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GAVEL SPLINTERS

This column is dedicated to the good of the cause. The brickbats and bouquets that appear from time to time are to help us see ourselves as others see us so that we may improve each shining Toastmaster.

The first bouquet from the flower garden goes to Jean Bordeaux, Secretary of Toastmaster International. As our secretary he is one very live wire.

The exchange of ideas of various Toastmaster Clubs, through the columns of The Gavel should be of value. Some very fine programs have come to our attention in the news items.

Another posey goes to our genial friend J. Clark Chamberlain, President of International. He is one hard working boy and has the cause very much at heart.

Constructive criticism when applied in gentle doses is a tonic that should build any system up to a par excellent condition.

Speech and speakers are not made in a day. Don't drop out after a few weeks. Stick to it.



THE

PRESIDENT'S

CORNER !!!

TOASTMASTERS'
INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZES

The organization of Toastmasters' International of October 4, 1930, brought the realization that several years of patient effort in behalf of an organization of Toastmasters' Clubs had finally borne fruit.

Through five years of active Toastmasters' Club membership it has been my privilege to work, from time to time, with many members imbued with the idea that only through some sort of organization could the movement

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

"ALL ABOARD!!!"

INTERNATIONAL
COUNCIL
MEETING

San Diego will act as host to the International Council Meeting, December 13, Saturday.

San Diego has the reputation of rating 100% when it comes to hosting.

All Toastmasters welcome, so be sure and reserve the date.

become a permanent, growing and entirely worthwhile undertaking. To be sure, the individual clubs have been thoroughly worthwhile, but functioning necessarily as individual unites, much of the value that comes from inter-club visitation, exchange of ideas and uniformity of program and purpose has been lost.

These things will become, under the regime of Toastmasters' International, a means also of strengthening each Club from the membership standpoint as well as from that of the Club's standing

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in its particular community. The history of all service clubs clearly proves this point.

Perhaps, however, one of the most important advantages of the International will be its influence in organizing Clubs in communities where the need strongly exists. During these early days, with your Council and International officers steadfastly striving to create and maintain policies which will be permanently helpful, the thought of organizing more Clubs has not been set aside, but rather has been overshadowed by the thought that first we must put our own houses in order; first we must build up and strengthen the Clubs now in existence, that they may be able in a legitimate and logical manner to soon sponsor and encourage Clubs in neighboring cities.

The possibilities in this direction are of course unlimited and present an opportunity for us to give others the advantages that have been ours through participation in Toastmaster's Club activities. This unquestionably is a marvelous ideal to work to.

As to future program it seems to me that first, we should set for ourselves several objectives calculated to speedily build up the strength of present Clubs, for we must not lose sight of the fact that International success can never be possible until we have given much attention to individual Club improvement. In fact, the individuality of Clubs must never be lost, but rather should be added to through association with others in the International. The objectives which I would like to see each Club set up and finally reach before the close of our first year are as follows:

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1. The establishment in so far as practicable, of uniform procedure in individual Clubs covering membership limitation dues, terms of officers, programs, etc.

2. The strengthening of all member Clubs to the point of filling each membership quota.

3. The projection by each member Club of some local plan whereby public speaking may be fostered through outside activities of the Club.

4. The establishment of at least three District Councils in Southern California and one in the northwest, to promote visitations and exchange of ideas.

5. Sponsoring by each member Club of at least one new Club in some neighboring community where there is a recognized need.

In behalf of the officers and members of the International Council, I ask your complete cooperation in helping to carry out the plans already made and others which may follow, calculated to more closely band us together and more quickly bring about a smooth-running organization, capable of legitimately growing in scope and in worth to match our highest ideals. With a continuation of the wonderful enthusiasm already shown by members of all Clubs, it is safe to predict a most successful career of Toastmasters' International.

J. Clark Chamberlain
President.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"Listen to my speech, honey."

"Broadcasting The Toastmaster's Clubs" 121V

EUGENE, OREGON

The Eugene Toastmaster's Club is going on its second year now and has a membership of about 45, active participation hitting around 24 regularly.

They meet by-weekly and discuss popular subjects relative to civic and community affairs such as, traffic laws, cabinet form of government, municipal ownership, uses of wood products, etc.

