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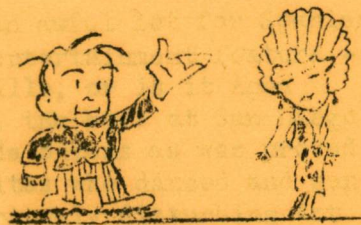
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R E N D E Z V O U S



WHERE THE TOASTMASTERS AND THE TOAST-
MISTRESSES MEET - EAT - and - T A L K

- ANAHEIM, Calif. TUES 6.30 P.M. at the
Highway Tea Gardens.
- BERKELEY, Calif. THUR 6.30 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- EL PASO, Texas TUES 6.30 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- EVERETT, Wash. TUES 6.15 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- GLENDALE, Calif. THUR 6.15 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- HONOLULU, T.H. WED 5.30 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- JAMAICA, N.Y. THUR 8.00 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- LONG BEACH, Cal. TUES 6.16 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- LOS ANGELES 'Y' TUES 6.30 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- MODESTO, Calif TUES 6.15 P.M. at the
Cedars, 1603 'I' Street
- MOLINE, Ill. FRI 6.15 P.M. at YMCA
- ONTARIO, Calif. WED 6.30 P.M. at the
Hotel Ontario
- PASADENA, Calif. TUES 6.00 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- PEORIA, Ill TUES 6.00 P.M. at the
University Club
- PITTSBURG, Kan TUES 6.00 P.M. Y.M.C.A.
- SAN DIEGO, Cal MON 6.15 P.M. at the
Army & Navy YMCA
- SAN JOSE, Calif 2nd & 4th MON. 6.30 PM
at Hotal De Anza
- SANTA ANA, Cal. WED 6.15 PM at Ketners
Cafe, 4th & Broadway
- SANTA BARBARA, Cal TUES 6.30 PM at the
Hotel Garillo
- SEATTLE, Wash ??????????????????????
- SPOKES CLUB OF NEW Thur 8.00 PM at YMCA
- WESTMINSTER, B.C. Can
- TURLOCK, Calif MON 6.15 PM at the
Broadway White Lunch
- WENATCHEE, Wash THUR 6.30 PM at the
Hotel Cascadian
- TOASTMISTRESS' CLUBS
- Los Angeles 2nd & 4th TUES 6.15 PM at
Downtown Y.M.C.A.
- Ontario, Calif. 1st & 3rd MON 6.30 PM at
Hotel Ontario.

Can YOU add to this column? Send in the time, place, and date of meetings. We will appreciate corrections to the above, as well as additions.

News Items must be in by the 20th of the months. GET YOURS IN NOW.



Gavel
Splinters

C. F. Marshall

The theme song of the ages, "it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good," can be proved in most any instance. Right now for example, when money is scarce, positions few, atmosphere depressed - we have more time to turn to 'Free Speech' and thus employ ourselves and get a "kick" out of life.

Did you ever stop to think about it - this June Bride matter - it is the fellow that makes the speech and the girl who gets her picture in the papers.

We hope they establish a club in Australia - think of going there to an International Convention - stopping off at the South Sea Isles en route.

We noticed the other day that our good patron, Ralph Smedley, burst into print with a poem in the Association Forum. Not only was it a good poem but the content was very much to the point.

The Toastmasters' International is getting into the newspapers in a good way. Recently in the Los Angeles Times a column was given us by Lee Shippey. In Pasadena, Will Blair, Star News Columnist gave us good notice. (Ed. Note, Never mind that 'best Paper in the Country' stuff).

Jamaica (N.Y.) club has plenty of ginger. You have to go thru the mill and prove yourself before you gain entrance. Methinks I hear one prospect say to another "Ja-mak-er?"

Have you ever attended an International Toastmasters' Council? Sit in at the next one. Share your ideas and incidently, get some new ones.

There were many notables at the San Diego meeting, including Dr. J. Gustav White. What is he Doctor of? Dont be silly He's a Doctor of Common Sense. He has an uncommon way of putting his finger on the seat of trouble.

We dont care an awful lot for Spanish food, but as an entertainment feature - bring on Old Seville, or is it Agua Caliente? Anyhow, the boys at San Diego know their Bermuda onions as was proved by the lovely senoritas who danced and sang while we ate, seriously disturbing Art Johnson, who complained of a post obstructing his view.

Historical note - The Spanish couldnt learn to make their fingers snap; so some one in Madrid invented the castanets. However, when the Spanish moved to California, the Indians taught them how to snap the fingers.

It was a keen banquet at San Diego. And the best speakers we ever heard at an International Council.

We object to putting prize stubs in a fish bowl, because we never were good at fishing. Someone said, "Ah, must be suckers about," when the fishbowl appeared.

Ask the traffic cop for his ticket. Oh yes sir!

For the delegates who drove down, they should have had five gallons of gas as a prize.

Mighty fine to see some of the speakers win the door prizes. Those boys worked plenty to put over their speeches.

Did you see Harry Hill's smile. We hear that Armour's are after him to advertise that slogan "The smile that wont come off. By the way, Harry got up at 5 a.m. and came 200 miles to be at the convention. Congratulations, Harry.

Did you see Ralph Smedley beaming as he presented the grand prize to Fred Eley. And wasnt Fred and his group a happy gang. Boy! Have they a timing light now. A regular knockout.

Clark Chamberlain was in good shape. He trotted out all the celebrities with well chosen words.

The 10th Council certainly made history and also some very happy memories for all concerned. Next time will be at the Whittier Summer School. Come up, Boys, and get a little education. See you next month.

Looks like a big year for us. Have a set of new officers and they will be sure to set a real goal for us.

