

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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Put Tells About Assembly

All but four of the 38 clubs in the 35th District were represented at the District Assembly held two weeks ago at Grand Haven. Some of them had two and three members in attendance besides the President and Secretary. I was deeply impressed with the degree of efficiency maintained throughout the entire session. The speakers as well as the sessions started on time and stopped on time.

The new Governor, Frank Barnes, seems to know exactly what he wants and how to get it. The executives administering the affairs of Rotary International are expert organizers and if their supervision throughout the coming year and other years to follow is nearly as good as the organization set-up there is not much danger of Rotary slipping backward.

One of the best things I got out of the conference was an address by Kim Sigler, past president of the Hastings Club, in which he attempted to account for that club's remarkable attendance record. He says the Hastings record is the result of continuous and carefully directed efforts to follow the organization plan laid down by R. I. The club has 58 members, and the secret of its success lies in their intelligent selection. They enforce the attendance, as well as other rules of Rotary International, to the letter. Any member who misses four meetings in succession is automatically dropped from the Club regardless of his prestige in the community. They take their Rotary seriously at Hastings.

Carl Horn, past president of Dowagiac, presented a very interesting discussion, the "Youth Movement," and Al Hammer, Secretary of Grand Rapids, stressed "Rotary Extension."

Bill Otto was the first speaker on the afternoon program. He gave us a good deal to think about regarding "Vocational Service". "Rotary in My Town" was the subject discussed by our immediate past District Governor, Ray Dreser, and again I learned something about what Harold Hunt once called "the smug complacency" of a citizenry that becomes too well satisfied with their existence and surroundings.

M. J. Lucid, of the Grand Rapids Club, presented a novelty designed to create more interest in our magazine "The Rotarian," and as confession is supposed to be good for the soul, I might as well admit I was quite surprised to learn exactly what this publication really contains. It is a rather long drawn out process but I returned from Grand Haven convinced that every Rotarian should serve as president of his club sooner or later because I know of nothing that helps to broaden a fellow more Rotarianly than attending one of these assemblies. To those who have not attended a District Assembly, whether you expect to be Club President or not, I highly recommend the articles and other material appearing in "The Rotarian."

Paul Bond presented "Club Publications" and complimented our club very highly on Glenn's efforts as publisher of the now somewhat famous "Razzberry." Eighteen of the thirty-eight clubs in this district issue bulletins or publications of some kind regularly and if I do say so myself, the old "Razzberry" looked kind of good to "yours truly" when laid out beside a lot of other samples of editorial handicraft. Some of

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Put Tells About Assembly—Cont'd.

the publications were merely mimeographed on a poor grade of paper and among the 18 issues could be found almost all variations, shapes, sizes and colors it is possible to turn out.

Walter Wood presented a very interesting discussion on "International Service" and while his ideas are fresh in my mind I am going to pass on the following suggestions to all members who want to do something of an international nature. Walter recommends all members entertain foreign students attending nearby schools and universities, I think this is a splendid idea. We have several good schools in the immediate vicinity and, no doubt, the officials at any of these institutions would be more than glad to cooperate by placing your invitation in the hands of some boy or girl from a foreign land. In this respect I speak somewhat from experience because I had the good fortune to receive several such invitations from kind-hearted Englishmen and Scotchmen while stationed in London and Glasgow after the war. In every case invitations were extended in the proper spirit but I remember one occasion when my host's curiosity overshadowed his hospitality.

Hugh VandeWalker, Past District Governor, Ypsilanti, and Chairman of the Crippled Children's Commission of the State of Michigan (without pay) stressed the necessity for immediate and larger appropriations from the State Treasurer to carry on the crippled children's work in this state. Our club has been relieved of some of its duties in connection with this activity since the organization of the Branch County Health Department. However, our obligations in this field have by no means been totally discharged either locally or in a state-wide sense. There are many ways in which we can assist the County Health Department. I expect to call on some of you fellows who are supposed to have influence in Lansing. Get ready.

Fred Hill gave me a new conception of "Club Service Work" and with the cooperation of the committees appointed last Tuesday we will try to give you a balanced ration in our diet of programs. You do not have to wait to be called upon by Herb Hurrell. Each member should feel this is HIS club and he is directly responsible for the amount and kind of fellowship we enjoy. It is a good deal like the singing which follows the luncheon. If everyone does his bit it goes over big.

The 1937 District Convention will be held at St. Joseph and Benton Harbor next April. The thing that impressed me about the assembly was that everything "Clicked"! We can attain a similar degree of perfection if all the committees do their stuff.

Remember it's your club—it's up to you.

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A Wise Amendment

At the 1933 (Boston) Rotary Convention the delegates from the club adopted an amendment to the standard club constitution reading as follows:

Honorary membership shall terminate on the first day of July next after the date of election provided however that the Board of Directors in their discretion may by resolution continue such honorary membership from year to year thereafter. Such honorary membership may be continued by the Board although the person so elected has ceased to reside within or to be definitely associated with the territorial limits of the club.

The adoption of this amendment makes it incumbent upon each club operating under the standard club constitution to confirm from year to year on the first day of July the membership of each of its honorary members, whom it wishes to retain in membership. Failure to follow this procedure would appear to terminate automatically the membership of an honorary member.

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Introducing Mr. Kim Sigler

July 20, 1936

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

My Dear Secretary:

At the last meeting of the Hastings Rotary Club, by a unanimous vote the members expressed their desire that Mr. Kim Sigler be placed in nomination by the Club for District Governor at the next annual Conference.

