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Our mates do get their names in the papers. I noticed the other day that our mate Grady Vien at East St. Louis was mentioned as being the attorney for the Housing Project at East St. Louis - a project running into several millions of dollars.

Then in picking up the magazine gotten out by Burroughs Adding Machine Co. I see a short article by Harold Klein, whom you know is Asst. Vice-President of Iowa-Des Moines Nat'l Bank, telling about the success of their installment loan dept.

And our mate Dick Wood is getting his name in the local papers quite a bit lately through the controversy about the new smoke ordinance which was passed recently in an endeavor to wipe out the smoke nuisance.

Ernest Baatz also calls attention to the prominence of another mate. He says "I notice that in a very elaborate folder circularized by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States that our immediate past President, Phil, is one of the speakers to address the meeting next month and that he appears on the program with the top notch business men of the country" - another piece of good news I had failed to see and for which I am grateful to Ernest. Congratulations, Phil, on the fine recognition.

The other day I met Eric Banks who mentioned that the paragraph in a recent Log telling of the new son who came to them, brought him letters from a number of the crew and how pleased he was. These little courtesies among the mates bring a lot of pleasure and strengthen the friendships and I'm glad that each one feels himself a "committee on correspondence" to do more and more of it.

One whom we can congratulate at this time is E. Fred Johnson down at Tulsa, for he writes "You will be interested in knowing that Faith and I have a new daughter, born on February 9th. She is Miss Judith Patton Johnson". We are certainly glad to hear this, Fred and we share in the joy that you and Faith must have in possession of this "bundle from heaven".

Our mate Claude H. Melton down at St. Petersburg, Florida also announces the arrival of little Claudia Ann Melton on April 26th - the announcement just coming in time to include in this Log. Congratulations, Claude, and to your good wife, on this good fortune.

Roz Rosengren brought my attention to the item about our mate George Greeley. He writes "Speaking of mates in the political field, did you notice in the article on Tom Dewey in the recent issue of "Life" that the top name of the Wisconsin Dewey delegates on the ballot pictured was that of our good mate George Greeley?". I hadn't come across this and was glad that Roz noticed it and passed the word along.

Roz himself had quite an experience some weeks ago. He was a passenger in the car of a friend and during a heavy snowstorm suffered a most severe injury to his left knee in a head-on collision of the car with another one. He was laid up for a week but is now getting around on a cane and says it is impossible to say how serious or permanent the injury will be, but says he is thankful he came out alive. Sorry to hear this, Roz, and we hope you will mend rapidly and that there will be no permanent injury.

Our good friend Bill Galloway out at Kansas City has been recovering from quite a siege of illness. He has been home most of the time but plans to return to the office in a few days. The Bureau of the Dept. of Commerce has been extremely nice, Bill says, and plan to place him in a new office opening July 1st at Richmond, Va., which is near his wife's home. He is looking forward to that change with a great deal of pleasure and we all hope you will be happy there and completely restored to health, Bill.

Notice the letterheads this time - they're from our good friend Jesse Fletcher down in San Antonio. Jesse is one of the group of loyal mates down in the Lone Star State. Thanks for the letterheads, Jesso.

Luther Williams, our mate from Tulsa, is a regular trouper now - he was in the caravan of the Mid-Continent Petroleum Co.'s entourage that has been playing one-night stands throughout the sales territory holding sales conferences each night in each sales division. One of their stops was St. Louis and Luther graciously asked Andy Mungenast and I to be his guests and enjoy the banquet and the entertainment. And did they put it on in great style. The entertainment was professional and everything clicked with precision. The pep and enthusiasm displayed was at top pitch and I'm sure Company good will was promoted to a high degree. Thanks, Luther, for inviting us; we were glad to see you and spend the couple of hours with you.

Bob Prox of Terre Haute sent a picture for the archives of the S. S. Fellowship - a picture taken of the banquet of the young USJC at the Dallas Convention - June 18th, 1921 - nearly 19 years ago. I wonder how many of you real old-timers would recognize yourself as you looked then. If you fellows who attended the banquet will promise to come to Washington for our re-union I'll be glad to bring this picture and other old mementos to Washington. What do you fellows of the era say? Thanks, Bob, for this addition to our archives.

