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INTRODUCTION

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Dear: Toastmaster Members and Public

I hope you find this District 7 History an interesting and educational experience. Furthermore, I want to thank the authors, members, newspaper editors, Glenn Meek, past District 7 historian, past and current district officers, district webmaster, Toastmasters International and public that made this public speaking and District 7 Toastmasters history possible. Although this history primarily focuses on District 7, other topics explored related to public speaking, public speaking education and Toastmasters International including other Toastmasters districts. References provided where reader can further explore topics presented in more detail.

At turn of century, society regarded public speaking as a valued skill. As twentieth century, progressed demand for public speaking instruction grew with schools experiencing high enrollments. School faculty and students showed strong interest in debate competitions. Even businesses, professional associations, religious organizations, and clubs held public speaking classes and speech contests. Many speech classes taught in schools had uncanny resemblance to subjects covered in modern Toastmasters manuals. Before World War I, street speaking was common in down town Portland where individuals expressed various political views sometimes controversial. Public speeches supporting women's suffrage was important in persuading voters to vote for passage of law allowing women to vote in November 2, 1912. Ralph Smedley ideas for Toastmasters clubs developed during this period and finally took hold at the Santa Ana Y. M. C. A. during October 1924. After 1924, Toastmasters grew slowly but then began growing rapidly during late 1930s and early 1940s. Toastmasters' growth accelerated after the Great Depression lifted but approaching World War II dampened this growth. Toastmistress International (Women's Organization) experience experienced rapid growth after 1938. One interesting result from research about District 7 history was discovering how much influence Toastmasters has on public speaking education. If Toastmasters never existed, businesses, community colleges and universities forced to offer more public speaking classes. Toastmasters has helped these organizations because they no longer need to offer many public speaking classes, many of them duplication of Toastmasters manuals and programs. Ralph Smedley's revolutionary public speech education ideas improved many lives through public speaking and leadership abilities for many individuals.

Sincerely Yours:

**DISTRICT 7 HISTORIAN AND EDITOR FOR DISTRICT 7
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During twentieth century, public speech education in Oregon provided a foundation for establishment of Toastmasters in Oregon and Pacific Northwest. Toastmasters Internationals' innovative ideas about teaching public speaking skills eventually displaced customary teaching methods. Public was well aware speaking skills improves an individual's ability to think and to convey ideas and opinions. High enrollments in public speaking courses in businesses, universities and colleges provide evidence of this need. The first decade 1900 to 1909 covers a period of rapid cultural, political, educational, and technological changes that affected public speaking education.

Interestingly, an Oregonian newspaper editor on May 20, 1900 thought printing press responsible for declining public speaking skills but has an interesting conclusion. Oregonian editorial excerpts quoted below but author unknown:

THE MODERN ORATOR

"The printing press has usurped the function of the public speaker to such a degree that the study and practice of oratory have seriously declined.

Before huge daily newspapers, containing discussions of all subjects of interest, political, financial, scientific, and literary, were to be seen in every household in the country, the people depended for enlightenment upon these subjects on the public speaker. Especially, in matters political did the masses look to the orators for light."

" If a man wanted to be elected Governor or Representative, or to go to the Senate, and desired the people to know how he stood on the great questions of the day , he was compelled to take the stump and tell them in the face to face. It was then the arts and gifts of the orator were of supreme importance. The manner of the speaking was often more importance than the substance of the speech. Eloquence swayed the vast crowds that assembled on such occasion, and the eloquent sophist carried the day over the less entertaining logician. There was then, as there has been always up to that time, every encouragement for the young man to study oratory."

" The printing press is responsible for the decadence of the orator. Public speakers we have in abundance, and doubtless the substance of public addresses averages much higher in logic and thought and substantial evidences that convince the thinking mind, than did the more flowery and eloquent orations of half a century ago, yet few today sway their audiences at will and carry them off their feet in bursts of enthusiasm as did the great orators of first half century. However, they are better suited to their environment and conditions under which the results of their efforts reaped. When there was no speech in cold type to be studied and weakness exposed, the impression made by an eloquent sophist remained stamped upon the minds of his hearers; how it passes off like an impress in the sand. The strong man is not he who sways his audience with oratory, glittering generalities, brilliantly tinted flowers of speech, but the one who says something so convincing, so logical and so backed up with evidence that it appeals to the man with eggs and coffee in the morning even stronger than it did during the night before."

"The daily newspaper is the safety valve of against the excessive steam of the oratorical hypnotist. The gas balloon of political demagogue is punctured by the little types. Here is Bryan's greatest weakness. What he says may be read and studied by all, free from his oratorical spell. The manner of saying it is eliminated. He must stand upon the substance of his speeches, and not upon the effect produced by personality and manner of delivery."

In an Oregonian, editorial published March 27, 1903, author praised Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas 1858 debates as examples of eloquent speaking skills. This author wrote "art of public speaking a necessary skill for influencing and expressing ideas." "Individuals have an ability to train them selves in public speaking skills." The author praised Congressman Thad Stevens for his speaking skills and wrote.

" He spoke with ease and readiness, sententiously, with grammatical accuracy. His memory of facts, dates, and figures was exact; his speeches were brief, seldom exceeding twenty minutes in debate, but they were in thought and expression all compact, and therefore most effective."

"Declamation is not wanted of the tragic or sentimental quality; something worth saying and well said with simplicity, brevity, directness and logical force of expression is what is wanted in an effective and influential public speaker."

Unknown Author

ORATORY PAST AND PRESENT BY THOMAS BRACKEETT REED

Short excerpts from "Modern Eloquence" Library of After Dinner Speeches, Lectures Occasional, Addresses 1900, The University Society Vol. IV Lectures A-E

"The earliest method of spreading information and molding opinions, however, has not past away. Men still talk to each other face to face, and oratory still plays a great part in the instruction of modern time. It is true that the orator reaches his largest audience by the aid of the newspaper, but the newspaper now days depicts the applause and dissent of the audience, and gives, so far as it can, the atmosphere with which the orator is surrounded, and makes the reader appreciate the full human nature involved in the whole scene. The very postures, also of the orator are displayed.

But, however ell any article may be written, and however well any speech be reported, there is a charm in the spoken word, in the utterance of the living man, which no beauty of style can imitate, and no collocation of words can equal. Probably Eschines never said "You should have heard the lion him self," when in exile he praised his superior, but if he was made to say it-if the story was invented-it was because the truth was deeper than the fact.

What we call in America "Stump Oratory"-oratory in its roughest and most familiar shape-still plays a great part, which hardly seems to lessen in its influence over the people at large. To be fully satisfied, they must hear the man speak, and give them selves up to the sound of hi voice. Whenever a campaign comes on, all the available vocal power is called into action, and whoever watches the effect will see that the oratory of the campaign is a very powerful and invigorating force".

"Not only were there words, but you had looked into the face of the man who said them. When you read what is written, the power of the written word depends much upon your mood. When you hear a man speak, his power depends much upon his mood. You naturally lend your thoughts to him. Moreover, the rest of your fellows in the audience do their part, and there comes on that irresistible power of human sympathy, which gives You your share of the emotion of others and mingles your thoughts with yours."

"Public sentiment also is of two different kinds: the voice of the people, which is the hurried result of the untrained and uninstructed emotions, and that voice of the people, uttered after due thought and experience, which is solid and enduring basis of human action."

"Men who stir the surface of thought for the moment may be inferior and command little permanent respect, but the great orators have left too many landmarks behind them to be confounded with rhetoricians and men of the moment. We have not one of his oratations left by which we might judge for ourselves, but if there be anything in the testimony of all the men of his time, Julius Caesar is entitled to rank among the greatest orators of his age. Yet, however much we may mourn over the passage of Rubicon, we cannot deny to Caesar the highest rank of all those who have managed the affairs of practical life. Daniel Webster, who was our greatest orator, has never been denied the

rank of a great man. Henry clay, whose oratory was of that sympatric kind which we most suspect, was the most powerful party leader who ever dictated his will to others.”

“While we must acknowledge the faults of Cicero, we can also demonstrate that his great superior, “The Orator” himself, has not only left behind him oratations which are the models for emulation of all the world, but also the memory of a life of patriotic devotion and wisdom which, if the Immortal Gods had so willed, might have saved to Athens its preeminence among the cities of Greece and preserved the liberties of the ancient world.

MODERN ELOQUENCE VOLUME X ANCEDOTES INDICES
ORATORY OF THE STUMP (1900) page xxvi
By Jonathan P. Dolliver

A written discourse on influence of press on the skills of the oratory partially quoted from book introduction written by Jonathan P. Dolliver.

Jonathan P. Dolliver wrote the following: “The stump speaker of today has a good many competitors, and it behooves him to bring to his audience fresh knowledge, or if that is impossible, at least the old familiar knowledge dressed up so that its friends will be glad to renew its acquaintance.

It was at one time thought that the art of printing had made away with the art of speaking. McCauley, in a fragmentary essay on Athenian orators, says that “the effect of the great freedom of press in England has been in a great measure to destroy this art and to leave among us little of what I call oratory proper. Our legislators, our candidates, on great occasions even our advocates, address themselves less to audience than to reporters. They think less of the few hearers than of innumerable readers.” This was written more than half century ago, and while there is some force in it, it evidentially overstates the hostile influence of the newspaper against the public speaker. In the first place few speeches are printed. The “Congressional Record” alone among current periodicals prints all the speeches which are addressed to it; in truth it breaks all bounds of generosity in saving the House of Representative from the necessity of hearing speeches, by printing them whether they are delivered or not.

There is nothing in the fact that a speech is printed in the newspapers to lead a wise man to lower the standard of his art in presenting it to an audience. The influence, which the press has had on oratory, lies in another direction. The enterprise of the modern newspaper tends to exhaust subjects, to saturate the public with knowledge of the things about which attaches to novelty and exclusive information. It is easy to see that all this has tended to kill certain kinds of oratory, and to put all who seek to influence the public thought under a high pressure to present common forms of knowledge in such a way as to hold the attention and to impress the judgment of those who hear.

Indeed some, with strange perversity, have claimed that the highest attainment of the orator possible in these days is to deal with convictions of the audience in such a way as to emphasize the truth already in their minds. Such was the achievement of Mr. Bryan at Chicago.

He stated no new facts; the body of his discourse being taken almost verbatim from speeches which he had been delivering in various parts of the country for the space of two years. There was nothing in what he said to convert anybody to the views, which he was defending, and in fact, he converted nobody to those views. But he did a thing even more remarkable; he converted everybody that held those views to him, in such a way

that they have taken a special interest in him ever since. He found an audience already of his way of thinking, though when he took to the floor the majority of the convention was in despair because nobody had been able to make an intelligible statement of their opinions in a tone of voice loud enough to be heard. At last, this young man got the opportunity, which he came to seek. He had the look of an athlete as he stood up in that tumultuous assembly. His voice was strong and musical and he learned how to use it. It reached the extreme limit of the amphitheater, and as he spoke he made every inflection count; so that while he did not add an idea to the sum of human knowledge and but few striking phrases to the familiar vocabulary of the discussion, it gradually dawned upon the convention that they found in him their appointed leader in the great controversy upon which they were about to enter.

Yet his whole art consisted in summarizing the prejudices and convictions of the convention audibly, so that they could be heard and coherently, so that they could be understood, he was without money or influential connections of any kind, it made him, before yet had reached the age of forty, the well-beloved leader of millions of people and a distinct factor in the thought and progress of our times.

There need be no fear that the spoken word will ever lose its power to influence the world. The newspaper will have no more potency in abolishing the political speech than the Tract Society will have in diminishing the importance of the preacher. It may change and in fact already has changed, not only the taste of the audience, but the style of the orator. And the opinion ventured here that in both cases the alteration has been for the better. It may be that the higher powers of the orator, like the higher ranges of poetry, come in such close touch with the world of the imagination that are more native to primitive stages in the growth of culture than to money-making industrial ages.

Politics sometimes get into a rut when old questions are worn out and new ones not yet ready to run the gantlet of discussion. In such periods, speech making, in Congress and out, is prone to become either visionary or commonplace. But when times of national trial come, or when problems arise which deal with the sources of prosperity, neither orators nor audiences are likely to be wanting. They make American public life at once a field to be guarded against the intrusion of mercenary motives and unworthy ambitions. Whoever enters it is under high obligation to speak the truth. Even the bitterest contests that are waged upon it are not without their value, since it is in the dust of controversy that the true relations of things are most perfectly discerned."



**JONATHAN P. DOLLIVER, 1900 AUTHOR ORATORY OF THE STUMP
MODERN ELOQUENCE VOLUME X ANECDOTES INDICIES
EDITOR THOMAS B. REED
THE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY 1900
JOHN D. MORRIS AND COMPANY PHILADELPHIA**

PORTLAND ACADEMY GRADUATION CEREMONY SPEECH CONTEST 1900

The necessity for good public speaking skills influenced public and private university, post high school, high school, and primary school curriculums in Oregon and Portland. For example, school officials sponsored student speech contests such as this one on June 21, 1900 at the Portland Academy graduation ceremony called Wilcox prize-speaking contest or recitation contest. Student winner Miss Marguerite Labbs won first prize of \$30 with recitation of "The Doom of Claudius and Scythia". Second prizewinner of \$20, Robert McLean delivered an anonymous oration entitled "Genius of America". Students participating in this contest listed below:

Raymond B. Wilcox – 1902 Pettigrew's speech on "Imperialism"
Earl Connor – 1902 "Patrick's oration "Luther Before Diet of Worms"

Miss Marguerite Labbs – 1902 “The Doom of Claudius and Scythia”

Professor R.K. Warren Professor A.E. Breed Lydell Baker
C. Lombardi Frank B. Riley
Rev. E. P. Hill delivered presentation speech

In another example, Ladd School students Raymond Fletcher and Leo Haley selected as winners in a four-minute school speech contest held on June 2, 1904 published in an Oregonian article. Teachers chose a boy from each five upper grades to deliver a speech about “How Much Good the Red Cross Society Does for Humanity”. Miss E. Smith contest chair remarked, “Contest winners demonstrated **clear thinking and reasoning**”.



Bernard C. Jakwat, University of Oregon, "The Relevation of Science"
Fred J. Meindl, State Normal School, "An Ideal of Character"

Robert A. Crichion, University of Portland, "The Robber Nation"

Miss Grace Ruan, Pacific College, "Idealism"

Joseph E. Torret, Albany College, "Individual Initiative"

Miss Mamie Winnford, Oregon Agriculture College, "Evolution of American Literature"

W. Lair Thompson, McMinnville College,

"Expansion Our National Policy" Contest Winner

William T. Fletcher, Pacific University, "The New Patriotism"

These contests were popular with several hundred people attending them.

The King County Bar helped establish the Interstate Oratory League established in 1902 (Oregonian) with initial membership of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Universities. University of Oregon Graduate Manager Geary proposed reorganizing Interstate Oratory League with admission of Oregon Agricultural College, Washington State College, Whitman College, and remove University of Montana. Geary negotiated with King County Bar Association to change the terms of conditions for annual gift from the Bar for contest prizes.

**PUBLIC FORUM,
Dr. STEPHEN S. WISE, AND COLONEL C. E. S. WOOD,
PORTLAND, OREGON**

Rabbi Dr. Stephen S. Wise, social leader, and Colonel C. E. S. Wood, an attorney and social leader, organized "Public Forum" in 1905 as a place for debate on social and economic issues. Wise a strong supporter of Public Forum had primary responsibility in organizing it. Dr. Stephen S. Wise was a rabbi at the Madison-Avenue Synagogue in New York for several years before moving to Portland with his wife in 1900. Dr. Wise installed as rabbi on September 14, 1900 at Portland Temple Beth Israel. He delivered eloquent sermons and lectures. According to an Oregonian article December 29, 1900 page 12, Dr. Wise delivered the sermon "The Tyranny of the Majority and the Duty" of the Minority an attack on City of Portland lax gambling laws. On June 17, 1901, Dr. Wise elected representative to the Grand Council of Zionists at conference in Philadelphia. Here he delivered an address attacking Philadelphia municipal corruption saying they officials plundered civil rights and liberties.

He frequently delivered frequent lectures during evenings with titles such as Seekers After God, Socrates The Sage of Athens, Voice of Doubters and Judaism: Their Place and Value. According to an Oregonian article January 1, 1906 page 1 described Rabbi Stephen Wise as a deep thinker with earnest convictions. He displayed no hesitancy in expression of what he thought. In fact, he refused an offer to become rabbi for Temple Emanu-El in New York City because did not want any restriction on his religious freedom. "How can a man be vital and independent and helpful if he is tethered and muzzled?" He established a reputation as a national lecturer and for scholarly addresses. During week of October 7, 1906, Dr. Stephen S. Wise resigned his rabbi position at Temple Beth Israel to start a Jewish reform movement in New York City. While in Portland, Dr. Wise became a social activist often delivering controversial speeches. He received appointment from Oregon Governor Chamberlain March 1903 and others on Board of Inspectors for Child Labor. He supported divorce on grounds of infidelity, cruelty and desertion. He was strong supporter for humane programs for feeble minded, reform of charities laws and of education. At a meeting with parents at Brooklyn School, Portland on April 18, 1905 he said in following excerpt. "I have come to regard the teacher as the very highest and noblest, for it is his or her providence to

mold the character of the child. Prince Bismarck said after he had heard of the victory over the Austrians, "The scholarship has conquered." Henry Van Dyke said of the teacher that he was poorest paid, but had the highest reward. Certainly, the teacher's calling is the most sacred of all callings. One of the objects is to lead the child to see the light. Two things are necessary to the successful teacher-preparation and consecration. These mean everything. Love of the child means everything in the schoolwork. Without it there is no enthusiasm for the work. There must be neatness and enthusiasm for the work on the part of the teacher.

Source: Oregonian April 18, 1905 page 14



RABBI Dr. STEPHEN S. WISE 1901

SOURCE: OREGONIAN June 18, 1901 page 1

Oregonian article dated March 14, 1902 page 1 quoted excerpt as the following.

**PLEA FOR CHINEESE
Dr. Wise Denounces Mitchell-Kahn Exclusion Bill
IS "MOSTROUS AND INHUMANE"**

At Unitarian, Banquet the Jewish Rabbi Makes a Sensation-Opposing View of J. T. Morgan-Dr. Strong's Remarks

At the Unitarian Club banquet last night, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of Temple Beth-Israel, the largest and most influential Jewish congregation in the Northwest denounced the Mitchell-Kahn Chinese exclusion bill as monstrous and inhumane. Dr. Wise declared that it would not receive fair consideration that the intense antagonism to the Chinese was born of political condition, and that its supporters sacrificed self-respect to vote getting. It was a representative gathering of men of affairs, prominent in professional and business life in Portland that attended the first banquet of the club. The following named were present.

Frank Strong, President of University of Oregon; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, J. T. Morgan, R. W. Wilbur, Major Alfred F. Sears, Sr., Judge Alfred F. Sears, Jr., Dr. A. E. Rockoy, Dr. Robinson, W. P. Olds, H. C. Wortman, Dan J. Moore, E. P. Waite, Frank Woodward, Dr. Herbert C. Miller, H. F. Padgham, Will Woodward, F. G. Clarke, Mr. Wagner, W. T.

Bodley, J. V. W. Montague, John F. Logan, James D. Hart, A. L. Mills, Dr. T. L. Elliot, Ralph R. Dunaway, Rev George C. Cresset, W. G. Elliot, Jr., F. Brugger, Walter F. Burrell, N. J. Levinson, M. C. Strickland, C. H. Meusidorffer, Jr., Richard Montague, W. A. Gordon, C. Lombardi, Fred G. Buffham, James A. Beckett, Dr. George Wigg, A. T. Smith, F. E. Harlow, G. G. Gammans, O. E. Hoints, J. F. Sale, H. E. Wood, J. R. Thomson.

Dr. Wise's speech was the sensation of the evening. He was the second speaker, and followed President Strong of the University of Oregon. In the course of the address before the Economic League a short time ago Dr. Wise referred to the Chinese exclusion bill, now pending in Congress, in such terms that there could be no doubting of his position on the question. It was expected, that he would denounce the measure, and he did. Rabbi Wise is an eloquent and forceful speaker. He was in splendid voice last night and every sentence he uttered was listened to with rapt attention. Dr. Wise said in part.

"I am very much afraid that discussion of the Chinese question will be fruitless and futile. I fear that much of the tone and temper of the People of our coast towards excluding the Chinese from our country has been influenced by the same spirit, which dominated the mass meeting held some time ago at the Exposition building. It was a meeting called to denounce certain resolutions which had been previously passed by the Chamber of Commerce. The report of the meeting in The Oregonian the following morning said that the cry, "Down with the Chinese" was greeted with much enthusiasm. A very unhealthy moral tone has been born anent the discussion of Chinese exclusion. I trust that "Down with the Chinese" is not the sentiment of the working men of Portland."

"Are we paying sufficient attention to what may be involved commercially by excluding the Chinese? We are building a Chinese wall around the United States, and history is repeating itself. We have been crying for an open door in china. I hope if the bill now in Congress is passed and signed by our President, that the open door is shut tight. I hope that we cease to sell \$1 worth of goods to China. We are willing to Christianize them but not Americanize them. I do not believe in the unlimited and unrestricted admission of Chinese to this country. The Geary bill was restrictive enough. The Mitchell-Kahn bill seems to me to be almost monstrous. I cannot help feeling regretful that the bill bears the name of a fellow Jew, who represents a San Francisco district in the House of Representatives."

"The Mitchell-Kahn bill excludes Chinese from the Philippines. Spain was more tolerant, and allowed the Chinese to live there and transact business. If this is inspiration of imperialism, God save us from all that is bound to follow in the future. Under the Law, a Chinaman found in this country without legal right to be there can be imprisoned and kept at hard labor during his sentence. It is distinctly, un-American to subject a man to this."

Oregonian article published July 16, 1903 page 4 excerpts quoted as the following:

**HITS THE CHURCHES
Dr. Wise Says They Spread Prejudice**

AND DR. CLINE SHOUTS "NO!"

**Chautauqua Is Enlivened by a Vigorous Address-Senator Deliver Speaks on Perils
That Beset the National Life**

DR. WISE STARTLES CHAUTAUQUA

GLADSTONE PARK, OR, July 15 - (special)

"I am a Jew, speaking to you as a Jew to Christians. I do not believe that the man who hates the Jew has a right to the name Christian. Referring to churches, he said: "until the churches become as prejudiced against the devil half as much as they are prejudiced against one another, the growth of their work will continue to be as stunted as it is now. I will tell you prejudice is spread by the churches."

"No! No!" shouted the Rev. C E. Cline, of Portland

"Yes! Yes!" retorted the speaker. The churches, not you alone nor yours alone, but mine and all of them have done more than all else to spread prejudice throughout the world."

Dr. Stephen S. Wise was then introduced by President Hawley. The rabbi explained that he would talk on "Prejudice-Is It Possible to Get Rid of Them?" He said in part:

"Prejudice is man's material unwillingness to think. He relies upon instinct, forgetting that instinct is a brute quality, while the highest human right is the use of the divinely given right of reason.

Prejudice is a pre-judgment, the judging of man in advance of any proof or evidence relating thereto.

Prejudice in so far as it is unthinking and unreasoning is unjust; prejudice, in so far as it refuses to see and to hear, is inhuman.

The speaker divided prejudice into four kinds-racial, national, social, and religious. It was when he reached the discussion of religious prejudice that we uttered the words already referred to. In speaking of national prejudice, he said:

The man who hates every country and every religion but his own does not love his own.

In conclusion, the rabbi mentioned the Kishinef resolution passed by the Presbyterian convention at Los Angeles, and said that he hailed it as a sign of the dawn of freedom from religious prejudice in one of its strongholds.

MRS. STEPHEN S. WISE

Stephen Wise's wife supported social causes. For example, she proposed organization of a society for trained nurses to visit the poor with out charge in April 1902. The directors of the City of Portland Board of Charities after hearing physicians supporting this service. On July 17, 1902, she delivered an address about trained nurses for poor at Symposium of Women's Work at the Gladstone Chautauqua. About 2000 people attended this event. Mrs. Wise outspoken on injustices as mentioned in following article. Oregonian article published February 28, 1905 page 9 excerpts quoted as the following:

SLAY THE UNFIT
Should Defective Children Be Killed?
PORTLAND OPINION DIVIDED

Mrs. Paul Forweg's Dictum Is Discussed
OUGHT DEFECTIVES TO LIVE?
Club women and Surgeons Express Their Views on the Removal
of the Mentally or Morally Degenerate Children

The story in Sunday's Oregonian from Chicago upon putting out the existence of children that are mentally and physically deficient as suggested in an address delivered by Mrs. Paul Forweg before the Social Economics Club, of that city, has prompted prominent ladies and physicians of Portland to express opinions on the subject. In the course of her address Mrs. Forweg said.

"All mentally and morally deficient children should be put out of existence at their birth or soon as their defects are noticed. We only retard our own development by maintaining them in our public institutions.

It tends to moral degradation even to entertain the thought said Dr. Mae H. Cardwell. I cannot speak strongly enough to give my opinion upon such a subject, and only regret that there can be found a woman who will consent to voice such sentiment. Parent should so live that their children will not be degenerates. They should conduct themselves properly and think of the future before any act that may bring disgrace upon the human race.

Some Children Ought to Die

I think Mrs. Forweg was quite right in some respect said Mrs. N Baruth. There are children in world today that ought to have been allowed to die during infancy. A child that has not the power to discern right from wrong, or that is morally degenerate is a burden to the parents, to the world, and is the source of humiliation to relatives. I believe in doing away with those whose defects are noticeable at birth rather than allow them to live to fill public institutions and thus become burden to the public.

Mrs. P. J. Mann was asked to give her view on the subject. In reply she said. I should be compelled to think a long long time before I should consent to taking a human life, whatever the circumstances might be. Such a custom if generally recognized as the proper thing, it would be a monstrosity in the hands of some people. I think that such a subject is a dangerous one to touch. The restrictions would have to be so rigid that I doubt its success.

There are extenuating circumstances, said Dr. A. J. Glezy. The proposition is a dangerous one and should it become generally recognized would have to be carefully guarded so that children that ought to live could not be murdered.

Says Idea Is Barbarous

Such a barbarous suggestion, declared Mrs. Stephen S. Wise ought never be allowed. Why, some of the brightest and best men the world has ever known were deformed or deficient at birth. I do not understand why any one would think of such a thing as resorting to murder because a child is not perfect. Parents should train themselves so that their offspring would not be imperfect.

Ethically the proposition is all right, said Abigail Scott Dunaway. The world, the parents, the child ought not to be burdened with a life that can be only a source of misery to all that have anything to do with it. Of course too much latitude would be a very dangerous thing, but I think that it would be merciful means of relieving a great deal of suffering if chloroform were administered in many cases. Children that are brought into the world in a mentally or morally degenerate condition should be killed. It would be better that they were sent to oblivion than be allowed to live in some institution, while we

have such places at the present time, I think that day will come when all such places are useless.

Law permitting the taking the lives of children would be abused, said Dr. D. H. Rand. However, I think that an unwritten law should be possible that would allow reputable physicians to take an infants life when such a life would be a burden to the parents, to the world, and to child in particular.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public participated in the Public Forum with speeches and discussions. Forums held on Sunday afternoons and later Monday evenings with attendance of 200 to 300 persons. Individuals participating would deliver five-minute speeches. First forums held at downtown Portland Marquam Building and then to Alisky Hall on Third and Morrison streets, Portland in 1909. Tom Burns, a British immigrant and a socialist, delivered fiery speeches about social and economic inequities of workers attended first Public Forum meeting. Oregonian article dated April 23, 1933 described Tom Burns, known as Burns of Burnside, as a skilled orator. He supported his views with statistics, facts, and figures.

Forum continued with name changes and meeting places. In 1911 to 1912, Forum held at old Y.M.C.A. building then moved to Central Library in 1921 under sponsorship of Science and Arts Club. The name changed to Central Library Public Forum

PARTIAL PUBLIC FORUM CHAIRMAN LIST

1911 – 1912 W. Thurston Brown, well known educator

Note: William Thurston Brown a Yale graduate was an educator and principal of the Modern School in 1911 an educational experiment in Portland. He frequently gave lectures during the 1911 to 1912 period. He participated in debates such as the one announced in a June 25, 1911 page 25 Oregonian article at Ringlery's Academy Hall William Brown debated J. B. Osborn, Socialist from California on question direct action through industrial unionism and the general strike is a more effective agent for the workman than politically through the Socialist Party.

After 1912 M.C. Decker, journalist

H. Delinger

W. H. Robinson

Ben F. Medofsky 1931-1932

Note: Ben Medofsky member of Beyond Basic Toastmasters Club #1360 and humorous speech contest named after him in 1967.

COLONEL C. E. S. WOOD

Colonel C. E. S. Wood spoke at Public Forums such as being principal speaker at October 29, 1906 on topic of government ownership of railroads. He described himself as an anarchist. He was a successful practicing attorney with his home on the Portland Heights. Mr. Wood enjoyed artwork and owned three paintings of artists Boudin marine,

Corot landscape, and a Monticelli group. He often delivered speeches to various groups such as Oregon Teachers Association, Portland Chamber of Commerce, and Young Men's Christen Society and about the South at a December 29, 1908 Christmas season reception for Daughters of the United Confederacy. As another example, he delivered a speech at Union Republican Club on February 12, 1909. Oregonian article quoted on page 10 February 13, 1909.

LINCOLN BANQUET BRILLIANT EVENT

Distinguished Company Dines at Commercial Club and Hear Addresses

"The Lincoln banquet of the Union Republican Club, given at the Commercial Club last night was a brilliant event and a remarkable gathering of men. Foremost among the figures there was venerable form of Judge George H. Williams, once a member of Grant's Cabinet, United States Senator from Oregon during the Civil War, and a friend of both Lincoln and Douglas."

Great Interest in Address

"No one of those present will ever forget the distinguished jurist's words, as they were given in a voice still strong with vitality of a man while still in his riper years. Anecdote and history were mingled to add zest and interest in a thrilling recital of the dark days of the Civil War, and it is but truth to say, the audience hung on every syllable of the speaker's narrative, scarcely daring to applause lest they lose a word of the dramatic event.

Judge Williams grew eloquent in his high praise of the man he had known as well as the periods at times rose to the height of the poetic as well as the philosophic. He drew a pen-picture of Lincoln as probably no living man could among earth's true immortals and best significance of the term."

**He was a man take him for all in all
We ne'er shall see his like again.**

Other Addresses Eloquent

"Governor Chamberlain's unavoidable absence was filled By Colonel C. E. S. Wood, who delivered a remarkably eloquent address, which elicited frequent and unstinted applause."

Colonel C.E. S. Wood supported the Women's Suffrage Movement as stated. in following December 5, 1905 Oregonian article.

FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN OREGON

Address of Mrs. Dunaway, the President, at the Thirty-Ninth Anniversary of the Association

A select assembly of thoughtful and scholarly men and women noted for their adherence to the equal rights movement, met on the evening of November 20 in the commodious house of the late Senator Dolph to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the origin of the Oregon Woman Suffrage Association. The subjoined address of the venerable president, Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, was followed by brief and felicitous speeches in advocacy of the women citizens taxpayers suffrage amendment, and were

made by Rev. William R. Bishop, J. D. Stephens, Mrs. Kate Boham, Colonel R. A. Miller, Dr. Mary A. Thompson, Rabbi Jonab B. Wise, **Colonel C. S. E. Wood**, Mrs. Sara A. Evans, and Mrs. L. Altman. All agreed that suffrage for women is bound to come and that auspicious movement for Oregon to lead the movement now pending is at hand.

During November 1909, he supported I.W.W. Socialists efforts to protest a Spokane city ordinance that allowed police to arrest anyone regardless of denomination or cause. During a November 8, 1909 meeting of Socialists and I.W.W., Colonel C.E. S. Wood was principal speaker. They adopted a resolution quoted as the following.

“We, people of Portland in mass meeting assembled, demand that the men now being persecuted in Spokane be set free and Constitutional provision provided for free speech be observed in Spokane just the same as if it was in the United States instead of the Inland Empire.”

He spoke about Ferrer execution and decision to imprison Groppers and I.W. W. problems in Spokane at November 28, 1909 Public Forum.



**Colonel C. E. S. Wood, Portland
Lawyer, Who Declares Him-
self an Anarchist and Puts
Freedom Ahead of Morality.**

COLONEL C. S. E. WOOD, ATTORNEY
SOURCE: OREGONIAN NOVEMBER 29, 1909

Y.M.C.A. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Young Men's Christian Society (Y.M.C.A.) offered vocational educational classes in Portland, Oregon beginning late eighteen nineties that were comparable to modern community colleges. Y.M.C.A. elocution or public speaking courses provided during fall term beginning September 16, 1903 at Y.M.C.A. Portland building on Fourth and Yamhill. Course probably first offered in Oregon as an adult education course. Speech instructor's name remains unknown. On September 26, 1909, school administrators offered public speaking courses with a \$10 fee. These speech courses confirmed necessity for improving public speaking skills. According to 1907 Oregonian newspaper article, Y.M.C.A. Education Department was the seventh largest in North America and largest west of Chicago with 866 students and 64 teachers. Enrollment further increased to 1,150 students in 1913. Y.M.C.A. educational departments standardized public speaking courses and used various textbooks such as one published in 1915 used in New York City Y.M.C.A. was "The Structure of an Effective Public Speech" by Harry B. Bradbury one example. In 1920, Y.M.C.A. officials used a Dale Carnegie designed course called "Public Speaking the Standard Course" of the United Y.M.C.A. schools for teaching public speaking.

RALPH SMEDLEY'S IDEAS FOR TOASTMASTERS CLUB

In Ralph Smedley's book, "Story of Toastmasters" on page two he writes about his first attempt to start a Toastmasters club in Freeport, Illinois on March 27, 1907 but this ended in failure. If interested in further reading about this story, reader can purchase this book from Toastmasters International bookstore Item B1. See Toastmasters website virtual museum for additional information about early history of Toastmasters.

The December 1934 issue of Toastmasters magazine describes Ralph Smedley as educational director of Bloomington Y.M.C.A. organized a public speaking club for older high school students during fall 1904. George S. Sutton, general secretary of the Bloomington Y.M.C.A. suggested the name "Toastmasters" since meetings simulated formal banquet situations. After Ralph Smedley moved to Freeport, Illinois for a position as Y.M.C.A. secretary, he established another club that was successful. However, the club disbanded after he left. Ralph Smedley moved to San Jose, California September 1919. A San Jose newspaper article in 1922 mentioned a banquet held in Ralph C. Smedley's honor for the outstanding work he did for the community before he moved to Santa Ana, California.

FIRST SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

In 1908, Grenville Klesier founded first public speaking club in New York City at West Y.M.C.A with 500 members. Klesier taught public speaking at Yale University from 1902 to 1904. Additional discussion about this club and Grenville Klesier found in 1910-1919 Decade Chapter.

APPENDIX 1900-1909

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1910-1919 DECADE CHAPTER

Public speaking education continued growing with more women involvement and founding of public speaking clubs. For example, women's suffrage movement a factor in this growth encouraged women to improve their public speaking skills. Grenville Klesier established about hundred public speaking clubs in United States and Great

Britain, but these clubs were primarily public speaking courses. Furthermore, Grenville operated a mail correspondence school in public speaking. Since radio broadcasting was just beginning and television nonexistent, public speaking an important skill for conveying political viewpoints and ideas.

SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATES

Public speaking education grew in multifaceted ways during 1910-1919 decade. School officials regarded public speaking an important part of curriculum for students as following articles illustrate.

An editorial published in Oregonian on December 28, 1910 page 8 discussed the merits of school debates. This editorial quoted below author unknown.

SCHOOL DEBATES

"When the boys and girls in the public schools began to send out debating teams a few years ago, some observers approved of the practice while others condemned it. Hostile critics believed that so much interest in debates would take the pupils' minds off their studies. Here and there, a county school superintendent made it his business to discourage the teams. It was feared that their examination marks would suffer. The time was given to the questions for debate was necessarily deducted from that which would otherwise have been devoted to compound proportion and cube root, and the consequences were plainly seen at the close of school year. The debaters made a poor showing, or it was imagined that they did. But in spite of all objections the contests between the schools have persisted. Perhaps they are more popular this winter than ever before, and the questions for debate require fully as much research as any we have seen heretofore. Very likely, these superintendents and others who fear that that examination marks may be lowered by preparation for debate are unnecessarily disturbed. An examination mark, after all, is nothing more than a little ink more or less neatly smeared on white paper. It may or may not be an index to the benefit, which a youth is obtaining from school.

There is much to recommend the practice of debate by young people. One of the most notable benefits is the disillusionment it gives on the subject of oratory. Old-fashion schoolbooks filled the minds of the young with the fallacy that good public speaking meant a passionate voice, many gestures, and tearful modulations. What the speaker might happen to say, or if he said anything, was of comparatively little consequence. The noise was the main purpose of the exercise. Competitive debate plays havoc with this nonsense. The scholar who wins the judges' decision is not the one with the most musical voice or who makes the loveliest gestures. He must present the best arguments and put them in the clearest and simplest form. Debates teach young people to think logically and express themselves pointedly, and this one lesson is worth a half dozen studies of the usual curriculum. But the debates do more. They form the habit of looking up facts and drawing accurate conclusions from them. It is astonishing to see how little the ordinary graduate from school and college knows about books of reference. Some of them do not even know how to use the dictionary. Comparatively few can make head or tail of an encyclopedia, and when it comes to more difficult reference works they are simply helpless.

What a person actually learns at school is not of so much value to him as the power of acquiring further knowledge. Nobody graduates with all this knowledge in his head that he will ever need. But it ought to be possible to give every pupil in the schools the power to find what he wants to know in later life. This is precisely what debates do. They make young people familiar with the sources of information. The pupils learn how to consult reference books. They write to acknowledge experts and ask questions. They bombard public men with inquiries. All this is wholesome. It tends to make intelligent citizens. It is worth dozens of examinations in compound interest and the geography of Polynesia. What a student learns for debate he learns vitally because it is to be put to immediate use. As things stand, the debating contests come pretty near being the most valuable part of the school curriculum. Wise friends of young would regret to see them restricted more than is obviously required.

Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools Mr. Cooper announced results of teachers' survey in a January 25, 1910 Oregonian newspaper article on page 12 titled **FOR SCHOOL BETTERMENT**. He asked 150 teachers to fill a questionnaire with the following questions about teachers' positions on the following topics:

Debating and Oratory
Musical Organization
Gymnasium Practice
Minstrel and Other Shows
Secret Societies

About 125 teachers answered this survey with following results.

Debating and Oratory – 93 Favored

Musical Organization (Glee Clubs) – 81 Favored

Gymnasium Practice - 78

Minstrel and Other Shows – 68 Disapproved

Secret Societies – 109 Disapproved

An example of a high school debate contest occurred April 13, 1910 (Oregonian newspaper) at La Grande, Oregon where La Grande High School and Pendleton debate teams met in final debate in all-Eastern Oregon contest to argue the following question.

“That the Commission Plan of Government Would Increase Efficiency and Decrease Corruption in City Offices”

Pendleton Team (Winner)
Negative

Leader, Mr. Crocket
Second, Miss Ireland
Third, Mr. Hartwell

La Grande Team
Affirmative

Leader, Arlo Meyers
Mr. Hamilton, Second
Mr. Hartwell, Third

Contest judges from Walla Walla and Enterprise, Oregon judged this contest. They had these remarks about the debaters.

Winning team used limited structural argument and substituted a better system. The losing team used too large and extensive structural argument and failed to round out their too numerous points. They did have better oratory, general delivery, and English.

Oregonian newspaper article announced October 26, 1919 that Portland Public Schools planned to observe Correct Speech Week. Nationwide, school superintendents promoted this idea for better English usage in public schools. Article quoted as following:

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL TALKS GIVE INSPIRATION IN THE SCHOOLS
By Georgia Jacobs

“Extensive plans are being made for strict observance of Speech Improvement Week November 3-7 at Lincoln. Purpose to interest Americans in improving their speech. In observance of the movement there will be two special assemblies and many special class activities including pronouncing words, verse, writing, impromptu, debating and story telling all which will be taken up in English classes. On Monday, November 3 at the special assembly, several representatives from the community will give addresses on the value of good English in business, professional, and social life. On following Friday, there will be a student assembly, at which there will be presented an exceptional clever playlet.”

On November 2, 1919, the Oregonian published a follow up article about Correct Speech Week titled:

CORRECT SPEECH WILL BE ENFORCED IN THE SCHOOLS

High schools held various events during Correct Speech Week. At Washington High School, a contest held where students to report speech mistakes heard in classrooms including mispronounced words, improper grammar, wrong usage, or slang words or phrases. If the student reporting the incident can correct the mistake, the student receives a credit and student making the mistake receives debit. At the end of the week, ten students with highest number of credits and least debits awarded a maroon and gold Washington “W”. Girls’ Polytechnic art department made posters on techniques of good English for display in the school. Colored tags made for anyone making speech mistakes. Anyone using slang made to wear a black tag. Newspaper columnist Georgia Jacobs wrote about Lincoln High School activities where students delivered speeches at assemblies for observances of Correct Speech Week and movement for betterment of English. Portland Chamber of Commerce publicity department staff made and distributed posters about Correct Speech Week and raised money for a school cafeteria. In addition, Benson Poly Technical high school fourth term English classes were studying the U.S. Constitution that included weekly student debates.

Note: One interesting coincidence, on same newspaper page with articles about Correct Speech Week a photograph published showing Jefferson High School students that were participating in school play “Mary Jane PA”. One of the students in photograph **Worth Caldwell** became a charter member of **Portland Toastmasters Club # 31** in 1934.

Oratory or speech education and debate teams continued flourishing at university and college level. Women were becoming more involved in debate teams and enrolling in oratory classes.

YOUNG MEN WIN PRIZES IN ORATORY

Rounds and Geary, Two Portland Men to Secure Honors at University

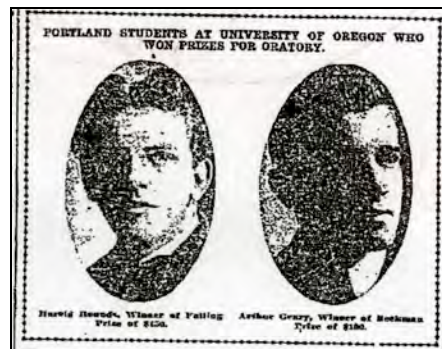
ALUMNI ELECTION IS HELD

Source: Oregonian June 22, 1910 page 4

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, OR June 21 – (Special) – Harold J. Rounds of Portland won the Failing prize of \$150 in the annual senior oratorical contest tonight with his oration on “The Higher Laws”. Arthur M. Geary, also of Portland won second prize and the Beekman prize of \$100. His subject was “A Mealande Hope.”

Rounds was this year’s varsity orator. He entered the university from Lincoln High School and has made an enviable record in the public-speaking department. He was one of the junior leaders last year. Geary did his preparatory work in the Portland Academy. He is a new man in oratory and his work tonight was a surprise.

The prizes are the largest open to the students during their college course, and the Failing-Beekman contest is the goal of every senior. It is the forensic contest of the year, which draws a crowded house, tonight’s crowd being the largest of commencement week.



HAROLD J. ROUNDS AND ARTHUR GEARY
SOURCE: OREGONIAN June 22, 1910 page 4

“Higher Law” Round’s Subject

Round’s subject deal with the need that the higher impulse impulses be placed in the foreground in public and private life.

“Justice.” He said, has been the law of man and civilization. “But with the complications of modern life, with the progress of humanity, there is a need for a higher law benefitting man’s lofty state.”

Rounds alluded to the higher law in public life as exemplified in such as Roosevelt and Hughes, and said that success was possible for them only if the public give them the support that comes from the highest human impulses.

Geary speaks of Newspapers

Gear spoke on the modern newspaper. He showed first the service it has accomplished and is able to accomplish. But its mission, he said is often thwarted by corruption and sensationalism. The hope of the future, according to the orator, He in an

untrammelled power, an educated and enlightened public opinion, and a fearless editorial ship. The other orators and their subjects were Miss Francis Oberteuffer of Portland, on "The Handmaiden of the Lord"; Miss Inelene Shaver, of Portland, on "The Higher Law"; and Benjamin H. Williams, of Eugene, on "Non-Conformity and Progress."

