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TURKEY

GREET'S ALL THE CLUBS.

DEBATING SOCIETY WANTS
TO HELP FROM TOASTMASTER
GROUPS.

February 19, 1932.

Dear Mr. Bordeaux:

I read with great interest an announcement in the January Bulletin of the National 'Y' Council concerning the Toastmasters' International. A rather healthy new infant in the form of an English Debating Society has recently been born in the Istanbul (formerly Constantinople) YMCA and we are anxious to bring it in touch with the rest of the world. The enclosed letter from two officers of the Society gives certain information about the Club and bears a greeting of friendship from this group to yours and others of the International.

May I request that someone of your groups reply to the enclosed letter as soon as convenient, and that you send us the Prospectus and monthly news bulletin issued by the Toastmasters' International? We are much interested to hear more of this interesting Federation.

With sincere greetings, I am cordially yours,

(Signed) Ernest M. Hedden,
Executive Secretary, Beyoglu Branch,
Istanbul Y.M.C.A. # 42 Meshrutiyet
Djadessi, Istanbul, Turkey.

(The Club's Letter)

February 19, 1932.

Dear Mr. Bordeaux:

An English Debating Society has recently been organized in the Beyoglu Branch of the Istanbul YMCA, having for its purpose to help members to develop their knowledge of the English language, as well as to acquire the art of efficient public speaking.

We are about 25 in number with an average age of 22 years. We have two debates a month, and two informal talks by

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prominent English speaking persons. Formal debates have been held around questions concerning the place of machinery in the progress of human civilization, the element of chance in success in life, the influence of the cinema on social morality, the family as a necessary institution in human progress, and the restriction on the sale and use of alcoholic drink. Informal talks and discussions have dealt with the meaning of the world's economic crisis, the young man and his sex problems, the art of debating, and the influence of the cinema.

May we ask you to put this letter into the hands of some debating or discussion group in your association which would really reply to it. We would be happy to know what are the questions which young men in your cities and country are concerned about, and are discussing these days. A prompt reply would be a very real inspiration and encouragement to us as we push on with our work.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) A. D. Ateshglou, President,
And W. Adler, Secretary.
ADDRESS - Same as Mr. Hedden's.

Toastmasters, around the world. You have just read two epochal letters. Here are earnest truth seekers, men with the same problems you and I face daily.

Obey that impulse! Sit down and write these splendid chaps. DO IT NOW!

Our President and his San Diego Club have written. Your Editor has sent copies of Gavel. On behalf of International I send greetings to Istanbul and every wish for their success.

James Russell Lowell in verse spoke a language all people can understand. To these progressive young men I commend one verse:

"New times demand new measures & new men;
The world advances, and in time outgrows
The laws which in our fathers' times

Were best;

And, doubtless, after us, some purer scheme
Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,
Made wiser by the steady growth

Of truth."

ONTARIO

- CALIFORNIA

During March we had some very interesting sessions due to the fact that the watchword of our program committee is Variety.

Frequently we have general discussions on current topics. There is much benefit in getting on your feet and expressing an opinion. Your reporter is not giving hearsay evidence.

Recently we ran a short series of programs dealing with various phases of the Sino-Jap embroglio. The topic developed some very interesting and well-prepared speeches. One session led to another and we found enthusiasm carrying us on to better Toastmastering.

One week each member was allowed 2½ minutes only to expound his subject. It was splendid exercise and difficult to do. If you are skeptical, try it.

We shall end March with a grand and glorious program. Watch next Gavel for details.

T.C.Manchester

EVERETT

- WASHINGTON

We like Gavel believing it to be unique in its Field.

An able reporter has been appointed and you will hear from us in a big way next issue.

We appreciate having our name appear in the Rendezvous column. Visitors will be heartily welcomed, especially those from the Seattle and Wenatchee Clubs.

Greetings to all International and best wishes for your success.

W.L.Erickson

Remember, It is not wishbone that brings success, it is BACKBONE

Some people LIVE on their reputations - Others CANT!

WENATCHEE

- WASHINGTON

What with Snow, Rain, Floods, and the Spring plowing to do, our reporter forgot to send any news in.

We brightened the memory of Washington in February. His significance as a historical figure, the inspiration of his achievements, these were ably discussed by Fred Hazard, A.L.Tertsagian, Fred Kock and Harvey Davis on Feb. 21st.

