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Since last "Log" Ray Roper, Executive Vice President of U S Jaycees, attended the Missouri State Jaycee Convention and came to my office to ask that the members of the "Crew" help the national organization in their planning for an Archives Section of their building. The space they allot will depend upon the volume of historical documents they can gather. Fortunately I have bound volumes of every issue of the "Log" and a lot of other historical data to help, and if every one of you mates can gather data you have and write Ray Roper the extent of what you can send them when they're ready, it will help a lot in their planning suitable space. They realize that in over 50 years of USJC there must be in the hands of the Crew much material that they'd like to have in their archives, so I ask each of you to write Ray and tell him how much material you can send when they're ready for it.

Since last "Log" it was also our pleasure to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Andy and Charlotte Mungehast, and saw so many of our mates there. They had vows renewed at the Old Cathedral and then all adjourned to the "Admiral" where on the huge dance floor, banquet tables were set for the hundreds of guests who came to honor Andy and Charlotte on this auspicious occasion.

Also since last "Log" G. Raymond Burn of York, England, who was President of the British Jaycees and then JCI Vice President, came to St. Louis with his wife and two sons. It was a pleasure to have the St. Louis mates entertain them and give them much of the original history of the Jaycee movement. They revere the memory of Henry Giessenbier and wanted to see the resting place of Henry's in Valhalla Cemetery, so I took them there to pay their respects and we gave them a picture of Mission Inn, where the first Jaycee meeting was held. We enjoyed having them here.

Gordon Hicks writes that the Tulsa Jaycee Oldtimers had a marvelous meeting with over 75 old-timers, including their perennial President, Walt Clinton, who attended the first organizational meeting of the US Jaycees in St. Louis. They also had Rick Clayton, the newly elected President of the US Jaycees there and Ray Roper. It must have been a wonderful get-together; thanks for telling us, Gordon.

Durward Howes was speaker at the Laguna Hills Rotary Club at the invitation of Harry Krusz and I'm sure all present enjoyed Durward's talk, including my daughter and son-in-law; sorry Eleanor and I couldn't make it there, too.

Ray Roper sent me the information that Mearns Gates passed away on August 24th. We send condolences to his widow, Alice and their two daughters and two sons. Mearns was USJC President in 1944-45 and we mourn his loss.

Paul Paulsen wrote, "After reading the mention of the passing of Rufe Putnam, I have to relate that a while back Fred Gillen, Julius Jensen and I had lunch together; Rufe was to be with us. When I stopped at his apartment to pick him up Mrs. Putnam told me he was in Scripps Memorial Hospital, so we didn't get to have that last visit with him. He was a grand fellow and will be missed by all who knew him. Last month Carman and I were in Milwaukee and had dinner and a nice visit with Al and Carlyn Meitzen. It was nice to see them and they brought me up to date on many things pertaining to Milwaukee".

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Alvin Burger wrote what a thrill he gets from the mention in the "Log" of the oldtimers who played a key role in starting the Jaycee movement in St. Louis more than 50 years ago - and of the meetings he attended, including the June, 1920 conference. He said, "Those memories and the lasting friendships formed from these events have always been counted as one of the real treasures that have come my way". We all feel the same way, Alvin, for the Jaycee friendships of the Crew.

Letch Lusby writes that George Bray, who is now living in Austin, Texas, got in touch with Letch when George was in Dallas to attend a convention and said George was amazed at some of the memorabilia Letch had saved relating to George's administration as President of the Chicago JAC. This data will help Ray Roper to build up archives, so I suggest Letch, that you offer the data to Ray.

Don Brown asks that James E. Jones, 1965 Michigan State JC President, be accepted into the "Crew". Jim is Executive Director of San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 888 Airport Boulevard, Burlingame, California 94010. So with your recommendation Don, we'll take Jim aboard our mythical ship.

Kenny Kent has been elected to a 4th term as a member of the Board of Directors of National Automobile Dealers Association and with his other extra curricular duties as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Evansville, director of the Citizens National Bank of Evansville, the Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences and other business enterprises, he must keep pretty busy. Nice going, Kenny.

Jules Andrus, one of our Canadian mates, has a new address - 16116 - 110 A. Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5P 1J1. He and his wife celebrated their 25th anniversary September 4th and we send our congratulations and a wish to celebrate many more anniversaries.

Carl Kegley sent his new address - R. #1, Box 594, Montague, California 96064; Phil Knox sent his new address, 5055 Klinge Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20016. Bill Ramquist also has a new address, 6331 South Troy, Chicago, Illinois 60629. Bill Suttle too has a new address - 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 910, Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

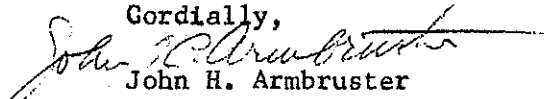
President Nixon has appointed Bill Press as Chairman of the National Capital Planning Committee. George Olmsted wrote him, "Congratulations on your Presidential appointment. I'm proud of you. How come you can't get a paying job"? We all applaud you, Bill, especially the job that has no monetary compensation.

Just as I got down to the last paragraph of this "Log" I received a letter from Roland Schroeder who said he had just attended the funeral of our mate Walter Melius and also said that another Milwaukee mate passed on - Gustav Trepte. Roland said he had the honor of being a Charter member of the Milwaukee Jaycees when it was organized in 1920 and that Walter and Gus became members shortly after and the three of them were very active on the Board of Directors. Thanks for writing, Roland, and sorry to lose these two fine oldtimers. We shall miss them.

When I think of the fine men of the "Crew" and know how they made successes of themselves, even amid valiant struggles, I think of the words of Frank B. Whitney, who wrote:

"Have you ever seen the sun crown a mountain peak with majestic brightness and glory, causing it to stand out above the fogs below it. The picture gives us a sense of granite fastness, contrasted with the instability of mists and fogs. Even as a mountain peak stands out from the fog, so do we find those persons of "strong minds, great hearts, true faith" who stand unmoved in the presence of the fogs and mists of human experience".

Gordially,

  
John H. Armbruster  
Keeper of the Log