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Log of the S. S. Fellowship

November 1st, 1940.

Two weeks isn't such a long time but many things happen in that length of time, for witness what happened since last Log:

First is the announcement of the marriage of Tom Reid at 4 PM October 31st, at his home at Little Rock, Arkansas. His wife is the former Miss Dely White. They're taking a trip down to New Orleans and back through Memphis for a day or so with the Perry Pipkins and then they'll be at home at #492 Sheridan Road, in Evanston.

Also another mate - Carroll Cannon - of St. Louis, is to be married tomorrow at Forrest City, Arkansas, to Miss Helen Laura Harrelson.

Congratulations to all of you. May you live with your life's companion through years so happy that your friends shall come to say, as it was said of Lord Tennyson and his wife, that "the peace of God came into their lives when they married".

It was good, too, to receive the announcement from John and Pearl Hollingsworth out at Denver, announcing the birth of Tyson John Hollingsworth on Oct. 13th. John says that after thirteen years he and Pearl are very thrilled. No doubt they feel about their baby as an unidentified writer who described a baby as:

A bunch of sweetness, full of bliss,  
A thing to cry about and kiss;  
A blessing sent straight from above,  
A pound of care, a ton of love.

I also want to tell of some other good fortune that came to our mates as told me by that wandering mate Walt Holman, who brings the good news that LeRoy (Shorty) Owen, erstwhile of Los Angeles has been made special representative of the President of the Santa Fe Railway System with offices at #1006 Railway Exchange, Chicago, at a handsome increase in salary, fine private office, 'n everything. Surely you are proud of this fine advancement, Owen, and we share the joy.

And also the news that "Windy" Gale, lately of Great Falls, Montana, has been made Promotional Sales Manager for Packard Motor Car Co. with offices at Detroit. Another fine recognition for which Gale must be very much elated; we glory in your good fortune, "Windy".

Another pleasant occurrence since last Log was the visit here of Walt Holman. We gathered seven of the St. Louis mates - Bob Smith, Joe Schmitt, Andy Mungenast, Eric Banks, Charley Cooley, Harry Erbs, Dick Wood (remembered from Omaha) who together with Grady Vien, Walt and yours truly, had a very enjoyable couple of hours at luncheon. It was one of those delightful occasions when the parting comes all too soon. Come again, Walt.

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Another pleasant happening was the few moments visit to St. Louis between trains, of our mate Capt. Gareth Brainerd now occupying a prominent position in the Selective Service Board at Washington, Gareth was enroute to Springfield, Ill. to work with the Draft Board there, then going on to various State Capitols completing the selective service details. Glad to have had the few moments chat with you, Gareth,

That fellow Holman has been around as much as Willkie; Norman Birnkrant wrote "We almost had an "Old Timers" meeting in Detroit the other day when I found that Windy Gale, Walt Holman, Minor Hudson and Rufus Putnam were in Detroit; I called a "meeting" at the Bock-Cadillac Hotel and had present at this get-together Bruce Palmer and Jay Sullivan. We had a splendid "gabfest" until one by one they had to leave". Norman also wrote that Geo. Greene, past president of the Shanghai JC, on leave from the National City Bank at Shanghai, China, visited him; that Greene has now returned to Shanghai and in a recent letter praises this country for the splendid spirit of cooperation we are showing China in its difficulties with Japan. Norm also saw "Howdy" Reynolds, of Honolulu, who attended our old timers meeting in Washington, when Reynolds came through Detroit to purchase a new car. As Norman says "It seems that the sun never sets on these friendships which are so much cherished".

Following Birnkrant's letter came one from Pat Leonard at Columbus, Ohio. He says "Last week Walt Holman showed up just as we were having a district meeting of Gyro International, to which I belong. Imagine my surprise upon finding that Walt belongs to the same organization. Of course I took Walt over to join the gang". I was wondering, Pat, if you succeeded in getting the entire story of the visit to the Norwegian Ambassador over to Walt - the story the old-timers wouldn't let you finish at Washington?

Giving Walt some more publicity (seems he's mentioned a lot in this issue) Tom Reid said that the Senior Council was finally an actuality during the Board meeting in Chicago with Walt, Phil Ebeling, Allen Whitfield and Perry Pipkin present and only Roz absent out of the five members of this August council. You fellows made history.