Speakers from our Club appeared at the regular morning services of every church in Wenatchee, to give five minute talks on the National American Legion Drive to aid unemployed. Other members addressed the Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary Clubs. Several radio broadcasts featured our speakers, too. Watch out, San Diego and Anaheim, we may win that outsiders battle.

March 10th was our Ladies night. Did we have a glorious time? Dont be silly! Kenneth Sexton was Toastmaster and set all the feminine hearts aflutter, besides giving us a demonstration of the proper methods in Toastmastership.

We have just learned of the new Club at Everett, Washington. If they dont invite us over, we'll go anyhow and show them the oratorical talents produced by our finest of fine cities.

Rumors reach our ears that A. C. Aca-son, the big man from the South (San Diego, Calif.) intends visiting us very soon. He can expect the time of his life here. Aside from meeting our jolly group, we'll show him how Aplets are made. Nothing like them in Agua Caliente.

J.Carter Bass.

The laws of growth are omnipotent. A mushroom springs up over night. But it is just a mushroom, of little value. An oak tree needs decades to reach full development, and the big trees of the West Coast require centuries. When they have developed, there is something to show for the years of struggle. TOASTMASTERS DO NOT DEVELOPE OVER NIGHT, NOR ARE THEY BORN. It takes slow, steady, struggling to be a real master of the Gavel. Jean Bordeaux.



The TOASTMISTRESS' CLUB
OF THE
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. YMCA.

Our first joint meeting with the Los Angeles 'Y' Toastmasters Club occurred on March 8th. Each club furnished three speakers, and one General Critic. The presiding officer Alexander Kosloff introduced the Toastmistress of the evening our Vice-president Mrs. Jean Bordeaux.

We had a delightful time and complete details of the program would appear here, but your reporter learned that the Toastmasters Club column tells all about it.

Our Club is slowly and steadily growing. At the last meeting we had 20 present. Five new members were introduced.

Mrs. Boslough, Toastmistress of the evening, introduced speakers Dr. Whitcomb Mrs. P.A. Foster, Mrs. Walter Stark, Mrs. Press Adams, and Miss. Alice Henninger. They brought us some entertaining talks.

April 12th we shall elect new officers for a three months term. Every member is looking forward to a jolly evening and redhot campaign speeches.

After months of work, Mrs. F. E. Hershman and her Committee have drawn up a Constitution and By-Laws which were accepted and adopted unanimously. A rising vote of thanks was given these good workers for their splendid results.

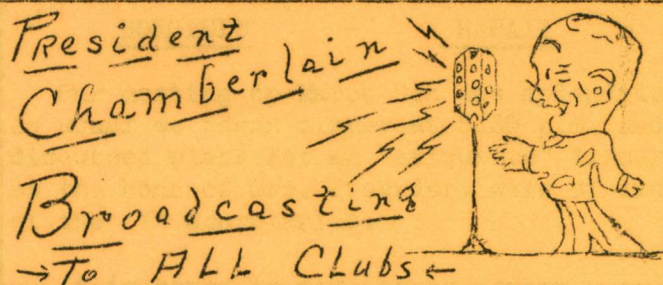
We are eagerly watching for news of the Santa Ana, San Jose, and all other Toastmistress' Clubs.

Mrs. Jean Bordeaux

"A little laffin' here an' there can do away with lots o' care. It sort o' Sweetens peoples' souls an' helps 'em Gain their furthest goals. Put down YOUR Load an' laff' awhile; it eases up th' Hardest mile, an' yu'll find that this Is true - the world is glad to laff With you."

(W.D.Nesbit).

Toastmistress' and Toastmasters',
TAKE THE ABOVE PRESCRIPTION FREQUENTLY!



Elsewhere in this issue, mention has been made of an inquiry recently received from a group of young men at Istanbul, Turkey, who, having learned of Toastmasters' International, desire to know more about it. And of more importance, they earnestly requested that some one of our groups in this Federation 'really' reply to their letter, giving them some idea of the things we do and talk about.

The reply so earnestly requested, has already been sent to these interested young men in Turkey, and it is quite probable that a regular correspondence may result; at least the San Diego Club, whose privilege it was to answer, is hoping this will be the case. This inquiry and many others from various parts of our own USA came as a result of a short and somewhat obscure notice appearing in the National YMCA Home Work Bulletin for January, a pamphlet issued monthly by that group. This notice, so small that it was overlooked by a number of our own members who are actually in 'Y' work, has been the means of creating a tremendous interest in the Toastmasters Club idea through Associations in many sections of America, and is indicative of the impression this movement makes on those who may be looking for something constructive in Public Speaking.