Speaking of the Washington reunion, our mate Minor Hudson says "here in Washington we're doing everything we can to stimulate interest; the program as you have probably heard, will be of far greater interest to the Old Timers than the programs at conventions in the past and I believe it would be a big selling point in getting Old Timers to the Convention". Certainly the old-timers can combine some business with pleasure by coming to Washington as so much of our business affairs have a definite control in Washington in some way or other and a visit to the "powers that be" might develop for us information and ideas that will pay many times the cost of the trip and the pleasure we have in meeting each other and listening to the nation's prominent men will be added "dividends". Think it over, all you mates; see if your business hasn't an agency in Washington that to some extent governs phases of the industry - and decide to make the pilgrimage there for the two-fold purpose.

The other day a customer who knows of my hobby of writing the Log, saw an editorial in a trade publication that was in line with our idea of friendship and fellowship and sent it to me. I'd like to repeat it in full but space doesn't permit. It all centered on the theme "there's a fellow I don't like" drawn from the anecdote of President Lincoln. He was one day walking down the street with a friend, when he noticed another man passing. He turned to his friend and said "There's a fellow I don't like. I must get to know him better". It stressed the fact that as we know each other better we drop our dislikes, wipe out misunderstandings, become more tolerant and learn the secret "that" better health, greater optimism, increased faith in themselves and others result in relaxing from that pugnaciousness that more or less gives one a case of nerves and increased irritation".

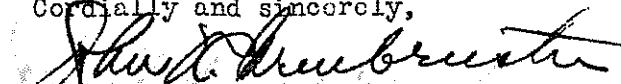
How well we know this and how well we in the crew know that -

"Friendships cheers the faint and weary,
Makes the timid spirit brave;
Warms the erring, lights the dreary,
Smooths the passage to the grave.

Friendships - pure, unselfish friendship,
All through life's allotted span,
Nurtures, strengthens, widens, lengthens,
Man's affinity with man".

Could anyone describe the spirit of our crew in better words.

Cordially and sincerely,


Keeper of the Log

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May 15th, 1940.

There has been a lot of visiting among the mates since the Last Log, which we're all happy to know.

Harry Krusz writes "Herb McCulla and I just returned from attending the Annual Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. While there we had a miniature reunion with a number of the members of the Crew. One day during the convention we had a luncheon sponsored by Linton Collins with Linton, Herb, Jerry Vinson, Bill Saltiel, Rufus Putnam, Minor Hudson, Arthur Claphenes, Fred Linton and myself attending. Present at the luncheon but not in attendance at the convention were Court Otis, Bill Price, Phil Ebeling and perhaps one or two others whose names I may have overlooked".

Harry also says about Phil that "Phil Ebeling was one of the principal speakers on the convention program. He did a perfectly wonderful job. There was a great deal of excellent comment about the speech and mimeographed copies are available at the Chamber of Commerce of the United States for anyone who cares to secure a copy". I know it was a wonderful speech because several copies have reached me and as I read the speech I couldn't help being very much impressed with it. Congratulations, Phil, for the fine work.

Lee Augustine also writes that at the Ohio State JC Convention the past Presidents were presented with plaques in recognition of their pioneering and among them was Ed Tiemeyer and Clarence Mulholland of our crew, and that in attendance at the affair were our mates Mark Matthews, Harry Ice, Tom Reid, Phil Ebeling, Bill Corry, Minor Hudson, and Ben Hadley. Incidentally Lee who had been a passenger on our ship became a full fledged member of the crew by being elected a national director which makes him eligible for the crew. Then on a trip East Lee got to see Ward French, one of our newer mates at Philadelphia and at Newark saw Tom Baldrige, another of our newer mates.

Then comes a letter from good old Linus Vorpahl who said he recently returned from a trip to Omaha where he and his wife were guests at a dinner at Fred Driver's home and also spent some time with the John Gillins; on the way to Omaha they spent a day and night with Jack Sinclair and his wife. Linus also had the pleasure of meeting our mate By Jeffery and his wife at Mason City, Iowa, so he has been around quite a bit lately, and tells what fine folks they all are. He remarks "I have said that about other people too and am convinced that that is a characteristic of the Crew; there are no finer people". Wherein he is absolutely right.

And another report of pleasant visiting comes from Eddie Dahlin who said that Harry Krusz and Herb McCulla dropped in at his office for a visit and that later in the week Bud Mulholland paid him a visit. Ed also says "I have one more report to make and that is that I had a very pleasant visit with Henry Lutz who is now located in Springfield, Ill. as Vice-President of Franklin Life Insurance Company. Henry has an office as large as the Auditorium and you approach him through the ordinary gamut of pages and secretaries. I will say, however, that upon hearing my voice, Henry complete discarded all dignity, ran out from his office and fondly embraced me. Without a doubt, Henry is quite a pumpkin in the official staff of the Company; a well deserved honor".