Leo Schmid President, Doc. Knudtson, Vice president, Robley Veall, Secretary-Treasurer. We even put in a new group of Committee Chairmen.

Doc. Bruce reports applications coming in rapidly. We adopted this form which must be o.k'd. by the Membership Committee upon presentation by the applicant. Not high hat, you know, but just to make the boys WANT to join.

Jim Willey reports many radio talks. Jim is our Outside Activities Chairman. He's the lendingest man. Loaned all of us to the local Prosperity Builders to boost their program on the radio. You can hear the Toastmasters of San Diego every night at KGB or KFSB either at 5 or 6 P. M. All you DX hounds, bend an ear and hear us talk. During the rest of May A.C. Acason, Jim Willey, Clark Chamberlain, Paul Richelson, Robley Veall, Doc Bruce, and Gavel's finest reporter (ahem!) will broadcast nightly.

During May Clark Chamberlain gave two 20 minute outside talks, and also talked twice to Ladies Clubs. His wife went along, tho. J. W. Percival made a talk at Kiwanis Club, and A.C. Acason gave two talks to outside groups.

Program Chairman Fred Heidlebach has promised some excellent evenings. Among them were a City Council meeting, a Debate on Prohibition, and a Campaign talk. Incidentally we have been moving about recently trying the acoustics of various halls. Right now it looks like Dartlee Hall at 3680 Sixth Avenue will be our choice.

You should see our Council Program committee all running around in a lather, preparing for the caravans of Toastmasters on the 28th. We have several dandy prizes to pass out to lucky clubs that night. However, that is a secret. Come around next month, I get better as I age and my next contribution will be one of the gems of the century. See me at the Convention.

Ken. Hallawell.

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We have closed for the Summer after the most successful season we have ever had. Probably we will have one get-together during the Summer.

The work has been acclaimed by all who have participated, and we have been happy to make many outside appearances.

Last Fall we opened our season, the 12th to date, and in addition to the Spokes club, we had a womens' and a mens' Public Speaking Class. Our own Frank Paulding, than whom there is no whomer, was the coach for both classes, and also our gen-ial critic.

Spokes club organized in the fall with Fred Green as president, S. F. Marks, secretary, (later succeeded by Roy Hay). For eight sessions we found much profit in using Wiggam's book "Exploring the mind" as a basis for discussion.

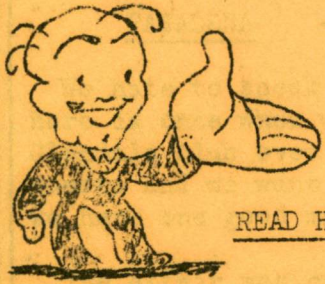
Debates, socials, inter-club talks and visits to adjacent cities kept us busy. We won every debate with Vancouver, and put on entertainments at many Fraser Valley points.

Frequently we had the speaking classes meet with us. The women were exceptional and won two debates with Vancouver.

It is interesting to see how far our club influence spreads. Every civic organization in the community here has ex-Spokesmen as present or past presidents. The Kiwanis, Rotary, Gyro, Board of Trade, Retail Merchants, and other clubs admit that Spokesmen are leaders. At almost all oratorical and debating contests here, some of our boys act as judges.

We are proud of our reputation. Glad to have groups continually call up and ask for speakers from our club, and we try to fill every request. We have made thousands of outside talks and believe we can compete with San Diego on that activity. Each year we compete for the D.S. Curtis Public Speaking cup. Invariably it is won by a member of this Club. To date the winners are Dr. W.A. Robertson, Dr. Emery Jones, D.J. McGugan, J.E. Paulding, F.B. Gillespie, and S.B. Buchanan.

Frank Paulding.



PRESIDENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL
GETS BIG HAND

READ HIS MESSAGE, ITS A WOW

The subject of OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES has been pretty well covered in this column during the past 18 months. On several occasions reference has been made to the remarkable opportunity offered Toastmasters in the field of outside speaking activity, and perhaps without question we accept the statement that thru such work the average toastmaster may become a proficient public speaker.

Most of us evidently recognize the self improvement opportunity and occasionally take advantage of it, but little or no emphasis has been placed on the value to the community of properly directed, outside speaking engagements.

Just now in cities throughout the country, there is a great need for well organized campaigns against doubt and fear on the part of people who should be acting normally and thinking sanely. The clearest thinkers in this country today are absolutely satisfied that there is no need for conditions to continue as during the past few months, and that with the dispelling of doubt and fear, we shall see a decided upturn in business and in employment.

In line with such reasoning, we have seen the inauguration of such national campaigns as that sponsored by the President's Stabilization Committee, the Citizens Reconstruction Organization, etc. These campaigns have been fairly effective reaching out to most sections of the country. In fact, in several Southern California cities at least, the cooperation of toastmasters clubs has been secured in assisting with radio programs and in general speaking engagements to help insure the success of the campaigns.

The activity along lines of building confidence tho limited, indicates the possibilities of such movements, and we are certain to see more programs of this character in the near future. The success

of any such program depends largely upon the ability of the speakers chosen to prepare and deliver its messages, and in this connection all Toastmasters Clubs could be of great service to the community, in largely assuming this speaking responsibility.

We have thoroughly recognized the value to the individual in participating in outside speaking engagements, now let us think of the assistance we might render the community in accepting a speaking obligation which no other organization is so well fitted to undertake.

Each city has its individual problems to work out, and frequently the only solution is to launch a speaking campaign to carry the problem to the people. No matter what the situation may be, it seems that here is work that the Toastmasters Clubs may well shoulder, assuming of course that the campaign is non-political and is actually of civic interest.

