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Our little sheet doesn't have Associated Press news-service or United Press news-service but we get a lot of information via the grapevine route, direct communication, items in other papers, etc. and we're glad to pass on to you news about the crew members and items about our beloved JC activities - binding us all closer with the tie of friendship that means more and more as we go on.

It's good to report that Leo Augustino was elected Vice-President of his Company - the Printing Machinery Co. of Cincinnati and we salute him for his accomplishment. He had been in Omaha and spent some time with Fred Driver and John Gillen, looked up some of the JCs in Des Moines, and saw Merle Lucas in Chicago where he got a telegram from the head of the Company telling him he was now Vice-President of the Company. Incidentally Leo is planning to be in Tulsa and says that old Ed. Tiemeyer is seriously considering coming, too. Gee it would be good to see Ed again - it has been many a moon since he got together with the old guard.

Rufus Putnam, who as you know is Asst. Supt. of Evansville (Ind.) Public Schools says he plans to be in Tulsa for at least part of the convention and says "I certainly want to be there to attend the Old-Timers Luncheon". Rufe says "It is my honest opinion that the USJC has increased in membership and expanded in activity partly because of the enthusiasm and encouragement given by the old-timers. The esprit de corps, through the medium of the Log has created lasting friendships that can only be erased by time". Thanks, Rufe, for "them kind words".

Everywhere Phil Ebeling has gone on his round-the-country trips he has made a "hit" with the fellows and I get a lot of letters praising his fine work. Lay Leishman out at Pasadena wrote the other day "we had a very splendid visit by Phil here in Pasadena and he left a nice impression". Everywhere he goes he seems to capture the hearts and minds of the men and set them to accomplish greater things for the local, state, and national organizations.

LoRoy Owen, of Los Angeles, writes enthusiastically "Just a note to tell you of a pleasant trip to Texas, made so, largely by the opportunity to again meet that splendid group of men, members of the JC and in most instances members of the crew" and tells of the fine visit at Dallas and at Houston; Andy Mungenast just came back from St. Paul and he tells glowingly of the pleasant visits with Babe Brioschi, Linus Vorpahl, Rol Faricy and the other mates, and Emerson Thomas tells of his visit at Orlando, Florida with our mate A.L. Phillips. Emerson said Phillips has a very active advertising agency and is evidently doing a lot of business. These are fine visits among the brethren and it is always a pleasure to hear of them.

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Emerson Thomas also says he tried to see Bill Madison and Brady Johnston in Jacksonville but it was on a Sunday and he called each of their homes but was unable to reach them. Sorry you fellows missed each other as you would have enjoyed the conflagration I'm sure. I had the same experience - Emerson called me on the phone but I wasn't in, either. Better luck next time, Em. Proud father that Em is I think he's stretching the truth a little when he says of his 3-months old son "believe it or not he has only cried twice since he has been home - both times he was probably crying because his father was away from home so much" - Can you believe that?

Bill Reichel, lucky son-of-a-gun has been sojourning at Honolulu and tauntingly writes "This is a really great spot - Hula girls, music, and okolehoo (whatever that is)". Well you can bet Bill has a good time wherever he goes but like all good Jacians he attends to that business, too, having presented the USJC Charter to the Honolulu Junior Chamber and also got the Wahiwha JC to join. He says "still working for the good old JC". We just can't forget our "alma mater" can we.

Charlie Bloom down at Tulsa says "just a word to let you know that the Old Timers here in Tulsa are preparing to adequately take care of your old-timers from everywhere when you arrive here in June". They've organized for the purpose with Walt Clinton, Chairman; Fred Johnson, Vice-Chairman, Early Cass, Treasurer and Charlie as Secretary. He said they had a meeting of those men who were officers or directors at Tulsa in 1925 when they had the last convention and nearly everyone showed up and are enthusiastic about having us all. The most striking thing about the attendance was the presence of 12 former Presidents from Fred Johnson "of 1921 vintage" down to Roy Smith immediate past president, and Charlie says "some of them were so much more youthful in their actions than they were fourteen years ago that I fear the next fourteen years may put them back in the kindergarten". He ends up the excellent sales talk with this final clinching appeal -

"So, John, tell all the mates to pull anchor and steer for Tulsa in June; tell them, too, that there will be an experienced crew on hand to take care of them when they make port". Right'o, Charlie.

While I have Tulsa on my mind I'd like to urge each of you to get in touch with all the old-timers of your local JC - men who were officers and directors especially; and have them arrange to come to Tulsa to help Beans Latimer, Dick West, Rob Roy MacLeod and the others to get their organization going with a bang. These men won't be eligible to come into the crew as the crew is only for those who were national officers or directors, but they will have a separate and much larger organization with local chapters of old-timers. Tulsa can take care of a lot of old-timers. Why not call a meeting of the past officers and directors of your local JC inviting every last one from the beginning of the organization down to those who retired last year, and tell them of this chance to enjoy somewhat of the national friendships as we of our selected group have in our crew, and get as many as possible to come to Tulsa and meet other past officers of other JCs throughout the country. Our crew meeting will, of course, be separate and just for our fellows, but we can encourage the other organization because we know what our's has done for us.



