking and the training of a nucleus of free and earnest thinkers

WHAT IS A GOOD SPEECH ? ? ? ? ?

By  
J. Gustav White

The answer is simple, a speech that has a good effect on the audience.

A speech may be logically organized, packed with information, accurately worded, - but if it fails to effect the audience, it is a dud. It must explode. It must imbed fragments in the minds of the hearers which will be retained for weeks or years.

A speech may be delivered with force and enthusiasm; it may be punctuated with ornate gestures and delivered in a cultured, modulated voice, but if it does not effect the hearers, it is but the beating of a big bass drum.

Though you speak with the tongues of angels, but have not effectiveness, you are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. You'll pass as a noise-maker.

Good speeches are effective speeches. They are built for the hearers, not the speaker. They are judged by results. It isn't what the speaker says that counts, - its what the audience hears.

Longfellow said that man must be either a hammer or an anvil. But he overlooked the fellow who is simply bellows. - Buffalo Post.

Many a man has acquired a huge vocabulary by marrying it. - Judge.

stimulated to take an active part in community activities and trained in tolerance of the other fellow's ideas! That's our field!

- Franklin Howatt.

# QUILL POINTS

by  
Jean Bordeaux

There may have been finer banquets, but sitting where we are, the Pasadena Club appears to know their groceries.

Representatives from all of Southern California with lots of lovely ladies, plenty of pep, and a Toastmaster who fairly sizzled !!!

June 6th at Long Beach is to be a big day when the Council meets there. Let's go, Long Beach !!!

The Mutal Toastmasters, a Club composed of men employed by the Automobile Club of Southern California at Los Angeles, have applied for membership in the International. "Every day in every way - - - - -"

How many noticed the huge poster overlooking the banquet hall at Pasadena? This was made by C. F. Marshall and illustrated the earth, with Toastmaster Clubs in every country. May his prophecy come true !!!

Long Beach Club started off their Junior Group all right. And that Junior who spoke to us at Pasadena will make many an Oldster step when it comes to Toastmastering.

Eugene, Oregon, are mighty active. Sending their speakers into the Lions Den, and even to Oberammorgau. Not content with these good works, they analyze character up there. To date the best character precepts I have read are those written by Paul in his letter to Titus. Read the book and see if you agree.

Santa Ana and those Clubs who go away from home occasionally, have an excellent method therein to avoid monotony. Of course you don't have to go to a tea garden, but there are lots of places far worse.

San Diego had a whole column of news. They would do that, always trying to get ahead of Long Beach. EEEcemagine criticizing speakers at a Women's T M Club as suggested by Acason of San Diego, - and then picture the man who dared do it ! ? !

Wenatchee broadcasting, also Santa Barbara. If you hear on your radio "Eat Aplets", or "Come to Old Spanish Days", you will know its either of the two. Yo Editor has not seen any samples of Aplets yet. "Oh Yeah !!!"

Frank Paulding and his "Spokers" at New Westminster are still setting high standards for other clubs to overtop. Wouldn't it be embarrassing if the Ladies Club puts it over on Frank and the boys ? ? ?

Los Angeles puts the button on all present, besides being very active. Attendance 85% and going up.

Pasadena says, "We aren't doing anything", BUT, you should have attended that banquet - Yum ! Y U M !

Our ????? & Answers Man certainly can leave you flat. Takes you right smack to the beginning of your speech, and then eludes you when you need him most.

Guess I'll leave now, before he reaches me. See you next month.

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## TOASTMASTER 1940

"How did your audience receive it when you told them you had never purchased a vote?"

"Some of them cheered, but most of them seemed to lose interest!"

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE STORY ?



T H A T  
R E M I N D S  
M E ! ! ! ! !

Of the Pishop who was speaking with some feeling about the use of cosmetics by girls. "The more experience I have with lipstick," he declared warmly, "the more distasteful I find it."

Of speaking to the point as did Murphy, who, when the Judge asked, "And now, Murphy, what is your last residence?" "Well, I've an idea it will be the cemetery."

That at times even the boys are bright. Witness the red-head who applied at a butcher shop for a job. "How much will you give me?" he asked. "Three dollars a week, but what can you do to make yourself useful in a butcher shop?" "Anything." "Can you dress a chicken?" "Not on three dollars a week."

Of the would be slicker who, seeing a sign in a shoe store reading "Three dollars take any two pair", went in and tried on a pair of nines. Getting his fit, he laid three silver dollars on the counter and said, "Wrap up two pair of those nines." The clerk very politely told him the charge was six dollars. The customer called for the manager and said, "Are you going to live up to the sign, here's my money and there are the shoes I wis h." The manager replied, "The sign reads correctly, but any poker player knows that three of a kind never took four nines."

That even Braille is joked about. Janet: "Jack says he can read you like a book." Olive: "Yes, and he insists on using the Braille System."

What is fame? - A little boy asked his mother as they passed the Chrysler Building, "Why do they call it that, Mother?" The mother replied, "It is a monument to a talented man, a great violin player."

That there is much meaning in this little bit of doggerel - - -  
"I'd give that bird a ringside seat in Hades hottest place, who knowing I've spotted a place to park, sneaks in and grabs the space."

We must be careful how we declare ourselves, else we'll do as did the disgusted man who upbraided his son just returned from Colloge. "You look like a fool, more and more like a conceited, harebrained helpless fool every year." Just then an old acquaintance of the father entered, saw the youth and remarked, "Hello, Jack, you are looking more like your father every day." "Yes", answered Jack, "That's what he was telling me."