Even tho your club does not feel itself in a position to carry the entire responsibility of such a speaking campaign, it is always possible to tie in with other organizations or individuals designated for this purpose. A good illustration of such cooperation is the San Diego Club's work in the PROSPERITY BUILDERS campaign. This movement is being supported by every club in the city, and while we handle many assignments each week, there are others speaking for the program.

In offering your Club's services as a Speakers Bureau or in cooperation with other organizations, much favorable publicity is sure to result, but this should be of secondary importance. While we do not advertise our clubs as SERVICE clubs, here is a great opportunity to demonstrate that we are able and willing to render a type of service that other groups are not fitted to render. Here, in fact, is our opportunity to be of real service to ourselves and to the community in which we live.

As your President, I shall be happy to hear from Toastmaster Clubs anywhere in the world, telling me what civic programs you have sponsored, or how you have aided other groups to further projects beneficial to your city, and your country.

PASADENA - CALIFORNIA

We hate to speak about ourselves but here is once when we must. We had the Glendale Club over the other night as our guests and we want to tell the world that we have one good meeting.

The affair was crammed full of humor and action from start to finish, and there were some good speeches from those on the program.

Art Johnson, Bon Vivant and Raconteur de luxe (he wont know what these mean) was toastmaster of the evening, being presented by our President Ted Johnson.

President Cullen of Glendale and Ted of our club threw bouquets at themselves and us for a few minutes. We had some fine singing by a baritone who is nearly as good as Tibbetts. Maybe better, but we are modest. Oh yeah! That lovely lady who accompanied the baritone, is married to one of the toastmasters.

Clarence Marshall told some stories and never made a single pun. Jean Bordeaux ate a couple dinners and was going strong when I left. We had some Lions there, too. And did they find opportunities to pass the box back and forth. In this little box with a bird atop, we pay the fines assessed against us by satrapic and arbitrary tyrants. (That pays the two dollar fine I owe).

The battery in our Timing Light has run down and we decided to adjourn for the Summer. June 7th is our last meeting until September. It will be a ladies nite and we cordially invite any toastmasters to come visit us - BUT LET US KNOW FIRST. One must be careful about the stranger within the gate.

It will be a grand and glorious meeting from start to finish, plenty of friendly atmosphere, good looking men and women, and best of all, the kind of food that makes Art Johnson smile. I might make a speech myself. However, we have room for only 75 and there is no use in swamping the place.

Drop around to my hospital any time, I will be glad to sew you up. Speaking of operations, arent these doctors cut-ups?

Art Hendricson 5

ONTARIO - CALIFORNIA

I've looked vainly for news in Gavel of the Clubs in Washington, but they may be rained in. And how about Glendale, San Jose, and Modesto? What is there to excuse those clubs?

Our Apr. 20th meeting devoted to crime was aptly applied by the criminal way we handled H.C.Kirkpatrick, Toastmaster of the evening and his first offense. But he got thru splendidly.

May 4th we discussed California. From the mountains to the deserts and from the cactus weed to Sequoia Gigantea. Nothing to it, our state tops them all.

May 13th we put on our program at 1st Baptist church here, as guests of the Men's Bible Class. They gave us a dandy fish dinner. City of Ontario was the general topic. H.M.Ely, President of the Class, presided and introduced our Toastmaster D.E. Vowles. Speakers Fred Maurer, E. J. Ritter, T. C. Manchester, and C. W. Jaggard orated on "Early History of Ontario"; "Present Ontario"; "Future Ontario"; and "Romance of Ontario's Industries" respectively.

May 18th we held finals of the annual extemporaneous speaking contest which we sponsor for Chaffey Junior College Students. Our president Batchelor introduced Miss, Lois Le Baron Avery, Head of English at Chaffey, and she served as Toastmistress. Speakers and subjects; John Merkel, "The National Parks of California"; Conrad Stroh, "De Anza"; Harold Wells, "El Dorado". Our ballots selected Harold Wells first, Conrad Stroh second, John Merkel third. First place received an engraved medal, and Second and Third engrossed certificates. The awards were made by W.E.Baier.

With such splendid young people developing in our own city, the Toastmasters here do not fear the future. We know that we have special talent ready at hand, and these winners will soon be full-fledged Toastmasters. Clubs who want something to create interest and friendship, should try this method.

We have been sponsoring these contests for some years, and each year find them more popular.

T. C. Manchester



Judge: "What charge, Officer?"

Officer: "Driving while in a state of extreme infatuation."

Judge: "Hold for the psychopathic ward."

One salesman met another recently in a 5 and 10 restaurant. "What's the matter, Bill? eating crackers and milk. Are you on a diet?" "No, on commission."

Little girl (radio fan, disturbed at her prayers by scratching on the screen door) "Please stand by, God, while I let the cat out."

An angler was describing to a friend the size of a salmon he had caught. "Biggest salmon you ever saw," he boasted. "How big exactly?" asked the friend. "O.K.," said the sportsman glancing around the room. "Let's get outside where I can give you the real dimensions."

Strolling through a cemetery reading the epitaphs, a colored boy paused before one which read, "Stranger, I am not dead, but sleeping." Long the boy gazed, then turned away and said, "Man, Man, you aint foolin' anyone but yourself."

Guide: Here is the Leaning Tower of Pisa. American Tourist: Pisa? Dont sound like his name, but it certainly looks like the work of that chap who built my garage.

Flapper (to cop at busy intersection) What's the idea, no lights here? Cop: I'm the light at this corner, young lady. Flapper: O.K. pal. Turn green so I can cross, willya.

Clark Chamberlain (to Yo Editor): Say, who writes the jokes in Gavel? Editor: I do, why? Chamberlain: Dont kid me, you cant be that old.

