

To Have Arrived Is Tragedy: This Year Must Be Even Better!

# THE RAZZBERRY

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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## *Roy Putnam Inaugurated Seventeenth President of Coldwater Rotary Club*

### A NEW OPPORTUNITY

The Atlantic City convention of Rotary International gave its approval to the experiment with "Rotary Outposts" for business and professional men in communities unable to have Rotary clubs. A report on the value and progress in this experiment will be made at the 1937 convention in Nice, France.

This legislation is a definite challenge to the Coldwater Club. Why not establish "Rotary Outposts" in Bronson, Quincy, and Union City? The project will have the backing of Rotary International. It at least merits our interest, study, and attention.

### THE LONG LAKE CAMP

The arrival of a car load of boys driven by "Hutch", last Monday morning at eight o'clock, started the Rotary section of the Long Lake camp. Sixty boys spent last week at this camp, twenty-six of which were sponsored by Coldwater Rotarians, the remainder by Hillsdale Rotarians.

This year the camp is much better in equipment and in personnel. There is a counsellor in each tent. All tents have wood floors, and are framed and netted against mosquitoes.

The Kellogg Foundation is again giving financial support. The Hillsdale county unit has granted the camp one thousand dollars, and the Branch county unit six hundred dollars.

"This job of running a Rotary Club is like that of a quarterback in a football game. I'll be carrying the ball, but unless everyone of you fellows run interference for me, and play the game, there will be no touchdowns."

With this clear cut challenge, our new president, Roy Putnam, began his year of responsibility. Roy is the seventeenth president of the Coldwater Rotary club.

President Roy will be thirty-eight years old July 22. He was born in Darlington, Wisconsin, where he attended grade and high schools.

Before the war he worked for the Buda Motor Car company and for the Wisconsin Bell Telephone company. June 15, 1917 he enlisted in the 3rd Canadian Engineers Battalion. He served in France from June 17, 1918 until May 16, 1919.

After the war, he worked for various telephone companies in Wisconsin and Illinois, gradually winning his way from lineman, to foreman, to district manager. During this time Roy worked hard completing his education in Electrical Engineering by carrying correspondence courses in Columbia University, the University of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Bell Telephone company school. He also pursued courses in psychology and salesmanship at the Madison Wisconsin Public Vocational School.

Roy came to Coldwater in the Spring of 1931, from Bevidere, Illinois. He is manager of the Michigan Associated Telephone Company in Southwestern Michigan and is in charge of fifteen exchanges.

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OF WHAT AVAIL THE PLOW  
OR SAIL, OR LAND OR LIFE,  
IF FREEDOM FAIL?

(Inscription on the statue of  
the Minuteman at Springfield,  
New Jersey.)

### —EDITORIAL—

#### "FREEDOM THROUGH OBEDIENCE"

Herb. Hurrell

Not long ago I read this gem that I would like to share with my fellow Rotarians: "Some time ago, says Clovis G. Chappell, I heard a great artist play the piano. He made you hear the crash of thunder, the plaintive note of birds, the roar of the sea as angry waves fought with ragged rocks. There was a wild freedom about his playing, a kind of joyous abandon. But his freedom was only the perfect obedience to the law of his art. Had he for a moment sought that freedom which flouts the law, his music would have crashed into discord." Thus every man who sets out in search of freedom apart from obedience to law only ends by finding a bondage that puts his very soul in chains. Nor is this mere theory; it is universal experience. There lived a man, two thousand years ago, of whom it might truly be said that He was the first free man in whose heart law truly and completely lived. He was an incarnation of that law whose love is perfect freedom. This is best illustrated by pointing out that He found the way to freedom without license, and to stability without slavery. In His life law was set to music. From Him an apostle of revolt, who would impatiently set aside the sanctions of society, may learn the secret of having all the liberty he desires. But that liberty consists of freedom in law and not freedom from law.

Said Henry Ward Beecher:  
"There is no liberty to men whose

passions are stronger than their religious feelings; there is no liberty to men in whom ignorance predominates over knowledge; there is no liberty to men who know not how to govern themselves."

Law is an ugly thing if one approaches it in the spirit of revolt. It eventually breaks us if we defy it. But if we approach it in the spirit of love and loyalty, and express that love in terms of obedience, we acquire a vast and transcendent freedom. Real freedom is found at the point where law meets spontaneous love which in turn not only fulfills but transfigures the law so that it no longer repels but attracts.

True love to liberty is never foe,

And he who truly loves is truly free:

Thus thought I when I heard the plusing flow

Of mighty music rushing gloriously  
Along the channels of unchanging law;

Thus thought I when I gazed up—  
on the skies

And there the circling universe I saw

Moving obedient in glad harmonies

About a central, inescapable power;  
No sun, nor planet now wild comet course,

But owns that sway in every separate hour

Of all its centuries; to that one force

Freely it yields—as hearts that never rove

But pour their being in a single love."

