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Log of the S.S.Fellowship:

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If we were an orthodox organization with a theme song, 'n everything, it seems to me that theme song would be

"It's always fair weather when good fellows get together". On the 23rd at the instance of Fred Winsor, one of the St. Louis members of the crew, a meeting was called of those who lived in this vicinity. to talk over the proposed trip to England in 1940. What with Walt Holman and Harry Krusz and Verne Vance, all of whom happened to be in St. Louis, and Grady Vien, Andy Mungenast, Ed. Popkess, Fred Winsor, Charley Cooley, F.X. Meehan, and yours truly, while we spent a couple of pleasant hours, it was hard to keep to the subject because each one would think of some wisecrack or some memories of the past, some humorous situations at some meetings or some speeches, and somebody'd be on the "pan". We'd finally veer back to the subject again until someone would be rudely interrupted again and so it went. It was a good meeting, any way, and we hope to have some plans to submit to the crew soon.

The other day the voice of a kindly elderly lady said "This is Mr. Latimer's mother speaking". It was nice to have her call up. She was on her way from Boston to Denver and stopped off an hour or so. She gave me the good news that "Beans" is now to share honors with Joe Esquirol as a legislator having been elected a State Senator at the last election. Congratulations, Beans. We'll expect you to be a Governor some day. Thank your Mother for calling me, too. Now when Senator Esquirol meets Senator Latimer at Denver they'll have to exchange ideas.

One of my partners, Mr. LaBagge, attended the Real Estate Convention at New Orleans and served as my ambassador of good will to our crew member at New Orleans, M.L. Hammett. He found Hammett a fine fellow just as he found Walt Clinton, Fred Johnson, Verser Hicks whom he met while at a previous convention at Tulsa. My partners who get to meet various members of the crew as they pass through are quite fond of the fellows and I'm always glad to have them meet. Now Hammett you'll have to come to Denver to our next reunion so we can all meet you.

Ge! but that fellow Rob Roy MacLeod is "going to town" - news has travelled to me that he is now Executive Vice-President of the Niagara Falls Power Company and its affiliate Niagara Electric Service Corporation and is also President of the Niagara Junction Railway. Congratulations, Mac. Now that you're a railway executive you'll probably get passes on all the roads so we won't accept any excuse for you not coming to Denver next year. We couldn't have you miss, anyway, because you're one of the "Lord High Executioners" of the initiation trio of MacLeod, Davidson and Butts, and you three must perform again at Denver. It's a date.

When Harry Krusz and I were in New York we stopped in at Geo. McGlynn's office and after leaving there walked down the street a few doors. Harry said "Let's stop in to see Ros Ehrmantraut" so we did.

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Sitting back in his fine new private office we walked in on him and spent a pleasant half hour with him. After leaving, Harry said "we ought to have him in the crew; he's eligible having served as an officer under Court Otis." So I wrote Court to invite him and a day or so ago Court delivered his membership - the latest addition to the crew. Put his name on the roster - W.R.Ehrmantraut c/o New York Casualty Co. 26 Cliff St., New York City. Welcome, Ros, and thanks Court; you're doing fine.

You know down in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where Charley Norfleet lives, they're going to celebrate the disappearance of the street cars and Charley is chairman of the committee to arrange the affair. He says "I think I'll have a parade headed by a horse car which I shall drive myself. This has always been my secret ambition." I wish we could arrange to have a movie made of this event to hand down to posterity and to show at one of our reunions - especially that portion where Charley is shown driving the horse car.

Charley is also in charge of the improvement of the local airport and with a sly wink at Geo. Olmsted, Court Otis and other famous Republicans in the crew, he says "Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Roosevelt with my Republican friends' hard earned dollars, we have truly been moving mountains". As these mountains are part of the "solid" South, I wonder what Maine and Vermont would say to that.

Notice the letterheads this time - they're from Paul H. Paulsen, one of our attorney members. Somehow it struck me funny to see his phone number - an Irish telephone exchange in such a German town as Milwaukee. St. Louis is just as German but we have no phone exchange known as Daly.

In the last Log we mentioned about Al. Speak bringing to the attention of the members of the crew the opening for several men to associate with the Mica Facing Corporation. This has resulted in a half dozen inquiries and we hope there develops from this some good fortune to those men. Harry Krusz passed the word on to a man in Tulsa and Rufus Putnam passed it on to a man in his town. I'll be interested to know what developments take place.

Royal Irwin out at Denver had the pleasure of going with Jack Willson, also of Denver (and a host of other football fans) to Lincoln, Nebraska to witness the Nebraska-Pitt game and while there met Sherman Humason. I don't know any group made up as our's is that gets around so much - and it's fine they do. Sherman also saw John Gillin of the crew and other JCs in Omaha while he was there.

Speaking of Sherm I wonder if you heard the news. He's resigning as Secretary of the USJC effective Dec. 20th to take the position of Secretary-Manager of the Hollywood, Cal. Junior Chamber of Commerce. He has had for sometime a desire to make a connection in California and he is very glad that this opportunity presented itself.