Art Johnson says his idea of a good job would be striking a gong every time a century plant blooms.

Fond Toastmaster (practicing a few oratorical flourishes) Wifie Dear, does my speaking make you nervous? Tired wife: It did at first but I'm getting so now that I dont care what happens to you.

Ali Baba: Open! Door: Sez who?
Ali Baba: Sesame!

Lady of the house: I'll see him in a minute. Tell him to take a chair.

Maid: I did, ma'am, but he said he'd start with the piano and radio.



Was father violent when you asked for my hand? Was he? He nearly shook my hand off.

Speaking of ancestors remarked a chap to some friends, mine were at the signing of the Magna Charta. Whereupon Ikey Cohn said, "Voll, mine were vid Moses at the signing of the Ten Commandments."

Two girls passed a blind beggar. One girl stopped and put in a coin. Catching up with her companion she remarked, "I had to give that poor blind man a quarter. I was so touched when he said, 'Please help the blind, pretty lady!'" "Did he say that?" murmured the friend. "Well, that proves he really is blind, doesnt it."

Returning from a trip to the city, a colored man told his friends of the wonders he had seen. "Yas suh, and in one o' dem banks the man has a sponge in a dish by his side, to keep his fingers from gettin red hot, count of he counts the bills so fast. He done tol me so hisself."

I didnt know you studied sign painting at Colloge?
I didnt, I had a flivver.

I had my voice tried.
What was the verdict?
Fine.
Who paid it?

Dad, what is the difference between a Trade and a Profession? "Oh, a Trade is something you begin charging for while practicing."

Mother, "You know Norma is almost 17 years old, so today I had a frank discussion with her about life." Father: "Did you learn anything now?"

Mrs A: My husband has no idea what I go thru when he snores. Mrs B: Mine never misses his small change either.

Mother: Marjorie, why do you shout in that way. Marjorie: I'm pretending I'm you, mother, talking to papa.

BERKELEY - CALIFORNIA

We organized last October with City Manager H. R. Thompson as guest speaker. Wright Morton, attorney and president of Associated Students of the University of California was made temporary chairman and two weeks later our first president. Henri Sanguinetti vice president and Geo McNutt, Secretary.

Much credit is due these leaders who have helped our growth till we now have 32 members and a regular turnout of 25 to 30 at each meeting. (Jamáica, N.Y. Club, please note).

Recently we elected officers for the four months of Summer. George McNutt, president, Stuart Whyte, vice president, and Dr. C. I. Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer.

The best stunt we have pulled was our mock National Nominating Convention. Several speakers were chosen, then paired according to their preference for President. One speaker nominated, the other made the seconding speech. So popular was this affair, that we did it twice since.

We are well-established and already famous in our metropolis. Some of these days we shall send in our dues to the International. Meanwhile, we will welcome all visiting Toastmasters and Toastmistresses.

Ben Rickli

TURLOCK - CALIFORNIA

Just back from 2 weeks along the Coast and at Vancouver, B.C. We took along a copy of Gavel but somehow never connected with any club meetings, much to our disgust. We especially regretted missing at New Westminster, where those "Spokes" men are excellent, so we heard at Vancouver.

Missed two meetings while away, first I missed since we organized. Came back to find a debate on. First, they decided not to approve the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue. And now we are deciding what to do with the Wright Act. I tell you, it takes the Toastmasters to settle these big questions.

We dont know what to do about sending a representative down to the San Diego Council (see bottom of next column) 7

SAN JOSE - CALIFORNIA

Do we get publicity? Gave our semi-annual dinner and sport dance at the Hotel Anza and the papers gave us a half column.

Our speakers were Fred Saxton, L. V. Owen, Virgil L. Rankin, and Dr. Paul T. Martin. The subjects were respectively; Humor, The 5 year plan, Kidnapping, and Criticizing the critics. The address of welcome was made by President H. Price Webb and L. H. Quinley was Toastmaster.

State College sent some lovely girls to sing for us, the Misses; Priscilla Sword, Evelyn Cavala, and Margaret Davenport. Jack Peters had charge of arrangements and did a splendid job, too.

All the boys were out in their best bibs and tuckers, and the ladies were dolled up in gorgeous style. We ate, sang, talked and danced into the wee small hours.

On May 9th we nominated officers for the coming term. At the same time we inaugurated the alternate speaking plan, whereby we are sure to have speakers. If a scheduled speaker gets lost in San Francisco, or way points, the alternate steps in and fills the spot.

We elected officers on May 23rd but we will keep the names secret until next issue, thus making certain to have some news for Gavel. If the Editor doesnt yelp for news, some of the clubs will, so we shall fool 'em this time.

Belvin Vincent

(Continued from left hand column)

because if we send Swanson, Peterson, Youngdale, Wallin, or Anderson, they may lapse into Swedish. That would mean the Council would have to hire an interpreter. They might say something important which would be lost. If they ever did say something important, we cant take the chance of missing it.

Found the ocean still washed the shores all along the coast, altho you might not think so, reading some of the advertisements in the magazines. Canada continues to be on the North, also those small states Oregon and Washington.

What happened to Modesto??? No news???
Frank Gray.

THE TOASTMISTRESS' CLUB OF

ONTARIO - CALIFORNIA

We are proud of our members and their progress, and happy to have this opportunity to publish something about our activities.

On Oct. 15, 1928 in the American Legion Dining Room here, we first met to discuss forming a club. Miss. Dana Williams president of the Business and Professional Womens Club of Ontario conceived the idea of organizing to acquire ease and fluency in public speaking.

We meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 6.30 p.m. in the Hotel Ontario. Membership is limited to 25 and each may bring a guest. We always have a large crowd.

