

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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## *Michigan Society for Crippled Children*

Percy Angoor, executive secretary, could tell this story much better than this week's assistant editor and that is just what we tried to have him do. We who heard him at Battle Creek knows how full he is of his subject and how well he tells it; so full of it though that it might take two Razzberries to carry all his message. But in a four page closely written letter he outlines the valient features of the work of the society.

As a result of the Rotary Convention in Battle Creek in 1919, this society was launched and incorporated in 1921, and until 1934 was financed entirely by Rotary. During this time 61 free clinics were held and over 5,000 children were hospitalized. Coldwater was one of the earlier cities to avail itself of the privilege of a free clinic, and under the able management of Harry Lansing the entire county was combed for possible cases that could be helped. Over 80 children were examined and about fifty were hospitalized. We have had visual demonstrations of the wonderful help some of these children received. Again about five years ago a similar clinic was held, by which a dozen children were enabled to have needed hospital care.

The Michigan Society of Crippled Children in 1927 sponsored and created the act establishing the Michigan Crippled Children Commission, and ever since has been on the alert to protect this law, keep the work out of politics, and secure the needed appropriations. As a result of the activities of the society and the commission 26,959 crippled children have been reported and on June 30th, last, there were 13,616 cases in the active file.

In the nine years 13,343 children have been discharged. Discharges of course, involve different reasons, but of this number 4,251 were actually cured, and 1,467 received rehabilitation services. 4251 children rescued from a condition of dependency and care, and placed squarely on their feet like other children, is certainly a worth-while work, and something in which we can be thankful to have had a part.

The financing of the work of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children is accomplished almost entirely through the sale of Easter Seals, which this year will carry the slogan "Joyous Life for Crippled Children," a worthy objective indeed. While it will be some little time before the actual sale of stamps begins it is not too early to acquaint our members and the public with the chance they have to help do a lot of kiddies a lot of good by the simple process of buying liberally of these stamps.

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**THE FORGOTTEN FIELD OF ROTARY**

The so-called "forgotten field of Rotary—Vocational Service—is the one wherein lies the real genius of Rotary. It is high time we re-discovered that "forgotten field" and reenlisted the efforts of all Rotarians to take back to their professions, their crafts and their trades, the Rotary ideal of unselfish service. Today there is a greater need than ever before to put the ideals of Rotary into business and the professions.

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### *A Sign of Littleness*

A man said: "I have been waiting ten years to get even with So-and-So, and now I have my chance." Another said: "That fellow double-crossed me once, and I will make him regret it if it takes me the rest of my life."

Each of them was really saying, "I am a little man." For if biography and history teaches us anything it is that big men almost always refused to poison their spirits with vindictiveness and hate.

Napoleon was by no means an ideal character, but he had superb indifference to personal animosity. When someone questioned his judgment in appointing one of his critics to an important office, Napoleon expressed surprise. "What do I care what he thinks of me," he demanded, "as long as he can do the work."

Abraham Lincoln amazed the nation by putting into his Cabinet his foremost political adversaries. As Secretary of War he chose Stanton, who had sneeringly characterized him as a clown and a gorilla. He made Seward Secretary of State, knowing well that Seward regarded himself as much the abler man. Chase, his Secretary of the Treasury, used his Cabinet influence to promote his own chances for the Presidential nomination. It meant nothing to Lincoln so long as Chase kept the confidence of the country and did his work well. When McClellan snubbed him brutally, and Lincoln was urged to replace him, he replied: "I will hold McClellan's horse if only he will give us victories."

Disraeli had the same calm superiority to personal resentment. When a partisan of more vindictive turn expressed his astonishment at his meekness, he replied: "I never trouble to be avenged. When a man injures me, I put his name on a slip of paper and lock it up in a drawer. It is marvelous to see how the men I have thus labelled have the knack of disappearing."

In the Bible is this sentence: "Vengeance is mine. I will repay, saith the Lord." A certain proportion of men feel that they must help the Lord in His task of repayment, that otherwise He will get behind in His work. So they nurse personal injuries; they harbour resentment, and accept every opportunity to denounce and criticize.

These are never big men. Big men are too busy.—Bruce Barton.

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Last week as part of the refreshments for the Hi-Y banquet the local organization asked Harold Stock of Hillsdale for five hundred doughnuts. Stocks make doughnut flour, have doughnut machines, and the combination gave the local boys the idea that the mill makes doughnuts just for the fun of it. Harold generously complied and a couple of days later brought a party of eight or nine over to the Hillsdale-Coldwater basketball game. Bob Sharer recognized him, unceremoniously passed his entire party into the game.

Harold is usually on the "giving end" of things and was genuinely pleased at this gesture. Bob Sharer's a smoothie.

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Sometimes we wonder what a Rotary table would say if it could talk. Perhaps it would say: "He always sits here."; "He eats so fast he hasn't time to talk."; "He sings rather well"; "He doesn't ring at all"; "He never brings a guest"; "He's worried if the speaker goes a minute overtime"; "He has a good time every time." What does the table know about you? Let us rejoice that the table is dumb.

Try listing all of the things you did for Rotary last year. And put both things on your list in fairness to yourself.—Charlotte Mirror.



