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THE RENDEZVOUS

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meetings of various Toastmasters
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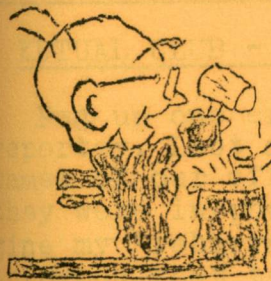
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PEORIA, Ill. Tues 6.00 pm at
University Club
SAN DIEGO, Cal. Mon 6.15 pm at
Army&Navy YMCA
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6.30 pm at YMCA
SANTA ANA, Cal. Wed 6.15 pm at
Ketner's. 4th & Bwy
SANTA BARBARA, Cal. Tues 6.30 pm
at Hotel Carillo
SPOKES CLUB at Thurs 8.00 pm at
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. Can. YMCA
TURLOCK, Cal Mon 6.15 pm at Bwy
White lunch, 142 So.
Bwy.
WENATCHEE, Wash. Thurs 6.30 pm at
Hotel Cascadian

NOTICE

Is YOUR club omitted? Send in
the necessary information, Please.

Make this column grow. Do you
know of a Toastmasters' Club not
shown above. Write GAVEL about it
NOW.

Visit these Clubs. You'll be
welcomed. You will learn something
every time you drop into a stranger
Club.



GAVEL
SPLINTERS

One good thing about the depression--we didn't receive the usual junk this year on the Xmas tree. We wrote Mr. S. Claus for a few presents such as - new voice, good vocabulary, first class gestures, and some good speeches. We received, however, only a card with one word on it-----WORK.

Work reminded us of the New Year, because there is so much to do in the coming months. Have you allowed ample time for Toastmaster activities in your budget?

New Year - new opportunities, pages, friends, clubs, members, responsibilities, growth---all require the old fighting spirit.

The beardless prophet informed me the other day that "The coming year will be a big one for International."

But why wait for January 1st to start your new program of self betterment?? Now that the First is here, let's turn over a new page in the ledger. Everybody out for a record in personal improvement.

Last - but not least, we wish each and every Toastmaster and Toastmistress the best of good wishes for a happy and successful year during 1932.

My! My! I had a great deal more to tell you, but must rush out and dump a few bottles of red ink.

Clarence Marshall.

P.S.

How do you like my new photo shown above? Very pedagogical, I call it.

FAREWELL!
1931

HAIL! 1932

New Year's resolutions at one time were quite popular. In recent years many of us have forgotten the custom in our haste to keep abreast of changing conditions.

Conditions in business and social life have been changing, this no one denies. Sometimes the changes have come so swiftly we scarcely knew the old no longer held.

As for this custom of making resolutions, I believe it may well be retained, especially by all TOASTMASTERS.

The object of a resolution, a real one with determination back of it, is to strengthen one's purpose - that accomplishments during the coming year may exceed those of the past - that things which were left undone might be done toward the culmination of programs and projects which embody improvement or betterment.

During the year 1931 great good was done by all Toastmasters Clubs in helping to spread the movement so dear to our hearts. As individuals, the members of existing clubs have profited much from active participation in Club Programs, and in the affairs of Toastmasters International. BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE!

A faster growth of new clubs, a closer tie between your Club and mine, marked improvement in speaking ability, this is the march of progress.

Let us ALL resolve to increase our interest and efforts in our own Clubs, to the end that in 1932 Toastmasters and Toastmasters International will spread around the globe. Happy New Year.

J. CLARK CHAMBERLAIN

KUTUAL CLUB - LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Peg up one error against your reporter. Last month I gave the names of our officers and stated they were in power one year. Imagine my 'rebarrassment' when I was informed that term is only six months, further that that by-law 'feller' says, "Only one term, no re-election allowed."

New officers just elected are:

President Gary C. Burke, V. P. Tom Glenn, Treasurer Johnny Evers, and Secretary George Muyres. The last was my job last term. If I find the man who said a secretary has a snap-----

Our acuminous Critic (Ah there, Mr. Gates) S.E.Gates, now criticises all speakers. Instead of individual critics, we are called on at random, after each regular speaker, and the one called on must give a two-minute extemporaneous talk for or against the subject of the previous speaker. We find this avoids embarrassing situations and it allows all present to have a chance at speaking.

