

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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Plans for Centennial

Plans for the Centennial are rapidly whipping into shape. The Rotary Club is doing the work assigned it. On the start its attitude was rather cold. The Ed felt a little chilled by it. The leadership which can usually be looked for in the club was lacking—in fact, Rotary has not furnished the active leaders in this enterprise, except that Gordon Schlubatis is in charge of the agricultural department. Ken Olmsted's committee is doing the work assigned to it and Bob Sharer is doing yeoman service as secretary. In fact, Bob is devoting so much time to it that he was unable to assume responsibility for this issue of the Razzberry. That was unfortunate from his standpoint because if he had been in charge he could have thrown Bill Johnston's letter in the editorial waste basket.

Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Harry

We desire to express the thanks of the club to Dr. and Mrs. Harry Schneider for their splendid hospitality.

The Rotary picnic is a problem with which each President has wrestled since the organization of the club. Frequently there are joking references to our failure to put on a picnic each year.

The fact is, however, that a picnic held annually would not be successful. There must be an element of novelty in the things we do or they become tedious. Even so fine an activity as the State School picnic became so monotonous it had to be abandoned. Possibly we could hold a picnic for those kiddies once in two or three years and make it enjoyable both to them and the club. It cannot be done annually.

Harry Schneider's invitation has provided the opportunity to combine the picnic idea with a new experience.

Interesting

You may be interested to know that the smallest Club in our District is that of Boyne City with only ten members. The largest Club is Grand Rapids with 109.

The Safety Promotion idea that started in the Vicksburg Club, whereby each member has signed a pledge to come to a complete stop before proceeding over any railroad crossing is meeting with favor in other Clubs. This action was taken after five people were killed on railroad crossings in Vicksburg during the last year and a half. One of these was a member of the Vicksburg Club. The Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Club is taking the same action and their members have all signed up.

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We're All Puffed Up

The London (Eng.) Rotarian of July 18th contains a two page article about the Razzberry. We quote from it below:

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"What do you think of this as a title? It is given to a live little journal issued by the Rotary Club at Coldwater (Mich.). Coldwater indeed! It is anything but. In the issue before us dated June 30th, Editor Glen Cowell, to whom we raise our hat, intimates that Bob Sharer, who teaches journalism, will take over responsibility for the Razzberry for the summer months, and concludes:

"Bob now has his master's degree. He should write and talk better than before."

A master touch indeed!

We look forward to seeing how Bob reacts. On another page appears a letter from the Berlin club:—

(Quoting it.)

"(By the way, Glenn, don't wait for a German translator, as you suggest, to reply to Berlin. Secretary von Gleichen reads English.)

"A paragraph follows dealing with The London Rotarian, thus:

(Quoting our article)

"But the personal 'high-spot' is perhaps, Page 4, quoting letters exchanged with the Honolulu Club. Here they are:—

(Quoting them.)

"Now Glenn. Here's a proposition. While Bob Sharer is filling your shoes, don a pair of stout boots and come over here to help us.

You'll do us no end of good, and we'll see you get some fun.

R. S. V. P.

(As we gather from Page 3 that you have better luck with your German than with your French, we ought perhaps to omit these symbols, but our Paris correspondent who has been over your way, says they stand for—

Reply Speedily—Very Pronto).

Got it?

Say when!"

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From the Lansing Rotogram

LEND A HAND

A club publication is not and should not be merely the expression of the views of one member, for its viewpoint is therefore limited and cannot be the reflection of the well-rounded judgment of all the members of the club.

In order to be effective it must be the expression of the best ideas of all the members. One of the great purposes of Rotary is defeated if this cooperation is not given.

A Rotary club is a cross-section of the community, and its club publication must be the voice of that cross-section. If only a small percent of the club gives its opinions, the club in general loses just that much by the failure of the majority to function.

Therefore suggestions, constructive criticisms, comments, opinions and views will always be very gratefully received. Surely each one has some brief message of interest to his club.

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Governor Frank is entitled to considerable credit for the fine report of the District Assembly at Manistee which he has prepared.

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A Bit of a Shock

In the following letter Herb Hurrell takes vicarious punishment for the sins of Bob Sharer. I do not know how the editor of the Toronto Rotary Voice got the notion that Herb was the editor of the Razzberry. Anyway Herb is entitled to an apology from Bob.

Toronto, Ontario, July 24th, 1936.