"We find the interest growing in the Toastmaster's Club idea. We follow the practice of having a critic for the whole club and each man takes his turn at being toastmaster. The toastmaster names four principal speakers and allots them five to ten minutes. After they speak, other members of the club are given an opportunity to make some remarks on the subject.

"We find that when every man participates even though his remarks may be very few we get a higher degree of interest. I think this is what accounts for the size of our membership, (active) since it is impossible to get around with talks from many more men than those we actually have coming to any one meeting."

SAN DIEGO

Charles Hazard, member of the Toastmaster's Club of Wenatchee, Washington, and a guest of the San Diego Toastmaster's Club for the past two months, received a box of beautiful red apples from the Wenatchee Club. Charlie was a regular fellow with his apples and gave each toastmaster two. If Charlie and the apples are representative we would say that Wenatchee has SOME CLUB.

The San Diego Toastmaster's Club was organized last May with a maximum membership of thirty. After seven months nineteen of the original 30 are still attending regularly.

PASADENA

Pasadena, it would seem, has a flare for high-powered instructors and critics. According to the latest report, Professor Charles F. Lindsley, has resigned to take up a heavy radio program, and appearing in his place is Mr. Bertrand Lyon. Mr. Lyon is the former president of the School of Expression of Denver. He has a long record of speaking on the Chautauqua platform, has a book on Public Speaking to his credit - and it is a credit, one on memory training and in addition a pleasing personality.

The month of December is being devoted to boosting up the club membership. It is stated that with the first of the year, they expect to "click" like a thousand.

WENATCHEE

Although we have had no direct news from the Wenatchee Club the fame of the apple travels fast and we know they are on the job as per notice from San Diego.

Not that we're superstitious or anything like that, but now that we have an authority on the subject, we request the Wenatchee Club to answer this question.

"Are there any doctors in the Wenatchee district or is it true they have no hope of getting any practice in the apple country?"

Be that as it may we'd like to hear from you in the next issue of the Gavel.

Oh!! Yes, in closing the Pasadena Club wish to place their order for a box of those apples for next year.

" VISIT A NEIGHBORING CLUB WHEN POSSIBLE"



THE NORTHWEST SPEAKS



THE SPOKES CLUB

Our good friend Frank Paulding, General Secretary of the "Y" at New Westminster, B. C. sent in the following interesting account of the Spokes Club, which corresponds to our Toastmaster Clubs here in the States.

In speaking of the club program he says: "You will notice that we have four Toast nights, five Debate nights, and one continued study subject, namely recreation, together with some miscellaneous topics.

So far we are having the best attendance that we have had in years, which speaks volumes for the popularity of the program. We have approximately forty members."

The Spokes Club is not a regular dinner club, but holds dinner meetings occasionally. At the beginning of the season they send out a printed program, which schedules coming topics and events, from October to April first when an Annual Toast Night is held to wind up the season. [This program idea is a splendid one and no doubt some of us could profit and improve our meetings by following this idea.]

If space permits in some future issue, The Gavel will be glad to print the program in full.

Our best wishes go out to the Spoke's Club for a profitable and Happy New Year.

NOTICE

If there are other Toastmaster's Clubs in the Northwest Section, we will be glad to have them send in brief news articles concerning their Club and the program they put on.



SANTA ANA



When it comes to winning contests in the California Bankers' Association it would appear that the Santa Ana Club, Smedley Chapter No. 1, has a corner on the market.

Harold H. Fish of the above club comes to the front to win first place over a large field of entrants. The contest was held at Arrowhead Springs Hotel, November 22. Last year's event was won by Frank Humphrey also a member of the Santa Ana Club.

The encouraging factor in the above news item, to members of other clubs, is perhaps the fact that Mr. Fish, began his oratorical career at the Santa Ana "Y" speaking class in the fall of 1928, continuing in the Toastmaster's to the present time. It just goes to show what can be done if one will put the old nose down to the track and follow thru with some good hard work.

Members of the Santa Ana Club help with the instruction of the public speaking class held at the "Y". The speaking class makes an excellent feeding ground for the club.

While we're in Santa Ana district we would like to put in a word of appreciation for Ralph Smedley, Daddy of the Toastmaster's idea in this region. When Mr. Smedley started the first Toastmaster's Club some number of years ago he certainly struck a novel idea which he has developed to its present state of perfection.