OREGON DEBATING TEAM GETTING INTO SHAPE

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 6.-(Special)

Source: Oregonian May 7, 1911 page 7

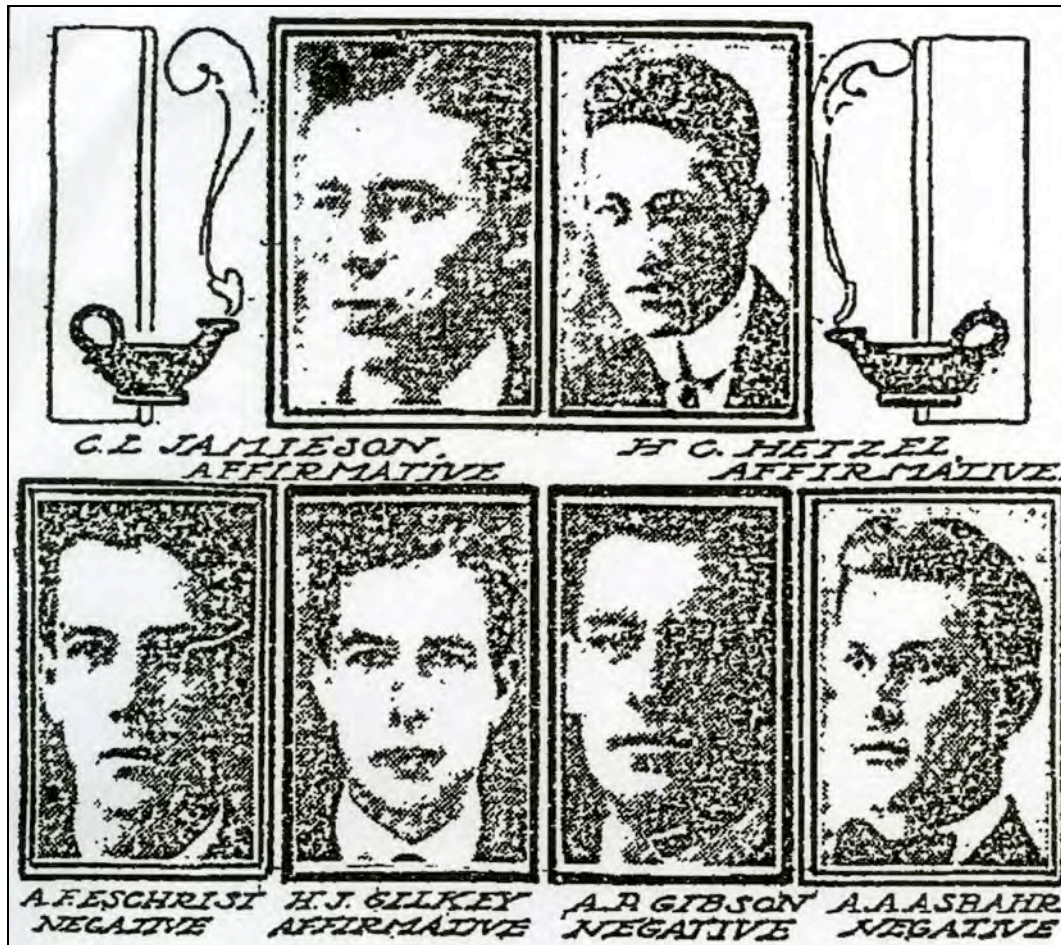
The six young men who will represent this college in the debates with Washington State College team are rapidly working their arrangements into shape. They have been working faithfully for the past two months in preparation for these big contests, which are the principal forensic events of the college year.

The debates will be held May 12, one at Pullman and the other at Corvallis. Each school is preparing to debate on both sides of the question. The Oregon team, which will support the negative side, will go to Pullman to meet with the affirmative team, while the Washington school will debate the negative side at Corvallis.

The question selected is on the advisability of gradual abandonment of the protective tariff. A. A. Asbahr, manager of oratory and debate, is now at work on selection of judges. These will be announced some time this week.

The Oregon teams are made up of men who have had some experience in debating. Two of the men, A. A. Asbahr and A. P. Gibson, were members of the teams, which won from Washington College last year. The other men have all taken part in the intersociety debates.

The members of affirmative team are C. L. Jamison, Herbert J. Gilkey and H. C. Hetzel. The negative team members are A. A. Asbahr, A. F. Eschist and A. P. Gibson.



OREGON AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM

SOURCE: OREGONIAN April 7, 1911, page 7

UNIVERSITY WOMEN DEBATE MAY 5, 1911 UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON DEBATE TEAM

Selection of University of Washington women's debate team selected for a debate contest with University of Oregon according to an Oregonian article.

Professor Herbsmen, Department Head of Public Speaking was the Oratory and Debating Couch announced women's team selected three women out of 22 women that participating in strenuous forensic tryouts March 4, 1911.

DEBATE PARTICIPANTS

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Miss Elsa Dixon of Seattle, Senior 11 Debate, Debate Leader and active in student organizations and received several student honors

Nellie Higgins, Junior 12, Vancouver High School Graduate, participated in university Y.W.C.A. activities

Ivah Everret, Freshman 14

Miss Millicent McNeal, Sophomore 13, Ellensburg Normal School graduate where she succeeded in debating was an alternate team member.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Miss Lilah Clarke, Debate Leader, Portland

Miss Carin De Gemark, Portland

Miss Birdie Wise, Astoria

DEBATE QUESTION: "Resolved the United States Should Adopt an Income Tax"

"The debate held at the University of Oregon campus during evening of May 5, 1911. University of Washington team argued in the affirmative that the United States should adopt the income tax and constitutionality waived. University of Oregon team then presented case that five-sixths of revenue collected from luxuries that rich use. Oregon team refuted claim that tax burden falls on poorer classes."

Debate judges unanimous voted University of Oregon team as the winner of the debate. They cited Miss Lilah Clarke delivered the most brilliant speech of debate.

CONTEST JUDGES

Professor Iietzel, Oregon Agricultural College
Lion McCutcheon, Portland
Dr. Schmitt, Albany

Oregon Agricultural College and McMinnville College held a women's debate contest in May 1911. On December 6, 1911 (Oregonian), Oregon Agricultural College Department of Public Speaking instructors sponsored a women's sophomore and freshman interclass declamation and debating contest for the first time. Contest prizes were a Kodak and ruff-neck along with a class numeral. These contests generated interest in developing public speaking skills.

REED COLLEGE

After Reed College, Portland officials offered public speech classes in 1911, the college held a series of school debates such as this series held in 1916 (Oregonian). Students from argumentation and public speaking classes either gave addresses or debated during evenings from February 21, 1916 through April 26, 1916 that were open to the public. Debate questions typically subjects of public interest such as these.

Brandeis Question
Wilson's Mexican Policy
Intercollegiate Athletics Should Be Abolished

Shipping Subsidies Should Be Granted by The United States
The United States Should Own and Operate All railroads Within Its Borders
The United States Should Form a Defensive Alliance with Great Britain
The United States Should Now Signify Its Intentions of Granting Complete Independence to the Philippine Islands

An Oregonian Editorial March 16, 1912 page 8 titled "The Newer College Oratory" summarized a college speech judges' observations on quality of college debate teams. Furthermore, this editorial mentions changes in speech topics in speech contests may reflect changes that were going in early twentieth century America. Editorial says the following:

"One of the judges at the recent intercollegiate contest at Forest Grove makes a comment upon the character of the orations which we are permitted to quote."

"A dozen years ago, remarked this highly intelligent student of current tendencies, the orations on occasions of this kind dealt with such subjects as temperance, the greatness of America, the conquest of the West, and so on. It would have been impossible to image an intercollegiate oratorical contest without at least one speech lauding our country and magnifying its advantages over the rest of the world. But now, there seems to have been a total change of spirit among thoughtful college students. All of the orations at this contest were distinctly of the "muckraking type. They evinced a feeling of dissatisfaction with present conditions and burning aspirations for something better."

CONTEST SPEECH TITLES

Miss Johnson, Monmouth "**Cry of the Children**"

Raymond B. Culver, McMinnville "**The New Statesman**"

Harry G. McCain, Willamette University "**Ideals of Citizenship**"

Editorial concluded with following comments:

"A wise man said not a great while ago that if you want to know what men will be doing fifty years from now , inquire what college boys are thinking now." The ideals of the world make their chosen home in the colleges, among the graduates from Willamette, McMinnville, and our other advanced schools will be found in the hands and brains to make them effective in practice."

"This middle way, which is path of safety and progress, is being studiously explored by the boys and girls in our colleges. A few years from now, they will be traveling it and leading the American voters along its difficult course. The world is not going to be saved either by standing still or by plunging over precipices, and college students seem to have found it out. "

ALBANY COLLEGE DEBATOR GROVER BIRCHET 1914

Oregonian article February 19, 1911 page 3 quoted as the following:

**ALBANY COLLEGE CHOOSES WELL-KNOWN DEBATER
AS REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST**



GROVER C. BIRCHET, ALBANY COLLEGE, OREGON

SOURCE: OREGONIAN February 11, 1911

ALBANY, Oregon Feb. 18-(Special) Grover C. Birtchet who won the local oratorical contest of Albany College and will represent that institution in the state intercollegiate oratorical contest at Eugene next week, is one of the most prominent students at Albany College. He is now president of the Student Body Association and is leader in all college affairs. He has served two terms as president of Collegiate Debating League of Oregon and one term as treasurer of that organization. He was elected secretary of Intercollegiate Oratorical Association last year but resigned to enter this contest. Birtchet has been particularly prominent in debating and oratory during his college course. He has been a member of the team of Albany College for past four years and represented Albany last year in state oratorical contest. He is now a member of the senior class.

Y.M.C.A. AND PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUBS OF AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN

An interesting development in public speaking education during 1910 – 1919 decade occurred on August 18, 1912. Young Men's Christian Association Y.M.C.A. officials announced in Oregonian newspaper that Mr. Grenville Kleiser, Director of Public Speaking Clubs of American and Great Britain Portland visit was for organizing a Portland public speaking club. He delivered that evening a speech titled "Practical Public Speaking" at Y.M.C.A. auditorium. His speech included story of how he started the public speaking organization and provided public speaking advice. Furthermore, this

public speaking club organization had almost hundred associated clubs in the states. An excerpt from this article quoted.



GRENVILLE KLEISER 1912
SOURCE: OREGONIAN August 18, 1912

CLUB PLANS ARE LAID

"With Mr. Kleiser's talk as a preliminary, the Y.M.C.A. plans to organize its public-speaking club on October 1. The club will hold weekly meetings through out the winter and will be under leadership of Frank Motter, a Portland lawyer. Three hundred members will be the goal, and R.C. French, educational director, feels confident that this many may be enrolled. It is expected that there will be many businessman and professional men who wish to improve their powers of expression, as well as younger men who realize the advantage that lies in command of words before an audience.

Mr. Kleiser's experience shows the need for such clubs at Y.M.C.A. He organized the first speaking club in New York City in 1908, and the idea of providing competent instruction with actual platform practice, before an audience composed of members themselves, met with instantaneous success. There was an enrollment of 500 businessmen and professional men after club was established.

The principal objects of the club are to furnish to busy men chorus drill in voice-building, train them to think, and speak on their feet, develop a full degree of self-confidence, and inspire them to work toward high ideals of life and conduct.

In summer of 1910, Mr. Kleiser gave a series of lectures in London, which resulted in formation the first public speaking club in Great Britain. Last year he was instrumental in forming clubs in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Liverpool and Paris, and since then the movement has extended to Australia."

This public speaking club had some similarities to a Toastmasters club. In Ralph Smedley's book "The Story of Toastmasters", Smedley graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois in 1903. While Ralph Smedley worked for Bloomington Y.M.C.A., he began developing ideas for improving speech instruction through Toastmasters club. His book never mentions Y.M.C.A public speaking club of

America or Mr. Kleiser. Although Ralph Smedley and Grenville Kleiser were contemporaries, no evidence found that they knew each other. Question arises what differentiated successful Toastmasters International from Y.M.C.A. public speaking club of America and Great Britain. Research about Mr. Kleiser and public speaking clubs yielded additional insight.

Grenville Kleiser, born 1867 in Canada, immigrated to New York City in 1899 with his wife. He received training as an elocutionist in Canada and taught elocution at Yale University from 1902 to 1904. He was a prolific author writing over 50 books until 1953 year of his death See appendix and references for listing of some of his books. He taught mail correspondence courses about public speaking and English usage. His advertising in newspapers such as the July 27, 1914 Fort Worth Star-Telegram Issue 189, page 10 advertising shows picture of Grenville above a heading saying "I Can Make You a Convincing Speaker!" with an information coupon below advertising of the course that said "I'll show you how my course will increase your income". These correspondence courses advertised in East Coast, South, and Midwest newspapers. Boston Herald newspaper published article December 27, 1908 page 26 titled "Women's Voices Must Improve" about how he taught public speaking to 260 New York City clubwomen. West Y.M.C.A. club meetings typically had hundred members give one-minute talks on a stage in front of other members. Membership in clubs was high but no mention made of evaluations. Apparently, main officer or director position of the public speaking clubs never rotated members in top leadership roles. None of these articles mentioned club officer elections. Kleiser's technique for treating stage fright was putting large number of members on stage where they gave one-minute speeches. He gradually reduced number of members on stage until one individual left giving a short speech. In conclusion, public speaking clubs focused primarily on speech improvement but lacked training in leadership and running meetings. Evaluations and organized meeting agendas appeared missing in programs. Large membership increases difficulty for obtaining regular speaking practice. Correspondence courses are weak in one respect where students learning public speaking skills have no one evaluating their speeches that allow them to improve. Although Mr. Kleiser was a successful public speech teacher, his club was mostly course orientated. In contrast, Ralph Smedley's ideas for Toastmasters club incorporated leadership-training, evaluations, meeting agendas, small memberships, and speech practice in gradual steps. These ideas eventually made Toastmasters a successful organization.

Question arises how long Portland Public Speaking Club remain a viable club. Frank Motter selected as permanent leader for this club as stated in Oregonian article. Note word permanent; apparently, there were no leadership opportunities for club members. This club was probably orientated toward a public speaking course rather than a public speaking club. Club activities followed Mr. Kleiser's written course material and texts. Frank Motter, a Portland attorney and Clerk for Oregon Senate, was active in civic affairs. According to a March 15, 1914 Oregonian article mentioned that Mr. Motter was head of Y.M.C.A. public speech department. A digital search of newspaper articles located a meeting notice for a Public Speaking Club at Central Library during early 1930's and in 1939 but no mention of a tie with Portland Y.M.C.A. This club probably disbanded sometime after 1939.

During September 1912, the Y.M.C.A. expanded the course offerings that included public speaking. The instructor for this course was Frank Mutter.



FRANK MUTTER Y.M.C.A. PUBLIC SPEECH INSTRUCTOR 1912
SOURCE; OREGONIAN September 1912

Y.M.C.A. educational department announced a Pacific University public speaking course on April 14, 1914 in Oregonian. Y.M.C.A. school officials were forced to limit enrollment to thirty students because of the high demand for public speaking instruction. Professor William G. Harrington who taught this class was a popular instructor. His background included member of bar, Boston University graduate, graduate of Emerson College of Oratory, and training college orators and debaters for intercollegiate contests.

An editorial in the Oregonian on page 10 February 23, 1912 had this to say about some of Kleiser's teachings.

SLANG

Oratory both in form of debate and of set speeches has become so important in the colleges that it has developed a literature of its own. One of the writers who was devoted himself to the subject is Professor Grenville Klesier, who was the founder of and director of the Public Speaking Club of America. Some of his advice is offered in regular courses, of which he is said to have published five. At other times, he favors the oratorical world with bulletins full of wise saws and owlsh maxims pertaining to success on the platform. His latest bulletin demes it as a "subterfuge of the slothful," meaning that people who use it are too lazy to put their thoughts into good English. He also gives the following list of slang phrases, which he cautions young orators particularly to avoid.

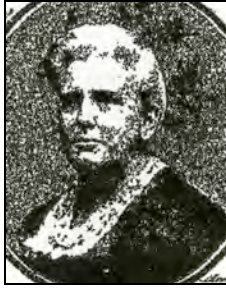
It's up to you
I don't think
Not on your life
You can search me
I guess
That's going some
Can you beat it
Sure I will
That looks quite spiffy
There's some class to that
Are you on?
That's awfully nice
It's a clutch
Oh, fudge!
Cut it out
Talking to beat the band
They're nothing in it

It's all bosh
Nothing doing
That's niffy
Never agian
Cough up!
He has nothing on me
The surest thing you know
Not to be sneezed at
That's the real thing
Not by a long shot
I see the finish
Get the book that will be about-all

District Historian's Comment: The some slang terms listed above still in common use in early 21 century.

We cannot imagine under what circumstances an orator would desire to use any of them, but since Professor Kleiser thinks it worthwhile to fulminate against them, we suppose he must have heard them somewhere. Neither an orator nor a writer is wise to rely upon slang a great deal. But, there are occasions when both may find it useful. Not all slang denotes mental indolence. There is some, which displays acute intelligence and savors the true wit. None of the phrases, which Professor Kleiser quotes and condemns, happens to belong to this class, but that signifies nothing. Now and then, a bit of slang gives poignancy to an article. It comes partly into many a speech and sometimes wins the favor of an audience when most classic English would fall dead on their ears. It is poor rule to eschew all slang, but it is a worse one to employ it too freely. Better, nothing but words dug from the dictionaries if one cannot use vagabond phrases with discretion. But he who can use them in the right way will gain by it. The quarrel between dictionary English and slang is much like that between Ciceronian and colloquial Latin in the time of Erasmus. The pedants of those days resolved not to employ a solitary word, which could not be found in Cicero. One of the tribe boasted that "Decem annos consumpsi in legendeo Cicerone-I have read Cicero for ten years without a break." Erasmus to hear the last two syllables, "One."

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT 1912



Dr. ANNA HOWARD SHAW

SOURCE: OREGONIAN October 13, 1912 Page 2

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw described in various newspaper accounts as one of the best woman orators in the United States. She visited Oregon during 1912 to support the women's suffrage movement. An Oregonian newspaper article dated October 2, 1912 page 9 recounts one of her visits and speech.

ABSOLUTE BELIEF INSPIRES LEADER

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw Is Self-Sacrificing in Devotion to Suffrage Cause

MONEY NO OBJECT TO HER

Talented Speaker Worked for Years with but One End in View, Namely, Betterment of Conditions of Her Sex in General

Indefatigable is hardly a word of sufficient strength to apply to the efforts of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw in the cause of suffrage, for yesterday she was the guest of Mrs. F. Eggert at a private luncheon, then she spoke at considerable length at a crowded meeting of the Portland Equal Suffrage League, afterwards conversed with all and sundry, and finally addressed a great gathering of men and women at the Multnomah Hotel in the evening. What is more, with the genius and tact for which she has made herself so famous, she struck a new and harmonious note on each occasion.

How true Dr. Shaw's words were when, towards the close of the afternoon meeting, she said that she had worked for suffrage for 30 years and would work for it as long as breath was left in her body, may not have been known by everybody present, for it has left to another woman. Mrs. Sara Evans, to tell, in private, a few details of her self-sacrificing work.

Dr. Shaw would never tell you perhaps, but it is none the less than a fact, that she travels from one end of the United States to another in the cause of suffrage, and all she will accept is payment of time and trouble, and the assistance she gives is without price, said Mrs. Evans.

Story of Life Work

No greater proof of the famous speaker's absolute belief in the good that will evolve from admission of women to share in the Government could be given than the simple story she told yesterday afternoon of the way she came to take up what is now her life's work.

When I was but a young girl I had made up my mind to devote my life to the worst women, whom I call the worst sinned against women, so I took up theology, just as so many preachers have done with the idea of helping others.

And, after I studied for three years and taken my degree I went down into the slums of New York and I worked there.

Body Before Soul

But I had not been there very long before I found out how very little I knew and above all how very little I had understood the meaning of "Give us this day our daily bread." From that, I found out that it was not the least use trying to talk virtue to a girl who was starving, and that the physical longings must be satisfied before those of the soul.

Soon I knew that a woman doctor would do more good down there than a preacher or anyone else. So I went back to school again and studied for three more years. To become a doctor and then I went back again.

And you may not believe it, but it is none the less true, that in two or three alleys, at least, I was considered quite a physician. Some poor creature may have gone to their last home quicker because I attended them, perhaps, but down in Maiden Lane and such places I was known as a real doctor.

But after I had done this work for some time it came upon me that for everyone I saves 100 were being lost, and I was like an ambulance at the bottom of a precipice trying to take away one at a time, while others were being pushed over the edge.

Must Be Taught to Live

From there my arguments, my deductions and my experience taught me that to put an end to such an awful existence, or at least to ameliorate it, women must be taught how to live, how to earn their own living, and how to be financially independent.

And the only way to secure such a step is by political freedom.

And so, just as I had been a preacher to do good, just as I had then become a doctor to do more good, so I become a worker for political freedom because that was the only way in which real good to come.

Final Address Masterpiece

It was in her final address in the Multnomah Hotel ballroom, packed from end to end with man and women that Dr. Shaw excelled herself in all her many efforts here for the cause of suffrage.

She advanced logical arguments by the score, she riddled her opponents through and through, showed the weak spots in a government carried on entirely by men and carried her campaign further pointing out where the introduction of women would strengthen the Legislature.

Hard Fight Benefit Women

She showed how women had benefited in training and knowledge by the hard fight she was forced to wage and the necessity for the use of the best weapons how she had suffered worse than death in social ostracism and ecclesiastical ostracism for cause.

She traced the greater powers possessed by women and the greater interest shown by women and the greater interest shown by her sex in all matters relating to the home, the child, the tenement house, the child labor and the sweated, the proper inspection of factories and the prevention of crime.

Sandwiched in between her arguments on all these phrases of the movement she would little humorous touches that brought out the most fully the inconsistency of man, in

taking her home work from her with one hand and in telling her at the same time to go back to the from which, by his inventions, he had driven her out.

Police Star Wanted

Consistency in man, co-operation between the two sexes, a purely republican and purely democratic government in that each citizen, whether male or female, should have his share and his opportunity, were the main points to which she asked all the men to give the consideration that was their due.

Dr. Shaw admitted there was one office she wanted to hold, one for which she had striven for 30 years, that of a policeman.

A policeman's duty is not to capture criminals so much as to prevent crime that is why we want hundreds of women on the police force, who by their motherliness will prevent the young girl and the young boy from starting on their career of crime. And I want to be a policeman more than anything else.

At the conclusion, Walter H. Evans struck a happy note by promising the first office of that nature to Dr. Shaw if she would be in Portland on November 6.

MRS. POTTER TO LECTURE 1912 Women's Club Arranges for Appearance of Chicago Speaker

The services of Mrs. Frances Squire Potter, a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago, and a brilliant speaker, have been secured by the campaign committee of Portland Woman's Club for several lectures to be delivered here in July. On July 6, Mrs. Martin will speak at Eugene and July 8 and 9 at Portland.

During a visit to England, Mrs. Potter attracted considerable attention when a fashionable society dinner she arose and resented remarks that had been derogatory to American women. Her actions came to the ears of King Edward who secured a meeting with her because of it.

Mrs. Potter was formerly professor of English at University of Minnesota, and dean of women's department. She is chairman of literature and library extension department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, general lecturer of the National Trade League, and lecturer of the Drama League of America.

Announcement has been made that a colored suffrage club will be organized tomorrow afternoon here.

Source: Oregonian May 12, 1912 page 17

SUFFRAGE WORK IS ACTIVE Success from Business District Related-Colored Women Help (August 1912)

Continued activity with regard to suffrage work at the beaches was the predominant feature of the regular meeting of the state central campaign committee, held yesterday at headquarters in the Snelling building, and presided over by Robert A. Miller.

Mrs. F. W. Cotterill related success in her work in the business districts and reports were also heard from the organizations. Afterwards a letter, which had been received by the committee from Ohio, was read. In it the writer asked for further information with regard to the stunning suffrage float." The Oregonian sent to her by friends.

Announcement was also made that the Colored Women's Equal Suffrage League had doubled its membership and that the editor of their paper, the Advocate, favored the movement.

Mrs. Clara R. Colby, who arrived yesterday, announced that she had organized societies at Warrenton and Seaside. She leaves today for Benton County, holding a meeting in Corvallis tomorrow night. Her return was balanced by departure of Mrs. Sara Ehrogott for Salem, which is to be made her headquarters and where several meetings are to be held. By Monday, she hopes to have reported that further associations have been formed.

The College Equal Suffrage League will hold a large general meeting Tuesday, at which all members are earnestly asked to be present, because a resume of the month's work is to be given and plans for future efforts outlined.

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Colored Suffragists Meet Tonight-

The colored Women's Equal Suffrage Association will hold a public meeting at Mount Olive Baptist Church, Sixth and Everett streets, tonight at 8 o'clock, Dr. Ester C. Pohl Lovejoy will speak and as an interpreter of comic selections (selections), Mrs. Manship will be heard.

COLORED SUFFRAGISTS ACT Meeting of Club but Slimly Attended Women's Council Active (September 1912)

A meeting was held last evening at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 85 Seventh street, by the Colored Women's Equal Suffrage Club for purpose of interesting the colored voters of the city and state in the cause. Unfortunately, the meeting had not been sufficiently advertised to bring out a large attendance, but those present were enthusiastic for the cause.

Mrs. Hattie Redmond is secretary of the club; Mrs. Kate Gray, president; Mrs. Lancaster, vice-president and Mrs. Edith Gray, treasurer. Mrs. Redmond says while there were 2,500 colored women of voting age in this city the club has only 14 members, although it has been organized two months. She attributed this largely to the influence of their husbands and ignorance of the benefits to be derived from the franchise.

It was also explained that this club was an out growth of the Colored Women's Council of Portland, the object of which is to look after the poor and unfortunate women of the race and during the six months of its existence had accomplished much good in a quiet way.

The officers of this council are Mrs. Will Allen, president; Mrs. Bonnie Bogle, secretary, and it has on its rolls 40 active members. Meetings are held twice a month at three colored churches of the city in rotation.

Source: Oregonian September 17, 1912 page 12

CHINESE WOMEN DINE WITH WHITE RACE LINES NOT DRAWN AT SUFFRAGE BANQUET IN HONOR of LA REINE BAKER (1912)

Side by side with their Caucasian sisters, seven Portland Chinese women sat at a banquet at the Portland Hotel yesterday noon. The feast was attended by 130 equal suffrage workers. In the course of the banquet, one of the Chinese women addressed the other women and voiced her belief in the rights of women to share equality with man. She spoke in her native language, and her remarks interpreted by her daughter.

The dinner was given in honor of La Reine Helen Baker, a magazine writer and author who is visiting the city. The writer graciously steps aside when interests centered in the Chinese women.

The presence of the Chinese women at a banquet with white women is unique. Mrs. Baker, who has just returned from a tour of two years in foreign countries, of which she spent six months in England in close association with suffragists, said after the dinner that all her travels she had observed nothing to compare with the Portland mixed dinner.

"In England," She said, "where class distinction is virtually eliminated among suffragists, and the possessor of millions associated with the poorest women of the slums, I have never known the lines to be so completely obliterated that Chinese women and English women participated in some social function.

The Chinese women attending the banquet were Mrs. S. K. Chan, wife of a Chinese physician, and herself a physician, and her two daughters, Berile and Fannie Chan: Mrs. Tong, and her two daughters, Ida and Beulah, and Mrs. Herbert Low. Mrs. Chan is president of the local equal suffrage society among Chinese women. White suffragists yesterday learned for the first time of the existence of such an organization in the Chinese quarter. Mrs. Chan addressed her white sisters in her native language, and her words interpreted by her daughter, Berile, who speaks fluent English.

Thanks due Americans

"Chinese women have much to be thankful for toward our American neighbors," said Mrs. Chin. "You sent your missionaries to our country and the told us about the destiny and the equality of man and held up before us the highest of ideals. You opened with avenues of commerce our closed conditions and made it possible for our people to get in touch with the outside world, and by observing the various customs and peoples there, to better our customs and our government. But, we have taken one-step ahead of you. You have brought us the truths of the rights of man and we have put them into practice by granting our women the ballot, thereby placing them upon equality with men, while you are yet trying to convince your men of this right."

"In this way the Chinese have shown themselves more progressive than the whites. When they threw off the yoke of Manchu tyranny and of the old vogue, they threw it off completely and adopted in their entirety the principals of truth and freedom."

Some Hope for Oregon

"Oregon is now bounded on four sides by states that have recognized the rights of women. On the north there is Washington, on the east there is Idaho, on the south there is California, and far away, across the waters on the west is China. I hope the time is not far off when Oregon herself will take her place among them."

The speech was enthusiastically applauded and her good-natured twitting of the Oregon women on their position outside the ranks of suffrage governments occasioned

much merriment. All of the Chinese women dressed in smart conventional American gowns.

Mrs. Baker, in her address, touched on the work of suffragists of England and said that they were much misunderstood. She outlined the causes that compelled English women to resort to militant methods and denied the charge that there were two factions of suffragists in England. They are highly organized, she said, and work together in a spirit of harmony. Violence, she said, is employed only as a last resort.

Mrs. Coe Presides

Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe, president of the National College Equal Suffrage League, under the auspices of which the banquet was given, presided as hostess.

Yellow jonquils, intertwined suffrage, and American flags decorated the tables and the room.

Mrs. Sara E. Comerford introduced Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. L. W. Therkelsen, who just returned from California delivered a message of greeting from the women of California, and recounted her observations of equal suffrage put into practice in that state. The aims and workings of the National College Equal Suffrage League were explained by Mrs. Sara Bard Field Ehrgoit.

A touching tribute was paid to Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunaway, president of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association who through illness was unable to be present. A vacant chair was placed at the head of the table in honor of Mrs. Duniway and Dr. Coe paid a high tribute to the absent worker.

The following women were present at the banquet:

La Reine Helen Baker, Mrs. Sara E. Comerford, Mrs. C. Edward Grelle, Mrs. Paree Gibbon Roundtree, Mrs. Le Roy Parker, Mrs. W. R. King, Mrs. R. R. Hoge, Mrs. Robert G. Dieck, Mrs. F. W. Blumauer, Miss A. Hunt, Mrs. Franklin N. Hertz, Mrs. C. H. Hepburn, Mrs. Rose Campbell, Mrs. Henry Waldoloe, Mrs. J. Andre Fonilhox, Mrs. Solonon Illrsch, Dr. Kittie P. Gray, Dr. Mary V. Madigan, Mrs. H. Ogden, Miss Elizabeth Cadwell, Miss Emma Wold, Mrs. Emma Wilson Gillespie, Miss Anne H. Shgren, Mrs. B. Grelle, Mrs. John H. Cronan, Mrs. Emma R. Carroll, Miss Hazel Widier, Mrs. L. W. Therkelsen, Miss H. J. Seeley, Miss Emma Buckman, Mrs. A. A. Morrison, Mrs. Fred Strong, Mrs. P. Herring, Mrs. Genevieve Thompson, Mrs. C. Wood, Miss Helen Eastham, Mrs. Morris H. Whitehouse, Miss E. Prichard, Mrs. Margaret Hoge, Mrs. E. T. Taggart, Dr. Mabel Akin, Mrs. J. C. Elliott King, Mrs. Henry Jones, Mrs. A. Bomberg, Mrs. J. W. Ross, Miss Corneila Cook, Mrs. J. L. McCown, Mrs. Robert H. Strong, Dr. Esther Pohl, Mrs. W. L. Finley, Miss Elizabeth Griebel, Miss A. Shogren, Mrs. A. E. Clark, Mrs. Stanley G. Jewett, Miss Marion Jackson, Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden, Miss Hazel Therkelsen, Mrs. John F. Logan, Miss Frances Gotshall, Miss Rhoda D. Failing, Mrs. C. G. Klingenberg, Mrs. Robert Forbes, Mrs. Henrietta Elliot, Mrs. David Shindler, Miss Alice Strong, Mrs. A. A. Lindsley, Mrs. P. F. Jones, Mrs. B. Pifeier, Mrs. A. King Wilson, Mrs. E. L. Heckbert, Mrs. George A. Kyle, Mrs. H. W. Williamson, Mrs. J. M. Morton, Miss A. Block, Mrs. C. E. Groesbeck, Mrs. L. James, Mrs. R. C. French, Mrs. Frank Kerr, Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett, Mrs. George B. Van waters, Mrs. H. Reynolds, Miss Sally Lewis, Miss Peral Kendeall, Mrs. Charles Gauld, Mrs. Maud Crawford, Mrs. Robert H. Tate, Mrs. Holt C. Wilson, Dr. Florence Manion.

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SUFFRAGE TALKED TO 25,000 PEOPLE

**Mrs. Sarah Ehrgott and Colonel Wood Are Principal Speakers at Oaks
VAST AUDIENCE TEARFUL**

**Suffragette Furnishes Facts and Pleads-Colonel Flays "Antis" Severely-Meeting
Supervised by League**

Mrs. Sara Bard Field Ehrgott delved down yesterday at Oaks Amusement Park into the sensibilities of one of the biggest equal suffrage gatherings ever seen in Oregon. With incidents of the hardships and woes of women and children, for which she claimed that suffrage was the sole panacea, she literally forced her way through skepticism. With pitiful tales, she brought to tears many in that vast audience.

Then, with cold logic and brilliant argument, C. E. S. Wood healed the wounds she had made. Each was the foil for the other. The meeting might have been a Gipsy Smith revival meeting from the number of converts made.

And at the end-

The best and most successful gathering we have ever had.-Helen La Reine Baker.

A most remarkable meeting.- Mr. Wood

A wonderful audience. I could see the impression. This is a great day for Oregon-Miss Anita Whitney.

And this was the reason:

Twenty-five thousand persons had crowded into the Oaks, the car service being taxed to the utmost. Of that great crowd of visitors, until the badges ran out, not one in 50 refused the yellow "Votes-for-Women" cards, which were distributed at the great.

Coldness First Encountered

It was a cold, almost skeptical audience, stretching all around the bandstand, that Mrs. Ehrgott had to face, as soon as Director Peiz, of the Oaks Park Band, had concluded a special programme of music, arranged by the College Equal Suffrage League, under the auspices of which the day was held, and which included "The Star Spangled Banner" and the and the "Marseillaise," the stirring strains creating unbounded enthusiasm.

Psychology counted for much with the gathering. Even at the gate, visitors were met with the yellow decorations of the suffragists' cause. Calm, dignified women in cap and gown and frankly young and beautiful ones met everybody with badges.

All over the park were to be seen missionaries, laboring for the cause they loved. It did not matter whether one were spinning around in a dizzy attraction of walking along the boardwalk some dainty advocate was sure to accost each park patron.

Decorations and flowers of yellow were everywhere. So were cartons, banners and mottoes. Early in the morning a number of women, under La Reine Helen Baker, motored out and started the laborious work of getting the decorations in shape. Shortly after Manger Cordray and assistant Manger l'etrith turned every available workman in the grounds into assistants for the cause.

Speaker Warms to Task Quickly

Mrs. Ehrgott cut into her subject in short order. She said the demand for women suffrage-equal suffrage-was because women were forced to earn their living under laws and conditions which they had not helped to create.

When 4,000,000 men were out of work a year ago, it was the women who had to force their steps to the treadmill to support families, declared the speaker, and with Jane

Adams as an authority, and drawing from her own experience in Chicago, the most graphic and convincing manner.

It was no demand Mrs. Ehr Gott made:

We women are merely asking if we cannot come to the assistance of you men, not that we may leave the home, but that we may stay there.

The heartless answer, which politicians turned to their Macedonian call, said Mrs. Ehr Gott-"this was what made equal suffrage the need of every woman in the world to advocate.

Legislatures had turned down women, she declared. They had no vote. Labor had learned the power of the vote and it was her belief that women as a solid, cohesive voting mass would improve conditions not only for womankind but for world.

There are 1,000,000 more working women in America who went to nurse the baby. They must deny its pitiful calls because they have not the time. They must work to live. have no babies who would stay at home if they had the time. But they too must work long hours to live.

There are 1,000,000 more have no babies who would stay at home if they had the time. But they too must work long hours to live. That is the why of the call for equal suffrage.

Colonel Wood one at a time attacked the arguments of the anti-suffragists.

There will never be a necessity for women to go to war because they have the vote. There will never be another war. This is what everybody knows, unless it be anti-suffragists-God help them and bless them. We are building a few more dreadnoughts, but even they cannot stave back the day of peacefulness and industrialism, which has arrived.

Bitterly did Colonel Wood attack the suggestion that women were incapable of exercising the vote? He mentioned one light after another in science, art, and literature.

And yet the day is in my memory when a women who spoke on this platform, as Mrs. Ehr Gott has done, would be classed unsexed.

The voice of the state is the vote you give it to the ignorant foreigner who arrives at your gate, yet you refuse it to your mother and children.

Practical Man is Disgusting

I am told women are impractical. If there is one man I have no use for, it is the practicable man, the man who thinks the world was perfect when he was born and wants to leave it perfect when he leaves it-and that is the practicable man we should still be practicable cave-dwellers, practically eating our practicable relatives.

Be-garbed in mortar boards and gowns, a number of college women lent a dignity to the scene. They were accompanied by the members of the organization and by women who voted in either states. The parade, which they had hoped to arrange, was abandoned after the photographs were taken. Among the interesting personages present was Dr. Mary Thompson, who was 87 years young, she declared.

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GIFTED SPEAKERS TO PLEAD SUFFERAGE

**Rev. C. F. Aked, ex-Pastor of Rockefeller's Church, to Speak in Portland
Dr. ANNASHAW SCHEDULED**

**Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Authoress and Lecturer, Arrives Tomorrow
Professor Zueblin on Programme**

As the time of the elections draws near the suffragists in Oregon, who have up to now contented themselves with working quietly in various counties and towns, are planning a series of lectures by men and women with worldwide reputation. Among those who have been secured at present are such well-known people as Dr. Anna Shaw, Rev. C. F. Aked, one time pastor of Rockefeller's Baptist Church, on fifth avenue, New York, and now pastor of the First Congregational Church in San Francisco; Charlotte Perkins Gilman and others.

Dr. Aked will deliver four addresses here, three in the evening and one in the afternoon, September 24, finishing up with a lecture on the night of September 26. Prior to his arrival in America, Dr. Aked won considerable notoriety as founder of the passive resistance movement of the nonconformists, and by his support of the Boers during their struggle with Great Britain.

Dr. Anna Shaw Coming

In 1907, he accepted the position of pastor in the Baptist Church of Fifth avenue, New York, which he left recently to become pastor of the First Congregational Church in San Francisco. As a lecturer, he has achieved great distinction on social topics.

Dr. Anna Shaw hardly needs any introduction, for in conjunction with Jane Addams she has accomplished more for women's suffrage in America than any woman living. After resigning from the pulpit, she was chosen lecturer for the Massachusetts Women's Suffrage Association in 1885. Since then she has not only written extensively on the subject, but has lectured and traveled in almost state for the benefit of the cause. Since 1904, she has been president of the National American Women's Suffrage Association. Dr. Shaw will speak here September 28.

From October 22-25, Professor Charles Zubelin, noted publicist and lecturer on social and civic questions, will speak in Portland, and shortly after his departure Charlotte Perkins Gilman, authoress and lecturer, will arrive and will remain here from October 28 to November 3, or within two days of the elections.

Gifted Speaker Coming

Miss Perkins is said to be one of the most gifted and entertaining speakers at present lecturing in America. She has been identified especially with the labor question and the advance of women, editing the "Forerunner" since November 1909. She has visited Europe as a public speaker on three occasions and is the author of many works on questions connected with the home and the child labor question as well as suffrage.

Tomorrow Mrs. Florence Ewell Atkins, of Nashville, Tenn. Arrives to make a tour of Oregon under the auspices of the women's Christian Temperance Union and the Women's Club campaign committee. Her lectures will be devoted to suffrage entirely.

An informal reception at the headquarters of the local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be tendered to her between 6:30 and 8 P. M. to which representatives from all the suffrage associations have been invited.

SUFFRAGE RALLY DATES ARE FIXED

**Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton, of Spokane, Is Expected to Aid Last Two Weeks
COLORED WOMEN ARE BUSY**

Senator Chamberlain and ex-Senator Fulton Will Speak at Duniway Festival October 22-Street Meetings in Progress

Reports of progress and the settling of dates for rallies and final activities in the last month of the campaign were the main business matters discussed at the meeting of the state suffrage central campaign committee, yesterday in the Snelling building. Delegates from other suffrage societies were present. Colonel Robert Miller and W. W. Davis acted as presidents, both of them making a short speech on organization and co-operation for final few days.

Among other societies represented was the Milwaukie and Oak Grove society, the delegates for this being the Misses Florence and Frances Dayton, two young who have been indefatigable in their efforts.

They reported that Judge Brownell spoke last Wednesday evening in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Oregon City before a large audience, and a meeting has been arranged at Jennings Lodge this evening.

Mrs. Hutton May Come.

During the afternoon, it was probably Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton, the first woman delegate to the National Democratic convention in Washington, would come down to help on the last two weeks of the campaign. In addition, to her, Mrs. Olive Stott Gabriel has been secured by the state association to do organization work until November 5.

The Colored Women's Equal Suffrage League is to have a big meeting on October 22, when they will hear an address by their bishop on suffrage.

William M. Davis, the president of the Men's Equal Suffrage Association, announced that the society would hold street meetings almost every night from now until the end.

In default of **Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of New York** who was unable to make the trip to Portland for the rally October 22, when Mrs. Duniway reaches the age of 78, Mrs. H. W. Coe, acting president of the state league, has secured ex-Senator Fulton and Senator Chamberlain as speakers for the occasion.

Rallies Are Numerous.

Special efforts to reach the voters will be made by the state association by means of rallies. The first of these is announced for this evening at 8 o'clock, in the First Universalist Church, Twenty-fourth and Broadway, Irvington. Among the speakers for the occasion are Rev. J. D. Corby, John F. Logan, **Mrs. Helen Miller Senn**, Rev. Luther R. Dyott and W. M. Davis. Mrs. H. W. Coe will preside.

Tomorrow evening, at Hillsboro, in the opera house, there will be the second of the series, starting at the same hour, 8:00 P. M. Colonel Robert Miller, Mrs. Olive Stott Gabriel and **Mrs. Helen Miller Senn** speak here.

Kept secret and for three weeks, too by more than one woman.

In the vernacular, "what do you know about?"

Had they not been suffragists the thing would have been impossible. However, the new suffrage club, for that is what was kept secret, was sprung all of a sudden, and with over whelming force upon an unsuspecting crowd who heard Dr. Anna Shaw speak at the Portland Hotel. In the stress of the moment people thought it was an advertising scheme.

Everybody's league formed.

Since then, however, this club, which rejoices in the appropriate title of "Everybody's Equal Suffrage League," has gone on its way serenely." It aims at getting you and me and ever body also it frankly aims at getting our money," said a subscriber, "but for the expenditures of 25 cents you have the inestimable advantage of knowing that you are vice-president of at least one organization. You can forget that everybody else is also a vice-president who has put up a modest two bits. Dr. Pohl Lovejoy is the only president, for the idea began with her.

"The members do not stand on ceremony nor do they believe in parliamentary law or etiquette. A meeting is held, whenever two or more meet and any one may talk or all may talk, provided they want to. The meeting places are somewhat scriptural, inasmuch as wheresoever's two or more are gathered, there is a meeting of the Everybody's Equal Suffrage League."

Occasionally they get rebuked, as for instance, when three members went into a wine shop to purchase their grape juice for weekend. Not that they were summarily ejected, far that they were summarily ejected, far from it, for the man wanted their custom, but he had to put up \$25, or had been forced to do so to aid in fight by saloon men against equal suffrage, and so he told them that they could not get him to vote for the movement. Nor would he give them 25 cents.

Source: Oregonian October 11, 1912 Volume LII Issue 16187, page 3

GROSS IGNORANCE IS REVEALED

Some Inquires About Negro Amendment Unaware There Is Constitution

PORTLAND Nov. 27-(To Editor)-This is the first opportunity I have had since the election, having been confined in bed for over two weeks to express my appreciation for your unfaltering way in which your paper supported the negro suffrage amendment. This would be far better country if we had more papers as yours, with backbone enough to come out and support that, which is right.

I have read with interest each letter from people pertaining to the negro suffrage amendment, as well as to other questions concerning the election, and I feel ashamed of some of our so-called fair-minded men and women, and have rejoiced that each time that the Oregonian was questioned about the information which it had imparted to its readers, it was able authentically to defend such information.

Just before election, I heard a voter say, "Oregon has a class of intelligent voters who can no longer be swayed by the opinions of others. They think for themselves." Judging from the many telephone calls, which had over the telephone concerning the amendment in question, some of the people in Oregon are in need of all the information, which they can get from any source. Some knew nothing of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution. Many did not know that the negro voted in this state and that whether the measurement carried or not the negro and mulatto, as well as the Chinese citizen would continue to vote.

When certain races or classes of people feel that they are "monarchs of all I survey," and that no other race or class of people need apply for its freedom and constitutional rights, the support of a paper like yours, with its wide circulation and unquestioned influence on such matters, is certainly deserving of your praise.

