

"This Must Be Coldwater's Best Rotary Year."

THE RAZZBERRY

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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Another Form of Service

The last issue but one, contained an editorial article about community service. We discussed individuals who had performed service for the community collectively and the measure of reward or censure which those individuals received.

There is another form of community service, however, of an entirely different nature which subjects an individual neither to praise nor to criticism. That is his quiet, steady application to his own business.

The community needs both kinds of service. There are men whose minds envision the community as a whole, who can and should do community things. They should be encouraged to do so and that encouragement is one of the functions of Rotary. There are others who do not think in community terms but whose lives are filled with useful effort and of quiet good citizenship. It is these men—and women—who form the basis of a sound healthy community.

The difficulty so far as these individuals is concerned is not to prevent criticism of them but to secure recognition. They secure a certain reward in the quiet respect of the community but in most cases the community is not articulate enough in its appreciation. Usually the expression of it is delayed until the death of the recipient. Carl Bailey, a good Hillsdale Rotarian, died recently and the community turned out en masse to his funeral. He was proclaimed Hillsdale's best loved citizen and the Central School was renamed "The Carl L. Bailey School" in his honor. It is probable, however, that it never dawned on Carl Bailey in his lifetime that he was especially popular in the community.

Here is another objective the Rotary community service committee might have in mind. Public recognition cannot be given to every good citizen. There are too many of them. There could be, however, a word of appreciation in the Rotary meetings of men who have spent a long life of quiet, useful service in the community. Those men should be present to hear it too. It should not be postponed until their death.

An outstanding example of such men which occurs to the Ed is Dan Greenameyer—eighty-five years old—fifty-seven years in the service of the community—still on the job—the first man at the store in the morning, the last to leave at night—doubtless unable to accomplish what he could in his prime but still useful.

Another is Thurlow Titus—seventy-five years old—who has not only furnished castings to the community for a lifetime but who has been the instrument of employment of thousands of people.

Both of these men have stainless records. Both are still living. A word of recognition to them would not only make them feel that their life work was appreciated but would furnish an inspiration to younger men to so conduct themselves as to be worthy of the same appreciation in their declining years.

For this reason the Ed has taken the liberty of inviting these two men to the meeting next week and proposes that they be accepted as guests of honor of the club. We propose similar recognition of others entitled to it and suggest that members of the club furnish the community service committee with names of those who should be so honored.

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Twenty Five Years Hence

Is your club maintaining a concise running history which will answer questions that undoubtedly will arise five, ten, twenty, twenty-five years from now?

As Rotary clubs get older they begin to realize the need for keeping such a history. Some of them have found it impossible to get the life story of the club completely because several administrations failed to keep historical records.

European clubs particularly are looking for this by publishing each year a report of club activities and membership changes during the year.

Perhaps every club that does not issue such an annual report should have a committee of one to three members whose responsibility it would be to see that a running historical record is maintained.—R. I. Heekl, News Letter.

If the Razzberry is continued long enough it will be a partial answer to the foregoing query. It does not, however, purport to review club activities. In this connection we would like to suggest to methodical members that they have a pigeon hole in their desk, preferably at home where they file the Razzberry. Many of the Rotary Anns would be interested to read it if members take it home. The Secretary's records are doubtless kept in permanent form. Those records together with the files of the Razzberry, would be reasonably satisfactory. Neither, however, nor both together take the place of the regime of meetings which Hugh started to give but discontinued when Hutch razzed him about it. They were good, even though a trifle caustic at times, and should be resumed.

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Several members of the club will attend the meeting at Niles at which President Ed Johnson and First Assistant Phil Lovejoy will have charge of the program. The meeting is too late for an account to be given in this issue of the Razzberry.

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Charlie Pollock's report of the toy committee was crowded out this week. It showed 32 fully dressed dolls contributed by Rotary Anns and delivered to the King's Daughters; 33 sleds, most of which were contributed by the Pratt Corporation; \$41 contributed by Rotarians, in addition to used toys. The committee has done good work.

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"Put" Was Generous

You certainly have to hand it to Roy Putnam. Last summer when the city's new parking lot was opened (by the way, it is one of the best buys the city ever made), Roy very gracefully and graciously offered the city the free use of the alley south of the telephone company's building as an entrance to the parking lot from Monroe Street.