I am sure that all Toastmasters are grateful to Mr. Smedley for his work in this field, as for The Gavel we say "A Thousand Thanks Ralph".

BOOST YOUR OWN TOASTMASTER'S CLUB

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Club has already made seven reservations for the Convention Banquet at San Diego for Saturday. (Now that's what we call "activity")

Tom Butler has turned composer of songs. "Take Me Back to California" is his latest number. It is said that the song has a nice swing and the Los Angeles Club use it at their meetings. Clubs wishing to get copies of this song should address Tom care of the Los Angeles "Y".

Victor Morris has left the Los Angeles Club temporarily for a trip to his old home in London, England, where he expects to organize a Toastmaster's Club and help it to function properly. The Club gave him a nice new gavel for the purpose. "Vic" is a live fellow and no doubt he'll make things hum in "Jolly old London".

OTHER CLUBS

There are many other clubs that we haven't heard from up to the time of going to press. This doesn't mean that they are not "up and doing". You know how it is, we keep putting off and then it's too late. However, we are optimistic as to the future and know that they will be in for plenty of news in the next issue. Let's go, Anaheim, Ontario, Long Beach, Santa Barbara and all others not in.

NOTICE

If each Toastmaster's Club will have its secretary or an appointed special reporter look after the news items get them

SECOND INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SCHEDULED TO MEET AT SAN DIEGO

San Diego, the city of ten thousand beauties, charming vistas, historic and present glory, (this is written by a Pasadena man) has generously offered to be host to the second International Council Meeting, Saturday, December 13.

The men who visited the Santa Barbara Meeting of the Council will testify to the fine time that was "had by all". This second meeting should be of great interest to all Toastmasters, as it is at these Council Get-togethers, progressive steps are taken for the International.

From the border city comes the following; "Every effort is being made to make the meeting of the Toastmaster's International in San Diego, December 13, one to be remembered with pleasure. Opportunity will be afforded to see as much of San Diego and surrounding points of interest as visiting Toastmasters have time to indulge in."

It looks like a WOW!! of a time, and might we suggest that it affords an opportunity to give the Mrs. a little vacation and outing over the weekend, along with a chance to see that "warm water" place over the line. Ring December 13 on the calendar, send the extra collar to the laundry, pay another installment on the Cole bus, and get set to head South--- you won't regret it.

together and mail them in to C. F. Marshall, Y.M.C.A., Pasadena, California, by the 25th of each month, it will assure the club being in the Gavel. Items about program, personnel, club procedure, etc. that would be of interest to other clubs.

"EVERY TOASTMASTER SHOULD SUBSCRIBE TO THE GAVEL!"

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EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of The Gavel, the Toastmasters International Bulletin. Like most first issues, there will probably be many mistakes, but we are not going to apologize for them. Rather we are going to ask all the clubs to write in suggestions and plans for the improvement of the paper.

We want every club to feel as though they had a part in this paper, and that if they don't do their part, it just won't function right.

That a bulletin can be of real service to the various Toastmaster Clubs we are sure. It will depend upon what goes into the paper. As Fred Patzel, 1926 World Champion Hog Caller says; "You've got to have appeal as well as power in your voice. You've got to convince the animals you have something for them".

If we may use the above barnyard example---there must be something convincing and worthwhile in each Gavel. Let's go!!



"THAT

REMINDS

ME"

The Joy of Thrift

Teacher: "Johnny, if your father could save one dollar a week for four weeks, what would he have?"
Modern Child (promptly) "A radio, an electric refrigerator, a new suit, and a lot more furniture."

It might not be a bad idea to try busyness as a tonic for business. (Nashville Banner)

"Not many fellows can do this," said the magician as he turned his Ford into a lamp post.

That magician ought to move to our town.

Gus White: "Gingerale, please."

Soda Clerk: "Pale?"

G. W. "No, a bottle is enough."

When he was about to have a tooth extracted, a patient suddenly attacked the dentist. As the dentist was particularly strong, however, it ended in a draw.

"A good thing to remember
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the construction gang

And not the wrockin' crew.

"Where's Willio?" (1940)

"You'll really have to speak to that boy---he's been flying back and forth across the Atlantic all afternoon."

Prosperity, for most of us, is only being able to pay a little more for things we shouldn't buy anyway. (Life)
