

"This Must Be Coldwater's Best Rotary Year."

# THE RAZZBERRY

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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## *Fifteen Hundred Percenters*

Following the suggestion in the Charlotte Rotary Mirror, Hugh Clarke has made a compilation of the record of the club for 1935. There are fifteen members with a 100% record for the year, which is three more than the Charlotte Club. The hundred percenters are as follows: Bauer, H. W. Clarke, Hutchins, Kiess, Kohl, Olds, Olmstead, Putnam, Symons, Taylor, Van Aken, Van Dusen, Wade, Walker and Wilbur. The following members missed but one meeting: Carroll, Derhammer, Frankhauser, Keep, Newberry and Pollock. Bien, Milnes and Mooney missed two meetings each. Branch, McConkey, Schultz and Treat three meetings each. Charles Clarke, Hardy, McKnight and Vail, four meetings each. Cariyle, Cowell (alas!) and Wing, five meetings each. Alexander, Hutchins and Hurrell, six meetings each. Fiske and Moore, seven each. Shattuck and Woodward, eight each. Sharer, nine. Kerr, and Vinton, ten each, and Schlubatis, fourteen.

Below is the record of long distance hundred percenters:

Clarke, H. W. ....	100%	from Nov. 1921
VanAken, Warner .....	100%	from Mar. 1923
Taylor, Harry .....	100%	from May, 1925
Walker, John .....	100%	from Apr., 1929
Putnam, Roy .....	100%	from Aug. 1932
Kiess, Rex .....	100%	from Nov. 1931
Olmsted, Kenneth .....	100%	from Mar. 1933
Wade, Bob .....	100%	from Jan. 1933
Bauer, Donald .....	100%	from Sept. 1931
VanDusen, Harry .....	100%	from Sept. 1934
Hutchins, Alton .....	100%	from Nov. 1933
Kohl, Norman .....	100%	from Aug. 1933
Olds, M. W. ....	100%	from Oct. 1933
Symons, John .....	100%	from Aug. 1934
Wilbur, Wes. ....	100%	from Nov. 1934

Of the above Clarke, Taylor, Putman, Kiess, Olmstead and Van Dusen have a perfect attendance record during membership and Clarke an all time one hundred per cent record from the organization of the club. Only one member had a record below eighty for 1935. Eleven under ninety and thirty-five over ninety. This does not take in account members joining during the year.

It is probable that our record does not differ greatly from that of the Charlotte Club. We should be glad to compare records with them, however, in the hope that if their showing is better than ours, it will be an incentive to improve our showing this year.

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Possibly one big contribution Rotary can make during the coming year to the establishment of international peace is for the leading men who constitute Rotary clubs in all countries to discuss the question: "What sacrifices and concessions can my own country offer to establish international peace among nations on a firm basis?"

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### *Tragedies Of The Depression*

A recent issue of the St. Johns Rotary Spirit in discussing the banking situation of the city makes the following statement:

"Perhaps no phase of the economic upset in this country had more tragic results than the default of securities in the hands of old people—people who had been thrifty and prepared for independence in old age only to have their funds wiped out."

We desire to offer another equally tragic result of the depression. That is its effect on the hundreds of thousands of youths who graduated from colleges and universities from 1929 on, coming out with a consuming ambition to make good in their profession or business, then compelled to beat the air helplessly with nothing to do. Most of them had to go back home and live on the old folks, just at the formative period of their lives. These two situations are the real tragedies of the depression. No sympathy need be wasted on the man, still able to work, who lost everything. If he had the right stuff in him, he only dug in his toes, worked harder, and came out stronger and better because of the experience. The fellow who didn't have the caliber but went around whining for sympathy isn't worth it anyhow.

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### *A Bouquet For The Razzberry*

Following is another letter from Paul Bond, which will be interesting to the members of the Club:

Dear Editor:

Many thanks for sending me one of your club bulletins. I have often heard Byron Brown, editor of our bulletin, say some mighty complimentary things about "The Razzberry" and this is the first one I've seen. I can easily see why he has placed "The Razzberry" and "The St. Johns Rotary Spirit" at the head of the list of all club bulletins that come to his desk. Your paper is well edited, carries a diversity of Rotary news and all in all, appears to be the kind of a club organ that would stimulate interest in all club activities. Now of course, I could easily say that this February 25th issue was unusually fine—especially after seeing the amount of space devoted to Charlotte items. Mighty nice things you said about Defoe and McPeck—we, too, think they are superb citizens. I truly appreciate the manner in which you recognized Bill Manier. I take it he was mailed one of the bulletins.

I am indeed sorry to learn of Frank Mooney's untimely death. I only knew him casually but I was impressed with his alertness and sincerity. I am sure that you will find it rather difficult to find some one to fill the gap he leaves, not only in your club but your community as well.

