

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 Centennial Is Over

The Centennial is over. To the men who planned and carried it out it was something of a nightmare. It was an enterprise of more than ordinary magnitude. They spent many anxious hours and sleepless nights in worrying over it.

But the celebration was a success. The parades were wonderfully fine. The pageant was a great credit to those who planned and carried it out. The fair was a real success. The special features all came through well.

One of the men who contributed much to the success of the Centennial was Bill Milnes. In speaking specially of him we do not mean to disparage the work of Gerry Kleindinst, Bob Sharer, Hi Smith, Gordon Schlubatis, Elmer Dobson, and others, but the financial solvency of the enterprise was mainly due to his efforts. He attacked his problems with enthusiasm tempered with hard-headed business judgment. He did not hesitate to tackle the unpleasant job of soliciting the necessary funds. He spent many days of hard work with the result that the community has paid for its spree.

Bill's great pleasure in life comes from causing happiness to others. He is a Rotarian and ought to belong.

It is not as easy as it once was to organize the community for a great celebration like the Centennial. It is a regrettable fact that the town is more impersonal than it used to be. The passing of many of the old commercial institutions, the prevalence of chain stores, the automobile, the radio, and other space annihilators, tend to rob us of our community spirit. One of the greatest weapons with which a community can combat these centralizing agencies is the Rotary Club.

A Good Coldwater Booster

Bill Faulkner and wife have gone back to Ashland. At one time Bill planned to make Coldwater his home. But in the bank crisis a few years ago his bank requisitioned his services. He is too busy now to leave Ashland.

He is one of the best of Coldwater boosters however. He not only comes here each summer but through his influence Coldwater has become the summer home of a number of Ashland families. He brought here Walter Mayo, Colonel Forgey, and other men of personality and distinction. He is himself a typical southern gentleman well-matched with a charming and congenial wife.

We learn there is an attendance trophy roaming around the district stopping temporarily with the club that has the best record for the preceding month. Greenville had it. Charlotte has it. How would it seem to entertain that trophy some month? We again respectfully call Put's attention to Frank Mooney's proposition.

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Thank You, Mr. Kellogg

The Kellogg foundation has now been in Branch County a year. We have had the opportunity to observe its workings and to measure its usefulness. We realize more vividly than we did a year ago the intelligence with which this fine philanthropy is planned, the generosity with which it is financed, and the executive ability with which it is managed.

There is always danger that such an institution will be taken for granted: that a community will fail to appreciate its benefactors. We cannot afford to make that mistake—not because of its effect on the benefactor but because of its influence on ourselves.

Gratitude is classed among the unpleasant emotions. But in the building of character, either in an individual or a community, proper appreciation of favors cannot be overlooked.

Although the Rotary club does not represent the community officially yet as it originated the idea of the Branch County Health Unit and prompted the organization which secured it, we probably would not be assuming too much to express the gratitude of the City of Coldwater and the whole County of Branch to Mr. W. K. Kellogg for his wonderful service to the county. The Razzberry believes itself authorized to act as the mouthpiece of the club in that expression.

We thank you sincerely Mr. Kellogg. We hope that from your benefaction you experience the pleasure and gratification which is the reward of a good deed.

Although you do not belong to Rotary you are a good Rotarian.

Dr. Fred Leeder and his associates are entitled to much credit in the working out of the campaign of the Foundation.

Incidentally, John Hardy first broached the subject to the Rotary club and has been active in securing this fine service. Give John a credit mark.

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Warner Van Aken is rapidly completing the business change which puts him on Chicago Street. Members of the club will be glad to see Warner and Gladys in their new location because it means progress—and progress is the life of business. In fact, it is life itself. We can't stand still. We are constantly going in one direction or the other. Here's hoping Warner's new move will prove a wise one and will furnish added impetus toward business success.

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The Ed missed the memory expert last week but Bill Frankhauser has since been trying to get us to buy a lesson from him. Lord knows we need it badly enough but Bill's experience with the other one is not very encouraging.

We understand he almost broke up the club. Walt Bien, W. J. Carlyle and several others threatened to resign.

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The Honolulu Rotary club came of age this summer. It was the first Rotary milestone on the highway to the Orient—a highway that has been worn smooth in the last twenty-one years. Rotary has been a great influence in the Oriental nations and a connecting link between the Orient and the Occident.

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Don't lose track of your committee work nor take your committee assignment lightly.

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Farm Leaders Were Guests

The club was fortunate to have as its guests last Tuesday a group of fourteen farm leaders, invited by Gordon Schlubatis, who came to listen to the address of Dr. C. E. Millar on soil conservation.

Dr. Millar is a professor in Michigan State College in charge of the Department of Soil Conservation. He gave a thoughtful address which was well received by the group.

