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With a crew as versatile as our's is, there's always something happening to one of them in their march onward.

I just heard from Harry Krusz that Herb McCulla has been elected President of the senior Chamber of Commerce at Lincoln. Congratulations, Herb, on this high honor. Following so closely on the heels of Grady Vien who was elected President of the East St.Louis senior Chamber, it looks like the parade has started and we may expect to hear quite often of yosteryears leaders in JC affairs taking their rightful places as loaders of the senior bodies all over the country.

And speaking of Grady it looks like he's having honors heaped upon him from all around as I noticed in the papers that he was just elected a Director of the Union Trust Company of East St.Louis, perhaps the largest bank of the town. Congratulations to you, too, Grady.

And congratulations to you, Lay Leishmann for your fine job in handling the Tournament of Roses annual affair at Pasadena. Our mutual friend, Russ Knowland sent me a copy of the paper containing the whole account of the glorious affair and says in his short note "Take a look at our Lay on page 13; he did a fino job."

Congratulations to John Heronymus and best wishes for his success in the new firm of Horonymus, Ballschmider & Co. Stock and Bond Brokers who launched their firm on January 3rd with offices in National Security Bldg., Shoboygan, Wisconsin. John has been a member of the crew for many years and though he is one of the most silent ones, yet he does break out with a message once in a while and we hope for him a large measure of success in his new business.

And it did me good and would do you all good to hear the report that Phil Ebeling gave of the various members of the crew who are active in USJC affairs of today - for instance he tells of the fine work Mark Matthews, Minor Hudson and Bill Corry are doing in the East - Mark and Minor have toured Now England and now they have the first JC in Connocitcut at Bristol, and Bill Corry has organized three in West Virginia and now organizing the State JC. This is just a sample of what is going on all along the line.

It was a pleasant few hours I spent with Phil Ebeling and Perry Pipkin and Tom Reid and Andy Mungenast while we had lunch during Phil's and Perry's recent visit to St.Louis. In the course of the conversation we spoke of what a tremendous value there is to membership in the crew and what great dividonds we get from the fine friendships. Phil mentioned one incident that brings this out so forcibly and I want to ropeat it.

It seems that Phil's firm is general counsel for a large rubber concern that has distributors throughout the country and during a lawsuit recently it was highly desirable that some important information be obtained from a concern in Tulsa. What was more natural than for Phil to pick up the telephone and call Marvin Hurley at Tulsa. Marvin got the information, relayed it to Phil and it was of such importance that the suit was settled immediately at a fraction of what had been demanded. Marvin, I know was glad to furnish the information needed as any of us would do for each other and probably counted it a small service to perform and yet what a valued service it was to Phil.

Phil and Andy and Tom and I talked of other like situations when one of the crew had just the needed information required by another mate and how valuable those friendships have come to be. Our crew is, in fact, a noble fraternity of the finest fellows that have ever been gathered together. We see it more and more as we go along.

There's a service the "old-timers" can perform for the USJC that perhaps many of you might be glad to do - especially those of you who are good public speakers. That is to volunteer your services as a speaker when occasion arises. I'm sure that if you would indicate your willingness to serve when time is available for you, that Tom Reid at National Headquarters would be glad to know it. Many of the old timers have such valuable information on the background of the whole JC movement that it would make interesting material for such talks.

I notice among those listed in the Speakers Bureau to fulfill engagements are our mates Norrie Nelson, Cliff Konworthy, Harvey Miller in California; Allon Whitfield and Jack Sinclair in Iowa; Rufe Putnam in Indiana; Walt Finke in Minnesota, Bob Noonan in New York, Marvin Hurley in Oklahoma, LeRoy Ober in Virginia. No doubt many more mates would like to join this group of speakers who are now participating in the Economic Education Committee program.

I want to pause here to thank Wally Howe of Vincennes Indiana for the letterheads and envelopes for this Log. Wally came on board our ship as a "passenger" but since he is now a National Director he switches over to being a full fledged member of the crew.

Glad to hear from Don Sloan out at Portland, and I want to thank him for some bits of philosophy he sent me that can be used in one of the issues of the Log, and to Fred Winsor for contribution of an excerpt of a trade paper that will fit in on some occasion, and also to Mrs. Pedro Pyche who also sent in a quotation from a Christmas greeting. It makes a fella feel mighty good to have the readers so interested in this little sheet and I deeply appreciate it.



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Dick West has been entertaining some of the crew - first Bill Reichel and his wife and then Senator "Beans" Latimer and his wife and while Beans was there they had a group of twenty-three Jaycees get together to meet him. These fellows represented some twelve organizations so it was a miniature State Convention. Dick writes "Beans enjoyed the entire visit with the exception of the last two minutes of the Rose Bowl game. When USC scored that touchdown Beans made the grandest speech he has ever made. He addressed 93,000 people to say nothing of the vast radio audience and not one of them heard him including myself who sat right next to him. At the end of his speech he fell in a bunch and hollered "Bring on the Tulsa Convention, I'm ready for anything after this."

"Bill" Galloway just dropped by the office a little while ago - he was on the last lap of his journey from Virginia to his new location in Kansas City, Missouri. I had never met Bill in person and I was glad to see him and his wife and little Bill. We talked over various fellows in the crew and especially Dick West who brought Galloway on board our ship. I told him I had just received a letter from you Dick. I'm sure we all wish you much happiness in your new location, Bill, and as you mentioned about planning to be in Tulsa in June we will look forward to seeing you then.

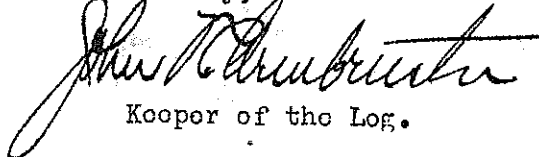
I've read over the paragraphs in this Log - about the mates who have accomplished and progressed - the recital of friendly acts - and I could not help but conclude that J. L. Newland was speaking truthfully when he wrote

"A deep and abiding faith has been at the bottom of all the world's progress. It has sent men and women forth to do marvellous things which their incredulous neighbors have declared impossible. It has furnished leadership to the wavering, comfort to the sorrowing. It has given "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness".

Let faith shine into the darkened thought, and all the world takes on a lovely aspect, friends multiply, and we are able to go forth to our tasks ready to give such a measure of enlightened service that wonders are performed.

Thus the things we greatly hoped for comes to pass, for "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Sincerely,



Keeper of the Log.



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