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We receive orchids:

Miss Louise Erdman

Secretary to Herb McCulla says:

"May I take the privilege of stating that, as Miss Griffin and no doubt many other secretaries over the country, I have always looked forward to reading your "Log". The lofty thoughts and ideals and the beautiful sentiments of friendships loyal and true expressed in your little publication have so many times inspired me and have caused me to feel the force and power of the element of brotherly love in building characters of magnanimity."

Thanks, Miss Erdmann. I can see now why so many of the men of the crew are making successes--and how they can get their fine speeches. I know the girls at my office like to help get out the Log because they get a "kick" out of it and they like to read the letters coming in from the crew, too. I know many of the wives of the mates in the crew also like to read what's going on among the old-timers. That's fine--just "one big happy family" spirit.

And how the old-timers are "joining in"--Elias Roos (Milwaukee) says "Having passed the page limit several years ago I am no longer a member of the JC; nevertheless I would like to keep in touch with the oldtimers. I was secretary to the Board during the regime of President Mortimer in 1923 and the next year I served on the Board under President Arland." Roos is Secretary-Treasurer of "Jacks' Letter Service" on 7th floor of Brumder Building in Milwaukee.

And Arthur G. Randol (Art to us all) of San Antonio, Texas, says "I think it is a splendid idea to have some sort of organization to keep before us at all time our old friends in the USJC and I have been wondering why someone had not thought of it before". Art seems to have enjoyed the depression as he now has two jobs--he is Chief Clerk of Bexar County Clerk's Office, and still conducts his insurance agency. He always was a hard worker--when we had the convention in San Antonio he was a human dynamo and I marvelled how he did it.

"Jimmy" (J. M.) Milligan, Orlando, says "Although I have not lost interest in the JC movement and don't believe I ever will because the fundamental principles of the JC are my ideals, I think I have served my time and should make room for the younger men coming in"--well Jimmy you can do a lot of good in our old timers group. Jimmy is Chairman of the Florida Association of County Democratic Executive Committees and it ought to do Grady Vion's heart good to know another good Democrat is with him in the crew.

A. P. Phillips, Jr. writes (so nice of you AP) "I have already received my dollars worth by having your signature to a card; it brings back memories of long ago and contacts which I surely wish to keep" AP is of the firm A. P. Phillips Co. advertising agency with offices in Atlanta, Tampa and Jacksonville, being at the Orlando head office.

It made me feel good, too, when I heard from Elton W. Viets--old "Doc Viets" who made history for Flint at the Convention there. Like Art Randol at San Antonio, Viets surely worked hard at Flint and we enjoyed the convention immensely. He is still with General Motors being district representative of

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Oldsmobile at Albany but living at 11 Woodruff St., Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Notice the letterheads, they are from "Doc" Lyons--faithful member of the crew for lo' these many years--always can be counted on to co-operate to the 'nth degree. Doc is achieving a national reputation as a writer on technical subjects of the dental profession, his articles having appeared in a number of magazines. More power to you, Doc, from us all.

And Robert F. Prox (Bob to us now) of Terre Haute, took time out from the labor disturbances that have shaken that town lately, to offer his services at any time he can be useful to the crew and asks that as soon as convenient to give out the names of all the crew as he says he gets around the country and great deal and would like to call on them when in their communities. That's the spirit Bob. Bob is a real old timer having been on the first Board in 1920-21. It shows that once the JC spirit is thoroughly inoculated into your system it never leaves you and you always want to be around others of the same type. Bob is with the firm Frank Prox Company manufacturers of boilers.

I was amused at the letter of Walter Finke (Minneapolis) who writes "You damn right I am interested in joining the "crew"--send me all the dope". Boy he starts out rather salty first dash out of the box--atta boy, Walt, some must be "the salt of the earth". More power to you. I showed his letter to one in our office who said "Well there is no doubt of where this fellow stands, is there? He leaves no room for doubt."

And our own "Eddie" (perpetual youth) Dahlin breaks forth with one of his rare outbursts of oratory--it seems that in Chicago they were having a party at Ed's house (in his recreation room mind you) for Letcher Lusby who is leaving the Chicago JAC to put the Grand back into the Grand Old Party, just as Geo. Olmsted is doing. On the walls of Eddie's room hang pictures of Ernest Baetz, Hy. Giesenbier, Andy Mungenast, Grady Vien, Fred Johnson, Harry Krusz, et al. Eddie says "From the walls of the room these handsome, genial gentlemen will gaze with smiling countenances upon the admiring audience who will pass in review of the "rogues gallery"--What a thrill for all of us. Comrades and friends. A thousand happy recollections will fleet through our minds as we pause to speak of this event and that occurrence. My hope is that the "rogues gallery" will continue to increase and to you and others who have yet to enter its portals I beseech a speedy response. Frequently I breeze into this room and call a meeting. Seating myself, I delight in "egging on" Geo. Olmsted to explain his theories of fundamental political government; to urge Grady to explain the significance of the "new deal"; I see the devilish snickoring smile of Herb McCulla as Grady talks; I stand momentarily ready with a pop bottle to throw at Harry Krusz as I see the light of temptation in his eyes to deliver speech #102; what fun. Then there is Bill Saltiel and Martin Luthy each striving to gain the floor. Thus I glory in the memory of these fine friendships. Do you blame me for wanting to write about them?

No, I don't, Ed. These friendships are the finest heritage of our JC days. Speaking of portals this whole incident reminds me of the beautiful "Portals of the Past" at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco--reminiscent of the city before the fire and earthquake from which San Francisco has risen finer than before.

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The past in our JC days was fine but as we pass the portals into the old timers organization we can build our friendships even firmer and finer than before and with all of us having the sentiment as Ed has it will be with anticipation of greater joy that we go from JC activity into the crew of the S. S. Fellowship.

One of the letters I received is so fine that I repeat it verbatim. It is from Henry Giessnbier and reads as follows:

"I received a letter from an old timer, Elmer H. Ferrall, who, I am told has been fighting a real battle for a number of years. Elmer has overcome other obstacles and I know this one will be no exception. You will remember Elmer was one of the early pioneers in establishing JCs in the Western cities of our great country. I know of no finer thing to do to help our friend (besides my prayers) than to enroll him in the crew and enclose \$1.00 for his membership which I am paying as a tribute and a compliment for the great work he did and because for him to receive the log and read those fine letters you write about the old timers will give him the strength and inspiration to jump out of the line of defense, take the offensive and demand the heritage which is rightfully his--health.

So many of my friends did nice things for me that I want to start paying them back by doing something fine for someone else and I know Elmer will never break the chain because he will do something fine for someone else".

Henry "fought the good fight" and won his victory over persecution--though storms roared about him and his heart laid low, yet he prevailed over it all and Elmer, you may profit by this fine example and take courage to become victorious over the claim from which you are releasing yourself. I am glad to read in your letter to Henry, "I am again on the road to recovery and it is possible I shall be up and doing by next summer" We shall all help speed the day.

Incidentally Ferrall was a Director under E. Fred Johnson and I am sure his colleagues of that administration are glad to know he is now getting better and is a member of the crew. His address is 4120 Scattergood Place, Phoenix, Ariz.

I know of no better ending of this Log than the statement of Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams, who, in a speech said "The world today needs a baptism of brotherhood, a suffusion of good will, a cultivation of the international mind."--And if all the world would cultivate brotherhood as do the members of this crew he would not have to say, as he did "The question is not whether we will establish the brotherhood of man--God did that by creation--but whether we will acknowledge the brotherhood God has created."

Sincerely,

Keeper of the Log.