I believe that defeat of the measure was solely due to ignorance and therefore prejudice, for the two go hand in hand. In behalf of Women's Civic Club and the entire colored citizenry, I extend my thanks

Mrs. E. D. Cannady

Portland

Source: Oregonian November 28, 1912 page 12 News/Opinion

STREET PUBLIC SPEAKING 1912-1913

Public speaking skills applied in areas other than schools and Y.M.C.A. organizations. Before World War I, when regular radio broadcasting and television were nonexistent, people found it necessary to develop public speaking skills that allowed them to present their opinions. Down town Portland, politicians and individuals promoting some idea or position would speak from sidewalks. Sometimes, controversial speeches resulted in hostile reactions from crowds or an individual would attempt to drown out an opponents' speech. Police intervened to prevent heckling and crowds from getting out of control. For example, this incident happened on May 11 1912 (Oregonian article Theosophy Routs Socialist Forces Police Interfere with Victor When Open-Air Oratory Stops Cars Word War Leads to Jail) at corner of Sixth and Washington when J. E. Sullivan and Mereitz of Socialist No. 3 were delivering speeches from a stand. Then Mr. J.R. Kraher in a buggy positioned himself adjacent to the Socialist speakers. Where, He began delivering his own speech about Theosophist views in opposition to Socialist party. Then Socialists retreated to sixth and Alder where they continued their talk. Mr. Kraher then followed and continued speaking. The crowds jostled his buggy. A crowd gathered and watched the speakers' war of words. Crowd encouraged Mr. Kraher to continue his oratory. He then shouted, "I am able to size up anarchists in a minute." As I was saying Capitalism" --- traitors in my hand the flag that I have in my hand" --- "I will not be disturbed by the talk of a crazy man." "Capitalism"---"deceivers of the people; make-believe Socialists"

"I won't waste my intellect on a crazy man," said the Socialist speaker. He then climbed down from his stool, tucked it under his arm, and moved up the block. A small crowd followed the Socialists. Mr. Kraher waved the flag above his head continued his high pitches speech. "Go it, you traitors! We'll get you yet. He continued his florid speech on theosophy, patriotism, anti-socialist, and reason for wearing side-whiskers. The entertained crowd grew to about 2,000 that filled half a block and interfered with Washington streetcar schedule. A patrolman tried to persuade Mr. Kraher to move his buggy to clear the tracks. Mr. Kraher told the crowd he intended to stick. "Stay right here boys. They can't get me without a fight, when I have got such a good audience. Patrolman Helms then lifted Mr. Kraher from the buggy and led him to a patrol box. Mr. Kraher continued speaking while the patrolman requested a wagon. Mr. Kraher preferred walking so they both walked down the center of Sixth Street toward the police station with the amused and laughing crowd forming an honor guard and then followed them. At the corner of Sixth and Alder, the Socialist continued his speech with a small crowd. Mr. Kraher said he could have routed them if it were not for police intervention. **Comment:** Theosophy means a religious or semi-religious set of occult beliefs rejecting Judeo-Christian revelation and theology, often incorporating elements of Buddhism and Hinduism.

Another incident mentioned in September 28, 1912 Oregonian article with the head line; "**ORATORY BAR TO TRAFFIC Rival Speakers Draws Crowds and Riot Is Nearly Precipitated**" This story about two speakers voicing opinions on graduated single tax at Sixth and Washington. At southeast corner, Mr. John Lane spoke about anti-single-tax with an enthusiastic audience that filled the street. His opponent Mr. Paul Turner spoke in favor of graduated single tax on the southwest corner in front of large audience. Both speakers tried to drive the other away. The crowds began blocking

traffic on Sixth Street. Policeman Sergeant Carlson needed to remove one or both speakers to unblock the traffic. When he attempted to remove the speakers, the speakers maintained that they were first. The crowds started becoming angry. Finally, the policeman persuaded Mr. Turner to move to northeast corner that move then calmed the crowds.

CITY OF PORTLAND STREET PUBLIC SPEAKING BAN AND TOM BURNS

Oregonian Article: On May 17, 1913, tolerance for street orators evaporated when Mayor Albee and Sheriff Word announced ban on street oratory. This order resulted when mayor accused I.W.W. Socialists them of abusing the flag, insulting the Governor, Sheriff, and use of riot-inciting language. Mr. Tom Burns an I.W.W. Socialist speaker said, "We will fly the red flag of anarchy over the marble place up there" from a soapbox on Sixth and Washington streets 9:30 pm in evening. Another sheriff deputy pulled him off the box and arrested him. Then Rudolph Schwab, leader of Oregon Packing Company strike, stepped on the box but was pulled down and arrested. Then Mrs. O'Connor, a striker at packing plant and Cherokee Indian, got on the box. Deputy Sheriff then arrested her. Then J. D. Ransley, James D. Brown, George Allen, C. E. Peterson, Frank Biechl, Jacob Goldberg, and Morris G. Bergman in succession tried to step on the box but quickly arrested. Sheriff Word then stopped succession of arrests with seizure of the soapbox. After, Mayor Albee arrived at the scene, he ordered police to clear streets and suppresses incendiary speech. Speakers arrested if they over step boundaries of decency and vulgarity. Socialist supporters in crowd verged on rioting when additional police moved in clearing the street. A jury found Tom Burns guilty of calling Sheriff Word a sewer rat and Mayor Albee and Governor Oswald as dirty skunks. Tom Burns received a 40-days hard labor sentence from Judge Stevenson for using foul language at a street meeting. Tom Burns appealed the conviction. Sheriff Wood mentioned that Tom Burns was a British Army deserter and would soon get deported. This accusation was false. Socialist Party members in branches 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted to expel him from the Party because of his arrest and conviction. Mr. Burns was member of Branch 1 with most members refusing to recognize the vote to expel him. He was anti-communist and confrontations with them. The expulsion issue appealed to the secretary of Socialist party. From 1913 to World War I, Portland police arrested him numerous times for protests as a member of I.W.W. (Wobblies Movement). Modern U.S. Supreme Court decisions would probably make Mayor Ablee's and Sheriff Wood's prohibitions on street speech unconstitutional on grounds it violated the first amendment rights on freedom of speech. As a general comment and opinion, City of Portland Mayor's street oratory ban probably violated Mr. Tom Burn's free speech rights.

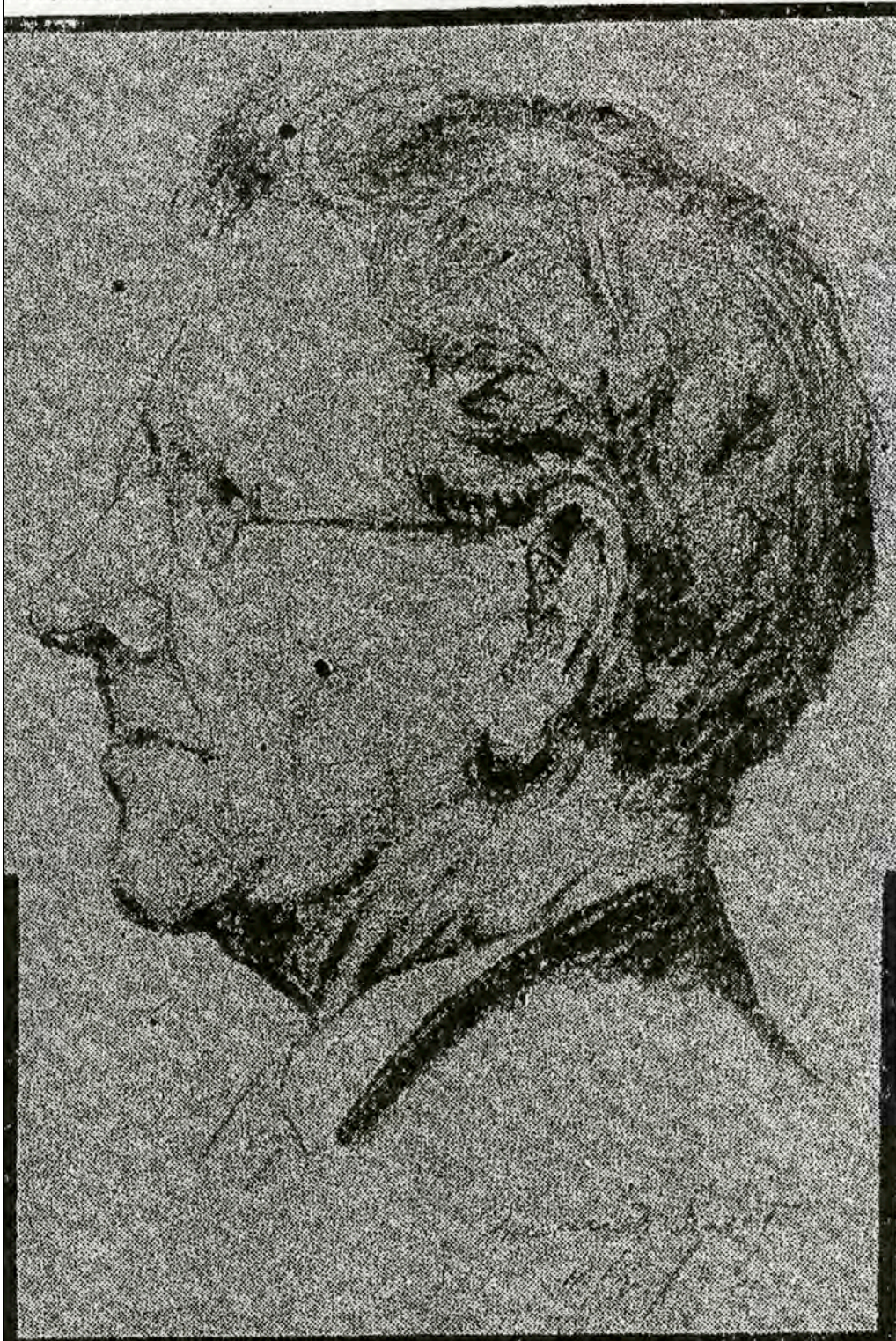
Tom Burns was born July 1876 in Liverpool, England where he learned the watch making craft. He lived in Singapore and Manila where he owned a watch making business. He immigrated to America with a short stay in New York City. Mr. Burns arrived in Portland, Oregon in 1905. He opened and operated a watch making business during World War I at 221 West Burnside, Portland, Oregon that continued until his death in August 1957. He acquired a large library of books on various subjects lending them to friends. Mr. Burns continued speaking at public forums, debated and criticized city officials such as John L. Lewis and City Commissioner Jake E. Bennett. They spared over propriety of gambling. He criticized Bennett's gambling raids as a waste tax payer's dollars. During January 1933, City of Portland Commissioner Riley proposed eliminating a municipal judge as an economy measure. Tom Burns testified the city should establish a night court so that persons would not remain in jail or finance bail

bonds. A night court would aid the poor. Bennett countered saying he suggested idea to Mayor Baker who said it would not work. Burns argued other cities have night courts and were successful. See Oregonian article January 3, 1933 page 3. Burns was an outspoken critic who frequently wrote letters to editor until 1950s. Tom Burns remembered as an independent thinker and skilled public speaker.

Notes: Oregonian October 23 1912 Volume LII Issue 16197 Page 10 "Advice on Initiative and Referendum Measures" The state legislators put the following referendum on ballot for a vote. Referendum prohibiting speech making in parks and city streets.

A bill for an act prohibiting the use of public streets, parks, etc., in cities of over 500 for speech making, without a written permit, from the mayor 370, yes 371, no. This bill is aimed at soapbox orators. It does not however, prohibit their speaking in streets or parks. It simply seeks to place responsibility for abuse of the free speech privilege upon the mayor. It probably would not get by the legislative without a referendum. As it may as well be settled by its merits at this time. The Oregonian favors it as a yes vote 320.

Oregon voters' soundly defeated this measure November 2, 1912 election according to Oregonian article November 8, 1912 page 4.



TOM BURNS

Better known as "Burns of Burnside," he is dean of the regular members of the Forum. He attended the first meeting back in 1905. (All sketches by Naomi N. Swett.)

SOURCE; OREGONIAN PENCIL DRAWING FOR ARTICLE ON CENTRAL LIBRARY PUBLIC FORUM BY NAOMI N. SWETT

The Sunday Oregonian April 23, 1933, Page 50
Intellectuals Blow Off Steam at Forum Sunday Gatherings in Portland Library Hall
Provide Hyde Park Sessions for Heavy Thinkers in All Walks of Life by Naomi N. Swett

Comment: An article that describes the other side of the story regarding the Socialist involvement in the Oregon Packing Company strike quoted as the following:

GOVERNOR STOPS AGITATOR'S TALK Truce Made Pending Conference Today EXECUTIVE WADES INTO MOB

Official and Socialist Engage in Exchange of Hot Words

Ploughing his way through a mob of 1,000 persons a block from the Oregon Packing Plant, where a strike was in progress, Governor Oswald West, at noon yesterday, planted himself two feet from a barrel on which Tom Burns, a Socialist orator, was making a speech, and interrupting the talk, shouted to the orator that if any more took place he would take such action as would quickly quiet the disturbance of the peace.

As a result of the action of the Governor a parley was held between him and the striking girls of the packing plant, at which it was agreed to cease all picketing until 10 o'clock this morning, when a conference will be held in office of Mayor Albee in the City Hall at which an effort will be made to end the strike.

Plant Not to Close Today

Another affect of the entrance of the Governor into the labor conflict came in the announcement by Manager R. D. Fontana and Superintendent G. I. McPherson, of the packing plant, that it will not close today, as had been the intention.

The vicinity of the packing plant practically deserted yesterday afternoon, work was going on inside, two or three policemen lounged about with nothing to do and quiet reigned.

When Mayor Albee was asked, the relation of Governor West's visit to Portland, he declared it was not result of his request and that the Governor had came either under his own accord or at instance of someone else.

"As to why Governor West came to Portland at this time I have no knowledge," said Mayor. "Not having been informed by him, I have no means of knowing why he came or for what purpose.

"I hope," continued the Mayor, "that the Governor will not make it a big thing out of a little thing by lending his presence or my sending militia here. I would not hesitate for a moment to call upon the Governor for aid were there a crisis which necessitated so doing, , but in present case , where the local police have the situation under control , I did not as much think of such a thing."

Were the regular police force insufficient to preserve order, the city would increase it, and Sheriff could also be called in also. Because of these facts, I did not invite the Governor to come here at this time.

Relative to the strike itself, the Mayor said.

"Unless it is made so by conditions now foreign to it, the strike on the East Side will be comparatively insignificant. Agitation only makes it worse. Any chance for notoriety for the agitators on the ground serves the same purpose. They thrive on that sort of thing.

"So far As I am concerned, as Mayor of Portland, I shall use every necessary effort to preserve the peace. I have instructed the police regarding those matters and I believe that conditions will be all right unless too much prominence given the strike."

Yesterday morning, before the Governor arrived at the plant at East eighth and Belmont streets, a mob was thronging the vicinity, congregating particularly on a vacant lot one block from the plant, while a squad of mounted policeman, under command of Sergeant Crate, and a large body of other policeman were patrolling through the throng. The Governor, on reaching Portland, made his way directly to where the speaking was in progress.

When the strikers and agitators received the news that the Governor was on a streetcar bound for the plant, a well-organized movement toward the disorder was put under way. If carried out it would precipitate the most serious disorder of the two weeks old strike thus far.

Brick-throwing was being advocated openly, and some of the more belligerent of the I. W. W. and Socialists were expressing their indignation at the turn things have taken, when a speaker jumped on an improvised platform across from the packing plant and announced that it was the intention of those in authority to speak for the striking girls to give the Governor full play in his efforts to secure an agreement. The speaker urged all true friends of labor to grab every person they saw who had a brick in their hand or who was clenching their fist and turn him over to the police. The speech had the desired effect and within a short time, the mob had dissolved.

Governor West was hemmed in by the big and hostile throng that surrounded him with his verbal altercation with the Socialist speaker.

Burns had preceded part way through his speech and had reached the point where he declared that the strikers were on verge of victory and that the packing plant would close today."

"You'll close no packing plants in Oregon while I am Governor," shouted the state's chief executive, stepping close to the barrel-platform as he could get.

The Governor exclaimed: "You have the right of peaceable gathering; you have right of free speech, but when you try to close the plant of anybody's there will be hell to pay, and I won't quit if I have to come down here to run and run the plant myself." "I am here to protect these girls, I think they should be better paid and work under better conditions, but we have to get such a thing by conference and by action within the law."

The crowd gathered thick around the Governor, while policeman struggled to get to his side. "We have broken no laws and we are not going to break any yelled Burns from his barrel." "You're dead right you are not going to break any answered the Governor. This strike is going to end and its going to end right."

"Don't forget," said Burns, "that these girls have a right to strike and the have a right to picket. It took you a long time to get around here and show an interest." "I have been here off and on all the time, retorted West, "And now let me tell you something, If you say another word that is at all threatening or inflammable, you'll get off that barrel in a hurry, and I'll get on it myself and so speech making myself. This sort of thing has gone far enough." "Now let me suggest something," continued the executive. "I suggest that we talk this thing over picketing thing over with the striking girls themselves and perhaps they will be willing to suspend activities until we have a conference to see if we can reach an agreement."

There was more verbal repartee and Burns attempted to go on with his oratory, but the Governor insisted on interrupting him and making him talk about his (West's) proposition.

At this juncture, some of the striking girls, who were standing close to the scene of activities, joined in the talk, and it was finally arranged that they and the Governor should confer in the strike headquarters a framed building across the street from the Oregon Packing Plant. The mounted police were given orders to clear the way, and the Governor lead the strikers through a narrow lane of humanity to the headquarters. There behind closed doors they talked matters over.

In answer to a threat made during the conference by a representative of the strikers that would win the strike within the law if possible, but outside the law if unable to do it otherwise, the Governor replied.

"You mix with me and you'll be carried out on a shutter if you try anything outside the law."

Finally, the Governor West extracted a promise from the women and from the Socialists and I.W.W. leaders who had been admitted to the conference that there be no more picketing by members of either sex until after the conference today at City Hall.

The Governor and strikers agreed there should be eligible to attend this conference the following: Governor West, strikers' representatives, the contented workers, leaders of the Socialists, and I. W. W., Mayor Albee, other city officials, Sheriff Tom Wood and deputies,, the police, officials of Oregon Packing Co., three members of Oregon Industrial Welfare Commission, Father O'Hara, Miss Berthe Moore, and A. M. Smith. Mr. Smith a representative of the commission in all of yesterdays' incidents.

The strike cost the Oregon Packing Company \$5,000 last week alone and has been in progress two weeks usually there are 300 girls employed but the number decreased to 150 during the trouble.

Governor West had intended going to Tillamook to attend the encampment of the National Guard but changed his plans and went back to Salem last night. He will return today in time to attend the conference. At the Seward Hotel late yesterday, Governor West expressed belief the whole trouble would be settled to the complete satisfaction of both sides.

Note: In a related article, Governor West's private secretary Fern Hobbs investigated conditions at the plant and found the girls were poorly paid.

Source: Oregonian July 12, 1913 pages 10 and 16 and on page 16 article has three photographs of the strike.

Note: Unfortunately, Governor West's conference failed after four hours of talks and 1,000 strikers and sympathizers continued protests and rioted with encounters with the police. Police charge into mob and arrested three individuals. The girl strikers were demanding being paid \$1.50 a day. Socialists and I. W. W. members made speeches on Sixth and Morrison at night denouncing Oregon Industrial Welfare Commission and Governor West although some few I. W. W. members thank the Governor for intervening. Govern advised girl strikers not to picket but ignored his advice. Women working at the plant insulted and jeered when they left the plant. Governor West's agreed the girls were underpaid at 40 cents a day. He found the strikers demands were the following:

\$1.50 a day minimum wages for 9-hour workday

Better sanitary conditions

Rest, dressing, lunch, and sick rooms for employees

Duplicate time slips

"Keep away from the plant. Do not resume picketing. Wait for further action of Industrial Welfare Commission which should be taken up by Monday. Personally, I want you strikers to win, but there must be no disorder. You drive away those who would befriend you when you create strife. I will see the cannery people myself and try to induce them to grant the girls a wage of \$1.50 a day. At this point the labor people broke into protests." The berry season is passing and soon there is no work.

I will take charge of the plant myself, if necessary, to get fair play, replied the Governor. "And, I will take charge of this strike, too if I deemed necessary."

"I want you to know where you all head in-and where I head in. If I deem it necessary to stop the picketing, I shall do so. "

"Picketing" is legal in Oregon. Can you go above the law? Asked, Mrs. Schwab.

I will stop picketing if it is necessary, "said the Governor, "I will take the responsibilities myself."

Governor West asked the Industrial Welfare Commission rule on the wages and state authorities investigate remedies for unsanitary conditions.

Governor West said, "I am in sympathy with any legitimate movement secure better pay for or better conditions for these girls. Success along these lines can only come however, by proceeding in an orderly manor and any other action not permitted."

The Governor noted that the City Mayor did not participate in the strike negotiations.

Source: Oregonian July 17, 1913, pages 1 and 2

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Dan Kellaher's challenge to mayor candidates to meet him in debate has been accepted by Tom Burns, for W. J. Smith, a Socialist, who filed for office of Mayor. Mr. Burns has also offered on behalf of the Socialists to defray all the expenses for the meeting at which the debate is to occur, if it does occur.

Source: Oregonian May 17, 1913 page 14

SOAPBOX ORATORS OBEY CITY'S ORDER

With Leaders in Jail, I. W. W.'s Keep Within Bounds Prescribed by Mayor

SPEECHES ARE MORE TAME

**Single Offender Makes Escape as Police Hold Officer by Mistake
One says Lives Not in Danger at Least for Present**

With most of their leaders in jail and a determined force of police and deputy sheriffs waiting for them, International Workers of the Worlds did not try to defy the orders of Mayor Albee by meeting at Sixth and Washington streets last night, though the word had been passed that they would be there.

A curious throng gathered at the corner shortly after 8'oclock, when a procession of men behind an I. W. W. banner came up Sixth street. There were probably 250 men in the line. As they passed, their leader shouted that they were going to the Plaza blocks, and hundreds followed out of mere curiosity.

The speakers took up their position on the D. P. Thompson fountain in Main street, between the two plaza blocks, where the Mayor had said that orderly speaking would be permitted.

But the meeting didn't bear much resemblance to that of Tuesday night, which Sheriff Word and the police broke up after Tom Burns, and other agitators had abused the authorities and shouted that they would fly the red flag over the Courthouse.

Speeches Toned Down

A man named Frank Cady acted as chairman. The four or five speakers who followed him contented themselves with haranguing those in the crowd to join the I. W. W. All the speeches were much toned down.

As Henry Schoen, an I. W. W. leader, was speaking from the fountain, another I. W. W. mounted a soapbox on Fourth street and began to harangue. Deputy Sheriff F. J. Phelan made his way through the crowd just in time to keep him shout, "we will put the red flag over the Courthouse." "You will not!" cried Phelan, and made a leap for the speaker. The agitator jumped off his soapbox and dived into the crowd, with Phelan hot after him. Phelan plumped squarely into a group of policeman, who mistook him for the agitator and held him just long enough for the offender to get away.

That however, was the only disorderly language uttered in the course of the evening. There were veiled threats in the speeches of several of the speakers.

Life Not in Danger Now

"We don't intend to resort to any methods that will endanger life," said a speaker introduced as "Brother Worker" Ashlund, "not until every other means has been exhausted," he concluded. He and others repeatedly spoke of "revolution," and addressed the crowd as "fellow slaves."

"No I. W. W.'s are on the way here from San Francisco," said another speaker, introduced as George Reis, "but if we do send for them all the Sheriffs in Oregon can't keep them."

Sheriff Word and 12 of his deputies mingled in the crowd, while Police Captain Moore had 20 uniformed men and a dozen detectives under him on hand to preserve order if it became necessary. No arrests were made.

Fully three-fourths of those who filled Main street in front of the fountain and trampled the grass on both sides when the meeting first began were persons who had come to the meeting out of curiosity to see what would happen.

When nothing even mildly exciting developed, they began to disperse, until by 9:30 o'clock the speakers were addressing only small groups composed for the most part of plainclothes men, with a smattering of genuine I. W. Ws.

Meetings Close Before Time

The meeting ended at 9:50 o'clock ten minutes before the time set by Chief of Police Clark last week for all street meetings to come a close. Lucy Parsons, a woman who said that her father was one of the anarchists hanged for murder after the Haymarket riots in Chicago in 1886, mounted a wood stool and began to speak Sixth and Washington streets. She had been talking about a minute when police Captain Reiley came along in police automobile, which was driven slowly through the crowd. The Parsons woman held her place until the automobile was almost on her, when she jumped and fled to the curb. She was not arrested.

The Parsons woman went from Sixth and Washington to the Plaza meeting, where she mounted another stool and began a meeting of her own. She attacked Captain Riley

there and, in a recital of the incident, declared he had tried to run over her. The police let her talk.

Earlier in the evening, the police stopped an attempted meeting of I. W. W. at Second and Burnside streets. The speakers here, however, were permitted later to discourse at Park and Burnside streets. Mayor Albee repeated his order that no street speaking, except at the Plaza blocks, will be permitted for the present.

Sheriff Wood also said he would stop all speaking in the streets except on the Plaza blocks.

Sheriff Warns Outsiders

The Sheriff said that if any attempt is made to import outside men to aid I. W. W. in their fight he and his men will deal promptly with the new comers.

"I have a good big bullpen out at Kelly Butte rock pile," said the Sheriff.

The Sheriff said further that would take with Mayor Albee the matter of cleaning out the North End.

The nine men arrested Tuesday night by the Sheriffs men and police at Sixth and Washington streets remained in County Jail last night. Bail was fixed at \$500 each.

Those in custody at the jail, against whom a charge of disturbing the peace was placed, are Tom Burns, the chief I. W. W. agitator, whose vilification led the Sheriff to arrest him and stop the meeting: Rudolph Schwab, L.D. Ransley, James I. Brown, M. J. Rergman, C. E. Peterson, Frank Bichl, Jacob Goldberg, George Allen, Charles McDonald, M. L. Cowherd and J. W. Hilton.

Source: Oregonian July 17, 1913 page 12

CLASH OF I. W. W. ORATORS AVERTED

Sherri Interposes When Debate Waxes Hot and Hostilities Are Threatened SCHWAB DENIED AUDIENCE

Tom Burns Mounts Soap Box and Begins Vehement Denunciation of Police, but Officer Cuts Off Flood of Invective

Rival camps of Industrial Worker street speakers got into a "free speech" squabble on the Plaza blocks yesterday, and had to be pried apart by Sheriff Word.

Mrs. Mary Schwab was talking from a soapbox near D. P. Thompson fountain when along came another orator of the same order and planted a rival soapbox nearby. Rudolph Schwab, Mrs. Schwab's husband, prominent in the "Free Speech League," hurriedly went over and engaged the newcomer in conversation.

"Hey, you can't speak here!" said Schwab or words to that effect. "We've got this place."

"Can't speak!" cried the other. "Who says we can't speak? Speech is free, ain't it?"

"Aw, you're a floater-you've only been here three days!" snapped back the leader of the "Free Speech League" with heat. "Go on." "You're hurting the cause!"

"Say," he inquired, with an air of pain, "where do you this stuff? You never used to do this in San Francisco."

Hostilities Are Averted

At that moment Sheriff Wood, who had been an interested spectator, stepped in and prevented hostilities.

The second "orator" concluded to wait until the Schwab party had finished, but his ire was stirred again when Schwab told the crowd not to give Industrial Workers any money.

Whatever they had for the cause of free speech, he said, they ought to put in the collection box of the Free Speech League, which he thereupon proceeded to have passed around.

"We didn't start this free-speech fight said the second I. W. W. orator when he got a chance. "We don't want any free-speech money either. We're here to talk and raise money for the Industrial Workers of the World, and nothing else.

Am I. W. W. in the crowd explained that Schwab was from Chicago faction of the I. W. Ws, while his rival was of the Detroit branch. He said this explained their lack of brotherly harmony.

Burns Makes Threats

To Burns the convicted I. W. W. and radical Socialist speaker who is under sentence of 40 days on the rock-pile for using foul language in a street speech, was stopped by Sheriff Word later in the day when he attempted to address a crowd.

The Sheriff did not interfere until Burns had made some incendiary statements.

"We'll hound every policeman to his grave who lifted a hand against us!" cried Burns. He asked the crowd if it knew that every juror who sat in the Haymarket riot cases in Chicago died a violent death.

"He followed this up by incited his hearers to remember what happened in Alaska, in Idaho and in Alabama," referring to the Treadwell mines violence, events leading to the Haywood, Pettibone and Moyer trials, and riots in the South.

"That will do," said the Sheriff. "You can't-talk any more."

The Sheriff also refused to permit Schwab, who is awaiting sentence, to speak.

Source: Oregonian July 28, 1913 Page 7

District Historian's Comment: Did Sheriff Wood violate Mr. Burns and Mr. Schwab's free speech rights?

AGITATORS TO LEAVE CITY

Sentences Will Be Suspended to Permit of Departure of Three

Avaunt, Tom Burns, John Randolph, C. D. Peterson and other I. W. W. agitators, who are now facing rock pile sentences. The City Commission yesterday accepted a recommendation of City Attorney La Roche that the men be released on suspended sentences on condition that they leave the city immediately. The three mentioned have agreed to leave at once and others who are facing jail terms probably will follow suit.

Peterson and Randolph, who were leaders in recent I. W. W. troubles have promised to take to the sea as soon as possible and Burns says he will go to some other city to take up his business of watch making.

Source: Oregonian August 30, 1913 page 7

AGITATORS ARE ARRESTED

Rudolph Schwab and Tom Burns, I. W. W. agitators, were arrested last night at Sixth and Ankeny streets as they were addressing a crowd and vilifying recognized law and order in Portland. They were charged by Sergeant Harms and Patrolman Wise with disorderly conduct.

Source: Oregonian October 31, 1913 page 16

OREGON FIRST CLUB

In 1912, Mr. Charles L. Welder and businessmen organized Oregon First Club for purpose of perfecting public speech making with a limit of 15 members. C.W. Robinson provided instruction on public speaking. Mr. Robinson asked members what topics you want to talk about after it was organized. They said Oregon first. Why not make that the name of the club.

Note: C.W. Robinson represented University of Oregon and won a triangular oratorical contest with University of Washington May 27, 1911 Oregonian Page One, Volume L



CHARLES L. WELDLER
SOURCE: OREGONIAN March 8, 1914

At a Wednesday night March 8, 1914 banquet at the Commercial Club; speech club members gave speeches where the winner won a silver loving cup. Members and wives present at the banquet were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid P. Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Delbert A. Dinsmore
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hofmann
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey O'Bryan
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Knight
Mr. Arthur Fish

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harry Ritchey
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hofmann
Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Berg
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Markert
Mr. Charles L. Welder
Mr. Arnold S. Rothwell

GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Prentiss
Grace F. Edmunds
Henry G. Longhurst of Sacramento, California

Colonel and Mrs. Welder
R.S. Ovelman

Citation: Oregonian March 8, 1914, Page 10, **UNIQUE CLUB GATHERS**
No other references about this club found after 1914.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PORTLAND EXTENSION SCHOOL AND HELEN AGNUS MILLER-SENN

University of Oregon established a Portland Extension school with enrollment reaching 1,517-students January 1916. Curriculum included architecture, English, psychology and public speaking. Lectures course subjects were about art, commerce, architecture, and music (Oregonian). However after America entered World War I, demand increased for Portland adult education and vocational training. On June 1918, Oregonian newspaper article announced University of Oregon established an evening and summer extension school for students over 18 years of age in Portland at Lincoln High School now Lincoln Hall Portland State University. D. Walter Morton, Dean of School of Commerce and A. M. Sproul, principal of Portland Commerce School were in charge of school. Ten-week war service classes trained people for occupations such as clerks, stenographers, telegraphers, typewriters, office assistants, and those needing to pass Civil Service Exams. This school held Friday evening lectures on various vocational subjects. Helen Miller-Senn, professor of interpretive reading lectured about public speaking. She founded a public speaking department in 1918. Helen Miller-Senn a brilliant highly educated teacher and pioneer in public speaking adult education. Her teaching improved lives of many of her students. She may have indirectly through her teaching motivated one her students to organize first successful Oregon Toastmasters club in 1934.

Helen Angus Miller-Senn was born 1881 in Chesaning, Michigan. Her father owned a local Argus newspaper and her mother Carrie Miller her husband run the newspaper. Carrier founded the first women's club in Chesaning, Michigan, Vice President of Women's Press Association, Editor of Saginaw Valley School Journal, and treasurer of Women's Temperance Union, and writer for Argus Newspaper. Later her father managed a religious publishing company. Helen was fortunate her parents supported her university education. Many women during her time were unable to attend university because of social prejudices, marriage obligations, or were unable to afford tuition. She demonstrated an enthusiasm for oratory, interpretive reading and drama. Helen Miller-Senn obtained degrees and studied at Buena Vista College, Oratory Degree National Conservatory of Dramatic Art, University of Michigan, Boston College of Expression, King's School of Expression Pittsburg, and Oratory Department University of Chicago. She acquired dramatic art experience while working two years for a New York City stock company. **Sources** Oregonian and Ancestry Search

After completing her education, she began her teaching career with summer school teaching assignments. In 1914, as an assistant professor Helen taught oratory and English composition at Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa. During this time, she became a professional debate couch working in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois. She met her future husband Frank Senn while he was studying law at University of Michigan. They married and moved to Oregon. Willamette University, Salem, Oregon Officials elected Helen as chair of Oratory Department July 1915. The last woman Mrs. Sara Brown Savage headed Willamette University College of Oratory Department for 14 years before resigning June 1911.



HELEN A. MILLER-SENN
SOURCE; OREGONIAN October 27, 1912

Oregon Women Suffrage movement was active in promoting women voting and full civil rights. Helen Miller-Senn became an active member in this movement. Oregon voters approved women's suffrage November 1912 but the movement continued with passing of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Helen delivered speeches especially about property rights for women. On October 25, 1912 at the Bungalow Theater, women suffrage activists presented the play "How the Vote was Won" along with music and readings. Helen Miller-Senn gave a reading on "Anti-Suffrage Movement" and her own material. See the website Century of Action Oregon Women Vote 1912-2012 for additional information about the Women's suffrage movement in Oregon. She spoke at Central Library on April 22, 1916 about state legislation changes needed for equal property rights for men and women. She continued speaking about social and political situations until legislation passed providing women rights.

Furthermore, she was member of Portland Psychology Club and taught drama and interpretive reading for Portland Women's Club. Members participated in women's suffrage movement. See website Century of Action Oregon Women Vote 1912-2012 about story of members selling sandwiches from a wagon while promoting women's suffrage. This club performed music and presented plays for the public to earn money for college scholarships for women. They promoted and produced a Gilbert and Sullivan play where newspaper boys participated as actors to raise funds for building their clubhouse. This club established a summer artist colony for women at Manzanita on Oregon coast. Club probably remained active until early 1940s.

Helen delivered a tribute to founding president Mrs. Alice Weister of the Psychology Club as quoted in May 14, 1914 Oregonian article.

"Our President"

"It may be said that every organization is judged by its leadership. The clubs of our city owe their success and progress in large measure to efficient officers. This is true for any line of activity. How strange it is that so many of us are content to drift while only a few are able and willing to sacrifice sufficiently to assume capable leadership."

**"It is not the place that makth the person
But the person that makth the place honorable"**

“How true is this, our president Mrs. Wister? She never thought of her place as office to fill, but as an obligation to discharge to her all acts of official duty, she seems to have blazoned the motto: secrete self-denial; her philosophy of life has been to discover what is true and to practice what is good. Her example has been life and inspiration of our club. Her labors in it's be half been arduous and self-sacrificing.”

“Not only is she the mother of our club, but she has been its guardian since the day of its birth. Although, no doubt at times her eyes have grown dim in the service, she has doubled the justice of her cause.”

Helen continued as a debate couch at Willamette University where she successfully coached Miss Margaret Garrison to win a 1919 national oratory debate contest in Des Moines, Iowa on topic of Prohibition. She later became high school teacher where she taught public speaking.



MARGARET GARRISON
SOURCE: OREGONIAN 1927

Helen Miller-Senn left Willamette University for a teaching position at the University of Oregon Portland Extension School. Here she taught public speaking and founded the speech department. Her interests included research on labor conditions such as investigation of 1920 Boston Police strike. This research presented to Portland Labor Council. While teaching, she pioneered in developing adult education. She visited other colleges and universities learning about adult teaching methods. Beginning with eight students in 1918, public speaking enrollment reached nearly 500 students in 1924 including returning World War I veterans. Public speaking curriculum offered was public speaking for businessman and professionals, dramatic interpretation, public speaking fundamentals, advanced voice culture, radio broadcasting, and speeches for special occasions, dramatic appreciation, and story telling. Courses share similarities with modern Toastmasters speech manuals.

Summer 1919, University of Oregon established a summer school with the following course offerings announced on June 15, 1919 in the Oregonian newspaper. Summer school held from June 23 to August 1 at the Central Library.

Ethics
**Public
Speaking**

Drawing
Education

Music
Literature

Biology
French

Physics
Spanish

Psychology

Social Service School with two
special lecture courses

Public Health Nursing

Note: Helen Miller Senn's husband, an attorney, wrote a book titled "History of the Bench and Bar." Oregon Historical Society research library has this book.

PORTLAND REALTY BOARD SPEECH CONTEST October 20, 1916

The Portland Realty Board members organized a oratory contest at a luncheon meeting at the crystal dinning-room Benson Hotel on October 16, 1916. Sixteen members participated in this contest prizes. The contestants were the following:

CONTEST SPEAKERS

W. M. Killingsworth	O. V. Bradley	B. Lee Parget	Herbert Gordon
*Frank McCrillis	Charles F. Berg	Leo Friede	R. H. Blossom
Fred German	J. D. Lee	Arthur C. Calian	L. W. Cronan
John F. Daly	F. N. Clark	F. W. Zimmerman	George E. Englehart

F. E. Taylor, president of the board, presided over the contest

CONTEST JUDGES

A. C. Newell, Civic League	E. G. Joyce, Ad Club
H. Gerard Effinger, of Progressive Businessmen's Club	Dr. E. K. Scott, Rotary Club
N. U. Carpenter, Chamber of Commerce	

Speakers limited to 5-minutes

First Prize – Silver Cup

Second Prize - \$5.00 Hat

Expected attendance was 250

Source: Oregonian October 19, 1916, page 8

***Note:** The name Frank McCrillis participating in realtor speech contest not same person as Frank McCrillis that moved from Portland to Seattle for work at Seattle Times and becoming a Toastmasters Director and District 2 Toastmasters Governor in 1946. Pictures of these individuals are different.

STREET PUBLIC SPEAKING 1914

MEETINGS ENLIVEN CORNER

Auto and Soapbox Orators Shout at Fourth and Alder

With three separate although scarcely distinct meetings in progress last night at Fourth and Alder streets, that corner was a busy little place.

From a box bearing the banner of the Women's Liberator League, which is opposed to prohibition several speakers in turned assailed the "Prohis." And from an automobile

near by speakers urged the adoption of the dry amendment. A speaker known as Dynamite Bill was among the automobile orators.

The dry forces were augmented by **Tom Burns** and a number of fellow Socialists. They carried a banner bearing the words "Old Man Booze, the Graveyard Kid." Surmounting the banner was an actual skull-and-cross bone. From the eye-sockets of the skull gleamed a small electric light.

Adding to the propagandist confusion was a box with the banner, "Knispel Defense League," who recently was convicted of retailing habit-forming drugs, denounced what he called the frame-up that had resulted in his conviction. He varied his defense by paying his respects to some of the other speakers. Paul Turner, father of the anti-capital punishment bill, who was speaking from the wet box was especially favored by Mr. Knispel.

The jangling propagandists attracted a crowd which packed the street from curb to curb and which milled round and round, so as to miss none of the features of the evening's entertainment.

Note: No policeman present at these street speeches or arrests made for public speaking especially when Tom Burns were present. Perhaps city ordinance either removed or not enforced. Tom Burns changed political issues from worker rights to prohibition of alcohol.

Source: Oregonian October 20, 1914 page 20

ORATORS OF 6 SIDES SPEAK IN 2 BLOCKS

Voters Hear Appeals From Exponents of Parties and Measures Now Up REPUBLICAN GET THRONG

Republicans, Democrats, Progressives, Socialists, Prohibitionists, and anti-Prohibitionists vied with one another to attract the attention of doubtful voters on Alder Street and Fourth Street, last night.

Republican Rally Draws

Probably the most enthusiastic gathering of the night was that at the corner of Sixth and Alder streets, where a truckload of Republican spellbinders held forth.

Among the principal speakers in this party were: Walter L. Tooze, Jr. of Dallas; C. N. McArthur, Congressional nominee in Multnomah County; George J. Cameron, Republican county chairman; Colonel C. H. Dodd, an Oregon pioneer, and Glenn O. Holman, of Polk County. Each speaker denounced the Democratic party for its numerous errors of omission and commission and lauded the Republican Administrations of the past for their patriotic service in maintaining prosperity on the Nation, the while promising a return of good times if the Republican candidates are elected at the battle of the ballots next Tuesday.

Candidate McArthur laid particular emphasis upon the Democratic free trade policy and called attention to the fact ever since it went into effect the mills and factories of Oregon have been operating on short time and that the farmers of the state are brought into unnatural and ruinous competition with Canada and the Orient.

Tariff Commission Favored

He declared that a protective duty must be maintained against the products of foreign countries, the like of which are produced in this country. If elected, he said, he will stand for the creation of a tariff commission that will take the tariff question out of politics.

Colonel Dodd reviewed the past history of the republican party and pointed out that business depression invariably followed the advent of Democratic authority at the helm in Washington.

It seemed to be an open season A. W. Lafferty, independent candidate for Congress, for speakers of many moods and of varying political tendencies attacked him on his past record and appealed to the voters not to return him to Congress again.

Glenn O. Holman exposed Lafferty's record in connection with the settlers on the Siletz Indian lands. He pointed out that the present Congressman, after accepting a retainer fee from the settlers, was elected to Congress and told them that he would not be able to handle their cases for them, as it would interfere with his official duties. He added also that Lafferty failed to return the retainer fees.

Charles R. Reeves, speaking at the corner of Fifth and Alder streets, took another rap at Lafferty in connection with another case in the Federal courts. He accused Lafferty of perjury.

Appeal for Ticket Made

One of the best speeches of the evening was that of Mr. Tooze, who made a general appeal for the republican ticket. He pointed out that the future destiny of the state and sister states of the Northwest depends upon the return of Republican tariff policies in the affairs of the National Government.

Judge Cameron likewise made a strong talk for Republican candidates on both state and county tickets.

E. L. Amidon, secretary of the county committee, at the corner of Fifth and Alder, frequently interrupted by hoodlums in the crowd. After tolerating their annoyances for a while, he challenged them to get into the automobile with him and debate the issues of the campaign.

If any Democrats want to discuss the political situation with me, he announced. I'll gladly divide the time with, either tonight or tomorrow night.

There were no acceptances to his challenge.

Woman Talks for Self

Mrs. Maria L. T. Hidden, Progressive candidate for the Legislature, held forth in an automobile near the Republican machine. She had an attentive audience. Dr. Henry Waldo Coe spoke from the same machine.

Further down the street John Smith spoke for Senator Chamberlain, "Dynamite" Adams, the "dry" orator had a big crowd around him and entertained with wit and droll stories.

Tom Burns, a former I. W. W. speaker, also advocated the cause of prohibition.

But there were many anti-Prohibitionists one of them a woman. The crowd moved from one stand to another, seemingly to change its views to suit the opinions expounded from the stump, as every speaker was applauded liberally.

John A. Jeffery, Democratic candidate for Attorney-General, departed from his campaign course and took a shot at the "drys" at the corner of Tenth and Washington streets,

Outlying Districts Hear Two

George A. Hall and Nelson R. Jacobson made a series of speeches for the Republican ticket in various parts of the North East side. They spoke at Williams Avenue and

Russell street, at Union avenue and Russell street and later at Sixth and Alder streets. They confined their discussions to the tariff question.

Sanfield McDonald, Progressive candidate for State Labor Commissioner, as well as other Progressive candidates, spoke at a motion-picture theater at Lents.

Tom Sweeney, Progressive nominee for County Commissioner, spoke at the corner of Sixth and Alder streets early in the evening.

Source: Oregonian October 30, 1914 page 7

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DECADE 1920-1929 CHAPTER

HELEN MILLER-SENN AND EXPRESSIONS CLUB

Helen Miller-Senn founded Expressions Club in 1921 for public speaking students with help from her students and support from the P.L. Campbell, president of University of Oregon and her mother Carrie. This coed club elected club officers including a historian. Public Speaking Department and Expression Club members sponsored annual banquets where students demonstrated their speaking skills. One of her students Charles Lee Stidd delivered a speech at the February 24, 1928 banquet. Later Charles Stidd, a banker requested a charter from Toastmasters International fall 1934. Margaret Garrison was an Expressions Club member. Carl Greve, a well-known Portland jewelry merchant, member of Expressions Club. Club members held contests where one contest broadcasted on radio June 6, 1924. Expressions club possessed some similarities to a Toastmasters club. Helen Miller-Senn quoted in an Oregonian article about the Expressions Club:

“Public speaking course does not desire to create glib speakers but to create in the individual such ideals and conceptions a fullness of life which will call naturally for expression. The work then deals with training in for expression. It is at the opposite pole from what is known as “elocution”.”

“The Expressions Club, a branch of the general organization, was organized for the purpose of promoting the interests of the department. It seeks to create a helpful spirit in the school, to make the work of the department more effective through the co-operative efforts of its members.”

Harry C. Knoweles, first club president 1921 and helped organize the club.

Fred Jensen, club president 1924

Carlos Marster, club president 1925

Carl Greve, club president 1927

1928 EXPRESSIONS CLUB OFFICERS

Robert C. Charlton, Club President

Vivian H. Dant, Vice President

S.H. Lee, Vice-President

S.E. Bryant, Vice President

Ivy Taylor, Secretary

Ada Mitchell, Historian

John Hudson, First Vice-President

Alice Johnson Casebeer, Vice President

Hazel Boyce, Vice President

Lee Cunningham, Vice President

Lee Stidd, Treasurer

Member Notes: Each vice-president represented different classes. Lee Stidd related to Charles L. Stidd a charter member of Portland Toastmasters Club # 31. Alice Johnson Casebeer taught Spanish for 44 years at Franklin High School until her retirement in 1955. Alice testified against smoking on intercity buses at Oregon Public Utilities Commission hearing October 1958. She died in Portland December 1979. Fred Jensen was a Portland attorney. Carlos Marster was a real estate agent. Ivy R. Taylor got married in 1930s.

