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April 1st, 1939

The Keeper of the Log gets some surprises - imagine opening a letter the other day from that long lost mate - Claude Harrison who was Treasurer of the USJC way back in 1924 when Lou Arland was President. At that time Claude lived in Milwaukee. He left there four years ago and went into the service of Uncle Sam as an Internal Revenue Agent in the income tax field with offices at Detroit. His office is at 555 Federal Bldg. there. Gee it was good to hear from you Claude. We had wondered what became of you and now you came to life. Welcome on board our ship - you should have been on board a long time ago.

Our mate Charlie Hoff who had been Secretary of the JC and Asst. Mgr. of the Senior Chamber of Lincoln has resigned effective April 1st to take the position as Financial Secretary and Business Manager of the Omaha Municipal University. Congratulations, Charlie.

Among those who are in the limelight at this time is our mate Walt Finke. Reports have reached me that Walt for the second year has been elected President of the Minnesota Wild Life Federation. Congratulations, Walt.

Another mate in the news is Leo Augustine who just finished up a speaking tour which included Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Buffalo. At Buffalo he spent a couple of hours with Roz Rosengren. Now he starts out on another tour to address the Printing House craftsmen Clubs - will be here in St. Louis on April 10th; Topeka April 11th, Omaha April 12th and Des Moines on April 13th. I hope the mates in these towns will get to shake hands with Leo at least. He won't have much time in any one place but likely the talks are at the noon hour which will give you an opportunity to see and perhaps hear him. I'll look for you here in St. Louis, Leo.

Mentioning Topeka reminds me that our mate Vincent J. Smith who was one of our two mates from Topeka has gone into the oil business with a Topeka partner and established the Smith-Turner Oil Co. at South St. Joseph, Mo. We wish you both well in your new enterprise, Vinco; let us hear from you from time to time.

Our mate John Heronymus at Shoboygan is on the air with a program of his company - Heronymus, Ballschneider & Co. at 3 PM each day on Station WHBL, 1300 kilocycles, giving the closing markets. I hope you are doing well, too, John in your new firm.

TESTED BY FIRES OF THREE CENTURIES

Geo. Greeley of Oshkosh, Wisconsin says he has been corresponding with some of our mates around the country regarding Republican activities for the coming year leading up to the Republican National Convention in 1940 and suggested that he has something of interest to those of the crew who are of that political faith. He says "I am hoping that through the former JC members throughout the country that the younger members of the GOP will have a definite place in the convention next year". So all who would like to get in touch with George can do so by writing him c/o First Trust Co., Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Now if any Democratic mates want to invite their compatriots to write them, I'll be glad to return the same favor accorded George.

John Gillin of Omaha sends a brief note that he's planning on being at Tulsa for the convention.

Henry Lutz down at San Antonio writes "We're going to try to get a whole gang of old timers up to Tulsa and you may list me as one who will be on hand, the good Lord permitting. I know that Ernest Bactz, Arthur Randol and a good many of the others have definitely planned to go to Tulsa". He says further "I'm looking forward to giving you all an old fashioned back pounding, so you may as well get ready". That's the spirit, Henry.

John Briggs down at Dallas says "I'm hoping I may be able to spend at least one evening in Tulsa to celebrate my previous visit to Tulsa at the last one held there". John is also planning to visit his Mother at New York and take in the Fair. I hope when you do go to New York you'll look up some of the crew members there; they always like to meet us fellows from the "hinterland".

"Bud" Mulholland of Toledo will be at Tulsa he says and jokingly suggests that Walt Holman be put on trial for misappropriation of \$1 he gave him a long time ago for passage on our good ship for one Russell A. Malrick whose address is Security Home Trust Co., Toledo. He says "If it is deemed important enough by the members of the Crew I should be very glad to act as Prosecutor in seeing to it that this member receives proper punishment at the Old Timers' Meeting in Tulsa". This might be one of our "WPA Projects" to entertain the members at Tulsa. Such a heinous crime should be cause enough to put Walt "on the pan".

Minor Hudson from the Nation's Capitol will be on hand at Tulsa and says "Washington will bid again for the 1940 convention, and, by golly, this time we're going to win it. We have already worked out a grand program and know that we can show the delegates the best time yet". You have a good article to sell, Minor; there's no getting around that.

In line with the suggestion of the next convention being in the East our mate Charlie Norfleet down at Winston-Salem echoes your sentiments, Minor. He says "I realize the JC movement was born in St. Louis and in years gone by its major strength has been in the middle west. Be that as it may I bespeak



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the interest of the crew in holding a convention within walking distance of North Carolina. There hasn't been a convention west of the Alleghanies since Brooklyn which was my first convention. I've been to Des Moines, Los Angeles, St. Paul, and this old crate is getting a little too rickety for these trans-continental junkets. Washington, Atlanta and New York are good towns and there are other towns in the East which could show you a fine time, so you boys who obeyed Horace Greeley 100 years ago put a little reverse English on the slogan "Go West, Young Man" and come East for a change". There's some ammunition for you, Minor.

