

THIS WEEK PRESIDENT'S DAY -- Bert will present a distinguished and honored fellow Pasadenan **JOSEPH SCOTT**

PLUGS "We still think you're a genius, JOHN HENRY!" With this deserved tribute, President Bert expressed better than he knew the minds of over sixty Rotary Anns and a hundred Rotarians and their guests, as he closed last week's meeting. John Henry Lyon's choral group of 50 Boys from 10 to 15 years of age, and with a repertoire of over 200 numbers, delighted and thrilled the gathering with their well-trained and well-directed voices.

Following their theme song, "Non Nobis Domine", they opened their all too brief concert with the happy, lively cadence of an old English carol, "Deck the Halls with Holly". Next came the centuries old, "Low How a Rose 'Ere Bloom", touching in its soft sweet melody and harmony sequences. Mozart's "Alleluia" was masterfully soloed by Keith Fry, with the choir providing effective background accompaniment. A highlight of the performance and a number admirably demonstrating the caliber of the choir's training, was the old Latin composition "Emmite Spiritu". Full of harmony, emphasized by well executed crescendos, diminuendos and staccatos, this number proved a favorite. "Little Boy Blue" likewise drew much favorable comment, with its catching melody and harmony effects, secured by the choir voices and Frankie Maylin's trumpet. Alert to the reactions of his audience, John Henry had Frankie Maylin play "Holy City" as a trumpet solo. The choir closed with two old favorites "Silent Night" and the "Hallelulah Chorus" from the Messiah, the latter an extremely ambitious number for a choral group of small boys, but beautifully sung.

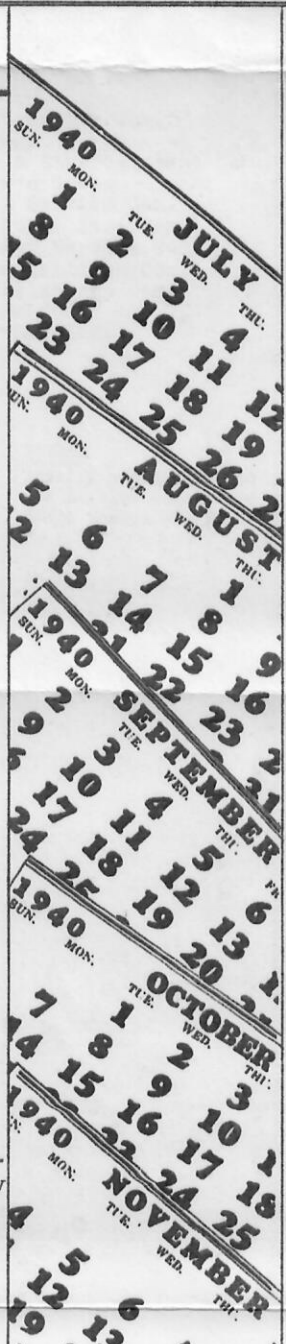
John Henry, it was grand! And thanks to you Lyle Craig for another successful Rotary Ann affair.

Here's a plug for all. Effective Jan. 1, 1940 annual dues will be reduced from \$30 to \$25. Your January billing for semi-annual dues will be for \$12.50 less credits for make-up luncheons during the entire year of 1939. That's practically news!

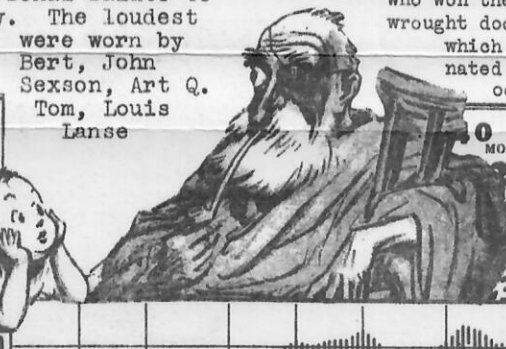
The Club is proud to have had the privilege of giving Christmas Cheer in a substantial way to some twenty-five families, and thanks Will Cochrane and the club members who helped in the work, and who got a whale of a kick out of doing it.