Club sponsored Annual Fellowship Frolic evening programs for students, past students, and their friends such as one held at Odd Fellow's Temple auditorium at 8:00 pm on December 6, 1926.

Another annual banquet held on Wednesday April 27, 1927 and program quoted from Oregonian article April 18, 1927 page 9

SPEAKING CLASS TO DINE EXTENSION PUPILS TO HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Dr. Hall, President of University, to Be Guest of Honor at Affair Wednesday Night

The public speaking department of the University of Oregon extension center, from which many prominent Portland business and public officials obtained their basic training in forensics, will hold its eighth annual banquet at the Multnomah Hotel next Wednesday night, at which Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the university, will be guest of honor.

Proceeding, the address of Dr. Hall on the future of extension work in the Portland center, Dr. George Rebec and Dean Alfred Powers will discuss past and future activities of this department. Mrs. Helen Miller Sene, head of the public speaking work, will make her first talk before such a gathering, though she has been directing the department for many years.

John F. Logan will preside at the dinner as toastmaster. In former years, Mayor Baker, Edgar B. Piper, Late Judge W. Stapleton and other persons of note in business, civil, and social life of Portland have acted as toastmasters at these banquets.

An unusually interesting features of the program planned will be the presentation of some of Mrs. Sene's students in brief talks, impersonations, and humorous sketches. Margaret Garrison will be featured in a one-act play let. Arthur L. Fields, Knute Peterson, Mrs. Mary Hartman, Carlos Marsters, James P. Ormany and others will add to the entertainment. Musical interludes will be furnished by the Ellingsworth trio and Herman Kein's Multnomah hotel orchestra.

Some of the subjects assigned to the speakers are as follows: Dean Alfred Powers, "A Splendid Quest"; Mary Hartman, "Crystals of Sound"; Dr. George Rebec, "Towers and Temples", C. M. Idleman, "Here and There"; Carl Greve, "Greetings"; A. L. Fields, "The Opening Door", James P. Ormnandy, "The Pathway and Pilgrimage; Carlos Marsters, "Mirrors of Memory", Knute Peterson, "What's It All About"; Dr. Banner R. Rooke, "Who Are We?"; President Hall, "What is Past Is Prologue"; and Mrs. Senn, "Dwellers on the Threshold."

The public speaking department of the Portland center has accomplished much in its particular field. Its work was a special hobby with the late president of the university P. L. Campbell, who was always was an appreciative guest at the annual banquet.

The 8:00 pm program for the January 26, 1928 Annual Fellowship Frolic combination of speeches, music, and skits held at the Odd Fellow's temple, SW tenth and Salmon.

*Carl Greve, Club President, presided.

EXPRESSIONS CLUB CELEBRATION PROGRAM



SOURCE: Oregonian Photograph 25.1.1928 page 9

Professor Gunn, Portland High School Principal, speaks for older members of class and welcomes the new members.

Miss Ivy Taylor will respond for the new students

Miss Alice Casebeer, accompanied by Miss Agnes Love at the piano, will sing in costume a group of character songs.

Eddie Brown delivers speech and poem about idealistic future

Dr. Banner R. Brooke, H. M. Gunn, and **Charles Stidd** presented a short burlesque, they written for the occasion.

Group singing and other music played during the evening.

Source: Oregonian January 25, 1928 page 9

***Note:** Carl Greve owned a jewelry store located on SW Morrison Street near Broadway in 1928. He was president of Oregon Retail Jewelers Association. On April 18, 1928, he started the program for the Oregon Retail Jewelers Association conference in Portland according to an Oregonian article.

However, Expressions club never expanded beyond university extension school but remained active into early 1930's. Club had no direct connections with University of Oregon Eugene campus debate clubs. Some members developed strong friendships and were pallbearers at member's funerals including Carrie Miller Helen's mother a mentor for club. Helen Miller-Senn continued teaching public speaking classes until her retirement in late 1930's. Although Helen died on March 27, 1974, her efforts to improve student's communications skills were lasting. An Oregonian article dated March 30, 1928 described Helen Miller Senn as a pioneer in public speaking adult education. This

article mentioned her three month leave of absence to lecture and study adult education at other universities in California, Texas, Atlantic Coast States, and Mid West.

Annual Portland Center public speaking department contest held at library hall on February 11, 1926 at 8:00 pm. Two speech contests were held speakers class and dramatic readers' class.

CONTEST PROGRAM SPEAKERS CLASS CONTEST FINALS

Arthur L. Field F. A. Marsh Gazie Young Richard Yeatman

DRAMATICS CLASS FINALS

Miss Alida Heydenbirk Reno Mirneaux J. I. Maxwell Mrs. Charles Wegman

Winners of contest have names engraved on two silver cups. William C. Bristol and Julius L. Meier presented these cups to the Public Speech Department.

Helen Miller Senn coached the contestants. Virginia Danforth violinist and accompanist Jane Kanzler provided music for program.

In addition, Helen Miller Senn judged a Pacific Coast Advertising Club Association speech contest as described in June 22, 1927 Oregonian article. Several charter members of this club were members of this organization.

"Laurence N. Pease, representing the Advertising Club of Stockton, California, was winner of the three-minute speaking contest on "The Influence of Advertising on Modern Life" at the noon luncheon yesterday of the Pacific Coast Advertising Clubs association at the Multnomah hotel. The association delegates were guests of the "The Oregonian" at the affair.

The Stockton speaker was victor in a field of nine contestants, each whom had previously been acclaimed winner in a local contest. Those receiving honorable mention were Theodore F. Baer of the Stanford University Advertising club, Starr Dunham of the Oakland Advertising club, and Benjamin H. Smith of the San Francisco Advertising club. Other clubs represented were Fresno, San Diego, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Spokane.

Judges in composition were Merle Manly, Edmund Bechtold, and Aaron Holtz, and on delivery W. G. Harrington, public speaking instructor at Franklin High School, C.C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, and Helen Miller Senn, instructor in public speaking, University of Oregon extension service.

Delegates were welcomed to luncheon by Edgar B. Piper, editor of "The Oregonian", in the name of the newspaper, which he described as "older" than any other paper of metropolitan dimensions on Pacific coast." Mr. Piper presented a brief sketch of the The Oregonian's history during its 76 years of publication under the same name." Five members of Portland Advertising Club that was part of this Pacific Coast association became charter members of Portland Toastmasters Club # 31 in 1935.

In a September 19, 1926 Oregonian article about the University Of Oregon Portland Extension Center mentions that, the Public Speaking Department was one of the largest at the center. Furthermore, article quoted as the following

“University records show that public speaking is among the subjects which draws most variously and that the ability to express one’s self on one’s feet seems to be one of the most extensive appreciated needs. The fact that something like 300 enroll annually in the public speaking courses is considered a tribute to the real help secured and the improvement demonstrable after several weeks in a class with others like himself.”

This newspaper article mentions Portland Extension Center courses designed for part-time working students with a 4,300 enrollment in 1926 with classes held at Lincoln High School, Central Public Library, Dekum Building, and Medical School. Center had 73 instructors from Eugene campus, Reed College, Pacific University, Portland Public Schools, and local business and professional community. Full time instructors were Mrs. Mable Holmes Parsons, professor and writer, and Dr. Henrietta Moore, associate professor taught English composition, Professor F. Miron taught Latin and Spanish, Professor Phillip Janney taught accounting, and Mrs. Helen Miller Senn taught public speaking. During fall 1926, university offered 132 courses in various subjects such as ones listed below.

Poetry, Children's Literature, Oregon Literature, History, Motion Picture Appreciation
Art, Architecture, Music, Education, Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, Mathematics
English, Literature, Journalism, Philosophy, Latin, Spanish, German, Public Speaking
Public Health Nursing, Physical Education, Anatomy, Biology, Physiology, Chemistry
Accounting, Advertising, Banking, Business Law, Economics, Investments, Real Estate

Special public speaking class offered fall 1927 designed for business and professional men and women where public speaking part of daily lives. Class held at down town Portland Central Library story hour room Tuesday nights at 7:15 pm.

COURSE SUBJECT OUTLINE

Different forms of public address with platform practice
Civic Club four-minute speech
Eulogy
After-dinner speech
Political speech
Legislative speech
Plea of Attorney
Lecturer
Minister

Mrs. Marie Soule hired in 1927 as a public speaking instructor because of high enrollment.

Source: Oregonian September 27, 1928 Page 16

SPEAKERS WILL MEET

Helen Miller Senn, Home after Trip, to Be Greeted

The public speaking department of the University of Oregon, Portland center, will hold a "get-together" dinner and annual homecoming at the Congress hotel tomorrow at 6:00 P.M. (September 28, 1928)

This affair will celebrate the return of Helen Miller Senn, head of the department, who has been on a visit to colleges and universities of importance throughout the United States. She studied adult-education.

H. M. Gunn will be toastmaster. Dr. Banner R. Brooke, E.W. Charles, J. E. Larwood, Colton Meek, Knute Peterson, Charles Stidd, Ivy Taylor, H. Webber, J.D. Walsh, R.C. Charlton, Mrs. Zeppha Baker, W. H. Woodworth, Dr. Gambee, Arthur Field, Fred Jensen, Adelle Owens, and others will appear on the program with two-minute speeches.

Everyone interested in public speaking and other courses taught in this department are cordially invited to come and bring their friends.

**ELIZABETH A. BARNES PUBLIC SPEAKING TEACHER AND DRAMA
COACH OREGON AGRICULTURE COLLEGE
OREGON STATE COLLEGE 1922 TO 1945**

Miss Elizabeth Barnes, born 1882 in Virginia, studied dramatic art in New York and graduated from Emerson College of Oratory in Boston. She studied with Leland Powers. In 1920, Elizabeth Barnes became an Expression and Drama instructor for Ellison-White Conservatory of Music at 624 Everett Street, Portland. She worked as a dramatic instructor and coach for Willamette University junior theater plays. She was a member of Drama League in Portland. In 1921, she held member of the board as position stated in Oregonian article "Drama League Elects" officer elections June 26, 1921.

President, Miss Hannah B. Schloth
Vice President, Mrs. William L. Wood
Treasurer, Walter Leve
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Cannon
Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Mautz

Board of Directors

Mrs. Julia Markham	Mrs. Noel Dee	Mrs. Edwin Seely Parsons
Miss Bertha Young	Miss Nina Greathouse	George E. Reed
N. B. Zane		

Members of Board That Holdover Second Year

Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett	Mrs. John Leader	Mrs. Max Hirsch
Mrs. Bess Whitcomb	Miss Elizabeth Barnes	Miss Margaret Dillingham

League Retiring Officers

Mrs. Edwin Seely Parsons, president; Harold Gray, vice president; Mortimer Hartwell, treasurer; E. C. Bechtold



ELIZABETH A. BARNES

SOURCE: OREGONIAN January 14, 1927

According to Oregon Agricultural College student newspaper The Daily Barometer, Elizabeth A. Barnes appointed on September 22, 1922 as assistant instructor for public speaking and coach of dramatics. During early 1930s, she taught a specialty speech course called choric verse speaking for advance speech students. Choric speech resembles a chorus of drama and recitation. She taught public speaking and drama until her retirement in 1945 at Oregon State College and later university. She became faculty advisor for chapter of National Collegiate Players. January 1927, Elizabeth Barnes elected vice president of National Collegiate Players, College dramatic society at the Chicago Convention. She was faculty advisor and directed plays for the student Mask and Dagger Society.

Elizabeth Barnes judged speech contests and debates at high school level and college level. For example, she judged debate tryouts at Oregon Agricultural College on October 14, 1923 as quoted in Oregonian article.

"Eight men were chosen for the college debate squad in the tryouts held Friday night. They were Blair Stewart, Robert Kerr, Charlton Joughin, Kenneth Goodale, and Forest Woods, Corvallis; Kenneth Perry, Klamath Falls; Edward Rector, Seattle; Emil Tipp, Portland.

Four of the men on the squad are sophomores, two juniors and one a senior. Twelve tried out for the squad, the subject being Resolved that the United States immediately recognize the Soviet government of Russia. C. B. Mitchell, professor of public speaking, Earl Wells, instructor public speaking, and Miss Elizabeth Barnes, instructor in

expression and dramatic art judged the contest. The first debate will be with the University of Oregon.”

Note: Dr. Earl Wells who judged this contest was a member of Oregon Speech Association and president of this organization in 1937

At North Bend on Friday evening April 19, 1925, Elizabeth Barnes judged high school oratorical and declamation contests. Participating high schools were Coos River, Coquille, Marshfield, Myrtle Point, Bandon and North Bend. Contest winners were Joe McKeown won oratorical contest with “Washington and the Constitution” and Miss Edith Dipple won declamation contest with selection of “The Lance of Kanana”.

Y.M.C.A. AND OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (OIT) PUBLIC SPEAKING INSTRUCTION

Y.M.C.A. educational department continued expanding during World War I and after with enrollment increasing from 866 students in 1907 to 15,000 students in 1920. Education department became third largest school in Oregon after University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College now Oregon State University. In 1920, Y.M.C.A. Board of Trustees and Board changed named of Y.M.C.A. educational department to Oregon Institute of Technology (O.I.T.). They appointed H.L. Corbett, Chairman of Board, William Ladd, President, H.W. Stone, General Secretary, and Leon O. Nichols, educational secretary. Board members approved a new accounting system for this school that other Y.M.C.A. education departments adopted through out the country. Edward L. Clark appointed as dean for school of salesmanship where justification for this school quoted from Oregonian news article as the following:

“Salesmanship and public speaking taught as a science on the theory that salesmanship is the builder of every great enterprise.”



EDWARD CLARK

SOURCE: OREGONIAN March 22, 1933

Advisor committee that developed curriculum for this school, were Fred Laceton Smith, Master Car Company; W. P. Olds, Olds; Wortman, and King, G. Neeisen Pike; Pike and O’Neil, J. P. Jaeger; Jaeger Brothers; Fred Sproul; Manager Pacific Telephone and Telegraph. Edward Clark, dean made attendance at a public speaking class mandatory for salesmanship students. W. G. Harrington, former public speaking instructor for

Pacific University, Forest Grove and graduate of Boston University taught this course. Mr. Harrington gave free public lectures to businessmen about value of public speaking. In 1921, students showed strong interest in O.I.T. public speaking courses because of W. G. Harrington's teaching skills. He also taught public speaking classes at Franklin High School and coached the student debate team. Harrington continued teaching public speaking at O.I.T. into the 1930s.



WILLIAM HARRINGTON
SOURCE: OREGONIAN

O.I.T. business and public speaking curriculum continued expanding during late 1920s. School officials hired Reverend J. George Cunningham pastor Kenton Community Church and Bryan A. Gilkinson, manager of radio broadcasting KEX taught night public speaking classes because of increasing student interest in public speaking. Mr. Gilkinson graduated from University of Minnesota where he leads a student debate team that won a 1917 interstate oratory contest.

EUGENE BROOKINGS

Eugene Brookings, a practicing attorney, taught public speaking, and business law courses such as property law and bankruptcy O.I.T. during the 1920s. Earlier in century, Eugene Brookings was the first president of Progressive Businessmen's Club that supported Women's Suffrage, Columbia River Highway, and other causes. This club was organized January 24, 1911 during a luncheon at the Imperial Hotel. Club officers were President, Eugene Brookings; vice-president, John G. Peters; treasurer, Earle A.

Clark; secretary, Henry M. Browning; board of trustees, W. E. Nelson, C. F. Fisher, Dr. G. N. Pease and the president and secretary as ex-officio members. The purpose of club is to have each member represent a particular line of business and to influence businesses toward fellow members. During a meeting of Portland citizens in favor of Women's Suffrage, Abigail Scott Duniway appointed Eugene Brookings as temporary secretary for Portland Women's suffrage Movement January 13, 1912. He was campaign manager for a property tax levy for Portland Public Schools, Anti-Capital Punishment League and Republican primary candidate. Students of Mr. Eugene Brookings, a public speaking instructor, established a branch of the national Lincoln Public Speaking club in 1921. Furthermore, he arranged annual public speaking student banquets such as this one held on May 28, 1925 and publicized in Oregonian article.

STUDENTS HOLD BANQUET

Public Speaking Class Meets at Annual Dinner at Benson

Governor Pierce, Judge Ekwall and Fred L. Boalt were speakers at the annual dinner of the public speaking class of the Oregon Institute of Technology at the Benson hotel Wednesday night.

Each member of the class responded as follows:

Oliver Morgan, "The Service Store"

Arthur L. Lendholm, "Sports Fishing in Oregon"

Floyd W. White, "The Future Portland"

Axel Carlberg, "Evolution of the Drug Store"

Carl H. Haggland, "The Rehabilitation Program of the U.S. Veterans Bureau"

Edward J. Erickson, "A Reputation"

Sergeant Carson, "The U.S. Marine"

R. E. Hine, "The Critic"

John C. Bellinger, "Public Utilities"

Captain Frank Ervin, "Automobile Driver's License"

Floyd L. Barlow, "Portland as a More Desirable Place to Live"

Music was furnished by Miss Grace Allen, soprano, and Verne Preston, violinist. Mrs. Verne Preston was accompanist. Eugene Brookings, instructor, arranged the program and M. B. Mack was toastmaster.

LINCOLN PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

An Oregonian article dated February 13, 1929 describes the Abraham Lincoln Public Speaking club.

Club Has Sixth Banquet

The Abraham Lincoln Public Speaking club held its sixth annual banquet at the Congress Hotel last night in honor of the birthday anniversary of its great namesake. C. F. Johnson, Edward L. Clark and Eugene Brookings were the principal speakers.

The club is a branch of a national organization interested in public speaking and was formed from a nucleus of students who studied the art under Mr. Brookings at Oregon Institute of Technology when he was a member of the faculty two or three years ago.

Talks were made by Ben Musa, president; Floyd Barlow, vice-president, and Carl H. Haggland, secretary, and the following charter members; W.W. Smith, who spoke on

"Lincoln a Friend of the South"; Albert Absher, who spoke on Lincoln's life; Lindsey Mercer, C.C. Hubbard, G. H. Benton, W.E. Gelinsky, M. R. Maney, Will R. Lewis, and Edger Zehrueg, Leon Feldstein was toastmaster. Piano selections were played by Harry Fieldstein.

Frank Boynton one of students that founded the Lincoln public speech club in 1920s that met at Central Y.M.C.A. This club remained active until after 1979. On September 28, 1928, club members invited two local political candidates as guest speakers. As quoted in Oregonian article, "Walter T. Snealy, candidate for city commissioner and Fred W. German, candidate for county commissioner, spoke last night at a meeting, of the Lincoln Club in the Central Y.M.C.A.. Mr. Snealy outlined his plan for offering free sites as an inducement for factories locating here and advocated reduction in power and light rates."

Source: Oregonian February 24, 1929 page 41.

Professional Women's Club to Meet Thursday Program Will Include Both Music and Business Matters

"The monthly members' dinner meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club will be held at the club tan room 915 Bedell building.

Business will occupy part of the time of the session, there will be music by the club chorus with Madam Frieda Stjerna directing, and Mrs. Mae Ross Walker at the piano, Miss Alice C. Hutchinson, president, will preside.

The publicity committee of the club, of which Miss Ada D. Albert is chairman, will meet Tuesday noon at the club tea room, 915 Bedell building.

The legislative committee, scheduled for meetings each Tuesday during the term of legislature, held its final meeting last Tuesday. Miss Mary Jane Spurlin has conducted the discussions.

At the weekly luncheon meeting Thursday, Edward Brown, a member of the Lincoln Club, spoke on "The Peculiar American People." Western America is noted for its belief in human equality, the speaker declared.

Henry Jensen gave vocal numbers with Edward Greene at the piano.

Lincoln club members judged in school speech contests such as this one described in an Oregonian article dated March 30, 1929 on page 10.

STUDENTS HOLD DEBATE Members of Portland Club Act as Judges at St. Helens

Three members of the Lincoln club, which meets at the Y.M.C.A., acted as judges in the Columbia county school declamatory contest at St. Helens last night. A different group from the club will act as judges tonight, when contestants in the high school division take the platform.

The contest was held in the St. Helens high school. Judges were H. I. C. Knowles, 489 W. Park street; A. D. Schmidt, 181 E. Fourteenth street, and Dr. C. W. Miller, Central building. Judges selected for tonight are O. E. Stanley, an assistant city engineer; C. R. Stearns, Portland attorney, Mr. Knowles.

PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST

High school speech contests were common with prizes for winners. For instance, Wilbur Thibault, a Jefferson High School student, won the 1929 state high school oratorical contest. He won a free Washington D.C trip. to compete in national finals and a free expenses paid three-month trip to South America as prizes. Charles A. Howard, State School Superintendent quoted in a January 29, 1929 Oregonian article about state oratory contests.

He said, **“One of the most valuable accomplishments that can be acquired is the ability to speak effectively before an audience and time to secure that training and practice in the art of speaking is during high school and college years.”**

TOASTMASTERS, FREDERICK H. ELEY AND RALPH C. SMEDLEY

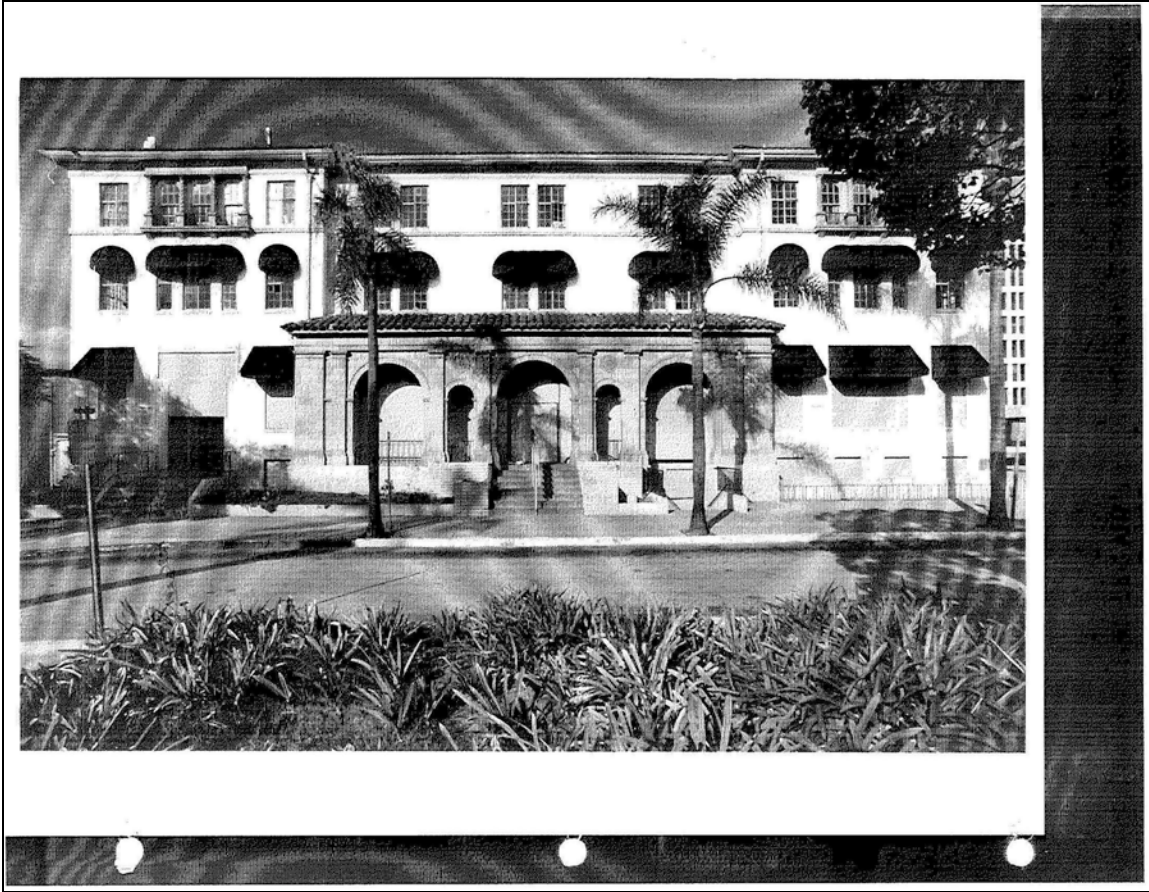
Frederick H. Eley first District 7 Governor was born in 1884 in Colchester, Essex, England and educated in England as an architect. After immigrating to Canada, he worked as an architect in Fort William, Ontario, Canada. After immigrating to the United States in 1907, he established an architect practice in Santa Anna and Orange County, California where he became first registered architect in Orange County. He was a renowned architect in southern California from 1911 to 1930's know for his Spanish revival style. In 1922, Frederick Eley received a commission from Ralph C. Smedley Y.M.C.A. secretary and Construction Superintendent for designing the Santa Anna Y.M.C.A. building. Construction started March 1923 and building dedicated on April 1924. Ralph Smedley became friends with Frederick Eley and invited him to join the new Toastmasters club organized on October 22, 1924. Eley later joined El Camino Toastmasters club in Santa Ana. Eley was one of first directors of Toastmasters International and appointed as treasurer 1932 through 1934. Late 1937, Frederick Eley and his family moved to Salem, Oregon. The book Frederick Eley by Robert Richardson mentions on page22, Eley was upset about architects whose buildings they designed suffered damage during the March 1933 Long Beach earthquake got more new contracts than he, even though his buildings withstood the earthquake. He later decided to move to Oregon. He continued his architectural practice in Salem until his retirement during early 1950s. He moved to Des Moines, Washington where he passed away in 1979.

SANTA ANA Y.M.C.A. BUILDING

The 3-1/2 story buildings' architectural design a Spanish Colonial style had a central open patio, indoor swimming pool, lockers, gymnasium, and dormitory rooms. Y.M.C.A. owned this building until 1989 when Y.M.C.A. officials sold building to City of Santa Ana. City officials initially planned using this building as an educational facility. Apparently, this plan was never implemented and building currently vacant. City of Santa Ana listed building on Register of Historical Buildings. Currently, city has boarded up the building until use for the building found. District 7 Historian contacted the City of Santa Ana building department about availability building plans for this building. Unfortunately, the city did not retain the original building plans. City building department staff started archiving building plans on microfilm during late 1940s. See Toastmasters International web site virtual museum for photo of building as it appeared during 1920s. The book

"Orange County's Pioneer Architect Frederick Eley by Robert Richardson has a photograph of building.

One of the Santa Ana Historic Preservation Society, members told story that her aunt was Ralph Smedley's first secretary. Her aunt's father was Ralph Smedley's banker and a friend of his. His daughter just graduated from Pomona but was out of work. As a favor for friend, Ralph Smedley hired her.



**Y.M.C.A. BUILDING SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA DEDICATED SPRING 1924
BUILDING ON NATIONAL REGISTER of HISTORICAL PLACES AND CITY OF
SANTA ANNA OWNS THE BUILDING**

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CITY OF SANTA ANA PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

NAME YMCA
ADDRESS 203-205 West Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, California 92701
Orange County

PARCEL 005-184-20
SPURGEONS ADD LOT BLK C E 29 FT N 125 FT -I NC 4 FT

CENSUS TRACT 750.02 **CENSUS BLOCK** 1014

YMCA building number six on City of Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties

Comment: See City of Santa Ana web site Property Activity for further information and history of YMCA building that includes map and photographs. In addition, National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for Santa Ana YMCA building posted on this web site.

FORMATION OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL 1924-1929

First Toastmasters Club (Club #1) meeting held on Wednesday evening October 24, 1924 in Santa Ana Y.M.C.A. building dinning room. According to Ralph Smedley's book, P. J. Bamumgartner Y.M.C.A. educational committee and publisher of Sana Ana register presided the meeting and delivered talk about speech and training. Thomas Glenn, faculty of Santa Ana, Junior College, principal speaker spoke about "Value of Public Speaking for Citizen". After the speeches, twenty-four individuals attending discussed meeting programs, costs, and meeting times. W. F. Crites elected as temporary chairman and J. Bob Fernandez elected as temporary secretary. During Wednesday, October 29, 1924 meeting, six speakers spoke about California ballot issues.

Members wrote and adopted a Memorandum of Organization for the new club at the November 5, 1924 meeting. This document consisted of the following items:

1. Memorandum of Organizing of a club for practice public speaking in the Santa Ana Y.M.C.A.
2. Name: Toastmasters Club
3. Purpose: To afford practice and training in the art of public speaking and in presiding over meetings, and to promote sociability and good fellowship among members.
4. Men 18 years of age or older can become members, membership limited to 30, and members might be dropped after two unexcused absences.
5. Club officers are president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer including Y.M.C.A. Secretary Executive Committee. Club officer terms for three months but members soon changed terms to six months.

6. Club Program

Club meets at 6:30 for dinner
Business transacted during meal
7:00 pm Club President introduces Toastmaster
Five Speeches lasting five minutes
7:35 pm Ten minute open discussion
7:45 pm General critic made comments on speeches and meeting
8:00 pm Meeting Adjourned

On November 12, 1924, members elected their first club officers.

W. F. Crites, President
Bob Fernandez, Vice-President

H. G. Nelson, Secretary

Speakers spoke about the following topics

Save the Redwoods

Finding Markets for Our Products

Wasted Wealth in Water

Building More and Better Highways

Capitalizing on Tourists

See The Story of Toastmasters by Ralph Smedley for more details.

In the December 1934, issue of Toastmasters Magazine an article published starting on page 2 about how Toastmasters formed and described individuals that helped organize Toastmasters International. During fall, J. Clark Chamberlain visited the Toastmasters club and wanted to organize one in neighboring Anaheim. J. Clark Chamberlain with Ralph Smedley's assistance organized a second Anaheim club in January 1926. J. Clark Chamberlain was the first club president. Third club organized was the Los Angeles club in June 1927. Other clubs organized at Fullerton and Ontario, California in 1926. The first joint meeting held at Santa Ana on August 27, 1927 where the idea for a federation developed and actions were needed to protect Toastmasters name and idea. Publicity about the new organization spread through an article by Gustave White, Los Angeles Educational Director for City Center Y.M.C.A. wrote article about the history of new Toastmasters club federation and offer for helping organizing new clubs in the February 1928 magazine Associated Men. This individual taught public speaking classes. Numerous requests for information forced Ralph Smedley to write an instruction manual for organizing and conduct of a Toastmasters club. In addition, he wrote first Toastmasters speech manual titled Ten Lessons in Public Speaking that was copyrighted in 1928. Clubs organized in 1928 were Pomona, Orange, and Long Beach, California. In addition, women's public speaking clubs Anaheim' toastmistress club and Santa Ana Women's Forum along with Toastmasters clubs met June 7, 1928. In January 1929, the California State Y.M.C.A. officials set aside a major part of the program. Gustave White headed the delegation of Toastmasters clubs from Long Beach, Ontario, Santa Ana, Glendale, Orange, Pomona, and Anaheim. Shortly afterwards Santa Barbara club organized in March 1929. Members of this club suggested idea to support High School speech contest.

GUSTAVE WHITE



SOURCE; TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE December 1934

According to article in December 1934 Toastmasters Magazine, Gustave White born in Demark became general administrator of Y.M.C.A. at University of California and was general secretary at Y.M.C.A. in Salt Lake City, Buffalo, and San Francisco. During World War I he worked for Y.M.C.A. in Europe and a representative for Inter-allied Conference on Disabled Veterans. He moved to Los Angeles, California in 1920 where he worked as the dean of Y.M.C.A. training school at Whittier College. He joined Toastmasters in 1927 and helped write the Toastmasters Constitution.

EARLY TOASTMASTER CLUB HISTORIES

The December 1934 issue of Toastmasters Magazine published brief club histories of some of the early Toastmasters clubs quoted as following.

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA CHARTER # 3:
Club historian Walter Taylor

Club members organized January 19, 1926 and they voted J. Clark Chamberlain as president and adopted a club constitution. Club extension was responsible for organizing six new clubs including helping others to form new clubs. Chamberlain went on to form the San Diego club # 7. TMI officers from the Anaheim club are George Hedstrom, Arthur Porter, Clark Chamberlain, Paul Demaree, and Arthur Porter. Franklin Howatt developed idea for supporting high school speech contests before moving to Santa Barbara Toastmasters Club. Club was host to Toastmasters International contest in 1932. Honorary life members are John Rudd, Clark Chamberlain, Evan Alsip, "Baron" Baronowski, and Olin Price. Last charter member Jim Heffron of club left in 1932.

Anaheim club still active and meets at Haskett Branch Library, Anaheim, California at 6:30 pm on Thursdays.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CHARTER # 3
Historian Tom Butler

Club organized during evening June 7, 1927 at Downtown Y.M.C.A. with Johnson presiding. Charter officers listed as follows.

Clarence Brogan, President
Tom Butler, Vice-President

Clarence Shattuck, Treasurer

Gustave White was general critic.

Club members were responsible for organizing Pasadena, Glendale, and San Pedro Toastmasters clubs.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA CHARTER #5 **Historian Vincent H. Grocott**

Club was organized in 1929 with help from Mason Danner and De Los Tibbals of local Y.M.C.A. an Elmer Smith and Harry Hill

Richard Ferguson, President

Other club presidents are J. M. McClosky, Clarence Rodgers, Kenneth Bolton, Paul Davidson, J. C. Grin, Elmer Smith, Leonard Bowman, Louis Green, Owen O'Neil, Earl Beaulieu, and Graydon Howell.

Club originated Junior Toastmasters club in 1930.

Club still active and meets at the Santa Barbara Unitary Society 1535 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California 92804-2121 on Tuesdays 7:00 am.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA CHARTER # 6 **Historian C. F. Marshall**

Club organized on September 1, 1929 with both men and women members. Women were better speakers than the men were. Toastmasters' bylaws forced the club to exclude women. Women then started their own club. Club was first use timing lights for speeches. Club historian developed timing lights that looked similar to a traffic signal. Club members awarded cub to best speaker of month, tin cup for most humorous speech, and programs and topics issued a month in advance. Club members wrote up instructional sheets for various phases of public speaking. Outside speakers invited to meetings.

FIRST FIFTY TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEMBERS

The September 1935 issue pages 27 and 28 of Toastmasters magazine listed first fifty members of Toastmasters.

FIRST FIFTY MEMBERS OF TOASTMASTERS	
1. Ralph C. Smedley Santa Ana 10-24-1924	26. W. G. Claussen, Anaheim, 7-1-1930
2. J. Clark Chamberlain, San Diego 1-26-1926	27. Jack Wilburn, San Diego, 7-1-1930
3. Olin H. Price, Huntington Park No. 1 5-24-1926	28. Otto Idso, Anaheim, 7-15-1930

4. Thomas Butler, Los Angeles, 6-7-1927	29. Kenneth Hallowell, San Diego, 8-1-1930
5. Arthur H. Johnson, Pasadena, 6-7-1927	30. William Kohlenbeger, Anaheim, 8-19-1930
6. Alexander Kosloff, Los Angeles, 6-7-1927	31. Frederick H. Eley, El Camino, Santa Ana, 9-10-1930
7. J. G. White, Los Angeles, 6-27-1927	32. Dr. C. J. Ruley, Smedley No. 1, 10-22-1930
8. A. G. Porter, Anaheim, 11-22-1927	33. Fred W. Brown, Los Angeles, 12-1-1930
9. William Iverson, Smedley Chapter No. 1, 5-2-1928	34. Dr. Frederick Hershman, Los Angeles, 12-1-1930
10. C. G. Hedstrom, Anaheim, 6-6-1928	35. Dr. B. M. Tylicki, Gavel Club, 1-1-1931
11. Paul Demaree, Anaheim, 7-17-1928	36. Leo R. Schhmid, Seattle No. 1, 5-1-1931
12. Jean Bordeaux, Westwood, 9-12-1928	37. Dr. P. A. Foster, Los Angeles, 7-1-1931
13. L. F. Kellog, Anaheim, 9-18-1928	38. D. C. Hamilton, Smedley No. 1, 2-3-1932
14. J. C. Elliott, Anaheim, 11-6-1928	39. A. J. Woodworth, Smedley No. 1, 2-1-1932
15. Harold H. Fish, Smedley No. 1, 12-19-1928	40. R. Carson Smith, Smedley No. 1, 2-17-1932
16. A. G. Green, Smedley No. 1, 12-19-1928	41. J. W. Percival, San Diego, 3-1-1932
17. Elmer L. Smith, Santa Barbara, 3-17-1929	42. Earl L. Beaulieu, Santa Barbara, 4-5-1932
18. D. H. Tibbals, Smedley No. 1, 3-17-1929	43. A. F. Duncan, Santa Barbara, 4-5-1932
19. C. F. Marshall, Pasadena, 9-1-1929	44. E. H. Harlacher, Santa Barbara, 4-5-1932
20. Howard Goodhue, Pasadena, 10-1-1929	45. Harry Hill, Santa Barbara, 4-5-1932
21. Dr. W. M. Knudtson, San Diego, 4-1-1930	46. C. G. Howell, Santa Barbara, 4-5-1932
22. William La Monte, San Diego, 5-1-1930	47. O. H. O'Neill, Santa Barbara, 4-5-1932
23. T. W. Johnson, Pasadena, 5-15-1930	48. Martin de Piazzi, Santa Barbara, 4-5-1932
24. G. E. Yousling, Pasadena, 6-1-1930	49. G. H. Tucker, Santa Barbara, 4-5-1932
25. I. Roy Chafe, San Diego, 7-1-1930	50. J. Lee Hewitt, Smedley No. 1, 4-5-1932

APPENDIX 1920-1929

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For interested readers they can read more about early history of Toastmasters in Ralph Smedley's book "The Story of Toastmasters" available from Toastmasters International Book Store.

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DECADE 1930-1939 CHAPTER

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED

After October 1924, Toastmasters began expanding with improvements in organization and in club speech materials. On October 4, 1930, representatives from eight toastmasters clubs met at Los Angeles Y.M.C.A. for organizing Toastmasters International. Previous meetings created an organization structure that allowed officer elections. Members wrote a constitution with by laws. Then club representatives' elected their first permanent Toastmasters officers, J. Clark Chamberlain – President, Arthur H. Johnson – Vice President, C. George Hedstrom – Vice President, Robert H. Orr – Secretary, and George M. Grant – Treasurer. In addition, see San Diego Union article Friday August 22, 1930 page 5 **"Pick Delegates For Convention"**.



J. CLARK CHAMBERLAIN, FIRST PRESIDENT OF TOASTMASTERS INT.
SOURCE: TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE December 1934

J. CLARK CHAMERLAIN – Clark Chamberlain was Toastmasters International first president 1930-1932. He served in Navy during World War I. He became American

Legion commander Anaheim Post in 1926. He joined first Toastmasters Club # 1 before founding San Diego Toastmasters Club # 7 in 1930. He was a sales manger for Frigidaire Company in San Diego County. He was manager for the Gas Appliance Association. He belonged to the Advertising Club and Electric Club. Clark remained active in Toastmasters into the 1950s.



ARTHUR H. JOHNSON

SOURCE: TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE December 1934 page 12

ARTHUR H. JOHNSON – Arthur Johnson was First Vice President 1930-1931 and 1932-1933 and president of Toastmasters 1933-1934. He completed a YMCA public speaking class in 1927. He helped organize Los Angeles Toastmasters. He later became member of Pasadena Toastmasters club. Furthermore, he was a member of American Legion. **Source:** Toastmasters Magazine December 1934 page 12

C. GEORGE HEDSTROM – Toastmasters International Vice-President

ROBERT H. ORR – Toastmasters International Secretary

GEORGE M. GRANT – George Grant Toastmasters Treasurer 1930-1931 and an attorney. He was member of Los Angeles Toastmasters Club. **Source:** Toastmasters Magazine December 1934 page 21

Source: Toastmasters Magazine

Ralph Smedley's foundation of Toastmasters On October 22, 1924 was a revolutionary idea for teaching public speaking. These ideas summarized in fifth teen points modified into a purpose statement in 1931 and as quoted in 1933 Toastmasters magazine. These points provided clubs with uniform operating guidelines that many non-Toastmasters speech clubs lacked.

First Toastmaster magazine called The Gavel published December 6, 1930.

Toastmasters incorporated on December 1, 1932 as a non-profit California corporation. Names and addresses of persons appointed as first directors of this corporation listed below:

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL FIRST DIRECTORS 1932

Paul H. Demaree Anaheim, CA

Frederick H. Eley Santa Ana, CA

Arthur H. Johnson Altadena, CA Jean Bordeaux Los Angeles, CA
F. Edward Taylor Long Beach, CA

Articles of incorporation had a membership requirement written as the following:

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. How Constituted:

Sec. 2. **Composition of Clubs:** A Toastmasters Club shall be composed of **male** members at least 21 years of age. Unless an exception is made by Toastmasters International, the maximum active membership of any Toastmasters Clubs shall be thirty; **twelve** shall be the minimum membership Clubs may have other than active members under the following classification: Associate, Inactive, or Honorary

Note: Toastmasters International has changed the minimum membership of a club from six to eight members in 2014.

WOMEN INTEREST IN PUBLIC SPEAKING AND TOASTMISTRESS INTERNATIONAL CLUBS

According to Ralph Smedley's book on June 6, 1928, 150 from speech clubs held a meeting at the Y.M.C.A. Santa Ana for a program of speeches. Women members from two women speech clubs represented at this meeting Toasties of Anaheim and Women's Forum of Santa Ana. Idea of a federation of clubs discussed. Many members favored the idea for a club federation. The Pasadena Club had women and men members. Women members were better speakers than men were according to club members. When club chartered in 1929 the women had to leave because Toastmasters International rules excluded women. They talked about forming their own club. Women members in non-Toastmasters clubs was a common occurrence.

Mary Lou Stimson who delivered a speech at a regular Toastmasters meeting was probably first or one of first few women to do so. According to San Diego Union newspaper article, this event occurred on May 18, 1931 at a San Diego Toastmasters Club #7 meeting. Her supervisor scheduled for a speech was unable to attend meeting because of a business appointment. Club educational chairman suggested he substitute his employee Mary Lou Stimson as a speaker. She delivered such an excellent speech a San Diego Union newspaper published an article about her achievement including her photograph.

In March 25, 1933, a proposal introduced to allow women into Toastmasters as members. Joe Elliott of Anaheim Toastmasters club argued successfully against proposal and convinced Toastmasters officers to continue exclusion of women from Toastmasters. Women remained excluded until 1973. This decision later resulted in organization of Toastmistress International in 1937.

On page 19 of June Toastmasters magazine editorial section called The Candid Critic says this about women and Toastmasters. **We women want recognition.** Toastmistress clubs are springing up in many communities. Toastmasters International can help promote more such clubs. We want to profit by the program of Toastmasters.

We agree not to cause trouble if you will give us a chance to associate with you. Most of us are wives or sweethearts of Toastmasters, anyway, and we understand what it is all about. We believe that the general cause of Toastmasters Clubs can be helped if you will let us enlist. Give us a chance.

In same June 1937 Toastmasters magazine another article was published with title “**The Ladies Organize**” From many localities comes word of the organization of Toastmistress Clubs. The movement has developed spontaneously, without any suggestion or encouragement from Toastmasters International, and it appears to be time for us men to give women a thought. It has been suggested that time be provided at the Hollywood Convention on August 14 for representatives of Toastmistress Clubs to get together and see what they want to do about promoting their movement.

Reports received show there are Toastmistress Clubs organized and at work in Salinas, San Francisco, Huntington Park, California, at Orlando, Florida, and at Tucson, Phoenix, Miami, Prescott and Ajo, Arizona. In fact, it seems that Arizona ladies insist on starting a Toastmistress Club whenever the men get a Toastmasters Club going.

There are decided advantages when parallel organizations are maintained. The men’s club and women’s club can hold joint meetings, exchange programs, aid with criticism and help each other mightily. Here are the names of officers of several these clubs. If the ladies wish to enter correspondence with the purpose of planning some activity at Hollywood Convention this will enable them to do so.

San Francisco Toastmistress Club – **President**, Lillian R. Stauffer

Salinas Toastmistress Club – **President**, Miss Edna Thorne

Tucson, Arizona, Toastmistress Club – **President**, Mrs. Ethel Clawson

Huntington Park, California, Toastmistress Club – **President**, Miss Rose Krier

Note: author mentioned parallel organizations and not integrating women into regular Toastmasters club. The Article III membership requirement does not mention race, national origin, and religion as requirement or exclusion from membership.

At the Hollywood Toastmasters Convention, the Toastmistress clubs met to discuss organizing on August 14, 1937. An article published in September 1937 Toastmasters magazine quoted as the following.

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“A meeting of member of Toastmistress Clubs, together with others interested in forming such clubs, was held at Hollywood in connection with the convention of Toastmasters International. Rose E. Krier, president of Alpha Toastmistress Club of Huntington Park, presided. Representatives were present from San Francisco, Salinas, Tucson, Glendale, Huntington Park, and Ventura Toastmistress Clubs, while Orlando, Florida, Phoenix, Miami, Prescott and Ajo, Arizona, clubs reported interested although not represented.