Our last meeting in 1931 was on Dec. 14th. Adjournment was taken to Jan. 4th, 1932. Prosperity is with our Club and the New Year will increase it. Remember, you are always welcome, Toastmasters. Look us up in the Rendezvous Column, and then come around any Monday night. (Al Huston)

I would not be a kicker,
I always long for peace,
BUT - the wheel that squeaks
is the WHEEL THAT GETS GREASE

Disraëli said, "The secret of success is constancy of purpose."
and

"Apologies only account for that which they do NOT alter."

Those who would be good speakers should remember these quotations.

ONTARIO - CALIF.

Hello! Toastmasters! This is my first attempt at rustling news. While we have not been sending in news, we have been meeting regularly. We take a three months vacation every Summer.

Officers now are President H.T. Wilson, V.P. R.S.Winkle, Secretary Treasurer T.C.Manchester.

We topped off 1931 with a good meeting on Dec. 18th. Roll call brought out several good stories. With Roland Reynolds swinging a mean gavel, F. A. Maurer, Coit Coolidge, and Dr. R.L.Alexander showed us what good speeches really are.

Following our regular program, we held an open Forum to discuss ways and means to improve and enlarge our group. We shall try out some of the suggestions, and if they prove worthwhile, we'll pass on to other Clubs.

Looks like a waiting list for our Club in 1932. Visting Toastmasters are welcome. Look in the Rendezvous Column and dont forget our address. Season's greetings to you all. (T.C.Manchester)

ST LOUIS - MISSOURI

In a letter from George Campbell, 'Y' Secretary, we are informed that his Public Speaking Class hopes to start a Toastmaster Club shortly. Watch the Gavel for developments on this.

To the question, "How shall I make a good speech?", an old man replied, "Say what you have to say, dont quote Latin, stop when you get through, and sit down."

Exceptions do NOT prove the rule. Exceptions TEST the rule, Put it to the proof.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. SENIORS

Election of officers by written ballot occupied our time on Dec. 8th. The new term starts Jan. 1st with President H. C. Fairley, V. P. F. C. Jankowsky, Treasurer W. E. Brown, Secretary Jean Bordeaux.

We closed the year with a bang. On Dec. 15th with 42 Toastmasters, their ladies and friends present, a happy Christmas party was held. "Mother" Campbell, 'Y' House Mother, with her very lovely young ladies, gave us a delicious meal.

Retiring President McCoy presided and thanked the bunch for their support during his term, asking that we continue to help the incoming President to make our Club the biggest and best.

Toastmaster of the evening, Jean Bordeaux, took over at 7 o'clock. He introduced the speakers Messrs: B. M. Tylicki, F. E. Taylor, and W. E. Brown, with our sage critic Douglas Newcomb as a mental sandwich between each speech.

The entertainment committee provided us with lots of fun. Bob Gosson's 'Y' Juniors showed us how to play 'Buzz'. Glen Stewart sang for us, accompanied by his charming sister Kathleen.

Cyrus Trauger persuaded his little daughter Virgene, to give us a pianolog and a comic recitation.

Much to the amazement of all, especially the Toastmaster, he gave the gavel back to the President at 8 o'clock sharp. 'Bill' Fickling is considering whether this deserves a medal of honor, or if it was an error on the part of the clock.

We're looking for a big year in 1932. Drop in any time, you visiting toastmasters. We wish you all a successful new year and many opportunities to wag the chin.

(Alexander Beck)

PASADENA - CALIF.

We journeyed to Los Angeles 'Y' on Dec. 15th to help that Club eat one of their famous chicken pie dinners. Yum! Yum!

What a pow-wow! Big Chief "Swing-em-Gavel" presided in a manner both entertaining and enjoyable.