Officers are president, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, Timekeeper, and Critic. Term of office six months.

At our meetings we have a Toastmistress Three speakers, One Toast, and General Critic who is Miss. Lois Baron Avery of the English Department at Chaffoy High School.

During the Summer we go on picnics and swimming parties but always have the regular business meeting and program.

We have a constitution and by-laws we drew up ourselves. We would be glad to forward a copy to any Toastmistress' Club.

Starting at tiny buds we have grown and unfolded and some day hope to be full grown roses of public speaking.

We have been happily surprised to hear of Gavel and read it with interest. We shall look for news of other Toastmistress' clubs, and welcome members of such groups at any time.

My thanks to the Editor for his kindness in urging that we send him news, and thanks, too, to T.C. Manchester of the Toastmasters' Club for calling us to the attention of the Toastmasters' International.

Alda Kirkpatrick, President.



THE TOASTMISTRESS' CLUB OF THE

LOS ANGELES Y. M. C. A.

On April 26th we installed our newly elected officers. Miss. Frances Moore, retiring president, was the installing officer.

Those installed were President, Mrs. Frederick Hershman, Vice president Mrs. P. A. Foster, Secretary Mrs. L. L. Henninger, Treasurer Dr. Florence M. Dunlap, Sergeant-at-Arms Mrs. F.K. Breckenridge.

Toastmistress of the evening Mrs. Walter Stark introduced the following speakers - Mrs. P. A. Young, Dr. Florence Dunlap, Mrs. R. A. Jewett, Mrs. Jean Bordeaux.

Miss. Dorothy Stark gave us a pleasant interlude with her special entertainment.

May 10th we joined with the Toastmaster's Club and with the Public Speaking Class to sponsor a dinner open to all friends.

The feature of the program was the 16 speakers from the Public Speaking Class. Each spoke for three minutes and we believe this is the largest number of speakers ever to appear on a program lasting only two hours.

Mrs. L. C. Chandler was toastmistress at our meeting on May 24th. Mrs. Chandler is the organizer and founder of the Los Angeles Club.

We now have 21 active members and keep on growing. The news from Ontario is a strong incentive to us. We are looking forward to hearing from that group, and from any other Toastmistress Clubs wherever located.

Mrs. Walter Stark

ELSIE JANIS' PRAYER

God, let me live each lonely day, so I may know that come what may I've lived the way you want me to. Forgive me if I do not pray the ultra-sanctimonious way in church, on every Sabbath Day as some folks do. But let me know if I should stray that I may stop along the way at any time of night or day, and talk with You.

(Contributed)

Here you are, latest news from the great metropolis of the West. Your reporter is open for cigars, candy, baby layettes and what have you. Also congratulations for my good wife. We now have a 1932 model Toastmaster who weighed 9 lbs 6 oz. when delivered here. Mother and baby are doing well, especially the baby. He hasn't asked for me yet, but I am convinced he has a good speaking voice. This new arrival necessitated my being absent from one meeting.

Paul Demaree was chosen by our club as speaker for the International meeting at San Diego. He is one of our crack men. No wise cracks on that, either. So far as I know now his subject will be on the question of war with Japan. But Paul is not bellicose or pugnacious. If you haven't met him, then you haven't heard anything about the International High School oratorical contests. Be sure to look him up at San Diego. You could go to the zoo there, but the exhibits can't talk, Paul can.

Recently we took into membership a printer and an oculist. We now have representatives from most trades and professions in our club. We have an opening now for bootleggers, or what have you. (Ed. I wonder?)

Bob Ramsey, our fiery and zealous democratic spell-binder is grooming up for the Fall. We expect some good speeches from both sides during the campaign. Bob says Al Smith is a good talker, too.

Three 8-minute speeches and one 12-minute talk is the order now in our Club. A critic for each speaker and one member selected as General Critic each night. Did you ever try the 12 minute stuff? If you think it is easy, you're a wonder. And try being General Critic sometime. Expose all the errors, praise all the good points and see how far short you are in pleasing everyone.

Paul tells me he is working on the oratorical contest, lining up programs & plans. He, Franklin Howatt and that scribbler, Jean Bordeaux were hobnobbing in Los Angeles recently. Shhhhh! I hear my new Toastmaster calling me.

May 24th was the big night for us. We held the second bimonthly speaking contest to see who was the best speaker during the past eight weeks. To add to the jollity, the campaign for new members to the club was kept in the fore.

About 35 members and their ladies sat at the dinner presided over by president Dr. F. Edward Taylor. He tried a new way of having visitors introduce themselves.

At 7 p.m. the visiting General Critic of the evening Wm. Goggin, appointed Dr. C. Moorehouse and Mr. Shell as assistant judges. Dr. Taylor appointed Dr. F. Jan-kowsky as Timekeeper. He had to be taught the intricacies of the new timing device made and presented to us by Dr. McCoy.

Floyd Webster, one of our new members, was a splendid Toastmaster. He introduced speakers Dr. N.R. McCoy, Dr. H.C. Fairley, Jean Bordeaux, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Floyd Todd, Dr. B.M. Tylicki, and R.H. (Bob) Gossom. The subjects were respectively; Human Errors, Failure, Leadership, Human Needs, Courage, Lord Lister, Pine Trees.

Judges retired and we heard about the San Diego convention from our good friend Leo Schmid, President of that club. You can't beat that group for enthusiasm and Toastmastership.

Dr. H.C. Fairley was adjudged the winner and will represent us at the Convention, as well as being in the Annual Club contest here. Our old mentor Bill Goggin then criticized the speakers, the T.M. and the president, ~~in~~ as only Bill can criticize. Somehow he can hold up your faults and make you laugh at them, while promising yourself that never will you repeat such mistakes.