Discussion resulted in a decision to negotiate with all clubs with the purpose of forming a permanent independent organization of women’s speech clubs, and a committee was named to study the matter further. This committee includes Mrs. George B. White of San Francisco, Miss Edna Thorne of Salinas, Ester M. Duipace of Tucson, Mrs. Ardesta Murdock of Glendale and Mrs. Lutie D. Woodfill of Huntington Park. It is suggested that ladies interested in the project, either of forming new clubs or affiliating present clubs with movement, may communicate with Mrs. George B. White, San Francisco, who will be glad to serve with information as to progress of the work.”

TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE ARTICLE SEPTEMBER 1938 TUCSON, ARIZONA TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“TOASTMISTRESSING IT”

By Winona Higgins

While Toastmasters were busy engaged in the Speech Contest for the President's Trophy, the women of the convention, who also have a “yen” to talk, were just as busy with the model Toastmistress luncheon and Business Meeting which took place at the Pioneer Hotel, Tucson, August 6, 1938.

A year had elapsed since Toastmistressing on an international scale had been indulged in, so there was much to say and do.

The model luncheon, with members of Chaparral Chapter of Toastmistress Club, Tucson, as hostesses, honored visiting delegates from the following clubs: Gonzales, King City, Salinas, Santa Barbara, (delegates from both the Santa Barbara Toastmistress Club and the Toastmistress Breakfast Club of Santa Barbara, Phoenix and Tucson.

The Toastmistress Breakfast Club of Santa Barbara is unique in its radio program, which goes on the air every Friday morning as a part of the regular meeting. This feature is under the able direction of Radio Chairman, Mrs. Elmer L. Smith. A Speaking Bureau, which is called upon by the community and is recognized as a civic asset is also a worthwhile part of the work as carried on by this club.

About fifty women attended the luncheon, at which six Toastmistresses gave prepared talks, which were in turn evaluated by three individual critics and one general critic.

Mrs. Ethel Clawson, convention Chairman for Tucson, was a delightful presiding officer, and Mrs. Alice Cleland of the fluent tongue and ready wit made a captivating toastmistress.

The model talks ranged from “The Weather”, by Mrs. Florence Clark of Tucson, to “Chips of China”, Mrs. Ruth Brunstein of the Santa Barbara Toastmistress Club. Other enlightening talks were made by the following club members:

Hazel Bobb Hohberger of Salinas, California – “The Advantage of International Toastmistress Clubs”

Mrs. Mary Massy of Tucson, Arizona – “Mexican Bubble Glass”

Mrs. Iola McAllister of Phoenix, Arizona – “Candidates and Campaigns”

Mrs. Inez Lambert of Phoenix, Arizona – “A Worthwhile Hobby – Try Giving Yourself Away”

Mrs. Lambert's talk had a spiritual lift which completely convinced her listeners that ideas in giving are like some varieties of flowers, the more you pick them the more they bloom. The speech was an outstanding example of what our work can be when members try giving themselves in service.

Immediately after luncheon an informal business meeting was held at which delegates from all visiting Toastmistress Clubs were present. Miss Winona Higgins acted as chairman. A report from Mrs. Ersteine F. White, Chairman Organization of Toastmistress International, was submitted. Considerable time was consumed in discussing the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation of International Toastmistress

Clubs. A motion to pass a resolution approving the Articles of Incorporation, was carried without dissenting vote.

A spirit of cooperation prevailed throughout the Toastmistress Conference and gratitude was expressed for the sincere work done by Mrs. White and members of her committee, Mrs. Taylor Reedy of Palo Ato, Miss Edna EW. Thorne of Salinas and Miss Phyllis Starbird of King City, in establishing the organization of International Toastmistress Clubs. The business meeting closed with the definite objective in mind of delegates attending the Convention in San Jose next year to participate in still greater realization of the breadth and scope of this movement, still in its beginnings, and with a great future in prospect."

TUSCON, ARIZONA TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM

Source: June 1938 Toastmasters Magazine

CONVENTION ORGANIZATION

Paul H. Demaree, Chairman Committee on Resolutions

Robert M. Switzler, Chairman Resolutions, Member of San Diego Club #7

Arthur Johnson, Chairman Nomination

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION August 5 and 6, 1938 – Tucson, Arizona

Convention Headquarters: For Men, Santa Rita Hotel

For Women, Pioneer Hotel

Friday 9:00 am Registration – Santa Rita Hotel

9:30 Meeting Board of Directors, open to all delegates

12:30 pm Informal Luncheon for men and women, Santa Rita Hotel.

President Dunlap will have charge. Informal Program

2:00 pm Convention Session

Reports of officers and committees

Consideration of resolutions

Action on proposed amendments to By-Laws

Education Session

6:30 pm Dinner and Dance – Pioneer Hotel. Tickets \$1.50

Exemplary dinner with speakers and entertainment, followed by dance.

Tucson officers to preside

Notable Toastmasters will speak

Saturday, 9:30 am Business Session of Convention

Report of Nominating Committee; Election

New Business, including projects for coming year

12:30 pm Luncheon for Women – Pioneer Hotel. Tickets \$1.00

Special program of interest for ladies

12:30 pm Luncheon for Men – Santa Rita Hotel. Tickets \$1.00

Following the luncheon program the speech contest for the President's Trophy will be presented.

3:00 Convention Session

Program arranged by the Educational Bureau, Sheldon Haydon, Chairman. Robert Heilbron, of San Diego, will present the High School Speech Contest.

7:00 Barbecue, in Tucson County Park, where the convention will come to a close in midst of the mystery and magic of the Giant Cactus Forest under the Arizona full moon.

Toastmasters International Officers Elected

Dr. Gordon M. Howard, President of Toastmasters

Ralph R. Guthrie, Vice-President

Accomplishments

- 1) Toastmasters does not endorse any paid advertising and Toastmasters Magazine not used for commercial purposes
- 2) Clubs requested to change club officer terms to 6 months and a one-year term for secretary-treasurer, and all election dates be set up so as to concur with the schedule of Toastmaster International, April 1, and October 1.
- 3) Deputy Governor delegate of Convention if he is able to attend
- 4) Board of Directors appoint a committee as general promotion and supervisory agency for planning and encouraging both the High School Speech Contest and the Inter-club Speech contest through out the organization
- 5) Adopt goal for year to bring minimum membership to 25 members
- 6) The Board of Directors appoints a special committee to prepare a formal constitution for Toastmasters International.
- 7) That we heartily commend the work of the Educational Bureau, and request the Board of Directors to continue this plan. High appreciation was expressed for the services rendered by Sheldon Hayden and his associates.
- 8) That the Board of Directors set apart from the funds of the organization such amounts as may be necessary to cover the expense of district governors in official visits of clubs.

Other resolutions included the formal thanks of the convention to the clubs of the Arizona District and to all who helped in making the convention a success. , introduced by Hon. Clyde A. Smith, of Casper, Wyoming; the recommendation for continuance of our speech contests, with added emphasis, offered by R. M. Switzler, of san Diego; the proposal to emphasize civic education and training for citizenship in our programs of speech for the year, offered by M. C. Martinsen of San Luis Obispo

The convention had 167 delegates representing 31 cities

Amendments to By-Laws

The principal matters were extending the time limits for annual convention, adding the district governors to the Board of Directors, and making the office of secretary appointive by the board instead of elective at convention.

NOTES ON THE WAY (Portions Quoted)

A number of faithful convention attendants were absent from the Tucson meeting, several missing, several missing the first Toastmasters International Convention in their whole experience. Elmer L. Smith of Santa Barbara, **Frederick H. Eley** and Arthur H. Johnson and Olin H. Price and Director Arthur C. Porter were noted missing for first

time. Vice-President Ed Hed of Seattle, sent regrets, as did other absent officers and directors.

Greetings from many distant clubs were received. Among these were the Vancouver, B. C., Toastmasters, the Minneapolis, Minn., Toastmasters, and the Hui Oelo O Club of Hilo, Hawaii.

It was first Toastmasters Convention ever held outside of California. So successful was the experiment that it will undoubtedly lead to other excursions to distant points.

TOASTMISTRESS ORGANIZATION 1938

The December 1938 Toastmasters Magazine published article about Toastmistress and quoted as the following:

INTERNATIONAL TOASTMISTRESS CLUBS, INC.

"After many delays, much consultation and almost unlimited correspondence, the ladies of the widely scattered Toastmistress Clubs have filed incorporation papers, formed an organization with a skeleton Board of Directors, and started on the task of coordinating and building the movement in its various units.

Twenty-two clubs are known to be in existence at this time, with others clamoring for a chance to establish themselves. Fourteen of the clubs joined in the movement to incorporate, and the others are gradually coming into line. The prospects for growth are most encouraging.

The form of the organization has been modeled on the lines of Toastmasters International, with such changes as are necessary to adapt to women's work. The plan of inexpensive, non-profit operation has been emphasized, with provision for thoroughly democratic control.

October 29, was the historic day when a group met in San Francisco to perfect the organization. The officers elected were:

Mrs. Erestine F. White, San Francisco, President
Mrs. Walter Hansen, Palo Alto, Vice-President
Miss Edna E. Thorne, Salinas, Secretary
Miss Starbird, King City, Treasurer

Steps have been taken for issuance of charters to all clubs affiliating with the movement. Information may be obtained from the President or the Secretary.

International Toastmistress Clubs, Inc. offers an attractive opportunity to groups of women interested in self-improvement on the same lines as those of so successfully followed by the Toastmasters Clubs. The organization is entirely independent, but it is naturally receiving the fullest cooperation and encouragement from Toastmasters International.

TOASTMISTRESSES NOTES

What Club Members Like Best

(IN THE TOASTMISTRESS BREAKFAST CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA)

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(Mrs. Elmer L. Smith, Founder-President)

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TOASTMISTRESS ARTICLE

SOURCE: TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE March 1939 pages 30 and 31

The Toastmasters Magazine June 1939 issue mentions that Toastmistress was holding a convention at same time as Toastmasters International in San Jose. The Toastmistress had convention headquarters at DeAnza hotel in San Jose, California.

NEWS FROM THE LADIES JUNE 1939 TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE

"The Alpha Toastmistress Club of Huntington Park sponsored an Inter-club dinner meeting of the Toastmistress Clubs in the southern area on May 10. That the women in this area are interested in the value to be derived from the public speaking was evidenced by an attendance of 107 with large representations from San Pedro, Montebello, Glendale, Walnut Park, Santa Monica, Los Angeles, and the La Cienega Toastmistress Clubs."

Mrs. Mabel Lovering, president of the Alpha Toastress Club of Huntington Park, presided and Mrs. E. A. Royston of the Toastmistress Club of Los Angeles served as

toastmistress. Each club furnished a five-minute speaker. Dr. Jean Bordeaux, authority on public speaking and personality development, was the guest critic and commentator.

NEWS OF THE TOASTMISTRESS CLUBS SEPTEMBER 1939 TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE

The first convention of International Toastmistress clubs was held in San Jose, California, parallel with the eighth convention of Toastmasters International. Business, information, sociability and inspiration were the characteristic features of this meeting, significant of the spirit of a young and vigorous movement.

By-Laws Adopted

The by-laws with amendments were adopted and ratified as a whole at the business session on Saturday morning, August 12.

Program Planning

Much appreciation goes to Mrs. Elmer L. Smith, program chairman of the convention, for her careful planning of the entire program. The Demonstration Program on Friday night was varied and entertaining in the extreme. It was representative of what a model Toastmistress meeting should be.

Founder-President Speaks

A highlight of the business meeting of August 11 was the first annual president's address, given by the retiring president, Ernestine F. White. Redolent with constructive philosophy, Mrs. White's discourse revolved around her Credo:

"The progress of the group is the sum total of the development and advancement of the individual members of the group, and the growth of the group is the stimulant for the improvement of the individual"

Stimulating and worthwhile to every listener was this talk. So many requests were made for a copy of it that it was deemed best to print it verbatim in the next issue of the Toastmistress. Members who were unable to attend the convention will thus be able to read the President's address for themselves.

Those Animated Cartoons

Convention humor reached a high pitch when Sheldon M. Hayden presented his cartoons on "How Not To Do It" at our Friday evening Demonstration Session. The wives of Toastmasters had a laugh because they were able to see their husbands as Toastmasters have undoubtedly viewed them. Perhaps it was even funnier to Toastmistresses than it was to the men who served as subjects for the cartoons. The talk was delightful and highly instructive.

On the Way to the Exposition

A busload of Toastmistresses joined the Toastmasters in a trip to San Francisco Exposition on Thursday, August 10. The jovial antics of one Hat, Hen, Ham, Holt, alias

Doc, of Arcadia Toastmasters gave many happy memories of the occasion. "Doc" inspired one member of the Santa Barbara Toastmistress Breakfast Club so that she has been putting her memory course into use ever since.

Registration Honors

The Toastmistress Breakfast Club had the largest delegation of registered members at the convention, outside of local club's attendance. Santa Barbara Toastmistress Club second in number of registered members so that Santa Barbara exceptionally well represented at this, the first convention of I.T.C.

Information

For full information on all matters connected with International Toastmistress Clubs' write to Mrs. Ernestine F. White, in charge of club extension San Francisco, California.
Send your club news to Miss Winona Higgins, Santa Barbara, California

New Officers and Directors

Mrs. Vera Hansen, President, Alhambra, California
Mrs. Dewy Bartlo, Vice-President, Phoenix, Arizona
Mrs. Crystal B. Tucker, Secretary, Altadena, California
Mrs. Eva Menard, Treasurer, San Luis, Obispo, California

Directors

Mrs. Ernestine F. White, Immediate Past-President, (in charge of extension)
Mrs. Iola McAlister, Phoenix, Arizona
Mrs. Dorothy J. Moore, San Luis Obispo, California
Miss Marian Bowler, San Diego, California
Mrs. Mary Morris, Springfield, Illinois. L. R. Montgomery, Olympia, Washington
Miss Edna E. Thorne, Salinas, California

THE TOASTMISTRESS CLUBS TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE DECEMBER 1939

International Toastmistress Clubs will hold their second annual convention in Santa Barbara next July. It was the intention at first to hold this convention in San Diego, parallel with Toastmasters International convention, but on considering the fact that San Diego has no Toastmistress Clubs, ladies decide to accept the invitation of Santa Barbara, where two Toastmistress Clubs are located, and so change was made. Mrs. Eleanor Craig has been named general chairman and the committees are being formed. Santa Barbara Toastmistress Club and the Santa Barbara Breakfast Toastmistress Club will be hostesses, and it goes without saying that it will be a notable gathering.

Two new chapters have been welcomed since the San Jose Convention. Stockton Toastmistress Club is Number 21, and East Los Angeles, Number 22. Mrs. Florence Van Gilder is president of the Stockton Club. Her husband is well known as an enthusiastic Toastmaster. Mrs. Margaret Graham heads the East Los Angeles Club.

Among the live prospects for new clubs is an interested group of businesswomen in Hollywood.

The special committee appointed to select a design for a pin for the organization has reached its decision. The pin is similar in size and style to that of Toastmasters International, but the design is altogether different. The pins will be manufactured by J. A. Meyers Company of Los Angeles who have served so well as official jewelers for Toastmasters International. Descriptive folders will be available in a very short time. These may be secured from J. A. Meyers Company, Los Angeles.

Information concerning organization of new clubs may be obtained from Mrs. Ernestine F. White, Director of Extension of San Francisco.

Other officers of International Toastmistress Clubs are:

Mrs. Dewey Bartlo, Vice President, Phoenix Street
Mrs. Crystal B. Tucker, Secretary, Altadena, California

CHARLOTTE DUNSHEE

Source: Toastmasters Magazine March 1938 Volume 4 No. 1 page 9 Personal Items

Toastmistress Charlotte Dunshee, of Ventura, whose book of poems was reviewed in the December Toastmaster, has recently published a play "By Request," which is meeting with favored among amateur and little theater groups. Her poem, "The Ancient Rite," is to appear in the forthcoming Crown Anthology. Her work is noted in the Ayon House "Dictionary of Cotemporary Poetry," and in "American Women."

TOASTMASTERS OFFICERS OCTOBER 8, 1932

Paul Demaree - President
Arthur Johnson - First Vice-President
F. Edward Taylor - Second Vice-President
***Frederick H. Eley - Treasurer**
Jean Bordeaux - Secretary

TOASTMASTERS OFFICERS OCTOBER 7, 1933

Arthur H. Johnson - President

Leo Schmid – First Vice President
Elmer Smith – Second Vice President
***Frederick H. Eley – Treasurer**
Leo Hansen – Assistant Treasurer
Jean Bordeaux - Secretary
Harry Finlay – Assistant Secretary

***Note:** Frederick H. Eley became first District 7 Governor
Toastmasters International assigned his member number as 31. He joined El Camino,
Santa Ana Toastmasters club October 1933.

EARLY CLUB HISTORIES CONTINUED

Source: All Toastmasters club histories quoted directly from Toastmasters Magazine
December 1934 issue.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA CHARTER # 7 Historian J. Clark Chamberlain

“Like many others since organized, this club came into existence through fate which frequently causes the migration of Toastmasters to cities where the idea has not reached. From Anaheim came J. Clark Chamberlain organizer and first president of that club, who in March 1930, commenced to gather the nucleus of the San Diego organization. In this work, Herbert Holmes, Y.M.C.A. general secretary, and C. T. (Jimmie) Jamison in charge of “Y” personnel work at that time proved helpful.

Actual organization took place April 1930, when a large delegation from Anaheim under president Olin Price, put on a sample program for the benefit of the thirty prospective members present. Immediately following meeting, officers were elected. The first president was J. Clark Chamberlain and the first secretary, Jimmy Jamison. Within four months, the Club faced its first speaking test tying in with the Community Chest Campaign of that year, a custom which has been adhered to since. During August and September, members of the club collectively made more than fifty Chest talks. In October 30, 1930, Toastmasters International came into being with San Diego Club claiming its first president in the election of its president Chamberlain to that office. In December 1930, San Diego played host to International for the first time, with delegates present from eight clubs.

During 1931, the club was active in carrying on various speaking campaigns and in attempting to form other clubs. In February and March, attempts were made to form clubs in Oceanside and El Cajon but without success. Oceanside actually was formed, but due to lack of membership material, the group quickly disbanded. In May 1931, we handled a speaking campaign for the Merchants Association, under the direction of A. C. Acason. Again in September and October, the Community Chest was handled by Toastmasters, and in October and November, an intensive six weeks Radio program undertaken in the interest of the Traffic Safety League.

In 1932, San Diego again inaugurated a heavy outside speaking schedule. February, Foreign Trade week was exclusively handled from a speaking standpoint. Beginning in June, and extending over a three-month period, the club shouldered its heaviest speaking obligation up to the time by taking charge of the program of the Traffic Safety League. This was an exclusive Radio series, using local stations. It reached its climax in August when members collectively delivered 29 radio talks in thirty days. In July, the

Midsummer Symphonies, a series of outdoor concerts, were sponsored exclusively by the club, and again in the Fall, the usual support was given to the annual Community Chest campaign. This year also marked other important milestones. In May, the most pretentious meeting of International up to this time was held in San Diego Athletic Club, and in August, under the leadership of president Leo Schmid, San Diego sponsored the Coronado Club.

While 1933 was marked by the usual club contributions to outside speaking activities such as Community Chest and Midsummer Symphonies, without doubt its most noteworthy accomplishment along these lines was the staging of a Toastmasters Club broadcast over KFSD, January 16, 1933. Under the guidance of president Bill La Monte, a thirty-minute sample club program was put on the air. Using four speakers, a toastmaster, four individual critics and a general critic, a well-rounded program was worked out. Numerous comments of a most favorable nature were received, resulting in splendid publicity. In April, San Diego entered the High School Public Speaking Contest for the second year, winning honorable mention in finals at Pasadena. Our speaker was awarded fourth place.

The year 1934 saw the close of the term of Ray watts as president, the full term of Bob Switzler as our presiding officer, and the beginning of the regime of Dave Austin. For the second successive year, a waiting list of prospective members has kept the club on its toes at all times. Early this year, under the management of Ray Watts, a flying corps of Toastmasters was inaugurated to cover theatre-speaking engagements in the interests of N.R.A. For each period of several weeks, fourteen theatres were covered each Saturday and Sunday night, proving a strenuous but most valuable experience in braving the footlights for those who participated. In February, the most pretentious of this club's many Ladies Night parties was staged at the San Diego, with Colorado and La Jolla joining in. Ladies instead of members were speakers. Entertainment engineered by Neil Nettleship was novel and most enjoyable, ending with dancing as usual. Since its inception, San Diego has averaged a Ladies' Night three times each year.

In April came the annual High School public speaking contest eliminations, an unusual feature of which was a short wave broadcast arranged for us by KSFD. Under the chairmanship of R. C. Wilkinson, practically every High School in the County participated, sponsorship being divided by Coronado and San Diego. In the finals at Los Angeles, San Diego County was decidedly "in the money" with second place going to Coronado and third to San Diego. The second club to be sponsored successfully by our group was that of the State College, an Associate Club brought into the fold in May largely through the efforts of Bill Copeland. The crowning achievement of 1934 was undoubtedly the Annual meeting and banquet of Toastmasters International held at the El Cortez Hotel October 6. Easily the most successful gathering of the International yet held, this was made possible by the splendid cooperation of the many members who assisted general chairman Ray Watts and Bill Copeland. President Bob Switzler presided, Bill La Monte conducted the speaking contest, Neil Nettleship appropriately honored the newly elected officers and others who had duties assigned carried them off in splendid fashion. Such is San Diego's history."

Note: See newspaper reference Evening Tribune Tuesday April 15, 1930 page 20
Offices Seated by New S.D. Club

Club Officers April 1933 Source: Toastmasters Magazine April 1933 page 7

President, Neil Nettleship, agent-manager for California Western States Life Insurance Company

Vice-President, Kenneth Hallawell, banker associated with San Diego Trust and Savings

Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Smith, with H. L. Benbough, Ltd., furniture dealers

GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA CHARTER No. 8

Historian Harry Finlay

"Wishing to avoid the weekly ride to Los Angeles club, two Glendale residents, Fred Householder and Harry Finlay formed the first Toastmasters club in Glendale in February 1929. Householder was our first president. To help us start, the Los Angeles club put on a demonstration program. We have returned the compliment several times in the past five years.

Glendale is becoming toastmasters-minded. Our waiting list became too long and efforts to form another club were successful. November 22 International Club No. 2 of Glendale organized. Charter will be applied for soon and we will enter the ranks of cities with two or more clubs of Toastmasters. Credit Dr. Gilkerson for this group."

CORONADO, CALIFORNIA CHARTER No. 9

Historian Hilding Weisgerber

"This organization is still a young one, having been created less than two and one-half years ago; in the autumn of 1932. Only one member, but with the help of Clark chamberlain, Leo Schmid and his fellow San Diegans we were soon strutting about the like old timers.

Leo Hansen, our first president, served with distinction as did Dwight Miller who followed him. During the latter's term in office we were hosts to Toastmasters International with summer convention of 1933 staged at Hotel del Coronado.

Stanley Ridderhof followed in the presidential chair on the first anniversary of the club's organization. Largely through his efforts, and those of president Dwight Miller, the La Jolla club was organized. The first honor to his reign being sponsoring of the High School Public Speaking contest eliminations and Miss Mary Beck, eventual winner in the finals at Los Angeles.

With several of our flying Toastmasters absent in the east with the fleet and benefit of a recess apparent, we adjourned last June for the summer. Returning in September, we found ourselves with several long lost members returned, some new ones and plenty of ideas and enthusiasm."

GAVEL CLUB, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA CHARTER No. 11

Historian Dr. B. M. Tylicki

"{A group of men met on September 12, 1928, at the Y.M.C.A. answering the call of its secretary R. H. Gossom, who introduced Ralph Smedley to explain the toastmaster's idea. Dr. William Cole, Asa E. Fickering, Alexander Beck, Jean Bordeaux and Dr. R. C. Christie promised to join and to bring more prospects. On September 28, the club organized with 26 members.

The club influenced the civic life of the community. Christie and Fickling became city councilmen, the latter being mayor three years. These men and others of the club credited the organization with helping them immeasurably.

Time and tide ripped away many of the members. The club was dormant when R. W. Hendrick organized the Gavel club which took over many of the first club's members. In the spring of 1933, a charter was granted. The first officers were Clifford Smith, president, B. M. Tylicki, vice-president, Hugh R. Etzell, secretary, and M. C. Richards, treasurer.

Today Gavel club is one of the most active in the city and noted for its exchange of speakers with neighboring clubs. Officers now are Clifford Hayes, president, V. W. Goodwin, secretary, Lowell Carney, treasurer, Kenneth Bucklen, sergeant-at-arms."

HUNTINGTON PARK NO. 1, CALIFORNIA CHARTER No. 14

Historian R. L. Applegate

"The Toastmaster idea comes to this city in 1931 with the advent of Olin Price. For several months, he spread the idea in fertile minds of selected men and September 6, 1933, found these chaps meeting to organize a club.

With Olin as our first president, Maurice Sopp vice-president, Bob Grube secretary-treasurer, we were off to a successful start. Membership then and now was composed of business and professional men. Out of 26 charter members, 19 are still active in the club, and our waiting list always has had several names. Average attendance during our existence has been 22 plus.

Second president Maurice Sopp carried on where Olin Price left off. Bob Grube was so efficient he was kept in office a full year. Today Bob is president and Don Morrison performs excellently in that thankless of all jobs, secretaryship.

Highlights which illumine our heaven of memories are the clubs we have been instrumental in founding. Progressive club of Hunting Park, Montebello's toastmaster group, Walnut Park's brand new club, all were due to Olin Price, Steve Stevens, and George Smith.

Exchange speaker nights with most of the clubs in this vicinity taught us the value of fellowship with others. We have not missed a single inter-club speaking contest since we have been in the federation, and at Montebello' Dean Severance honored us and himself by winning first prize against tough competition.

The two ladies' night parties sponsored by our boys brought large attendance from some 10 clubs each time. Those who came to the affairs remember the happy times, the enthusiastic spirit of real toastmasterly friendship.

So great has been the influence of our club on the community that it cannot be measured. Members have appeared before every service club, at nearly all the churches and theatres, before the Boy Scouts, and always they have spoken on matters tending toward civic betterment. The community chest drive speaking was handled exclusively by the toastmasters. Campaigning for the Federal Better Housing Act has kept many of us busy.

With Olin Price president of International, we have added incentive to keep progressing. Feeling that the name Toastmaster is one of distinction and a real factor for better living in our city, we members are proud to continue participation in an interesting worthwhile movement."

TUCSON, ARIZONA CHARTER No. 16

Historian Willis C. Collier

“Organized November 6, 1933, the 21 members passed the tentative constitution and bylaws, electing P. K. Hill, J. Egar Voorhees, J. A. Bruning, E. E. Russell and G. A. Vance to the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms, respectively. Our fine general critic, William Dunipace, continues to aid in bringing out the latent talent in our members.

When we resume meetings after the summer, recess the boys decided to do something had to be done in the way of making our group noteworthy. After some discussion, we decided to meet at noon rather than night. The plan was and is a great success, bringing out strong attendance and great interest.

The year of life seems mighty short as we look back, but only those of us who have struggled up the path of better speeches realize the development of the members. Today the Toastmasters club is distinctive in Tucson. Civic campaign leaders seek us out and obtain willing help to those chartering we look forward. When that event comes, Tucson will be given an occasion to remember.”

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA CHARTER No. 17

Historian A. F. Williams

“We first learned of the toastmaster club idea by reading Tom Nelson’s “Ventures in Informal Adult Education.” It was felt this work would be ideal to handle those who graduated from the Y.M.C.A. public speaking class and wished to carry on in oral work. Cards were sent to all such former students and we met December 14, 1933, with 32 present. All applied for membership, 28 were selected, the remaining four going on the waiting list.

Charter presentation was held in February 1934, with F. S. Cannon, president of the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. making the tender. Turnover in membership has not been extreme although we have held strictly to our by-laws and any member absent three times consecutively without excuse is dropped. So enthusiastic has been our group, we met continuously through the summer.

Highlights of the past are the visit to the Veterans Hospital when we put on a regular program for the patients; the various times when members of the club have been honored speakers at great civic banquets; and most of all the appearance of several of the boys before the microphone at the met continuously through the summer.

Composed of the leaders of business here, the club has attracted more attention and favorable comment than any other group in the Y.M.C.A., or so far as that goes, in the city. Where well-known service clubs have lost many members, we have continued to keep full strength and those on the waiting list have small chance to get into active membership except through death of some member. We feel sure that another club will be formed soon, because conditions demand it and so do prospective members.

Your historian was a charter member and is proud of it. During all the club life, we have had E. O. Snethen, prominent attorney, as critic assisted by F. E. Marshall who conducts our Y.M.C.A. public speaking class. Looking back on the growth in ourselves has been a great influence for good.”

PROGRESSIVE CLUB, HUNINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA CHARTER No. 18

Historian P. F. Mekeal

“At an informal meeting with fifteen persons, present Progressive took root February 20, 1934, having its first meeting as a club, March 3, 1934. Gordon Howard was elected President and through his efforts, ably assisted by the members, the full roster was obtained March 17, 1934. Charter was applied for and publicly obtained April 21, 1934.

Functioning as a Progressive Club, visits were made to Long Beach, Whittier, and Montebello and to other clubs at frequent intervals.

Marking the first six months of our existence, we elected new officers in October and celebrated with a banquet and dance at the Rio Hondo country club. We were happy to assist No. 1 Huntington Park in the formation of the Walnut Park club, which is now planning its charter night party."

QUAKERTOWN CHAPTER, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA CHARTER No. 19 **Historian William Emery**

"Back in the days yore several citizens conceived the idea of a club affiliated with T.M.I. after their experience in a club, which did not choose to make such a tie. Leon A. West, Fred H. Bolles, Charles Kinnear and Wm. Emery invited some 25 men to Green Arthur Inn on March 21, 1934, where the formation of a club was discussed, Arthur Johnson, Ralph Smedley, Olin Price, Paul Demaree, E. H. Layton, well known Toastmasters joined the group, and organization began.

March 29 the committees previously appointed reported on by-laws, constitution, and program, all being adopted as presented. Leon West, Frank Chandler, Charles Kinnear, William Emery and F. F. Calvert were elected to president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms respectively.

Charter night was set for May 10 and name Quakertown Chapter adopted. On that evening, we were host to some 125 visiting Toastmasters and ladies with Leon West receiving the Club's charter from Arthur Johnson.

What we have contributed to International is small compared to what we received. We are growing in the Toastmaster spirit, urged on by victory won at San Diego. Our present executives are Frank B. Chandler, president, F. C. Van Velzer, vice-president, John Donan, secretary, East Woodward, treasurer, Ralph F. Peck, sergeant-at-arms."

MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA CHARTER No. 20 **Historian Dr. Harry Hansen**

"In July of 1934, Olin Price and Steve Stevens of the Huntington Park Club No. 1 called a meeting of those in Montebello who might be interested in Toastmaster ship. At this first unofficial meeting, we had an attendance of five including Olin and Steve. The Montebelloites were Dr. Edward Lynch, Dr. Dan Woods and Dr. Harry Hansen, and these three gentlemen were elected president, vice-president, and secretary, in order named.

During the ensuing week, Olin Price brought another aggregation of eloquent speakers from Huntington Park and after some inspirational talks from these gentlemen our membership jumped to twenty, with which number we held the first official meeting through Montebello that in two weeks we had a full membership of 26 with four on waiting list.

Charter night on October 29, 1934, we found International's president Olin Price presenting us with the document. There was a speaking contest in which seven neighboring clubs entered, with Dean Severance of Hunting Park No. 1 winning first prize. Dancing followed the program. The large attendance of 175 people convinced us of the wholehearted cooperation of all the Toastmasters Clubs."

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA CHARTER No. 21 **Historian Glenn Hovey**

“When Kenneth Sturzenger of Santa Ana’s Smedley chapter came here to handle sales for Shell Oil Company on May 10, 1934, he felt a strange lack at once. Wherever he went he mentioned the need for a Toastmasters club he went he mentioned the need for a Toastmasters club and soon we had a nucleus. Jean Borodeaux and other came to some of our early meetings, told us of the clubs and the federation, and September 24 was charter night when Frank Mirriam, governor of California, gave the welcome to 140 Toastmasters and friends. With such a man on our program, we claim a record other clubs will have to hustle to equal.

Every member feels the benefits of this work. We will continue on and now are planning for the council, which meets here in October 1935. Our motto is, “Where words are sincere, they are seldom spent in vain.”

ESCONDIDO # 54: See San Diego Union Wednesday May 6, 1936 page 24
“Toastmasters Club Formed in Escondido”

A member of San Diego club helped organize the club.

Club met at Jordan’s Café Escondido, California Wednesday 6:15

Club Secretary, Charles Dove Source: Toastmasters Magazine December 1934 and William Hawkins June 1936 Toastmasters Magazine

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL MISCELLANEOUS

During summer 1933, Paul Demaree, president of Toastmasters wrote and distributed general principals for Toastmasters clubs that became Toastmasters International policy summarized below.

GENERAL PRINCIPALS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

1. Every Toastmasters club more than a public speaking class. It should combine benefits of a class with best features of an open forum, a special group, and a service club.
2. The program of all Toastmasters Clubs should confined speaking to club members, along with mutual criticism and with opportunity to preside over speaking program in regular rotation.
3. The meetings of all Toastmasters Clubs should be dinner meetings held weekly throughout the year.
4. All active Toastmasters should be required to fulfill without excuse their assigned parts in the club program.
5. All Toastmasters should be tactfully to give and take criticism. All should refrain from criticizing the personal opinions of fellow Toastmasters.
6. All Toastmasters should select their membership carefully, paying strict attention to moral character, personality, natural ability in public speaking, and desire to develop themselves in the art of public speaking and related procedures.

In addition, Santa Monica Club #21 members introduced Table Topics into club meeting agendas in 1934 and practice adopted at all clubs.

In 1935, the listed reasons Toastmasters organized and promoted reduced from 15 to 14. Toastmasters International recognized establishment of Junior Toastmasters Clubs for younger men. These clubs placed under jurisdiction of a local club. Clubs encouraged member involvement in community service work. These clubs are similar to modern Youth Leadership Toastmasters programs.

FREDERICK ELEY TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE ARTICLES (DISTRICT 7 TOASTMASTERS FIRST GOVERNOR)

EL CAMINO, CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NO. 15

Club Historian Frederick Eley

Toastmasters Magazine December 1934 and Article quoted as the following:

At the regular meeting of "Smedley Chapter No. 1", on October 18, 1933, the attention of its members was called to the fact that some of the "Waiting List" were becoming anxious to know when they might be able to enroll in since the club had continued its meetings throughout the summer, there had been a marked decrease in membership turn-over and only when members had to leave the city had there been opportunity for new members to enroll. It was proposed to divide the club into two sections, each to enroll to make up its limit. This scheme was voted down, as no one seemed willing to lose his membership in No. 1 Club of the International organization. However, during the week following four members decided that in the interests of the Toastmasters club idea it seemed necessary to form a new club, and should it be found such a club could be organized they would themselves request leave of absence from No. 1 Club and organize a new club.

On October 26 these men, with the "Waiting List" and others interested, including several members of No. 1 Club in sympathy with the idea, met together at a dinner in the Y.M.C.A. A sample program was put on by members of No. 1 Club, after which the by-laws were adopted and application made to International for a charter. The charter roll was closed at the meeting the following week with a membership of 26. Two additional members added at the following meeting made up the full limit of 28, and we also had a waiting list of four prospects anxious to enroll.

We received our charter November 23 at a joint meeting with No. 1 Club; presentation being made by International President Arthur Johnson, who started our club on its official way with some well-chosen thoughts ably expressed. This auspicious occasion was observed as a "Ladies Night" and attendance numbered 114. Among those present, we noticed the Honorary President of International, also the Secretary, and the Treasurer. Ralph Smedley, being called upon for a talk, responded in his usual gracious and helpful manner, giving us points and ideas of keen interest to all toastmasters who had privilege of hearing him. The opening session was presided over by our president, Ernest Layton, who later turned the meeting over to the toastmaster of the evening, M. Marcurda, who was the treasurer of our club. The program was participated, in by the two clubs, each providing three speakers. In addition to the officers already named, our vice-president was Don Rice, secretary Ernest Wooster, and sergeant-at-arms Carlyle Dennis; these officers, together with Ralph Smedley, constituted our executive committee.

All our members were enthusiastic regarding the purposes and work of the club and this enthusiasm has not been in any way dissipated, but has gained new strength as the work of the organization became better understood. We have had some turnover in membership, due principally to business removals from our city, but sixteen charter members are still actively engaged in the club work. We have throughout our existence maintained a full membership limit and almost always have some applications on file on "Waiting List."

EI CAMINO CLUB, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA CHARTER No. 15

Reporter Glenn Tidball

Special attention has been given of late to impromptu talks given as "table topics." Current topics of controversial nature have been found excellent for impromptu discussion. A careful study of problems of effective criticism resulted in adoption of a special critique sheet, which is proving its value in use.

Ne officers are; Don O. Rice, special agent of Standard Oil Company, president; Glenn Tidball, Secretary-Treasurer of Excelsior Creamery, secretary. **Fred Eley**, past treasurer of TMI, sergeant-at-arms. With Ernest Layton, second vice-president of TMI, also a member of our club, it has been necessary to take steps to suppress the ebullient spirits of some over-proud members.

A joint meeting of El Camino with Number One club, November 28, was an inspiration to both groups and called out exceptional speeches.

Seating arrangements for the club meetings are never permitted to get into a rut. The table arrangement is subject to frequent change, thus giving the members practice in speech under varying conditions.

A plan of assigning a central general topic for each evening with all speeches built on various phases of the general topic has been found effective in recent weeks as giving diversity under direction.

Club Officers Elected February 1934

President, H. E. Whipple

Vice-President, Guy Penn

Secretary, G. E. Brown

Treasurer, Max Hauschild

Sergeant-at-Arms, Arthur Blanding

Paul Demaree of Anaheim Toastmasters installed the officers. Ralph Smedley present at installation meeting.

Past President, Ernest Layton

Source: Toastmasters Magazine March 1934 page 21

NEWS OF CLUBS SANTA ANA – EI CAMINO: El Camino Chapter has honored itself by electing **Frederick H. Eley**, Past Treasurer of International, as its president for next three months. Don O. Rice, of the Standard Oil Company, has made a fine record for efficiency and speed and power during his term. This club is noted for the preponderance of telephone employees and oilmen in its membership. Its members have been active in outside service, making numerous speeches in causes for the public good. George Lawrence of the Telephone Company, having been transferred to San Pedro, and W. L. Jollivette, of Montgomery Ward and Company, to Riverside, it is reasonable to anticipate two new clubs will shortly come into being.

TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE 1935 ARTICLE

In December 1935 issue of Toastmasters Magazine, Frederick H. Eley wrote an article entitled "A Typical Meeting" on page 13 while a member of El Camino Santa Anna Club. Frederick H. Eley became District 7 Governor in 1940 after moving to Salem, Oregon in 1938. He described typical Toastmasters meeting for instructing younger clubs on how to plan and conduct a meeting. He advised club members follow a systematic plan and keep meeting on time. Typical meeting agenda described below:

Start Meeting

Invocation or Pledge of Allegiance

President calls for Introduction to Guests and Toastmasters

President asks secretary for communications and announcements

President asks secretary for reading of minutes if there was an important item

President conducts a business meeting if needed

President asks Table Topics Master to conduct the Table topics session.

Members have one minute to speak about the topic.

President introduces the Toastmaster

Toastmaster introduces the Speaker

Speaker then delivers the speech

Toastmaster asks critic to provide a two-minute impression of the speech. This process repeated for each speaker

Toastmaster requests the General Critic to survey the meeting in ten-minutes.

Toastmaster makes concluding remarks and turns control back to the president who adjourns meeting.

In addition, Eley recommends a U, T, and Square seating arrangements. Breaking up seating with individual tables not recommended. Toastmaster should vary the seating arrangement for variety.

Make sure room has plenty of ventilation.

REORGANIZATION OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

After Willis J. Hamrick elected District One Governor on October 1, 1936, he submitted proposals for reorganizing Toastmasters International at a directors' meeting on October 15, 1936. International Board of Directors approved the proposals published in Toastmasters magazine December 1936 on page 21 summarized:

1. Each district no larger than one state
2. Each district subdivided into Areas
3. An officer in charge of each Area (elected by the Deputy District Governors of that Area) known as the Lieutenant Governor
4. Each Lieutenant Governor may hold any elective office within a club (other than that of Deputy District Governor) during his term
5. Areas no larger than can be efficiently covered by the Lieutenant Governors
6. Each Lieutenant Governor has a Deputy Governor within his Area under his immediate jurisdiction for the purposes of coordinating and carrying out his plans and District Governor's programs.

Willis Hamrick further explained that limiting size of districts to states and dividing them into areas would simplify the organization. This new organization allows District Governor to administrate the educational program more efficiently. The new organization promotes the following:

- Interchange of club speakers within their areas
- Closer cooperation between clubs
- New clubs
- Promote and sell ideals of Toastmasters International to respective communities
- Scholarship Contest and to promote and carry out such other community activities as deemed fitting
- Establish Toastmasters International in each community as an outstanding organization.

DISTRICT ONE

District 1 reorganized during fall 1936 as listed below. Other districts organized in 1937 such as District 3 organized. The organization changes resulted in 1937 election of first Toastmasters lieutenant governor or equivalent to modern area governor position.

DISTRICT ONE

Willis J. Hamrick, District 1 Governor

Area 1: Santa Anna #1, Santa Anna El Camino, Anaheim, Fullerton, and Laguna Beach
Walter Taylor, Lieutenant Governor

Area 2: Los Angeles L.A. T.M. Club, L.A. Noon Day, L.A. Southwest, and L.A. Mesa
Lou Kilgore, Lieutenant Governor

Area 3: Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood Village, and Santa Monica
Leo Coombs, Lieutenant Governor

Area 4: Pasadena, Alhambra, La Verne, and Pomona
Ray Marchand, Lieutenant Governor

Area 5: Glendale No. 1, Jewel City, Burbank,
Dwight Smith, Lieutenant Governor

Area 6: Huntington Park No. 1, Huntington Park "Progressive", Walnut Park, Montebello, Long Beach "Gavel Club", and Long Beach T.M. Club, and Whittier Quaker Town
Louis Hamilton, Lieutenant Governor

Area 7: La Jolla, Escondido, Coronado, San Diego, and Pacific Beach
Robert Switzler, Lieutenant Governor

Area 8: Ventura and Santa Barbara,

Harry Moore, Lieutenant Governor

Source: Toastmasters magazine September 1935 page 22

TOASTMASTERS ESTABLISHED IN SEATTLE, TACOMA AND OLYMPIA

SEATTLE TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 10: Leo Schmid organized Seattle Toastmasters club # 10 during summer 1932. First club officers were Leo Schmid, president and Ed Hed, vice-president until September 1933 when Les Knight and Raymond Huff elected to these positions. The club officially came into existence January 1933. See notes below.

Source: Toastmasters Magazine April 1933 page 5 Article of Seattle Club

Seattle Club Mr. and Mrs. Seattle Are Proud to Announce the Birth of Their First Toastmasters' Club

Three former members of San Diego Club organized Seattle Toastmasters Club on the first Monday in 1933 and the infant promises to become husky emulator of existing clubs.

L. E. Hed, F. A. Robertson, and L. R. Schmid, all former members of the San Diego Club, in conjunction with seven enthusiastic new members held their preliminary meeting December 16, 1932 to discuss ways and means of forming a Toastmasters Club in Seattle. All present agreed to solicit additional prospects and it was moved to hold first official meeting on January 9, 1933.

General election was held January 23 with the following results: President, L. R. Schmid; Vice-President, L. Edward Hed; Secretary-Treasurer, C. Campbell. These offices will be held for usual 6-month period.

In answer to a request from the President for a two-color light as a **time signal for speakers, Leslie G. Knight** brought a specially constructed time light. This device has a green and a red lamp automatically operated by a small dial. At the beginning of the talk, the dial is set to the time limit. One minute before time for the end of the speaker's talk the green light automatically flashes. Exactly one minute later the red light flashes. By properly setting the dial, any speech from two to fifteen minutes can be timed accurately and automatically. This unique apparatus has been donated by Les during the existence of the Seattle Toastmasters club.

District 7 Historian's Comment: This timing device description, one of the earliest records of a Toastmasters club using a timing device.

Toastmasters' magazine September 1933 page 14 article mentions R. A. Henderson, president of Forum Club was interested in organizing a Bellingham Club, Bellingham, Washington after reading a newspaper article about the club.

Club Officers Installed November 1933

President, L. Ed. Hed

Vice President, E. Hinton

Secretary, R. Haynes

Treasurer, C. Campbell

Source: Toastmasters Magazine December 1933 page 7

Spring 1934 Club Officers

President, Les G. Knight, Pacific Steel Company

Vice-President, Ray S. Huff, Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging

Secretary, Jack S. Brinkley, Metal Industries Association

Treasurer, Chuck R. Olmstead, Clintworth Optical Company

President Knight appointed Dr. Ralph E. Allen chairman of outside activities, Leo Schmid, Inter-Club Activities, and Gordon Tongue, publicity.

