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GAVEL TALKS



I shall always be grateful to Warren Bradt for proposing my name to Rotary in Albany in the first year of its history, and to the fellows then in the Club who voted me in. I have always been proud of my membership and have no hesitancy in admitting that I am prouder still to be called to the presidency of such an organization of live business men. The honor means more to me, a mere pedagogue, than you business men, especially, may realize. The splendid record of Rotary in Albany for the last eight years puts added responsibility upon this administration. Every year it grows more difficult to put interest and pep and purpose into our meetings, and into our community activities, because we have done so well from the very beginning.

You have called me to preside over our meetings and to lead the enterprises of the Club for the ensuing year. I am going to try to do it. It's old stuff, I know, to say that I can't do it without your cooperation. I don't have to ask you for that. You have already assured me of it in giving me this commission. At the first drop of the gavel, I want to point out some of the things I should like to see us do in the coming year. Here they are:

1. Give visiting Rotarians a warmer welcome than we have ever been in the habit of doing. A glad hand when a visitor is introduced wont cause a riot and

it may send a visitor back home with a kindly feeling toward Albany.

2. Play the game as good sports when the speaker is rotten, as well as when he is a cracker jack. If you think the Entertainment Committee can always pick a winner, ask for the job for a week or two. Half the credit for a good speech always belongs to the audience anyway. Sometimes a poor speech gets across because of good listeners. I know. I've made 'em. Ask Roelif Brooks, or Charles Johnson, or Father Charles, or the Rev. Jacob Herzog, if this isn't so.
3. Get acquainted with every man in the Club. The other fellow is worth knowing and he may even find you so. Ask Blil McEwan for the secret. He knows everybody. That's how he and his gasoline buggy keep young.
4. Mix ourselves up a little more at luncheons. That helps acquaintance and it makes for good fellowship and, anyway, it is Rotary. If every man in the Club would deliberately plan if possible to sit at table at least once during the year with every other man, we should be an even jollier, warmer-hearted bunch than we are now. I could give you a list, but wont, of fifteen or twenty fellows who rarely mix at luncheons. Honor bright, I'd like to take them out behind the smoke house. They are good fellows. Don't put the badge of good fellowship on them this year.
5. Wear our name buttons regularly at luncheons. If you don't wear yours this week you are going to be fined ten cents and sent

out for it to the tune of "Out of the window he must go."

6. Give ear to the gavel when it falls. Even the long-suffering Secretary would enjoy being heard!
7. Give our officers, directors, and committees the benefit of frequent suggestions. If you like what your officers are doing, tell them so. It wont hurt. If you don't like what they are doing, tell them so. It may help. The columns of CAPITAL COGS will be open all the year for kind words and for sensible constructive criticism.
8. Raise our attendance record. It is already splendid, but it can be improved. We are going to keep the percentage for 1920-1921 before our eyes all the year and try to out-do it. The ambition of my life is to humble Jake Herzog. You know he has sat on me for twelve months.
9. Get the "bug" somehow on this Boy question. If I read the signs aright, International Rotary in a very short time is going to be a leading agency in emphasizing and in demonstrating in a practical way the unalterable fact that sound Manhood comes from safe Boyhood. With all the good work we have done, we are still miles behind many of our neighbors. It is the one big thing ahead of us. Helping boys who are to be men—there is no finer business than that, and an investment of money and service in it pays never-ceasing dividends.
10. Come across cheerfully and Johnny-on-the-spot with the goods when we are asked to do something. We have an enviable reputation along that line. The pleasantest memory of my year as vice-president is this:

I wasn't turned down by a single man I asked to do his bit throughout the year. That's why I believe in Rotary. That's why I'm glad to do her bidding for the coming year.

H. H. H.

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“YOU FELLERS”

DEAR COGLET:

The weekly letters have been canned. Harlan did it. Harlan says that only once last year did he get a whack at a letter and once isn't enough for his ambitious nature. The fact that The Rotarian printed that succinct screed “Who is a Rotarian?” on page 303 of the June issue, being a rehash of what Harlan said at the Poughkeepsie conference, has whetted his appetite for more. So CAPITAL COGS was conceived and here it is. If you won't listen to Harlan on Fridays, perhaps you will read his “Gavel Talks,” which are to be a weekly feature. The columns of Capital Cogs will be open to all of you. If you can't write a piece, write an ad. Bill Dearstyne, of tobacco fame, will see that it gets where it belongs.