Nelson Aldrich reports that Wendell Judd, of Longview, Washington, spent a day with him enroute home from the Chicago Board Meeting. Wendell is immediate past president of the Washington State JC and a present national director and is one of our newer crew mates.

Notice the letterheads this time - they're from that old stalwart Henry Coutret way down at Corpus Christi, Texas. Harry Krusz spent his last vacation in those parts and spoke highly of Henry's hospitality. Thanks, Henry, for the letterheads.

Herb McCulla says "The October 15th issue of the Log reads like a roster of old timers, most of whom were active during the administrative year of 1929-30". Then to support his statement he lists all the fellows whose names were mentioned who were active during Herb's year as President and says "Anyway, John, I got a particular thrill from reading the Log for it recalled to mind in a very special way the activities of the national organization of some ten years ago". Now, Herb, I wish you'd do as Allen Whitfield proposes to do - write all the fellows of your "year" to assemble together again at Minneapolis next year - they ought to get together again and this would be a fine time to do it.

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From what Carl Roath, out at Denver, writes me, the Denver fellows are quite active in the Draft Selective Service affairs. Besides Captain Brainerd, two other Denver old-timers - Wm. S. Iliff and J. T. Coatsworth are Captains, too, and in the State headquarters Dave Cosner, Al. Meyer and Robt. Frye are active and in the local Board Carl is a member. He says Paul West is on the local Board at Pueblo.

Since last Log the draft numbers have been called; young men will soon be enveloped into the military preparedness activities. In this connection it might be well to listen to the words of General Guisan to the Swiss Army which can equally be applied to our army and to us civilians as well. He said:

"There is still much to be done to prepare ourselves mentally. Beyond and above material preparedness, even mental preparedness, is the need for spiritual preparation. Our fathers knew this, and on bended knee they turned to God before going forth to battle. Religious feeling must be kept alive in our hearts. The soldiers must join in the prayers of his wife and children and family. The spirit of good humor, of mutual help, of trust and sacrifice, must also be a living force every day. In this way only will our country be truly strong and the army truly prepared".

If he were giving this instruction to our own country it couldn't have been said better. Don't you think so? In our country we are so absorbed in the material that we are apt to forget the more important spiritual preparedness. We must remember that "where there is no vision, the people perish" and vision is not a material element.

Sincerely and cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. A.", written in dark ink.

Keeper of the Log.

PS - Our annual get together of the St. Louis old-timers will be held on Saturday evening, December 7th; usually some of the mates are in or near St. Louis at that time and join the enjoyable evening; if you should happen to be in or close to us on that evening, we'd be delighted to have you attend.

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Log of the S. S. Fellowship FORT WORTH, TEXAS November 15th, 1940,

There are always such good things to report in each issue of the Log and how pleasant it is to record them.

Lee Thompson - or rather Capt. Lee Thompson now - writes "Just a note to tell you of the short, but extremely pleasant visit I had last week with our mate, Linton Collins, in Washington, and of the very great courtesy he rendered me. I flew in any Army Ship to Washington with General Key, the division commander, and I needed someone to move my admission to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Linton very graciously dropped his work in a busy day and drove me over to the Supreme Court Building and took care of me in grand style". That's typical of Linton, Lee; he's a grand fellow and a genuine friend and a true loyal mate. He does more fine things for our mates than almost anyone else in the crew and he does them so graciously as you mention; of him we can truthfully say "he's a gentleman and a scholar". Glad you two had such a pleasant visit.

Also the announcement that Mark Matthews whom you know was formerly assistant corporation counsel of the City of New York has become a partner in the law firm of Knox and Matthews, #821 15th St., NW Washington, D. C., but also saying that Mark will retain his offices for the general practice of law as a member of the firm of Giddings and Wilkens, 120 Broadway, New York City. Congratulations, Mark, may your new connections prove pleasant and profitable.

Verne Vance wrote me from Spencer, Iowa, saying that he had been there all week trying a lawsuit and would be there another week longer. While he was there he read the Des Moines paper and was much interested in the report of the visit there of our mate, Capt. Gareth Brainerd who came to Des Moines for a series of conferences with Iowa selective service officials, and sent me a clipping. It shows how interested each of our mates is in the progress and welfare of each other. Thanks, Verne, for the letters.