More of this kind of publicity, but many times more important, is soon to be published in 'Young Men', the YMCA magazine. Judging by the inquiries resulting from the National Bulletin squib, the article in Association's Young Men will rouse worldwide interest. Some day soon we shall be truly international with Clubs in far off countries corresponding with local clubs, each obtaining a better understanding of the other's problem.

If Toastmaster Clubs in foreign lands are half as helpful as in our American cities, the world will be a better place in which to live, and Oratory will return to its former high place in civilization.

ANAHEIM

- CALIFORNIA

Our able Secretary-Treasurer E. Kline Stickney resigned because business was picking up. We understand President Hoover has invited Kline to pick up the whole country.

William G. (Bill) Claussen was elected to the vacant office. His address is 112 South Bush Street, Anaheim, Calif.

Those who attended the Council at Anaheim will recall Roy Chafe's challenge to all Clubs. San Diego Club engages to make more outside talks than any other Club. This is a forewarning to San Diego to dust off the prize which we expect to collect.

We exchanged speakers with Santa Ana and enjoyed the able talks of Harold Fish and Walter J. Ferris from that Club. Fish is a banker and can say 'No' in all languages. Santa Ana sent over eight members. Bill Kohlenberger and Earl Smith went to Santa Ana the next evening and spoke.

Having saved the country from the REDS, Bill is now seeking other fields to conquer.

President A.P.M. (Brownie) Brown is calling on a member each meeting to give a short resume of his career in life, during the dinner hour. It is rumored that Jim Heffran has sold two stories to True Confessions already.

Paul Demaree, being a Teacher, spent his Easter vacation on a flying trip thru Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, contacting all Toastmasters Clubs and pepping up the far away groups. Mrs. Demaree went along to see that Paul didnt cross the border.

W. G. Claussen

"Chase brave employments with a naked sword throughout the world. Fool not, for all may have if they dare try, a glorious life, or grave.
(George Herbert)

"There is not a fiercer hell than the failure in a great object."
(Keats)

HONOLULU

- HAWAII

Our meeting on March 9th was splendid. As usual we began dinner at 5.30 p.m. and discussed plans for an "etiquette" dinner at the home of Mrs. Pfaender, wife of one of the 'Y' Secretaries.

It is hoped to make every member a social arbiter of the dinner table and a rival of Emily Post.

As a general topic of discussion we had the important one "Taxes". One member thought it a State in Southwest U.S.A. so we promptly taxed him a dime. Some very good ideas were brought out during the round table talk, but we have not yet discovered how to do without Taxes.

Our April 1st meeting will be a WoW, no fo'ling, even tho it is the day dedicated to jests.

Our Club will welcome all visiting Toastmasters. We will teach you how to eat poi and let you watch the wind comb Pele's hair. Aloha nui!

John Akau, Jr.

SEATTLE

- WASHINGTON

At last! We organized our Club too late to get in the March Gavel. Fourteen charter members assure us of an active group.

Officers elected are President J. J. Arnold, Vice President Theodore Richmond, ~~and Vice President~~ Secretary Treasurer Charles Agers, Executive Secretary J. E. Penner. If our reporter doesnt get the news in I shall execute him.

Now that we are well-started, we shall challenge Wenatchee and Everett for money, marbles, or what have you.

J.E.Penner

MILWAUKEE

- WISCONSIN

We have not yet formed a Toastmasters Club, but our Public Speaking group is much interested in the International, especially in Gavel. Bob Beeman, our ring-leader, has subscribed to that and you can look for news of a Club organizing in this City very shortly.

Bob Beeman

Commencing in February we started a membership and attendance contest under the leadership of Vice President Harry Riley. During the early part of the season we had 20 members and an average attendance of 16.

In the contest we divided up in two teams of 10 each, under a general and 2 captains. Each side endeavored to bring in 15 new members, and have a perfect attendance record to and including May 27.

We now have an average of 30 present each meeting. We also conduct exchange speaker nights with nearby clubs. In February we exchanged with Pasadena. On March 22nd with Anaheim. April 19th and 20th with Long Beach. We find these exchanges very helpful.

