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Log of the "S.S.Fellowship"

Grady Vien delivers again - sent in the new recruit for our crew in the person of Edward C. Rigden who was Assistant Treasurer during Grady's term. Ed. lives in East St. Louis where his address is care of "Live Stock Reporter" National Stock Yards, Illinois. Thanks Grady. Welcome, Ed.

Grady also makes a good suggestion - he says "When does the Board meet in St. Louis? It might be well to insert a little notice in the Log and invite any of the members of the crew who care to attend or who might be in St. Louis about that time. We might then have a small reunion of the Crew. It wouldn't entail any trouble or cost and it may happen that some of the fellows have to come this way in the next few weeks and could time themselves accordingly." That's a fine suggestion and as soon as I learn the definite date of the Board meeting I will pass it on to "you'all" and maybe we can have a fair sized group especially as many of the Board are in the crew.

Notice I'm using Perry Pipkin's letterheads this time. Perry joined the crew at Memphis and through some stupidity on my part I had never put his name on our list of members and it looked like he paid his dollar for nothing. Then came along Ed. Clement who kindly tipped me off that I had overlooked Perry and I went through my extra copies and fortunately had an extra Log for each issue since Memphis and sent him the whole batch with my apologies for passing him up. Things like this will happen and I am glad Perry graciously forgave this oversight. Perry worked like the dickens to make the Memphis Convention a success and didn't have much time to attend our reunion, but he says he'll be there with bells on at Denver.

Speaking of the letterheads you fellows are generous in supplying them. George D. Wilson of Houston Natural Gas Co. at Houston, Texas, wants to supply them for an issue and says "Business is extra fine down this way. As you know this is Centennial year in Texas and all fellows in public life are unusually busy." You know, George is Director of Public Relations of his Company and has to do a lot of entertaining. He will be glad to have any of you look him up at Houston. You'll find him a regular fellow like all the others in the crew.

And Paul Paulsen of Milwaukee has offered letterheads for an issue, too. Paul hasn't been a mate very long but he has caught the spirit of the crew completely. He says, "I know of no other organization or group that has a fine spirit of fellowship as that of the Crew. In JC work friends are made and friendships formed at that period in which the Jace is acquiring a mature outlook on life and has an abundance of energy and enthusiasm for service. It seems to me that the friendships made at that time in our span of life are the most lasting." Well said, Paul - and true.

And Luther Williams, of Tulsa who is editor of "The Diamond" the monthly magazine of the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., (a well edited and printed magazine, too,) has sent a supply of letterheads for a future issue. Thanks, Luther. We'll use 'em soon. I'll look forward to seeing you at the Board meeting.

Just as I got down this far came a welcome letter from Bill Ibberson of Sheffield with a lot of good news. I think I'll repeat it verbatim it is so good, so here goes:

"It is with great pleasure that we have received from Mr. Becker a list of at least 13 people who will be coming to the British JC conference at Liverpool on the 25th Sept. We shall have the greatest pleasure in doing all we possibly can to make their trip not only enjoyable but memorable in the extreme. All sorts of things are being arranged that the ordinary tourist can never see.

It is also with great pleasure that I read of the decision to try to get as many of the crew and other members of the JCs of America to England in 1940. We in England will keep this date in our minds and work up to it just in the same way you would.

I continue to read the Log with great interest and was pleased to see Rolly Dunn mentioned a short time ago. Tell him, please, and other members of the crew whom we met in 1930, that Hyman Stone, one of the Sheffield Trio, is bringing his wife for a short trip to USA the following being his itinerary following the arrival in New York by the "Queen Mary" on the 21st September, leaving about the 26th September:

Boston - 27th - 28th
Montreal 29th - 30th
Niagara 1st Oct.
Washington 2nd Oct.
New York 3rd Oct. and departure.

This is a very short trip and is one of pleasure and personal visits only, but Hyman is hoping that he will be able to renew some of the friendships we made in 1930, particularly in New York amongst the Brooklyn fellows, so I am relying upon you to spread the news." OK, Bill, I'll do it now.