Three weeks ago our club was divided in two by the president. Each half made a team and named the Bedbugs and the Cockroaches. Each team went out to bring in new members and guests, receiving so many points for each one, with new members counting the most. We are speedily nearing our membership limit under this plan. After another two or three weeks we will give the winners a big dinner, paid for by the losers.

"MR. PRESIDENT"

Answers those questions which have puzzled you so often.



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A new booklet for chairmen and presidents is in preparation by Ralph C. Smedley, the Daddy of all Toastmaster Clubs.

This booklet has been compiled to meet the needs of people who desire to get a simple, practical guide to successful presiding.

It is written in simple language, not technical. It does NOT go deeply into Parliamentary law. It deals with the common problems and duties of the president, and offers suggestions as to how he may best serve.

The chapter headings reveal the plan of the book. These are The President as Pilot; The President as Referee; The President as Toastmaster; The President as a Pinch Hitter.

The booklet will be issued in mimeograph form, bound in strong serviceable covers, and it is copyrighted by Ralph C. Smedley who will be pleased to receive your orders at fifty cents per copy. Address - The YMCA, Santa Ana, Calif.

The above is the first advertisement in Gavel. The editor will appreciate comment from the clubs on this feature. No advertisements will be accepted, unless the Editor is convinced that Toastmasters' Clubs can use the product advertised.

The above booklet has been reviewed by your Editor. It is a splendid piece of work. It does NOT compete with Robert's or Cushing's Manuals.

Orders will be filled in sequence of receipt. The book will be ready for distribution on or about June 15th.

The Editor

Several Clubs have written the Editor on the subject of smoking at Toastmasters' Clubs. Some of our Clubs are permitting their fondness for Lady Nicotine to interfere with their speaking practice. In a number of clubs the members smoke during the entire evening, with unfortunate consequences to their own voices, and serious detriment to the non-smoking members.

For those who feel the need of an after dinner smoke, it may be permitted in moderation, but certainly no club should allow continuous smoking throughout the entire speaking program. No man can speak successfully in a smoke-filled atmosphere. The man who is not a smoker usually finds his voice hoarse, and his throat strained by the effort to speak in the smoke.

Not only tobacco smoke, but all smoke is bad for the throat and lungs. Smoke is a real handicap to any speaker. Any club which permits smoking should adopt a rule that all smoking must cease when the program begins. The room should be given a quick, thorough ventilation and ~~there~~ there should be abundance of clean air in which the speakers may be at their best.

No speaker would try to talk if the room was cloudy with smoke from a nearby fire. Why should a speaker be expected to give his talk with clouds of vapor from a Pittsburg stogie, or a new-found motor-man's glove?

Many of the Toastmasters will grumble at Ye Editor for the above, BUT when clubs actually lose members through disgust at smoking, and remain away from Ladies Night gatherings because of impending suffocation, it is time that a warning be given.

Ye Editor is well-known for his putrid pipes, villainous stogies and odoriferous cigarros. But the Editor does not smoke at Toastmaster Club meetings. I have some regard for the feelings of my fellow members. Once sniff my ten year Dunhill, and they're out like a snuffed candle. The Editor

Another group of candidates was accepted by our club. Included were S.Olsen, W.H. Price, R.Stewart, and C.A.Hunte. They are twice graduates from the YMCA Public Speaking Class here.

President Farmer welcomed them into the fold at our monthly dinner.

Jerome J. Heins, one of our best, was given the best wishes and Godspeed of the Club when he resigned due to business. J.J. has gone to the wilds of New Jersey where he will proceed to make two dollars grow where only one grew before, and during resting periods, he will throw lassos round the ferocious gallinippers who fare forth nightly from the murks of the Passaic River, bound for fresh blood from erring Toastmasters.

When President Farmer called on T.M. Dircks to take charge the other night, and this without preparation, Dircks swung the gavel like a master.

T.M.Ludwig spoke before Sea Rovers Club of 200 at Howard Beach, and was so efficient, that they asked for more speakers from our group.

Crime - 18th Amendment - Soviet Republics, all have been thoroly analyzed and cussed, discussed, and dissected by us recently.

T.M. Bramm presented the speech he was to give at Andrews M.E.Church on the 18th Amendment. After listening to the talk, we were assured that Charlie would roll them in the aisles whith his splendid efforts.

On May 19th we cut the cost of governing New York City - of course this was purely verbal. No results can be given until Seabury gets thru.

May 26th we nominated our favorite candidates for the U.S.Presidency. We hear that Hiram Johnson listened in and wept with jealousy. (Ah there, California).

So long, must count the ballots for a successor to Vice President Heins who has vanished into the far hinterland of New Jersey in search of that corner where Prosperity has been hiding.

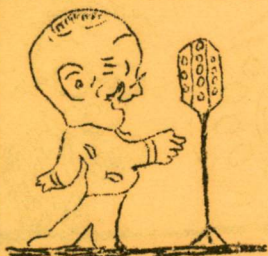
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The banquet hall was beautifully decorated, and some 175 Toastmasters' and their ladies filled it to overflowing.

'Bill' LaMont, Toastmaster of the evening, was all atwitter. Leo Schmid, President of San Diego Club, called us to order and the meal was on. Chamberlain was introduced and gave an illuminating talk on what had been done by the Federation since its inception. He called on Ralph Smedley, and the various officers of the International, all taking a bow. Secretary Bordeaux gave a brief resume of the business session, and mentioned that Howard McAleenan, Past President of Santa Ana Club, had written from Jerusalem telling of the Beautiful, new YMCA building being built there, and suggesting that a Toastmasters' Club would be needed to make it a complete association.