SPOKES noted no less than 25 bright new Xmas ties last week, probably a personal salute to John Henry Day. The loudest were worn by Bert, John Sexson, Art Q. Tom, Louis Lanse

Clem Friedills generosity was particularly appreciated by Mesdames Hahn & Jarvis who won the hand-wrought door prizes which Clem donated for the occasion.



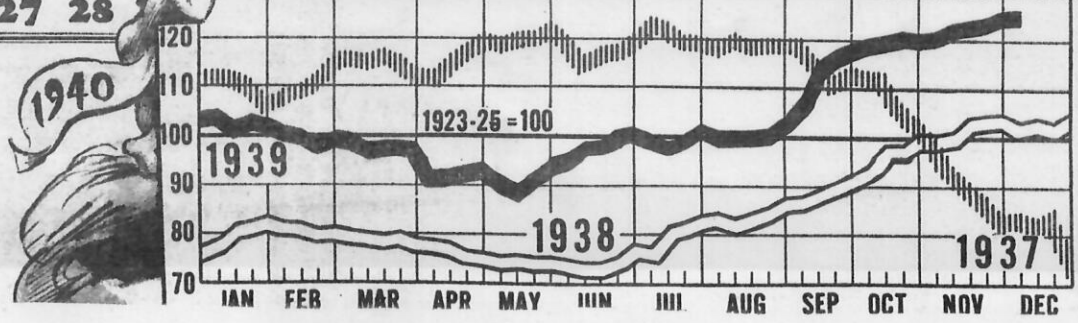
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SPOKES SPEAKS

MAY ALL YOUR TRENDS BE HAPPY ONES IN 1940





GEORGE COWING

Guest Chairman of the Day
Will Present



PADDOCK EQUALS WORLD'S RECORD IN THE HUNDRED



MID-YEAR DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
AMBASSADOR HOTEL
WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 10th

This Mid-Year Assembly - an innovation in our district - was unanimously requested by the members of the district assembly in Beverly Hills last August. The purpose of this meeting is to continue open forum discussions dealing with Rotary problems and activities in our district.

All Rotarians are welcome, but Club Officers and Committee Chairmen are especially invited and expected to attend.

Arrangements have been completed for an unusually interesting series of group discussions consisting of five minute talks by discussion leaders, followed by questions and suggestions from the floor.

Tentative plans call for the opening session at 10:00 AM and adjournment at 4:30 PM. From 12:00 noon until 1:45 PM. will be held a huge Inter-city Meeting in the Coconut Grove, sponsored by the Wilshire Club.

Phone your reservations to Elmer Beckman at once.

Here's news we have been waiting for:

3rd ANNUAL 107th DISTRICT CONFERENCE
LAS VEGAS -- BOULDER CITY, NEVADA!
APRIL 14-15-16, 1940

The hospitality of the Las Vegas-Boulder City citizens has been heralded far and wide by convention groups of all kinds. An interesting trip with much to see and to do when you get there!

This is one to mark up on your calendar right now, with plenty of intermittent reminders to plan to be in Las Vegas April 14, 15 and 16 sure!

The Club extends a hearty official welcome to two returning Sojourners FRED B. COREY, Barberton, Ohio, Past Service; HENRY P. MAGILL, Danville, Kentucky, Insurance.

Outstanding in important local functions is the inauguration of our own President H. L. (Bert) GIANETTI as President of the California Real Estate Ass'n. at the Huntington Hotel, Saturday, Jan. 6th. As SPOKES goes to press, a host of Club members have made reservations for this elaborately planned affair, to personally express the compliments and respects of the Club.

"Bert, may this cold type medium not detract from the genuinely friendly warmth of our congratulations for an honor so richly deserved."

