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Log of the S. S. Fellowship

January 15, 1971

Since last "Log" it was my pleasure to spend a few days in California with my three daughters and the seven grandchildren, but I did take time out to see Harry and Marylu Krusz. Harry plans to retire shortly and I wanted to wish him many retirement years filled with every good thing that goes with it.

Speaking of retirement, Ed Clement wrote, "Each day that passes brings me closer to retirement - June 30th - 75 years of age and 50 continuous years in the telephone business". Ed concludes his letter saying, "My most rewarding experiences have been in the dozens of young men and women who I have encouraged in their upward climb to Christian citizenship and success". What great satisfaction.

This reminds me of the letter from our mate J. Chester Gordon, of Anchorage, Alaska, who retired from the radio business and says, "Since then I have worked without salary, organizing Boy's Clubs. December 4th I was re-elected Boys' Club President to serve my 8th term". So our mates never lose the Jaycee spirit and our Creed that reminds us, "Service to humanity is the best work of life".

Vic Levit writes, "As you know, I was originally appointed by Haile Selassie as the only Honorary Consul of Ethiopia in the United States; much to my surprise the Provisional Military Government of Ethiopia has asked me to continue in this capacity". Congratulations, Vic.

Bob Graham wrote that Lofton Tatum was up from Portland and they had dinner together, and that Frank Fister is reassembling John Ben Shepherd's Executive Committee for a week's get-together in San Diego in February; hope they get together in Philadelphia in April, too.

I was intrigued by Nancy Shaw telling that Park has joined the Desert Foothills Sheriff's Posse - he's a real deputy, uniform and all. He's also manager of the Scottsdale office of Olliver/Pilcher Insurance Agency, so he's plenty busy.

Our mates are never idle; Bob Lindholm sent me the insurance magazine that had an article saying, "Jack E. Reich, President of American United Life, has been elected President of Indiana Legal Reserve Life Companies and also President of Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations, Jack.

Incidentally, Cliff Willis, Chairman, writes, "The 1976 reunion of the Crew of the S. S. Fellowship (Canada) will be held April 2-4 at the Constellation Hotel, near Malton International Airport in the Metropolitan Toronto, Ontario area and asked me to attend and be a guest speaker.

Jay Smith asks us to change his address to 1511 Ute Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108; Ernst & Ernst asked him to become a partner and in charge of the Salt Lake City Office. He writes, "Never have I needed or used my Jaycee training and experience more". We wish you great success, Jay. Jay asks us to take into the Crew Richard R. Ramey, 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 630, Sacramento, California 95814. Rick served as President of the Washington State Jaycees and U. S. Treasurer under Dick Headlee, so we're glad to make room for him in our Crew.

Two letters were of special interest, one from Bob Benson, who wrote, "I married a lovely lady - Trudy - on June 22nd; my children and grandchildren love Trudy as they did their mother and grandmother and I consider that I am a very lucky man". Our mate Bob Storkan wrote, "Down with my bride of one year at Lake Worth Florida for the winter". Both these widowers are lucky to have these new partners and we wish them many years together.

Then there is always some sad news - like the letter Cheney Prouty wrote about the death of Ben McDonald on November 26th and the one from the widow of Lew Taylor, who was manager of the Chamber of Commerce at Rogers, Arkansas. She mentioned that Lew passed away with a fatal heart attack. Both of these mates were loyal members of the "Crew" and we shall miss them greatly.

"Howdy" Reynolds asks us to take on board Sid Moses, 7 Newcombs Crescent Karolix, Wellington, 5 New Zealand, who just visited him and would like to be in the Crew. I know Sid from JCI and I'm sure he'd be a fine addition to the Crew and who knows, he may create a S. S. Fellowship like our's and which was adopted, too, by our Canadian mates. He's a good friend to have overseas, so welcome aboard, Sid.

Bill Shepherd sent me "Ford Times" of November, 1975 containing an article, "The Great Indiana Pearl Rush" in which was a paragraph stating, "Our collection of fresh-water pearls was a gift from Durward Howes of Los Angeles. For many years the Howes Jewelry Company specialized in and promoted fresh-water pearls and pearl jewelry". So another mate gets nation-wide acclaim. Nice reading, Durward.

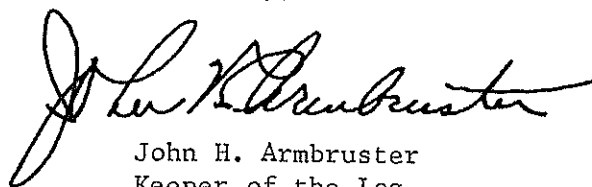
Phil Bouckaert asks us to change his address to Executive Center East, #227, 4030 Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230 and Lyle O'Rourke's is 605 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

The Christmas card from Dave Haxton gave us his new address as "UNICEF, United Nations, New York", I see he's back in the States; maybe you New York mates can get together with him and let him give you a review of his extensive United Nations assignments - and maybe Dave could tell us a lot at the next reunion, too. I have more news items but will hold them until next issue.

As the years march on and many of our mates reach retirement, it is good to see how they still put their Jaycee training to work for others. It reminded me of David R. Forgan's speech, "The Business Man's Ideal" in which he says:

"To have endured early hardships with fortitude and overcome difficulties by perseverance; to have founded or developed a large business, useful in itself, and given employment to many; to have achieved fortune, independence, position and influence; to have established a character above reproach; to have accumulated esteem, the confidence and the friendship of his fellows; to have given largely of money to charity and of time to citizenship; to have gained all this of the world without losing the soul by avarice or by starving the heart into hardness--I say he who has so lived has nobly lived and he should find peace with honor when the shadows begin to lengthen and the evening of life draws on".

Cordially,



John H. Armbruster  
Keeper of the Log