

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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The Big Show Is Over

The big show is over and it went over big.

No members of the club can be picked out for special mention. The whole club from President Put and Secretary Hugh down to George Vail has done its part. If any fellow has been a slacker, he knows it better than the rest. The fact, however, that any fellow didn't take a prominent part or even that he was absent from rehearsals does not necessarily prove him a slacker.

There are many outside the club, however, to whom we are deeply indebted. Among these Mrs. Milnes and Karl Hellenberg stand out. The Bowermans, the Paynes, the Alexanders, the Shattucks and the individual performers are entitled to and have our thanks.

In this connection we cannot resist the temptation to mention Flossie Kiess.

The ticket sale was unexpectedly easy.

By the way, the Harmonica Hounds should not be overlooked.

The financial accounting from the show has not yet been completed. The gross receipts from ticket sales were approximately \$500.00 and from the program \$175.00. The whole community kicked in nicely in donating services, but in spite of that there is considerable expense. The net result, however, will be ample to complete the financing of the band uniforms, which already have been ordered.

Because of the publicity of the show, there is danger that the club will be given main credit for the campaign. That would be unjust to the Parent Teachers' Association, which inaugurated it and, with the help of other societies as well as Rotary, carried it to a successful conclusion.

In that connection it is well for us to remember that Rotary does not assume leadership in community enterprises where there is other competent management available. But every Rotarian is expected to be active in all worthy projects.

In spite of the prevalence of flu and the natural re-action from the hard work of rehearsals, it now appears we will put on a creditable show at Hillsdale tonight. Frank Cook, Harold Stock, Dwight Harwood and Bill Prideaux, the Hillsdale committee, came to rehearsal Sunday and courteously offered to release us from the undertaking, but the crowd was in no mood to abandon it. There was as much pep in that rehearsal as in any we have held.

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The Big Show—Continued

The Hillsdale Club is one of the best clubs in the district. There is no finer group of fellows anywhere. It is the daddy of the Coldwater Club and does not seem ashamed of its progeny.

We are leaving from the Parish House promptly at 6:30 tonight. Carl Vinton is in charge of transportation and has plenty of cars lined up. We will not attend the dinner (although we were cordially invited) but they are putting on a lunch and dance for us after the show.

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Louis Moinault's Letter

The Ed has requested Rotarians from several foreign clubs to write guest editorials for the Razzberry. Below we publish the response of the Paris club, written by its President, Louis Moinault. His French was too much for us so we turned it over to Bob Sharer for translation. To our surprise he ducked the job and passed the buck to Miss Steffaniak, who acted as the interpreter.

December 22, 1933

Mr. Glenn Cowell,
Coldwater.

My Dear Comrade:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I answer the wish expressed in your letter of November 17.

"The International Rotary, our friend G. Nagnel of Gand (Belgium) told us last February, is a work full of nobility." And this work, he defined to us, explained it to us with eloquence, glorified it to us.

There are in this substantial discourse to which I refer you, ideas that could be called mother-ideas, or again strength-ideas, because, made fruitful they are capable of producing comfort, enthusiasm, in a word, life.

I will sum them up, by saying that they dispose men to help each other and to love each other, all men without distinction of class, of religion and of nationality.

That is good, that is fine, and that comprises a whole program.

You will find it therefore natural that I attach myself to these high ideas, and that I attach myself to them as to a flag and so much more closely that the times are troubled.

In order to be more exact and more true, I shall have to say that we are in the presence of a state of affairs so really abnormal that it imposes on us in the first place, a redoublement of vigilance and of prudence.

Events, you know, move quickly. Perhaps they surpass in quickness the visions of the most clever and the most subtle minds. All the more reason to hold available all our energies.

Of course in order that they may be productive it is necessary to assign to them an aim.

In my opinion, it is of importance, above all to keep confidence and reason and to consider humanely the human problems for whose solution the world is on the alert.

It is not necessary to repress, a priori, the forces that aim to establish a new order.

It is not necessary above all to live apart from movements that we see and that seem to be only the prelude of movements more profound.

For, let us not forget, the things which happen without us happen against us.

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Louis Moinault's Letter—Cont'd

And that is why I invite to our luncheons prominent personalities even of contrary opinions whose judgment is certainly valuable.

