

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

# THE RAZZBERRY

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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## A Letter of Greeting

This issue of the Razzberry with a letter of greeting is being sent to the following fifteen new clubs announced in the last news letter:

Holmfirth, England .....	No. 3924
Bauru, Sao Paulo, Brazil .....	3925
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Salida, Colorado .....	1427
Leamington, Ontario, Canada .....	3928
Campina Grande, Parahyba, Brazil .....	3929
Burton-on-Trent, England .....	3930
Homewood, Illinois .....	3931
Kediri, Java, Netherlands Indies .....	3932
Georgetown, Ohio .....	3933
Uberlandia (Minas Geraes) Brazil .....	3934
Kentwood, Louisiana .....	3935
Ponchatoula, Louisiana .....	3936
Armenia (Caldas), Columbia .....	3937

The Rotary Club of Coldwater, Michigan. U. S. A. greets you and welcomes you to the Rotary family. This club has been in Rotary for fifteen years. If its experience is any criterion you are to be congratulated upon your affiliation with the organization.

Rotary has meant much not only in the lives of the members of our club but in the progress and welfare of the city. We are proud of membership in so far flung an organization and glad to number among us new clubs in the countries which you represent. One of the most striking and successful departments in Rotary has to do with its international aspect.

At a time when the shadow of war darkens many lands the international fellowship of Rotary is of more than usual importance. May all of our countries remain always in peace and friendship and may each club labor unceasingly to promote good will among all nations.

Yours Rotarily,

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The following is from the current issue of the Charlotte Rotary Mirror:

Every member of the club regrets that "Tex" Evans is leaving us to locate in Coldwater as Engineer of their County road system. "Tex" has been a very useful member of our club; has given us some good talks of his own and provided others; has been unstinting with his time in matters pertaining to Boys' Work. We sure will miss you "Tex" but you have our combined good wishes in your new location.

Last week was "Rotarian Magazine Week." Most clubs had programs concerning it and put the heat on every member to read the Rotarian. It is a good magazine and is deserving of more attention than most of us give it.

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### Harry Schneider



The Razzberry presents with pleasure the above excellent likeness of genial Harry Schneider, Superintendent of the Michigan Children's Village who has so far successfully covered up his past.

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Fitch Beach, one of the good Rotarians at Charlotte, has recently made a gift to the city of a fine new city hall.

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### *Fred Leeder Tells All*

We have finally abandoned the campaign to secure an autobiography from Harry Schneider. It isn't our idea of cooperation but every man has his own notion. We have held his picture for months. So long as we can't run the biography we will put the picture in the paper anyway. We are still of the opinion that a history of the members will be interesting and will make the Razzberry of permanent historical value to the club, so we are commencing with the next to the youngest baby member, Fred Leeder. Below is a brief sketch of his life. His experiences are quite extensive and his life richer in incident than most. His biography, however, will serve as a model for other members.

As early as Tuesday, April 14th, we shall expect a similar biography from Harry Van Dusen and Wesley Wilbur and will from time to time announce the men from whom such biographies are expected. Failure to comply will subject the recalcitrant to a visit from Norm Kohl. Listen to Fred Leeder.

In 1928 Harvard closed her doors behind me and by virtue of an M. D. I was privileged to practice medicine and surgery in all their branches on an unsuspecting public. The public was saved for at least a year by my accepting a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship to study towards my D. P. H. at the University of Toronto.



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### *Fred Leeder Tells All—continued*

Upon obtaining my D. P. H. in 1929 I became a member of the Department of Indian Affairs of the Dominion of Canada and was appointed superintendent of the then new Ile a la Crosse Hospital situated on the southern fringe of the Barren Lands and designed to bring medical service to the northern Indians. After a most interesting year I became attached to the Health Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as State District Health Officer for the Berkshire district with headquarters in Pittsfield. Sixteen towns in my new district decided to form a full-time health district under a grant from the Commonwealth Fund of New York City and in 1931 I became the new director of the Southern Berkshire Health District with headquarters at Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Two years of this and then to the Harvard School of Public Health to do research on the epidemiology of lobar pneumonia with Dr. W. G. Smillie. Echoes of a new development in Public Health in southern Michigan rattled the test tubes and so to Battle Creek and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in 1934. I am glad for the echo because it brought me finally to Coldwater with its many fine associations.