The 30 new members were easily secured and we now have a waiting list. The team with the highest attendance score will eat a chicken dinner at the expense of the losers, while watching the losers eat a bean dinner at their own expense.

So anxious are the teams to keep up a good attendance record, that our members who visit other T.M.Clubs, get written statements to show such attendance. Messrs: Green and Humphrey visited Long Beach the other night. They reported a very pleasant evening.

The recent International Public Speaking Contest interested us. One of our entrants took First Prize. On March 4th the cup was officially presented to the High School student body by Ralph Smedley, Paternal Progenitor of all Toastmasters. At the same time we presented Grace Wuster who placed Third in the Finals, with a Toastmasters International emblem pin. Our president made the presentation. If you knew how sweet and charming Grace is, you'd understand why he refused to delegate the task.

C. J. Ruley

Did you ever see a statue of a man who attended strictly to his own business?

C. C. Beardsley was Toastmaster of our March 15th meeting. He conducted ably a debate "Resolved that Al Smith should be elected President." Ward Behrmann lead the affirmative and C. R. Haynes the negative, with all present joining in according to their preferences. Owing to a sudden gust of wind blowing the judges' notes away, the contest was declared a draw.

All members are urged to bring friends to our meetings. Once they attend, we always have a new member.

March 22nd found C. R. Haynes swinging the Gavel. He introduced G. W. ~~MINNEN~~ O'Neal, Wilbur Robinson, R. C. Scott and A. L. Holm. Their subjects were respectively, "Alfalfa Bill" - "Herbert Hoover" "Yellowstone Park" - "Tarahumara Indians"

Paul Demaree was to have been with us on the 22nd but was unavoidably detained. We regretted his absence, and know that he did, too.

Recently one of the boys gave us some fine practice in Parliamentary procedure by turning the meeting into a City Council. It was entertaining and educational. We recommend it to all the Clubs. To all the newly formed Clubs, Greetings. Your reporter sends a happy 'How are you?' to 'Gus White'.

A. L. Holm

S M I L E S

"If I knew the box where smiles are kept
No matter how large the key
Or strong the lock, I'd try so hard
I know 'twould open for me.

Then over land and sea broadcast
I'd scatter the smiles to play,
Till everyone's face should hold
Them fast, for many and many a day."

(Contributed)

"To most men experience is like the
stern lights of a ship, which illuminate
only the track it has passed."
(Coleridge).

G A V E L
S P L I N T E R S



We see by the 'window envelopes' that another month has arrived. Where's that Gavel, we gotta have some more splinters.

III

Has 'Spring Fever' been down your way yet? We've had a bad attack of it here - combined with 'Summer expectations' it was a complicated case - nearly put us out of the running.

III

How would you like to be in San Diego now? Well, Folks, a month from now will be a much better time. Start saving your pennies and plan to make the San Diego convention a real outing.

III

If you are not planning on taking a long vacation this year - San Diego will help to break up the working grind.

III

Have you ever held a meeting of the U.S.A. President's Cabinet in your club? We know Santa Ana has. You appoint a President, the various Cabinet Secretaries, State-Labor-War-etc., and then have these Secretaries report in short talks to the President. It's great stuff.

III

BACHELORS, PLEASE NOTE - If you'd attract the attention of the fair maidens - get one of the Toastmasters' International pins. We have had many women stop us in the last few weeks, grab us by the lapel and ask what the pin stood for. (This information is NOT for married men). (Nor my wife).

III

The longer we are in this speaking business the more we realize that it is going to be a long process before we arrive. Are you discouraged in your efforts to reach perfection? Unless you have been an active member of a Toastmasters Club for at least five years, you have no right to be disheartened.

III

Cheerio! Must practice my breathing.
C. F. Marshall

PASADENA

CALIFORNIA

All quiet on the Pasadena Front, but we expect an attack from the Long Beach Army on March 29th. We are to have that Club as our guests that evening and we know it will be a memorable affair.

In order to insure an evening of fun and frolic, the speakers have been warned that should they attempt any serious talks they will promptly be fined. Yes sir, we crave humor and plenty of it.

Being Ladies Night we have put all our Club Bachelors on the program. Harold Cain (No relation of Adam's) will deliver a toast to the ladies. He hails from the State of Montana where men are men and the women make 'em. Art Johnson says Harold is broad minded.

