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On my way back home I drove along the Gulf Coast a short ways to Gulfport, Miss. where I wanted to say hello to another old timer - Col. B. D. Shourds of our crew. Phoning his house I found he had just left for the country club and finding the club was right on the highway I drove there and found him just starting on the first tee. I didn't want to hold up his game but chatted for a few moments with him and his wife and his business partner and then continued on my way home. It was good to have seen you and your good wife, Colonel, and I hope next time we can have more time to reminisce.

When we got to Jackson, Miss. I happened to pick up a newspaper and right on the front page with a large headline I was attracted to the article "RED HEADED WOMEN CAUSE OF WAR" and lo and behold the reporter said the same Col. Shourds appeared before the Exchange Club at Laurel, Miss. the day or so before and, among other things, said "Greed, major religious changes and red headed women were the three causes of war; that Cleopatra was red headed and many wars were fought on the Nile. The War of Roses was another example, he said, as was the Hundred Years War when England according to history had a red headed Queen". Truly our mates are a versatile bunch of fellows. Show us a subject that one of them can't talk on.

The letterheads this time are from our old timer "Doc" Viets - those of you old timers who were at the Flint Convention remember Doc as being here, there, and everywhere attending to the wants of the delegates. He was about the best known JC in Flint. He's now associated with the Roger Smith Hotels with offices in New York. He's a silent son-of-a-gun but his heart is with the old timers nevertheless. Thanks, Doc, for the letterheads.

Congratulations to Court Otis in New York City who has been made a partner in the firm of Johnson & Higgins. Ros Ehrmantraut writes that the fellows in New York got together recently for a luncheon in honor of Court and says this firm are extremely large insurance brokers with offices in practically all parts of the world. He said Don Owens was there and talking about his ability as a skier. Also that Tom Sweeney was there and that Tom is now Village Clerk at Maplewood, N. J. where he lives, and still doing very good with his insurance business.

Ros also says that he and Bob Condon are directors of the American Legion New York County organizations that owns a camp in the Catskills where they send large numbers of children in the summertime and that at the recent Directors' meeting Bob came on a crutch. Bob told Ros that he had broken his ankle trying to pull down a shade in the bathroom, to which Ros comments that apparently such modesty doesn't pay. It is good to get this news from our fellows in little old New York. Thanks, Ros for sending it. I hope, too, Bob, that you are now able to get around without the aid of the crutch.

Another Roz - Roz Rosengren - said that business took him to Des Moines at the time of the Central States Conference and that he enjoyed a fine reunion with Allen and Irma Whitfield, Perry Pipkin, Babe Brioschi, Billings McArthur, Linus Vorpahl, Art King, Fred Driver and some of the newer members of the Crew. He said George Olmsted was on a southern cruise and was hence not available.

He also had the pleasure of being with old-timers Eddie Dahlin, Bill Saltiel and George Bray at the Luncheon meeting of the Chicago JAC on Feb. 19th and says "Incidentally Bill is delivering the Civic Washington Day address at Dayton, Ohio, for Phil Ebeling and will also act as toastmaster the next day to the principals of the Town Meeting of the Air program who will speak at a luncheon in Chicago". Our mates surely go places and do things.

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There's hardly anything that happens anywhere but what one of the mates are effected by it. For instance that recent Albany, Georgia, tornado. Ed. Clement of our crew, you know is district manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. and takes care of this district. He writes "The tornado disaster has been one of my most harrowing experiences. The property damage amounts to nearly ten millions of dollars. It hit the heart of the city at 4:15 AM, wiped out better than half of the business section putting 1800 telephones out of service. We have been working day and night in attempting to restore this service. In addition to the wreckage of the business section about 7,000 of the poorer citizens were left homeless, I have never seen a finer spirit displayed in any community than is evidenced by the prompt and business like way in which they have gone about building a bigger and better Albany; not once have I heard a note of discouragement or despair". We sympathize with your enormous problem, Ed, but glory in your fine spirit.

Thinking of what Ed. Clement said about the spirit of the folks in Albany after the disaster struck them, I am reminded of the thoughts expressed in an editorial the other day which might well be remembered on other occasions; it read:-

"It is the disciplining of the spirit of man that enables him to meet vicissitudes of his fortunes with fortitude, that gives him the courage to present an equal front to whatever happens, to meet events with equanimity of outlook. Such an individual is dominated by thoughts of things of the highest, and measures the temporal in the scale with the eternal.

