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Log of the S. S. Fellowship

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Since last "Log" it was my pleasure to journey to Huntsville, Alabama, to help the Jaycees there celebrate their 25th anniversary. The Jaycees had asked Walt Weisman to urge me to attend and I was glad to do so. The Jaycees certainly gave me the VIP treatment making the visit a most rewarding event. They had 250 at the anniversary banquet and after my talk the Mayor presented me with a proclamation making me an Honorary Citizen of Huntsville, the Commissioners of the County gave me an inscribed medallion, the Jaycees gave me a placque, and I was overwhelmed by their accolades. Then on Sunday they gave me a tour, visiting their wonderful Von Braun Civic Center and the fabulous Space Museum both of which are worth the visit of all Americans. It was a grand experience for me and I was glad to be with these Jaycees on their 25th anniversary.

LeRoy Ober wrote about John White and Robert Howell both of whom have been quite ill; I wrote both of them wishing them a speedy recovery and I'm sure I spoke for all of you.

Allen Meitzen said he attended Bosses Night at the Milwaukee Jaycees and the old-timers outnumbered the present members. He sent me a copy of the Charter #10 given to Milwaukee December 10, 1920 signed by Henry Giessenbier, President and Wm. R. Simmons, Secretary and other data on the history of the Milwaukee Jaycees. 3 of the charter members were there, Allen said, and he reports that Harold Clark is recovering nicely after surgery and that Carl Werewath is still hospitalized and recovering slowly. That was all good news. Thanks, Allen, for sending it.

I was running out of letterheads and wrote a number of the mates - and now they're coming in fast. Phil Knox told his wife and she suggested sending those of the D. C. Chapter of the American Red Cross because March is Red Cross Month and our mate Osby Weir is a board member, so that's why I'm using their letterheads this time. Thanks to all of you.

Charlie Kothe and Ed Green teamed up to present a long range seminar at Oral Roberts University February 12th and 13th and I'm sure that they and their audiences enjoyed the occasion just as we have enjoyed their presentations at our past reunions - we know how well versed they are.

Reed Larson wrote how grateful the National Right-to-Work Committee was to win their legislative victory in having President Ford veto the situs picketing bill which they opposed so vigorously. He wanted all of us to know about this as it meant so much to him.

Mike Meyers writes that his company, the MEI Corporation of Minneapolis purchased the Pepsi franchise in St. Louis and he expects to attend a board meeting here in April. I hope to see you then, Mike, so be sure to phone me.

Bert Kessler, one of our Canadian mates, has been chosen Chairman for the 1976 Canadian Badminton Open Championships to be played in Toronto, bringing all the top players from around the world, so it should be quite exciting.

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Dick Taylor writes, "At a meeting at the new National Center of American Heart Association in Dallas, I met with Bob Stewart who was President of the Washington State Jaycees back in the 50's. I'd like to take him into the Crew. His address is Robert A. Stewart, Bogle and Gates Bank of California Building, Seattle, Washington 98164. We're glad to take him in.

Dick also asks to take on board Paul W. Pendorf, who was an active Jaycee at Portsmouth, Virginia, New York City and New London, Connecticut and is now a member of the Copenhagen, Denmark Jaycees. He is President of Pfizer of Denmark, his address is 17-A. Furesovej, 2830 Virum, Denmark, so we have another overseas mate. Paul was honored as one of the ten outstanding young men last month in Baltimore and we salute him for this honor and welcome him aboard.

It's not too long before Reunion time is here and Dan Richie has kept us informed of the plans. He has arranged for the meeting on Saturday, April 24th 8:30 am to 10 am in the Congress Hall wing of Independence Hall. What an historic occasion this should be - and I hope all of you will be able to attend. Dan has worked hard to make the whole reunion one you'll never forget.

Don Shriner asks us to change his address to 5720 Normal Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506. He kept his home and two boys in Lincoln so he says he will be just "returning home".

George Fraser gave us his new address - 200 Market Building, Suite 1750, 200 S. W. Market Street, Portland, Oregon 97201. George was State President of the Michigan Jaycees 27 years ago, and says he likes to get the Log to keep track of his old friends in the Crew.

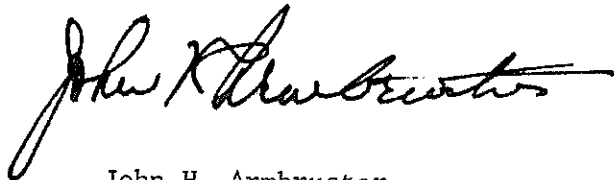
Changes of addresses keep coming in - Richard Olsen's is now 919 - 22nd Avenue, South, Moorhead, Minnesota 56560, Odello Letter's is now 782 Preston Road, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740; Chester Lind's is now Executive Vice President Northwest Bancorporation, 1200 Northwestern National Bank Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480; George Ebberson's is 123 Trafalgar Street, Sheffield, S 1 F GN, England and Ralph Murphy's is 1200 Auth Lane, Silver Springs, Maryland 20902.

Do you know the correct addresses of these mates whose letters are returned? - Milton Graham, Phoenix, Arizona; Al Skegebo, Bowie, Maryland and Raymond Pritchett, Sherwood, Arkansas.

I've been writing the "Log" for 40 years and during that period I have seen mates fall and then rise again and it reminds me of the wisdom of Cicero, who wrote,

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling  
but in rising every time we fall".

Cordially,



John H. Armbruster  
Keeper of the Log