Notice the letterheads this time - there from that mate of our's, Ewing Mosoley, down at Dallas; thanks, Ewing, for the letterheads and envelopes. Hope your agency is doing fine.

Roz Rosengren wrote me about the splendid meeting at Buffalo when Phil Ebeling our national President and Andrew J. Wishart, President of the Canadian JC were the speakers. He said the talks were wonderful and actually made history and hoped that a way could be found to have both talks printed so all the old-timers and the present JCs could read them. He said Rob Roy MacLeod and Bob Noonan of the crew were present and that President Wishart of the Canadian JC wanted to be a passenger on our ship, so we'll take him aboard. We like to have such fellows as passengers and wish all the nations of the world would get their young men to know the young men of their neighbors - it would do a great deal to erase misunderstandings. Wishart who lives at Winnipeg and with our old friend Wally Martin gives us two passengers in that city.

In the bond of friendship that ties us all together as the crew of our mythical ship each one has an influence upon the other and I am reminded in thinking of this, of what Albert Einstein said along this line. He said:-

"Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know: that man is here for the sake of other men - above all for those upon whose smile and well-being our own happiness depends, and also for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received".

Is not this "fellowship"?

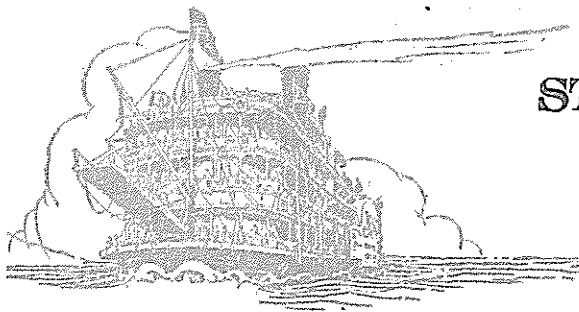
Sincerely,

John W. DeWitt
Keeper of the Log.



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STRECKFUS STEAMERS

GENERAL OFFICES AND DOCKS
FOOT OF WASHINGTON AVENUE
ST. LOUIS, MO.

STEAMERS—
PRESIDENT
ST. PAUL
J. S.
CAPITOL
WASHINGTON

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April 15th, 1939.

Our friend Lee Augustine of Cincinnati came to our city last Monday and was speaker at the meeting of the St. Louis Club of Printing House Craftsmen that evening. I went down to hear him and was gratified to see such a large and responsive audience. The subject was technical and I wasn't familiar with the terms used but these printers were and even after his formal talk they came up to the head table and crowded around him for a half hour eagerly learning more of his subject. After this Leo and I sat and talked and talked—mostly about you crew members whom we know so well, until it was near train time and we bid adieu. These visits among the brethren are fine and I'd like to encourage more of it.

Speaking about visits among the brethren, good old Eddie Dahlin at Chicago has been entertaining quite a few - last week he had Bud and Esther Mulholland and while they were there he received a call from Babe Briesschi of St. Paul. Babe came to Chicago to study certain works of art. Together they had a luncheon with Bill Saltiel and Howard Davidson of the crew. Then later in the week he was visited by that long missing mate - Howard Handley of Flint, Michigan. Ed says "strange to relate he came to Chicago to buy a Buick, believe it or not". Ed and Howard talked and reminisced for an hour or so covering all JC activities, conventions, etc. Ed says "It would indeed be an unhappy day for me to learn of any Old Timer who might be in Chicago and did not drop in to say "Hello". I know that I can express the community of feeling between us when I say that the favor and pleasure is all ours in the visit to our offices by Old Timers". You're right, Ed. and I'm glad these brethren got to see you.

Our mate Ewing Moseley whose letterheads I used to send out the Log of April 1st says "Old Partner, we certainly thank you for your courtesy in using our letterheads on the April 1st edition; it is rather a coincidence that this date happened to be my 44th birthday which made it doubly appreciated!" May you have many happy returns of the day, Ewing.

Mentioning letterheads reminds me to remind you that the letterheads this time are from that pioneer Jacian - that fine fellow who was Hi Giessonbier's right-hand man in organizing the first Junior Chamber of Commerce in history way back in 1915 - and in organizing later the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce - the Honorary Vice-President of the USJC the Honorary President of the St. Louis JC and Salesmanager and Advertising Manager of the Streckfus Steamers. Practically all of you know Andy and love him. Thanks, Andy, for the letterheads.