Source: Toastmasters Magazine June 1934 page 6

September 17, 1934 Club Officers elected to office are the following:

President, Louis LaBow

Vice-President, Jack Gordon

Secretary, Hiene Hendricks

Treasurer, George Nelson

Source: Toastmasters Magazine November 1934, page 18

On St. Patrick's Day, 1936 Seattle Club # 10 members put on a program for Swedish Business Man's Association. Toastmasters Magazine June 1936 page 35

Seattle Toastmasters Club No. 3 organized September 1934

SEATTLE No. 2 Toastmasters Club meets at Helen Swope Tea Room in Republic Building on Tuesdays

Joe Penner of Seattle Y. M. C. A. organized the club and had 30 members during March 1934.

Club had joint meeting with Tacoma Toastmasters and a Ladies Night in March 1934.

March 1934 Club Officers

President, Dr. W. B. Varey

Vice-President, W. H. Barry

Secretary-Treasurer, A. W. McDougall

Source: Toastmasters Magazine March 1934 page 16

SEATTLE No. 3 Club organizing during March 1934 with as L. H. Taylor temporary chairman and had no officers. The forming club had 17 members. Club meets at the Y.M.C.A. on Fridays at 6:00. Club chartered in September 1934.

Source: Toastmasters Magazine March 1934 page 16

TACOMA TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 13: Tacoma Toastmasters club was originally the public speaking class of Y.M.C.A. Tacoma. Individuals from this class formed a committee that organized the class into a Toastmasters Club April 10, 1933 and received charter # 13 from Toastmasters October 16, 1933. Meeting held in the Tacoma Y.M.C.A. Building where Leo Schmid presented the charter. Later Club #13 had a joint meeting with Seattle Club # 10 on November 27, 1933. Club members were practicing speaker introductions during this meeting. Leo Schmid, Ed Hed, Raymond Huff, and Les Knight from Seattle Club #10 sponsored the Tacoma club. First club officers were Dr. Cyril Lundvick, president, Paul Jeffery, vice-president, R. E. Rodgers, secretary, and T.M. Kimball. Club meeting held at the Tacoma Hotel. Club programs consisted of one

speaker, six critics, general critic; members with no role spoke two minutes on a current topic, Toastmasters roles rotated every week. **Source:** Toastmasters Magazine December 1934.

Leo Schmid, First Vice-President of Toastmasters International presented the club charter on October 13, 1933, at a joint meeting with Seattle Toastmasters Club #10 at Tacoma Y.M.C.A. building.

Source: Toastmasters Magazine December 1933 page 23

OLYMPIA TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 25: On evening of December 18, 1934, Olympia Toastmasters Club #25 chartered. First elected officers for the club was president, E. G. Rice, vice-president, L. J. Pierce, treasurer W. A. Cain, secretary Louis Benson, and sergeant-at-arms. Clarence Bitts a local high school public speaking teacher a member of the Olympia club. Leo Schmid, Ed Hed, Johnnie Rudd, and Joe Penner invited to charter party.

During early 1935, the Olympia club accepted four new members R. E. Meander, J. C. Wheeler, Dr. H. V. Hoover, and C. F. Hufford. Cy Lundvick presented pin to past club president Erling Johnson. Dr. Cy Lundvick moved to Southern California for postgraduate work.

Notes: Glen Meek, past District 7 Historian, joined Olympia Toastmasters Club # 25 during July 1935 upon invitation from Van Hinkle a club member. Glen Meek writes it was a frightening experience first time especially table topics where he could not remember his name. At the time, Glen Meek was a Fuller Brush salesman but had problem with public speaking and was reason for joining Toastmasters.

A public speaking club called Seattle toastmasters club was established in Seattle, Washington in 1932 but did not have affiliation with Toastmasters International. This club had men and women members. See Seattle Times article November 1, 1933 page

A Seattle Times article dated February 28, 1932 page 10 mentions a Toastmasters club with affiliation with Toastmasters International and Y. M. C. A. This club was in existence before Seattle Club # 10 was chartered. Possibility exists that the club folded before it could obtain an official charter. Further research needed to confirm this.

First known Seattle Times newspaper article about Seattle Toastmasters Club #10 was April 9, 1933 page 11 To the Ladies Bless Them-They Listen

Seattle Times May 5, 1935 page 3, Pupils to Speak in Novel Contest
Seattle Toastmasters clubs No. 1 and 2 sponsor a high school speech contest.

Toastmasters' Magazine June 1934 page 25 From Editor's Chair mentions Leo Schmid was suggesting the organization of a second district in Pacific Northwest.

VICTORIA TOASTMASTERS CLUB No. 38 The Victoria, British Columbia, Canada Toastmasters Club was organized October 4, 1933. Club was initially listed as an associate club. Club originated from Frank Paulding's public speaking classes and New Westminster's Spokes Club. On April 7, 1934, Club received the charter from Frank Paulding at meeting held at Speedie's Cafe. Club listed as an Associate Club in directory December 1934.

The District 21 Historian wrote a short history of District 21 for the 75-year anniversary of the district and was posted on the district web site but was removed from website after the anniversary. Portions of this history quoted as the following.

“Frank Paulding is Victoria Toastmasters Club (First Canadian Toastmasters, Club #38) Founder. Frank Paulding, Y.M.C.A. General Secretary of New Westminster, wrote to Ralph Smedley before July 26, 1930 about organizing a club in British Columbia. He operated a speakers club called “The Spokes”. He attended a Toastmasters meeting at Whittier College on July 26, 1930. Participants in the meeting discussed a name for the Federation of Toastmasters, and since Frank Paulding was from Canada, Ralph Smedley got idea to call the new organization Toastmasters International. Name similar to Rotary International and Ralph Smedley was a member of this organization. Frank Paulding was unable to organize a club at New Westminster, Canada because of a job transfer to Victoria Y.M.C.A. in 1932. He had fund raising abilities that were needed at Victoria. He started a speakers club called Y Speakers Club after the Victoria Y.M.C.A.

Victoria Toastmasters Club officially chartered on October 24, 1935 and became the first international Toastmasters club. Frank Paulding named as Honorary President and James E. Hill as president.” James Hill wrote article in June 1936 Toastmasters magazine about diction.

The March 1936 Toastmasters Magazine published International President Raymond Huff’s report about the chartering of the Victoria Toastmasters Club and quoted as the following.

“On January 15, your President, the District Governor of District 2, L. Edward Hed, and Frank Fretwell, a former Seattle No. 1 Toastmaster, landed from a steamer at Victoria at 1:30 in the afternoon. We were greeted by a committee composed of Jim Benell, Frank Paulding, Herbert Butt, and James H. Hill, President of Victoria Toastmasters. They took us to the Dominion Hotel and gave us our choice of entertainment for the afternoon. Mr. Hed, suffering from a cold, chose to stay in bed. Mr. Fretwell had personal business to attend to. But your president accompanied Mr. Butt on a drive along the shores of the Straits of Juan de Fuca on some of the beautiful highways of Vancouver, Island. The drive came to a happy conclusion at five o’clock, with tea at Mr. Butt’s home at Oak Bay, where Mrs. Butt welcomed us.”

“Seven o’ clock found us at the Y.M.C.A. Building, where we were joined by Mr. Hed and Mr. Fretwell in meeting the Toastmasters and their guests at dinner.”

“Mr. Paulding had explained to us that it was his suggestion at the Whittier Conference in 1930 that our organization be called “Toastmasters International” because he felt at that time as he does today that the movement was destined to become a power in all English speaking countries, and perhaps in others as well. He also explained that one of the requirements of membership in the Victoria Toastmasters Club is graduation from one of his public speaking classes at the Y.M.C.A. As the picture became more clear, Mr. Hed and I realized that we were but children carrying to adults a message whose fundamentals they understood even better than we did.

“President Hill opened the meeting by introducing the guests of honor. He then proposed a toast to the King of England, and an excellent pianist accompanied us in singing “God Save the King.” After a respective pause, he proposed a toast to the President of the United States, followed by the singing of “America” with equal fervor. Frank Paulding was then presented as the parent of the Toastmasters idea in Canada, and he gracefully introduced the President of Toastmasters International. I outlined the ideals and plans of the Toastmasters movement, and presented the charter to Mr. Hill,

who is known as the silver-tongued orator of Victoria.” President Hill gave a splendid speech of acceptance, following which Mr. J. E. Paulding, brother of Frank, proposed a toast to Toastmasters International.

“The presenting of our first foreign charter, if can call Canada foreign, is an important event, and the whole affair made deeper impression on every person in that meeting. It has a much deeper significance than mere acceptance into our federation of another club.”

“Mr. Hed responded to the toast, and gave a very complete picture of the activities of Toastmasters, an imposing array when all gathered together. Numerous short speeches of congratulations followed, by members of various speech groups, committeemen and directors of the Y.M.C.A.”

“Following adjournment, Mr. Fraser took us to his home for a pleasant social evening, and we and we were apprised of the plans that had been made for our entertainment the next day, our boat leaving at 4:30 in the afternoon. From the moment of our arrival on Wednesday afternoon and our departure late Thursday, there was no time when we were not provided with at least one automobile and one guide, and if there was anything important about the city and its surroundings which we did not see, it was for lack of time. “I have no words with which to express adequately our sense of the cordial and sincere hospitality shown our party. The King, himself, could not have been more delightfully cared for Mr. Hed and I are ready at a moment’s notice to return to Victoria to present charters to Clubs numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, and so fourth.”

VANCOUVER TOASTMASTERS CLUB No. 59 Raymond Huff presented the charter to the Vancouver Toastmasters Club spring 1936.

SOUTHPORT TOASTMASTERS CLUB No. 45 On April 29, 1936, The Southport Toastmasters Club #45 chartered and became first club chartered in Great Britain according to Toastmasters Magazine June 1936. Charter meeting held at the Bold Hotel on Lord Street, Southport. Sidney F. Wicks was one of the speakers in the program was a well know proponent of public speech and writer of book Public Speaking for Businessmen. He was named honorary president of the club. Southport Mayor Sydney Wicks presented charter to Councilor J. Fred Scott, chairman, second international Toastmasters club.

FIRST TOASTMASTERS CLUB CHARTERED IN OREGON

San Diego Union newspaper published an article December 13, 1930 on page 2 with photograph of J. Clark Chamberlain, President of Toastmasters International and Toastmasters’ International with story about Toastmasters International council meeting in San Diego. Article mentioned charters issued during business meeting for newly formed clubs in **Portland, Oregon**, Wenatchee, Washington, and Phoenix, Arizona. Ralph Smedley’s book Story of Toastmasters briefly mentions the San Diego meeting. At another council meeting in Los Angeles on January 24, 1931, members approved sketches of proposed emblems. In addition, name Toastmasters received a copyright.

Portland club remains unidentified some evidence suggests Lincoln club was the chartered club. This club probably no longer a Toastmasters club when O.I.T. and Y.M.C.A. staff began organizing a Toastmasters club March 1933. Portland probably had at least two or possibly more public speaking clubs in 1930 to 1932. They are Public Speaking and Lincoln Clubs. Lincoln Club met at downtown Portland Y.M.C.A

building. Public Speaking club met in the Multnomah County Central Library. Portland Public Speaking club was active in 1939. An Oregon Journal article mentions a 7:00 pm meeting held at Central Library May 20, 1939 meeting. H.H. Stallard, lead a discussion on "A World Changes." No evidence found that public speaking had any affiliation with Toastmasters. April 1933 Toastmasters magazine club lists no Portland, Oregon club. The Toastmasters September 1933 magazine issue has article mentioning Ed Hed, vice president of Seattle Club #10 visiting a Wenatchee Toastmasters club. Leo Schmid wrote an article in March 1934 Toastmasters magazine that mentions Wenatchee club members were discussing the issue of joining Toastmasters. This club met at the Y.M.C.A. in Wenatchee. In same issue, Mr. S. F. Hazzard of the Wenatchee YMCA in a letter mentions the club was active and had a successful ladies night. Furthermore, Leo Schmid mentioned plans to form a separate district. The 1933 Toastmasters magazine mentions John H. Rudd resident of Seattle, Washington and Y.M.C.A. secretary for Pacific Northwest Council a strong supporter of Toastmasters and acquainted with Leo Schmid. John Rudd visited Portland, Oregon on Y.M.C.A. business in 1930 but no evidence found he assisted organizing a Portland Toastmasters club.

***TOASTMASTERS CLUB DIRECTORY 1933**

Smedley Chapter No. One	Seattle, Washington #10
Anaheim #2	Long Beach Gavel # 11
Los Angeles #3	Pomona # 12
Long Beach # 4	Tacoma, Washington # 13
Santa Barbara # 5	Huntington Park #14
Pasadena # 6	Santa Ana El Camino #15
San Diego # 7	Tucson, Arizona # 16
Glendale # 8	Berkley #17

***Note:** The clubs Portland, Oregon, Wenatchee, Washington, and Phoenix, Arizona chartered December 13, 1930 not listed in this directory.

NON-TOASTMASTERS PUBLIC SPEAKING EDUCATION, SPEECH CONTESTS, EVENTS, AND CLUBS

Announcement in Oregon Journal November 16, 1930 page 4 quoted as the following:

Announcement will be made of the appointment of the following chairmen of important committees: Miss Martha O. Goldapp, auditor of the Portland Business and Professional Women's club and former state officer, as chairman of the w speaker's bureau, which has been organized this year for the first time, for the purpose of enlisting from the ranks of the members, public speakers for inter-club affairs and for promotion of art of public speaking.

Miss Ada M. Coles, also a member of Portland club, as state transportation chairman, and Mrs. Henrietta Hackler, member of the Albany club, as national building-gift chairman.

HIGH SCHOOL ORATORY CONTESTS 1930

Source: Oregonian March 30, 1930 page 13 Article quoted as follows:

ORATORY CONTESTS NEAR FINAL STAGE

Next 2 Weeks to See End of District Events

DATES AND RULES LISTED

Public Invited to Attend Competitions for Championships; Big Program Promised By Phillip H. Parrish

People of Portland and several upstate cities who believe that the grand old art of oratory is dying out in the younger generation of our technical age will have an opportunity to judge for themselves during the next couple of weeks, when district finals will be held in the national oratorical contest on the constitution, sponsored in this state by The Oregonian, the Oregon Bar association, the University of Oregon, and the schools.

The Portland city finals are set for next Friday night in Lincoln high school auditorium, with the champions of eight schools participating—Washington, Lincoln, Commerce, Benson, Franklin, Roosevelt, Jefferson, and Grant.

There will be district finals in six upstate cities—in Roseburg, Corvallis, Oregon City, Pendleton, Klamath Falls, and Baker. Most of these will be on Friday following that is April 11.

To the Portland district events and to the contests in the upstate cities the public is invited. In Portland, there will be a musical program before and following the speeches, while the judges are preparing their decisions. Last year—the first year The Oregonian conducted the contest—large crowds turned out for the district and state events, and everybody seemed to have a good time. The thrill was as real as anytime on the football field.

In each of the upstate contests, a district representative will be chosen to make the trip to Portland for the state finals, to be held the night of April 24 in the public auditorium two representatives will be chosen for the state event.

Expenses to Be Paid

The expenses of the district champions in coming to Portland for the state contest will be paid by The Oregonian, The Oregon Bar association, under the direction of E. O. Immel of Eugene, president, has raised \$250 cash to award as prizes to the winners in the state contest. Mr. Immel also has announced that he will give a trophy to the speaker placing first.

The winner of the state event will be sent by The Oregonian to Seattle to participate in the Pacific coast finals. If he should win at Seattle also, The Oregonian will send him to Washington D.C. for the national finals and will pay his expenses to the east coast to embark on the twelve weeks tour of Europe, which will be given this year as a prize to the seven finalists.

Final instructions were mailed by the contest manager of The Oregonian yesterday to the district chairmen of the bar association who are handling the upstate district competitions. These instructions provide that a certain length of time before the district event each participant shall be told the general subject for the extemporaneous speeches. Special phrases of this general topic have been worked out to assign to each speaker on the night of the contest.

Contest Rules Outlined

The national rules set fourth that the set speeches shall be six minutes in length. Timekeepers are instructed to stop anyone promptly who goes over the time limit. As each speaker completes his set speech he is handed a slip on which is printed the topic on which he is to speak extemporaneously. He retires from the stage, but does not use references of any kind and does not confer with anyone in preparing for the extemporaneous address. He returns to the stage when his time comes without notes. The extemporaneous speeches are given in same order as the set speeches, so each participant will have 45 minutes or more for working out the extemporaneous talk.

In the upstate districts the bar association chairman have the work of providing judges, getting time-keepers, and in general carrying out the competition in accordance with state and national rules.

Note: These contest rules have similarities to Toastmaster International speech contest rules during 1930s and 1940s.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON DEBATE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Source: Oregon Journal December 7, 1930 page 11

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 6-From 21 potential candidates, 13 men have been named on the Oregon freshman debate squad, according to an announcement made by Walter E. Hempstead Jr., and Eugene Laird, of the public speaking department of the university, and judges of the tryouts.

Those have been named on the freshman debate squad are: Carl Stutsman, Los Angeles; Phil Mulder, Oswego; Willies Ekbal, Marshfield; Otto Vonderheit, Portland; Delos Parks, Portland; George Bennett, Eugene; Emery Hyde, Eugene; Roy McMullen, Portland; John Adams, Portland; Gerald Gray, Prineville; Norris Porter, Medford; Alan Carely, Medford; and Alonzo Call, Coquille.

ALBANY COLLEGE

Source: Oregonian September 20, 1931, page 28 excerpt

COLLEGE TO OPEN BIG REGISTRATION LOOKED FOR AT ALBANY

Class Work in Institution Will Get Underway Wednesday; Faculty Changes Listed
ALBANY COLLEGE, Albany, Oregon

Two appointments to the college faculty are announced by President Bibb, Miss Laura Coriett, a graduate of Boston University, will be dean of women and supervisor of Woodward hall. She will have charge of dramatics, debate, and public speaking.

Source: Oregonian June 3, 1937 page 9

Class to Banquet-The public speaking class of Albany College at Portland will have a banquet tonight in Coon Chicken Inn, Northeast Forty-Seventh Avenue and Sandy Boulevard. Toastmistresses and toastmasters chosen by the class will be Kathleen Melville, Anita Cutler, Irving Peck and Robert Allen, according to L. B. Prillaman, instructor. Guests will be Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert O. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norris, Miss Radka Ivanakeva, Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Witt, Miss Barbara Thompson, Dr. and

Mrs. Perry C. Hopper, Miss Helen, Creitz, Miss Stella G. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blacker. They will act as judges.

LINCOLN PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB 1921 -1979

Frank Boynton one of founders of Lincoln Public Speaking Club during 1921 where club name was to perpetuate memory of President Abraham Lincoln. According to an Oregon article July 4, 1958, Mr. Boynton owned Frank Boynton Paint and Wall Paper Company until July 1958 when Crescent City, California officials hired him as a manager. He was a member of National League of Western Writers, past director of Portland Chamber of Commerce, and filed for Republican nomination for county commissioner in 1956. He was president of Portland Retail Trade Bureau, Oregon member Society of Artists, and member Retail Paint and Wall Paper Association. Club met at 5:30 pm at Lincoln Room Y.M.C.A. Central café in down town Portland. Some members were city of Portland employees. In January 27, 1930, Oregonian article and photograph shows B. Frank Boynton and Worth W. Caldwell, charter member of Portland Toastmasters Club #31, as officers of Breakfast club.



FRANK BOYNTON

SOURCE: OREGONIAN July 4, 1958 Page 11

Source: Oregonian article February 11, 1935 page 9 **Club Lists Lincoln Talk**

Dr. Oswald W. Taylor will be principal speaker at the seventh annual banquet of the Abraham Lincoln Public speaking club to be held in the Pompelian room of the Congress hotel tomorrow night. Ben Musa will act as toastmaster. The club is an organization of young men of Portland who are interested in public discussion.

Source: Oregonian article October 8, 1930 quoted as following:

Lincoln Club to Meet – The Lincoln club, which meets to develop an interest in public speaking, will hear several speakers on various subjects at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Young Men's Christian Association, C.A. McClure, acting secretary, said yesterday, A.F. Thomson will be chairman and L.T. Mann will be **critic**. Talks will be given by C. R. Stearns, D.S. Dymont, R.R. Shaecross, C.A. Woodworth, C.A. McClure, Albert Absen, and Al Carr.

Note: The word critic a clue that club may have had a Toastmasters affiliation where Toastmasters meetings included a critic. A February 14, 1931 Oregonian article mentioned the Lincoln Club formed to promote public speaking. As shown in membership list below no women members in club.

Lincoln club continued operating until some time after 1979. Ben Medofsky, member of Beyond Basic Toastmasters Club # 1360, became a member of Lincoln club probably during 1934 and elected club president in 1944. He delivered speeches at club on September 21, 1934 and on January 4, 1935. He was member of club until sometime after 1954. After Ben Medofsky's death in October 1967, District 7 officers named fall humorous speech contest after him. March 1957, club elected Phil Reynolds, president of Portland's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as club vice president. February 1959, club members elected George Mackean, a member of Daybreakers Toastmasters, Club as 35th president of Lincoln club.

LINCOLN PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB RECONSTRUCTED MEMBERSHIP LIST 1920s TO 1939

H. C. Knowles-1929	A. D. Schmidt-1929	Dr. C. W. Miller-1929	Orrin E. Stanley-1929
C. R. Stearns-1929	Mr. Knowles-1929	Edward A. Brown-1929	Frank E. Boynton-1921 Charter Member and One of Founders of Club
Al Carr-1930	Albert Absher-1921 Charter Member	L. T. Mann-1930	W. Franklin Ake-1933
R. C. Flanders-1931	C. A. McClure-1930	Victor Dautoff-1931	M. L. Trowbridge-1931
R. DeMott-1931	R. R. Shawcross-1931	R. Hardesty-1931	Lewis N. Pennfield-1931
A. C. Dixon-1931	James V. Head-1931	G. V. Robinson-1931	Donald Dymont-1930
Theron R. Howser-1931	Victor Dautloff-1931	Chester Vincient-1931	Oscar T. Olsen-1931
C. N. Bennett-1931	William M. Adam-1931	Paul G. Bowman-1931	J. B. Kennedy-1931
Fred Crole-1933	Ed I. Hopper-1934	Ben F. Medofsky-1934	Slansberry-1934
Knute Peterson-1934	T. R. Howard-1934	M. Magnus-1935	G. Riebelling-1935
Joseph P. Spencer-1935	Glenn Parker-1935	A. F. Knight-1939	M. A. Hollingworth-1939
A. D. Vance-1933	Rodolf-1931	Meinhoff-1931	J. V. Head-1931
Lindsey Mercer 1921	C. C. Hubbard 1921	G. H. Benton 1921	W. E. Gelinsky 1921
Charter Member	Charter Member	Charter Member	Charter Member
M. R. Maney 1921	Will R. Lewis 1921	Edgar Zehrung 1921	Leon Feldstein 1929
Charter Member	Charter Member	Charter Member	
Ben Musa 1929	Floyd Barlow 1929	Carl H. Haggland 1929	W. W. Smith 1921 Charter Member

Note: Ben Medofsky, a guest at Blue Ox Toastmasters Club # 1235 meeting, delivered an impromptu 5-minute speech titled "Lincoln Club Era" about the Lincoln Club Monday August 6, 1959.

OTHER CLUB MEMBER NOTES

A.C. McClure, club member, was a secretary for City of Portland Planning Commission. During February 1929, McClure testified against Bill 384 by Angell that would allow appeals for property owners where Municipal Officials appropriate their property for streets. Opponents argued that this law if enacted would add unnecessary litigation costs for public works projects. He was involved in arranging an election during April 1929 to determine if the proposed St. Johns Bridge in Portland should have four lanes or three lanes. Some individuals felt there were a cost savings of several hundred dollars with a three-lane bridge and was pressing the city government to change design. The overwhelming majority of voters supported a four-lane bridge. Furthermore, McClure addressed the Northwest Real Estate Association conference about the importance of municipalities official have ability to condemn land for roads, side walks, and other

improvements on July 25, 1929 according to an Oregonian article on page 6 July 26, 1929.

E. A. Brown was a City of Portland engineer. C. R. Stearns was a Portland attorney. D. S. Dymont was a Public Safety Commissioner in 1926 before becoming City of Portland inspector. Theron R. Howser employed as an engineer for the Portland Planning Commission. On July 25, 1929, Theron gave talk on zoning at Salem, Oregon Northwest Real Estate Association conference. Sherman R. Cox, assistant secretary of Benefit Savings and Loan Association and charter member of Portland Toastmasters attended this conference and gave presentation.



**BEN F. MEDOFSKY December 18, 1934 Public Forum
 OREGONIAN ARTIST SKETCH N. NAOMI SWETT**

LINCOLN PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB MEETINGS SUMMARY

2/11/1930

Dr. Oswald W. Taylor,
 Principal Speaker
 Ben Musa, Toastmaster
 Pompelian Room
 Congress hotel
 7th Banquet

2/7/1931

A. E. Brown, Speaker
 C. R. Stearns, Club
 President
 Club debates Oregon
 legislature bills
 YMCA Cafeteria Annex

2/14/1931

Several addresses of
 Washington and Lincoln
 John Stearns, President,
 presided
 Next Meeting 5:30 PM
 Friday YMCA Cafeteria

2/21/1931

Kangaroo Senate
 Session staged Meeting,
 Speakers
 Adam, Dixon, Bowman,
 Carr, Parmelee,
 McClure, Rodolf,
 Meihoff, Absher,
 Hopper, Head, and
 Brown
 Theron R. Howser,
 president

2/28/1931

Talks on Various Territorial Acquisitions of U.S
 R. C. Flanders, presided over meeting
 C. A. Flanders, secretary city planning commission
 spoke on Virgin Islands
 C. R. Stearns, spoke on Panama Canal Zone
 Victor Dautoff spoke on Alaska
 R. DeMott spoke on Philippines
 M. L. Trowbridge spoke on Samoan Islands
 R. R. Shawcross spoke on Porto Rico
 R. Hardesty spoke Hawaiian Islands

3/17/1931

Laurence Trowbridge, Chairman
 L. N. Penfield, deputy city auditor spoke on
 Impressions of Alaska
 E. A. Brown spoke on Oregon Indian tribes
 A.C. Dixon spoke on Captain Kidd
 J. V. Head spoke on Morgan and his men
 G. V. Robinson spoke on great detectives and their
 methods
 Donald Dymont spoke on unannounced subject

LINCOLN PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB MEETINGS SUMMARY

5/27/1931 C. A. McClure, secretary of city planning commission, chairman for meeting Club members discussed wages, gasoline prices, and future oil fields	6/12/1931 Theron R. Howser, secretary, chairman of meeting Victor Dautoff, speaker Chester Vincent, speaker Other speakers speak about my remedy for the Depression	9/28/1931 Lincoln club includes city employees and others interested in public speaking October 2 Meeting Agenda Oscar T. Olsen, speaker C. N. Bennett, speaker William Adam, speaker A. E. Brown, speaker C. A. McClure, Chairman T. R. Howser, secretary for meeting	10/26/1931 William Adam, Club President Theron R. Howser, Club Secretary Clubs' 171 st Meeting Paul G. Bowman, Chairman Speeches F. E. Boynton, Thomas . Edison Oscar Olsen, What Constitutes Leadership? James V. Head, The Democratic Party Its Future Outlook M. L. Trowbridge, Some Great American Orators R. DeMott, Something 2/28/1935 All Officers of Lincoln Speaking club re-elected on Tuesday night during annual election session Joseph P. Spencer, President Glenn Parker, Secretary Magnus G. Riebeling, Treasurer
2/17/1933 New Club Officers E. I. Hooper, President Theron R. Howser, Secretary R. E. Koon, Guest Speaker W. Franklin Ake, Presides	4/7/1933 C. N. Bennett, Presides Lewis Pennfield, Principal Speaker, Unrestricted Competition C. R. Stearns, Speaker Fred Crole, Speaker	3/9/1934 Talks on Current Topics Ed Hopper Knut Peterson William Adams W. F. Ake Oscar T. Olsen	
2/11/1938 Members meet in Lincoln Room YMCA Cafeteria Annual election of officers L. N. Penfield, Chairman	12/8/1939 L. N. Penfield address club on Economic Conditions in the South Frank Boynton, speech on Pumpkins and Pancakes	12/15/1939 A. F. Knight speech Opportunity M. A. Hollingworth speech Philosophy Is Necessary to Man's Attainment" Tonight at 6 o'clock at YMCA	

SOURCE: VARIOUS OREGONIAN ARTICLES

In conclusion, no evidence exists that supports theory Lincoln club chartered as a Toastmasters club in 1930 then later relinquished charter to become an independent club. Toastmasters never mentioned in any of club meeting announcements.

CENTRAL LIBRARY PUBLIC FORUM

The Central Library Public Forum held at the Central Library starting in 1921 began losing attendance in 1930. After Ben Medofsky became chairman in 1930, he helped increased attendance from 40 to an average of 450 with more speakers and interesting programs. According to Ben Medofsky quoted in Oregonian article December 18, 1932 "Subject matter discussed at the forum is broad in its import, highly educational, often of

national and international scope, and during campaign periods, contains good sprinkling of political topics.”

Guest speakers are usually an expert on the subject. If speaker lacks knowledge of subject matter or unprepared, audience questions are painful. Anyone in audience that wants to speak on some topic has an opportunity to do so but limited to five minutes. Audience claps down speakers going over time or obviously unprepared.

1931 OFFICERS OF FORUM

Ben Medofsky, Chairman

Fred L. Larsen

H. Denlinger

A. A. Crosby

H. D. Wagnon

Mrs. Zula E. Griswold Assistant Forum Administrator

SOURCE: Oregonian April 17, 1932 Page 11

Candidates to Speak. – All the candidates from Oregon for United States senator will be invited to speak at the library hall of the central library starting at 8 o'clock tonight, according to **Ben Medofsky**, chairman, Alfred E. Clark, M. N. Dana, Robert Gordon Duncan, Walter B. Gleason, Kenneth Haralan, Robert N. Stanfield, and Elton Watkins will speak for themselves, and Pat Gallagher, Portland attorney, will speak for Frederick Steiwer, who now is in Washington, D.C. The speakers will be presented in alphabetical order, and each will have seven minutes for his declaration. The regular forum procedure of questions and comments will follow. The public is invited.

Comment: Central Library Forum lasted until sometime after 1940.

ELUCIDATORS PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

Arthur E. Ward club sponsor and supervisor founded this public speaking club late fall 1933 with a coed membership of 18 with first meeting held at the St. Ignatius parish hall, Portland, Oregon. This independent public speaking club has no affiliation with Toastmasters International. The club had both men and women as members. Memberships open to individuals with ages 15 to 90 with good character. Arthur Ward began his career as a laundry man. He had ideas to improve the business but had difficulty in expressing his ideas. Mr. Ward decided to improve his speaking skills taking public speaking night classes at Lincoln High School for five years during late 1920s and early 1930's. He joined a Realty Board Speaking Club to further practice speaking skills. Arthur Ward quoted “The ability of man or woman to speak effectively makes them a more valuable member of society.” Oregonian published article on page 75 about club with a membership of 77 on November 21, 1948. Article describes how Arthur E. Ward founded this club and described the program. Original club expanded into three clubs Knights of Columbus, West Side Club and K of C Club where each club had an instructor. Elucidator Club has some similarities to Toastmasters approach for public speaking training. Members experienced various types of public speaking situations with practice. Club held annual banquets where members gave talks. For example, banquet meeting held at the Multnomah Hotel on Monday night May 18, 1937. Frank Branch Riley speaker, George Hanscome was toastmaster and master of ceremonies. Other members speaking were Harold Green, John C. Simmons, club president, and Arthur E. Ward, coach of Elucidators. Another example, club banquet held at Timberline

Lodge on May 14, 1939. Guest speakers were Knute Peterson and Sinclair A. Wilson. Vernon E. Hicks presided as the Toastmaster. Club officers were the following:

President, Charles Gianoli
Vice-President, Eugene P. Gilsdorf
Secretary, Helen McDonald,
Treasurer, George McDonald
Sergeant-at-Arms, Jacques DeHaas

The club held a banquet at the Bohemian restaurant Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. with two guest speakers according to an Oregonian announcement on December 17, 1939. The speakers were the following:

Charles E. Cary, chief consulting engineer for the Bonneville project
Rev. Richard M. Steiner, pastor of First Unitarian church



ARTHUR E. WARD FOUNDER OF ELUDICATORS CLUB
SOURCE: OREGONIAN November 11, 1948

Members quoted as saying public skills acquired as members more valuable than a diploma or college degree because of job promotions. Club invited skilled guest public speakers to deliver speeches at meeting such as Portland University's Father Delauney, Frank Branch Riley, Ben Hazen, Reverend Richard Steiner, Dr. Ting D. Lee, Leith Abbott, Rabbi Henry Berkowitz, and author Richard Neuberger. This club remained active until sometime after 1955.

BUSINESS PUBLIC SPEECH CLASSES

Business organizations sponsored public speaking courses in Portland such as the following example. Ben H. Hazen president of Portland League Savings and Loan Association sponsored courses in Savings and Loan Fundamentals, business letter writing, and public speaking. October 1930, forty men enrolled in the courses that met once a week in a downtown Savings and Loan office. Ben Hazen acquainted with Charles I. Stidd and Worth Caldwell charter members of Portland Toastmasters Club #31 through charitable activities and business contacts. Ben Hazen held position of

secretary and treasurer of Ben Franklin Savings and Loan. His son Robert Hazen was a member of Oregon Toastmasters during late 1940s. He continued in his father's savings and loan business.

On December 28, 1930, Oregonian published article announcing the Savings and Loan Association celebration of the hundredth anniversary of founding first building and loan association in Frankford, Pennsylvania. This banquet was held at the Gold Room of the Multnomah Hotel on January 3, 1931. Frank Branch was principal speaker. Charles Stidd was the general chairman of committee that make the banquet arrangements. Lee Stidd introduced the speaker and Ben Hazen was the toastmaster for the event. A. C. Cammack delivered an address about the first building and loan company. Music played and dancing followed the main meeting.



CHARLES STIDD AND BEN HAZEN 1930
SOURCE: OREGONIAN December 28, 1930 page 24

SPEAKERS BUREAU 1930

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In addition, Advertising Club of Portland women members conducted public speech classes.

OREGON INSITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND Y.M.C.A.

PUBLIC SPEAKING EDUCATION

September 20, 1931, Edward L. Clark announced Arthur Grapper would teach public speaking classes starting fall term. Arthur Grapper born 1891 at Fort Branch, Indiana graduated with a Bachelors Degree. He worked as field director for a technical school in Ferndale, Washington prior becoming an OIT instructor. He further expanded O.I.T public speech offerings and promoted Dean of Business School in 1937. Furthermore, Thad Veness, an attorney and member of Y.M.C.A., taught business law at O.I.T. during 1920s and 1930s became a member of Portland Toastmasters Club # 31 sometime during the 1940s.



ARTHUR GRAPPER
SOURCE: OREGONIAN

OIT public speech instructors taught courses with content resembling modern Toastmasters speech manuals such as these courses:

- Public Speaking Basic
- Public Speaking Advance
- Essentials of Parliamentary Law Everyone Should Know
- Parliamentary Practice for Men and Women Who are Officers of Clubs
- Personality Traits Every Speaker must develop
- Vocabulary Building for Adults
- Vocabulary Building for Business and Professional Men
- Public Speaking for Business and Professional Men
- Promotional Talks
- How to Develop Ideas
- How to Tell a Story
- How to Give a Report
- How to Inspire People
- How to Persuade Others
- After Dinner Speech
- Dramatic Courses: Women would have an interest in this course
- How to Introduce Speaker
- What a Chairman Should Know

OIT public speech department instructors held annual banquets that tested student's public speaking skills. Banquet tradition resembles Helen Miller-Senn's Portland Extension School banquets for her speech students. Some students participating in these banquets had connections to Toastmasters. Fred Mason along with Fred Stubin, Owen Strecker, W.E. Knapp, Claude Campbell, and Cris Fariss were in charge of the May 27, 1933 OIT banquet, held at Heathman Hotel. Fred Mason elected as secretary-treasurer for new OIT Toastmasters club. Two other Arthur Grapper students **Jack Carney** and **Jack Francis** delivered speeches at April 3, 1935 banquet held at Coon Chicken Inn on NE Sandy Boulevard. They were charter members of first successful Toastmasters club in Oregon.

SECOND ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE A PORTLAND, OREGON TOASTMASTERS CLUB

April 1933, Toastmasters published first issue of The Toastmaster magazine that listed 19 clubs including Seattle #10, Tacoma #13, and Victoria, British Columbia #18 in club directory. Jean Bordeaux was editor and assistant editors were Ralph C. Smedley, Clarence F. Marshall, Paul Demaree, J. Gustave White. The first Portland chartered Toastmasters club probably relinquished charter before 1933. Edward Clark announced in March 9, 1933 Oregonian newspaper article organization of a Toastmasters club at OIT and YMCA schools. Club purpose foster speech and after dinner speaking skills. News article specifically mentioned affiliation with Toastmasters organization with clubs in California and Washington. Names of most original members and club officers remain unknown with exception of September 6, 1933 newspaper announcement of club officers elected for winter term. These officers were Merele Tobias, club president, Marchus Anderson, Vice president, and Fred P. Mason, secretary-treasurer. Club met evenings at 7:30 pm meetings every Tuesday and third Tuesdays in room 421 at Central Association Building. Former public speaking students and current OIT students were members. At September 15, 1933 meeting, Toastmaster was Wilton Allen and critic Arthur Grapper, professor of public speaking. Furthermore, Arthur Grapper taught classes on parliamentary law for officers of clubs men and women that year. Meeting subject was about taxes. Club invited outside speakers where Mrs. Mary Moore spoke about Flax and Industrialism in Oregon on March 20, 1934. A year after organizing the club apparently disbanded sometime fall 1934 for unknown reasons. Toastmasters' magazine never mentioned this club. The 1935 Oregon Institute of Technology student yearbook "Tech Echoes" has no listing for this club but does have picture of Arthur Grapper.

MERELE L. TOBIAS TOASTMASTERS CLUB PRESIDENT

Merele L. Tobias, manger for Swigert-Hart worked in sand and gravel industry. He knew Portland Toastmasters charter members Frank E. McCaslin who owned a concrete company and Worth W. Caldwell. On September 18, 1935, Worth W. Caldwell president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce selected a committee to work with Portland Chamber of Commerce to promote industrial development in Portland. This committee consisted of Walter E. Holman, Ray F. Martin, Phillip L. Fields, Harold A. Way and Merle Tobias. Portland Chamber of Commerce had a Presidents Council with Frank E. McCaslin, B. F. Boynton (Lincoln Club Founder) as members. Furthermore, Merele Tobias' company Swigert-Hart donated a miniature concrete mixer too O.I.T. Civil

Engineering Department May 1936. Merele Tobias participated in golf tournaments such as the Builders Exchange at the Mount Hood Golf Course during May 1936. He joined Cine Club in 1940 and became Director of All-Color Motion Pictures. Club members made color film about Oregon in 1940. Club chartered an aircraft for aerial film footage of Oregon. Merele Tobias participation in Toastmasters after 1935 remains unknown.



MERELE L. TOBIAS ON RIGHT IN PHOTOGRAPH
SOURCE: OREGONIAN August 19, 1940 page 8

ORGANIZATION OF PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS CLUB #31

Sometime during fall 1934, a group of businessmen, managers, professionals, and former public speech students met and discussed organizing a Toastmasters club probably at a restaurant in Morgan Building downtown Portland. Initially name of new club was Downtown and East Portland because the OIT / Y.M.C.A. club named Portland Toastmasters. Charles L. Stidd, former Helen Miller-Senn student and first president of club #31 mailed a letter with check requesting Toastmasters International for a club charter. December 1934 issue of Toastmasters magazine mentions Portland club charter application and quoted as the following:

“PORTLAND, Oregon club forming now writes via its president Charles L. Stidd of First Federal Equitable Savings & Loan Association “composed of Portland’s choicest businessmen , we are about to organize on a permanent basis and need all the data regarding membership in International. Leo Schmid has been zealous in aiding our start.” Thank you, Toastmaster Stidd. The federation’s arms are open and all you need to do is jump into them. The Rose City group will add much to our garden of speakers blossoming around the globe.”

Note: Oregonian article dated September 26, 1934 page 16 about Red Cross Director George Milsom visited Portland on tour of America before a visit to Tokyo, Japan. A welcoming committee greeted Mr. Milsom at Union Station. This group consisted of Worth W. Caldwell, B. F. Boynton, Frank E. McCaslin, Patrick Bacon and Manley Robinson. Group took Milsom on drive in Columbia Gorge before dinner at Congress Hotel.

B. F. Boynton was a member and founder of Lincoln Public Speech Club. Caldwell, McCaslin, and Manley Robinson charter members of Portland Toastmasters Club # 31.



LEO R. SCHMID FIRST VICE –PRESIDENT TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL
SOURCE: Toastmasters Magazine December 1934 page 16

Leo R. Schmid born August 1901 Dubuque, Iowa was educated at Campion College with a A.B. degree then studied medicine at University of Iowa. Then he quit medical school for work at Schmid manufacturing company. Then he worked for Hormel as a salesman in New Orleans, Louisiana. He quit that job to work as a salesman for Pillsbury-Astoria Flour Mills in San Diego, California. He joined the San Diego Toastmasters Club #7 May 1931 where club members elected him as vice-president and president. Leo Schmid attended Summer Symphony fund raising event in San Diego according to San Diego Union newspaper June 6, 1931 on page 7. J. Clark Chamberlain organized the San Diego Club # 7 in April 5, 1930. His company transferred him to Seattle, Washington October 1932 where he organized Seattle # 10 and Tacoma #13. Leo Schmid elected first vice-president of Toastmasters International May 1934. Leo Schmidt provided members valuable advice for organizing Portland Toastmasters club. Leo Schmid moved to Los Angeles, California and died there April 1971.

Source: Toastmasters Magazine December 1934



PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 31 CHARTER
OREGONS' OLDEST SURVIVING TOASTMASTERS CLUB CHARTER



RAYMOND J. HUFF PRESIDENT OF TOASTMASTERS
SOURCE; TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE DECEMBER 1935 Page 2

According to biography published in Toastmasters magazine December 1934 page 15, Raymond Huff was born in Rockville, Minnesota. His family moved to North Dakota and eastern Washington. He worked for Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging where he held positions of company Secretary and Vice-President. Huff was a charter member of Seattle Toastmasters Club #10 where he held all club offices. He became Toastmasters International Vice-President 1934 – 1935 and Toastmasters International President 1935 –1936.

FIRST OREGON TOASTMASTERS SPEAKERS' BUREAU
AND PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS CLUB #31 CHARTER PRESENTATION

While Portland Toastmasters club was organizing, Robert Robinson, charter member, organized first Toastmasters Speaker's Bureau in Oregon where members spoke for "Let's Quit Killing" for February 1935 safety campaign of The Oregonian and Oregon Motor Association. On February 28, 1935, Donald Sloan delivered talk on motor safety to Electric Club members meeting at Portland Chamber of Commerce. Club members elected Robert Robinson as president. During 1935 winter club visit, Raymond Huff, First Vice-President of Toastmasters provided club members with advice and helped them organize. Portland Toastmasters club members received club charter April 17, 1935. A charter party held June 3, 1935 where Raymond Huff presented club charter. Representatives from Seattle and Tacoma Toastmasters clubs attended this charter party. Toastmasters' magazine June 1935 issue article announced this new club. Article suggested an eventual separate district for Oregon. Lynn Sabin became first Oregon Toastmasters to write an article in Toastmasters magazine on topic of Oregon's climate. The magazine editor noted that Lynn Sabin was a Portland Chamber of Commerce assistant manager. Members of club attended the Toastmasters International Speech contest and conference. Speakers' bureaus were common method to promote

charitable causes. Charter members had participating in 1931 On-to-Oregon campaign where Charles Stidd was a speaker and McCaslin was the chairman of campaign.

PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS CLUB #31 CHARTER MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

APRIL 17, 1935

H. Bob Robertson—Club President and Owner of Photo-Engraving Company

Franklin McCaslin - Owner of Cement Company and Member Portland Chamber of Commerce, Involved with Red Cross Blood Drives and other charitable activities

Sherman R. Cox-Club Secretary, Federal Savings & Loan Assistant Secretary, Dads Club Linfield College, Member of Lions Club, radio singer and Portland Advertising Club

Herschel P. Nunn-Club Treasurer

Note: Toastmasters International made an error listing Marshall in charter member record and should have listed first name as Herschel. Member of Advertising Club of Portland

Herschel P. Nunn Profession Advertiser and Christian Science Teacher and Lecturer

Charles L. Stidd-Past and First Club President of Portland Toastmasters and President of Portland Investment Company and Equitable Savings & Loan Executive

Student of Helen Miller-Senn Student Portland Extension Center Public Speaking

Expressions Club and Member Advertising Club of Portland

Edward G. Brown-Vice-President First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Member Portland Reality Board, and past president of Portland chapter, American Savings and Loan institute.

