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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"



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Christmas Greetings

Good Cheer From President Bob Hill

This paper is quite honored by a letter of good cheer from Bob Hill, President of Rotary International.

He has been an outstanding figure in Rotary for years and the editor became quite well acquainted with him as District Governor some years ago. He is a man of remarkable personality and with an unusual fund of humor. At the International Assembly in 1930 Sir Charles Mander, who headed the British delegation said there were two figures in Rotary of unique personality who impressed themselves on his delegation more than anyone else. The two were Luis Machado of Havana, and Bob Hill of Columbia City.

Following is his letter:

Dear Glenn:

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your new club publication "The Experiment." It's delightfully interesting and shows that you are giving some real constructive and worth while thought to its content. A good publication is a decided asset to the club. To make such a publication a success a lot of time, thought and effort on the part of the editor is required. If properly edited it can serve a most beneficial purpose in that the local newspapers may find in the material many items worthy of reprint.

Remember me kindly to your fellows. May I take this opportunity to extend to them all a Christmas greeting. Good old-fashioned Christmas cheer is not a myth. It is with us as never before. If we do not find it and enjoy it to the full it is due to our own blindness. In spite of all our modern conveniences—radio, motor car, and what not, this is going to be an old-fashioned Christmas for this is the spirit that makes Christmas. This Christmas is going to be merrier than ever, and its spirit true and earnest. Never was the world so wide for happiness, never so deep for the current of friendliness. Never so many men of good will, never so ardent a desire for peace on earth, never so many things to make Christmas merry.

Sincerely yours,

BOB HILL.

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A New Department

We have been contemplating the establishment of a "Remember When" department. The following article taken from the "Remember When" items of last Wednesday's issue of the Coldwater Reporter prompts us to start it now.

"Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a pair of leggins and overshoes and a mouth organ and a book and a train of cars, and don't forget my Christmas tree with candles on, and my little cousin Helen Loring, would like a dollie. Please don't forget little Kenneth Olmstead, 255 Division Street."

We hope the members of the club will respond to this touching appeal and will do the appropriate thing.

After this, however, we must have contributions from every member to this column. The first contributions must come from charter members and should recall incidents of the first year of Rotary. They must be submitted as early as the meeting of January 8th. The names of the charter members still on the roll are as follows

George M. Branch
C. O. Carroll
Hugh W. Clarke
Albert J. Fiske
Robert A. Kerr
Harry L. Milnes
Sam Schultz
Roy Shattuck

As a starter for our new department the following is apropos.

The Coldwater Club, together with a number of other surrounding clubs, was invited to Battle Creek to a dinner at the Post Tavern to meet Ray Havens of Kansas City, then President of Rotary International. That was during the Rotary year 1922-23. He gave a good speech but the outstanding feature of the evening was the singing of Ray Havens and his wife. They were wonderful singers and gave a fine concert.

The thing which brings it to mind at this time is the fact that Ray Havens died suddenly December 7th of heart disease. Too bad!

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Among the guests last week were M. P. Rosenthaler and Charles J. Loos of Detroit, the former an auditor, the latter an attorney and representative of the Alger Estate, Paul J. Rood of Michigan State College and D. S. Davis, Jr., of the Charlotte Rotary Club.

Marty Derhammer has hardly got into the swing of securing and reporting the names and addresses of guests as yet so we are not sure the list is complete. Marty says he'll double check 'em hereafter.

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Carl Vinton checked in for the December 11th meeting. W. J. Carlisle, Bob Kerr and Roy Shattuck, who were absent from the same meeting, failed to make up their attendance.

Harry Milnes and Red McKnight were out of town last Tuesday, but will check in, to give the club its second 100% meeting of the year. This will make the December attendance over 95%.

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A rather unique radio program was pulled off November 15th when the Rotary Clubs of Schenectady, New York, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, engaged in a joint program. Among the speakers were Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce, Paul Harris and Louis Duhau, Argentinian Minister of Agriculture. Official greetings and songs were exchanged. Such a program cannot but have a fine effect in promoting international good will.

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Bob Kerr's Suggestion

Have you noticed the discussion in the Rotarian regarding the "More Young Blood" question in Rotary? Several proposals have been made since the inauguration of the discussion at the Detroit Convention last summer, one being Senior Membership for Rotarians who elect to relinquish active membership at the end of ten years and making Senior Membership compulsory after twenty years in Rotary. The purpose, of course, being to make available to younger men coming on in each community, the classifications held by the older members, which otherwise might possibly exclude from Rotary many desirable prospects. This question is being given very earnest consideration by the Board of Directors of Rotary International and is due to be presented again before the convention at Mexico City this coming year.

