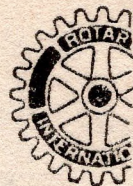
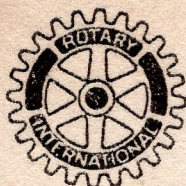


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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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FRANK BARNES FOR DIRECTOR

We announced in the last Razzberry the candidacy of Frank C. Barnes for membership on the Board of Directors of R. I. The Manistee Club has projected him into the field and so far as can be learned all the clubs in the 151st District are enthusiastically for him. The world is a big place and to win membership in a body of fifteen men chosen from all over the map is a considerable problem.

Frank is the kind of fellow that makes friends, however. He has had the opportunity in the last two International Assemblies to become intimately acquainted with leading Rotarians everywhere. There is no doubt but all of them feel friendly to him.

The politics of the situation seem to be about as follows:

The Constitution of R. I. provides that five of the fourteen directors shall come from the United States, one from Canada, one from Great Britain, and five from other parts of the world, the president and immediate past president being on the board also and completing the number. On the present board there is no director east of the Mississippi River. Allen Oliver of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Dick Wells of Pocatello, Idaho, and Reeve Vanneman of Albany, New York, are the only men definitely committed to a candidacy for next year. Major Griffith of Chicago who had planned to be a candidate has changed his mind. George Averill, immediate Past District Governor of the 23rd District, who was seriously discussed, has decided not to make the race.

This district has never had representation either on the Board or committees of the international organization. The old 9th District and 18th District, of which this district was formerly a part, were represented but that was many years ago.

Geographical considerations are given great importance in the choice of officers and this district must be given serious consideration when it asks for its first office. Certainly no one in the district is entitled to greater preference than Frank Barnes. He has been doing yeoman service in Rotary since 1930 when he was elected President of his club and staged the District Conference in perhaps the smallest town which has ever entertained it. He is a good organizer, a hard worker and a splendid fellow. As District Governor last year he organized more new clubs than has been done in the district for many years.

Every Rotarian who has a Rotary friend outside of the district should write him a letter about Frank. We suggest that in doing so he enclose a copy of this Razzberry. We are having an extra supply printed for that purpose.

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While we are talking of Rotary politics. The presidency of R. I. will probably come to the United States next year. There are two candidates, George Hager of Chicago, and Allen Street of Oklahoma City. It goes without saying that both are fine fellows or they wouldn't be in the race. Roy Shattuck has a somewhat personal interest in the candidacy of Allen Street. Probably no one else in the club is particularly interested in either candidate. If so it would, of course, be a courtesy to Roy if the club supported his candidate.

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Charlie Pollock's letter which was crowded out of the last Razzberry, states over two hundred fifty children were registered at the clinic recently held at Sturgis. Thirteen were listed from Coldwater and vicinity but only six attended, the others having had treatment previously. About twelve attended from Branch County, transportation being furnished by Rotarians.

The clinic was under general charge of Dr. D. M. Kane of Sturgis, the specialists being Dr. Snyder of Grand Rapids, orthoepist; Dr. John Law, U. of M., children's diseases; Dr. William Stott, psychologist, looking after the mentally deficient. Miss Butzer and an assistant from the Commission, together with five nurses from the Sturgis Hospital, cared for the patients.

We have not yet reported the November attendance standings. Bronson was well up the list being ninth in order. Coldwater being fifteenth it just came under the wire in the first division, its percentage being 90.19. Quincy was not so hot. It was twenty-first with a percentage of 86.4. Marshall was just below Coldwater with Hillsdale and Sturgis trailing below Quincy. Lowell is still keeping up its pace, having had thirteen consecutive one hundred per cent meetings.

District Governor Kim Sigler is to be here next Tuesday. It is to be hoped we can give him a one hundred per cent meeting.

The meeting of the Board of Directors and heads of committees held at the Shack last Monday night was well attended and was certainly a profitable meeting. Many useful suggestions grew out of it.

The Charlotte Rotary Mirror asks of its members the same question we asked, "What dollar gift would you send to a foreign club as typical of this town?" We hope it gets more replies than we did.

There are one or two new Rotary Clubs in the Hawaiian Islands. A movement is on foot to secure a separate district for those islands. There are only about five or six clubs but their distance from the main land is so great that they are not now well served.

There are but seven clubs in the district of Poland for that matter.

Rotary is growing rapidly these days. The News Letter of December 17th lists twenty-eight new clubs. Formerly these lists contained from four to ten names.

The Rotary Club of Kauai, H. I. has named its weekly publication, "The Spouting Horn." That is going the Razzberry one better.