Those visits among the crew always speak more eloquently than words of the fine relationships among our mates and I hope a great many of you will come to the reunion at Washington. Our old friend Emerson Thomas is one of the first to write that he's planning on being there and suggests that I repeat the dates - June 19th to June 22nd - so that you all have time to adjust your affairs so you can arrange to be on hand. Em is now in his new home which is #134 Chestnut Drive, Packanack Lake, New Jersey; we all wish you many years of happiness in it, Em.

And we also send best wishes to our mate Judge Frank K. Sims who announces the formation of the law firm Sims & Mason at #602 Law Bldg. Charlotte, North Carolina. Frank made quite a name for himself while on the Bench and now resuming the practice of law will undoubtedly attract a large clientele.

Did you notice the letterheads this time - they're from that mate way out at Portland, Oregon - Don Sloan, who also says that he and Mrs. Sloan are looking forward to seeing you all in Washington. Thanks, Don, for the letterheads; we'll look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Sloan, too.

Speaking about the reunion, our good friend Andy Mungenast writes: "The thought occurred to me that it might be interesting to the delegates at the USJC Convention to see some of the papers, original manuscripts of Henry Giessenbier, our beloved founder. I have some things which it would be a pleasure to show and put on display if someone would be willing to look after them to insure their safe return, as it is impossible for me to go this time". As many of you probably know, Andy's company is putting into service a new boat and it is his job to make it pay during the summer season so he has to stay on the job during this busy season. If the national headquarters staff would like to handle the matter of exhibits I know Andy will be happy to supply these interesting papers. The newer members of the national organization should be acquainted more and more with the background of the splendid organization to which they belong. The more they know about its origin and the aims of the Founder the better members they will be.

In this connection it pleased me very much to hear from Minor Hudson who writes "In connection with the Convention here in June, the Washington organization is publishing a beautifully bound souvenir convention program which will be presented to each of the delegates. In this program we plan to have a brief history of the national organization". This is an excellent idea and I congratulate the Washington fellows for their thoughtfulness in arranging for it, for as someone has said

"All the good the past hath had
Remains to make our own time glad".

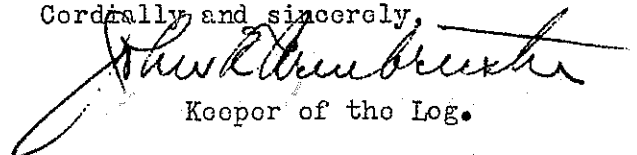
Which also brings to mind the letter received from our mate Fontaine down at Houston enclosing a copy of the first letter to all the Texas "old-timers" who are gathering into their group all the pioneers of the movement in the Lone Star State somewhat like our crew is nationally. They are going to issue a monthly letter similar to the Log and generally carry out the idea in their State what we do nationally. Thanks, Fontaine, for sending me the first issue - more power to all of you Texans in this noble effort.

Speaking of the pioneers in several places in this Log, it came to my thought that even though perhaps some of us who have been associated with the JC movement for nigh on to twenty-five years are perhaps twenty-five years older than some of the newer members of our crew and yet we all have the same youthful outlook. It made me appreciate the words of the speaker at a graduating exercise of one of our colleges, who said:-

"I once read a statement about youth which made a deep impression on me. It was this: "Youth is seeing clear, living clean, loving without greed, giving without regret, working without penalty, sacrificing without calculation. Youth is keeping alive the truths of life. Youth is the immortality of soul". These qualities of youth actually belong to everyone, young or old, but each one has to be awake to this fact and claim and utilize this youthful mental state. If the better attributes of youth, middle age, and riper years are seen as useful mental states which we include in our consciousness, regardless of the years which we possess or which may seem to possess us, there will be cooperation between these states of thought and therefore between youth, middle age, and riper years. Such a realization would eliminate the attempt to shelve the mature in order to make place for the young, and youth would no longer be robbed of opportunity, of wisdom, of sound judgement, of poise, of peace, or of anything else generally attributed to maturity".

How well this can be applied to those leaders of the JC movement of yesteryears who have not only retained the JC spirit themselves but have imbued it in their successors.

Cordially and sincerely,


Keeper of the Log.