The President's cup is one more idol to dazzle the eyes of our members. It is again circulating. Awarded every six weeks to the man making the most progress in speaking. The winner's name is engraved on the cup and each meeting night it reposes in front of him on the table, until some other Demosthenes comes along and wins it.

Fred Johnson

THE MEASURE OF A MAN (an excerpt)

It's the bumps we take, and the jolts we Get, and the shock our courage stands, The hours of sorrow and vain regret, and The prize that just escapes our hands. That test our mettle, and prove our worth; It isn't the blows we deal, but the blows We TAKE on this good old earth, which Prove that life is real.

(Anon.)

AMIEL'S PHILOSOPHY

"He who is silent is FORGOTTEN; He who abstains is taken at his word; He who does not advance FALLS BACK; He who stops is overwhelmed, distanced, CRUSHED; He who ceases to grow greater becomes SMALLER; He who leaves off gives up; The stationary condition is the beginning of the END.

(Amiel)

A live wire has no insulation, which explains our modern young ladies?????

The usual varied and entertaining subjects were features of our meeting Mar. 14th. Dr. Lewis Empey was Toastmaster. Virgil Rankin and Dr. Paul Martin gave 10 minute speeches on Moral Standards, and Rapid Growth of Crime, respectively.

Five minute speakers were W. R. Bowler, C. E. Britten, E. A. Costello, Frank Lewis, Jack Peters, and R. D. Rhoades. Topics were respectively How Should I Wire My Home - San Jose Auditorium - Subdividing - Amateur Photography - Prohibition - Jury or What?

During the dinner all present had to give quotations reflecting present conditions, or an Irish story in honor of St Patrick. Critics for the evening were L.L.Wagner and L.H.Quinley.

March 28th L. V. Owen toastmastered. The Standard System of Contract Bridge was reviewed by P. J. Straub. Service Club Luncheons was digested by C. Lindsay, these two gentlemen being our 10 minute men.

Honesty of Thought - Are You a Good Auto Driver? - Prohibition? - Baseball Park in San Jose - A Unified Country - Why is a Coffee Shop - were the respective subjects of Dr. J.C.Cuneo, H. Miller J.L.Pritchard, K.L.Boosey, L.L.Wagner and J. McEnery. During dinner each member had to illustrate a common mistake in the use of English. B.F.Vincent and W.R.Bowler were the critics.

We are very much interested in the new Club at Berkeley, California. This is an invitation to that group to visit us at any time. We are hoping to be their guests in the near future. Your reporter sends his best to all the new Clubs and would like to know if Clarence Marshall weighs 200 pounds or only 190?

Belvin Vincent.

"The world would far rather have a firm man wrong, than a weak man hesitatingly right." (H.G.Wells).

REMEMBER THAT! TOASTMASTERS.

SUCCESS is largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go.

The first bi-monthly speaking contest of our Club was held March 1st, with some 40 ladies and guests present. The good dinner was served by 'Mother' Campbell and her charming girls.

Miss. Johnson, a guest, gave a humorous reading. A.E.Macartney, as Toastmaster, introduced the contestants after explaining the rules and purpose of the agonism.

Entrants were Alexander Beck, Cecil Moorehouse, V. W. Chase, Floyd Todd, and F. E. Taylor. Subjects were respectively, Man's Best Friend - Solving Unemployment Problem - Chamber of Commerce - Fortune Teller's - That's Something. Jean Bordeaux entered and spoke on Evils of Present system of Jurisprudence.

Judges were Professor Jamison of the Polytechnic High School and Dr. F.D.Smith of California College of Commerce. They gave V.W.Chase First Place for his splendid talk. Jean Bordeaux was Second.

Mayor A.E.Fickling was with us and had a few interesting remarks. The contest is a huge success and every member is working to win that big silver cup at the end of the year.

Dr. F.Edward Taylor makes many outside talks. Invariably he requests the group before which he appears, to publicize the fact that Taylor belongs to the Toastmasters' Club. His talk before the Progress Club recently was headlined in the Long Beach Press.

Election of officers on March 22nd resulted as follows - President F.E.Taylor, Vice President V.W.Chase - Treasurer C.J. Trauger - Secretary N.R.McCoy. With these stalwarts at the helm, we are looking for a very snappy Spring season.

March 29th we visit Pasadena with 14 members and guests along to watch our 3 speakers do their stuff. Pasadena will furnish 3 speakers and a Toastmaster. The General Critic will be Jean Bordeaux. We have taken out additional life insurance on Jean.

