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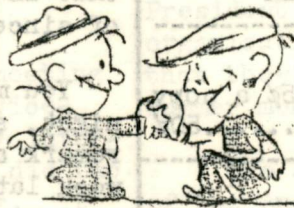
No one, up to the present date has accused a Toastmasters' Club of producing a Congressman or Senator--- there's a break for you. But when the time arrives that we produce one---well the country is just going to improve that's all.

Hope Will Rogers is living then---he deserves to be happy in his old age.

If Toastmasters would like to learn more about the "Psychology of Persuasion" we refer them to Old Doc. Warhoo, the Indian Medicine Man. There was a gentleman who used some effective psychology in getting rid of his herbs and colored water.

Dollar to a doughnut a lot of these single Toastmasters will return from their summer vacations wishing they had not learned to talk so well.

Out idea of the height of insomnia is the gent who can listen to a two hour after dinner talk this kind of weather and have one eye open at the finish.



TOASTMASTERS' CLUB SHOULD USE CARE IN SELECTING NEW MEMBERS.

President Clark Chamberlain Gives Good Advice For Fall Membership Campaigns

The backbone of the individual Toastmasters' Club is Membership---not entirely from the standpoint of numbers but from that of quality as well. With this thought in mind we might well give serious consideration to the problem of membership.

The percentage of drop-outs is not large but it could be materially reduced by more careful consideration of applicants and by a more thorough understanding on their part of the real obligations of a Toastmaster.

The habitual "joiner" who craves membership in a number of clubs should be discouraged from becoming a Toastmaster, for this type of individual soon tires of carrying his part of the load, and seldom proves to be regular in attendance. There is also the individual who considers himself something of a speaker, and wishes to use the Toastmasters' Club temporarily as a training school for his speaking activities. This man proves but a flash in the pan and is soon gone, believing he has absorbed all the Club has to offer.

These are but two of several similar illustrations and simply serve to indicate the need for a careful choice of members, and a most thorough understanding on the part of the applicant of the obligations of a Toastmaster. The true Toastmaster does not consider his Club a stepping stone to a speaking career, but rather as a permanent source of inspiration and practice obtained in company with other genial fellows who have the same idea. Let us build our Club memberships to their required strength, but in doing so, build for permanency.

---J. Clark Chamberlain.

PASADENA

The Pasadena Club closed its season with a Ladies Night, June 16th. It was one of the best meetings of the year. Among the distinguished guests were J. Gustav White, who acted as guest critic, and Jean Bordeaux, Sec. of Toastmasters' International.

The club plans to meet informally during the summer and plan programs for the coming year.

SANTA BARBARA

Up here among the millionaires we are thinking of taking the month of July off in order to get rested up for the International Meeting to be held here in August. After the meeting we will probably have to take the month of September off to recuperate.

Our weekly bulletin, "Toast Masters" is meeting with great response from the club members. Not only does it keep them informed on current issues but it carries each week some meaty thought on Toastmastering.

SEE YOU AUGUST 29TH, ALL OUT

ANAHEIM

Anaheim is proudly acclaiming to the world that it is enjoying its sixth year of continuous meetings without interruption. The experience of the Club has been that while a few of its members may be absent for short periods that the interest of the Club is maintained without interruption. The further fact remains that those who are able to attend throughout the summer have the privilege of speaking more often and acquiring more experience, which is really the purpose of our Organization.

During the past few weeks one of our members has been assigned to make
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ANAHEIM

an eight-minute review of a chapter from an established authority on public speaking each week. It has varied the program and we feel that it has been very beneficial to each of our members.

We have recently changed our program to permit three eight-minute talks and one twelve minute talk, instead of five - five minute and one ten minute as heretofore, and find that our speakers take more interest in preparing their subjects.

While Anaheim slipped a little on the number of its members attending the District Convention at Long Beach, and the attendance prize went to the deserving city, our slogan now is: "Santa Barbara, 100%!"

A. G. Porter.

PEORIA, ILL.

*Note- This account written by editor of Gavel---don't blame it on Peoria.

The Peoria Club has a member limit of 60 and this quota has been full from the start of the club. (There's a club for you.)

One of the members is a dean of our local college and he acts as instructor and critic.

The club adjourns for the summer on June 30th with a Ladies Night, regular program with perhaps one or two special numbers.

The Peoria Club is appointing a reporter in the fall when the club resumes activities, so from time to time we will be posted on their activities and program.

WHAT IS AUGUST 29TH ? ? ? ? ?

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EDITORIAL

Being friendly and meaning it is the glue that holds clubs together. I may be all wet, but it seems to me that in most clubs there is an absence of sincerity in the friendliness.

You meet Joe or Bill on meeting night, shake his hand, pass some general remark and then forget him until a week later.

Now, far be it from me to preach reform. One of the curses of this busy world that is getting busier every day, is that it prevents us from being friendly. We haven't time to make friends.

However, the thought occurs---here we have a club. We all have a common interest. Perhaps we have lots of other interests in common. Instead of joining social clubs for other activity introduce a little social life into your Toastmasters' Club.

One club I know of, have a dinner-dance when they install their new officers. They have speeches following the dinner and installation and later on dancing. There are any number of occasional social events that a club could have.