Mr. Herb Hurrell, Editor,
Rotary Club of Coldwater,
Coldwater, Michigan.
Dear Herb:

I have read with considerable interest your various issues of "The Razzberry," which you have kindly sent me each week. I think the material has been well selected and is of general interest to all.

Our weekly publication, here, known as "The Voice", is sent to both the club member's office address and his home. In reading over the four jokes published in July 14th issue of "The Razzberry" it occurred to me while the humour is good the type of story might be a bit of a shock to readers outside your immediate membership.

Please accept this comment in the spirit in which it is sent.

Yours rotarily,

W. R. (Bill) Johnston.

The Ed agrees with Bill Johnston. Frequently there has been temptation to print suggestive jokes. Some of them have been real funny. They leave a bad taste, however, in the long run. They detract from the standing of the paper. Bob took the liberty which an occasional editor might but which a man responsible for the general reputation of the publication could not. Bill Frankhauser spanked him a little in the last issue. Bill Johnston spanked him quite severely in the letter above quoted, so he has had punishment enough.

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"BEG PARDON! Shiraishi, who was put among the "Unexcused Absentees," had properly notified through Yamamoto and it was by mistake his name was put where it did not belong. We beg a thousand pardons."

The above is quoted from the Tokyo Bulletin to show the use of names in Japan. We would have called them "Shi" and "Yam". The same issue of the bulletin contains an announcement of the open classifications. The members were invited to find prospects to fill them.

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The current number of the Berlin publication contains a long and interesting description of the Olympic Games now being held there. It concludes very interestingly as follows:

"Deutschland glaube mit der Durchfuhrung der Olympischen Spiele auch einen Beitrag Zum Weltfrieden bringen zu konnen.

Heil Hitler!

Gustav Koenigs"

which being interpreted means:

"Germany hopes through the medium of the Olympic games to establish a movement for world peace."

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Frank Graham who edits "Graham Crackers" in the Los Angeles Rotary "Rodeo" says:

"Politics reminds me of the cat circus on the back fence. There was a terrible howling a while back when the conventions were in session and now, nothing but that awful silence. Well, it won't be any whispering campaign. either."

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The Quincy Meeting

Nice meeting at Quincy last week. Good eats, good singing, nice talk, fine time with the Quincy fellows.

Anything which promotes better understanding and closer friendship between the good fellows in both towns is well worth while. Contacts among our own fellows arise naturally. Opportunity for contacts with the fellows in neighboring towns have to be made. For that reason it is important that we consciously undertake it. The importance of such contacts and of co-operation with neighboring communities cannot be over-estimated.

Landlord Sweet of the Quincy Hotel served us a sweet meal.

Mr. Beacock gave a very interesting talk on the history of the county. He did not have time enough to develop the subject fully but he had the faculty of choosing interesting things. He is a high grade fellow. You Methodists better keep him in mind when he leaves Quincy.

The Quincy club found it burdensome to keep its Lions charter. Affiliation with a general organization is a problem where the number of available members is small. It certainly would be a fine thing if a plan could be devised by which the Quincy fellows met with the Coldwater club at least once a month, still retaining their separate organization.

The following are members of the Quincy club:

L. A. Barron, President, Sec. McKenzie Milling Co.
Frank E. Marsh, Secretary, retired.
L. G. Beacock, Sky Pilot.
R. S. Andrus, Banker.
Clifford Bishop, Auto Garage.
E. J. Jennings, School Superintendent.
C. D. McKenzie, President, McKenzie Milling Co.
Lynn Main, Auto Garage.
Elmer Anderson, Lumber.
George Houghtaling, Druggist.
Elwyn Bodley, School Principal.
Dr. S. E. Far.
Dr. Chipman.
Ruel D. Rawson, Funeral Director
George Bullis, Auto Garage.
Frank Sherman, Lawyer

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Just Under the Wire

Coldwater just got under the wire in the hot class in July attendance as shown by Governor Frank's August letter. Our percentage for the month was 90.11. The banner club was Greenville with a percentage of 99.24 and with three 100% meetings. Hastings, Charlotte, Cheboygan, Vicksburg, Zeeland, Cadillac and Lowell follow in order. Cheboygan had two 100% meetings. Hastings, Charlotte, Cadillac and Lowell one each.

In this connection we would like to call President Put's attention to the fact that Frank Mooney offered us a free luncheon for a month of 100% attendance.