State Secretary Harry Hill was introduced and brought greetings from Santa Barbara Club. J.Gustav White, Dean of the Pacific Southwest Summer School, and the General Critic of Los Angeles Club, had us all in a happy mood by his kindly remarks.

The meal over, the Toastmaster was introduced and he certainly did a fine job during the evening. The five speakers from five different clubs, all picked men, showed us what preparation can do. Peter Whitehill of Los Angeles delivered a speech on 'Poison at 14 cents a gallon'. H.C.Fairley of Long Beach proved that 'Failure or Success' can be made a most interesting topic. Frank Humphrey of Santa Ana with his talk on 'Analysis' won second place receiving a beautiful telechron electric clock. Allen of Pasadena expanded on "Spokes of life", being careful not to tire us. He made a splendid effort. Paul Demaree of Anaheim rolled us in the aisles with his explanation of "Hari Kiri" and won first prize which he deserved. The gorgeous electric auto spot light he received left him tongue-tied. His club was donated a silver loving cup which they must win three times before retaining permanently. All the other clubs vowed that Anaheim would not retain it long. In addition, Anaheim was given a solid onyx gavel because of sponsoring a winner. President Brown received this and made a few well-chosen remarks.



B R O A D C A S T I N G
THE TENTH COUNCIL OF
THE TOASTMASTERS'
INTERNATIONAL

From the North, the East, and other parts of the country came the caravans of Toastmasters to San Diego on May 28th.

The business session opened at 4 p.m. in the Egyptian Room of the San Diego Athletic Club's grand building.

President Chamberlain surveyed the group of delegates, alternates, and visitors from the various clubs, cleared his throat, drank a lusty draught of Adam's Ale, fixed the poor secretary with a dignified and majestic stare, cleared his throat with a prodigious harumphhhh, and opened the meeting for discussion.

The minutes were read and approved 'as was' much to the relief of ye scribe. Nat Wattawa of San Diego, when called on for his report anent the proceedings we must take to preserve the name and emblem from arrogant groups, asked that he be given more time to properly prepare the report. His request was granted after he briefly outlined what he had learned to date. (Not all his knowledge, either).

President Chamberlain then brought up the question of enlarging our sphere and making it easier for applying clubs to enter our charmed circle. J. Gustav White offered some excellent suggestions. Clarence Marshall, Paul Demaree, Fred Eley, Arthur Johnson, and Jean Bordeaux concurred in Mr. White's remarks and also offered some amendments.

The discussion showed that we must change our constitution and by-laws. A motion was made that the Secretary prepare a proposed amendment to change the classes of membership, and the yearly dues. Motion carried unanimously. Member Clubs will receive a copy of this amendment and vote on it by mail.

Under the amendment we would have active and associate members and the yearly dues of \$1.00 per member would include a year's subscription to the Gavel magazine.

'Johnnie' Evers, our good treasurer, having submitted his written resignation, was congratulated for his good work, and the resignation accepted regretfully. Art Johnson tried to slip the Treasurer's job to the present Secretary, and the Council immediately elected Johnson to the office of Treasurer, with an admonition not to try such tricks again.

The Secretary had no communications to read, but did tell the Council of the many fine clubs discovered in various parts of the country and told of the good letters he had received from these distant friends.

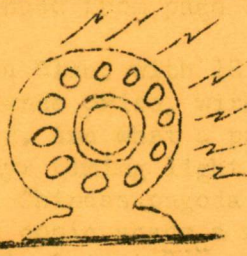
Santa Barbara and Glendale were the only clubs who failed to send delegates to the meeting. These Clubs were missed but the absence was partly ameliorated by the many new faces from other clubs.

J. Gustav White suggested that we arrange for a meeting at Whittier College about August 6th, when there would be some 250 YMCA Secretaries present at Summer School. He explained that we could put on a typical program and show these men what Toastmasters' Clubs were doing, and the Secretaries could carry the news back to their far-flung communities. Council decided the suggestion was timely and on motion we agreed to hold the meeting.

President Chamberlain immediately appointed a Committee of three to act with him in arranging the details of the Aug. 6th meeting. Paul Demaree, Art Johnson & Jean Bordeaux will help in planning this meeting. This was necessitated because we had no member club at Whittier to sponsor the affair.

Paul Demaree was appointed a committee of one to prepare for publication in the Gavel, a program plan that would help Toastmasters' Clubs to stimulate interest in the movement, and assist the local clubs in getting more out of the work.

So interested was the Council in the various discussions, that it was 6 p.m. before we knew it. Adjournment was then taken. (Continued on page 11)



THE APP- PENDIX

Jea n Bordeaux

Toastmasters surely travel. The other day came a letter from Howard McAleenan, past president of Santa Ana club. Written in Jerusalem, he enclosed snapshots of the enormous new 'Y' building there. What changes one may see from the roof of that new edifice. Yonder was Solomon's temple. What would he think of this modern temple to young men? Below King David held his Court - you can see the palace from here. That is, if you use your imagination. 1900 years ago the greatest Toastmaster this world has ever known presided over the Last Supper. Let us emulate him and preside at our dinners helping each other and those who follow.

Bill Claussen of Anaheim club asked me to publish the name and address of every club secretary to encourage interclub correspondence. Because of the constant changes in these names, I think it best to refer all clubs to the Rendezvous page. For months I have run on that page a paragraph stating that information on all local clubs will be cheerfully furnished by Gavel. If your club wishes to write to another, send the letter to me and I'll forward. If you wish information on a certain club, write me. By the way, Bill, where is Ted Claussen????