NEXT WEEK! Ed Maybury will present Miss Hazel Hurst, world famous blind girl, whom we met for an all too brief moment last year.



Mike Thom plans on a bit of wholesale reimbursement of the "wooden shoe" charity fund, depleted by Xmas activities, so December and January babies, bring your "V's" to meetin' **THIS WEEK.**

DECEMBER

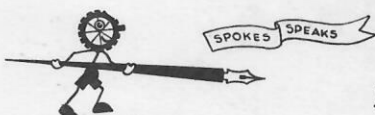
- Gene Compere--7th
- Ted Huggins--9th
- Alex Riddler--10th (Pd)
- Paul Ferrier--14th
- John Henry Lyons--14th
- Charlie Ray--15th (pd)
- Paul Bryan--18th
- Hal Coombs--19th
- Clem Friedell--19th
- Charlie Prisk--24th
- Aaron Marcus--MXAS
- Wally Reeder--26th
- Lou Henninger--27th

JANUARY

- Charlie Hatcher--2nd
- Harry Austin--3rd
- Lay Leishman--5th
- Ret Alter--7th
- Art Clark--8th
- Louie Mellette--8th
- Bill Dunn--13th
- Charlie Campbell--14th
- Jack Horner--19th
- Will Leishman--20th
- Al Foord--23rd
- Walter Shaffer--29th
- Hanson Webb--30th

For reasons generally obvious to the Club, but particularly so to "J.H." and Wray, SPOKES does not guarantee the accuracy of the above, and any reference to either the living or the dead is entirely unintentional.

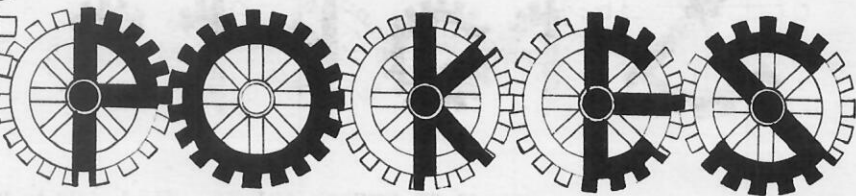
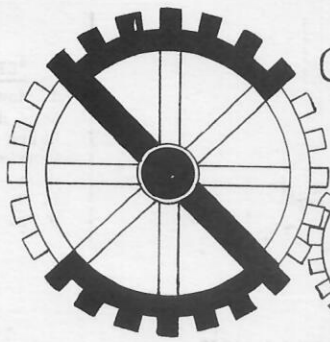
Unofficially SPOKES is inclined to feel that the recipient of the free advertising should reimburse JIMMIE INGRAHAM for 1940's first fine, but officially considers that such an act well might establish a precedent dangerous and costly beyond all possible unearned increment



TO ROTARY CLUBS OF THE UNITED STATES

"A great disaster has come upon the peoples of Poland and Finland. There is urgent need of funds for relief work in those countries.-----I hope that United States Rotarians will not only give money generously to these causes but will be active in their respective communities in promoting contributions to the Red Cross and the Finnish Relief Fund from the community in general. Here are opportunities both to give and to serve, which I am sure Rotarians will meet in true Rotary Spirit."

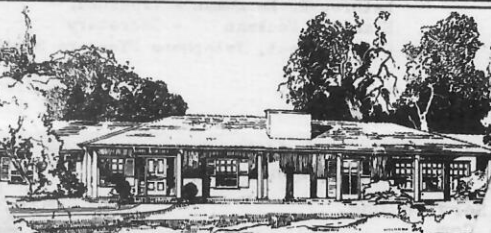
Walter D. Head, President, Rotary International



CHAIRMAN
ED MAYBURY
will present



Hazel Hurst



THE HAZEL HURST FOUNDATION



Miss Hurst has been a protege of Rotary since she was six years old. Rotarians gave her "Babe", her faithful guide dog. Through the freedom and confidence she learned with Babe, she carried on her education and has become internationally famous for her talents as a speaker, and for the dedication of her life to the training of Guide Dogs and rehabilitation of the blind.