That long silent mate, Joe Esquirol - Senator Esquirol I mean - took time out just before the "croocial" hours of the election, as he expressed it, to write and send his best regards to all of us. He tells of his visit several months ago in Chicago when he had lunch with Bill Saltiel and Bob Corcoran and said he tried to "shake up" some of the others but couldn't rouse them. Glad you did get to see Bill and Bob, Joe; next time hope you see them and the other Chicago fellows. You and that other Brooklynite - Ed Steinbuehler - are perhaps the most silent of our mates; speak out once in a while - we like to hear from you.

George Olmsted just before election wrote about some of the fellows and especially about Allen Whitfield. He says of Allon "Whitfield says the outcome of the election will make no difference to him as he believes Iowa State can lose football games just as easily under a Republican regime as under the New Deal". And may I add since the election - vice versa.

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As I sit here in my home writing this Log I am humbly grateful that we Americans are good scouts - we play hard, we fight hard but when the contests are over we erase all scars of battle and join together in the common cause. It was wonderful the way both candidates closed their campaigns with the theme of national unity - President Roosevelt by reading from what he described simply as "an old prayer":

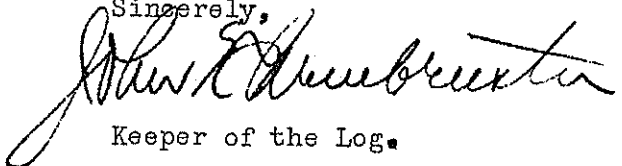
"Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues".

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John E. Humberston".

Keeper of the Log.

And speaking of Olmsted, our friend "Pede" Pyche writes "kindly change my address to #1017 Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa, inasmuch as I have recently been transferred from Michigan and will be working out of the Home Office where George Olmsted can watch me". Pede, you know, is with the Hawkeye Casualty Co., of which George is Vice-President. Best wishes to you, Pede, in your new location.

I didn't know until the other day that "Bill" Galloway of our crew who happened to be Chairman of the South and Central American Relations Committee of the USJC during Dick West's administration had been a contributor to the "Bulletin of the Pan American Union" but I happened to see the January 1935 issue of that bulletin, which circulates all through Latin America, and read Bill's article. If his program for inter-American relations had been carried on the USJC would have by now been the leading exponent of the "good neighbor" policy, and the South American continent would be closer to us than it is. He says in his article how amazing it was that so little attention is given in the United States to developing more knowledge of Latin America; our schools have placed but little emphasis upon the history of Latin America and that educators have, in general, been content to use textbooks on World History, which include small mention of such close neighbors whom we find now we need so much. Bill's was a voice crying in the wilderness. We should have given it more attention and should right now, though belatedly, begin to adopt his program.

Heard from Ober Kobs - our mate out at Fargo, North Dakota; he was in Roz' administration and says while he doesn't know many of the fellows mentioned in the Log he and the fellows in the great Northwest are patiently awaiting the Minneapolis Convention as it will give them an opportunity to renew the old acquaintances and develop the new ones and to meet many of the crew whose names appear in the Log. Another little boost for Minneapolis.

Charlie Barber - another old silent mate - up at Lansing, Michigan wrote about as much as you could get on a postage stamp to give us his'now address as #424 W. Allegan St. I would have enjoyed reading more news, Charlie.

Speaking of Lansing, it's the home of another mate, Judge Sam Street Hughes; I want to thank Sam for sending me some information I requested of him and to tell him that it has been very productive. I had occasion to ask a number of mates located in Capital cities of their States for information they could obtain for me at the State offices and all of them responded with such alacrity that I can't help feeling deeply indebted to them. It's a fine feeling of co-operation that exists in the crew. There was another occasion last week. Joe Esquirol asked if any mate in Fort Worth was an attorney as he had some work for one in that city. Bill Turner being the only mate there I asked Bill to recommend some Jacian; he wrote Joe about a chap who was the first President of the Fort Worth JC. Thus we are able to do a lot of such acts of co-operation that make our lives more pleasant.

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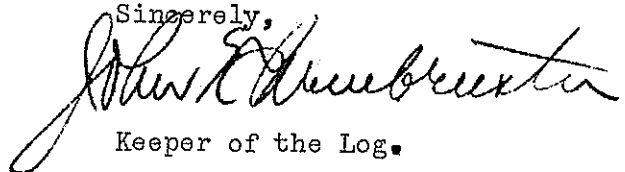
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