

# THE RAZZBERRY

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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## YOUTH PROGRAM NUMBER

This issue has to do with that subject because of an intention to send copies of it to each club in the district to acquaint them with the progress being made in that project and to provide thought and discussion of it in each club. The committee is making substantial progress but all of the assistance it can have will help in two ways. First, its thinking will be more mature. Second, the plan evolved will be better received and more actively carried out.

The committee appointed by the District Governor had its first meeting at the Hotel Olds, Lansing, Tuesday, October 19th. It spent the entire day in formulating its problem. As a result three proposals obtained much support. Each was referred to a sub-committee to be worked out and submitted to a later meeting of the whole committee, together with representatives from each club in the district. This meeting will decide upon a proposal and ask the whole district to adopt it and make it the vehicle of a renewed Rotary service in the district.

There were present and taking part in that committee meeting District Governor Kim Sigler and Probate Judge Stuart Clement of Hastings, Past District Governors Frank Barnes of Manistee, Bill Otto of Lansing, and Paul Bond of Charlotte, George Fern, State Director of Vocational Education, representing the State Department of Education, Dr. Howard Y. McClusky of the University of Michigan, whose work is definitely along the committee's line, representing that institution, Fred Freeman, secretary of the state Y. M. C. A. and Ray E. Johns, head of the State Hi-Y. Stub Bemer and Sky Marshall of St. Johns, Forrest Averill of Grand Rapids, Andrew Lenderick of Kalamazoo, Denny Clancy of Hillsdale, Bernard Shankland of Cadillac, Carl Horn of Dowagiac, Sam Gorsline of Battle Creek, Bob Marsh of Lansing, Bob Sharer and the Ed from Coldwater (the Ed being chairman of the committee). Every man took an active part in the deliberations. At times the discussion was somewhat tense but no blows were struck and no one was injured.

As most of you will recall the committee grew out of the report of Carl Horn on the Junior Rotarian activities at the Benton Harbor conference last spring. It was formed to canvass the possibility of Rotary furnishing a substantial contribution to the solution of the problem of employment and recreation for youths in the Rotary towns of the district.

At the outset it was the consensus of opinion of the members that the great power of concerted effort furnished by Rotary should not be wasted; that the crippled children campaign, while still a very active function of Rotary, no longer furnished an exclusive field for its community service.

It soon developed that in the line of organized employment agencies, and recreational facilities, other agencies, both governmental and non-governmental, have been concentrating on the problem for years. For Rotary, with less experience, to undertake the same campaign would be a duplication of effort.

Three other plans, however, among which were proposed, obtained much support and all were thought to possess possibilities which should be canvassed. The first of these was an extension of the Junior Rotarian idea into the formation of a community group of adolescent youths, practically all beyond the high school stage. Paul Bond, who originally promoted the Junior Rotarian movement in the district, en-



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thusiastically supported by Stub Bemer, vigorously fought for this plan. The Ed, while conceding its value, contended that it was not specific enough nor general enough to carry an universal appeal.

George Fern (perhaps unintentionally) was responsible for a plan to enlist the Rotary clubs back of the present state program of vocational education, which Carl Horn adopted in his school last year and reported on very favorably.

Dr. McClusky suggested the adoption by Rotary of a delinquency prevention program. He said that in his survey of the situation that was the one thing in the whole youth program which was not now being adequately attacked; that it had to do with boys who were on the verge of becoming criminals but could still be reclaimed and made valuable members of society. This suggestion met with much approval.

At the conclusion of the meeting the District Governors, past and present, were made a committee on committees to appoint three sub-committees, one to explore each of the three proposals above outlined and report to the general committee.

This resulted in the appointment of the following committees:

## JUNIOR ROTARIAN MOVEMENT

Paul Bond, Chairman.  
Clarence Bemer.  
Carl Horn.  
Sam Gorsline.

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Sky Marshall, Chairman.  
George Fern.  
Harry Talliaferro.

## DELINQUENCY PREVENT

Denny Clancy, Chairman.  
Dr. Howard Y. McClusky.  
Irish Ramsey.

Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Supt. Mich. Children's Inst.  
Vice-Pres. State Delinquency.  
Control Council.

Ray Johns.  
Bob Marsh.

Mgr. Boys' Vocational School  
Lansing, Mich.

Dr. M. R. Kinde.

Kellogg Foundation  
Battle Creek, Mich.

Stuart Clement.

Probate Judge, Hastings.

## NOTES ON THE MEETING

We have not hesitated to enlist the services of those outside Rotary best fitted to assist us.

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Frank Barnes especially but also Bernard Shankland, Dr. McClusky and others came long distances to attend the meeting.

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The enthusiasm displayed is a harbinger of success of the project.

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Rotary's function is not fully met unless its opportunities for community service are accepted.