(—R. W. Gilder)



Ehrle Schmeden again pleased the entire club with his timely talk and demonstration of fly casting. Summer program committees have a task doubly difficult, to interest the club and to overcome the discomfort of the weather. Harry Milnes succeeded last week in setting a standard.



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## Only Six Weeks Remain

Six weeks from tomorrow will mark the opening of the Branch county observance of the Centennial of Michigan's statehood. Committees have been working. Assignments have been made to various organizations. The Rotary club has not been given a specific job, since the policy of the club has been that its members actively take part in community projects as individuals rather than as an organization.

Ten thousand printed invitations will be mailed to former residents of the county, inviting them to return to the Homecoming. The Junior Chamber of Commerce has charge of this. Members of all churches, lodges, clubs, granges and organizations in the county will be asked to mail these to their friends.

The task of providing financial backing for the celebration is succeeding. The plan is to ask citizens to underwrite the project. They will be repaid if the celebration is a financial success. If a profit is made, the profits will be set aside for use later.

Plans for the concessions and for decorating the towns of the county will be announced later.

### GLENN RECEIVES A LETTER FROM FAR AWAY HAWAII

Rotary Club Kediri

Kediri 18 May 1936

Dear Rotarian:

On behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Kediri, I wish greatly to convey to you and to your fellow Rotarians my hearty thanks for your greetings and good wishes to our Club, upon its election to membership in Rotary International.

We will do our share in spreading and promoting the ideal of international fellowship and understanding, which at the present time is more needed than ever before. Anyhow the spirit of service above self, mutual friendship and understanding, which are the foundations of our organization, will be our common ideals.

Will you kindly extend to your members the cordial greetings and good wishes of the President and members of the Rotary Club of Kediri.

Sincerely and Rotarily yours,

Ir. L. Gebuis

Secretary.

### SAFETY EDUCATION

Safety Education courses will be compulsory in all schools in Michigan next year, under a ruling made by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Elliott was urged to make this ruling at a recent meeting of the Education committee of the State Safety Council.

In our own high school this course was taught during the last year, to 400 high school students. While largely an experimental course, it seemed effective. A special bulletin, issued by the state department of Public Instruction will be the main textbook of the 1936-37 course.

The Safety Council also suggested that definite means be taken to educate adults in the necessity for safe driving. Luncheon clubs were named as a practical instrument for this type of education. No doubt our own club and our own Rotary District will find a way to aid this problem.

Our Police Department in Coldwater is to be commended for its efficiency and its interest in this problem of safety on the streets and highways. Chief of Police Hill has cooperated with the schools and with the local Safety committee in promoting a better attitude toward safety among our younger drivers.

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## Things You Should !! Know !!



The year 1634 marks the beginning of written history of Michigan. In July of that year Jean Nicolet, French explorer, landed at Sault Ste. Marie.

There is some evidence that as early as 1659 the French adventurers Radisson and Des Groseilliers, may have visited the area of Branch county.

It is quite certain that in 1680 there was a trading post at the junction of the St. Joseph and Coldwater rivers, operated by French or Canadian traders.

According to reliable history, Robert de LaSalle was the first European to visit Branch county. He traveled across it in March 1680, on his way from Niles to Montreal.

In 1701 Detroit was founded by Antoine Cadillac, French governor.

In 1763 all white settlers in southern Michigan were massacred by the Indians under command of Chief Pontiac. The entire British garrison at Niles perished in this uprising; also several unknown white families in Branch and St. Joseph counties.

First recorded residence of a European in Branch county was in 1822, when Joseph Godfrey built a store on the bank of the Coldwater river, near the present Veterans Memorial bridge.

Branch county surveyed by congressional surveyors, beginning Feb. 3, 1825, and finishing January 12, 1829.

Branch county established as a legal area of the state, by act of the Territorial Legislature, Oct. 29, 1829. Named after John Branch. Secretary of Navy in President Jackson's cabinet.

Legal organization of Branch county completed March 1, 1833.

## MAUDLIN VERSES OF THE MAN ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE



I sat by the Duchess at tea,  
Embarrassed as I could be;  
Her rumblings abdominal  
Were something phenomenal—  
And the guests all thought it was  
me!

Girls who wear long woolen bloom-  
ers  
Are always free from evil rumors.

Edith Donahue McQuellan  
Ate her fill of watermelon.  
Later that nite with Baron Pruitt  
Edith wet before she knew it.—  
Goops who can't control the bladder  
Will never top the social ladder.

Will Rogers once suggested an epitaph for a much-married Hollywood matron. It was: "At last she sleeps alone."

Epitaph in a South Carolina graveyard—  
Here lies the body of my daughter  
Charlotte,  
Born a virgin and died a harlot.  
For twelve long years she kept her  
virginity,  
Which is quite a record for this  
vicinity.

There was an old man with a beard,  
Who said "It is just as I feared!—  
Two owls and a hen,  
Four larks and a wren,  
Have all built their nests in my  
beard.

No members of the Coldwater Rotary Club attended the 1936 convention at Atlantic City. The Coldwater Club sent Oscar Renshaw as a delegate to the convention of Kiwanis International in Washington, D. C.