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In a letter in which he announced the change, he expresses his feelings so well and I know he will want the entire crew to know it so I am repeating it verbatim:

"I want to take this opportunity of thanking my many friends and fellow JC members throughout the United States for the fine co-operation and many courtesies you have extended to me on various occasions. I will always look back upon the two and a half years that I have spent in this position as one of the most enjoyable periods of my life; and I am looking forward to attending the Denver convention and hoping to be able to attend many future conventions and in that way keep in touch with the friends I have made in this work"

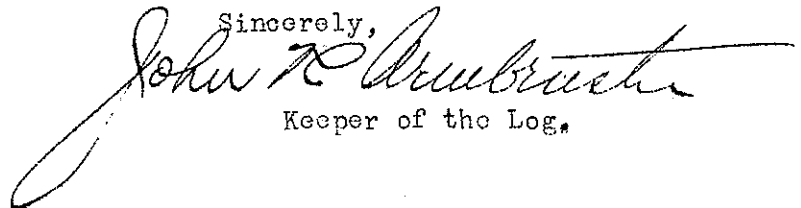
"We extend to you, Sherm, the sincere good wishes in your new position and expect to hear from you regularly as a member of our crew.

Here in St. Louis last Saturday we our third annual reunion of the old-timers and what a pleasure it was to see so many of the old-timers of our local JC present. Verne Vance, of Omaha, who attended last year, was present this year again and seemed to enjoy it as much as the local fellows whom he has grown to know quite well. Harry Krusz came up from Tulsa and several other out-of-town old timers came. Each year the attendance grows larger and larger just as do the annual reunions of the crew.

These gatherings never fail to impress on us all the part that fellowship plays in our life. Truly, as Wm. Morris wrote

"Forsooth, brothers, fellowship is heaven, and the lack of fellowship is hell; fellowship is life and the lack of fellowship is death; and the deeds that ye do upon the earth, it is for fellowship's sake that ye do them. Therefore, I bid you not dwell in hell, but in heaven - upon earth, which is a part of heaven and forsooth no foul part."

Sincerely,



Keeper of the Log.

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So many items from Oklahoma this issue it looks like we're dedicating it to that state; however enough news has filtered through to keep it national and even internationally minded.

The letterheads are from Oklahoma - Luther Williams you know is Advertising Manager for the above Company. Among his other duties he edits the Company magazine and from the copies I have seen does a mighty good job of it.

These Tulsans are a group of live wires - we've got most of the eligibles in the crew but a few still are on the outside looking in instead of being on the inside looking out - Elmo Thompson is one you fellows should get in to the crew; likewise Julius Livingston and perhaps one or two others I don't recall just now. Get them in.

Verser Hicks, Assistant Vice-President of the National Bank of Tulsa joins some of the other members of our crew in being elected President of the Tulsa Kiwanis Club - he was preceded by Morris Turner and Judge Bradford Williams both of the crew and also by Thompson whom I mentioned above. Incidentally Morris Turner was made Lt. Governor of the 9th District so he's going up, too. Congratulations to you both - now get in the Crew the missing Tulsans who are eligible, and we'll be indebted further to you.

Then comes our own Fred Johnson, whom you know is Vice-President of the 4th National Bank of Tulsa with a most welcome letter. He relayed to me a letter he received from Tom Barlow who was a long time ago Treasurer of the USJC and at that time represented New Brunswick, N. J. in the organization. Barlow is now living in Shreveport, Louisiana, at #2520 Gilbert Street. Fred was so glad to hear from Tom that he immediately wrote him and also wrote me to invite him into the crew, which I did. Thanks, Fred, for passing on the information to me. Tom speaks in his letter about having heard from Grady Vien and Rolly Dunn and said he just missed seeing us at Memphis by a day or so. I'm sending Tom this copy of the Log so he gets re-acquainted with us again and hope he comes in with us in the crew.

Leaving Tulsa now we want to congratulate B.B.Kerr of Oklahoma City who has a new niche in the Hall of Fame having been elected, I hear, a Representative in the State Legislature of Oklahoma. Training in JC work certainly fits men for such work and I imagine we'll hear more of our crew being elected for public offices. Knowing our men so well I know they will look upon such offices as Grover Cleveland who said "A public office is a public trust."

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We have another public official now in our midst - Judge Sam Street Hughes, of the City Court, Lansing, Michigan, Court Otis, determining to get every one of the officers and directors of his administration in the crew, sent in Judge Hughes application and that gives him 35 out of the 36 of his official family. The only one still out is a chap named Clyde Remo, Nobody seems to know where he disappeared to and as Court has done all he could to locate him I think we'll drop him for the time being and call Court's accomplishment 100%. I hope the other past presidents will try to equal Court's record. Thanks Court and welcome Sam, to our crew. Hope you'll like the cruise on our mythical ship.

