

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

# THE RAZZBERRY

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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## *Into The Editoria' Wastebasket*

Ken Olmsted was so energetic in the preparation of the last number of the Razzberry that he assembled material enough to almost fill another Razzberry. We would use it this time except that it would be illegal because the pheasant season is over, so it all goes in the editorial wastebasket, except Marshall Hungerford's report on the Marshall meeting.

So a very studious article by Warner Van Aken on the Chinese ring-neck, a detailed and very interesting description of a hunt by Bob Wade, a lot of information about where to find pheasants by George Vail, an unsigned article on the white pheasant and a bit of editorial humor by Ken Olmsted himself are all wasted.

By the way, each special editor should put his name at the head of his edition. It is all we can stand to take the responsibility for our own numbers. Every fellow must have the nerve to take his chance on what he puts out.

John Symons has the next edition. He is working on it now and says he is going to make it a humdinger.

### LADIES NITE VONCE MORE

Rex Kiers is the chairman. The date is either December 1st or 8th. The place is not announced but is probably the Parish House. Two special committees are helping Rex. One is the entertainment committee and one the banquet committee. It would seem that if these two committees functioned properly, the position of general chairman would be honorary. Maurice Payne heads the entertainment committee with Marshall Hungerford, John Walker and Fred Leeder assisting him. Sig Wing, as usual heads the banquet committee. A legend has grown up that Sig is the only man that knows where to find turkeys. Guvarie Coffman is on the committee to provide milk and Neil Carroll to furnish the crackers.

Ladies Night, being an annual institution, becomes increasingly difficult as time goes on. There must always be change and newness about it. If it gets into a routine, it is not enjoyable. The elements of surprise and novelty are what give it zest. The real job ahead of Rex is to produce an original idea.

### BEWARE

Word has been received that someone is operating in Kansas under the name of "George Burns" or "Berns", persuading Rotarians to cash checks which in each case have been for \$15.00. This individual wears a Rotary pin and claims he is both a Rotarian and a member of the faculty of the university which is located in Boulder, Colorado. The secretary of the Boulder Rotary Club states that no one by that name has ever been a member of that club or a member of the faculty of the University of Colorado.



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### *M. Dupeyrey Replies*

Recently we printed our letter to Maurice Dupeyrey endorsing his candidacy for President of R. I. on international grounds. His very courteous reply is printed below.

His business and Rotary record seem to justify his candidacy. He is the founder of an important abrasives and chemical products industry with two factories, is President of the Board of Directors of a radio concern, member of the Board of Directors of the Hotel Majestic, Hotel Regina, Hotel Raphael and Union Hoteliere Parisienne, all in Paris. He is President of the Permanent Committee of Foreign Fairs of the French Trade Ministry, Honorary General Secretary of the National Committee of Councillors for French Foreign Trade. He has an impressive military record with four years of service in the Great War, in which he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and the English Military Medal, in addition he is Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. He has travelled extensively throughout Europe, North and South America and Northern Africa and speaks fluently English, Spanish, German and Italian (to say nothing of French). He was President of the Paris Rotary Club in 1928-29, Governor of the 49th District 1932-33, and has served on nearly all of the committees of Rotary International. He has been second Vice-President, was during the past year a director and is this year a member of the Convention Committee. He has devoted a large part of his time to Rotary for the last ten years. It is a fitting award for his service, as well as a graceful recognition of France, that he be made President, which will probably happen without opposition. The letter follows:

#### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Mr. W. Glenn Cowell  
Governor, thirty-fifth District (past)  
Clarke Building, Coldwater, Michigan, U. S. A.  
My Dear Rotarian Friend:

It was indeed a pleasure for me to receive your kind letter of October 17th, regarding my candidacy for Presidency of R. I., because I state that our thinking in Rotarian matters is quite similar.

Although I highly appreciate your nice words about my country, I think that in our organization, all nationals must feel like brothers and it will be my endeavour, should I be elected, to maintain and develop the splendid spirit, which I always have observed in the leading spheres of Rotary.

I fully realize the heavy responsibility of holding such an important office, but I am sure that I could rely upon the advice and cooperation of all my good rotarian friends and this would make my task easier.

Now I wish to tell you that I feel very grateful for your kind offer to support me and I shall be much obliged for all you will be able to do for me.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you next year at Nice, I remain, with kindest personal regards,

Rotarily yours

M. Dupeyrey

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The Shanghai Rotary Pagoda runs a display ad worded as follows:

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY THAT NEW 1936 FRIGIDAIRE

(Ask Brad or Wilfred)

AMERICAN ENGINEERING  
Corporation (China)

All of which shows that American products are used over there.



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### *An Exchange of Greetings*

The Honolulu Rotogram has a department of correspondence. In the last issue it quotes a letter from the Rotary Club of St. Joseph, Missouri, to the effect that a charter member of the St. Joseph Club has recently returned from an extended vacation trip in which he visited Honolulu. It also states that he gave an interesting lecture on his return home about the beautiful and interesting sights of Hawaii, the charming reception and courteous treatment extended to him by the Honolulu Club.

