

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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Rotary has become a great world force, partially because it is soundly based and partially because of the organizing ability of its personnel. The heart of its organization has always been the Secretariat—that is, it has been until now. The president—R. I. has performed a very useful function. He has been the front. He has inspired Rotary gatherings all over the world. He has personified Rotary almost as a country is typified by its flag—that is, he has until now.

This year it is different. Bill Manier has a different conception of the function of a President. He is not spending this year in travel. He can be reached almost any time at the Chicago Secretariat. A letter to him gets an immediate reply. He is spending his entire time in building the Rotary organization.

He is in a class by himself. There is perhaps no man living who has so wide a knowledge and so broad a conception of Rotary as he. I do not even except Paul Harris nor Ches Perry. In his talk on Rotary Extension last Wednesday, he told of Jim Davidson's dream of trebling the number of clubs in R. I. B. I. and on the continent of Europe. I am convinced that if he could become a salaried President and could afford to spend his time in Rotary work, he would actually accomplish that objective in five years time. He would increase the number of clubs from four thousand to ten thousand and almost double Rotary membership. Just what that would mean to the world and to Rotary is hard to say but it certainly would be an outstanding contribution to world peace and understanding—an objective of the gravest moment when the war clouds are darkening the horizon and spreading over the sky with alarming rapidity.

At the Rotary Institute at Detroit, the Ed became enthused with the notion of proposing to request Maurice DuPerry and Kurt Belfarge to postpone their candidacies for one year and consent to the re-election of Bill Manier by acclamation. But when it was broached to him he refused to consider it because he could not afford another year's time away from his practice.

There are, however, plenty of lawyers. If he were permanently out of the profession, the public would still be adequately served and he would be little missed. But in Rotary there is only one Bill Manier. It seems to me that his field of service is clearly in Rotary. The balance of his lifetime should be devoted to it.

It probably should not be as President. That would disrupt the prevailing system too greatly. But whatever the title the actual responsibility of Rotary extension and organization should be on him—and at an adequate salary.

There need be no hesitation in adding the salary to the budget. His activities would almost certainly result in more than offsetting that burden by increasing Rotary's financial resources.

Perhaps this dream cannot be realized. Perhaps he would not consider it. In my humble judgment, however, he should. He would not be living up to his own ideal of service if he refused to devote his life to the work in which he could be of vastly greater use to the world than in his chosen profession. We are sending a copy of this number of the Razzberry to each member of the Board of Directors of R. I. in the hope of challenging the board's attention to the proposal.

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THE ANNUAL CONVENTION (And Other Things)

Probably no delegate can be sent from Coldwater to Nice this year. Charlie Pollock (or rather Ethel Pollock) had an ambition to go. It is probable, however, that their prolonged absence this winter will temporarily satisfy their flare for travel. The Ed had some stirrings of the wanderlust, especially because of his appointment as a delegate to the International Institute to be held at Montreux, Switzerland, the week before the convention. The enthusiasm subsided, however, before doing any great damage.

The Soo, Ontario Club, is sending six representatives to the convention and offers to have one of its members act as proxy from any club in the district which is not sending a delegate of its own. We suggest that this offer be accepted so far as Coldwater is concerned.

There are about thirty Rotarians and Rotary Anns from the district going over. Governor Barnes, his wife, and daughter, Kay, will head the party, together with the District Governor Nominee, whoever that may be. The question is not settled until the conference, of course, but Kim Sieler is a good guess. The nomination was conceded to him until recently when the Canadian Soo decided to project Jim Shaw into the race. The Soo is entitled to great consideration but it is probable that Jim will be pulled this year. If the Soo Club proposes him next year, it will be hard to turn him down.

Forty-six members of the Atlanta, Georgia Club are going.

Sixteen United States Senators and thirty-nine Representatives are Rotarians—so are President Roosevelt and Vice-President Garner.

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The Ed is today in receipt of the following brief note from the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Berlin, in which he extends greetings to the club. We print both the original text and the translation.

Berlin, den 8. Marz 1937

Lieber Rotarier Cowell:

Vielen Dank für Ihren freundlichen Brief vom 18. November 1936. In der Anlage senden wir Ihnen eine kurze Angabe über die Entwicklung Rotarists in Deutschland und einige Schriften über Deutschland im Allgemeinen.

Bitte übermitteln Sie Ihrem Präsidenten und allen Ihren Mitgliedern unsere herzlichsten Grüsse.

Mit freundlichen Rotary Grüssen

Ihr
Heinrich v. Gleichen
Sekretar

Berlin, March 8, 1937

Dear Rotarian Cowell:

Many thanks for your friendly letter of 18 November, 1936. Here-with we send you a short account of the development of Rotary in Germany and a few pamphlets about Germany in general. Please convey to your President and all of your members our heart-felt greeting.

With friendly Rotary greetings,

Yours,

Heinrich V. Gleichen
Sekretar.

The value of such international exchanges is hard to estimate in these unsettled times. A world war is in the offing. It seems inevitable. Every country in Europe is engaging in the most frenzied preparation for it. But every international contact tends in the other direction. If Rotary principles could be universally disseminated and actually adopted, there would be no war.