The guests were Otis Barnes, Glyn Havens, Grant Mohr, Floyd Bascom, Starr Copeland, Ed Moore, Garo Himebaugh, C. O. Crisenberry, Clarence Fenner, John Ralston, Earl Redmond, M. L. Tyler, Clayton Shelby, and Budd Russell.

Dr. Millar complimented Gordon Schlubatis very highly. It roused an enthusiastic response from both guests and club and showed how highly he is esteemed in the community.

Starr Copeland expressed himself as highly pleased with the opportunity to attend the meeting. He said he had never been invited before and had considerable curiosity about the club. It all shows how worthwhile it is to establish and maintain contacts with the wide awake fellows around the county.

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CHARLIE PITTAM SOUNDS OFF:

"I was very much interested in the copy of 'The Razzberry', which I received from you a few days ago. I had seen some reference to this correspondence in your bulletin, but am glad to see copies of both communications. However, my pleasure in the contents of these letters was spoiled by Secretary Glenn of The Razzberry being so rude as to refer to Rotary Club Secretaries as 'Rough Necks'. I am sure this must have hurt your dignity. Some are good band-leaders and possibly some might be crooners for all I know, but I am shocked to learn that, if they are really good secretaries, they qualify for the Order of Rotary Rough Necks. Since you have been elected, there is nothing I can do to help you except to give you my moral support in case you are ever permitted to attend another Rotary Convention and I happen to be there: - - - - -"

—Honolulu Rotogram, 8-18-36

WHAT ONE ROTARY CLUB HAS DONE

As a practical youth service activity the Rotary Club of Man'l'a, Philippine Islands, through the untiring efforts of a committee headed by Chairman E. L. Hall recently issued sixteen booklets on the various professions written by club members and published by the club as a contribution to the Philippine Vocational Guidance Association.

These booklets have been placed in the libraries of 400 high schools and colleges in the Islands and are now being used in twenty-four different ways. The cost of the booklets was reduced by using type which had already been set up in the Journal of Education in which the text first appeared. The Philippine Free Press, the largest weekly magazine in the Philippine Islands secured the privilege of reprinting all of the booklets on its students page. As a result of three years' efforts by Rotarian Hall the Government of the Commonwealth will make vocational guidance an integral part of the new educational system. It has called upon Rotarian Hall to draft plans for adult education for illiterates.

Did you know that the French veterans' organizations recently sent to the war veterans of Germany this message: "We say to you German comrades that the hour has sounded for our reconciliation. We must teach our peoples to understand and to agree."

—Iona Rotogram.

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What Is Your Hobby?

The London Rotarian has been running a series of articles by its members entitled "My Hobby". The following is worthy of reprint.

Since the Hobby series has been started I have asked myself, "What is my hobby?" Consciously, I do not think I have one, as I am interested in so many aspects of life. Sub-consciously, I think it is "keeping youthful," mentally, rather than physically. Generally I take the attitude of youth (at any rate, my youth as far as I can remember it) as being that of rebellion. Why, I ask myself, should anyone be damned eternally? Why should there be extremes of poverty and riches? Why should most people always be living in fear? Why should pleasant leisure be so sparsely spread? I believe, that these conditions can and must be altered. I have seen some progress during my life, though little enough.

Another aspect of youth is (or rather was) not to be bored but to enjoy the simple things of life and simple people. Youth can also adapt itself to varying environments, and I still try to do this.

On the other hand, youth thinks it knows everything, and there I fail to carry out my sub-conscious hobby. Politically, economically, and socially I am still a rebel, I am glad to say, but now I lack some of the courage of youth in proclaiming the fact and pursuing rebellious aims. Now, Mr. Editor, you have, if not a hobby, a confession, and that, I believe, is what you are really after.

It is rather interesting to note how one's physical exertions have to change with added years. I ran on the cinder track as a young man, then I took up cycling, then hockey and the river, and now golf, and I suppose bowls will follow. Anyway, I am glad to have always preferred to do things rather than watch others do them, and I am sure many more would have the same preference if they had the same opportunities. I wonder if Rotary can help them.

J. A. MARSHALL

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The following table shows the growth of Rotary:

Number of Rotary Clubs at the end of the fiscal year indicated.

1910	16 clubs
1920	758 clubs
1925	2,096 clubs
1930	3,349 clubs
1935	3,842 clubs
Location of clubs—	
Africa	14
(South of Equator)	
Asia	81
(Middle and Eastern)	
Australia, New Zealand and Fiji Islands	72
Europe, North Africa and Asia Minor	436
Great Britain and Ireland	415
Latin America	271
USCNC	2,659
	3,948

(This computation is inconsistent with itself in the total number of clubs because the later figures are as of April 15, 1936).

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John Hardy is editor of the next issue of the Razzberry. He's got to make it a little better than Bob Sharer's or Bill Frankhauser's issue because the Razzberry can't go backward.