Soon after the 1st of the year, The Pasadena Tribe will receive Los Angeles Club, and we expect to make plenty of WHOOPEE.

At present we are busy speaking in behalf of the Community Chest Campaign. Our members are grooming their talks in preparation to going out and collecting a great deal mazuma for the needy.

Our biggest toastmaster, Art Johnson, went to Anaheim Dec. 13th as a member of the Committee on Constitution. We haven't found out what they accomplished, altho Art asserts that "That lady Mrs. Paul Demaree, does she make swell whip cream cake, and did I eat it?"
(T.J.Meyers)

An apostle said, "Let no man deceive you with vain words."

LONG BEACH, CALIF. JUNIORS

Our Forum idea works like a charm. Attendance grows with each meeting. Undoubtedly there may be Junior Clubs with more fellowship, but certainly we do not know of them.

With Bill Selleck and his henchmen, and "Wriz" Wrisley as our Mentor, 1932 will be another year of growth for our club.

We welcome inquiries regarding our organization. And would like to hear from any other Junior Toastmasters Club. Address your letters attention Mr. Wrisley.

Bill Selleck

TOASTEES CLUB - ANAHEIM, CALIF.

Boasting of being the first club patterned after the Toastmasters', we have functioned since 1926. During that year a group of wives of the Anaheim Toastmasters' met at the home of Mrs. Conrad Jongewaard and organized. Our 1st President was Mrs. Ruth Henle.

The membership is not restricted to wives of Toastmasters, tho, which permits a broader scope of interest among the women in the community.

All tradition to the contrary, our meetings are conducted in the same manner as those of the strong sex?? with a Toastmistress, several speakers and a critic. Thus we have proved we can and do appreciate constructive criticism.

Our Club has had a marked influence on us and on our community. Several times a year we entertain the husbands. Our most recent affair was the Annual Christmas party. We held a progressive dinner. Each of four courses served at a different place, not all in Anaheim, and we were not thru until nearly dawn.

To add to the entertainment, we used various unusual ways of matching partners for each course, and the reaction was, "The best time in my life."

Officers now in charge are President, Mrs. J. E. Rymer, V.P. Mrs. E. C. Evans, Treasurer Mrs. Otto Idso, Secretary Mrs. H. H. Swoob.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Lighted Palm Inn, 226 North Claudina St., Anaheim, at 6.30 p.m. The first meeting is open to visitors, and we welcome all women interested in organizing such a club as ours.

Remember, the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

(Mrs. J.E.Rymer)

TOASTMISTRESS' CLUB
OF THE LOS ANGELES Y. M. C. A.

We accepted the invitation of the L.A.'Y' Toastmasters' and attended their joint meeting with Pasadena T.M.Club on Dec. 15th. Our President Mrs. Chandler was asked to be our speaker. She appointed Miss. Moore and Mrs. Breckenridge to decorate the tables and prepare the menu cards.

At a recent meeting we had as guest speaker Miss. Edith N. Stanton, General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. here. We were interested in the description she gave of what the Y.W. is trying to do for young women in the community.

On Dec. 22nd we held our Xmas party. One of the amusing features was the Exchange Grab Bag. Presents were limited to a value of not exceeding twenty-five cents.

Those who attended the Los Angeles-Pasadena meeting reported having a very good time. Very favorable comments were made on the Critic from Pasadena.

The officers for the next term were nominated and elected unanimously as follows: President Miss Frances Moore, V.P. Mrs. Jean Bordeaux, Treasurer Miss. Alice Henninger, Secretary Mrs. F. E. Hershman.

Since we had a small surplus in the Treasury, it was decided to give \$5.00 to Mrs. Ellis with the request that she use it in the best way to aid some of the needy boys of the 'Y'.

By vote the Club accepted the invitation to participate in the Dinner and Graduation Exercises of the Public Speaking Class to be held on Jan. 12, 1932.

Installation of the newly-elected officers of our club will be the order of business on the 4th Tuesday in January. Vistors are always welcome to our meetings.

(Mrs. A.P.Foster)

EL PASO - TEXAS

We started the month of December with a round table discussion of the Manchurian situation. You can sit easy now, we settled the matter without blood being spilled.