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The St. Johns Club was ten years old last week. It is father of the Alma Club and claims parentage to the Ithaca Club. The latter is somewhat in doubt, however. The club itself is said not to know its own father.

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### *Crippled Children Seals*

With every city, county and community participating actively, the Michigan Society for Crippled Children, Inc., is now conducting its third annual offering of Crippled Children Easter Seals, an activity in which Rotary is interested.

Continuing through Easter, this sale of tiny, attractive shares in "Crippled Children, Ltd.," will afford opportunity to all friends of physically handicapped persons to benefit them by distributing and purchasing these attractive seals. They cost one penny each, a dollar for each sheet of one hundred, or as much more as anyone may feel inclined to contribute.

Ninety per cent of the proceeds remain in the State, to maintain and extend the established program and support the general activities of the Michigan Society and its local county and city chapters, while a small portion, ten percent, helps maintain the broader work of the International Society for Crippled Children, with which the State is affiliated.

The campaign is actively headed by Perry C. Angove, of Detroit, Executive Secretary of the Michigan Society, and aided by President Emmet Richards, of Alpena, Secretary-Treasurer Paul H. King, of Detroit, and a Directorate of seventy, representing all sections of the State. The Executive Committee of the Society, which comprises the Officers and two Directors, acts as the Advisory Board.





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### *Vocational Service Problem*

The Vocational Service problem referred to in the last issue was overlooked last week. We hope it will be taken up at the next session. Here is another problem for another session. It must be borne in mind that anyone may be called on to discuss these problems, so don't fail to study them. They will work all right unless some member tried to be funny with them.

W. J. Carlyle started to manufacture office equipment in 1901. At first he had a hard time securing business, but he knew his line thoroughly, and was no quitter. In 1909 and again in 1913, he expanded his equipment, and in 1915, he decided to incorporate for a million dollars. The business prospered and dividends were paid regularly until January, 1929. Up until that time the output of the new up-to-date factory had been in demand.

At the January meeting of the board, W. J. warned the members that there was but \$50,000 surplus in the treasury. He told them that he believed there should be at least \$250,000 surplus, as there was a business reaction imminent. The board did not take so pessimistic an attitude; when W. J. proposed the board of directors go on record as favoring an assessment on stock to provide the necessary surplus, the motion was rejected, in spite of the fact that W. J. owned 33 per cent of the stock. The members of the board said that they did not think it necessary to ask the stockholders to make a contribution in order to provide a larger surplus.

W. J. made the same plea at two subsequent meetings with the same result. A month before the collapse in 1929, W. J. was convinced that a depression was in the offing. He was also convinced that, because of its reserve being small, his company would not be able to weather a prolonged period of inactivity. He went to the directors and offered them his stock at market value—150. at the time. They accepted, and paid him \$495,000 for his stock. W. J. withdrew from the organization altogether.

The crash came within a month. When W. J.'s old company finally liquidated, the stockholders received only \$22.50 per share.

QUERY—DID W. J. ACT ETHICALLY IN SELLING OUT AS HE DID, KNOWING THAT A PANIC WAS IMPENDING, EVEN THOUGH THE STOCKHOLDERS HAD DENIED HIS PLEAS FOR ADEQUATE SURPLUS?

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### *The Worth While In Rotary*

The following letter from the Secretary of one of the new clubs in Rotary shows the effect of letters of greetings from other clubs.

I am just beginning to see the worth while in Rotary fellowship from the many letters that are drifting in from all parts of the U. S. A., Canada and England. Just why this little burg should suddenly become the center of world-wide interest for all this epistolary effort is made plain, only in the light of what our sponsors promised would be in store for us if we took on Rotary.

The truth now becomes apparent, and hope has changed to glad fruition for us, as a maze of mythical bridges has been projected in this direction from distant points over which travel the most intimate messages from people who have been total strangers. Of course, this kind of felicitation is not hard to take. It is a most fascinating experience, and each day brings some new surprise.

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Oxidental Hotel at Muskegon was the recent object of a visit from the fire king. The blaze was confined to the old portion of the hotel, however, and will not affect the ability of the city to entertain the District Conference of Rotary next May.