

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

THE RAZZBERRY

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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The Centennial Celebration

The discussion of the Centennial Celebration two weeks ago was very valuable. Several suggestions were made in the meeting which will be of much value to the committee but the greatest benefit came from suggestions later made by members.

No enterprise of that character can be worked out successfully without the friction of many minds. The skeleton plan can be determined upon by a few men in a committee meeting. That plan is not enough, however. The whole program must be enriched by ideas that are the product of general discussion.

The Ed had a valuable object lesson along that line during the War. Frequently demands were made upon the County War Board which seemed impossible of realization, but it was the war. They did not come in the form of requests. They were peremptory orders. The County War Board shook its collective heads and said "impossible", but always a meeting of the Township War Boards of the county was called. Many of the members of those boards were men of a high order of intellect. Some were not as good thinkers. Such a meeting started at ten o'clock in the morning. The Proposition was presented. Someone made a suggestion. Usually it was very impractical. Others discussed it. After a time another suggestion was made and was discussed. This process was continued until four or five in the afternoon. In the meantime the thinking of everyone in the group was advanced by the ideas of the other members. At the close of the meeting it never failed to develop a practical answer to the situation. In every instance the county met the requirements of the general organization. The result could not have been accomplished by the same individuals or twice their number acting separately. Even though the individuals had been of much superior mentality it could not have been done. It was the composite action of forty minds which accomplished the object.

The Board of Managers of the celebration is under obligation to Kenny Olmsted for being willing to dedicate a program to the purpose, even though Ken did it only because he failed of another program.

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The strike in the Homer Furnace plant is a regrettable incident from all standpoints. In saying this we do not attempt to pass upon the merits of any question which may be at issue. Out of such a controversy, however, grows suffering for everyone involved. The men suffer, temporarily at least. Many of them will suffer permanently because it cannot but result in a sharp curtailment of the company's volume. The plant will suffer and the city will suffer. It is greatly to be hoped that cooler counsels will result in a speedy agreement which will minimize the damage as much as possible.



Welcome To Coldwater

June 19-20-21, 1936

Rotary In Germany

A recent Associated Press dispatch announced that no member of the active military force in Germany may join a Rotary club. This is probably purely an internal regulation of the country with regard to its military forces. In a recent letter from District Governor Kroger, he said:

"Rotary is going on pretty well but slowly in the 73rd District. We hope to have a fine district conference in Salzburg in not quite a fortnight. It's remarkable that both Governments, the German and the Austrian, have given their consent to hold the conference in an Austrian town. As the beauties of Salzburg both nature and art, are known all over the world I think the attendance will be fine. I have just come home from England where I had the great honor of representing Rotary International at the district conference at Great Yarmouth. It was a great pleasure for me to spend a few days amid English Rotarian friends. I found a truly fine and Rotarian reception. My speech about 'What Rotary Can Do to Promote International Understanding' was favorably received by the audience."

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Put's Big Job



As a club gets older it loses enthusiasm. Life is something that is hard to define and equally hard to preserve. It is a Gift of God to Youth. It is an Acquisition to Age.

Roy Putnam has the Spark of Life. It remains to be seen whether, in his year as president, he can instill it into the club. That is his BIG JOB.



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Rotary Problem

If a members of a Rotary club is guilty of conduct unbecoming a Rotarian, has the club any right to action against that member?

Yes, the membership of any member who fails to conduct himself or has business in accordance with the principles and ethics of Rotary, he may be terminated by the board of directors by a two-thirds vote of the board at a meeting called for that purpose provided that said member shall have been given at least ten days' notice in writing of such pending action.

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"Turn your back on any leader who offers you ease and abundance by freeing you from work."

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The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is gradually accumulating funds. Its goal is a ten million dollars which when acquired will be a great stabilizing influence in Rotary. In a time of depression (and don't kid yourself, it is coming some time) it will enable Rotary International to carry on without heavy burden upon its members. In good times it will provide an income which can be used to further the objects of Rotary.

The Board of Directors of R. I. and the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation have recently established three objectives for immediate emphasis as follows:

1. A research bureau and clearing house to make available to all Rotary Clubs world-wide information on boys' work and crippled children's work.
2. Assist in the formation and extension of institutes of international relations.
3. Provide for Rotarian speakers to deliver in countries other than their own, addresses regarding the principles of Rotary and their practical application in their respective countries.