Toastmaster of the evening was A.L.Holm in person. The Point of Order was shoved home by C. C. Beardsley, and Tom McConn orated on the Sino-Jap question, stating that he would be glad to help the Round-Tablers understand this problem. The League of Nations occupied Dr. Homan, and the good and bad points of our efforts kept the Critic busy.

On the 8th with G.W.O'Neal presiding, we had a hotly contested debate on the Bond Issue which is at present a local bone of contention. The entire club joined the discussion, and final results were, "Let every man vote according to his best judgment."

We find a little parliamentary study each meeting is helpful. This matter is discussed by a different member each week. We wish you all a prosperous and happy new year.

(Wilbur Robinson)

An EDUCATED man cultivates an open mind, never laughs at new ideas, gets along with people, cultivates good habits, knows that as you think, so you are; listens to the man who knows, links himself with great causes, builds an ambition picture to fit his abilities, keeps busy at his highest level, knows he may always learn, does not lose faith, continues to achieve, sneers never, and lives his religion but doesn't boast of it. (Contributed).

How many Toastmasters consider themselves educated men?

What do others think??????

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 'Y' CLUB

Our change of menu from Steaks to hot Chicken Pie seems to keep the attendance up. Then too, we've a first-class Chorister. Every Club should try having a few rousing songs to start the meeting.

On Dec. 15th we had a grand time. A joint meeting with Pasadena Club and the L.A. Toastmistress ladies for our guests. That Critic from Pasadena is a dandy. This reporter did not get Critic's name, nor those of the Pasadena speakers. Maybe it's a secret.

Over 50 present and what a dinner. Our own Dr. Fred Hershman was Toastmaster. Besides doing a snappy job of gavel swinging, he had his four lovely children in to entertain us with clogging, singing, and comedy.

We elect new officers the first Tuesday in January. On Jan. 12th we join with the Public Speaking Class which graduates its forensic stars at that time. After the exercises of the Class, we shall install the new officers. You can expect to see around 100 people that night. Better reserve at once and come prepared to satisfy yourself, all for seventy-five cents.

We are willing to exchange speaker for speaker with any Club any night they want the exchange. We ask for one week's advance notice. Greetings and best wishes to you all.

(Tom Butler)

A Toastmaster asked that we insert a verse occasionally. Here is one:

I pray the prayer the Easteners Do,
May the peace of Allah abide With you;
Wherever you stay, where Ever you go,
May the beautiful Palms of Allah grow;
Thru days of Labor, nights of rest,
The love Of Allah make you blest;
So I Touch my heart-as Easteners do,
May the peace of Allah abide with You.

SAN JOSE - CALIF.

Our meeting on Dec. 7th with E. A. Costello as Toastmaster, was well attended. Art Caldwell and Wells Harrington did the Critic work.

Our Program Committee now arranges for members to speak on subjects close to their hearts. And if you dont let the Toastmaster know your topic--good night!

Dr. Pritchard says an apple a day keeps the doctor away, unless you get the seeds in your appendix. But Dr. Empey remarks that if you fail to get excused by him for absence?????????

Dec. 14th we held our Ladies night at the Hotel Anza. Had it in the newspapers, and everything. Speeches, entertainment, and after a dance with cards for those inclined. The ladies love us heaps more now.

Monday, Dec. 28th we ended our year with Dr. Anthony F. Blanks in charge. He led the discussion of the topic, "General problem of effective delivery with special reference to voice and gesture." What a meeting! Happy New year.
K.L.Boosey

Speak properly, and in as few words as you can, but always plainly; for the end of speech is not ostentation but to be understood.
William Penn.

SANTA ANA - CALIF.

We closed the year with our Dec. 14th meeting. Don Tibbals, our Secretary, passed out the January schedule. With a vacation to Jan. 6th, you may be sure some good speeches will be readied. We find the members enjoy the Table Chat, an informal discussion just before our regular program. The subject is assigned by the President and everyone speaks impromptu.
(H.G.Nelson) 7

SANTA BARBARA - CALIF.