Of slips of the tongue, such as the business man who, while at his work received a surprise visit from his wife. She playfully clapped her hands over his eyes saying, "Guess who?" Alas ! He answered, "No fooling now, get to work."

IN UTOPIA

"Will you please drive off the track?" asked the motorman on the street car. The truck driver promptly reined to one side.

"Thank you ever so much," added the motorman, with a smile.

"You're very welcome," responded the truck driver. "You must pardon my seeming carelessness. I had no idea your car was so near."

Postmistress: "Have you got licenses on both those dogs?"

Little boy: "No ma'am. The big one's all right, but the little one is just full of 'em."

SAN DIEGO

Not much news this time but will have more later.

May 8th we are having an Anniversary Banquet at the San Diego Athletic Club. We will have a regular speaking program followed by entertainment.

The San Diego Club invites everyone in this part of the state to attend. No cover charge - but \$1.50 per plate.

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Our outside committee, A C Acason Chairman, is quite active. Starting next Monday, members of the club are going to make talks before civic clubs, ladies clubs, all kinds of clubs, in the interest of articles manufactured in San Diego. The Manufacturers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce have asked us for help on this drive.

- C A VanDusen, Reporter

EUREKA

(By Doc Reporter)

Election last month resulted in the following men taking office: President Glenn Guthrie, Vice President Russell Harvey, Secretary V M Dudek. These men will guide the ship of state during the next term.

Vice President Harvey is responsible for all the critics, appointing them and calling for their reports.

Instead of epigrams, each member now brings in an unusual word which he spells, pronounces correctly and uses in a sentence, thereby adding to our vocabularies. Words must be reasonably useable in ordinary conversation and speaking.

Our Club meets in the evening for dinner. Members pay in advance for month & 25¢. No extra charge for 5 meeting months. Guests  $\frac{1}{2}$  charge.

ANAHEIM

One of our members, Arthur G. Porter, addressed the Buena Park Kiwanis Club on "Trusts & Estates".

Paul Demaree gave a series of four talks, Sunday evenings, to the Young People of Yorba Linda Methodist Episcopal Church on "Life Problems".

After considerable thought it was decided to make a change in the length of our talks. We have had four 5-minute talks and one 10-minute talk each evening. With added experience we feel that a speaker should have additional time. Therefore, we are trying three eight minute talks and one 12-minute talk. We have a critic for each speaker and a general critic who is given ten minutes.

Our meeting and eating place has been changed from the Elks Club to the Highway Tea Gardens about 2 miles south of Anaheim. One of our charter members, Cyril Hannah, owns this attractive and appetizing place.

Come visit us, Toastmasters, any Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

- "Con" Jongewaard, Reporter

PASADENA

The Pasadena Club members believe in planning ahead. Not only have they planned their program six weeks in advance, but they are making plans for the fall.

The program includes debates, extemporaneous discussions, prepared speeches, humor night - all humorous speeches, and a ladies night to top things off before summer vacations.

As for the fall plans - you'll hear more about them at a later date.

- "Joe" Rocks, Reporter

## BROADCASTING THE TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

### NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Culminating a winter's programme of 24 meetings, including visits to Mount Lehman, Lozells and Vancouver, the Y.M.C.A. Spokes Club wound up its 11th season of activity, on Wednesday evening with a banquet, toast programme, and ladies' night.

President Fred Green officiated as chairman and toastmaster. During the evening the D.S. Curtis Cup, emblematic of the Y.M.C.A. Oratorical Championship, was presented to F. B. Gillespie. Last year's winner, J. E. Paulding, made the formal presentation. Mr. Gillespie will hold the cup for the year 1931. His subject was "Peace" and he treated it with dramatic power, his declamation, emphasis and style being true oratorical merit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Paulding were also made recipients of tokens of the club's good will. H. K. Balcombe, who so ably officiated as secretary for the club until compelled to relinquish those duties thru illness, was also present and warmly welcomed.

At the Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Speaking Class held last night arrangements were made to hold a Gentlemen's Night with a banquet and toasts on Tuesday next. The regular course ended last night but an extension of two more meetings was arranged by vote of the call in order to study the art of debating and the psychology of the audience.

### HONOLULU, T. H.

Soon we hope to have a column headed like the above. A recent letter from the fair island states that a club of Toastmasters is in the making and will be launched this spring or in Sept. They are keeping in touch with the International thru THE GAVEL.

### EUGENE OREGON

President Charles Emory addressed a class in the University of Oregon recently on the subject of "Insurance".

Harry Holden enlightened the Hi-Y Club at one of its meetings on the "Vocation of Insurance".

William Kidwell, in addition to his various singing engagements has found time on several occasions to address the Young People's Club of the Christian Church.

F. C. Pursley has been putting into practice the principles of Public Speaking, by talking to the Forum of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evenings.

Our Club "initiated" four new members at the last meeting.

- Harry T. Shea, Reporter

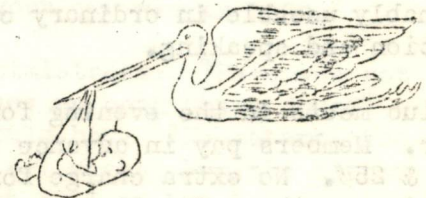
### LONG BEACH JUNIORS

"Toast & Cheese" is the name of the publication put out by the Long Beach Junior Toastmasters' Club. A right smart little sheet it is too. The club believes in keeping its members informed of all future events.

The Junior Club is also preparing to help out its big brothers, the Seniors, when the International comes to Long Beach on June 6th.

Keep your eye on these youngsters.

Enter the Juniors



Watch them grow :