It also runs a letter from the Rotary Club of Alpena, Michigan, extending club greetings and stating that Don Lake of the Alpena Club had given his impressions of Hawaii in a talk to the club.

It strikes us that such exchange of greetings is well worth while and that the Coldwater Club might well enlarge its activities along that line. Sky Marshall in the St. Johns Rotary Spirit says:

"Nineteen years ago this week Wednesday this whole country went into a wild celebration.

**THE WAR WAS OVER."**

The Belding Rattle says the war was over eighteen years ago.

Not wishing to fatigue the editorial brain with mathematical calculations, we leave it to you. It is evident somebody was wrong.

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Coldwater has more international interest that we seem to have. Which is Coldwater's gain and our loss. The latest Razzberry quote: from the Honolulu Rotogram and the Manila Rotary Balita and has a guest editorial written by a Toronto Rotarian.

—Charlotte Mirror.

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Coldwater's attendance record for October was good. We stood seventh with a percentage of 93.14. The clubs above us were Hastings (as usual), Charlotte, Vicksburg, Marshall, Belding and Cheboygan. Our membership is a little higher than usual, standing now at fifty-one. The district itself dropped down from sixteen to twenty-fifth in USCNF.

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#### **BOYS' CAMP AT CASSIDY LAKE**

In his monthly letter Governor Barnes calls attention to a very fine Rotary activity which he had already announced in a special bulletin. It is a practical plan to take needy boys who really want to make something of themselves, give them six months apprenticeship in the vocation they choose, at the same time giving them the benefit of fine recreational training and actual work in certain building trades.

The organization then undertakes to secure them employment. A Rotary Club can send a boy for \$20.00. The Coldwater Club should certainly embrace this opportunity for accomplishment. The Board should meet and appoint a committee to handle it without delay.

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#### **ELEVEN CLUBS MAINTAIN PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Eleven out of the 2,683 clubs in USCNB competing in the attendance contest were able to maintain 100% attendance records for the entire year.

They are:

Carmen, Okla.

O'Fallon, Ill.

Dormont, Pa.

Penns Grove, N. J.

Gallatin, Mo.

Roaring Springs, Pa.

Marked Tree Ark.

Rogersville, Tenn.

North Wales, Pa.

Sulphur, Okla.

Washington, N. J.

These clubs have an average membership of 23.5.



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## A FINE NEW ENTERPRISE

The London Rotary Club has acquired a home. With the simplicity of English practice it is named Rotary House. It was dedicated on the night of October 13th by Bill Manier, President of R. I. At the door of the house President Byers of the London Club handed him a silver key as a personal souvenir with the affectionate greetings of the Rotary Club of London. Manier replied in a graceful speech, concluding that he was "now opening the threshold of the material home of the Rotary ideals of London and the culmination of twenty-five years of devoted London Rotary effort." The home is acquired, by the way, in celebration of the silver anniversary of the London Club, which is No. 17 in the chronological numbering of clubs.

So far as we know this is the only club which has a home of its own. Practically all the large clubs meet in hotels. A club house is a nice thing, however, and makes for coherence and fellowship in the organization.

We extend our congratulations to the London Club on its fine achievement.

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## THE BELDING ROTARY RATTLE CARRIES THIS ITEM:

"Pete presented Henry Straight of Grand Rapids who gave us an entertaining and inspirational talk Monday."

This carries a memory of the past. Henry Straight was a very active man in local political circles until he moved to Grand Rapids two years ago. He was successive County Clerk, Representative in the Legislature and State Senator from this district. He achieved state wide prominence in the House and Senate and when he left here was President of a newly organized life insurance company. Since his departure he has almost completely lost touch with Branch County, although during his residence here he was one of the best known men in the county.

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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER AT MARSHALL ON OCT. 30th

As a new member of Rotary, I was greatly benefited by going to Marshall to hear Dr. Bill Copeland, President of Lincoln College, Lincoln, Illinois. Dr. Copeland being one of those quiet, well spoken persons whose sincerity holds the attention of all without effort. His talk gave me the first real concrete idea of what a Rotarian can do and what is expected of a Rotarian. He cited a number of specific services a Rotary Club may perform, for its own locality, its own immediate neighbors, and the part it can take nationally and internationally. I left this meeting with a feeling that a good Rotarian must not only be a good citizen but an active citizen, and that Rotary can act as a guide for his efforts in bringing of service. If Dr. Bill's talk is representative of others sponsored by Rotary International, I hope to attend all within reach.

—M. J. Hungerford.

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Belding adopts a suggestion from the News Letters from the Secretariat which seems a good one. It is the dissemination of the Rotarian by placing it in libraries, schools and neighboring towns.

Many of our fellows (including the Ed) fail to make the most of that useful magazine. It is, however, indexed in "Readers' Guide to periodical Literature" and bound volumes in the local library would be valuable. A copy sent to the schools in all of the towns of the county would also be valuable. Can we not arrange it with some of our unused copies.

Page the Community Service Committee.

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More members than usual have taken to the woods this fall. We certainly should have venison for the club when the season is over.

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