If you know Mr. Sigler, or if you have ever met him, or heard him talk, you will appreciate that he is a "live wire", a very public-spirited man and always ready to support worth-while movements. Recognized as one of the keenest and most successful lawyers in Western Michigan, his practice takes him into many counties throughout the State. When Rotary can secure the services of a man of his character, ability, sound judgment and wide experience to head its District activities it is indeed fortunate.

Mr. Sigler is a Rotarian at heart. He joined the Hastings Rotary Club March 17th, 1930, and has never missed a meeting since. He has been at the head of about every prominent Committee; was President of our Club for the year ending July 1, 1935, during which time we made a splendid growth; and has been foremost in all of our activities.

We will appreciate it if you will read this letter before your Club, greatly pleased with any support you may give Mr. Sigler's candidacy, and very confident that you will have no occasion to regret any assistance you may render.

Rotarily yours,

HASTINGS ROTARY CLUB

By C. W. Wespinter, President.

W. R. Cook, Secretary.

We have commented before on the prospect that Kim would be a candidate. What the Hastings Club says about his professional standing is not exaggerated. He is an outstanding lawyer, an able man and an active rotarian.

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Help! Help! Says The Razzberry

The Ed is grateful to Bob Sharer for assuming responsibility for the last issue of this sheet. It was so successful that we intend to insist on various members editing future editions. In doing so it must be understood that copy should be submitted to Roy Newberry as early as Thursday prior to the date of issue. Bob is willing to undertake another issue. In fact, he says he enjoys it. He will be away for a couple weeks, so we have postponed his next issue and put Bill Frankhauser in first. After that we have assigned various members to issues up to the close of the year. We expect each man will accept the assignment as he would any other Rotary obligation. If he fails to do so he is expected to contribute \$1.00 to Norm Kohl but that does not expiate his sin. It merely keeps him out of purgatory temporarily. Eventually he will fill the same assignment and may spend several dollars trying to avoid it.

Following is the schedule:

August 11, Bill Frankhauser; August 25, Bob Sharer; Sept. 8, The Editor; Sept. 22, John Hardy; October 6, The Editor; October 20, Ken Olmsted; November 3, The Editor; November 17, John Symons; December 1, The Editor; December 15, The Editor; December 29, Charlie Pollock.

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Will Guide The Good Ship "Rotary"

President, Roy E. Putnam
Vice President, H. J. McKnight
Secretary, Hugh W. Clarke
Treasurer, Harry Van Dusen

Board of Directors: The above men and W. J. Carlyle, Wes Wilbur and Harry Taylor.

The Aims and Objects Committee will consist of : Herb Hurrell, Norm Kohl, Kenny Olmsted and Glenn Cowell.

Club Service Committee: Herb Hurrell, General Chairman; Classifications, Hugh Clarke; Membership, John Hardy; Fellowship, Marty Derhammer; Attendance, Fred Leeder; Program, John Walker; Music, Alton Hutchins; Publicity, Roy Newberry; Flag Custodian, Mort Olds; Bell Custodian, Wes Wilbur; Club Publication, Glenn Cowell; Rotary Foundation, Bob Scharer; Sergeant-at-Arms, Walt Bien.

Vocational Service Committee: Norm Kohl, General Chairman; Professions, Harry Snyder; Business, Marshall Woodward; Manufacturing, Sig Wing.

International Service Committee: Glenn Cowell, General Chairman.

Community Service Committee: Kenny Olmsted, General Chairman; Crippled Children, Chas. Pollock; Boys Work, H. J. McKnight; Youth week Alton Hutchins; Junior Rotarian, Sam Schultz; Rural-Urban, Gordon Schulbatts.

MONTHLY PROGRAM COMMITTEES

The monthly program committees are: August: Bob Wade, Chairman, Roll Kerr, Harry Taylor, Gordon Schulbatts; September: Red McKnight, Chairman, Kenny Olmsted, Frank Moore; October: Rex Kiess, Chairman, Si Treat, Neal Carroll, Chas. Clarke; November: Bob Sharer, Chairman, Dan Hodgman, Wes Wilbur, Sam Schultz; December: Glenn Cowell, Chairman, Roy Newberry, Sonny Bauer, Harry VanDusen; January: Norm Kohl, Chairman, Marshall Woodward, Alton Hutchins, Carl Vinton; February: Warner Van Alken, Chairman, Russell Alexander, Chas. Keep, Fred Leeder; March: Bert Fisk, Chairman, John Hardy, John Symons, Roy Shattuck; April: Bill Frankhauser, Chairman, George Vail, John Walker, Chas. Pollock; May: W. J. Carlyle, Chairman, Mort Olds, Walt Bien, Marty Derhammer; June: Harry Milnes Chairman, Geo. Branch, Herb Hurrell, Bob Kerr; July: Harry Schneider, Chairman, Sig Wing, Frank McConkey, Roy Putnam.

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The last issue of the London Rotarian carries at its masthead this definition of a Rotary Club. "A Rotary Club is an association of business and professional men who desire to grow in capacity for service—personal, civic, national and international."

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FROM THE CHARLOTTE MIRROR—Grrr!!!

"You fellows may be thankful that the news sheet you get is the Mirror, not the Coldwater Razzberry. Goodness, gracious, they must have a rough editor down there. The poor Coldwater Rotarians must breathe easily each time the Razzberry comes and they see that they are not mentioned."