The Oratorical Contest has us stepping. Leroy Hunt will provide a cup for our Finals Winner, and Dwight Faulding will dig up some cash awards.

We expect to hold Finals on Jan 15th, 1932. Hope some of the other Clubs will send a few visitors up because we want to show them how such contests should be held. Oh! we admit we're good.

Membership in the Club holds up well. Negotiations are under way for a possible merger of another Public Speaking Group with ours.

We are dubious about that quotation in last month's Gavel, attributed to Charley Van Winkle. If he made it, we're glad he takes such interest in the Club altho he is back in New York City.

Must rush out and do some broadcasting now. The best to you all this coming year.
(Franklin Howatt)

TURLOCK - CALIF.

Secretary Fitch from Modesto Club was over to see how we do it. Now watch Modesto grow.

Fenner Fuller, our Prexie, recently played a role in a local home talent play, receipts \$3,000.00, all for the unemployed. We do NOT assert that Fenner made the play, but just look at that money the play made.

Our place of meeting has been changed as you'll note in the Rendezvous.

Must go out now and get some Gavel subscriptions. (Note to Ed.- How about a small advance).

Heigho! It's 1932 and lots of work to do. But we wish you all a Happy New Year, lots of good speeches, and much prosperity. There goes my 'Bug', that's thirty for this month, folks. F.H.Gray.



"Whats an I.W.W.", asked the inquiring stranger, and the Service Station man replied, "One of the people who come in here for information, water and wind?"

My wife's sense of humor is poor. The other day I tried to catch her with a good canundrum. "Why are men like mules?" I queried. "Dont judge all men by yourself," was her meaningless reply.

Minister (heaping coals of fire on a strayed lamb): "Consequently you have a splitting headache, parched mouth, and wonder if life's worth living." Penitent - "You're right, sir. I see you've been drunk, too."

Ole came to the garage for repairs. "This morning, ven I start him, it go yumpety-yump, yumpety-yump, and right away, I knew it was a shortning."

A gentlemen strolling encountered a young negro smoking a cigar. "What brand is that, my boy?" "Boss, dat's a Robinson Crusoe." "Why, I never heard of that brand before." "It am jus' a name I made up, suh. You know, that Ole Crusoe was a cat castaway."

Mrs. Newport - "Do you believe in Clubs for married men?"

Mrs. Dover - "Well, Mr. Dover is usually docile, but sometimes I have to use force."

Ikey did a fair business in his general store. A laborer entered seeking a suit case. Nothing was suitable. "When I buy a bag," he declared, "I like to see a little cowhide in it." "Ach, Gott!" cried Ikey, "Here I sell everything, but you want I should do tricks, its a magician vot you want."

Art Johnson asserts he attended a big wedding recently and got to kiss the bride four times before the groom had him thrown out.

Bore - "I always throw myself into anything I undertake." Girl - "Why 8



dont you dig a well?"

I want my haircut and no talk, said the husky chap as he sat down in the barber's chair. "The--" commenced the man in the apron. "No talk, get busy" shouted the heavyweight. The man in the apron started, and when finished the customer surveyed himself in the glass. "Great Scott! It's really true then, that you fellows must talk to do your work properly?" "I dont know," replied the man in the apron, "Ask the barber, he'll be here shortly. I am just a Grocer's clerk in here for a shave."

She - There's an awful rumbling in my stomach, like a cart on a cobbled street.

He - It's probably some of the truck you ate at the Toastmasters' dinner last night.

"I'll explain deductions," said a young law student, airing his knowledge in the home circle. "In our backyard is a pile of ashes. By deduction, that is evidence that we've had fires going this Winter." "By the way," Broke in his father, "You might go out and sift the evidence, Son."

"The little boy seems to have an excellent appetite", commented the presiding elder, gazing at young Bearcat who was doing his best to stow away food. "Eh-yah", replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, "He kin eat most enythin what dont eat him fust."

Old Maid - Has the canary bird had its bath?