500 man hours devoted to discussions of Rotary problems by officers and committeemen of Clubs in the 107th District last Wednesday at the Ambassador Hotel, attests to the genuine magnetism and significance of Rotary objectives. Without precedent, this first Mid-year District Assembly was a huge success, and undeniable symbol of encouragement in a troubled world, a tribute to the leadership and vision of our District Gov. Otto W. Nelson.

The program was a full one, as interesting as it was ambitious. During the morning session, Gov. Otto introduced various Club officers who gave concise and experienced suggestions and led discussions dealing with a number of such pertinent subjects as "The Aims & Objects Committee", "Fellowship", "Classifications", "Membership", "Attendance", "Rotary Education" and "Programs".

Luncheon took the form of an Inter-City Meeting in the Coconut Grove, sponsored by the Wilshire Club and attended by several hundred Rotarians from neighboring Clubs, in addition to those participating in District Assembly proceedings. Highly entertaining musical numbers by the Hollywood Rotary Quartette and a stirring address by Joseph Scott featured the luncheon.

Afternoon Assembly discussion topics included "The Club Secretary and His Job", "Community Service", "Craft and Hobby Shows", "Boys Work", "Youth Service", "Sports Activities", "Vocational Service", "Craft Talks", and "International Service". As during the morning session, these discussions were led by various Club presidents best qualified to handle each subject. Gov. Otto summarized each discussion in his inimitably forceful and refreshing manner, to leave lasting, and worthwhile impressions.

Elmer Beckman, Louis Meillette, Ed Maybury and J. Howell Smith, who represented the Pasadena Club, expressed high praise for the Mid-Year Assembly idea and the effective manner in which it was conducted.

LAS VEGAS! BOULDER CITY! APRIL 14th, 15th, 16th!

Extensive and elaborate plans already are under way. Deming MacLise, Conference Manager and Bill Bailey, Conference Program Chairman, gave Assembly Representatives an inkling of the highlights, after Presidents of the Las Vegas and Boulder City Clubs had extended cordial invitations to the Third Annual 107th District Rotary Conference.

Reduced Pullman and Train fares have been arranged, both on the Governor's Special and on regular schedule trains. Inspection trips through Boulder Dam, boat trips on Lake Meade, possibly a bit of fishing, and a host of intensely entertaining features are being developed, in addition to the always worth-while business sessions. The Governor of Nevada and President Walter Head of Rotary International are being mentioned as possible guests.

Bill Bailey, an old trouper himself, a member of the Hollywood Rotary Quartette, as Program Chairman for the Conference assures an outstanding meeting. Bill has selected Louis Meillette as his assistant, and they, together with Governor Otto and Deming MacLise, are scheduled to be in Las Vegas this week or next to detail the events of three crowded, eventful days.

Remember - April 14th, 15th and 16th! They're Las Vegas and Boulder City Days!

The same congenial understanding that prompted Art Brown, Rex Rucklos and Clarence Fischer to jestingly over-emphasize the "East" in East Pasadena when introducing themselves at the Assembly, also prompted the Pasadena contingent to jestingly over-emphasize their approval of that emphasis.



SPOKES SPEAKS

"If a man does not make new acquaintances as he passes through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repair." -Johnson

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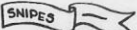


The International Service Committee
will present

PRESIDENT ELAM J. ANDERSON

of the University of Redlands
speaking on

"WHY I AM A FOURTH OBJECT ROTARIAN"



Like Maestro, like Pupil! John Henry's presence was entirely superfluous last week to identify young Drezel Stanley as his protege. "I am the Mikado", wrapped it up, as far as the Club was concerned. We did doubt, however, that Drezel's repeated reference to "President Galento" was an original idea to develop "Tony" as a substitute for "Bert". "Tony Gianetti"? Not bad! There's euphony there.