Herb McCulla breaks into print again - I see by the papers that he is one of the newly elected Directors of the senior Chamber of Commerce at Lincoln. Herb's an old standby; you can always count on him. Congratulations, Herb,

Sunday our phone rang and who should be at the other end of the wire but Bob Hall, - our genial host at Memphis. He had to come up to St. Louis on business and go right back Sunday night. He took time out to phone me and I appreciate it. Sometime when you come up again, Bob, we'll have to have you out at the house as our youngsters would like to see you again. You fellows know that Bob's old boss sold the Memphis paper - the Commercial Appeal - but while the old boss is on a trip around the world Bob is still with the paper and looking after the Colonel's various business affairs too.

It seems our friend Harvey Humphrey of Los Angeles, was an avid book reader during his prolonged illness - he ought to be able to give us a lot of book reviews at the Denver reunion. Here's what he read while in bed: "North of the Orient", "Gone with the Wind", "Listen for a Lonesome Drum", "The Sound Wagon", "Never ask the End", "Arctic Village", "San Felice", "Weather in the Streets", "The Golden Lady", "The Story of Scotland Yard", "Andrew Jackson the Border Captain", "Union Square", "Troilus and Cressida", "Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas", "Saint Joan of Arc", "Green Laurels", "Steps going down", "Pull Devil Pull Baker", and "China Boy". "hew! what a list.

Oscar Zahner, a "passenger" here in St. Louis is quite an amateur motion picture fan and was elected President of the Amateur Motion Picture Club. Any of you fellows who are also such fans will find a receptive audience in Oscar. He takes his hobby seriously and gets a big kick out of it.

In the short time Sherm Fumason has been here in St. Louis he has won a place in our hearts and we're sorry to have him leave us but our loss is Hollywood's gain. Sherman and his good wife are going to experience a unique Christmas treat as the guests of Garette Brainerd and Mrs. Brainerd at their mountain cabin at Denver. I'm sure it will be a delightful occasion. Wish we could all drop in on them.

It occured to me the other day that with the membership in the crew ranging from those of the very first administration of the USJC up to the members of the present administration, that it would be well to acquaint all of you with the personnel of each one beginning with the very first, so beginning with the January 1st log I plan to give you the list of all officers and directors of each administration - one in each log. In this way the newer fellows can know who the older ones are and the old timers can get better acquainted with those who followed them in directing the national organization. With nearly 200 in the crew now it seems necessary to do this. What do you think of the plan?

Linus Vorpahl of Minneapolis broke his silence; he says after a week's illness he got back to the office only to receive the last Log and he sat right down and sent a newsy letter. He's quite elated over Beans Latimer's new title "Senator" - anticipates going up to the bar in Denver and saying "here's how, Senator" and gives a chuckle. He was also glad to learn about McLeod's climb up the ladder. He told about his trip through the Rockies and a visit to the Great Falls (Montana) JC. He gave them a pep talk and so impressed them that they're planning to have at least a bus load come to Denver next June. Glad you're back on the job, Linus and to know that you plan to attend the Regional Conference in Lincoln in February. The Lincoln men of the crew will look for you I know.

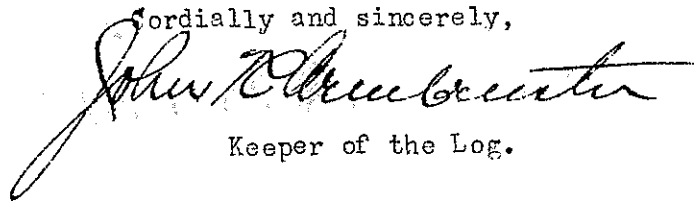
I wonder if all of you have read the "Young Executive" for December? It is full of interesting articles among which is one by our own Walter Finke on "Social Security" it's challenge to young men." Also a report of those JCs who were fortunate enough to make the trip to England this summer to the British JC convention. The report tells of the many kindnesses extended to the Canadian and American delegates especially mentioning our fellow crew members Bill Ibberson and Frank Kershaw. These chaps know how to set fellows at ease and one incident along brings this out clearly. As one part of the report says "the orchestra, too, helped to dispell our strangeness by starting the dancing with "Is It True What They Say About Dixie"- wasn't that a clever and thoughtful thing to do? And what a fine example of international good will between the young men of England, Canada and United States. Let's hope it may spread.

I was mightily interested in an article by S. Ralph Harlow who spoke of the International Student Service; he said that the spirit of this movement, binding together students of so many countries is expressed in their declaration of purpose - it is so much like the spirit that animates our crew that I wish to repeat it, in part, as follows:-

"We believe that the task of spreading fellowship is essentially spiritual; that it is an expression of the real nature of the world and of that Power, which without distinction of creed, we believe to be working for the fulfillment of the destiny of mankind..."

We, in our little sphere; they in their sphere, can do a lot to leaven the misunderstandings of the world. It's "the little drops of water and little grains of sand that make the mighty ocean and the glorious land" as the poet said and likewise each of us can contribute our mite to build a better understanding in the world.

Cordially and sincerely,



Keeper of the Log.