It is necessary to go ahead and to stay young—I should like that to be our motto.

It is necessary for the Rotary to have its great windows open on the world — on the entire world; that it show itself welcoming, conciliating and always disposed to receive the most diverse and audacious suggestions, free to differ from them, after examination. For I do not forget that I am of the country of Descartes and Pascal.

I should like for it (the Rotary) an increased authority, an authority shining so bright, so real that in high places, in any country, one could not disregard it. An authority specifically rotarian.

We will acquire it by continuing to work in peace, in union, elbows close together and faithful to our ideal which is — I have pleasure to say it again loudly — an ideal of beauty, of humanity, an ideal of life ardent and generous.

While begging you to extend all our wishes to our Comrades of the Coldwater Club I address to you, My Dear Comrade, to you personally the expression of my very congenial sentiments.

LOUIS MOINAULT, President.

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Many Important Changes

The Board of Directors of R. I. has decided to redistrict Rotary in the United States and has made many important changes. The Ed wrote the Secretariat to find whether the 35th District was being changed. President Bill Manier, Jr. replied personally, saying there was no change in the 35th but the 3rd is being split in two. The northern portion contains the following clubs:

Ontario (8 clubs)—Aylmer, London, Meaford, Owen Sound, St. Mary's Sarnia, Stratford, Woodstock.

Michigan (22)—Algonac, Alma, Alpena, Bad Axe, Bay City, Caro, Cass City, Clio, Croswell, Flint, Harbor Beach, Ithaca, Lapeer, Marine City, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Owosso, Port Huron, Richmond, Saginaw, St. Clair, Vassar.

The Southern portion contains the following clubs:

Ontario (8 clubs)—Amherstburg, Bienheim, Chatham, Essex, Leamington, Ridgetown, Thamesville, Windsor.

Michigan (29 clubs)—Adrian, Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Blissfield, Brighton, Carelton, Center Line, Dearborn, Detroit, East Dearborn, Ferndale, Flat Rock, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Howell, Milan, Monroe, Mt. Clemens, Northville, Plymouth, Pontiac, Romeo, Roseville, Royal Oak, Saline, Tecumseh, Utica, Wayne, Ypsilanti.

It would be quite unpleasant to break up the associations which we have formed with the clubs in our district. Much is to be said for the change, however because many districts are unwieldy in size and awkward in shape. In an early issue we will publish a guest editorial written by Dwight Marvin for "Collartown Sparks", which is the bulletin of the Rotary Club of Troy, New York. President Bill enclosed a copy of this editorial with his letter.

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The Associate Editor who will have entire charge of the next issue of the Razzberry is Bob Wade. Help! Help!

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SUGGESTIONS TO THE FEBRUARY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

February 23rd is the anniversary of the founding of Rotary.

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Some City!

In a recent issue we published a guest editorial by Jawn Caldwell, Secretary of the Honolulu Club, in which he stated that Honolulu was the largest city in area in the world. In a careless moment we challenged that statement and claimed the honor for Los Angeles, in which city you can travel sixty miles in a straight line without going outside the city limits. He came right back with a letter, which, with our answer to it, follows.

Mr. Glenn Cowell,
Editor of the Raspberry,
Coldwater, Michigan

Greetings:

You are bodaciously shif'less when it comes to geography.

The city limits of Honolulu extend from the Northerly reef of the Island of Oahu to the Westerly reef of Palmyra.

The distance is 960 nautical miles, and if you don't believe that is a long way, swim it with a back stroke.

Furthermore, the Island of Palmyra pays taxes to the Tax Assessor of the City and County of Honolulu.

If I could afford it, would buy you an Atlas but being, as we are, suffering from the strike, all I can do is buy you a stamp, which you will find attached to the envelope.

Aloha Nui Kakou,

JAWN,

Jawn Caldwell, Secretary.

Thursday
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Jawn Caldwell,

Secretary, Rotary Club,
P. O. Box 2658,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

My Dear Jawn:

You win. But my notion of a city has undergone a change. I always thought it a place where people congregate, not a tractless expanse of water and wilderness.

Sometime someone will incorporate the Sahara Desert, then you will be hopelessly outclassed.

Aloha Nui Kahou (or something).

W. Glenn Cowell.