The offer was accepted thankfully. It now transpires, however, that the alley belongs to George Branch. All the telephone company has is a right of way over it. You certainly have to hand it to Roy.

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The Belding Club is starting well in attendance. In October it was second in the district with a percentage of 77.3. That is rather unusual. It customarily takes some time for new Rotarians to get into the swing of regular and punctual attendance.

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It Should Be Done

Dr. Ellis gave a very interesting talk on juvenile delinquency last Tuesday. He ran ten minutes over time without interuption. That is something the President should not allow to occur. It certainly would be bad form to interrupt a guest speaker and ask him to stop at 1:30. However, it is not discourteous nor embarrassing to interrupt his remarks to give time for those who are obliged to leave to do so, at the same time inviting the speaker to continue his talk to its conclusion. That should always be done. The members can then make appointments with assurance of their ability to fill them.

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At the meeting this week each member will be asked to write and hand to the editor a New Year's resolution. It is not necessary, however, that he sign his own name. If he has in mind a resolution which some other member ought to make he can hand in his contribution with that member's name signed to it. In our next issue we will print those resolutions which (like the bituminous coal industry) are affected with a public interest.

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One of the fine things which the club has done recently is the enthusiastic adoption of Roy Newberry's suggestion last week. At various times there has been talk of establishing a student loan fund. The necessity for that has been somewhat weakened by governmental assistance to students. That assistance is limited to upper classmen, however. The case which Roy brought to our attention seems to be an unusually worthy one.

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Failed to Deliver

Dr. Harry Schneider was ordered to furnish a short autobiographical sketch for this issue. He failed to deliver. He will pay Norm Kohl twenty-five cents each week until he comes across. Dr. Fred Leeder is the next victim—subject, of course, to the same penalty.

The fact is that we are embarking on a program of printing a sketch of each member's life. This is in an effort to make the Razzberry a permanent record. We are starting with the new members and going backward.

We could probably secure these sketches each issue by repeated telephone calls and without fine. That imposes a considerable burden on the Ed. Besides it doesn't provide the funds to pay his salary. So we will stick to the old penalty method.

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More of the February Circus

"TED GODDEN PERFORMS KINDLY ACT FOR LOCAL PHYSICIAN.

Aids in resurrection of antique morning coat to cover large hole in seat of trousers. Ed Drobnyk called in on case recognizes own handiwork of vintage of 1902."

"Speaking of Comfort Stations, Hugh Clarke has solved the problem. As a reprisal for the new Meat Market in Coldwater, announcement is made of E. R. Clarke & Co. Rest Room. This now makes it unnecessary for the ladies to go to the A. & P."

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Hugh Responds

In a recent issue we asked Hugh Clarke for a financial report of the club. The request was somewhat untimely because it came in the middle of a fiscal year. Hugh responded, however, with a statement as of March 7, 1935. That statement is printed below. We would like to print the annual statements at the close of each fiscal year and request Hugh to furnish them to us for that purpose.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COLDWATER ROTARY CLUB

YEAR 1934-1935

Balance on hand May 1, 1934			\$432.06
Receipts.			
Dues Collected	\$ 455.00		
Meal Profits	30.50		
Total Receipts		\$485.50	\$485.50
			\$917.56
Disbursements.			
Rotary International.			
Dues	\$ 297.00		
Supplies	2.15	\$299.15	
District Governor.			
Fund	\$50.00		
1934 Gift (Bond)	5.00		
1935 Gift (Otto)	5.00	\$60.00	
Y. M. C. A. Camp		60.00	
Jr. Rotarian, Traverse City		12.75	
Cora Brown. Dinner for Starr Commonwealth			
Collectors		6.00	
J. B Southworth, repairing sign		2.00	
Tax on checks issued12	
Total disbursements			\$ 440.02
Balance on hand May 7, 1935			477.54
			\$917.56
Uncollected dues May 1, 1935	\$35.00		

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH W. CLARKE, Sec'y.

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Ithaca has recently voted a new community hall and gymnasium. It is hinted that the influence of the new Rotary Club there had much to do with the success of the project.

Derhammer Motor Sales

If it isn't right, Marty will have a good cry
with you over it.

We move often but each new location is better than the last.

When better cars are built we will still be selling Fords.

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Harry: "Have you heard the last Ford joke?"

Marty: "I hope so."