Fred Mullin designed the heading and Walter Waterbury executed it in proper form for printing. The J. B. Lyon Company did the rest. We're grateful for their assistance.

We hope you'll like Capital Cogs. Most of the large Rotary Clubs have publications and Albany wants to be in the swim. You can help keep it afloat. It's YOUR paper. Even Ernie Barvoets can fall back on it to print some of his stuff The Rotarian is sure to reject. And despite the fact that Dave Lithgow is ex-associate editor, we will some day, I hope, be able to embalm some of his Rotary drawings. If you have suggestions, fire 'em in. Recipes for home brew are especially solicited.

You may have observed, if Ben Smith made your glasses, that William Barnes is to address us next Friday at One. Lets start our new President on his way with a big attendance. Will YOU be there? Sure.

Yours editorially,

JACK,
Secretary.

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SPOKES FROM LAST WEEKS WHEEL



A report of last Friday's meeting will, in the main, be a catalog of events. It was the last meeting arranged by the retiring officers and was featured by the installation of the newly elected Rotary leaders. Geo. Elwell led in patriotic songs in honor of the Memorial season. Visiting Rotarians were introduced. John T. D. Blackburn, Oscar Kinney and Brace Gallien were announced as delegates to the Edinburgh Convention. Geo. Elwell issued a call for automobiles to aid the Veterans on Memorial Day. The annual report of officers was filed in printed form. Charlie Chute gave a final report on the Big Brother movement and statistics on the work done. The retiring officers in turn introduced and inducted into

office their newly elected successors. In this exercise the Rotary spirit was splendidly exemplified by the wholehearted and sincere expressions of mutual appreciation of personal worth and past services. President Harlan's first official act was to appoint a special advisory committee, made up of all the past presidents, and to ask the committee for a reclassification of Albany Rotary, by not later than October first. The new president then announced the committees for the coming year, the personnel of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

H. E. P.

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BON VOYAGE

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Methinks we can see Oscar dancing on the forward deck and having the time of his life; Brace is seated on a steamer chair amidships, trying to figure out the average incomes of those aboard, and John — poor John — he's flat on his back in his bunk, minus appetite, his eyes gazing at a red necktie fluttering from a discarded collar on the floor, and wishing that Bill Furlong were with him.

Bon voyage, lucky six, may you have a good time and a safe return.

DUES PLEASE

Gates B. Aufmesser is a professional treasurer, with addresses at the Industrial Building and 1003 Madison avenue. He is OUR new treasurer and is just yearning for funds. A check for ten dollars will pay your dues for six months — double it and you're paid for a year. Send it NOW.

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Ernie George will chaperone a bunch of Rotary golfers to Utica on Friday, June 10th. They will lunch with the Uticans and go over the links in the afternoon. If you want to go tell Ernie.

TO-LET

ASK BILL DEARSTYNE

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If any of you know of a SURE cure for seasickness, please wireless it at once to John T. D. Blackburn, steamer Cameronia, at sea.

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Ed Griffith's right hand was banded when he showed up at the meeting last Friday. He said he had been trying to classify a dog fight.

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Most of you remember Walter A. Flansburg, a former Albany Rotarian, who was associated with John Heidenreich starching shirts. Walter resigned to go to Florida. He writes that his experiment in Hogs and Oranges was not a complete success and that he is now a Rotarian in Ottumwa, Iowa, "at the old job of cleaning up things." He sends greetings to all the boys.

We're sorry to lose Charlie Chute, who has been active in promoting the Big Brother movement in Albany Rotary. Charlie has resigned as Secretary of the State Probation Commission to accept the secretaryship of the National Probation Association, with offices in New York. Good luck to you, Charlie, in your broader field.

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D. W. McMillen, with "a feed for every need," rotated with us Friday. He is a Rotarian from Ft. Wayne, Ind., a town with which Herman W. Brown claims to have some acquaintance.

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President Horner talks to the Kingston club tonight (Wednesday). As might have been guessed, its ladies' night.

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