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Some of our crew at the present writing may not be able to get to the reunion but conditions may change ere then and still permit them to go - LeRoy Ober says they are in the grip of the coal mine strike in the bituminous area which is playing havoc with his business; Carl Roath says he's in a similar position as our good friend Clarence Michel; George Greeley says just as it looks at present he won't be able to make it, but conditions may change for all these fellows, and I'm sure that if it is anyway possible they'll be on hand.

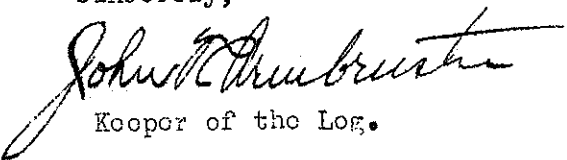
This is probably the place to insert the remark that these letterheads are furnished by that old stalwart of the Atlanta JC now a resident of Omaha - "Doc" Kennody - whom you see is Associate Medical Director of the Woodmen of the World. I remember Doc at the Omaha Convention - out at Poony Park, as a delegate from Atlanta. I wonder if at that time he had any idea that some day he'd be located in Omaha? Thanks for the letterheads, Doc.

Friday night I had the pleasure of going to Jefferson City, Missouri's State Capitol, where a Junior Chamber of Commerce is being formed, to attend the organization meeting. There were about 80 of the local young men present and it looks like they're all set to go. About 7 JCs from Mexico, Mo. came to the meeting; about a dozen from Columbia, Mo. and one from Sedalia, all to help this new organization get started. This is a fine example of inter-city co-operation and it speaks well for the JC movement. I really enjoyed giving the young men a history of the JC and incidents through the years and also some of the personal development of individual Jacians and what many of the JCs have done for their cities and I hope that what was said will further the cause and bring another JC into being.

Witnessing this new JC organizo, seeing how the young men assume responsibility if given to them, I couldn't help thinking what a tremendous influence the JC idea has been. Here's a town that had many young men whose energies were unused; now these men will be taking the responsibilities and the town will feel the effect. Multiply this by the hundreds of such JCs and we see the army of young men now in the field of endeavor for their communities - an army who before the advent of the JC had been an unused force. And speaking of responsibility the following statements of a write seems appropos:

"Responsibility may be defined as made up of five parts courage, three parts duty, and two parts diligence. It enters everyone's affairs, and just what is done with it is determined by character. The coward runs away from it; the weak dodge it; the schemer shifts it; but he who best serves his fellow men accepts it willingly and thereby adds to his capacity, his usefulness and his strength. Responsibility is inseparable from leadership. No great achievement in human affairs since the beginning of time, no world-wide movement, whether in religion, politics or industry has ever been accomplished without tremendous responsibility being assumed by its leaders."

Sincerely,



Keeper of the Log.



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I'm using the letterheads this time of our old-timer "Dick" Wood who is Secretary-Manager of the Coal Exchange here in St.Louis but will probably be remembered by many of you old-timers as that young orator of Omaha. He just returned from Omaha where he attended the festivities on the premiere of that moving picture "Union Pacific" which attracted so much attention, Dick said the town "went nuts" and he was there to enjoy it.

Dick also brought word back that our mate Ray Stryker had left George & Co. with whom he had been associated and is now Vice-President of Haydn Ahmandson's company - National American Fire Insurance Co. and that Haydn is now Vice-President and Secretary and that the Company is just doing splendid business. Congratulations, Haydn and Ray. Dick is to be congratulated, too, on the advent of a second boy to join their family circle. Whoever thought Dick in his younger days would turn out to be such a family man? - but we like it, Dick. Incidentally Dick will be in Indianapolis on the 23rd to give a talk to the Indiana coal Convention and if any of you mates are in town that day, he'd be glad to see you.

Just heard from our mate Jess Campbell down at Wichita Falls Texas; he says he and that perennial youth - Jorry Vinson - will be on hand at Tulsa which we're glad to know. Jess said he just returned from the State JC convention where they had an old-timers meeting that he enjoyed so much and says Al Boutwell was there from Birmingham and Reese Wilkinson from Greeley, Colorado.

And Lee Augustine writes that he just returned from the Cleveland Convention of the Ohio State JC where he saw Walt Holman who was over in Detroit and came over; Ben Hadley was there too, and of course Phil Ebeling, and Lee enjoyed meeting them all. It was good to learn that Lee was elected a Vice-President of the Ohio State JC - sort of habit this being elected Vice-President, eh, Lee.