When Mary Howitt wrote:-

"Yes, in the poor man's garden grow far more than  
herbs and flowers -

Kind thoughts, contentment, peace of mind, and joy  
for weary hours",

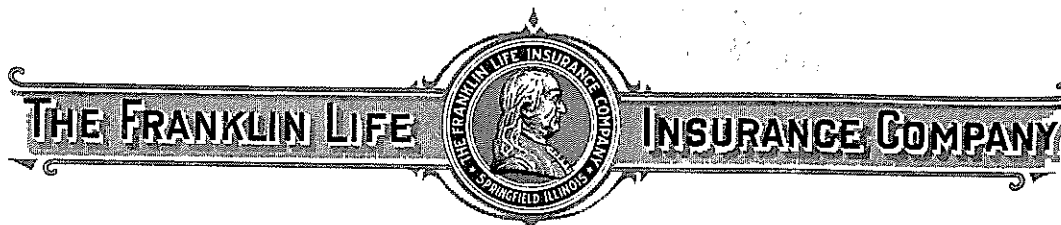
She was dealing with the resources of a spiritual treasury. It is those resources, cultivated through kind training, that remove disquiet from the mind, that prevent the affairs of the world from having a smothered influence, that will not allow the outlook to be dwarfed by the cares and claims of a transitory world which so often fill the whole horizon of the individual".

Many of the crew, at some time or other, have been jolted by some untoward circumstance and it has been a pleasure over the years to see how they have had this "disciplining of the spirit" that enabled them to weather the storm and I thought about them when reading the editorial.

Yours,

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Keeper of the Log.

*P.S. If you haven't sent in the data for Joan Lett's Roster, please do so at once as we're waiting for it -*  
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Have you heard the latest news? Well our ex-President Phil Ebeling is the proud father of another boy - yep, Philip Calvin, Jr. appeared on the scene on March 4th weighing 7 lbs, 9 ozs - and Phil and Helen Ebeling are "happy about the whole thing" as the Stroud Twins would say. It does seem to be making a precedent out of such situations - first Roz and Marion Rosengren start the ball a'rolling by having the stork visit them after Roz's term expired; now Phil and Helen do likewise. Is this to be the regular order of things? Anyway, Phil and Helen, we congratulate you both on your new joy and pride and hope all of you come to Washington in June.

Not only did Phil become a proud father but we also received announcement of the new law firm of "Pickrel, Schaeffer and Ebeling" successors to the old law firm of Burkhart, Heald and Pickrel - so he also has another distinction. Congratulations on this step forward, too, Phil.

Ray Millard took time out to say that Martin Luthy dropped into national headquarters the other day and spent an interesting half hour and then dropped in on Harry Mortimer for a few moments chat. Ray said Martin indicated he might possibly attend the reunion at Washington - we hope you do, Martin; it's been a long time since we saw you and Boston isn't far from Washington.

At Tulsa, Horace Russel Smith, circulation manager of "Future" gave me a dollar to enroll him on the ship's crew but somehow it was overlooked and the other day someone gave him a copy of the "Log" which reminded him that he has been overlooked, so belatedly we take him on board. His address is Manager Jefferson Standard Life Ins. Co. branch at Houston, Texas, Suite #2810 Gulf Building. Sorry to have overlooked you, Horace, but hope you'll enjoy your cruise nevertheless.

Our mate Lee Augustine of Cincinnati has just concluded quite a speaking trip to the various Printing Craftsmen of Winnipeg, Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis. He said the Winnipeg JCs treated him royally - he attended a tea at the Art Museum, had breakfast with their President, and attended the luncheon of the International Relations Committee, etc. This cordiality between the Jacians of United States and Canada is a fine example of what the world needs. Glad to hear of your pleasant trip, Lee.

Our good friend Bob Van Pelt out at Lincoln, Nebraska, writes "I have observed a time or two in the Log where some reference has been made to fellows who were interested in politics in the various states. I, personally, would be interested to learn the names of the fellows who are going to be delegates to the Republican Nat'l Convention in Philadelphia. I will be one of the four delegates at-large from Nebraska". It would be a fine thing if those mates who are going to attend either of the National Conventions would write me, and I'll be glad to arrange exchange of correspondence with each other. I'll be greatly interested in getting you fellows together so you can enjoy each other's company at the conventions.