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Having A Big Argument

"Glenn Cowell, editor of the Coldwater Razzberry, and Jawn Caldwell, secretary of the Honolulu Rotary Club, are having a big argument over which is the largest city in the world in point of geographical area. Glenn says Los Angeles; Jawn says Honolulu. Jawn seems to be ahead, for he insists that the City limits of Honolulu extends from Oahu to Palmyra. Since some of you may not recall the number of miles between those two places, let us inform you that said distance is 960 nautical miles. Now all you have to do is to find out how far a nautical mile extends. Glenn is now cheering the proposal to incorporate the Sahara Desert, so as to outclass Honolulu. Such are international relations between Rotarians."

—Charlotte Rotary Mirror.

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We notice in the Toronto Rotary Voice that practically all the new members are representatives of industrial concerns and that practically all these concerns are limited.

"Harding Carpets, Ltd."

"Canadian Metal Window & Steel Products, Ltd."

"Sangamo Company, Ltd."

"Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd."

In the Canadian corporation code, limited companies seem to have the advantages that attract industries to that form of organization.

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"A man need not be a prophet in his own club to be the principal speaker in another."

Honolulu Rotogram.

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HELLO!

Two new clubs in the district—all in one week. Manistee is bringing into being the Scottville Club with eighteen charter members. Its charter night is Monday, April 5th.

Belding is the proud parent of the Sparta Club with seventeen charter members. Its charter night is not announced. At least a letter and preferably a gift should go from Coldwater to each of these new clubs.

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THE ROTARY INSTITUTE AT DETROIT

John Hardy and Rex Kiess were there for the banquet at night. The Ed was the only Coldwater Rotarian who attended the day sessions. It really was quite a wonderful institute. The attendance was composed almost entirely of men who take Rotary seriously and spend considerable time in its work. All of the sessions were addressed by Bill Manier and were devoted to various departments of Rotary activity. It is hard to realize how the somewhat dry and hackneyed subject of vocational service could be made the vehicle of such a wonderful talk as he gave at the luncheon Wednesday noon. It is also difficult to realize that such a pitch of enthusiasm for Rotary extension could be aroused as was done in the afternoon session. The talk on "Rotary-World Wide" was equally wonderful.

In our judgment this institute contributed greatly to the solidarity of Rotary in the 23rd and 35th Districts and its impact on the communities served by them. Such institutes held in every district would give Rotary a new birth of enthusiasm.

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Some people are gnawed by remorse and others are quite sure nobody saw them.

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The old-fashioned girl who used to walk to keep the right figure now has a daughter who walks because she gives the wrong answer.

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If we don't enjoy what we have now, we won't be a bit happier when we get more.

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Hastings, First; Coldwater, Fifth

Governor Barnes' monthly letter shows Coldwater fifth in attendance record for the month with a percentage of 94.12. The four clubs which are ahead of it are Hastings, Lowell, Charlotte and Vicksburg. Only three other clubs are in the 90% bracket, Ludington, Michigan Soo and Belding. The two clubs below 70% are Muskegon and Grand Rapids. The only large club in the 80% bracket is Kalamazoo. The large clubs in the district in the order of their size are as follows:

Grand Rapids	197	Kalamazoo	98
Lansing	120	Traverse City	76
Battle Creek	101	Muskegon	75

The Jackson Club seems to have fallen in membership as it has only 68 members at present, only one more than Grand Haven. There are but thirteen clubs in the district with fifty or more members, Coldwater being one of them. It is noticeable that of the four clubs recently organized, three, Lowell, Ludington and Belding, are in the top flight and Zeeland is just below it. Lowell, by the way, is second this month. The smallest club in the district is Boyne City with sixteen members.

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Sky Marshall, Editor of the St. Johns Rotary Spirit says that Superintendent of Public Instruction Elliott gave a great talk on Horace Mann. Then he asks, "Who in hell is Horace Mann?" We refer that question to Bob Sharer.

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The Shanghai Rotary Pagoda has a very interesting page of Rotary News from other clubs in the Orient. It is worthy of note that Japanese Clubs are discussed as freely as Chinese clubs. There seems to be no international bitterness in Rotary.

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Jawn Caldwell, who edits the Honolulu Rotogram says: "It takes more than a wheel in the lapel of a coat to make a Rotarian."

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It seems that Eng'and is not a unit on the vast program of war preparation which is being projected under the euphonious title of "National Defence" as the following letter in the London Rotarian will show:
17th February, 1937

Dear Editor:

You will have noticed that on the day when we read in the White Paper on Defence that "It would be imprudent to contemplate a total expenditure on defence during the next five years of much less than 1,500,000,000 pounds," the members of the London Rotary Club are privileged to hear from Sir Kingsley Wood "One of the best bulwarks of defence is a happy and contented people."

Sincerely yours,

S. JOHNSON EVANS.

("Another Liberal and Nonconformist.")

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ST. JOE-BENTON HARBOR CONFERENCE

Coldwater should send a good delegation to the lake May 9th, 10th and 11th. The distance to the Annual Convention will probably curtail attendance and will increase attendance to the District Conference. The beauty of the lake shore at that season of the year will make it attractive for the Rotary Anns—to say nothing of the Rotarians. Roy Shattuck should not find it difficult to organize quite a mob for this occasion. The new members should make an especial effort to go. No one quite gets the vision of Rotary until he attends one of the conferences.

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The 1938 Convention of R. I. will be held in San Francisco.

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Very fittingly the Rotary Club of Rising Sun, Indiana has recently sponsored the Rotary Club of Aurora.