

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

THE RAZZBERRY

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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We Thank You, Put.

One of the members of the club, Roy Putnam, has received state recognition of his conservation work. Roy has done an outstanding job in this respect. He is entitled to the thanks of the community, both for the amount of time he has devoted to public work and to the good sense he has displayed in it.

He is now, in conjunction with Coley and others, promoting a WPA project for a bass rearing pond near the bluegill pond which has meant so much to the fishing in Branch County. The new pond will cover about five acres (the old one being 16 acres and devoted exclusively to raising blue gills.)

The site selected was donated by the Village of Union City and is a natural basin, it being only necessary to widen and raise the county road on the south side and construct a small dyke on the west side. The cost will be approximately \$9,000.00 of which the local contribution is \$2,100.00. The local contribution will not all be in cash however, some of it being in equipment, etc. The project is enthusiastically approved by the State Department of Conservation, which has co-operated generously with the Branch County Conservation Club officials in their application for a WPA project.

Having a Big Scrap

St. Johns is having a big scrap to capture some of the natural gas going to waste in Northern Michigan. Bill Smith, Rotarian and chairman of the State Public Utilities Commission, was to speak on Lincoln at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club, so Sky Marshall perpetrated the following in his St. John Rotary Spirit:

"Four score and seven million years ago, our forefathers, or whatever created this continent, deposited in the bowels of the earth a few billion cubic feet of natural gas; dedicated it to the proposition that it might be consumed equally if Grand Rapids or some other town didn't beat us out of it.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether this city or any other city so conceived, can allow Grand Rapids or any other cockeyed neighboring town to grab what the Consumers Power Company is willing that we shall have.

We here highly resolve that the Consumers Power Company and the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, of which Bill Smith is chairman, shall not die in vain in their efforts to give us more and better gas at lower rates.

That this town shall have a new birth of civic consciousness; that this natural gas is the property of the people, shall be used by the people and for the people . . .

Aw, gosh! What's the use.

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A Letter from Dan

The following is an interesting letter from Dan Hodgman:

February 10, 1936

Dear Editor:

I enclose \$1.00 to pay postage and my share of Razzberry's expense. It's a fine magazine and I'm glad to receive it. In contrast I enclose the meager sheet which the Middletown Club puts out.

This club here, however, has a fine meeting—mostly speakers both from inside and outside the club. One speaker, a member of the club, spoke on Kipling, another, also a member, spoke about France and its people; another speaker, an outsider, President of the Connecticut Power Co., told about the antics of the New Dealers in trying to make a political football out of the power industry—and the best talk was by the City Manager of New London—about the city manager system and how it works.

Since studying comparative government I have been impressed with the English cabinet system. We have too many elective offices in this country, so that the parties concentrate on offices instead of issues. The bi-partisan systems, however, works out much better than multi-party systems. France's government is a shambles compared to England. Well you are too busy to be bothered by that.

Was awfully sorry to hear about Frank Mooney. He was so cheery and hearty. I shall miss him a great deal.

My very best regards,

DAN HODGMAN.

Has Consented to Run

Bill Manier of Nashville, Tennessee, has been for many years one of the most indefatigable of Rotary workers. No one in Rotary knows more about it nor has had greater experience on the Board of Directors, committees and Rotary activities generally. The Ed is in receipt of the following letter from Paul Bond and is glad to comply with the request it contains.

My dear Glenn:

You may already have received an announcement similar to this one, and, if you have, I guess one more won't do any harm especially when one considers the subject.

No doubt you are as well acquainted with Bill Manier of Nashville, Tennessee, as the writer. He is probably better known to Rotarians all over the United States than any other past director of Rotary International. One simply could not go through the office of District Governor without coming in contact with Bill or feeling his influence.

As you know, Bill finally consented to serve as R. I. president, if elected. Everything now points to the fact that he will not have opposition, therefore his election is practically assured. In my opinion, there is not a more deserving and a more qualified Rotarian for this high office than Bill Manier; however, I am sure you know his qualifications as well as I do so I need not enumerate them.

I was so happy to learn that Bill had finally consented to accept the nomination that I have taken the liberty of writing some of the past governors whom I feel he would be glad to hear from. If you feel as I do about having him as president, I am sure he will appreciate receiving a line from you telling him about it. He is consenting to run only because his friends have insisted and a word from you as a past district Governor will give him a great deal of satisfaction. He need not know that any one has suggested that you drop him a line of assurance.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

PAUL S. BOND.