You New York and Brooklyn fellows should arrange to meet our friend Stone - as fine a chap as you'll ever meet. Maybe you can have a group meet the boat. I'm sure Ed. Steinbuehler, Rolly Dunn, Joe Esquirol and perhaps others met Stone while he was at the Brooklyn Convention - the others should make it a point to meet him to cement more closely our relationship with our British friends - we'll want them to do the same for us in 1940.

I know Linton Collins at Washington will want to meet Stone and I suggest you men in New York let Stone know how to reach Linton when he arrives in Washington, and if any others of the crew can arrange to meet Hyman and his wife, enroute at Boston or Niagara suppose you write Ed. Steinbuehler or Joe Esquirol or Rolly Dunn to that effect and they can tell Hyman when he lands in New York.

Thanks, Bill, for advising us of Hyman's visit to the States - we hope our crew members will get to see him a bit and in the limited space of time show him points of interest.

Wally Boss of St. Paul after a tour of 3,671 miles (without any car or tire trouble, too) returned home, said that with the family reunion in the Adirondacks near Lake Placid and being on the go all the time and the distances being so great and travel so perplexing in New York City, that he just didn't get to stop in to see you fellows. He expects to get back your way though. He said he got a real thrill at Niagara Falls. Said in front of the General Brock Hotel he noticed five or six British cars with right-hand drive and a group of Englishmen conversing. He noticed on one car the emblem J.C.C. and he was sure he was going to have the chance to meet some of our English JC cousins; upon inquiry however he learned J.C.C. did not mean Junior Chamber of Commerce, but Junior Car Club. What a letdown, but he said the thrill of anticipation was sufficiently great to overcome the letdown so he came out of it all right.

Just as I was about to finish this Log came a welcome letter from Harry Krusz enclosing a dollar for Harold Klein, former National Treasurer and Director. Harold is Asst. Cashier of the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank & Trust Company who Harry says was happy to sign up with us; the other is the membership of Larry Wingerter of Indianapolis who says "sure, I'll be glad to be a gob on the good ship Fellowship." Larry (Laurence) is with the Indianapolis Railways, and we're glad to number these two fine fellows in the crew and hope they'll enjoy being with us. Thanks, Harry, for your fine work.

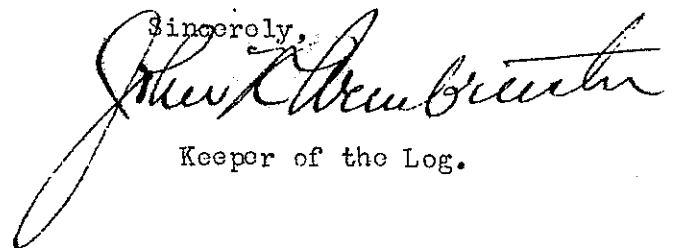
Harry just returned from a trip to DesMoines where he visited with Klein, Ed. Kautsky, Allen Whitfield, and George Olmsted and he says of all four that they are doing splendidly. They must have treated Harry unusually fine because he says "Des Moines is a most unusual City in that they have a collection of some of the most able young men in the country." It's true, too. And those of our crew are the leaders in that city which makes us proud to have them among our staunch friends.

Speaking of friends reminds me of what someone said:

"There is more of me when I live in the midst of genuine fellowship. The best in me, that would otherwise lie dormant, comes alive in the presence of understanding and appreciation and encouragement."

Anyone of us in the crew can attest to the truth of that and it is a pleasure to be sharing with all you fine fellows.

Sincerely,



Keeper of the Log.