It was good to learn, too, that our mate John Horonymus up at Sheboygan, Wisconsin who started his new business a little while ago has enjoyed an excellent beginning. He says "in spite of market conditions we have done unusually well". We like that kind of report, John, and hope you will continue to grow and prosper.

You old-timers will be pleased to know that with the affiliation of the Alexandria, La. JC there are now only 4 states not represented in the USJC - Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Delaware, and that with the acquisition of the Baltimore, Maryland JC there are only two other large cities - Boston and New Orleans - that have no affiliation with the National organization. They've gone a long ways since our old days and those who followed us deserve a great hand for the work they've done to further the cause to which we devoted our early years. It is really remarkable that with the 165 new organizations taken in since last July 1st that there are now 570 affiliated JCs. You old timers builded better than you knew.

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Dick West says he has enjoyed visits from the crew - Henry Martens of St. Paul visited him recently and they talked about the great old state of Minnesota; Hank Hardy of Phoenix, Arizona stopped in last week, and last month Dick had the pleasure of going around to the six meetings that Phil Ebeling addressed during the two days Phil was in town. Dick says Phil received tremendous ovations wherever he spoke. Dick also says that he'll be at Tulsa to give you the old fashioned "embracio" and looks forward to seeing a lot of you.

Our mate Baxter Maddox down at Atlanta is going places - just heard that the Connecticut Mutual Life has now given him the title of General Agent for the whole State of Georgia, with new agency headquarters at 35 North Broad St., Atlanta. Good for you, Bax.

And congratulations to our mate Codric Browne out at Santa Monica whose marriage to Lucille McNance Healey, of Las Vegas, Nevada, took place on May 3rd. We wish you full measure of happiness - may your joy increase as the years go on.

And best wishes to you, Brad Williams (I should say Judge Williams which is his right title) for unbounded success to the new law firm of Harper, Williams and Boesche which engages in the practice at National Bank of Tulsa Building, Tulsa. We all hope to express these wishes to you personally when we come to Tulsa and look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Fred Driver sends in the fare for a new member of the crew - Byron Joffrey, Box 85, Burlington, Iowa who is a past national director and who was recently elected President of the Iowa Junior Chamber of Commerce. Welcome on Board, Byron, and thanks, Fred for your thoughtfulness in sending him in.

Our friend Lee Thompson down at Oklahoma City, I see is now associated with V. E. McInnis in the law firm of McInnis and Thompson and is now located in the Ramsey Tower. Leo says he's looking forward to seeing us at Tulsa. We'll be glad to see you, Lee, because it has been a long time since you attended a reunion.

Walt Holman has been sojourning in Chicago leaving there to go to Detroit to pick up a new car and then driving through via Des Moines and Lincoln back to Portland. Hope he gets to see a lot of you fellows enroute.

I notice a write-up in one of the JC publications "April 20th a group of Lincoln Jaycees journeyed to Seward, Nebraska to attend the State and National Charter presentation meeting. Herb McCulla was the speaking highlight of the evening and he "charmed" the audience in the usual McCulla manner". Lincoln used to boast of citizen Wm. Jennings Bryan as their silver-tongued orator; looks like Herb is Lincoln's No. 1 orator now.



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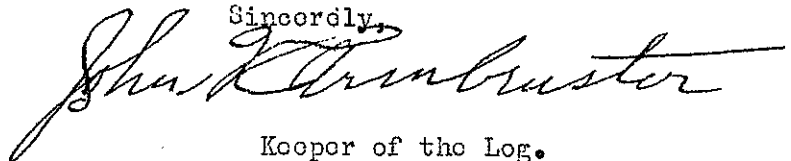
Glad to hear from mate Ivan Gillett out at Sedan Kansas - that owner and publisher of the "Sedan Times-Star" - and to read that since January 1st he organized a JC there. They received the national Charter last Monday and they have 42 members already which isn't bad for a town of 1800. Another old-timer has paid a debt of gratitude to the national organization. It's also good to know that Ivan will attend the reunion at Tulsa. He says he wouldn't miss it for anything.

Among the "dividends" from membership in the crew none was more appreciated than the fine way in which Bill Galloway and Mrs. Galloway entertained my daughter Priscilla who as a member of the William Woods College Glee Club visited Kansas City recently. Bill and his good wife had Priscilla for dinner at his home and had the Secretary of the Kansas City JC there together with two young ministers attending the Methodist Uniting Conference. Priscilla said she enjoyed your hospitality immensely, Bill, and I wish you'd convey our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Galloway. We hope we can reciprocate.

What a privilege we have of belonging to that most unique of organizations, - the Crew of the S. S. Fellowship. What dividends we get through the years in the happiness of real fellowship. Surely the author of those words which are on the tablet on the Majestic Theatre at Houston, Texas, must have experienced the same feeling when he wrote

"Back to the very first beginning,
Out to the undiscovered ends,
There is nothing worth the wear of winning,
But laughter and the love of friends"

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