This seems an appropriate place to say a word or two about the splendid "Young Men's Conference" held here Thursday under the auspices of the St. Louis JC - it was a wonderful thing to behold - 640 young men listening to talks by such leaders as E. E. Norris, President Southern Railway; A. H. Morrill, Pres. of Kroger Grocery & Baking Co., Dr. Harold A. Stonier,

Exec. Mgr. of American Bankers Assn. and men of that type, all woven around the theme "What's ahead for you" - talks to the young men that will have far reaching effects. The session started at 2 PM, continued on through 6:15 dinner and ended about 9:30 PM. It was one of the finest pieces of work any JC could undertake and the great success it was should encourage JCs all over the country to call such conferences in their cities. These conferences will do more than we can imagine to keep the young men of this country straight in their thinking and if they're straight in their thinking they'll be likewise in their actions because the thought must precede the action. I heartily recommend such conferences under JC auspices wherever possible, and I'm sure Eric Banks at the St. Louis JC will be glad to tell how they did it.

Roz Rosengren writes, "You may be interested to know that I have been requested to appear as one of two principal speakers at Town Hall in New York City on April 20th on the National Broadcasting Company's Town Hall of the Air program on the question "Will American Youth Continue in the American Way?". I am not positive of this title, as written confirmation has not yet arrived from New York. The point, however, is that I am to defend my position that the youth of this country stand for this democratic republic with its system of representative government. My opponent is to be the president of the American Youth Congress, whose name I do not know offhand, but which I think to be William W. Hinckley, whose contention will be that the youth of our nation is heading toward Fascism."

We heartily agree with your position, Roz, and I know all the crew will be cheering for you and hope thousands of young men will listen in and pledge anew their allegiance to America and its proven institutions.

Shern Humason underwent an operation several weeks ago at Miller Hospital in St. Paul and from reports reaching me he is progressing splendidly. We all wish you, Shern, a speedy recovery.

Some of you fellows remember that dynamic fellow Joe Schmitt who was the peppy President of the St. Louis YMD a year or so ago. Well Joe is taking unto himself a wife. On April 29th Miss Anna May Weingartner will become Mrs. Joseph E. Schmitt and we all wish them a long and happy married life and hope we'll see them at Tulsa.

We regret we won't be able to see that smiling countenance of our old friend Clarence Michel, that milkman of Venice, California, at the Tulsa Convention; Clarence says he attended the last six conventions and made such a wonderful acquaintance that he regrets that "the old milk business ain't what it used to be" and consequently he can't make it this time. Hope your business picks up Clarence; keep up that fighting spirit and bring the business back.

That Californian Bob Fouke says he'll be at Tulsa and says he'd like to participate in that "trial" of Walt Holman. Bob said he's coming through St. Louis the first part of May while on a trip east to inspect the state Nautical Schools at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and the US. Maritime Commission School at Fort Trumbull, Conn. and the US coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn. and hopes to see Bill Press and Minor Hudson while at Washington attending the conference of naval officers. Bob, you know, is now Chairman of the Board of Governors of the California Nautical School and is deeply interested in the work. We'll be looking for you, Bob.



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Phil Ebeling was greatly appreciative of the fine work Ray Wilbor has been doing in the East to further the JC movement and when he visited Ray at Boston they had quite a chat. Phil said he enjoyed particularly hearing of old times and realizing at first hand the tremendous obstacles under which Ray operated when he was the third President of the USJC. It looks like a great many affiliates will be forthcoming from New England with the fine work being done there by Phil, Ray, Minor Hudson, Mark Matthews and the other splendid fellows who were determined that New England should fall in line.

George Olmsted has just returned from his winter vacation browned by the sun of the West Indies thoroughly relaxed and raring to go again with his many and varied interests.

Harry Krusz and Herb McCulla have just completed a membership drive for the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce that brought in an even greater number of members than they planned on obtaining.

"Beans" Latimer, Dick West, and Rob Roy MacLeod are coming to Tulsa to perfect an organization of old-timers (other than those eligible to the crew) throughout the country. It should afford the hundreds of old-timers not eligible to the crew, to enjoy a similar fellowship. We'll be glad to co-operate, Beans.

"Bill" Galloway writes that he is enjoying his adopted city - Kansas City, Mo. - and we are glad he has acclimated himself so quickly. And thanks, Bill, for your kindness in sending me that pamphlet "Along the Way" - it is deeply appreciated for it's worthwhile messages which I shall share with the members of the crew from time to time. One of the quotations, especially, seemed so typical of the fine attitude of the crew members. I'm sure they, too, will feel as Craik did when he wrote

Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of
feeling safe with a friend
Having neither to weigh thought,
Nor measure words, but pouring them
all right out, just as they are,
Chaff and grain together,
Certain that a faithful hand will
take and sift them -
Keep what is worth keeping -
And with the breath of kindness
Blow the rest away.

Sincerely,

John R. Drumbrister
Keeper of the Log.

P.S. If you haven't written about Tulsa let me know if you're going to be on hand -

John
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