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## GAVEL SPLINTERS

There is no use talking, these conventions get bigger and better. We hereby award the boys in Santa Barbara the degree of K.H. (Knows How).

After witnessing the Fiesta program in Santa Barbara after the banquet, we can understand what some of the old, old timers mean when they say, "Give me the Good Old Days".

By the way, have you ever eaten an enchilada? We recommend them for the folks back east in the winter time.

The speeches at said meeting were mighty fine. Harry James stood ace high as a toastmaster, and kept us laughing from start to finish. The music during dinner and "that quartet" -- well, if you weren't there, you missed a great party.

The next meeting of the International Council will be in Santa Ana -- you might say "the birthplace of the Toastmaster idea". Santa Ana is a centrally located spot and there should be many Toastmasters present when we gather. More about this later.

Most of you boys no doubt are thinking of the year's work ahead. Well, so am I, but first I must away and do a little fishing. See you later.

## THE HIGH LIGHTS AND THE LOW DOWN ON SANTA BARBARA CONVENTION!

Interest In International Shows Steady Growth. Many Delegates Present.

In the following report the endeavor will be to pick out those things that show the trend of the International and the progress it is making.

Thirty men sat in on the Council meeting in the afternoon. This is perhaps the greatest number that have ever attended a Council meeting of the International. Every Club in the organization was represented, as well as all officers of the International. President Clark, called the meeting to order at 3:30, and the boys shed their coats and got to work.

Paul Demaree, the boy from Anaheim and a demon for work, turned in a splendid report of the International Oratorical Contest to be held this coming year. The plan runs something like this. Each Club in the International sponsors a public speaking contest in the high schools of their particular town. After elimination trials in each school, the winners of the schools meet to decide the winner of the town or city. This winner later on will go to the International finals to be held on some specific date, where he will meet town and city winners from other parts of the country.

There are many more details to this contest than outlined above but that gives a general idea of the Contests. Paul did a lot of work on the report. He and the committee received much praise for their efforts.

The Prospectus, a booklet containing information on how to start a Toastmasters' Club and information about the International, was presented in mimeographed form for the approval of the delegates present. This Prospectus,

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the work of a committee under the di-  
rection of President Clark Chamberlain  
is a fine piece of work and very  
thorough in the information it con-  
tains. The booklet will be available  
to all "Y.M.C.As." that wish to start  
a club or to other bodies that have  
the forming of a Toastmasters' Club  
in mind.

The International Lapel Pin is  
still in the making. The pin sub-  
mitted was not approved and the com-  
mittee under the guiding hand of  
George Hedstrom, will get out a few  
more drawings for the next Council  
session.

Some members of the Whittier Club  
were present. They were welcomed to  
the Council meeting and the expres-  
sion was that they may see their way  
clear to join the International in the  
near future.

It seems that the country is just  
alive with Toastmasters' Clubs. At  
least every time there is a Council  
meeting we hear of several more clubs.  
This time its Beverly Hills, Modesto  
and Whittier. Who's next?

There was a report from the treas-  
urer as to the financial standing.  
Christmas is just 107 days away - - -  
Ho!! Hum!! - why talk about money?

It was voted to accept the invita-  
tion of the Santa Ana Club and hold  
the next International Council meeting  
in that city on October 24th, 1931.

EDITORIAL

All I gotta say is this, all you  
club reporters or club secretaries get  
busy and send in some news about your  
clubs and what they are going to do  
this coming year. We are going to hav  
a regular honest to goodness issue for  
October. This will be the last issue  
of the present Editor, who handed in  
his resignation at Santa Barbara.