C. J. Trauger

Well worn paths very often lead in the wrong direction.



"I guess my Dad was a bad boy," said a youngster.
 "Why?" inquired his chum.
 "Because he knows exactly what to ask when he wants to know what I've been doing."

III

"Getting this \$50 from my husband was like taking candy from a baby." "Hoest?" "Yes, he put up a terrific holler."

IV

Jones - Say, that's a wonderful follow-up system you have for collections.
 Brown - Yes, I saved the letters my boy sent from college, and adapted them to my business."

V

Woman (in crowd) "Please stop shoving, Sir"
 Fat Man: "Lady, I was only sighing."

VI

May: What becomes of all the love triangles, I wonder?"
 Ann: Most of them turn into wrecktangles.

VII

In N.Y. City a large hotel displays a sign reading "Open all night." A few feet farther on a restaurant matched the sign with one that reads "We NEVER close." Sandwiched between the two is a small shop owned by One Hung Low. Not to be outdone, he put up a sign that reads "Me wakee too."

VIII

He: My thoughts are my companions.
 She: How lonesome you must be.

IX

Instructor: Now, to stop you must put on the brake.
 Dumbella: Why the idea! I thought these cars came equipped with brakes.

X

"Just one more glass, Boys, and then we will go home," said the dishwasher as he laid down the soap.

XI

Manager: I hear you and the leading lady are on the 'outs'.
 Stage Electrician: "Yup, during a quick change scene with the stage dark, she yelled for her tights and I thought she said lights.

XII

Youngster (to passing hobo): Mr. did you go to Sunday School when you was a little boy? Tramp: Sonny, I never missed. Boy - Guess I'll quit, it aint doing me any good, either.



The Usher approached the old lady who looked about uncertainly. "Are you a friend of the groom?" he asked. "No," she replied, "I'm the bride's mother."

XIII

Said the Blacksmith to his new and dumb apprentice, "When I take this iron from the forge, I'll put it on the anvil, then when I nod my head, you hit it as hard as you can with that sledge." The apprentice followed instructions, but was immediately discharged when the blacksmith came to.

XIV

Two little urchins stood with noses against the barbershop window, watching the white coated attendances perform mysterious rites. "Gee! Mickey, look at that one", said Johnny, pointing to a barber who was giving a hair singe, "He's looking for 'em with a light."

XV

A truck driver ran out of oil on a deserted country road. He approached a farm house and asked the lady who answered the door, if she had any lubricating oil. The lady said, "No, I havent any." Helpfully, he said, "Any kind will do, Lady, like castor oil." "I'm sorry, Mister," she replied, "I havent any, but I can fix you up a dose of salts."

XVI

March is a month of untold wealth - that is, untold to the assessors.

XVII

"Is this the insane asylum, did any man escape last night?" "No, why?". "You'd better check up, someone ran away with my wife."

XVIII

While the mechanic repaired the 1915 Ford the owner remarked, "I've had that car 17 years and only spent \$75.00 for repairs." The mechanic asked, "How many miles you got on her?" Boastfully, the old Gadabout replied, "Oh! Better than 5000 miles, I reckon."

XIX

In a small village hotel accommodations were not luxurious. There were no private baths. Two schoolteacher tourists came through one day and registered just after an oil scout. One lady at once began to look for the fire escape, opening each door as she came to it. Finally she entered the bath room to find the scout removing travel stains. "Pardon," She screamed, "I was looking for the fire escape." Chasing her he yelled, "Where's the

The great event of March was our joint meeting with the Toastmistress' Club at the Hotel Figueroa on March 8th.

The affair opened with a Turkey Dinner provided by Toastmaster P.A.Young's excellent restaurant. President Alexander Kosloff presided at dinner and his good friends Mrs. Knox and her son John rendered soothing selections on piano and violin whilst we satisfied the inner man.

Dinner over, Officers and guests of honor were introduced. At 8 p.m. the gavel was handed to the Toastmistress of the evening, Mrs. Jean Bordeaux. Her speakers were Dr. Florence Dunlap, Mrs. Billie Caton and Mrs. F.E.Hershman of the Toastmistress Club - Messrs: G. La Manyon, Dr. P.A.Foster, and Peter Whitehill of the Toastmasters Club. The subjects were, respectively What Price Patriotism - Beauty of Literature - Two Great Men - Hold Your Ideals - Playing God in Africa - Luncheon Clubs.