Servant - Yes, you can come in now.

"Sure, Pat, and how did you lose the end of your finger like that?" "Well, I was watching this buzz saw and I put out my finger like this - and - Be Jabers! There goes another one."

"Hello, Mose, wheah you-all bin?" "Lookin foh work." "Mose, you heah me, youah cu'osity gonna git you in trouble some day."

More than 300 high school students scattered through various high schools from Santa Barbara to San Diego, California, are busily preparing their speeches for the First Annual High School Public Speaking Contest sponsored by Toastmasters' International.

Preliminaries have already been held at Santa Barbara and Santa Paula high schools. Now the winners of First and Second places are perfecting their speeches for their appearance before the Santa Barbara Club.

From San Diego we learn that they have prepared a cabinet in which to place the trophy won by San Diego. This is known as the height of confidence.

Santa Ana and Anaheim clubs have several high schools entered. Finals in these two cities will be held in February, 1932.

The Anaheim club will make this contest the program feature following the banquet of the International Council on February 27, 1932. At all previous meetings during the past year, the oratory has been furnished by representatives from the various Clubs.

There will be at least eight of these high school boys and girls to give us six minute speeches written by themselves on matters in which they are interested. We shall be given the viewpoint of youth on many problems in which we are interested.

The Committee hopes to have each club represented by at least three judges. This will make a group of approximately thirty judges upon whose shoulders will rest the burden of selecting the best speaker from the many high school pupils entered. Because of the pulchritudinous girls, it may be necessary to blindfold a part, or all of the judges.

Long Beach Club may sponsor a few entrants to the contest after the Christmas holidays.

Ontario Club held a similar contest last March at Chaffee Junior College. The winner was Miss. Viola Allen, with Eddie Wells at her heels for Second Prize.

The High Schools and their students are enthusiastic about the contest. Because they are allowed to select their own subject, and may win either First or Second and thus have another chance at the Finals, the contestants declare it the best competition they have found.

Santa Barbara Club reports the Santa Maria High School is now holding preliminaries. Most interesting of all, the Finals at Santa Barbara Club will be broadcast over Radio Station KDB. This will be about Jan. 15th, 1932.

The Anaheim Club is searching now for a suitable cup which will be presented to the winner, with his or her name engraved upon it. Three successive wins by one School and it becomes their property.

Clubs who sponsor these contests will be astonished at the publicity received. At Santa Paula where Velma Chamberlain and Harold Duley won First and Second in the preliminaries, the papers gave almost half a page to writing up the event.

At Santa Barbara Virginia Clements and John Westwick came in 1st and 2nd respectively.

If your club is interested, write Paul Demaree, 322 North Pine Street, Anaheim, California, for details, entry blanks, etc.

The most novel program ever put on before the International Council will be that at Anaheim on Feb. 27th, 1932, when Finals of the contest are held.

PEORIA - ILLINOIS

Tom Pearman's appeal in behalf of the Community Fund was so enticing that several of the boys put their hands in their pockets, and grabbed the old wallets. We haven't learned if this was preparatory to donating, or merely protection.

Under the Presidency of J.L.Hack abetted by Secretary W.W.Bassett, we are progressing to greater heights and attendance is holding up well.

While we envy the lucky clubs in Sou. Calif. our genial Critic Dr. Whitlock warms us up frequently with his kindly illustrations of our faults and ways to correct these. He has done much for our Club.

Speaking of climate, we are having roses and strawberries now, instead of snow and ice and cold. In California, according to the papers they are having some of our weather. Use discretion, please, we said Strawberries, and don't mean raspberries.

It is against Gavel's policy to advertise so I can't tell you of the nice pies and cakes I make.
(C.A.Fisher)

SPOKES CLUB-NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

That B.C. does not mean 'Before the Crach' but British Columbia. The closing year finds us busy polishing up our whys and wherefores in preparation of graduating from Frank Paulding's Chin Wagging emporium.

On Dec. 12th the Class Toast Night went off well with Norman McDonald tossing the gavel about, while Gene Roy and Robert Pound rustled the eats and entertainment.