Membership in the crew makes even competitors like each other - for witness the fine tribute Clarence Michel of the Edgemar Farms Dairy pays to Ted Lewis, a fellow-mate in our crew in these words "It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I've worked with Ted on JC activities and have learned to respect and admire his honesty. Ted is one of our toughest competitors but when he tells you he will do such and such a thing, I can rest assured he will do it. It is a pleasure to work with him as a competitor. As you know, Ted has a very responsible job with Arden, in fact he has charge of all retail operations in Southern California, which is a big task, as Arden is one of the largest distributors of milk in this district". Isn't that a fine spirit to have - it's typical of the fine attitudes of our mates toward each other.

Rufus Putnam sent in the tariff for another mate - S. Ernest Owens, a present Director of the USJC and a charter member of the Evansville, Ind. JC and has been extremely active in local, state and national JC work since 1931. His address is #611 Furniture Bldg., Evansville. Welcome on board, Ernest, and thanks, Rufe, for bringing him on.

Our mate Bob Schirmer also asks us to take on a passenger in the person of Harry B. Price c/o H. B. Price Dental Depot 55 W. Washington, Chicago. Bob says Harry was the very first President of the Chicago JAC; that he was the one who called the organizing group together in Ed. Dahlin's office. Surely a fellow like that can add much to our group and in recognition of his early hard work we'll take him on our good ship. Thanks, Bob, and welcome, Harry. Bob is much improved physically now he reports and we're certainly glad to hear that.

Notice this time I'm using the stationery of Henry M. Lutz of whom I spoke in a recent Log as having been elected Vice-President of the Franklin Life Insurance Co. of Springfield, Ill. - this fine old company (56 years old) with assets of nearly \$40,000,000.00 - has wisely put Henry in charge of investments because of his many years of successful service in that field.

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Speaking of our "old timers" it is gratifying to see how far the mates of the crew have gone on their road to success. It really didn't dawn on me so forcibly until the other day when I received a letter from a member of the JAC in Chicago who said:

"In our Junior Chamber work we find a need for certain information when working with officials in the larger companies. Tom Reid suggests that you might be willing to send me a list of former JC members who have reached positions of responsibilities or prominence in their communities. Send me a list of the ones with their title and company affiliation. The Chicago organization will appreciate this and I'm sure it will help build a better JC unit".

I answered immediately and rattled off about forty or more names of the mates without stopping; I told this chap I could send a much longer list but with those men from every section of the country all of whom have achieved prominence in their business and in their community I thought it would be enough to show him how men progress who have had JC training, who have the will to succeed and who have, perhaps first of all, ideals.

This made me think of an incident I just read about. It is in line with these thoughts and will make a good ending for this Log.

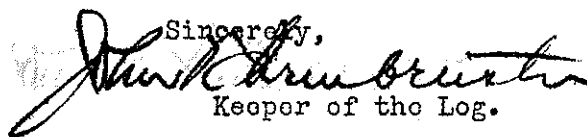
"Reading aloud from a book, a member of a family came upon this: "Cities are made up of buildings, people, and ideals. The most important are the ideals".

"Someone will object to that statement," was the comment of one listener. "But I believe it is true that ideals come before people".

"Without ideals, men are savages, cannibals, thieves, preying upon one another. They must have ideals or they are worse than useless; they are then ready to commit crimes and so increase the world's misery. With ideals comes the effort for something better".

That last line surely tells the secret, doesn't it.

Sincerely,



Keeper of the Log.

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P.S. There seems to be some who are not quite clear as to what Ivan Gillett wants. He is going to print, gratis, a complete roster of the crew. Many have sent in the information needed but quite a few haven't. If you haven't please send to him at Sedan, Kansas, or to me, the following information about yourself; Name, home address, office address, phone numbers at each place; occupation; wife's first name; number of children, and what year you served in the national organization and what offices you held. I'll appreciate you supplying this immediately as Ivan is anxious to get the booklet out. Thanks.

J.H.A.