SPOKES proposes Walt Muller for the Sojourners Group. Walt's returning to New York again for round two of the World's Fair. (sans Stalin).

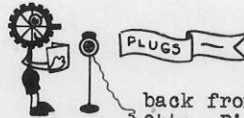
Speaking of New York, Royal Sorensen is planning a two or three weeks jaunt to Gotham and way points to attend the National Electrical Engineering Ass'n. Convention.

And speaking of Conventions, "H.L." Parker is basking(?) at Miami, Florida, with a host of other National Cash Register delegates. If it weren't for the delegates, we'd probably give C. of C. "H.L." the well known "Tsch! Tsch" or a few well timed "Tut tuts" for his Florida basking.

George Cowing still maintains he's 50% an expert. That ain't the way we heard it!

Bert, or Tony, is in Sacramento Real Estating and stuff. Louis Meillette, 2nd quarter V.P., will sub-deb for the prexy at this week's githerin'.

For the benefit of youse guys who haven't stopped the wheels long enough to re-gance at your Rotary Objects, here's the fourth one, "The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace, through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service."



With all of the glowing details absorbed at the recent District Assembly, and the enthusiasm built up from interviewing Louis Meillette, "fresh" back from Las Vegas and Boulder City with Gov. Otto, Bill Bailey, Deming MacLise, et. al., SPOKES continues to grant the premier Plug to the District Conference at LAS VEGAS! BOULDER CITY! APRIL 14th, 15th, 16th! See you there!

The first go-round of inter-club bowling proved to be such magnetic entertainment and recreation that the "alley feud" was resumed on January 12th. Club teams from Pasadena and six neighboring Clubs will continue to "roll 'em" each Thursday evening at 9:00 P.M., 970 East Colorado Street. Barney Oldfield, Blake "Fair Weather", Bob Peddicord, Hank Carlson and Oscar Swanson have been steady participants. At least a dozen additional would-be bowlers could and would have a grand fling by supporting the local pin-shooters. Start your diplomacy now, to assure getting a pass for Thursday Evening, 9:00 P.M.! (Be seein' you, - I hope).

Next Week, Jan. 31st, the Club will welcome the appearance of the P.J.C. Debating Team. This annual affair has come to be one we all anxiously anticipate. "I'm just an incident, not the event. No publicity now"--was prospective Chairman of the Day Geo. Meredith's comment when interviewed on the program. With George voluntarily in reverse backing away from an argument (an event in any league) it looks like a double feature.

On Feb. 7th comes another treat. We shall hear the renowned and internationally recognized authority on world affairs, Dr. A. Th. Polyzoides, whose radio chats and writings have been widely acclaimed.

Well may we pause to record here and now a well-earned Plug for Ed Maybury, Chairman of the Program Committee. "It's been a grand program year, Ed", and, with what's on your calendar, we need not even add, "Hold the pose!"

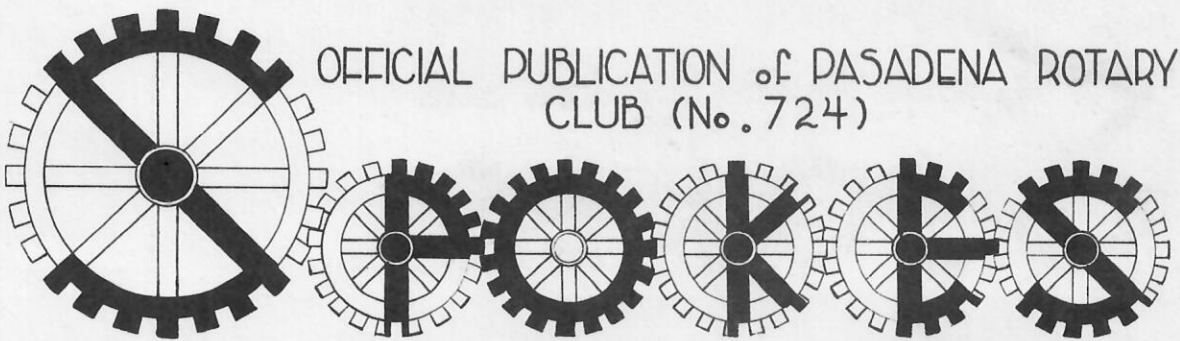
"THE MIKADO": Complete stage production performed entirely by the little boys of John Henry's Pasadena Boys Choir and Saint James Choristers! Two full casts of principals and chorus will appear at the Pasadena Junior College - January 28th and 27th at 8:15 P.M. Reserved seats on sale at Hancock Music Co. John Henry says the boys are even better in "The Mikado" than in their very successful previous presentation, "Pinafore", - and John should know.