Mrs. Jean Morris Ellis criticized the men, J. Gustav White the ladies. The Gavel was returned to President Kosloff at 8.45 p.m. The Toastmistress brought a big laugh by her audible comment "that it went over much better than I expected it to."

Proceeding to the ball room we were delighted by some piano solos of James Harrison, and the vocal work of Miss. Siegel, German Recital Artist. These two artists were brought by President Kosloff.

The Hill-Billies Orchestra furnished dance music and there was a large crowd enjoying the melodies of these capable players. The affair broke up at midnight with all present declaring it to be one of the finest meetings we have ever had.

Much credit is due the various committees from both Clubs, and to our Program Manager, Tom Butler. We were mighty sorry that Tom could not attend the soiree.

For April we have installation of new officers, and a couple of joint meetings to look forward to, although at this moment election of officers holds the Stage.

Tom Butler. 10

We have a weekly bulleting, too, By Cracky! Any time that Santa Barbara Club gets ahead of us ----

Ray Lindscheid is Major Domo of the bulletin. It carries the programs for the current week and the following week, also interesting items on various members of the Club, together with entertaining facts Ray digs up here and there. Lots of work but much appreciated by all the boys.

We are deeply engrossed right now (as this goes to the Editor) in planning ways and means to take care of the speaking engagements lined up for this month's competition. Several have spoken on the Anaheim Emergency Relief Plan. Many other subjects have been used, too. We have met willingly every request from Church organizations, and the groups uniformly report our speakers have been excellent.

Since acquiring Roberts Rules of Order as Attendance Prize at Anaheim Council, we have been using a few minutes weekly during the dinner hour to familiarize ourselves with the contents. Clark Chamberlain said, "It's a bit jerky to read, but mighty educational."

Rumors from Anaheim, Wenatchee, et al, that we may expect to lose out on the battle of outside engagements do not affect us at all. We will probably make 200 or 300 during March. (Ah There, Mr. Claussen).

Though May 28th is a long time away, every member of our Club is working on plans for the Council Meeting and Banquet. We believe it will be one of the finest yet held. The Convention Committee has already sent out literature urging all Clubs to have speakers selected and thoroughly prepared.

Frequent appearances are made by our members before the radio mike at KFSD and KGB. If distant Toastmasters happen to hear such broadcasts, we would appreciate your letters informing of it.

J. Roy Chafe

"Make every occasion a GREAT occasion, for you never can tell when someone may be taking your measure for a larger place."
(Marsden)

Our new weekly scandal sheet delivered every Tuesday morning is creating much favorable comment. It keeps interest up and prevents all alibis. At present it is called "What Is It". Various ribald and semi-serious names have been suggested. Ye Editor appreciates these but has not received a suitable name yet.

Our share in the International High School Public Speaking Contest was worth while. We find a great increase in this section, of sentiment favoring our Club. A letter from a Teacher regarding our contest appears in another column. It has some valuable suggestions.

Our session on March 22nd is a sample of our meetings. Franklin Howatt was the Toastmaster. Speakers were Mike Saperstein, Dr. G.K.Needels, Reginald Malott, Leonard Bowman. Respective subjects were Today's Outlook - Feet - Cadillac The World's Standard - Great Document of History. First speaker had 10 minutes, the others five each. In addition we have two impromptu five minute talks. Critics were W.Mason Danner, Jr., and 'Daddy' Robertson, the Grand Old Man of our Club.

Our weekly paper also carries the names and addresses of our Officers - names of Committeemen and the respective chairmen, besides items of interest to all our members. Every Club would find such a bulletin beneficial.

The new Toastmasters' International emblems brought back by Franklin Howatt are eye-filling. Franklin reports that 8 men and 25 ladies inspected it on his lapel in one day. Mrs. Howatt is quite perturbed.

With the emblem as an opener, Franklin can now dilate on the Toastmasters to his heart's content. Everyone who takes a squint at his emblem promptly gets an earful of our grand club and its benefits.

We are looking forward to the San Diego Council meeting. And to the Public School Contest next year. With the experience gained this year, we shall make a real run for the First Prize. Our contestants are grooming themselves now.

Paul Davidson.

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Santa Barbara Club received the following letter recently. Every Toastmaster is urged to read it.

SANTA PAULA UNION HIGH SCHOOL, Santa Paula, California.