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### *You Give—Then Get*

No man can come into Rotary, and expect to get all of the benefits which the club has to offer, without giving something. He's got to make some effort—go to a little trouble now and then—if he is to get what he expects.

But after all, isn't that true of life generally? The rewards come to those who are willing to dig down beneath the surface of life's opportunity, to find that which they are seeking after. "He that seeketh, findeth."

Just look over the crowd at the next meeting of the club, and observe for yourself those who are getting the most out of their membership in Rotary. It will be easy to pick them out. They are the ones who are investing their time and effort wholeheartedly. They come there with a purpose—to give of themselves.

And in giving—they get. Their dividend cheques are there every Tuesday. The rewards are sure to those who seek after them.

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#### MAKING ROTARIANS

If a man is not already a Rotarian in his viewpoint, temperament and ideals before he joins the Rotary Club, how much chance is there that we can make him a good Rotarian after we get him into the Club?

The association with other men of energy, ability and high ideals, sympathy and personality, stimulates those same qualities in a new member. How much change can be effected in one who does not come into the Rotary Club with those traits is a matter of argument.

The primary purpose of Rotary is to create and expand the fellowship which should exist between those upon whom there falls the responsibility for leadership in the community. By reason of this fellowship, there is generated a desire to be of greater service to the community.

Do we make Rotarians when we bring new members into the Club and help to cultivate in them the ideals of Rotary, or do we merely discover men who had those qualities and provide them with an opportunity to display their worth?

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#### THE LATE KING GEORGE'S CODE

The Weekly Letter of the Edmonton Rotary Club contains the following article about King George:

"I was reading over the late King George's code recently, and there appears so much in it that it is worth passing on:

'Teach me to be obedient to the rules of the game.

'Teach me to distinguish between sentiment and sentimentality, admiring the one and despising the other.

'Teach me neither to proffer nor to receive cheap praise.

'If I am called upon to suffer, let me be a well-bred beast that goes away to suffer in silence.

'Teach me to win, if I may; if I may not, teach me to be a good loser.

'Teach me neither to cry for the moon nor to cry over spilled milk."

These are the sentiments of a man, in every sense of the word, and well worthy of emulation.

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Mr. Sharer:—Young man, have you any more stories like that?

Howard:—Yes sir.

Bob:—You may stay after school.

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Slogan for Marshall Hungerford's office:

"No matter how the land lies, its got nothing on the real estate agent."

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## *The Minstrel Show*

The way the club has buckled into the minstrel show is proof of its vitality. Last year the Razzberry began advocating it. Hugh Clark raised the objection that no adequate purpose was in view. The objection was, of course, good. People work for a definite concrete object. The primary purpose of the proposal was the impulse such an enterprise would give to the life of the club itself. That, however, was too intangible to arouse the necessary enthusiasm.

This year we renewed the suggestion and Roy Putnam supplied the objective. That removed all opposition. The success of the project seems assured. It will accomplish the following very worthwhile purposes:

1. Assure the success of a worthy local enterprise.
2. Popularize the club in the community.
3. Revitalize the club itself.

### MINSTREL SHOW NOTES

Hearing Bill Frankhauser dusting off the old one about being fully apparelled with no destination takes us back to the old days of the San Souci minstrels, when Art Walker made that song famous. Incidentally Raymond Hitchcock also sang it.

The rule that all witty remarks at practices must emanate from the leaders is almost causing suffocation to some of the wise-crackers.

Marshall Hungerford announces that tickets for the big show will be in the hands of all Rotarians on Friday of this week. Each member will receive \$5.00 worth and Marshall hopes he sells them for we really want an audience, but if he fails, it's just too bad, because they are not returnable. Nothing but the five spot goes. A good plan is to pay for them when you get them.

The dates are Feb. 1st and 2nd; neighboring clubs please note: Worth the price of admission is the becoming and tantalizing puckers on the lips of the ladies in the whistling parts.

The lady ends are cutting a fast pace for the boys, but they will make it.

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### LOOKING BACKWARD

For the benefit of the new, and to refresh the memories of the older members here are a few facts about our club:

Organized Nov. 1921, sponsored by the Hillsdale Club with 22 charter members of whom eight are members today, viz:

Geo. Branch  
Neil Carroll  
Hugh Clarke  
Bert Fiske

Bob Kerr  
Harry Milnes  
Sam Schultz  
Roy Shattuck

The men who have served us as president are:

Frank Rowe  
Harry Milnes  
Bob Kerr  
Bert Warner  
Sig Wing  
Bert Fiske  
Glenn Cowell  
Clarence Ramsey

Herb Lee  
Bob Wade  
Bill Frankhauser  
John Hardy  
Bob Sharer  
Frank Mooney  
Roy Putman

In the fifteen years death has claimed four from our ranks: Past President Herb Lee, President Frank Mooney, George Snyder and Harold Tribolet. We will never forget Herb's "Now take this serious men", nor Frank's Irish wit that took on all comers.

Some of the high lights of the years were Paul Harris' visit, our sponsoring and inaugurating the Marshall club, and the picnics at Sig's and Hugh's cottages.