Recently at the Brazilian Embassy in Paris, Maurice Duperrey, President of R. I., was decorated by the Brazilian Government with the insignia of an officer of the Southern Cross. The conferring of this honor is an indication of the high regard in which Rotary is held in Brazil.

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YOU GET WHAT YOU GIVE

The Ed has become involved in a discussion in the London (Eng.) Rotarian. In a recent issue a member of that club contributed an article in which he attacked the phrase, "You get out of Rotary only what you put into it." He called it a "mean and sorted chunk of barking morality" and phrases it "deposit your pennies first and then you will be able to draw these pennies out again." He said:

"Surely Rotary has something more to give you than what you yourself put in. I suggest this part of the initiation ceremony should be revised. There is much more to Rotary, as to any association of men, than this material little axiom of the savings bank."

The reply was as follows:

B.-G.

November 23, 1937

My dear Editor Pelley,

I have read with much interest and some disappointment the article "My Outlook" by F. L. Billington-Greig, who signs as "B.-G." in your issue of November 6th. It is, as you say in your headnote, thought-provoking but I do not accept its thesis as sound. Will you permit a stranger, who, as editor of a Rotary publication exchanging with yours, is a constant reader of your paper, to answer it?

All my life I have reposed faith in the maxim, "You get out of a thing what you put into it." It has been to me a constant spur to activity. In Rotary I have worked much harder because of the subconscious feeling that I should be rewarded by a richer and finer Rotary life on that account.

I am sure "B.-G." does not mean to deprive us of this incentive of Rotary effort. But he mistakes the meaning of the phrase. Surely no one means by it that the effort is an exact measure of the return. That would be absurd. The latter is so intangible as to be incapable of measurement.

Obviously, the correct interpretation is, "You get out of Rotary in proportion to what you put into it." Even that is only loosely accurate. Any such aphorism must be considered as the statement of a general principle and not a mathematical rule.

The principle, however, is one of the most valuable elements of character building. Properly understood it is not a narrow "penny-in-the bank" rule of thumb, as he contends, but the antithesis of it—a basic force inspiring men to effort where the result cannot be foreseen nor measured.

Without it men would be inclined only to such effort as would insure a definite and anticipated return. The great movements of history, the struggles and sacrifices which have made England great, would have been impossible.

No man of vision would contend that life's rewards are limited in value to the effort expended. They are, as "B.-G." says, vastly greater. But they flow from honest effort and are increased in proportion to the wisdom and intensity of it. He would

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not dispute that. He is simply finding fault with the wording of the maxim. But if he were to define it more correctly he would attain accuracy at the expense of brevity and punch.

Why not leave it as it is?

Rotarily yours,

W. GLENN COWELL,

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The discussion is still going on, another London Rotarian having an article in the next issue discussing the Ed's article.

The February program committee consists of: Fred Leeder, Chairman; Walt Bien, Mick Woodward, John Hardy and Neil Carroll.

It is one of the paradox of war that the Rotary Club of Tokyo, Japan, has just sent a gift of one hundred dollars to the Rotary Club of Tientsen, China, for use in its relief work. The gift was made in appreciation of the good turn the Tientsen Club had done Japanese sufferers on the occasion of the earthquake in Japan some years ago.

"Muskegon is in the cellar attendanceially."
Charlotte Rotary Mirror.
(Pronounce 'attendanceially'.)

The Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie has officially announced Jim Shaw as its candidate for District Governor. It is the only Canadian Club in the district and has been a very live, active organization. It has displayed a fine spirit of cooperation with the rest of the district. Jim is a past president of the club, has a fine attendance record and has attended a number of international conventions. We do not know what other candidates for the honor may arise but are glad to have so fine a Rotarian as Jim Shaw in the race.

A recent issue of the News Letter contains a discussion which emphasizes a sharp distinction in Rotary. Rotary International has no program of international, community or vocational service. Each club is left to work out its own program for the accomplishment of the great objects of Rotary International. Neither the Board of Directors nor the International Convention adopts a specific program and calls upon member clubs to work it out. On the contrary it is left to each individual club to decide whether or not it will engage in boys' work, crippled children's work or other forms of objective activity.

Rotary International does have a program but it is subjective and has to do only with Rotary itself—a program of extension, of guiding and directing Rotary Clubs and of Rotary extension. This is an important distinction and has much to do with the program of Rotary activities.

The Nobel Prize for medicine has recently been bestowed on Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, immediate past president of the Szeged, Hungary Rotary Club.