

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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Annual Christmas Party

Wanted—a 200% meeting for December 8th: 100% by the Rotarians, and another 100% attendance by the Rotary Anns.

Occasion—Annual Ladies' Night and Christmas Party at St. Mark's Parish House, time 7:00 P. M. sharp.

Able Sig Wing has corralled some corn-fed turkeys and has promised a cuisine that will please even the most fastidious.

Dependable Harry Van Dusen is producing a new setting—something different in the way of decorations and background.

Versatile Maurice Payne and his gang are Red Hot and creating a snappy floor show. Plenty of variety is the word of the hour.

Hugh Clarke, Herb Hurrell and Norm Kohl make up the invitation and reception committee.

The Committee wishes to impress upon each member, his responsibility in making our guests feel welcome, and the importance of having our Rotary Anns enjoy themselves. Let's show them the fine fellowship of our Club, and make them feel a part of it.

Thirty Years

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"From a device originally looked upon as a passing fad to a campaign that has helped to arouse a nation against disease." In these few words the history of the Christmas Seal in the United States may be epitomized. For thirty years the national, state, and local tuberculosis associations of this county have received support from the Christmas Seal. In turn they have used these funds to demonstrate the need for hospitals, clinics, nurses, and other agencies for the control of tuberculosis. Such demonstrations have been successful in stimulating provision for the tuberculous, until today in the United States 95,000 hospital beds are provided as against 10,000 thirty years ago; permanent tuberculosis clinics have increased from 25 to 1000; tuberculosis associations have multiplied from a mere handful to 1981 agencies. In every state of the Union, in the territories of Hawaii and Alaska, and in Puerto Rico, the Christmas Seal has stimulated the organization of community forces to combat tuberculosis.

— BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS —

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Coach Bauer:—"If there are any dumbbells in the room, please stand up." A long pause and then a lone freshman stood up.

"What, do you consider yourself a dumbbell?"

"Well, not exactly, sir, but I hate to see you standing all alone."

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Coach: "Was your father a college man?"

Jack: "Yes, but we never mention it. The college he went to had a rotten football team."

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What Do You Know About The Social Securities Act?

The Social Security Act became a law August 14, 1935. Under the Act, the Social Security Board is charged with its administration. Rotarians should be informed of its provisions.

Some General Characteristics of Federal Old-Age Benefits

Q. 1 What is meant by Federal old-age benefits?

A. There are three types of benefits payable directly by the Federal Government under the Federal Old-age benefits provisions of the Social Security Act:

- (1) Monthly benefits payable after a person is 65.
- (2) Lump-sum benefits payable at 65, and
- (3) Payments upon death.

These benefits are based on wages. Who will receive these benefits and how the amounts are determined will be explained later.

Q. 2 Are these benefits entirely Federal?

A. Yes. Federal old-age benefits are entirely administered by the Federal Government. The wages of workers in what might be roughly termed industrial and commercial establishments throughout the United States, including the District of Columbia, Alaska, and Hawaii, will, beginning with 1937 be counted in the computation of benefits.

Q. 3 What is the purpose of the Federal old-age benefits provisions?

A. The main purpose is to provide an assured retirement income to wage earners when they have reached the age of 65 thus making possible the retirement of these older workers from regular employment and also increasing opportunities for employment and advancement of younger workers.

Q. 4 What are Federal old-age benefits?

A. The act provided for three different types of these benefits. The most important are monthly Federal old-age retirement benefits payable to eligible persons who have reached the age of 65. The amount of these benefits will be based on wages, as defined in the act, from employment after 1936 and before the age of 65.

Q. 5 How are Federal old-age retirement benefits different from old-age assistance?

A. The old-age benefits provided by the Social Security Act differ from old-age assistance in two ways: first, they are to be paid by the Federal Government directly to the individual; and, second, payment will not be dependent on the establishment of need. The amount paid to each person will depend on his work and wage record before reaching the age of 65.

Q. 6 When does payment of monthly Federal old-age retirement benefits begin?

A. On and after January 1, 1942, monthly Federal old-age retirement benefits will be paid to individuals who can meet specified requirements.

Q. 7 May an individual buy Federal old-age retirement benefits from the Federal Government?

A. No. The Federal old-age retirement benefits are not purchasable.

Q. 8 Will monthly Federal old-age retirement benefits be paid to everyone after the age of 65?

A. No, in order to receive monthly old-age retirement benefits from the Federal Government at the age of 65, individuals must have been employed in at least five different calendar years after 1936 in what might roughly be termed industry and commerce, and their wage from such employment must be at least a total of \$2000. However, these benefits will not be paid to persons as long as they are regularly employed in such industrial and commercial establishments.