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Charlotte Pays Tribute

The Charlotte Club seems to have adopted a program the Ed tried to initiate here. It is honoring local citizens who have merited the honor by a long life of usefulness. It recently had an "Albert Murray Day." Following is taken from the Mirror in connection with this program:

All of this brings to mind the thought that there is a community service a little out of the ordinary which our club might bring into action. An occasional death suddenly draws our attention to the worth of this or that man in the community; how he had always been deeply interested in everything that would improve the community, in fact when we come to think of it he could always be depended on to do the right thing. He enjoyed a certain reward, to be sure, in the quiet respect of his fellowmen but the warmth in his heart that might have come from a more articulate expression of appreciation is beyond measure.

By the above we do not mean that our club can give public recognition to all the good citizens of Charlotte for they are legion, but we can occasionally invite in someone who fully deserves such recognition as a good citizen down through the years and have them know what our group thinks of them. A kind word to the living has a greater meaning than a bunch of flowers when life is no more.

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Another recent Mirror speaks of the return of Judge Russell McPeck and "Doc" DeFoe to the Rotary Club. They are both outstanding Charlotte men. DeFoe particularly is well known and honored throughout the state. The Detroit Free Press recently had a column article concerning him in which he was given the degree "DC", which is explained to mean Doctor of Charlotte.

Another recent Mirror takes exception to our recent statement that Charlotte's attendance record is somewhat spotty. We do not recall making the statement but probably did.

Coldwater's record is good enough so we are inclined to get a little chesty but recently it has not been so hot. We just manage to stay above ninety, but were fourteenth in December and eleventh in January, Charlotte being above us in January but fourth place in December. It would be interesting to match attendance records with that club. I have asked Hugh to compile an attendance record of the club from various angles and would like to ask Brother Byron Brown to do the same for Charlotte. We will then see how the two clubs stand. If we haven't kept up with Charlotte in the past, we will have to brush up a little in the future.

Hastings, by the way, is the desrair of all the other clubs. Its January record was perfect—100% for the month.

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Frank Moore sends us a number of copies of the St. Petersburg Rotary Sunbeam. He doesn't say, however, whether they have sunbeams down there this winter or not.

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Embarrassing Moments

The Hillsdale Club seems to have been unfortunate in some of its recent meetings as the following except from its Rotary News will show:

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS To His Honor the Mayor, to the guests, and to the new members of Rotary, we wish to offer our apologies for the distasteful features of the pep-program. The efforts of the half-naked troupe leader to make a hit by means of disgusting anecdotes only succeeded in wounding the sensibilities and insulting the good taste of all Rotarians present. This is the second mis-fit in the weekly Ro'arian program. The previous week produced a fiasco and this week a repulsion. Such mis-fits are the result of a snap-judgment and hasty decision on the part of the management.

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Additional Letters of Sympathy

Additional letters of sympathy on the death of Frank Mooney have been received from the Belding Club and the Greenville Club. Letters from Harry Taylor, Vice-President of the club, Bill Frankhauser and others, together with editorial comment, were necessarily omitted from last week's Razzberry for lack of space.

Chicago, February 14, 1936

Mr. Hugh W. Clarke
Secretary, The Rotary Club
Coldwater, Michigan
Dear Hugh:

It is with sincere regret that we note in "The Razzberry" of February 11 the sudden death of President Frank Mooney.

Our contact with President Mooney revealed his deep interest in advancing the ideals of Rotary and in rendering a large measure of unselfed service to his community. We extend our sincere sympathy to you and your fellow members.

Sincerely,
CHESLEY R. PERRY,
Secretary.

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The Coldwater club certainly has occasion to feel thankful to Raymond Dresser for his loyalty after Frank's death. He promptly called the editor to find what could be done about arrangements for the funeral. He took it up with Al Hammer at Grand Rapids, called repeatedly and did everything possible to see that Rotary was well represented. One of the things he did was to send a beautiful floral Rotary wheel on behalf of the district.

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Another man who is entitled to our gratitude is Al Hammer, Secretary of the Grand Rapids club. He did everything he could to discharge the duty of Rotary to one of its finest members.

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It was unfortunate that the funeral could not be held in Coldwater. The weather was such that local Rotarians and other friends of Frank's who would have been glad to pay their respects to him and show their sympathy for Dora, were unable to go. About thirty Coldwater people, including eight members of the Rotary club were there. The Rotarians were Harry Taylor, Vice-President of the club, Bob Sharer, Charlie Keep and Hugh Clarke, members of the Board of Directors, Carl Vinton, Irish Ramsey, Bob Kerr and Alton Hutchins.

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Bob and Lucile Kerr were loyal stand-bys in the emergency. They went to Grand Rapids as soon as it became an emergency and stayed until after the funeral.

Following its custom the club will still consider Dora Mooney as one of its Rotary Anns. She will always be welcome at its functions and its members will be more than glad to render assistance to her in every possible way.

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There is a Rotary Club in the City of Greene, New York. Its secretary's name is Russell W. Gray and believe it or not the president this year is Carl E. Purple. There seems to be nothing rosy in this club's outlook.