To Ed Rust in his hour of great bereavement goes that sincere and understanding sympathy born only in years of close and admiring friendships.

And to Hank Carlson the Club extends condolence. Hank flew back to Denver last Tuesday to attend the funeral services of his closest friend.



Have you ever tinkered with the old idea that one of the secrets of living life at its best lies in capturing at least some small measure of what is called present tense? Don't most people spend too much of their time either looking forward in anticipation or reflecting back over the past? Yet, in this merry-go-round of current existence, can it be other than by proper concentration upon the present, by absorbing the things at hand, that our sagas will be written indelibly? If we live our lives too much in reflection, or too much in anticipation, will people chancing upon our old haunts long after we are gone, pause and say, "This is the place he knew and these are the things he loved and touched and worked with; he was so much a part of his time that there is still something of him here that will not go away"?



JOHN HARBESON
will present

ROBERT W. GILLETTE
and
DON WIERDA

of the P.J.C. Debating Team
who will argue the point

"Resolved that the United States should follow a policy of strict isolation from all belligerents outside the Western Hemisphere engaged in armed international or civil conflict."

ON DECK - NEXT WEEK - FEBRUARY 7th!

President Bert's Day, featuring the outstanding commentator and authority on international affairs, Dr. A. Th. Polyzoides!

COMING UP ON FEBRUARY 14th!

Rae Taylor plans to present Commander Scott of the British Air Force.

WORLD-WIDE ROTARY OBSERVANCE WEEK
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 19th!

Our meeting on February 21st is especially planned in keeping with this occasion.

To complete a fine February schedule, the Sojourner's Group of the Pasadena Club, unique in all Rotary, will take over on the 28th. Here is an up-to-the-minute list of the Sojourners we welcome and want to know better:

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| Corey, Fred B. | Barberton, Ohio | Past Service |
| Brown, Edw. T. | Wolcott, N.Y. | Capital Investm'ts |
| Foster, Ed. D. | Ypsilanti, Mich. | General Farming |
| Goble, Frank N. | White Plains, N.Y. | Honorary |
| Holmes, Harry B. | Presque Isle, Me. | Past Service |
| Lane, Frank L. | Beloit, Wis. | Past Service |
| Levett, Bill | Winnetka, Ill. | Past Service |
| Lukins, Harry | Streator, Ill. | Banker |
| Magill, Henry P. | Danville, Ky. | Insurance |
| Meech, Fred | Beloit, Wis. | Past Service |
| Morgan, Will F. | La Salle, Ill. | Furniture Retail |
| Powell, Milton C. | Rochester, N.Y. | Securities |
| Riker, Percy | El Cajon, Calif. | Music, Vocal |
| Sayers, S. J. | Jefferson, Iowa | Lawyer |
| Schneider, Will C. | Kankakee, Ill. | Court Reporter |
| Sommer, Frank C. | Philadelphia, Pa. | Mfg'r Rayon Und'wr |
| Stafford, Edward O. | Marquette, Mich. | Honorary |
| Vandercook, Robt. O. | Chicago, Ill. | Proof Press Mfg'r |
| West, Frank | Albany, Calif. | Honorary |
| Whiter, Edward T. | Pittsburg, Pa. | Honorary |
| Williams, R. H. | Calgary, Alberta | Womens Clothing |
| Winslow, C. B. | White Plains, N.Y. | Past Service |



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT WALTER D. HEAD
SPEAKS AT BILTMORE BOWL!