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Educational Notes

It is a wise father who "no's" his own college student son.

Those who try to skip through examinations usually fall down.

Lost—A Waterman fountain pen by a young man, full of ink. Reward.

The class had been instructed to write an essay on winter. One pupil's attempt read: "In winter it is very cold. Many old people die in winter, and many birds also go to a warm climate."

It's not the school, said the little boy to his mother, it's the principle of the thing.

Three R's of education—Rah! Rah! Rah!

"A deficit is what you've got when you haven't as much as if you had nothing," we learn from a class in commercial arithmetic.

Edison was called by a freshman student the worlds smartest man, because he invented the phonograph and radio so people would stay up all night and burn his electric light bulbs.

And Huckleberry is announced as the greatest character the Finns have contributed to the world.

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Said—

Mark Twain: "It isn't the things in the Bible I don't understand that worry me; it's the things I do understand!"

Cecil Rhodes: "Every great scheme of empire building had its genesis in the encouragement and supreme optimism of some modest woman whom the world never heard or saw."

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton—quoting a scientist in answer to the question, "What are the three greatest facts on earth."

"First, the fact of life?

"Second, the growth of pity, justice and love in the heart of man, softening his hardness and brutality.

"Third, the desire to see truth triumph, thus saving the human mind from ignorance and fear."

Phillips Brooks: "The man who has begun to live more seriously within, begins to live more simply without."

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MEMBERSHIP INCREASE—LAST YEAR AND THIS

All but one of the 53 districts in the USCNB showed a net gain in membership (exclusive of charter members of new clubs) during the year 1935-36. These gains totaled 4353. Nineteen of the districts showed a gain of over 100 members (exclusive of new clubs organized). The total number of charter members in the new clubs admitted in the USCNB to membership during the year 1935-36.

What will the current year bring? President Manier is counting on each club the world over to be alert to every opportunity for extending the influence of Rotary.

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Russ: Why does the whistle blow for a fire?

Buster: It doesn't blow for the fire, it blows for water. They've got the fire."

Glenn Cowell: severely to prisoner: "Now tell me, why did you steal that purse?"

Prisoner: "Ye honor, I won't deceive you. I was not feeling well, and I thought the change might do me good."

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The Case of Harry Black

1. What do you consider the contributing factors in the delinquency of Harry Black?
2. Do similar conditions exist in this community?
3. If so, what can the Rotary Club do for the improvement of the conditions?
4. In the case as stated, what course of action should a juvenile court follow?
5. In a similar case, how could the Rotary Club assist in the reclaiming of the boy?

WHAT DELINQUENTS DO

A 15 year old Chicago choir boy recently confessed that he murdered Mrs. Agnes Roffeis, 65 years old, a widow and semi-invalid, for a small box of jewelry worth not more than \$10.00. The youth, a news-boy who made a daily delivery at her home, said he wanted the money "for shows and things."

He is a constant reader of detective thrillers and told the police that he believed he had committed the perfect crime.

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU HAMMERS AWAY IN MISSOURI

Realizing that the only way to combat crime in their state was "like the medical scientist, "to seek out the germ and then kill it", sheriffs, police chiefs, prosecuting attorneys and special agents of Missouri, are supporting the Missouri Crime Prevention Bureau, organized in 1934. The Bureau seeks to convince the boys and girls of today, who may be the criminals of tomorrow, that crime does not pay. To this end it uses school room talks, supervision of play, proper playgrounds and membership in such organizations as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. A campaign in the last legislature to modernize the criminal code to cope with modern criminal methods failed but the campaign will be renewed this year. In the meantime, the work of the Bureau, which includes the publication of a fugitive bulletin and the operation of a complete Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory goes on.

"TRAILER KIDS" NEW PROBLEM

California public schools will have 50,000 "trailer children" enrolled this winter, says a California superintendent of schools. If the popularity of the trailer continues, he adds, "Trailer families" will constitute a new problem for locally supported community services.

Lack of proper housing, said F. J. C. Dresser of the Cleveland Housing Division before the Public Works Congress recently, accounts for a large part of the immense crime costs of the United States.

Dan: "Honey, I'm knee-deep in love with you."
She: All right, I'll put you on my wedding list."

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