Worth W. Caldwell –Owner (President & General Manger) Caldwell Colonial Mortuary, Member Breakfast Club, Portland Chamber of Commerce and Optimist Club, Involved in Red Cross Drives

Jack Carney – Salesman and Arthur Graper Public Speaking Student, Member of Lions Club and Lions local chapter Third Vice-President 1938, and Sea Scouts advisor

Jack Francis – Arthur Graper Public Speaking Student Lions Club Member & Club Director 1932

Oscar Ingalls. Hall, Jr. – Hall represented club at meeting in Olympia, Washington for organizing District 2 May 31, 1935. Hall's professions were Vice-President and General Manager Oregon Bridge and Dredging from 1931 to 1935 and a Contractor in 1936.

Note: TMI incorrectly listed first Initial as G. instead of O for Oscar. Ingalls Hall, Jr. listed in 1930 U.S. Census as a Seattle resident. According to Polk's Portland City Directories Ingalls Hall, Jr. resided in Portland, Oregon from 1931 to 1936.

Claude F. Palmer – Owner of Photo Developing Company

Member of Sales Manager Association and Member of Kiwanis Club Member of Master Photofinishers of America and Vice-President of Organization 1935

Manley Robinson - Club Secretary December 1935 and Profession Manager Hospitality Department Chamber of Commerce, 1942 Convention and Tourist Manager, and Director State Travel Bureau (State of Oregon) In 1937, he was manager of Peninsula Public Golf Course. p

Ralph Reynolds - Life Insurance Underwriter Member of Oregon Agricultural School of Portland Club, Oregon State Alumni Patron & Portland Vice-President 1941, and Y.M.C.A. Swimming Team

Robert (Bob) Chrisman - Member And Farmers Automotive Inter-insurance Exchange Member Advertising Club of Portland, Oregon State alumni assoc. & East Side Commercial Club

Lynn P. Sabin - Chamber of Commerce Assistant Manager and Insurance Underwriter

John W. Davis - Profession Advertiser and Member of Advertising Club of Portland. He was club president September 1936.

Delbert R. (Del) Snider – Profession Advertising Executive, Member of Portland Chamber of Commerce, Advertising Club of Portland, Multnomah Athletic Club, and Portland Executive Association

Donald C. Sloan - Profession Investment Banker and Partner in Investment Firm Wilcox and Sloan, Member of Portland Advertising Club and Sales Managers Association, Chairman of American-Korean Foundation, Portland Rose Festival Royal Rosarian, and Member of Musical Club Author of book Pacific Paradise. Amateur actor in Civic Theater plays during 1940s

Sources: The Oregonian and Toastmasters Magazine

**PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 31
CHARTER MEMBERS' PHOTOGRAPHS AND SHORT BIOGRAPHYS**

CHARLES STIDD

Charles Stidd was born July 6, 1891 Denver, Colorado. His family moved to a farm in Independence, Oregon. He attended Oregon Agriculture College 1914 through 1916 where he was a member of the student drama Mask and Dagger Club. He took over the family farm from 1917 to 1920 where afterwards he sold the farm. He then worked in the banking business and later owned a Portland Investment Company. Charles Stidd performed as a singer and a business manger for Portland Light Opera in 1924. He often gave public lectures about home ownership.



CHARLES STIDD
SOURCE: OREGONIAN August 11, 1929



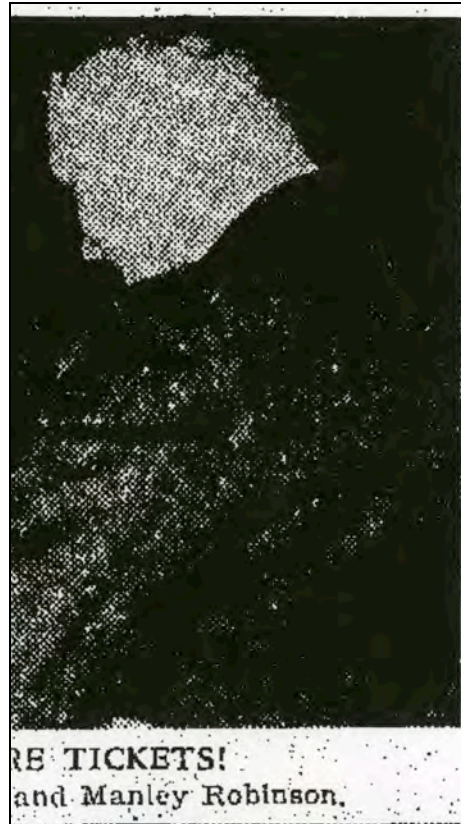
**BOB ROBERTSON FIRST PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS # 31
CLUB PRESIDENT
SOURCE: OREGONIAN February 23, 1935**



LYNN P. SABIN
SOURCE: OREGONIAN



JACK FRANCIS SOURCE: OREGONIAN



MANLEY ROBINSON

SOURCE: OREGONIAN January 31, 1934

Photograph taken while Manley Robinson was selling tickets with Charles Stidd at birthday party for President Roosevelt and Dance at Masonic Temple for Charity Fund Drive for Warm Springs Foundation for Aiding Crippled Children. About 1,500 individuals participated in the dance that netted \$1,025. Dan E. Gould, chairman of finance committee for dance and Manley Robinson was his assistant.

Weather Report

Saturday temperatures—Maximum, 47 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees.

Sunday forecast—Mostly cloudy with occasional rain. Complete report on page 17.

boulevard, talking to a picket, when he was seized.

The strike is a jurisdictional one between the CSU and its rival AF of L union, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. They are fighting for jurisdiction over movie set construction.

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'47 Red Cross Drive Head Long Active in Community

Frank E. McCaslin, president of the Oregon Portland Cement company, has been appointed chairman of the 1947 Red Cross fund campaign in March for Portland-Multnomah county chapter, according to announcement by Arnold W. Groth, chapter chairman.

Local Red Cross directors have invited McCaslin to their monthly meeting Monday at 3:15 P. M. to report on the Red Cross fund planning conference held at Red Cross Pacific area headquarters in San Francisco, which he recently attended with Groth.

Chamber Posts Held

McCaslin was president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1945 and is chairman of the board for the chamber this year. He was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1934 and of the Rose Festival association in 1939. During World War II, McCaslin served as chairman of civilian war services, civilian defense council here, and during World War I he was with the United States war department service in Europe.

McCaslin, who has lived in Oregon since 1922, has been a director of the Portland Com-



FRANK E. McCASLIN
Will head Red Cross drive.

munity Chest and is at present a member of the board of trustees for Lewis and Clark college.

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FRANK MCCASLIN Photograph above
SOURCE: OREGONIAN



JACK CARNEY
OREGONIAN April 21, 1940 page 24



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DEL SYNDER, SOURCE: OREGONIAN



SHERMAN COX

SOURCE: OREGONIAN January 13, 1935 page 12

Funeral Rites Scheduled For Worth W. Caldwell

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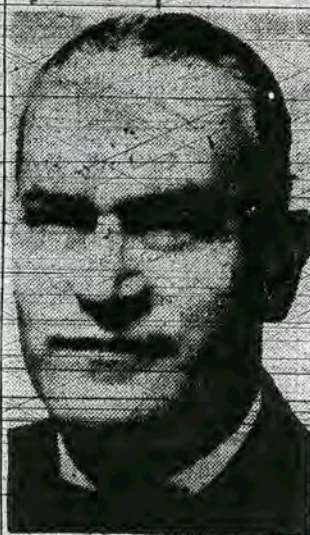
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W. W. CALDWELL SR.

Worth Wilson Caldwell,
president and general man-
ager of Caldwell's Colonial
Mortuary, died Wednesday at
Emanuel Hospital.

Funeral will be at 1 p.m.
Monday at Colonial Mortuary
with vault entombment to fol-
low at Riverview Cemetery
Mausoleum.

Mr. Caldwell resided at 2700
NW Monte Vista Ter. He was
born June 14, 1902, in Port-
land. He was educated in pub-
lic schools here, graduated
from Jefferson High School
and attended Stanford Uni-
versity. He was with the Bell-
ingham, Wash., Publishing
Company from 1922 to 1923
and then moved to Portland.
He took over control of the
mortuary some 35 years ago.

He was a member of the
Board of Regents of Multnomah
College; on the Advisory
Board of Friends of the
Library, University of Port-
land; and was on the board of
directors of the Salvation Ar-
my.

He was district vice presi-
dent of the East Side
Commercial Club, a vice
president of Optimist and a
district governor of Optimist
International.

Mr. Caldwell was Prime
Minister of the Royal Rosari-
ans in 1941.

He was a member of the
board of the Oregon Pioneer
Savings and Loan Association.

He held membership in the
Oregon Audubon Society,
Portland Rose Society, Wash-
ington Lodge AF&AM, Al-
Kader Shrine and the Aero
Club.

Survivors include the wi-
dow, Esther; son, Worth W.
Jr., and three grandchildren.

Jurors Study Bullet Paths

Presentation of the state's
case in the Jean Eva Keebler
murder trial continued in cir-
cuit court Wednesday with the
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WORTH W. CALDWELL OBITUARY
SOURCE: OREGONIAN April 1966

CLAUDE PALMER
Photograph and newspaper article below
SOURCE: OREGONIAN

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Al G. Barnes Circus Gives Tips on Handling Wild Nursing Given Up for Exciting Career.

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in St. Mary's hospital in Louisville, Ky. she is a graduate nurse. This native of Preston, Ky., found caring for old gentlemen with the gout and old women with rheumatism too tame. She craved excitement. Looking over the field, she discovered there were no women trainers of tigers in America. So without any other reason, unless it was to prove to her friends that they were mistaken when they told her it couldn't be done, she began taming wild beasts.

"In starting to train a tiger the first thing to do is to teach it to go down the runway from its cage to the arena," the visitor explained. "Then let it go into the arena and walk around. Keep this up for days so that it can see that it isn't going to be hurt. Sometimes I have a well-trained tiger in the arena with me, but I never put a collar on the cat I am starting to train. If an animal is so bad it has to have a collar you'll never know what it will do when you take the collar off."

"You can't break a tiger for a somersault. There seems to be something in the makeup of its back that it cannot do the flop. They are a great deal like human beings, and when they get about 14 years old they are cranky like some old people get to be. The older the cats the more cranky they are. When they become 18 or 20 they are placed in a zoo somewhere. The best age to start training one is when it is from 18 months to 2 years old, but it is hard to get them that young, for most of the mothers kill the cubs born in captivity."

Miss Stark said the old belief that a trainer dare not turn his back to wild animals of the cat family is all hokum. She says you must first show the beasts that you are not afraid of them, then when they get this one can walk around with them in the arena without trouble.

"They know when they have you buffaloed," she said. "You would be surprised to know how smart they are. I have four jungle-bred animals in my group that other trainers gave up and said they never would work. One, Whittie, fights with the others all the time, but I get them to work for me. Each one has a name and acts when his or her name is called."

"I do not touch the cats while working them. The whip is used only for a guide. You can handle the most ferocious animals without abusing them. But there is one beast I do not think anyone in the world can handle, and that is a black panther."

Woman Takes Baby Buggy.—Generous and unsuspecting, Katherine Lester, 9, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lester, 1620 Mississippi avenue, lent a baby buggy to a matronly woman at Peninsula park Saturday. The woman, who asked to use the buggy for 15 minutes, pushed it away, and did not return. After waiting for two hours, the girl went home to tell her parents, who reported the theft to police.

Guns Reported Stolen.—Two persons reported to the police yesterday that their guns had been stolen. Robert Miller of 282½ Jefferson street, said he lost one .32 caliber revolver and a small pistol, both valued at \$20, and Wong Woo, 286½ Flanders street, reported the loss of a German Lugar automatic with a detachable stock.

Concert Free to Public.—A concert free for the public will be given by the

being youths. They formed in two groups before the altar, and led by Father Cyril as their director they impressively sang several Gregorian chants in Latin. The singing was unusually well done, finely modulated and in open vocal register.

One hymn was sung in English to the lovely tune known in various churches as Hursley, while the collection was being taken. The other chants were selected from the list published in The Oregonian of last Sunday.

Clergy who officiated at the altar included Fathers Meyer, Leo and Paul. Instrumental accompaniments were provided from a reed organ played by a seminarian, William McLeod.

The master of ceremonies was Frater Robert.

It's the Birthday of Claude Funston Palmer, Who Was Born in Kansas in 1899.

BY DAVID W. HAZEN. GENERAL FRED FUNSTON of Kansas was earning international fame in the Philippines the time



Claude Palmer.

Claude F. Palmer was born. So the youngster was given Funston for a middle name. Mr. Palmer, a commercial photographer in Portland, was born May 16, 1899, at Kingman, Kan. The father of this boy was a newspaper man. He was working on a Kingman paper when Funston was born, but moved to Hobart, Okla., when the youngster was 5 years old. But the boy had started to school in Kingman before moving to the Sooner commonwealth. After living in Hobart a short time the Palmers moved to Lone Wolf. There the father bought and edited the Kiowa County News, selling it three years later to purchase a paper in Manassville, Okla., which he published for a year.

Then the family moved to Winfield, Kan., where the father worked on a newspaper until his death. Claude Funston completed his grammar school studies in the Kansas town, then moved to Portland. Relatives lived here and they had urged their kinsfolk to come to this city of flowers and delightful climate. The boy attended Washington high school a short time but completed his high school studies by attending night classes and taking college extension work. At 15 he bought the Arleta studio, and was doing a good business when burned out in 1918. After a hitch in the army, young Palmer entered Oregon Agricultural college, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in 1922. There he edited the Beaver annual in his junior year and was editor of the Barometer when a senior.

Home from Corvallis the young man worked for the Eastman Kodak company a time, but five years ago established the Photo Art Commercial studio in the Swetland building. November 25, 1923, he wed Miss Helen Mattley of Oregon City, who had been a classmate in college. Their 7-year-old Elizabeth Jean attends Glendoe grammar school. C. Funston Palmer belongs to the Kiwanis club, American Legion, was president two years of the Master Photo Finishers of Oregon and was secretary one year of the Pacific International Photographers' association and first editor of its official paper.

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BIG SUM CAN BE SAVED, C DIDATE SAYS.

Aspirant for Sheriff's Post Ass Expenses Can Be Cut \$100,000 Annually.

Multnomah county can turn over a lot of its police work to the state police and save a lot of money, declared Robert L. (Bob) Stevens, ex-sheriff, who is a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff of this county, in a speech before Orient grange.

"If elected sheriff of Multnomah," said Mr. Stevens, "I promise to save the taxpayers of this county \$100,000 during my first term of office, by effecting this sort of economy. I am confident I can save much more."

In a statement issued yesterday ex-Sheriff Stevens amplified his position on this matter. He said:

When Governor Meier organized the state police it was with a view of giving the county the maximum police service at minimum cost. Putting this work under the direction of one competent head brought it about that the state police have been a success from the standpoint of efficient enforcement of state laws and economy as well. Multnomah county pays one-third of the entire cost of the state police, and at the present time gets practically no return for it. It has not taken advantage of this service, though I am credibly informed that the state police are perfectly willing to furnish it.

Multnomah county maintains an independent traffic and police squad, including fingerprint experts, which costs the taxpayers according to the county auditor's book \$31,180 a year in salaries alone, to say nothing of the cost for automobiles and other expenses of the squad. The sheriff maintains, at the taxpayers' cost, another squad of 16 men, known as the sheriff's circuit court division, at a cost of \$32,580 a year for salaries alone.

Considering that most of the police and traffic violations occur within the incorporated limits of Portland, and that the city of Portland maintains its own independent police department, at a cost to the taxpayers of over a million dollars a year to furnish much the same service, and that, as said, the state police are ready and willing to give their service in Multnomah county outside of the city of Portland, I think the thoughtful taxpayer will agree with me that some of these duplications and triplications should be done away with, and that he will see sufficient ground for the promise which I unreservedly make that, in the sheriff's office I can and will save the taxpayers at least \$100,000 for the term by the elimination of duplications and by other economies. Taxpayers should certainly be interested in figures taken from the county auditor's records as to costs of the sheriff's office now and the cost of that same office during the closing year of its former administration.

Now the sheriff's office costs \$110,537.94 in my last year it cost \$28,300.80. Now the tax department costs \$76,724.32. In my last year it cost \$20,118.66. Now the county jail costs \$33,892.94. In my last year it cost \$13,149.55. Now Kelly butte costs \$50,382.58. In my last year it cost \$10,622.41. That makes a total now of \$261,237.79. In my last year of office it cost \$12,191.42. There is a difference of \$209,046.37. That is an increase in cost of about 350 per cent. although at the most liberal calculation the population during the same period has increased only about 50 per cent. And there are many other expenses than those mentioned which the sheriff's office took care of then, and of which it is now relieved by other agencies.

I believe that the voters of Multnomah county are entitled to such savings in the operation of such a vital department of their government. I propose to make them. I know I can, because I have the experience and the knowledge of conditions.

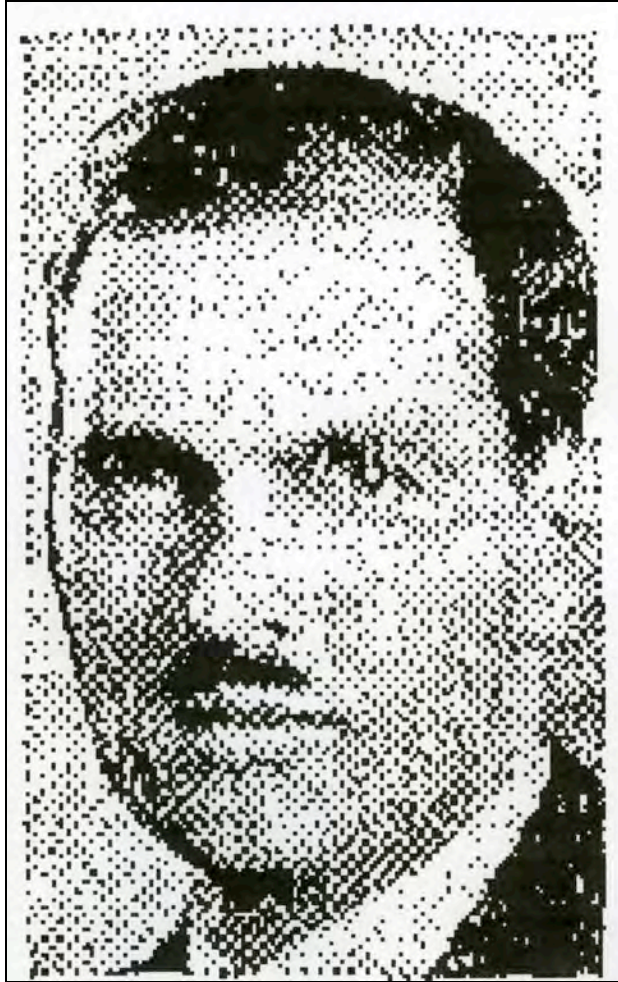


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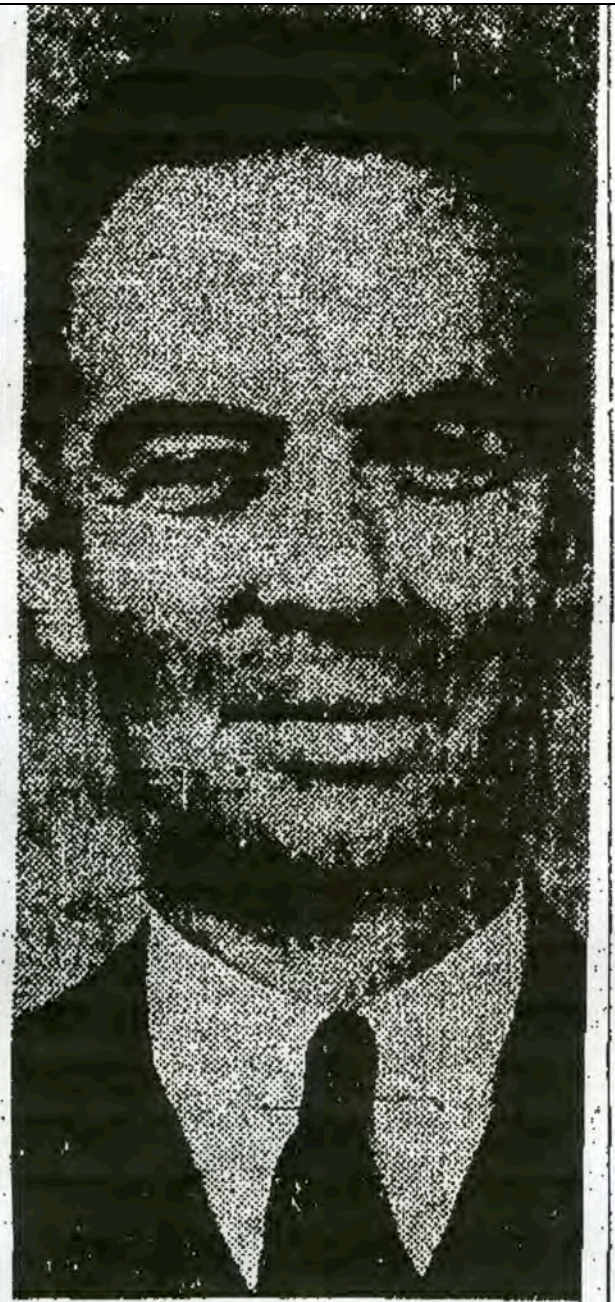
LYNN P. SABIN
SOURCE: OREGONIAN



DONALD SLOAN SOURCE OREGONIAN January 1931

See Oregonian Article September 12, 1969 page 34 "Broker's Gentle Verse Shows Zest For Life by Gerry Pratt

Donald Sloan was born in 1905 had a successful career as a broker specializing in bonds and trust shares. He and a business partner Jefferson L. Wilcox started an investment house specializing in bond distribution and trust shares called Wilcox and Sloan January 1931. He was a charter member of Portland Toastmasters Club # 31. He was one of the speakers in the Toastmasters' Speakers Bureau in February 1935. He spoke before the Electric Club on February 28, 1935 about traffic safety in speech title **Let's Quit Killing**. He participated in a campaign as a speaker for Junior Chamber of Commerce "Pay Your Taxes" campaign on June 4, 1935 at Rotary Club meeting according to Oregonian article. Along with Franklin McCaslin, Charles Stidd, Lynn Sabin, and John Davis participated as speakers for a Red Cross Drive starting November 31, 1935. Donald an amateur actor was a cast member in plays "Dear Family" June 27, 1942 and "The Warriors" March 1944 at Civic Theater. Donald Sloan was a world traveler and visited Europe, South American, and South Pacific. He wrote a book titled Pacific Paradise about the strange customs of native on island of Manu'a near Samoa. He belonged to the Portland Rose Festival Royal Rosarians. He continued giving speeches about his travels and investments until his death September 1969.



Edward G. Brown, president Bon H. Hazen chapter, American Savings, Building & Loan Institute, who announces opening of fall and winter classes October 15.

EDWARD G. BROWN

SOURCE: OREGONIAN September 25, 1935 Page 17

CHARTER MEMBERS PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS CLUB #31

Charter members included business owners, managers, insurance salesmen, advertisers, professionals, Portland Chamber of Commerce employees, with many in middle and upper income class. Many involved with supporting charitable activities such as the Red Cross where Frank McCaslin was one example. Club members formed a Speakers Bureau for the Red Cross starting November 7, 1935. They spoke about the Red Cross at various club meetings such as the Lions Club and Progressive Men's Club. In 1938, Donald Sloan appointed as Red Cross chairman for Home Service. Speakers were Caldwell, McCaslin, Sloan, Stidd, Sabin, and Davis. Robert Chrisman, Charles L. Stidd, Herschel P. Nunn, Donald Sloan, and John W. Davis belonged to Advertising Club of Portland. Herschel Nunn was a member of an advertising club glee club where he sang second tenor. This glee club performed regularly at annual Pacific Advertisers Conferences. Herschel Nunn organized a glee club in 1929. Herschel Nunn and John W. Davis both won a three-minute oratory contest at annual July 11, 1936 Pacific Advertisers Seattle Conference. Herschel Nunn probably joined new Toastmasters club to improve his speaking skills for Christian Science teaching and lectures. During 1940s, Herschel Nunn gave many lectures about Christian Science Church. Delbert R. Snider an advertising executive was a member of Advertising Club of Portland, Member of Portland Chamber of Commerce, and an Oregon State College graduate. Del Snider taught advertising copy at Multnomah College fall 1948. He worked on Red Cross blood drives and served on War Bond Drives during World War II. Later Del became owner of a direct mail advertising company. Ralph Reynolds an insurance underwriter played golf with Robert Chrisman, Lee Stidd, and Charles Stidd at Peninsula Golf Course tournaments during 1929. In addition, he participated in Y. M. C. A. swimming meets during the early 1930s. He was an active in the Oregon State Alumni Association and was Portland Vice-president in 1941. Robert Chrisman apparently well liked because an editorial praising him was written in Oregon Journal when he accepted a job transfer out of Portland.

Jack Frances: An interesting situation occurred with Jack Francis, Arthur Grapper student, who was a Lions Club member and an avid golfer. During a Lions sponsored golf tourney at Peninsula Public Golf Course October 15, 1933, he played golf with Carl Greve, Portland Jeweler storeowner. The wives of Carl Greve and Jack Frances were members of the Lions Club Auxiliary until early 1950s. Carl Greve a student of Helen Miller-Senn and member of her Expressions Club. On January 7, 1934, Peninsula Golf Course started a series of tournaments where Jack Francis, Charles (Chuck) Stidd, and Lee Stidd played the course that day. Lee Stidd was a member of Helen-Miller-Senn's Expressions Club.

Manley Robertson: Manley Robertson, manager of Portland Chamber of Commerce Hospitality Department was acquainted with Charles Stidd. Oregonian newspaper published a February 1, 1931 photograph of him with Charles Stidd, and Mrs. Rodger Newhall selling tickets for Roosevelt's Birthday party dance a charity benefit for Warm Springs Foundation for Aiding Crippled Children at the Masonic Temple event attracted 1,500 people. Manley greeted dignitaries visiting Portland such as George Milson Director of Junior Red Cross visit to Portland September 26, 1934. Frank E. McCaslin and Worth W. Caldwell were with Manley Robertson at the Union Train Station when George Milson arrived. In addition, Manley greeted Mary Garden, Opera Star and pianist Jean Dansereau at Union train station December 1934. She was later interviewed during a Portland KEX radio talk show with Manley and radio commentator's as hosts. During 1940s, he gave talks on promoting tourism. He changed jobs and worked for State of Oregon Travel Bureau.

Oscar Ingalls Hall, Jr.: Oscar Ingalls studied civil engineering at University of Washington Seattle, Washington. The university yearbook has a photograph of him. According to U.S. 1930 Census, O. Ingalls Hall, Jr. lived and worked as an engineer for a contractor in Seattle, Washington. On September 11, 1931, the Oregonian newspaper published an article about an Army Engineers dredging contract that Portland Dredging was the winning bid. Article further stated that O. Ingalls Hall, Jr. was the Vice-President and General Manager for Oregon Bridge and Dredging. Oregon Bridge and Dredging bought wooden pipeline pontoons for dredging for \$7.50 each from Army Engineers. Ingalls Hall, Jr. resided in Portland, Oregon from 1931 to 1936 according to Polk's City Directory before moving back to Seattle.

Sherman R. Cox: Sherman Cox was born in Cedar Rapids, Nebraska 1895 and educated at Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. On September 16, 1928, he was elected assistant secretary of Benefit Savings and Loan that later became First Federal Savings and Loan. Charles L. Stidd elected as secretary and treasurer. Lee C. Stidd elected as Vice-president. Sherman Cox taught appraisal classes for savings and loan employees in 1933. Sherman possessed singing talent making many appearances as a radio singer. Sherman member of Portland Light Opera participated in production "The Fortune Teller" along with Charles Stidd, who was manager of association, March 12 to March 14, 1925 according to Oregonian article. He sung as lead singer during Lions Club luncheons. During January 16, 1933, he led singing during celebration of Thrift Week according to the following Oregonian article January 16, 1933 page 17 by Leon B. Baketel, Financial Editor.

"Thrift in its various phases will be the theme of the annual banquet of savings, building and loan people of Portland and vicinity, to be held under auspices of Portland chapter, American Savings, Building and Loan institute at 6:15 o'clock tomorrow night in Oregon grill. A program of short addresses has been arranged by a committee of which Ralph Taylor is chairman and will be followed by dancing and other entertainment.

All speeches will be made by members of Portland study class in effective speaking. Mrs. Nina Mauk of Benjamin Franklin association will preside as toastmistress; she will be introduced by Y. D. McMullen, chapter president. Sherman R. Cox of the Benefit Savings and Loan association will lead mass singing, accompanied by Mr. Verna Crystal."

"Officers, directors, employees and their friends from associations in and near Portland will be in attendance at the banquet, which will officially usher in thrift week and will honor Benjamin Franklin. Patron saint of thrift, and will celebrate the 102d anniversary of founding of the savings and loan business.

Thrift week is celebrated through out the United States under auspices of a national committee. It is designed to promote systematic saving and careful investment."

Note: Last part of article listed names of the speakers many of them were executives.

Furthermore, Sherman Cox participated in Lions Club and Portland Advertising Club. He was elected president of the Linfield College parents club. According to an Oregonian obituary dated April 9, 1938 page 12, Sherman R. Cox died suddenly on April 8, 1938 at age of 43.

PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS CLUB #31 AFTER 1935

George W. Mimnaugh: George W. Mimnaugh listed as Portland Toastmasters Club # 31 Secretary. He joined Portland Toastmasters in 1936. Various Oregonian articles mentions George Mimnaugh as University of Oregon graduate, sportsman, referee, and a star football quarter back for University of Oregon. He was employed in the lumber business and state director for U.S. Treasury Department savings bonds. He was a member of Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce during 1930s and acquainted with Worth Caldwell Portland Toastmasters member.

Sources: June 1936 Toastmasters Magazine Club List Page 41 and Oregonian

September 1938 Toastmasters Magazine Club List pages 38 and 40

Don Nelson, Secretary of Portland Toastmasters Club #31

Note: Don Nelson became District 7 Governor in 1945

Charles L. Stidd business contacts brought in members for the new club. Member experiences in holding club offices at Advertising Club of Portland and other organizations an asset in operating this newly organized Toastmasters club. These talented charter members provided a strong foundation for growth of Toastmasters in Oregon and eventual establishment of District 7 Toastmasters. Portland Toastmasters Club # 31 has remained active to present. Perhaps, Charles Stidd may have realized that Toastmasters offered a better way of teaching public speaking than business sponsored courses and college programs

Source: Toastmasters Magazine, March 1937 Volume 3, No. 1 page 43

31-Portland-Monday, 6:00 P. M. Kelly's Restaurant, Broadway and Washington
Secretary, Jack Carney, Portland

Source: Toastmasters' Magazine, June 1937 Volume 3, No. 2 page 43

31-Portland Monday, 6:00 P.M., Kelly's Restaurant, Broadway and Washington
*Secretary W. Glenn Field, Portland

*Note: Glenn Field was consular for Donald L. Sloan when he became President of Latter Day Saints Portland Branch November 13, 1933 Source: Oregonian. Glenn Field, a securities expert, joined Wilcox and Sloan in 1935 as a partner. Oregonian published article and Glenn Field picture in April 11, 1935 on page 20. He later joined Drum Heller, Ehrlichman, and White Investment Bankers 1936 and then Camp and Co. Investment Securities in 1938.

Source: Toastmasters Magazine, December 1937, December 1937 Volume 3, No. 4 page 38

31-Portland Monday, 6:00 P.M., Sign of Rose Tea Room
Secretary Arnold Kuhnausen, Portland
Deputy Governor Del Snider, Portland

Source: Toastmasters Magazine June 1938 page 42

31-Portland-Monday, 6:00 P. M. Sign of Rose Tea Room,
*Secretary, Don Nelson, Portland

Deputy Governor, Del Snider, Portland

***Note:** Don Nelson, future District 7 Governor, first club officer position

After Glen Meek, past District 7 Historian, moved to Portland, Oregon in 1940 he met Donald Nelson who invited him to a Portland Toastmasters Club #31 meeting. Meeting held on second floor of the Chamber of Commerce building. The tables were set up in a U shape. At the end of table, an attorney was the General Evaluator once a month. The club hired him to do the general evaluation. This attorney was probably Thaddeus Veness.

TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE ARTICLE SEPTEMBER 1936 PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS CLUB #31 PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS WIN

The Pacific Coast advertising Club Association held its annual convention in Portland in July. One session of each of the three days is devoted to contests in short speeches, and it happened this year that all three of the contests were won by Portland men, two of these being members of the Portland Toastmasters Club. Herschel Nunn, speaking on the subject "Advertising Looks Up and Lifts Up," was one of the winners, and John E. Davis, president of Portland Toastmasters, was another. We are glad to present the two winning speeches below.

ADVERTISING LOOKS AND LIFTS UP By Herschel Nunn

As a boy, I lived in Seattle on Queen Anne Hill. High on the hill stood an illuminated sign, which read "Look Up, Lift Up." Through the years its message has come to mean that only we as we look up to ideals as the enduring realities of life, do we lift up ideas where they where they create and work for us.

Men in the advertising profession know that given a product of genuine worth they can, through intelligent, sustained, well backed-up advertising, lift that commodity to a successful sales position. They have thus created an entity that did not exist before – they have created employment that has to a degree lifted up the economical condition of our nation.

A great opportunity awaits organized advertising. These chemicalizing, convulsive times are not to be healed by mere politics. 1860 needed its Abraham Lincoln, a great political mind. But in 1936 with, on one hand vast over production, and on the other millions of unemployed, the master mind or minds which will lead us through this economic civil war will come from our men who work with ideas, who create these business entities and who wield the power to correct false political and social notions through the sane method of fact finding and truth telling.

The machine age brought release from drudgery, but it also brought the terrible destructive weapons of modern warfare. So with the constructive force of advertising came also the devastating flood of evil propaganda. While advertising looks up and lifts up, propaganda looks down and pulls down. The propagandist's poison darts are aimed at the warm vitals of democracy. They are organized – unified by the frenzy of hate. Advertising too is organized but its purpose unconsolidated.

Organized advertising, look up to his consolidation of purpose, and you will go a long way toward lifting up our nation and ultimately the world to economic security and enduring peace.

ACHIVEMENTS OF THE PORTLAND ADVERTISING CLUB

By John W. Davis

On March 5, 1905, was born the Advertising Club of Portland, at the beginning of the greatest era of progress the world has ever known. And, as time marched on, it brought such important events as the San Francisco earthquake, the sinking of the Titanic, the first airplane, the radio, the streamlined train, along with the hobble skirt, Alexander's Rag Time Band, the World War, and the Lindberg flight.

These men of our club, steeped in a desire for community development and business betterment, kept pace with the most worthy events.

In 1907, they assisted in promoting the Portland Rose Festival, unsurpassed in size, beauty, and pageantry any place in the world.

A festival not for one year but forever!

Later they assisted in promoting the Columbia River highway, among those scenic gems along the great river that separates Oregon from Washington as an exquisite string of pearls might separate the diamonds from emeralds in a jeweler's window.

In 1919, they led the way and raised the first \$125,000.00 for the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

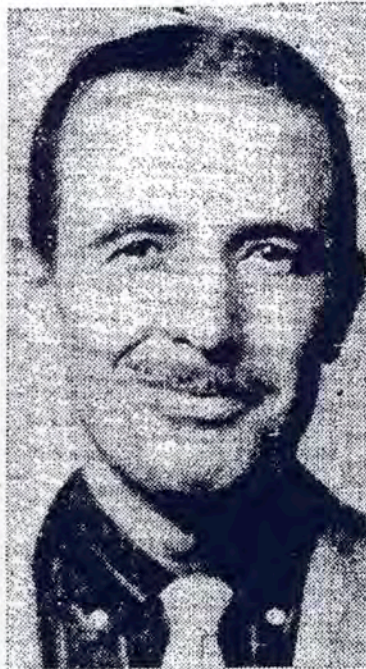
This was followed by organizing the Portland Advertising Glee Club, which went to San Diego one year ago, practically unknown and with no definite singing engagement. Within twenty-four hours, they acclaimed the musical sensation of the city, sang at the Ford Bowl at the World's Fair and broadcast over networks not only nationally but internationally.

In 1927, our club organized the first Christmas illumination contest in the West, and now if you visit Portland at Christmas time, you find there a veritable fairyland of beautiful lighting, statues, and paintings depicting the scenes of the holiday season.

And what have they done for advertising? In 1909, they sent a committee to the Legislature in behalf of truth in advertising, which resulted in Oregon's being the first state in Union to place a law of this kind upon its statutes. This was followed by the Portland Better Business Bureau, the first Better Business Bureau in the United States, a movement which has since has become national.

Many of those fine men, those actors who played such an important part in this drama, couldn't be here with us today. But, if we look out like the names of actors on the marquee of a phantom theatre: C.C. Chapman, Charles Berg, George I. Baker, Marshall Dana, William P. Merry, Walter May. And, above their names like a giant electric sign, flashing out its message is that word, "Achievement."

3-Minute Men



Leith F. Abbott (above), advertising agent of the Southern Pacific company, and Herschel P. Nunn, representative here of the Christian Science Monitor, won firsts Monday and Tuesday at the convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Advertising Clubs, in Seattle, for three-minute talks. John W. Davis, also of Portland, won Wednesday, giving this city a clean sweep of firsts for oratory.

ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT 2 TOASTMASTERS

During San Diego Toastmasters Conference on October 6, 1934, membership and officers established two districts where District 1 encompassed California and Arizona and District 2 included Pacific Northwest. Another important event-involving establishment of District No. 2 occurred on May 31, 1935, with an organizational meeting held at Tacoma, Washington for establishing a District 2 for Oregon and Washington. Ben W. Tidball elected as the first District 2 Governor. Club representatives from Oregon and Washington attended.

James Hoy, Tacoma

Oscar Ingalls Hall, Jr., Portland

Raymond J. Huff, Seattle No. 1 and listed as Toastmasters International officer. Position later delegated to Ed Hed, Seattle.

Ben W. Tidball, Olympia

Bruce Harris, Seattle No. 2

FIRST DISTRICT 2 SPEECH CONTEST 1936

Source: Toastmasters Magazine June 1936 Vol. 2 and No. 2 page 17
WASHINGTON TOASTMASTERS COMPETE

The earliest District 2 speech contest held on May 25, 1936 at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle, Washington with Olympia, Tacoma, and four Seattle clubs participating. The contest program listed as the following:

Toastmaster: Raymond J. Huff, Toastmasters International President

Presiding: Al Godsave

Address of Welcome: Ed Hed

Judges:

Attorney, Day Carr of Seattle

Ray Gruhlke, President Olympia Club

(father secretary-treasurer Payne Carr)

Dr. Orin Simmons, President Tacoma Club

Speakers:

Louis LaBow, Seattle No. 1, "The Capital I, Capital T, in Public Speaking"

Clarence Bailey, Seattle No. 2, "Memorial Day"

Harold Hutchinson, Seattle No. 3, "Your Child's Choice of a Vocation"

Dr. George Knowles, Seattle No. 4, "The Decline of American Merchant Marine"

Dr. Cy Lundvick, Tacoma, "The Jews"

Guy Owen, Olympia, "Statue of Liberty"

Clarence Bailey judged the winner of the contest and received a gavel as a prize.

Speakers brought along their own critic to contest.

Note: Baker Toastmasters Club # 55 and Portland Toastmasters Club #31 did not participate in contest.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST 1936

On May 7, 1936, Seattle Toastmasters Clubs 1, 2, 3, and 4 sponsored a High School speech contest where Bruce Harris, Deputy District Governor Club No. 2 presided, International President Raymond Huff spoke the welcome, C. H. Bailey, chairman of contest conducted the contest, Fulton Magill, President of No. 3, presented awards. Speech contest topic was "Would a City Manger Be Practical for Seattle". First place winner was Miss Fay Hatum, Lincoln High School student and Miss Betty Chamberlin, West Seattle High School won second place according to Toastmasters magazine June 1936.

DISTRICT 2 GOVERNOR'S REPORT 1938

Source: Toastmasters Magazine March 1938 Volume 4 No. 1 page 26 News From Districts

District No. 2, including the Northwest, and headed by Clarence H. Bailey, of Seattle, has done well with contests, both inter-club and high school, with program exchanges, and with new club promotion. New clubs in the district include Portland Number Two (94), Pullman, Washington, Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Spokane Number Two. Most interesting their plan for Seattle High School Contest. The general subject for discussion is the Neutrality Act, and the specific topics were worded, five by U.S. Senator Schellenbach and fourteen by the Seattle Board of Education. Senator Schwellenbach hopes to secure a letter from President Roosevelt for the winner of the contest, which involves the nine high schools of Seattle.

The latest addition to our fellowship in the Northwest is Casper, Wyoming, where Hon. Clyde A. Smith has promoted a new club, with 19 charter members, including many leading citizens of the community. Their charter night is set for March 14. See note below.

Raymond J. Huff, past president of TMI, recently wrote, "I consider the present situation of the Toastmasters Club work in the Northwest to be about at the best it has ever attained, and I look for continued growth and improvement.

Note: Clyde A. Smith, President of Casper, Wyoming Club, wrote an article for Toastmasters Magazine June 1938 page 8 titled "The Statesman As A Speaker."

Excerpts from this article listed below.

"Defending another's right to differ in viewpoint, and respecting his personality is a virtue gained in association with others in speech training."

"I have seen men floored by adverse criticism. They went down in ignominious defeat and their banners trailed the dust. But the fellow who withstood the attack and came back fighting always appealed to me as a potential victor. Those, men I try to exemplify. Thanks to the man who burns us with criticism. He is giving us a chance to develop into somebody, a personality. We need not become calloused by criticism, but we can acquire skill in the use of the shield of self-defense, that rare art of restraint, that we may with more effect, wield the weapons of conquest. Thanks to our critic for giving us

opportunity to acquire poise, maintain a determination of purpose, retain a good natured inflexibility and exercise a clear mind, un-muddled by emotional hormones.”

“If our great commonwealth is to have true representation, then ability to speak is indispensable. Amidst barrages of telegrams, stacks of letters, telephone calls, insistent demands of lobbyists and entreaties of his fellow members, a representative must, to be worthy of the name, maintain equilibrium, his good nature, and at the same time develop the courage of a Daniel in the Lions’ Den. He must be able, ready and willing to speak his honest convictions with out fear or favor.”

Ed Hed one of charter members of Seattle Club # 10 elected as Vice-President of Toastmasters International wrote in Toastmasters magazine June 1938 about the importance of Educational Bureau as an important asset for Toastmasters.

DISTRICT 2 SPRING SPEECH CONTEST 1938

Source: Toastmasters Magazine June 1938 pages 29 and 30 “District No. 2”

Place: Olympia, Washington

Time: Saturday Evening

TOASTMASTER: Wm Butchart of Vancouver, British Columbia, Toastmasters Club

SPEAKERS

Forrest B. Richardson, Aberdeen, “Thank God for Depression” placed first

Henry Johnson, “Free Speech Savior of Democracy” placed second

Ernest R. Owen, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, placed third

Ralph Armstrong, Olympia

A. E. Kuhnhausen, Portland

Robert Nixon, Portland

Notes: Member of Portland Toastmasters Club # 31 and was the first Area 5 Lieutenant Governor for Oregon, District 2

Robert Nixon became a District 7 secretary in 1941 and was probably member of Timberline Toastmasters

Thirty clubs participated in the contest some participants traveled long distances since District 2 encompassed territory from northern California border to Continental Divide to British Columbia.

Contest winners were the following:

Forrest B. Richardson-First Place, Aberdeen, Washington

Henry Johnson, Second Place, Seattle, Washington

GENERAL CRITIC

Rev. Elmer B. Christie, Olympia

JUDGES

Justice John S. Robinson and Justice George B. Simpson of the State Supreme Court

HOST CLUB

Meeting under direction of Olympia Toastmasters Club #25
Gerald Sophy and Jack King in charge of arrangements

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

James A. Smith, General Chairman of Contest

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Clarence Bailey, District Governor

OTHER DIGNITARIES

Ed Hed, International Vice-President

High School Speech Contest Results

Winner received a medal and letter of congratulations from Vice-President Garner
Second place winner received a letter from Senator Key Pittman, and a letter from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt presented to girl who took second honors.

**BAKER TOASTMASTERS CLUB #55
SECOND CHARTERED CLUB IN OREGON**

In early 1936, a second Toastmasters club chartered in Baker, Oregon far from Oregon population centers. March 1936 issue of Toastmasters magazine announced this new club.

**THE TOASTMASTER MARCH 1936 No. 1 Volume 2
STOP THE PRESS!**

"At the very last minute comes word from Baker, Oregon that the new club in that city is with us. "Check enclosed" to cover charter fee and per capita dues on 25 charter members. Result, Baker gets charter No. 55. The letter which comes brings the good news says: "Baker is the social and industrial center of the largest mining county in the world, located in the heart of the Blue Mountains in eastern Oregon, 342 miles from Portland. Population 8,000. Every class of business in the city is represented except doctors and lawyers. The way that Earl Hoge, Emory Slocum, and Phil Phillips criticize Klass Powell, Lucien Arant and Whit Whitney will if it continues; make both a doctor and lawyer necessary. We are especially proud of our sergeant-at arms, Sheriff Henry McKinney, who is an expert on historical matters, and great preserver of the peace. We are thinking about some missionary work, starting in La Grade, the former home of one of our members, Frank Appling."