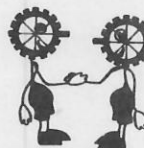
On Friday noon, February 23, Walter D. Head, President of Rotary International, will pay his respects to District 107 when he appears as guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Los Angeles Club. This date concludes Rotary Observance Week, which is being celebrated throughout the world. The Biltmore Bowl has been reserved for this occasion, thus assuring sufficient room for a very large attendance. All Clubs in District 107 and other clubs adjacent to our district are invited to participate. This will be the only appearance of Walter D. Head in our district, as he swings through Southern California on his trip to the western part of the United States.

Here is another important date for your calendar -- Friday noon, Feb. 23rd -- Biltmore Bowl for luncheon. Advise Elmer Beckman at your earliest convenience to make proper reservations for you.

The East Pasadena Club, proudly announces that after February 1st, they will meet at the new Eaton's Santa Anita on E. Colorado Blvd. each Thursday noon. A grand break for make-ups - and for East Pasadena Rotarians.

Speaking of make-ups, the San Fernando Club addresses a friendly suggestion to SPOKES, that San Fernando should be included in SPOKES' enumerations of "When and Where to Make Up Attendance Nearby." The San Fernando Club meets at the Porter Hotel on Fridays. It's only about 25 miles away--no city traffic enroute--and a cordial welcome at journey's end. Thanks San Fernando! You're as good as in SPOKES on the next reprint.

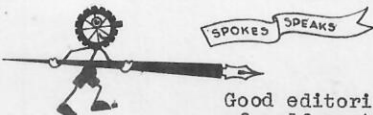
SPOKES' munch that last week's acting "M.C." Louis, had put somebody on the spot when he had three of the august brothers stand as "Prospective-Baptist-Augmentors-of-the-University-of-Redlands-Endowment-Coffers", was confirmed. August prospect Combs' won the race to the front stoop by three lengths pulling away.



OUR GUESTS LAST WEEK

Oscar H. Lewis, Claremont, N. H.; E. N. Conant, Minneapolis, Minn; Rufus M. Bagg, Appleton, Wis.; Livingston Porter, Jerome Ariz.; E. L. Plumb, Straton, Ill; Geo. R. Proctor, Nampa, Idaho; Neal Van Soy, Azusa; Leland Poage, Azusa; Hal Simpson, E. Pasadena; Ham J. Stevens, San Marino; Geo.R. Taylor; W. Hollywood; Chas. G. Adams, Los Angeles; Bill Kellogg, Glendale; Roy Eaton, Glendale.

EVERYBODY'S GOIN' TO THE BIG TIME 107th DISTRICT ROTARY ROUND-UP AT LAS VEGAS-BOULDER CITY · NEVADA · APRIL 14-15-16 · 1940



SPOKES SPEAKS

Good editorials are never confusing. But to generate some measure of self-soothing solace, a confused SPOKES would like to think that even good editorial writers occasionally encounter dilemmas comparable to its own. Quite inspired, editorially speaking, by the increasing number of otherwise worthy brethren tardy to recent Club meetings, SPOKES became poised to dissertate pungently on "The Virtue of Promptness". Then, drifting up out of the adage recesses, came that old bromide, "Better Late Than Never", to haunt and deflate editorial enthusiasm. So - SPOKES is confused. And being confused, solicits with genuine candor the advice of the tardy ones. Should SPOKES set itself to extolling "The Virtues of Promptness" with obvious implications about the un-prompt? Should SPOKES delve into philosophical meanderings to come up with a "Better-Late-Than-Never" pattern of recommended behavior? Or should SPOKES just skip it altogether, and turn its pen away from this pregnant editorial possibility?

Pasadena Community Chest

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