March 17, 1932.

Dear Mr. Howatt:

Thank you for soliciting my recommendations as to how your International Contest may be improved. I believe the following reforms would benefit all concerned.

1. Provide three expert judges rather than a Club vote.
2. Maintain the splendid criticisms of Mr. Danner.
3. Have an electric timing system and enforce strict timing. By controlling the time element at preliminaries, we could take for granted that speeches were correctly timed at the Finals.
4. Encourage the participation of more Schools in this unique contest.
5. Stage the Finals as soon as possible after the preliminary eliminations. It is difficult for entrants to wait a month or two for Finals.
6. Always inform the Teachers of the size of the room where contestants will stage elimination and final bouts. This will allow all entrants a chance to gauge voice power.

So far as Santa Paula is concerned, we consider it a privilege to have participated in your Contest. We urge more Schools to enter and we look forward to again competing next year.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Charles Frederick Wright,
English Department.

Recently I asked a young man if he would pass his exams at school. The lad replied he did not know. My next question was, "Why dont you know?" His sensible answer came back instantly, "Because while there are many ways to fail, there is only one way to pass."

As Toastmasters we must remember that while there are many ways to fail in our efforts, there is only one way to make good. CONSTANT CONTINUOUS STRIVING WILL KEEP US ON THE ROAD TO BETTER SPEECH.
The Editor.



THE Appendix

Jean Bordeaux

The American Association for Adult Education with headquarters in New York City, asked permission to quote from a Gavel editorial. This is the height of something or other. All papers, magazines, periodicals, and publications may quote any part of Gavel at any time, but please credit us.

Someone remarked that there is hope for the chap who knows that he does not know much, especially if he is the only one who knows it. All Toastmasters admit they seek more knowledge, which is why we attend our club meetings regularly.

Even the rain teaches a lesson. I sat by my window and watched the rain fall on a neighboring vacant lot. At first the dry ground eagerly absorbed every bit of water. Then the saturation point was reached and the rain ran off into the gutter. Wasted water! When you get up before your audience and gently pour out your stored up words, the crowd avidly drinks the verbal wisdom. Watch them carefully, however, and when you notice the saturation point is at hand, end your talk with a smile, and the audience will remember you with happiness.

Nature teaches preparedness. All good Toastmasters prepare their speeches. See the snow falling, flake by flake. At first it makes no impression. But a foundation is being laid. Soon the snow is deep and covers the ground.

Toastmasters begin their talks by dropping foundation words here and there. Shortly they begin to build up and the weight of wise words creates an impression on the listeners.

Our circle of clubs widens daily. From Everett and Seattle, Washington; from Brooklyn, N.Y.; and now comes a query from Turkey. The land which Omar said, "Is half as old as time."

With all our clubs hungry for news, one would think every club would send in items. But they do NOT. The Editor pleads vainly.

Not a line from Berkeley, Brooklyn, Glendale, Modesto, Turlock, Moline, Peoria, Pittsburg, New Westminster, and probably many other Toastmaster Clubs who have never sent any news in to us.

What are we going to do about it? The fixed policy of Gavel is, EVERY CLUB SHALL BE GIVEN THE FREEDOM OF OUR PAPER.

Will you allow your club to be kept hidden and another club to get double space because of your own inertia? WAKE UP, Toastmasters, send in news about your activities.

Interested people around the world now read this magazine. In China, in Australia, in England, in Canada, in Mexico, in Honolulu. Why not let them read of your success?

Several clubs now have weekly bulletins. Invariably these little sheets result in added interest. You have someone in your club who likes to write. Let him act as Gavel reporter and also get out a weekly blast to shake up your members.

Stamp collecting Toastmasters will appreciate the opportunity of corresponding with the Istanbul Debating Club.

Too bad we haven't detailed reports from Paul Demaree on the results of his flying trip through the Southwest. His efforts will be fruitful. Perhaps we will have some visitors at the Council on May 28th, in San Diego.

I hear a great deal about San Diego plans. Mark that date, May 28th. Keep it open. Those boys are going to put on a real Council and Banquet. It seems difficult to top Anaheim's hospitality, but San Diego swears it shall be done.

The new emblem draws more comment than honey does flies. Have you got yours yet?

The exchange speaker nights prove to be helpful and educational. For details, write the Santa Ana, California, Club.

GAVEL wants to hear from YOU.