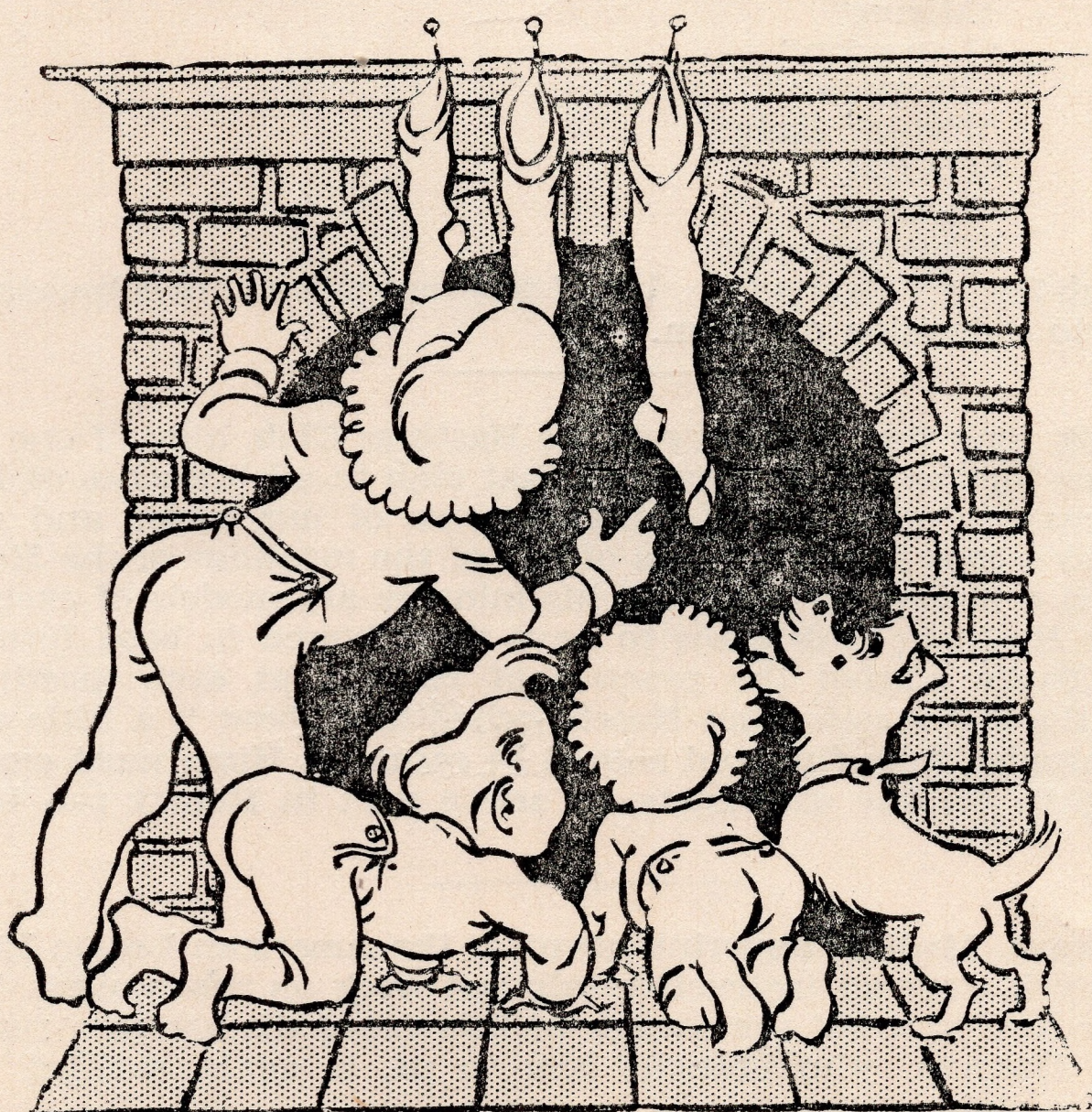
Many worth while arguments have been presented on both sides of the question and undoubtedly in a good many clubs some action along this line would be beneficial in promoting and instilling new interest in their club activities. The writer however would dislike very much to see the above proposal enacted by Rotary International as he would fear that many of the old timers might lose considerable of their interest in Rotary activities with a consequent loss to Rotary as a whole.

Our club, we think, has handled the question of Classifications in the proper manner. We are of the opinion however that a number of very fine prospective Rotarians are still available in Coldwater and we would urge our Membership committee to consider this question of "More Young Blood" or "New Blood" for this club. We devote more or less effort to the increasing of our attendance record, couldn't we also devote some effort to increasing our membership?

BOB KERR.

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The Night Before Christmas



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What's In a Name?

In our campaign to secure a name for this sheet, we are suffering from an embarrassment of riches. The following names are suggested:

"The Covered Wagon"	Van Dusen
"The Round-Up"	Olmstead
"Rotary Eye—Sees All and Knows All"	Olds
"Little Rotarian"	
"Rotalite"	
"Rotanews"	Putnam
"A Chip Off the Wheel"	
"A Spoke of the Wheel"	
"The Spare Spoke"	Tribolet
"The Cam"	
"The Clear Spokesman"	Charles Clarke
"The Optimist"	Wade
"Spokesman"	Walker
"The Merry-Go-Round"	Hutchins
"The Achievement"	Schlubatis
"Pep"	Alexander
"Summary" — "Echo"	Shattuck
"Fortnight"	Shearer
"Commentator"	Vail
"Hooey"	Mooney
"The Blat"	Vinton and Bauer
"Connecting Rod"	Wilber
"Connecting Link"	Derhammer
"Main Bearing"	Van Aken

Bien and Taylor should be fined for both suggesting "Rotary News", which was barred. Other suggestions were not signed, one of the unsigned ones being the "Razzberry" (which, by the way, isn't bad). Several editorial suggestions are:

"Mirror"
"Lampoon"
"Harpoon"
"Rotary Rote"
"Gadget"
"Rotator"
"Questionnaire"

The Club Service Committee should preserve these names because they must come to a decision on them.

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Bill Cook, long time secretary of the Hastings Club, himself one of the main reasons for the pre-eminence of that club in all branches of Rotary activity, writes in very complimentary terms of our paper and at our request sends a copy of his minutes of one of the meetings of the Hastings Club. Bill is a newspaper man and his minutes are models of excellence. In fact, the Hastings Club plans to have them bound in book form.

Hugh Clarke started the practice of reading at each meeting the minutes of the last meeting but Hutch joshed him about it a little and he quit. The minutes were fine and should be resumed. Hugh must expect to stand the gaff. No one who takes an active part in Rotary can be thin skinned.

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Dr. Howard, Medical Superintendent of the American Legion Hospital at Battle Creek, gave an instructive talk last week on tuberculosis. We all know better how to avoid the danger of this dread disease as a result.

George Dorman, who brought him to us, is again entitled to the thanks of the club.