Give my regards to John Hardy, Hugh Clarke, and others,

Sincerely,

PAUL S. BOND.

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## *Around The District*

(From the Governors Monthly Letter)

**BATTLE CREEK-KALAMAZOO**— The attendance contest between these clubs during Feb. is now half over with Kalamazoo in the lead. Reports for the first two weeks for Kalamazoo show 91.84% and for Battle Creek 87.72%. Better get busy Battle Creek or the chicken dinners will be on you.

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**IONIA**—claims to have set the record in our district in furnishing speakers for other clubs and civic organizations. Paul Stewart has given his talk on "Crime" twenty-four times during the past six months. Gene Yarnell has given his "Show" talk nine times. Dr. Perry Robertson, Art Rather, Jim Hilton and Foss Eldred have each spoken on a number of different occasions to other clubs.

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**LANSING**—Guy Shumway and his bunch put on a fine Ladies Night in January at which Mrs. Dresser and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

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**GRAND HAVEN**—has had two Ladies Nights, one of which they had Dr. Thompson and the Wolverine Quartette of Grand Rapids.

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**CADILLAC**—in April will have their annual "HOBBY SHOW". The boys and girls of the community are busy building model aeroplanes, etc.

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**FRANKFORT**—entertain non-members of the community to luncheons so they can get an insight into the activities of Rotary.

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**ALLEGAN**—finances and supervises a City Ice Skating Rink for the boys and girls.

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**HILLSDALE**—have formed High School graduates and young men into groups for vocational guidance.

Sincerely,

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Fred Leeder certainly had an intensely interesting experience in the north. He has an unusual gift for description. If he were back in the days before the radio and automobile, he would rival Beard Taylor as a travel writer.

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### **FEBRUARY PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

A Problem Story in Four Parts

By Bill Frankhauser

Second Installment this Week.

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George Branch is perhaps the most regular contributor to the Razzberry. The trouble is his contributions would have to be printed on asbestos. They are too hot to print on ordinary paper. George is quite peeved at times because he doesn't get into print but it can't be helped.

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The current issue of the Belding Rotary Rattle carries five pictures of the president of the club. Evidently the editor saw the Ladies Night issue of the Razzberry.

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### *Honorary Members*

The question has been asked whether honorary members of Rotary clubs are welcomed at meetings of other Rotary clubs. The answer is, Yes, indeed. Any Rotary club will welcome the visits within reason of either active or honorary members of other Rotary clubs. An honorary member of course has the right to attend all meetings of the club in which he holds his membership. Occasionally an honorary member resides in a city other than that of the club in which he has his honorary membership. In such a case it might not be reasonable for the Rotarian to undertake to attend regularly the meetings of the club in the city in which he resides unless invited to do so by the club. The difference between the position of an active member and an honorary member is that the active member has a constitutional right to attend a meeting of another Rotary club while the honorary member hasn't any such constitutional right. However, the honorary member may be sure that when he is traveling or he goes to any Rotary club meeting and identifies himself he will receive a cordial invitation to attend the meeting.

In the earlier years of Rotary the position of active members with reference to attending meetings of another Rotary club was exactly the same as that of honorary members. Neither honorary members nor active members had any "right" to attend the meetings of another Rotary club but it was the general understanding in Rotary that the doors of every Rotary club were open to visitors from other Rotary clubs. Because some Rotarians were inclined to be modest and diffident or because, possibly, they doubted the certainty of the welcome which might be extended to them, the provision was inserted in the R. I. constitution and by-laws conferring upon each active Rotarian the privilege to attend meetings of other Rotary clubs.

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### *Dan Hodgman Broadcasts*

Dan seems to have attracted some attention in the east. He has written a paper on Neutrality which was broadcast over WMCA from New York City about two weeks ago. Since that time he has given the same paper at a luncheon of the Middletown Rotary Club.

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### *What Really Counts*

It is not the size of a community which determines whether or not a Rotary club can be maintained in a community. Here is an illustration:

A Rotary club just eight months old, in a town of 4,000 reported its activities as follows:

The children's playground was established and outfitted with necessary swings, etc.

An outdoor skating rink was established for children.

Glasses were furnished for children whose parents were unable to provide them (in cooperation with the local B.P.O.E.)

Midget hockey teams were backed.

A gymkhana was staged and the outfits were provided for the boys. (Again assisted by the B. P. O. E.)

A community Christmas tree was provided.

This seems to indicate a very active and resultful ten months. Yet, under "General Remarks" the officers of this club reported:

While this club might have done more, we have followed a policy of going slowly but surely and establishing ourselves with the public. This we are happy to say has been accomplished and the very best of feeling exists between the Rotary Club and other organizations and the public in general. In the Jubilee celebration here we were represented by a handsome float our president representing John Bull.

We have been welcomed into the community and feel that now we have established ourselves, we can do more and better work.