GULF LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

M. S. NIEHAUS
SECRETARY

Log of the "S.S. Fellowship"

September 15th, 1936

Knock, Knock! Who's there - why little Horace Emerson Thomas - the bundle from Heaven for our mate H. Emerson Thomas and Helen, his good wife. This occurred on September 8th at the Fifth Avenue Hospital in New York. We congratulate you proud parents on the advent of this youngster and wish for you three a most happy family life. You both have your son to center your affections on now and we pray that he will grow up into splendid manhood. This son gives Helen and Emerson another "bond of affection." It was Walter Lippmann who said "Love endures only when the lovers love many things together and not merely each other. It is a simple law of life that any vital object of interest outside themselves tends to bind people together." We find this so true as we learn more of life, and as I get around to see more of the crew and their fine families I cannot but be impressed with that truth.

The subject of fine families reminded me of last Monday when Andy Mungenast and Charlotte and four of their five youngsters had a short picnic at our house. It did us good to see his four and my four enjoying themselves and how grateful we were that they were all in good health, full of life and happy. And then who should drop in but "Dick" Wood with his wife. They are locating in St. Louis as mentioned in a recent log and were house hunting. We were glad to spend a little while chatting with them and to learn that Dick is enjoying his new work as Secretary of the Coal Exchange of St. Louis. Dick, you know, was Vice-President of the USJC way back in 1927, when he lived in Omaha. We're glad to have him in our midst.

Notice the fine letterheads - they're from Stanley Niehaus one of our recent additions to the crew. His Company, as you notice, is celebrating their 25th anniversary and Stan we wish you and your associates many years of continued prosperity. Thanks for the letterheads, too.

Good old Sam Schmulbach who came back to life at Memphis and "joined up" with the crew again says "Now that I am again a member of the crew and have had an opportunity to meet again with some of the old timers, I feel I will never be above the age limit in the USJC activities as far as spirit is concerned, even though I should live to be a hundred" - that's the spirit, Sam. Don't ever lose contact with us again.

Linus Vorpahl "Mayor of Burbank" is off on another vacation - this time to the Rockies and Yellowstone but before he left he wanted to report as a good sailor that he enjoyed a visit with Walt Holman who spent a couple of days in the Twin Cities before attending the Minnesota State JC convention, at Winona. Linus says it was really a little national meeting what with Holman, Allen Whitfield, Bill Becker of Louisville, John Gillin from Omaha, By. Hanson of St. Cloud, Sherman Humason, and others in attendance and he says they all agreed to see each other again in Denver.

In the last Log I mentioned about Harry Krusz having been to Des Moines and what effect it had on him. It must have been a double-acting tonic because George Olmsted says it was swell to see Harry and goes further to say that his "cherubic countenance as always was an inspiration to strive for the better things, to lift my eyes to the stars and cease my sordid ways" and says "while I am saying those things in fun, there is a large measure of seriousness in them and I wish we could see each other more frequently." It is just such fellowship between members of the crew that makes membership so worth while.

Then George takes a shot at the Keeper of the Log about dedicating an issue to the ladies - he says facetiously "did I understand your last issue properly that you intend to open a women's page? Ah me! I am sure the sanctity of the lodge is about to be violated by making it co-educational" Then, knowing so many would rush to my defense he parries with this "Before anyone takes a crack at me about this I will admit I have no right to talk inasmuch as I long ago established the non-stop record for not being able to go to national conventions unless I took the wife along." Well, Virginia, you just keep on "bringing" George to the crew reunions.

We have some pretty important political personages in our crew it seems. Here is Court Otis who says "my political activities will have me in Upstate New York during the week from September 21st to the 28th and probably a few days thereafter" - and besides Court is in charge of collecting all the Republican funds in Westchester County so you see he's pretty busy.

And Tom Sweeney of New York is also pretty active. Besides having the State JC convention at Syracuse on Oct. 8th, 9th, and 10th he is on the Speakers' Bureau of the New Jersey State Republican Committee so he says "it is keeping me busier than a one-arm paper hanger."