What a stow the San Diego boys were in at 8 o'clock a.m. Saturday, the 28th. No reservations received up to then, no names of speakers. What to do?? Preparations all made and it seemed no one was coming.

Yet at dinner there were 175 and five splendid speakers, besides many high officials of the YMCA, all of whom had asserted they couldnt attend.

Everyone liked the unusual programs at dinner. These were booklets of some 50 pages giving a brief humorous history of San Diego, and on the frontispiece was the program of the evening.

Leo Schmid made a good sales talk on the International pins, buttons, and fobs. Every Toastmaster who saw the beautiful new International Seal Ring wanted one. It is a sure bet that this ring will be given to some Presidents of Clubs. The pins sell for \$2.00 fob Los Angeles, the ring for from \$6.00 to \$8.50, depending on the weight. Send your orders to the Secretary.

If the new dues and amendment passes, there will be many new clubs in the Federation.

What a surprise, the Ontario Toastmistress' Club? Four years old. Which is a shock to the Los Angeles group who thought theirs was the pioneer.

President and Vice President of the Los Angeles Toastmistress' Club attended the convention. You undoubtedly saw the two charming girls, Mrs. Frederick Hershman and Mrs. P.A. Foster. Yes, their husbands came, too.

Art Johnson conferred the degree of G.C. on the Athletic Club chef. G.C. is Good Cook. Art is a connoisseur and didnt miss any tidbits.

As usual, the folks were delayed in being seated. The banquet was to start at 6.30 p.m. and actually started at 7 p.m. The table layout was unique. Speakers were placed around the outside of a letter 'L'. A.C. Acason was greatly worried about it, but had no cause to be, for the scheme was successful.

Lucky for the Dinner Committee, that the Club Caterer arranged several tables for late comers. Before 7.30 these tables were filled.

Many Toastmasters came down Friday and stayed till Monday night, making a fine vacation out of the convention. Doc. Fred Hershman and Ye Editor tried out a few golf courses during the four day visit. Surprising how few San Diego boys know of golf links, or where they could be found.

At the start of the dinner, President Chamberlain whispered in my ear, "I fear it will be a flop." At the close of the night, when going home, he was whooping it up and happy as a clam at high water because of the most successful council held to date. See you next month. Have a good vacation!

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Santa Ana Club, with 18 present, won the attendance prize, with Long Beach Club second, And what a prize it was, A shining onyx timing light in the shape of a small Chinese pagoda and concealed within the conic shade a red, white and green light. This prize was presented by Ralph Smedley to President Fred Eley.

Santa Ana Club is No. 1 being founded in 1924 by Mr. Smedley. It was fitting that he should be there and present to the club, the magnificent prize. Fred Eley accepted it with heartfelt thanks and gave the credit to those with him. However, we know that Fred had worked mightily to secure such a large turnout.

Then came the drawings for the door prizes. With each ticket sold there was a numbered stub torn off and placed in a huge fish bowl. Paul Richelson, Past President of San Diego, selected a lovely young lady and the drawing began.

There were 12 of these prizes - Two passes to the Universal Studios, two to the R.K.O. Studios, Four genuine onyx gear shift balls, A merchandise order on McMarr Stores, One on the Van De Kamp Bakeries, Two passes to the Spreckles Theatre, two tickets to the Deep Sea Fishing Barge.

During the drawings there was lots of OHS and AHS when numbers were drawn. Many of us were close to the winning numbers, but only eleven actually won. What a laugh went up when several of these prizes were won by San Diego Toastmasters.

Winners were - Arthur and Ted Johnson of Pasadena; R.C. Wilkinson, Mrs. R.C. Wilkinson, Nate Wattawa, Mrs. Fred Heidelbach, all of San Diego; H.C. Fairley and A.J. Steele of Long Beach; Peter Whitehill of Los Angeles; J.B. Wilbur of Anaheim; and Mrs. E.A. Howell, guest from San Diego.

During the banquet we had the Spanish Troubadours playing soft sweet strains and at frequent intervals two lovely girls from the Exposition Trio favored us with Spanish songs and dances.

The banquet was over at 9.30 p.m., and then the floor was cleared for the

dancing which lasted till one o'clock in the morning.

Those who did not care to dance adjourned to the card rooms and played bridge, or circulated among the crowd renewing old friendships and chatting of what this or that club had been doing.

A. C. Acason of San Diego Club was the guiding star in the banquet program. He did a splendid piece of work, too. And he deserves much thanks for his donations of the onyx gear shift balls, the light and the gavel, all these coming from his Southwest Onyx Plant where genuine California onyx is turned into all sorts of gifts.

Paul Richelson acting as Master of Ceremonies during the drawing, handled a difficult task with ease. His remarks were timely and kept us in good humor. Incidentally, he had plenty of work because each winner had to sign name and address. Trying to get the winners to do this was about as easy as running a marathon at forty-second and fifth avenue on a busy day.

Herbert Holmes and his good wife were at the banquet representing the San Diego YMCA, but Howard Eddy failed to attend from the Army and Navy YMCA. However, he had a good excuse.

Fred Hanson was away but delegated Gus White to represent him as Regional YMCA official, and Gus also was proxied by State Secretary Harry Hill who couldn't get to the council but did show at the dinner. Harry never misses out on the oats which is probably why he is so roly-poly and jolly.

Just before the banquet ended, a news photographer appeared and took a flash-light of the group. We are informed that this picture turned out very well. Perhaps the next Gavel will tell you where copies may be purchased, and the price of them.

Gavel Splinters carries some of its inimitable comments on the Council. Better read that column and find out some more of what occurred. This reporter was so dazed by all the lights, the good dinner, the melodic music, the pretty ladies, etc., that he overlooked a great deal.