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In one town in the district arrangements have been made with the courts and the police that cases of juvenile delinquency shall be referred to the Rotary Club before being judicially punished. It seems to have worked well. In many cases the Rotary influence has made punishment unnecessary and turned these boys into useful citizens.

There is the possibility that if one of the plans proposed can be worked out practically the cooperation of a great and wealthy philanthropist agency might be enlisted.

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A practical program evolving from this committee might have ramifications outside this district. Other districts are looking for opportunities for real service.

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One thing the committee has to be careful about is the adoption of too pretentious a program. The scheme adopted must have the merit of being practical.

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A man put this question to three workmen on a church building. "What are you doing?" The first replied, "I am working for \$4.00 a day." The second replied, "I am chiselling granite." The third replied, "I am helping to build this church."

Charlotte Rotary Mirror.

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In a thoughtful article in the London Rotarian on world conditions, G. J. Oakshott, a member of the London Club concludes as follows:

"As a conclusion to this outlook I asked myself what Rotary can do to promote the common weal.

"In strict truth I fear the answer is 'very little.' Far be it from me to decry the efforts which are made to associate Rotarians with all movements tending to ameliorate existing conditions whether in the sphere of international relations, national well-being, or public and social service. Every little can help, even though it be only a little. But it is difficult to see how an organization numbering even so many as 183,500 members and increasing though it may be by some 12,500 members a year can play more than a minor part in the affairs of the world as a whole, and it is for this reason that my thoughts turn inward rather than outward."

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The man who trusts men will make fewer mistakes than he who distrusts them.

Honolulu Rotogram.

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The August 19th issue of the Shanghai Pagoda contained the following notice:

"FUTURE MEETINGS. Owing to the present state of emergency, meetings of the club are suspended. Resumption of meetings will be announced through the press and radio."

This announcement did not seem to click with the members. There was a great protest and meetings were resumed two weeks later. The Pagoda of September 2nd contains the following statement:

"How much members enjoy and count upon the weekly meetings was evidenced by a practically unanimous demand that the regular meetings be held each week in spite of the present emergency. This week's meeting was almost in the nature of a reunion after last week's lapse."



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## ROTARY IN GERMANY

No wonder Hitler has ordered his followers to withdraw from Rotary. Every week Rotarians gather and listen to speeches which have not been censored. They talk among themselves with opportunity to whisper ideas which have not been promulgated by Goering. They do not commence every speech with "Heil Hitler." They are not listening to radio speeches inspired by him. They eat steaks and chicken and mash potatoes and peas on the knife rather than synthetic sawdust and coal derivatives prepared by Nazi chemists. They send boys to fresh air camps rather than to military encampments.

Seriously it is a sad commentary on world tendencies when in a great country like Germany a dictator can order citizens of the caliber of German Rotarians to withdraw from so harmless an organization as Rotary and they are obliged to submit without protest.

Coldwater stood eighth in the attendance record last month. Quincy stood seventh with two one hundred per cent meetings. They were justly proud of it (and so was the Ed). Their percentage was 93.7 while that of Coldwater was 93.39. Bronson didn't do so well. It was fifth from the bottom with a percentage of 73.33. It is, of course, easy for small clubs' attendance to be reduced by the unavoidable absence of two or three members. Bronson will no doubt be back in the running next month. Hillsdale stands seventeenth, Marshall nineteenth and Sturgis twenty-third. The towns which are ahead of Quincy and Coldwater are Lowell, Hastings, Charlotte, Vicksburg, Ludington and Greenville. Lowell had five one hundred per cent meetings.

Kalamazoo and Battle Creek are staging an attendance contest.

The District Governor's letter this month contains a program clearing house with the names of thirteen Rotarians in the District who are available for Rotary talks in nearby clubs. The nearest to Coldwater are Joseph Grant, President, Battle Creek Club, Sam Gorsline, Secretary-Treasurer, Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, of Battle Creek, who was for years head of the Boy Scout Organization in Chicago, and Dr. Mauck, President of Hillsdale College.

Daddy Allen, founder of the International Society for Crippled Children and President emeritus of the society, is dead. Years ago he became convinced of the need of special hospitalization for crippled children. He sold out his business interests, gave his whole time without salary or financial compensation to the promotion of that project. He secured the cooperation of the Rotary Club in Elyria and other Rotary clubs in Ohio and started the movement which became realized. Isn't Rotary now ripe for the adoption of another great objective?

## DOC WADE WILL LIKE THIS ONE

East Chicago street, where two cars could barely pass without colliding, has happily been replaced by a splendid wide highway on which six or eight cars can collide at the same time.

The above wheeze was contributed by Red McKnight.

Red also sent us the committee list for the year. We are postponing the publication of it because this issue is to be sent out so generally to clubs who are not interested in Coldwater committees. Will use it next time.

Thirty-nine new clubs were chartered during the months of July and August which is a record that has probably never before been made in those two months of any Rotary year. Evidently we are on our way to establish a Rotary club in every community in the world.

Hillsdale Rotary News.