The naming and emphasizing of these three objectives is not exclusive nor permanent. The purposes of the foundation are broad and inclusive and insure ever increasing opportunities for service.

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The Voice of Sturgis Rotary complains of the condition of Rotary signs at the approaches of the city. The club is planning to fix them up to create a better impression of the club. Belding is also talking about signs.

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A Suggestion On Ex-Members

Every Rotary club has an interest in its ex-members who take up residence in another town where this is a Rotary club. If this interest does not exist, it means that many good men are lost to the movement even though they may still be Rotarians at heart and would appreciate an opportunity to continue enjoying the contacts and privileges of Rotary.

It is natural that the individual would feel that he should wait until he is approached. In instances, then, where a Rotarian of good standing leaves the club and takes up residence in another town, where there is a Rotary club, it is in the interest of the progress and development of the Rotary movement that you do what you can to establish a contact for him by writing to that club and informing them that Rotarian So-and-So is now a member of their community, and suggesting that some member call on him and that he be invited to attend a meeting of the club. Many times, of course, his classification will be filled in the town where the Rotarian goes as a new resident. It may nevertheless eventually prove helpful to the club and to the ex-member if you make it possible for him to continue his contact with Rotary.

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The city's WPA paving project for this summer is encountering some obstacles. Under new rulings the city would be required to furnish \$5,000 worth of cement for the enterprise in addition to the amount offered in the application.

This additional requirement leaves it questionable whether the council will be able to comply. Effort is being made to remove this condition. The decision on the application will not be made until July 1st in any event. Probably the machinery will be so delayed there will have to be sharp action to finish before Jack Frost calls a halt on operations.

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Wonder if the Club is to be represented at Atlantic City this year. The Ed was honored by an appointment as Vice Chairman of the Club Publications Assembly at that convention but is unable to accept. It would be very nice if some of the local Rotarians could arrange a trip east so as to attend. We had a representative to the convention last year, so it is not obligatory this year. It would be best that we should, however. Next year the convention is to be held in London, England, so our representative will be obliged to travel farther in order to attend.

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Letters To The Ed

ROTARY CLUB DE PARIS
Siege: HOTEL CRILLON
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Paris, Le 3 Juin 1936.

Monsieur GLENN COWELL
Coldwater
MICHIGAN
Cher Monsieur,

Des reception de votre lettre, je m'empresse de faire part de votre desir a notre imprimeur qui fera le necessaire pour que vous receviez regulierement notre Bulletin.

Je vous prie de croire, Cher Monsieur, a l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Robert GIRARD
Secetaire General.

June 5, 1936.

Mr. Hugh W. Clarke, Secretary
Coldwater Rotary Club,
Coldwater, Mich.

Dear Hugh:

We read excerpts from your "Razzberry" to our club members yesterday and passed it around for them to see. They were very much taken with it and asked me to inquire if you might spare us about a dozen copies.

The bulletin was so newsy and complete and complimentary in its reference to the Muskegon conference that many of the boys would like to have a copy to keep among their souvenirs.

We think the report of the conference was excellent. Several said "We did not realize it was so good."

Appreciating your generous cooperation, I am

Sincerely and Rotarily yours,

CHESTER C. WELLS,
President, Muskegon Club.

Dear Glenn:

I seldom write to "the Editor" but since reading the latest edition of Razzberry I am moved to write you an essay entitled "Give Me Back My Baby".

On page 1 you say, "There has been a net gain of 111 members and a new club at Belding", etc. Now I have no quarrel with the "gain of 111 members", but that NEW club at Belding is MY second baby, birth of which was announced at last year's Conference at Battle Creek, and whose charter night was on June 15 last year, two whole weeks before my successor took office. Greenville was the mama and I was the papa or vice versa or something, and we have the records to prove it. Now you come along and try to Razzberry our baby away from us, and, Glenn, it ain't fair.

I'm sure Ray Dresser and you together, with all your legal training can't prove that Belding is Ray's baby. Why we can even prove that Lowell (our first baby) gave a nice rattle and some other baby things to little Belding the night she was born and you should have seen how tickled she was. Not only that, she is having a birthday party next Monday, to celebrate her 1st anniversary, so Glenn, how could you be so cruel as to claim that Ray is her papa?

That is all of the essay, so I will close by saying again, "Please, Glenn, give me back my baby."

Sincerely,
BILL OTTO.