You should have been with us on our trip to Langley Prairie where, we helped the Kiwanis entertain their ladies and our's, too. The
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gavel was handed to Fred Green. He introduced several entertaining features, then two debating teams from our Club. The momentous question "Resolved that the modern advertising is more detrimental than beneficial to society" was won by the Affirmatives.

Clearing the floor, we coaxed Fred Windle to the Steinway and everyone tripped the light fantastic into the wee sma hours.

We extend the Season's greetings to Toastmasters and Toastmistresses everywhere.
(S.F.Marks)

SAN DIEGO - CALIF.

The Club decided to burn Old Man Depression at the stake. To do this we had many Beach Parties, Guest Nights, Ladies Nights, etc., during the year.

Topping off a very successful year our wives were invited on Dec. 21st, to a grand Christmas party. There were a few speeches, but they paled into insignificance in comparison with the special stunts, playlets and general bally hoo which accompanied the old-fashioned method of presenting all present with some gift from a real Xmas tree.

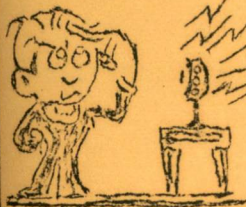
Whether its the climate or the fact that we live on the border, anyhow those at the party were full of pep and pronounced the affair a great success.

Our Oratorical Contest entrants are out to win the Finals at Anaheim. Judging from what we have heard, these boys and girls will make many an adult Toastmaster look to his laurels.

Looking forward to a very happy New Year, we wish the same to you all, Folká.

And remember! You are always welcome to attend our meetings.

(Chet Van Duzen)



* THE * APPENDIX *

Gavel starts the New Year with several reporters suffering from Xmasitis. Or early attacks of the Spring Fever.

No news at all from Eureka, Pittsburg, Moline, Glendale, Whittier, Beverly Hills, Honolulu, Wenatchee, Seattle, or Modesto.

IDENTIFY yourself if you belong to International Toastmasters and wear the emblem. Send your order to Gavel Editor. The price is \$2.00.

St Louis, Missouri, will have their Toastmasters' Club operating soon. If interested, get in touch with George Campbell of the YMCA in St Louis.

Some new clubs in the Rendezvous this month, and some others are dropped out. Ontario has an active reporter. Their first news is in this issue.

The Beverly Hills Club writes "We dont care to visit, nor to receive visitors. We're entirely too busy to be bothered." If you go to Beverly Hills, take along the dog. Or a motor cop, anything for protection.

That Toastees Club from Anaheim will be a friendly rival to the Los Angeles Toastmistress Club. Wonder when there'll be an International Toastmistress' group.

Turlock Club is a protege of Modesto Club. Jack Hazard of Modesto started both these groups and he has given them lots of momentum.

Did you notice the splinters sailing from the desk of the chap who writes Gavel Splinters. He was so tickled about Christmas, he had to knock wood. Sssh! Dont say it.

The President used lots of big words in his message. Another year or so of Toastmastering, and he will swamp us with erudition.

Well, there's one honest T.M. That's the reporter for Mutual Club. Starts his article off with an admission of error. He seems to have a strangle hold on some high-powered words, too.

The Oratorical Contest is a sure-fire attraction judging from the reports sent in. Every Club is sure it will win. While that may not be, it adds to the interest.

Several Clubs tried the open Forum method and had good results. It is very informative to read how different clubs use varying ways to reach the same goals.

That Los Angeles Reporter Tom Butler must be from de Souff. He wrote so much about chicken pie suppers, I had to run over and get a sandwich. If that happens again, I'll dock his pay.

San Jose has lots of Doctors in their Club, and seemingly all these medicos are tough hombres, at least in this month's news.

Well, Mr. Fisher, you can fix me up a pie or a cake any time. (Put this in just to see how many read this paper).

That Canadian bunch certainly are active. And their reporter is a bearcat when it comes to news. He sends in names, and all. San Diego and several other clubs do not seem to want any individual names in their news items.

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