Speaking about politics our heretofore silent member Ivan Gillette of Arkansas City, Kansas says "you no doubt know that Kansas has a man in the state who is prominent in politics right now. If you have not heard of him you can write me and I'll give you the low down and supply his name. He visited "friends" in Des Moines lately I notice by the papers." -

In addition to this outburst Ivan also sends the dollar for membership in the crew of J.W.Bricker, also of Arkansas City. Bricker was a director elected at the Dallas Convention way back in 1923 so he's quite an old timer. He was Director under Harry Mortimer and in that administration were Andy Mungenast, Charley Crabb, Fred Winsor, Elias Roos, Carl Graeser, Granville Moore, Harold Agato, and Fred Johnson who are already in the crew. I wish Harry Mortimer that you would get the balance of your administration into the crew. If I can help let me know. I'll never rest contented until every last one who is eligible for the crew is in. Thanks, Ivan, for your good work. Welcome, Bricker, to the crew.

Speaking of some of the "old" boys, our mate Ernest Baetz had occasion to use one of them recently; he says of his trip to the Centennial "Our old friend John Briggs was kind enough to make very splendid arrangements for my accommodation and also to give me a complete routing over the Dallas streets and a routing through the Exposition itself. I am sure that he would be only too glad to welcome each and every one of you" - glad you enjoyed yourself Ernest, and John we're glad you had the privilege of helping your brother mate - it's part of the responsibility as a member of the crew to do these pleasant things.

September 15th, 1936

Sherm Humason sent out notices that the regular Fall Meeting of the Directors of the USJC will be held on Oct. 23rd and 24th here in St. Louis. That will bring a good many of the crew here and as Grady Vien suggests if any other mates happen to be close to St. Louis during those days it would be fine to have you come and join the group. There was a goodly sized reunion last year and every one enjoyed it.

Our friend Arnold Exo of Household Finance Corp. in Chicago, our first "passenger" on our ship says he has been enjoying the cruise and is "shipping over" - or taking another "hitch" as they say. He also sends some letterheads for an issue of the Log which I'll use soon; Thanks, Arnold; we're glad to keep you on board.

A number of you have written in for an up-to-date roster; I think Sherm will assist us by getting this out soon. Our office has been so busy or we would have gotten out one by now, so if Sherm helps us out by doing this for the crew I'll send the new roster as soon as I receive them.

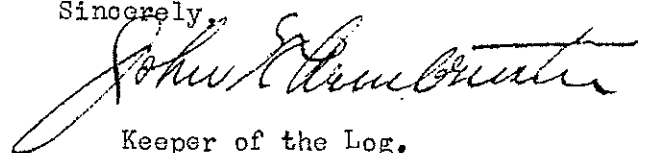
Quite a few of the crew are anticipating the visit of Hyman Stone of Sheffield England. George McGlynn says he'll be on the job at New York; (he incidently says "Welcome is on the mat at 32 Cliff Street for all members of the crew.) Linton Collins says "you can be assured I shall take a lot of pleasure in showing him around Washington"; Roz Rosengren says "I would be delighted and will make plans to meet Stone at Niagara Falls", and so it goes. Roz says "while my scrap book containing the clippings of the American Debating Team in England (of which I was a member in 1924) is at home, my memory suggests that Stone was a member of the Sheffield University Debating Team against which we argued at Sheffield in May 12 years ago. Will you check up from your end while I examine my records carefully?" I hope that he is the same fellow - what a fine reunion this will be for you. Maybe Bill Ibberson will get this in time to let us know.

Speaking of the boys in England reminds me that Fred Winsor, of the crew here in St. Louis (a former National Treasurer) is quite elated about our proposed trip in 1940. He was a winner of the London Times prize trip to Europe a number of years ago and was in charge of the nearly 200 Advertising Club men of our city who went to England with the huge Advertising Clubs of America Delegation to their international convention several years ago. Thus he is peculiarly fitted for the committee that will have to arrange our trip. He is taking a deep interest in this proposed trip of the crew and will submit a suggestion or two soon for the crew's consideration.

Reviewing the activities and comradeship of the crew, I am persuaded that, as someone has aptly said

"Mankind is like a marching army, marching to a far-off goal.
No one walks quite alone; we are in the midst of comrades.
We share in the good that others do and others share in the
good we do."

Sincerely,



Keeper of the Log.