All work and no play---makes for dull speeches. BY ALL MEANS DON'T LESSEN YOUR REGULAR PROGRAM. Simply work in a social night now and then so that your members may get to know the Real Joe and Bill. If you're collecting friends, (try it for a hobby) you will find right in your own Toastmasters' Club some fine specimens to add to your collection.

Hurry Up Television.

"My problem in this electrical age," said the Toastmaster wistfully, "is how to point with pride over the radio."

BROADCASTING THE TOASTMASTERS' CLUBS

LOS ANGELES

At a recent election the Club put in office: Gethin T. Fowler, President; C. R. Hampson, Vice-Pres.; and Tom Butler as Sec.-Treas. and Dr. John B. Todd as Sergeant-at-arms.

We held our installation meeting on Tuesday, July 7th and the Vice-President of the Toastmasters' International, Mr. Arthur Johnson, did the job of installing the new gang. It was a dinner-dance affair, full of color, held at the Central Y.M.C.A.

Once a month our club aims to hold such an affair where women can be invited and the last three or four meetings of this sort have been of a very high type. The members have enjoyed them immensely because it gives them a new background to talk to. We also aim to take the meetings to different place where the settings will be different.

Our club's speaking schedule shows thirty-three members, and out of this number our average attendance is 25. Not so bad, especially during these warm days. Our new president Mr. Fowler, already sees some big meetings coming up.

One, a dinner-dance at Marquette, sponsoring the Public Speaking Class' closing exercises and the opening of a new fall term. This affair, you know, is where we have one hundred guests and divide the speaking end of the program with the Public Speaking Group. Another interesting event is a proposed beach party before the season closes.

- Tom Butler

ANAHEIM

We were delighted to have as guests at our meeting of July 7th, President Fred Hogue and Mrs. Hogue of the Modesto Toastmasters' Club. President Hogue reported to us a live organization in his home town and said that they are continuing through the summer months in Modesto.

The semi-annual election results of the Anaheim Club are as follows: Frank Kellogg, Pres., Ross Phegley, Vice-Pres., A.P.M. Brown, Sec.-Treas. Kellogg is a member of the Anaheim Union High School faculty, Phegley is with the First National Bank. Brown is manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California in Anaheim. He was elected for the fifth consecutive time and is hereby nominated as the most efficient secretary, bar none. Bring on your candidates!! Our records show!!

Are we going to Santa Barbara?? And How!! Anaheim is rather proud of the fact that we have had the largest visiting delegation at all International meetings to date with the exception of the Long Beach meeting when we were passed by the Los Angeles Mutual. However, this club was started through the influence of our good secretary, A.P.M. Brown. It doesn't hurt so much when one of our own children grows up and passes us. But look out for Santa Barbara!! See you there, Senor.

Our good fellow member and "Y" Secretary, Conrad Jongewaard, is on leave of absence while attending the Cleveland meeting and visiting his relatives in the East. He and his family are driving through in the look-alike-new Buick that he was able to talk a fellow out of, due to his training in Toastmastering. We miss him but know he will land back in the fall with a barrel full of good jokes and speeches galore.

We've got more news but I guess this is all the space you can allow. H. Draper

"Here's something to smile over-- we didn't have room in this issue to print any jokes."

SANTA BARBARA

The Santa Barbara Club is busy at present lining up a keen program for the International Meeting in August. A letter sent out by the Convention Committee reads as follows:

We are cordially inviting your club to attend the Toastmasters' International Convention to be held in Santa Barbara on August 29, 1931.

There will be a regular business meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon, followed by a dinner at six-thirty. It is quite essential that we know as soon as possible the number of representatives you are going to have at this convention.

Also, we would appreciate knowing at a very early date, the name of your speaker and the subject of his choice. We might suggest a humorous talk as that always goes over well. Each club is asked to have one speaker, his time to be from five to six minutes.

Any members who are wishing to stay over night had better give their reservations right now as the hotels will be very crowded. If you would kindly give us the names and addresses of all your members, we would appreciate it as there is an amount of advertising literature that we would like to send them direct.

We are expecting a large delegation from your club.



"REMEMBER AUGUST 29th AT 6 P.M."

PASADENA

On July 21st the Club held a meeting at the mountain cabin of A.H. Johnson in the Arroyo Seco. Regular activities have let up to the extent that the Pasadena Club has held but one meeting a month during July and August.

The July meeting was somewhat different from the regular routine. At 6 P.M. the members gathered at the cabin for a fine picnic supper prepared by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Marshall. After the boys had cleaned the boards they all joined in a discussion of--- well anyway it started out with Russia.

They soon adjourned to the horse-shoe pitching courts where the real business of the evening was transacted. For awhile it looked as though Barnes and Marshall were the barnyard champs but Goodhue and T.W. Johnson put the ringer on them to the tune of two to one. Well you can't beat these boys from Iowa.

HERE'S A SUGGESTION MEN!!!

Some of the members of the Pasadena Toastmasters' Club are planning to take in a special four day week-end men's camp at Catalina Island that is being conducted by the Pasadena "Y".

The camp located at Whites' Landing is ideal. Great swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, baseball, gopher-hole golf, etc. Good eats and wonderful sleeping.

It's just the thing you Toastmasters in this vicinity need before starting a hard-busy year. The dates, SEPTEMBER 10th to 14th. Cost \$1.50 a day---you pay your own fare over. Write Pasadena "Y" for information.

SANTA BARBARA----AUGUST 29th

"LET'S GO TO THE FIESTA!!!"