Baker Club # 55 membership more diversified than the Portland Toastmasters Club #31 where most of the members were businessmen, managers' salesmen, and professionals. Club incorporated into District 7 in 1940 but jurisdiction transferred to

District 15 in 1944. Club disbanded sometime during the 1970s'. Charter club officers and members January 1936 listed below:

BAKER TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 55, DISTRICT TWO

Source: Baker Democrat-Herald, Baker, Oregon All Toastmasters and Toastmistress news articles reproduced with written copyright permissions

Date: Monday January 21, 1936 Organization Meeting and
First Regular Meeting January 28, 1936

Time: 6:15-p.m.

Place: The Nook

FIRST MEETING PROGRAM

Toastmaster: Henry McKinney

Speakers: Lucient P. Arant
E. G. Prescott
Desmond Long
J. W. Crawford
Jack Langrell

BAKER TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1936 CHARTER MEMBERS LIST

Floyd Douglas Gordon Wright	Carl Lehmann Earl E. Hodge	Gordon Wright Vern McCallum Note: Member and officer of Baker Y.M.C.A.	Jack Langrell Henry McKinney Note: Member and officer of Baker Y.M.C.A.
E. G. Prescott A. Fred Kerr John Jenkins	Carlton J. Waltz Joe Woods William Ryder	J. W. Crawford Gentry Phillips Herbert Miles	Kenneth Robb Bill Patterson Lucient P. Arant
Gilman Ryder	Desmond Long	Rev. Archie Buchanan	A. L. Schroder
LeRoy Grettum Franklin W. Patterson (John Langrell?)	Dave Stall Emery Slocum	Fred W. Furst Stanley Day	John Moffett Harold Plumb

CLUB # 55 OFFICERS 1936

President: Carl Lehmann

Secretary: Jack Langrell

Sergeant-at-Arms: Henry McKinney

Vice President: Floyd Douglas

Treasurer: Gordon Wright

Trustees: Lucient P. Arant and Earl Hodge

March 31, 1936 Monday Meeting

Meeting Place and Time: The Nook (Restaurant) at 6:15-pm

Toastmaster: Gilman Ryder

Presiding: Floyd Douglas-Vice President

Speakers:

John Moffet, "The Porcupine as a Menace to Forests and Livestock"

John Langrell, "The Menace of Communism"

A. F. Kerr, "Sign of Times", a humorous discussion on roadside advertising

President Carl Lehmann, "Lesson in Memory"

Verne McCallum, "The Material Damage Caused by Cigarettes"

During a spring meeting, club members discussed a joint charter party with Boise, Idaho Club # 61. One of members David Stall, a student enrolled, at Willamette University. During December 22, 1936 meeting he spoke about his college experiences. Willamette University public speaking classes teaching methods are similar to Toastmasters program. Club members voted to sponsor a high school speech contest during a Monday September 14, 1936 meeting. Gentry Phillips, John Jenkins, and Franklin Patterson formed a committee to write a program and contact school officials and teachers to obtain approval for this contest. In 1937, Baker Toastmasters club became first Oregon Toastmasters club that sponsored a high school speech contest.

On April 25, 1938, Baker Toastmasters Club # 55 held a joint meeting with La Grande 35 Club of La Grande, Oregon in Baker Oregon.

Source: Baker Democrat-Herald September 22, 1936 page 5

Toastmaster Assails New-Deal Spending in Extemporaneous Talk

The new deal took a beating for spending billions of dollars from Verne McCallum at the weekly dinner of the Baker Toastmasters club at the Nook last night. Called upon by Toastmaster Earl Hoge for an extemporaneous talk to fill a vacancy. McCallum assailed the administration for its unbalanced budget.

"Any private business which tried to operate as the United States government has done would be under receivership." The speaker said. He announced emphatically that he would vote for Landon and a business administration.

"Extravaganza" was the topic of Henry McKinney, who reviewed the government's program social security program and the object to accumulate a huge reserve fund. Jonas Durr spoke on camouflage in motion pictures and Floyd Douglas discussed railroad locomotives.

BAKER CLUB # 55 CHARTER PRESENTATION MAY 24, 1937

Source: Baker Herald May 25, 1937 Page 5

Charter Given Speaking Club

"Raymond Huff of Seattle, junior past president of Toastmasters International, presented a charter to Baker Toastmasters club at a joint meeting of the Toastmasters and Baker Toastmistress club in the Nook café Monday evening.

Mr. Huff said that when he relinquished the gavel of authority as president of the organization last August he left only one piece of business-presentation of charter to the Baker club.

After outlining the benefits of membership in the organization, Mr. Huff said, "there is no club or group of clubs that has this record; more than 80 charters have been presented and 80 are still in existence."

"I hope you will gain all the benefits from Toastmasters International that are there for you if you but seek them."

On behalf of the Baker club, President Desmond Long expressed thanks for the charter.

"We have attempted to observe the rules and regulations of the international organization during the one and one-half years of the Baker club has been in existence." "Out of 25 charter members, 20 are still active."

The luncheon, attended by more than 60 persons, was probably the outstanding meeting of the Toastmasters club since its formation. It was attended, not only by Toastmasters and Toastmistresses, but also by wives and husbands of some of the members. W.G. McKenzie and Curtis Skeen, associates in the dredging business, were guests at the meeting. Six talks, three by Toastmistresses and three by Toastmasters, were unusually good.

The speakers and their subjects were; Mrs. Otto W. Zimmerman, "My Visit to Owyhee Dam; Mrs. W. Yancey, "Dreams"; Mrs. J.P. Jackson, "Ahe We Dated?"; Donald Duncan "Cycle of Ladies Hats"; Jack Langrell, "Mining in Baker County," and Kenneth Robb, "A Short History of Hospitals."

Mrs. Martin Osborn, public speaking-instructor in the Baker high school, gave constructive criticism of the speakers.

Mrs. W. S. Robertson was toastmistress during the first half of the program. Desmond Long presided during the business session and during the time Toastmasters were speaking. Long announced that no meeting will be held May 31 because of Memorial Day observance.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB ELECTS LEADERS April 26, 1938 Meeting

Kerr, President and McKinney, V.P.; Talks Delivered

A. F. Kerr, Henry McKinney and Nylie Lewis were elected president, vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Baker Toastmasters club at the weekly luncheon in the Nook Monday evening.

Spencer Goodrich and Gilman Ryder were elected as members of the executive committee. Herbert Milers, retiring president, automatically becomes a member of the executive board.

Franklin W. Patterson discussed the silk industry, which he classified as "The Gem of the Orient." He traced the history of the industry back to its origin and declared "silk comes to us through history probably as the most expensive and strongest of all fabrics." The secret was strongly guarded.

After tracing the cycle of the moth, Patterson said, "there never will be any fabric as highly prized or as beautiful as silk.

In discussing the "National Labor Relations Board," Henry McKinney said the board has received considerable adverse criticism. So far as the employer is concerned, the

board is a policeman. The courts have power to enforce the orders of the board. The organization has handled 11,000 cases, 7,000 of which have been settled. Seventeen hundred cases were withdrawn. The board refused to handle another 100 cases. Approximately 500 cases affecting 150,000 workers were settled before they reach the strike stage.

Elton Holcomb discussed "Communism against Fascism."

Russia is as much at fault as Germany." Holcomb said in theory the two theories are similar as to legislative and executive power Cultural manifestation is absolutely controlled. Science is shackled and reading is controlled. The labor camps in Germany are practically the same as those of the Russian government in Siberia. The government is the employer both in Russia and Germany."

Kenneth Robb discussed the method of making maple syrup 35 years ago but said the method is about the same at present with a few exceptions. All the implements needed are a half-inch augur and a sharp ax. A hole is bored into the tree for a depth of two inches and spout with a hook attached is driven into the hole. A bucket is placed on the hook. From 30 to 40 gallons of sap is required to make a gallon of syrup, which is made by boiling the sap over a fire. The first sap makes the best syrup.

The critics of the prepared talks were Herbert Miles, Gentry Phillips, Austin Dunn, and Charles Weber, F. G. Whitney was general critic. Gilman Ryder was toastmaster and Victor Lyman was a guest. Verne McCallum was critic of the campaign speeches delivered by the candidates for the various offices.

Source: Baker Herald April 26, 1938 page 3

CENSORSHIP OF NEWS DISCUSSED October 24, 1939 Meeting Lieutenant Governor of T.M. Unable to Attend Meeting

J. R. Evans, speaking on news censorship in foreign nations, told members of the Toastmasters club last night that correspondents in other nations find it difficult most of the time to secure clear and concise news that is not tainted by censorship.

Mr. Evans pointed out that especially in dictator countries the foreign correspondent is given prepared news to send to this nation.

"If he persists in sending other news the nations make it extremely difficult for him to secure authentic news and do their best to make it appear as though his news is not authentic.

"Palestine" was discussed by Fred Kerr. Mr. Kerr pointed out that Palestine is a national home for Jews and yet they receive little or no protection from Great Britain, which nation is supposed to watch over the setup. He cited instances occurring in 1929, in which Arabic uprisings were responsible for the deaths of many Jews who were at an extreme disadvantage because of the lack of arms, which are forbidden them.

Organized terrorism broke out again in 1936 and has continued, yet no protection has been offered by Britain for England must have peace in Arabia and not antagonize the Arabians too much as England needs an overland route to the Red Sea in case the Suez Canal is ever closed.

Vern McCallum spoke on dreams and Martin Howard gave an extemporaneous speech on "Why a Dutch Lunch." Lester Moncrief, Kenneth Robb, Arne Poulsen and Harold Hunt were critics of the speakers. Rev. Sydney Walker was general critic. Kenneth Robb acted as toastmaster. A.L. Miller presided.

Ernest Davis of Portland, lieutenant governor of Toastmasters clubs of this district, was unable to be present as expected as he was called to San Francisco because of business.

TOASTERS HAVE OFFICIAL VISIT October 23, 1939

Talks Given Before District Governor Davis

Ernest Davis of Portland deputy district governor of the Toastmasters clubs was guest of honor last night at the regular meeting of the Baker group in The Nook.

The Baker county health department was discussed by Arne Poulsen, who outlined its many advantages.

"The main purpose of the department is to prevent disease. The secondary purpose is to control disease after it starts.

The department's officials will be able to teach children of today what we didn't know yesterday and make the children of tomorrow healthier and happier," Mr. Poulsen said.

"You and Heredity" was discussed by Arvin O. Robb. He discussed the union of the male and female chromosomes.

Mr. Robb said that more males conceived than females but that the death rate of males was greater and therefore the number of boys and girls remains about the same.

Gene Dyke talked of the American rifle and gave a talk on the history of firearms.

"A German monk in 1300 discovered, Mr. Dyke said, that he could control explosives in a hollow tube and used an arrow as the bullet."

"The flintlock gun in 16th century was developed and used for a long time. It was loaded from the muzzle end."

"In the 17th century the gun was made better so that a man could shoot it without injuring himself. The Sharpe dingle-shot was the first gun made so that a pre-loaded cartridge could be used in it."

"The Craig rifle was developed in the period after the Civil War and after that came the Springfield gun. At present the semi-automatic rifle used by the United States is one of the most advanced firearms in the world."

The "Cut of the Log" was discussed by Martin Howard.

"The cut of the log is an expression used to indicate the average lumber grade produced from a log or over a certain production period by a lumber production unit through the various factors affecting the cut of the log."

John Hogg gave a humorous talk on the "Art of Dunking."

Critics for the speeches were F. G. Whitney, John Dunn, Spencer Goodrich, Fred Kerr and Gilman Ryder. **Mr. Davis acted as general critic.** Gentry Phillips was the toastmaster of the meeting.

Speakers for next week will be as follows: A.L. Miller, toastmaster, George Calderwood, Victor Lyman, David Eardley, Henry Harrison and James Evans. John Durr will be alternate speaker.

Source: Baker Herald October 24, 1939 Page 39

FIRST OREGON TOASTMISTRESS CLUB?

The May 25, 1937, Baker Democrat-Herald newspaper article, an important one because it announced Baker Club # 55 charter presentation and a joint meeting with Toastmistress club. This Baker Toastmistress club earliest known Oregon Toastmistress club. However, this club had no direct affiliation with Toastmistress International that organized in December 1938. Club was a division of Baker Alpha Literary Club and part of Federation Women's clubs. First newspaper article mentioning

Toastmistress Club was on May 22, 1937 page 6 of Baker Herald announcing joint Toastmasters and Toastmistress meeting. Unclear if this club later obtain a charter from Toastmistress International in 1940s. The March 1940 Toastmasters Magazine article mentioned Toastmistress International had 18 clubs chartered but none in Oregon. The Baker Democrat Herald has no articles about Toastmistress 1940 to June 1942.

BAKER ALPHA AND TOASTMISTRESS CLUB RECONSTRUCTED MEMBER LIST 1937-1938

Meeting Place Hotel Baker and Time 1:00-pm Monday Afternoons

Mrs. Otto W. Zimmerman	Mrs. W Yancy	Mrs. J.P. Jackson	Mrs. Martin Osborn, Public Speaking Instructor Baker High School
Mrs. James P. Jackson	Mrs. W. H. Browning	Mrs. O.D.Lanning	Mrs. Charles Versteeg
Mrs. Verna Hogg Mrs. Julius Clausen	Mrs. Maybelle Romig Mrs. Carlton J. Waltz	Mrs. Jack Ord Mrs. Harry Walmsley	Mrs. C.T. Godwin Mrs. James T. Donald
Mrs. Klass Powell Mrs. C.T. Godwin Mrs. James Evans	Mrs. B. Stover Crabill Mrs. Lester Hansen Mrs. Harold Peterson	Mrs. Ren Black Mrs. Sterling May Bertha Compton	Frances Gill Mrs. A. L. Schroeder

TOASTMISTRESS CLUB TO HAVE LUNCHEON MONDAY AFTERNOON

Members of the Alpha club are invited to attend another Toastmistress luncheon to be held in the French room of the Hotel Baker Monday afternoon at 1:30. The subject of discussion will be "Oregon". Mrs. Maybelle Romig will be Toastmistress for the occasion.

Those participating in the program will be Mrs. C.J.Waltz, soloist, and Mrs. Klass Powell, Mrs. B. Stover Crabill, Mrs. Harry Walmsley and Mrs. James T. McDonald, speakers.

Instead of the usual one-minute current event responses, each guest will be asked to present the historic fact at her respective place.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. W.S. Robertson or Mrs. Harry Walmsley.

Source: Baker Herald February 5, 1938 page 6

"Drama" Is Subject of Toastmistress

A toastmistress meeting of the Alpha Literary club was held at the Hotel Baker Monday. Mrs. Clyde Ward was welcomed as a member of the Alpha club during a short business meeting.

Mrs. Hugh McCall was chairman and Mrs. Harry Walmsley was toastmistress. Each member gave a one-minute talk on some personal experience in accordance with subject of the afternoon, "Drama." Mrs. Raymond O'Dell talked on "Reading a Play." Mrs. Sterling May spoke on "Acting a Play" and Mrs. George Calderwood talked on "Seeing a Play." Mrs. Sterling May spoke on "Acting a Play" and Mrs. George Calderwood talked on "Seeing a Play."

Jacquelyn Jenkins gave a reading, "Mrs. Flamm's Treat" and a pianologue "Old Antiques," accompanied by Mrs. Paul Hale. Shirley Ross sang a selection from "Bitter Sweet Annie," the high school operetta, accompanied by Janet Baxter.

Source: Baker Democrat-Herald January 25, 1939 Page 3

EUGENE TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Early 1936, students tried organizing a Toastmasters club at University of Oregon Eugene campus. The university student newspaper Daily Emerald published an article about this club in January 10, 1936 issue. This club never chartered. Toastmasters' magazine has no articles or listing for this club. This club had a Y.M.C.A connection.

EUGENE TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 145

Club organized August 22, 1939. Meetings held at 6:15 p.m. at Seymour's' Cafe

CHARTER CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Ira Woodie
Vice President:	Clifton Culp
Secretary/Treasurer:	Carroll Groshong
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Fred Brenne

District 7 possess charter member list for Eugene Toastmasters Club #145 that was obtained from Toastmasters International records.

MEDFORD TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 67, DISTRICT 2

Third Oregon Toastmasters club that chartered Medford # 67 a descendant of Medford Speakers Club. Club officers applied directly to Toastmasters International for a charter late 1936. December 1936 issue announced this new Medford club. Toastmasters' magazine announced this new club on page 34 in March 1936 issue. Article quoted as follows:

"Medford, Oregon with Charter Number 67 barely made the grade in time to get into the December issue. They came through with their charter presentation on January 14, with Mayor and other dignitaries of the city on hand to give tone to the occasion-and perhaps to learn something about how a Toastmasters Club adds to the glory of the home town."

Source: Medford Mail Tribune Reproduced with Written Copyright Permission

Date and Time: Thursday January 14, 1937 at 6:30-pm

Place: Valentine Café, Medford, Oregon

CHARTER MEETING PROGRAM

Toastmaster: Kenneth Scott Wood and Critic for Club

Speakers:

Frank Gray-"Why a Toastmasters Club"
Dr. W. F. Roney-"Medicine and I"
Henry Conger-"California Here and I"
Dr. F. J. Moffatt-Value of Club Meetings to Critic"

Guest Speakers:

George Porter- Mayor of Medford
George Fry-Treasurer Jackson County Chamber of Commerce
C. Glenn Smith-Principal of Medford High School
Dr. R. W. Clancy-Jackson County Medical Association
Dr. S. E. Phillips-Representing the Active Club
Dr. C. H. Paake-Kiwanis Club Spokesman
J. Verne Shangle-Lions Club President
C. W. James-President 20-30 Club
Leland Mentmer-Medford High School Faculty
Other Guests: Civilian Conservation Corps Officials

MEDFORD CLUB # 67 CHARTER MEMBERS PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION

F. Kramer Deuel A. M. Banwell
Dr. F. J. Moffatt Frank Gray
Henry Conger
Dr. W. F. Roney
Kenneth Scott Wood

CLUB OFFICERS

President: F. Kramer Deuel
A. M. Banwell-Manager of Jackson County Chamber of Commerce helped organized the Medford Toastmasters club.
Some charter members came from Medford Speakers Club
Toastmasters Magazine December 1936 page 37 charter application sent in

Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, Oregon
Friday, January 15, 1937 Page 5

Medford Mail Tribune article about chartering of Medford Toastmasters club quoted as the following:

TOASTMASTERS RECEIVE CHARTER IN INTERNATIONAL Members, Civic Officials, Distinguished Guests Attend Banquet Marking Admission of Local Group

Effusive oratory, sparkling repartee and general good fellowship abounded at the charter night meeting of the Medford Toastmasters club Thursday night, held in the banquet room of Valentine's café with members of the club, civic officials and distinguished guests in attendance. The meeting marked admission of the local organization to Toastmasters International, as the eighteenth chapter of the order, and the fourth in Oregon.

F. Deuel, president of the Medford club, received the charter from A. H. Banwell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce who was instrumental in the formation of the club in this city. In presenting the charter, Banwell lauded the progress made by the organization of Toastmasters here and expressed appreciation of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce for the service rendered to this city and county by club members.

Added Responsibilities

The added responsibilities, which attend admission to Toastmasters International, were also pointed out by Mr. Banwell. Mr. Deuel, who has made a splendid record as president expressed the appreciation of his organization for the support given by citizens of this community. Kenneth Scott Wood, critic for the club, was then introduced as toastmaster for last night's meeting.

The first of a long list of speakers was Frank Gray, one of the organizers and one of the most active members of the Medford Toastmasters club, whose subject was "Why a Toastmasters club?" The work of the club in correcting numerous faults of speech and the progress made by club members were outlined by Mr. Gray. Illustrating his remarks, Frank Hull gave a brief talk making all of the most common mistakes of orators, then delivered a splendid address on the power of the spoken word showing how public speaking should be done. Hull proved himself to be a clever actor.

Club Value Stressed

An address, bubbling with humor, and titled "Medicine and I", was ably presented by Dr. W. F. Roney, a prominent member of the Toastmasters club. Dr. F. J. Moffatt, also active in the local organization, delighted the members and guests with a fine talk in which he pointed out the value of club meetings to critic and members alike.

Henry Conger, well known Jackson County stock raiser, contributed a forceful address "California" Here I Go" to last night's program in which he brought out the fact that this county is one of the "cleanest" in the United States from the stand point of cattle diseases and Jackson County has the distinction of being first in the nation to be free of cattle tuberculosis.

Mayor Talks

The first of the guests to speak at the charter night meeting was Mayor George Porter who extended congratulations to the club upon being granted the Toastmasters International charter. George Fry, treasurer of Jackson County Chamber of Commerce represented that organization in congratulating the members of the club. Included among the other speakers who complimented the Medford speakers upon their new charter were; C. Glenn Smith, principal of Medford high school; Dr. R. W. Clancy, representing the Jackson County Medical association; Dr. S. E. Phillips representing the Active club; Dr. C. H. Paske, Kiwanis club spokesman; J. Verne Shangle, Lions club president, and C. W. James of the 20-30 club.

Leland Mentzer, faculty member of Medford high school, Rex Oscar Gibson, Webb Clark, Dr. Robert E. Lee, and Dr. F. O. Thayer also contributed congratulation remarks. Among the guests were officials of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In concluding the program, President Deuel read telegrams and letters of congratulations directed to the new Medford club from various points in the United States a cordial invitation has been extended to Medford business and professional men who are interested in public speaking to become associated with local organization.

A January 10, 1937, article on page ten of Medford Mail Tribune announced the charter night of the Medford Toastmasters club and listed people expected to attend this meeting. Furthermore, it mentions club members of the old Medford Speakers club, and is being organized for the benefit of its members. There are only three like clubs in Oregon, being located at Portland, Baker, and **Bend**.

Comment: Toastmasters magazines does not mention a Bend Toastmasters Club and there may have been club that tried organizing but never chartered. Further, research required to verify the existence of this club.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor George Porter
E. H. Hendrick, Superintendent of city schools
Dr. C. H. Paske, President of Kiwanis Club
O. Arnsburger, President of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce
Lee Bishop, Manager of KMED
George Henselman, President of the Active Club
Verne Shangle, President of the Lions Club
Dr. R. W. Clancy, President of the Jackson County Medical Society
Moore Hamilton, Editor of the Medford News
W. S. Bolger,
Elliott T. Mutch, President of the 20-30 Club
Herb Grey, Advertising Manager of the Mail Tribune

Kenneth Scott Wood acts as the Toastmaster for evening.

According to the Medford Mail Tribune, Monday, May 19, 1941, the Medford Toastmasters started as speakers' class in 1935. A Medford High School public speaking teacher taught a class for 20 professional and businessmen. Frank Gray, who was not a member, read about Toastmasters and persuaded students of speaking class to join Toastmasters.

FIRST OREGON AREA 5 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ARNOLD KUHNHAUSEN

Arnold E. Kuhnhausen, member of Portland Toastmasters Club # 31 elected as first Area 5 District 2 Lieutenant Governor or equivalent to modern area governor position. He joined Portland Toastmasters after 1935. He was acquainted with Charles Stidd and both graduated from the Oregon Agricultural School now Oregon State University. He owned and operated Kuhnhausen furniture store. Mr. Kuhnhausen a patron of the Oregon State alumni Association. Ralph Reynolds a Portland Toastmasters charter member a patron of this alumni association. He participated in spring District 2 speech contests twice. During late 1940's he ran for Republican State Representative position. The Kuhnhausen furniture store still remains in business at present.



SOURCE: OREGONIAN

KLAMATH FALLS TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 98

During fall 1937, Toastmasters International staff received charter application for Klamath Falls Toastmasters Club. Preliminary charter number of 98 issued for charter application. Toastmasters' International staff announced the new club and number in the December 1937 issue of The Toastmaster magazine.

Klamath Falls newspaper Herald and the News announced formation of a Toastmasters club on January 31, 1938 in City Briefs Page 3 section.

"There was to be a regular meeting of the Toastmasters club Monday night in the Spanish Room of the Elk Hotel with dinner served at 6:15-pm. In March 1938 Toastmasters magazine News of Districts, page 26 District No. 2, mentions the new Klamath Falls club #98."

Page 38 of Toastmasters Magazine 1937 Club Directory

District Two

Klamath Falls Club #98 - Secretary, Carl H. Mason

Deputy Governor, Frank Gray, Medford, Oregon

District 2 Governor, Clarence Bailey

TIMBERLINE TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 94

The second club that chartered in Portland was Timberline Club # 94 or Portland No. 2. Name Timberline probably named after Timberline lodge on Mount Hood. Some members of the Timberline club were probably from Portland Toastmasters Club. They made public donations for construction of the lodge. Toastmasters' magazine published article about the club.

Source: Toastmaster Magazine Article December 1938

The President's Message

Gordon R. Howard, M.D.

"I have just returned from a 3,000-mile trip through the Pacific Northwest, in the course of which I addressed representatives from fourteen clubs in the Second District. With great satisfaction, I am able to report that all clubs are actively engaged in building up their membership and in gathering new ideas, which will fulfill the aims and objects of Toastmasters. Because of short notice in advance, the northern clubs were at a disadvantage in arranging their meetings, and I appreciate all the more the prompt response and excellent attendance under this handicap. I left Los Angeles early on Sunday October 30, with meeting scheduled for Portland, Oregon at 6:30 P.M. on Monday. In spite of rain much of the way I arrived in time to partake of a venison dinner provided by President Davis, of the Portland Number Two club, and in turn, I had the privilege of presenting to him the charter for his club. It was a regular meeting night for both Portland clubs but many were absent due to Halloween activities. The program was unique in that each member spoke for three minutes on a general subject and then all were criticized by the general critic. The quality of membership in these clubs is high grade."

GORDON RANDOLPH HOWARD

Gordon Howard a Toastmaster since 1934 and he helped organize the Progressive Huntington Toastmasters Club and first president of club. He became Deputy Governor and elected District One Governor. He helped organize District One in 1935 at San Diego Convention. Dr. Gordon a practicing physician.



DR. GORDON R. HOWARD, TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
SOURCE: TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE SEPTEMBER 1938 Page 9

Source: Toastmasters Magazine June 1938 page 43
94 Portland No. 2-Monday, 6:00 P. M. Chamber of Commerce, Portland
Secretary, Chalmer Blair

Source: Toastmasters Magazine September 1938
Timberline or Portland No. 2 Toastmasters Club # 94 Secretary **Chalmer Blair**
Note: Chalmer Blair was one of the individuals involved in organizing District 7 and was the second District 7 Governor elected at first district spring conference in Medford, Oregon 1941.

YEAR 1939

The year 1939 was a transition year for District 2 when serious discussion began about making Oregon a separate district because of growth in clubs in Oregon and Washington.

DISTRICT 2

District Two Officers

District Governor:

Richard Butchart of Vancouver, British Columbia Canada 1938-1939 and Ernest C. Davis 1939-1940

Lieutenant Governors:

James Smith of Seattle, Washington 1938-1939

Frank Paulding of Victoria 1938-1939

H. G. Jones of Spokane 1938-1939

Ros Schmidt of Aberdeen 1938-1939

Ernest C. Davies of Portland 1938-1939

"FREE SPEECH"

WILLIAM BUTCHART, *Governor of District No. 2*

I wonder if those of us who lay claim to being Toastmasters fully appreciate what a privilege it is, particularly at this period in the history of the world, to be able to indulge in "free speech."

Subject to restrictive laws relating to slander and sedition, we in this country are permitted to express our thoughts and opinions quite freely—yet, today, there are countries where this mark of progress and civilization has ceased to exist. For instance, it seems incongruous that at the birth place of the Athenian orators one not only dares not speak his mind, but is even subject to regimentation of thought.

This state of things applies equally to another country which has contributed to our civilization some of the most eminent scientists, philosophers and musicians this world has known. Froude, the great historian, referred to oratory as the "harlot of the Arts" and Lord Baldwin claims that oratory has doubtless been responsible for more bloodshed than all the explosives and guns ever invented, and cites the rhetoric of Robespierre and others during the French revolution, and of Kerensky during the Russian revolution to prove his point.

Nevertheless it must not be forgotten that oratory today can also be a factor in the preservation of peace, at a time in our history when there exists such a conflict of opinion between the leaders of governments so diametrically opposed. No one, for example, can deny that the opinions of the American people, so ably expressed by President Roosevelt in his January message to Congress, made a profound impression upon the minds of those aggressive leaders of totalitarian thought, if for no other reason than that the views he expressed supported and encouraged those peace-loving people who are, for the moment, the unfortunate victims of dictators.

Now, as for ourselves, we must not forget that this institution of "free speech" which was gained for us by the self-sacrifice of our forefathers, is indeed something we must preserve, not only for the benefit of our own liberty, but as something we but temporarily hold in trust for our children and their successors.

However, in the exercise of this privilege, we must remember Froude's reference to oratory and so circumscribe our orally-expressed thoughts and opinions that we, as Toastmasters, may not be open to the accusation of abusing our heritage.

OREGON CLUBS CHARTERED

Eugene Toastmasters Club charter application approved after July convention and chartered in December 1939.

Ernest Davis- representing TMI presented charter to Salem Toastmasters Club # 138 on April 18, 1939. Secretary of new club Frederick H. Eley formerly treasurer and Director of Toastmasters International probably helped organize the club. Source: Toastmasters magazine June 1939 page 29
Source: Toastmasters Magazine June 1939 page 35

Article Title: THE SECOND DISTRICT MEETS

History was made by the Second District of Toastmasters International on May 20 when they held their first district meeting at Seattle, as guests of the five Seattle Clubs. Of the twenty-six clubs in the district, twenty-one were represented at the afternoon business session. District Governor William Butchart, of Vancouver British Columbia had charge, and Past President William A. Dunlap was an honored guest.

Ernest C. Davis of Portland, Oregon, was elected to succeed William Butchart as District Governor. At the close of the business meeting, a memorial, signed by all those present, was given to Governor Butchart in appreciation for his untiring efforts during the past year of service.

At the evening dinner, 130 men and women were present for the district Inter-Club Speech Contest finals. William Gowdy, president of Seattle Number Five Toastmasters Club, welcomed the guests. Official judges of the contest were Judge Douglas of Washington bench, Judge Crawford of the Oregon bench and T.G. Norris, a member of the bar in British Columbia. Toastmaster of the evening was District Governor-Elect Ernest C. Davies. John Jewett served as chairman of the committee of Seattle Toastmasters in charge of the event.

The speakers were Forest Richardson of Aberdeen, Washington, H. M. Ahlquist of Walla Walla, Washington, Don Hay of Salem, Oregon, Fred Orth of Seattle, Washington and Forest Richardson was adjudged winner, Fred Orth as alternate. The winner is expected to represent the district at the San Jose convention in competition for the President's Cup.

"Most interesting was the toast to Toastmasters International, proposed by John Jewett and responded to by William Burchart, who spoke of the splendid assistance he had received from Past President Raymond Huff, Past Vice-President Edward Hed, Director Clarence Bailey and Lieutenant Governors James Smith of Seattle, Washington, Frank Paulding of Victoria, H. G. Jones of Spokane, Ros Schmidt of Aberdeen and Ernest C. Davies of Portland. Other distinguished visitors who were introduced were Past President William Dunlap, Past Treasurer Fred Eley and Past Director Louis LaBow. James A. Smith of Seattle was chairman of the contest committee this year and he deserves a great deal of credit for its success."

Source: Glen Meek handwritten documentation

"The year of 1936 there were 64 Toastmasters clubs – one in Oregon. The clubs of California organized into a District #1, all clubs outside of California were governed by District #2 Seattle." October 1936 Governor of District #1 Bill Harvrick recommended: each district be no larger than one state."

"May 1939, District #2 Seattle held a combined meeting of its 26 clubs, 5 Seattle clubs, 5 from Oregon, 2 from Canada, 14 other clubs from Washington, Arizona, Indiana and 21 represented." "Ernest Davis of Portland elected governor." June 1940 Ernest Davis was appointed Governor of District 2 (had 7 clubs.)"

"Forming District 7: Permission was granted in December 1939 to take effect at the spring meeting 1940. At this time, there were six clubs in Oregon: Portland, Salem,

Medford, Klamath Falls and Eugene. Toastmasters believed active at the time E. Davis, Chal Blair, Wayne Stevens, Dick Crabes, Don Nelson, Carl Hasenkamp, and F. Eley."

Source: Glen Meek hand written notes

Nine clubs in June 1940 to form District 7

1.	Portland #31	4-1935
2.	Medford #67	1-1939
3.	Timberline #94	2-1938
4.	Klamath Falls #	2-1938
5.	Salem #138	4-1939
6.	Eugene #145	12-1939
7.	Hillsboro #158	4-1940
8.	Baker #55	1-1936
9.	Boise # 67, Idaho	1936

MISCELLANEOUS

Toastmasters Magazine March 1939 Vol. 5 No. 1 Page 22 Clubs at Work

"Two clubs, Spokane, Washington have filled membership list to capacity and are contemplating the organization of a third chapter in city. A Toastmistress club is getting underway." The Toastmasters have been furnishing speakers to Parents Teacher Association (P.T.A.). Thirty-two talks have been made by twenty-two men, all have been well received. The two clubs are jointly sponsoring an extemporaneous speech contest in the four high schools of the city, providing medals and other awards for the winner."

Source: Oregonian December 1, 1938 page 13

Lions to Present Program-

Lion members of the International Toastmasters' club will present a varied program at the regular weekly meeting today at 12:15 in the Heathman hotel.

APPENDIX

INFORMATION AND REFERENCES

1930-1939

THE FAMOUS FIFTEEN POINTS

Toastmasters International, Inc. is Organized and Promoted for the Following Reasons:

1. **TO PROMOTE** the growth and establishment of Toastmasters Clubs through the world.
2. **TO SPONSOR** the publication of the Toastmaster the official organ of TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL, INC., AND THE MEANS OF INFORMING ALL Toastmasters and Toastmasters Clubs.
3. **TO PROVIDE** literature and other assistance to make possible the establishment of Toastmasters Clubs.
4. **TO PROTECT** the name TOASTMASTERS CLUB in order to confine its use to clubs conforming to the standards and regulations established by the majority group through TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL
5. **TO STANDARDIZE** and maintain as nearly uniform as practical the procedure and ideals of Toastmasters Clubs.
6. **TO UPHOLD** before all clubs the latest and best principals of public speaking and related conduct and procedure.
7. **TO ACT** as a medium of exchange tending toward the improvement of Toast mastering
8. **TO ASSIST** individual clubs in solving, overcoming, and difficulties which may arise in the organization and functioning of the clubs.
9. **TO PROMOTE** friendship among Toastmasters Clubs.
10. **TO SPONSOR** friendly competition in public speaking among member clubs of TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
11. **TO SPONSOR** contests in public speaking among organizations outside the Toastmasters Clubs such as the High School Public Speaking Contest
12. **TO PROMOTE** the technique of tactfully giving and gracefully taking criticism and profiting thereby.
13. **TO MAKE** the name TOASTMASTER a mark of distinction and of recognized ability in public speaking.
14. **TO ESTABLISH** the place of the Toastmasters Club in the life and work of the community.
15. **TO PROMOTE** a friendly, mutually helpful liaison between TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL, INC., and the Young Men's Christian Association

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL CLUBS LIST DECEMBER 1935

LOCATION	CLUB NAME AND NUMBER	CHARTER DATE	CURRENT STATUS Year 2014
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ARIZONA DISTRICT ONE

Tucson	Tucson Saguaro #16	12/1/1934	Active
Tucson	Tucson No. 2	After 1935	Number Reassigned
	El Toto # 32		

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT ONE

Alhambra	Alhambra # 34	1935	Number Reassigned
Anaheim	Anaheim # 2	1/1/1926	Active
Burbank	Burbank # 36	1935	Number Reassigned
Coronado	Coronado # 9	3/1933	Number Reassigned
Fullerton	Fullerton # 4	1927	Number Reassigned
Glendale	Glendale No.1, #8	3/1/1933	Active
Glendale	Glendale Jewel City # 29	1/1935	Number Reassigned 5/27/1948
Huntington Park, Los Angeles	Huntington Park No. 1 #14	10/1933	Number Reassigned
Huntington Park, Los Angeles	Progressive Club #18	4/1934	Disbanded After 1970
La Jolla, San Diego	La Jolla # 22	10/1934	Number Reassigned
Long Beach Gavel Club, Los Angeles	Long Beach Gavel Club #11	3/1/1933	Number Reassigned Active
Long Beach, Los Angeles	Long Beach Shell Toasters # 35	1935	Disbanded 1936
Los Angeles	Los Angeles # 3	6/1/1927	Active
Montebello	Montebello # 20	7/1/1934	Active
	Montebello Community Club		
Palo Alto	Palo Alto # 33	5/1/1935	Active
Pasadena	Pasadena # 6 (Club 6)	9/1/1929	Active
Pomona	Pomona # 12	3/1/1933	Active
Redwood City	Redwood City # 27	12/1/1934	Active
	Donald L. Bogie		
San Diego	San Diego # 7	4/1/1930	Active
Santa Anna	Santa Anna Smedley # 1	10/1/1924	Active Irvine, CA
Santa Anna	Santa Anna, El Camino # 15	11/23/1933	Disbanded
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara # 5	3/1/1929	Active
Santa Monica	Santa Monica # 21 (Club 21)	9/1/1934	Active
Ventura	Ventura # 24	11/1/1934	Active
Walnut Park, South Gate	Walnut Park # 26	2/19/1935	Number Reassigned
Westwood Village	Westwood Village # 30	4/1935	Number Reassigned
Whittier	Whittier	5/1934	Number Reassigned
	Quaker Town #19		
FLORIDA			
Orlando	Orlando # 28	12/1934	Number reassigned 5/27/1948
INDIANNA			
Columbus	Columbus # 39	11/15/1935	Disbanded
Indianapolis	Indianapolis # 17	2/1/1934	Active

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL CLUBS DECEMBER 1935

Location	Club Name and Number	Charter Date	Current Status Year 2013
OREGON DISTRICT TWO			
Portland	Portland # 31	4/17/1935	Active
WASHINGTON DISTRICT TWO			
Olympia	Olympia # 25	5/1934	Number reassigned to Port Angeles, Washington
Seattle	Seattle No. 1 # 10	12/1932	Active
Seattle	Seattle No. 2 # 23 Down Town Y.M.C.A. (Excel- O-Rators)	11/1/1934	Active

Seattle	Seattle No. 3 Totem # 41	12/1/1935	Active
Tacoma	Tacoma # 13 Early Birds	9/25/1933	Active
CANADA DISTRICT TWO			
Victoria, British Columbia	Victoria #38	10/24/1935	Active

Source: Toastmasters Magazine and Toastmasters International Website FIND A CLUB

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS OCTOBER 1935

Ralph C. Smedley – Honorary President	William Dunipace - Director
Raymond J. Huff – President	Frank A. French - Director
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DISTRICTS

DISTRICT TWO 1938

Frank Paulding	Area 3 Lit. Governor Victoria, British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, and Bellingham
H. J. Jones	Area 4 Lit. Governor Spokane, Yakima, Walla Walla, and Pullman
Wendel Cameron	Area 5 Lit. Governor Portland No. 1, Portland No. 2, Baker, Medford, and Klamath Falls

DISTRICT THREE

H. Paul Ratcliff	District Three Governor
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Henry S. Stevens
Herbert Bloom

Northern Arizona Area
Southern Arizona Area

DISTRICT FOUR 1938

Frederic J. Perry
George B. White
Samuel W. Combs
B.E. Meyers
O.T. Peterson
Edson G. Thomas
Bert I. Van Gilder
Cameron Cairns

District Four Governor
Area 1 Lit. Governor
Area 2 Lit. Governor
Area 3 Lit. Governor
Area 4 Lit. Governor
Area 5 Lit. Governor
Area 6 Lit. Governor
Area 7 Lit. Governor

DISTRICT FIVE 1938

Richmond Jackson

District Five Governor
San Diego and Imperial Counties

DISTRICT SIX 1938

Harry W. Mattlson

District Six Governor
Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and the
Dakotas

Note See San Diego Union article October 27, 1937 page 13 "**San Diego, Valley Get New District of Toastmasters**" about formation of District 5 where Switzler elected as District 5 Governor.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS JUNE 1938

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Director
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DISTRICTS AND AREAS

1938 DISTRICT ONE

William Bryce

District One Governor

Ted Blanding
 Dr. P. A. Foster
 Harold Crane
 John Larimer
 Harry Finlay
 Jack Call
 Greydon C. Howell
 Harvey M. Parker
 Wilder M. Hartley

Area 1 Lit. Governor
 Area 2 Lit. Governor
 Area 3 Lit. Governor
 Area 4 Lit. Governor
 Area 5 Lit. Governor
 Area 6 Lit. Governor
 Area 7 Lit. Governor
 Area 8 Lit. Governor
 Area 9 Lit. Governor

1938 DISTRICT TWO

William Butchart
 James A. Smith

District Two Governor
 Area 1 Lit. Governor
 Seattle Clubs 1,2, 3, 4, and 5 , Everett and
 Bremerton
 Area 2 Lit. Governor
 Tacoma, Aberdeen, Olympia 1, and Olympia 2

Ron Schmidt

FINANCING A CLUB DECEMBER 1939 TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE

Anticipated Receipts

Membership Dues 30 Members at 35 Cents a month	\$126.00
Initiation Fees, on 8 new members, at \$3.00	\$ 30.00
Total Anticipated Income	\$150.00

Anticipated Expenses for the year

Postage & Stationary	\$24.00
Secretarial Expense	\$36.00
Flowers, Trophies, etc.	\$10.00
Dues to Toastmasters International, \$2.00	\$60.00
Each on members	
Total Expenses	\$130.00
	Reserve \$20.00

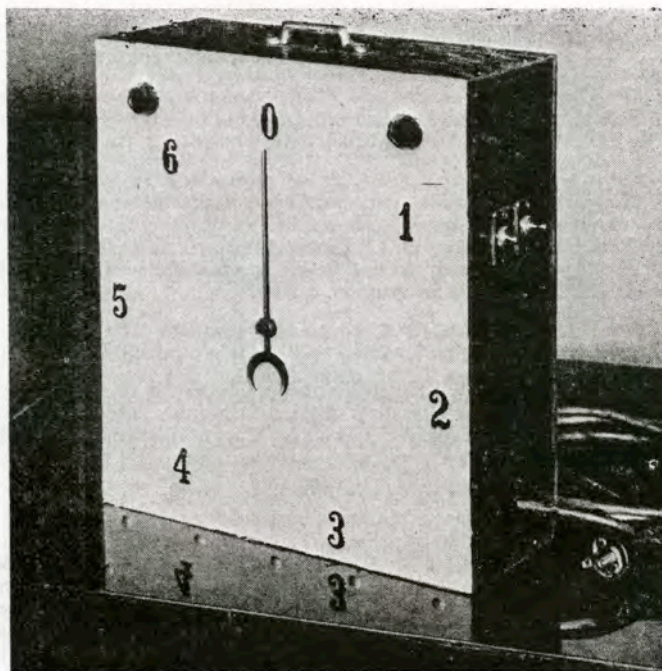
Note: Charter application requires submittal of budget plan

DISTRICT 2 SEPTEMBER 1939

District 2 Governor – Ernest C. Davis 1939-1940

AREA	LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	CLUB NAME, NUMBER, AND LOCATION	CLUB SECRETARY AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR
5	Frederick H. Eley, Salem, Oregon	Baker #55, Baker, 1- 1936, Oregon, Nook Hotel, Monday 6:15-pm	Arvin O. Robb, Secretary Vern McCallum, Deputy Governor
5	Frederick H. Eley, Salem, Oregon	Eugene # 145, 12- 1939, Eugene, Oregon, Seymour's Café, Tuesday 6:15- pm	Carroll O. Groshong, Secretary
5	Frederick H. Eley, Salem, Oregon	Klamath Falls #98, 2- 1938, Klamath Falls,	Myrle C. Adams, Secretary

5	Frederick H. Eley, Salem, Oregon	Oregon, Willard Hotel, Monday, 6:15-pm Medford #67, 1-1937, Medford, Oregon, The Nook, Monday 6:15- pm	Frank Gray, Deputy Governor (Medford) Orville A. Kingman, Secretary Frank Grey, Deputy Governor
5	Frederick H. Eley, Salem, Oregon	Portland Toastmasters #31, 4-1935, Portland, Oregon Chamber of Commerce Monday 6:00-pm	Phil Thurmond, Secretary, Note: Phil Thurmond Manager of Maritime Commerce Portland Chamber of Commerce Delbert (Del) Snider, Deputy Governor and Charter Member Chalmer Blair, Secretary
5	Frederick H. Eley, Salem, Oregon	Portland No. 2 (Timberline) #94, 2- 1938, Portland, Oregon Chamber of Commerce Monday 6:00-pm	
5	Frederick H. Eley, Salem, Oregon	Salem #138, 4-1939, Salem, Oregon Marion Hotel, 6:15-pm	Richard E. Staples, Secretary William E. Hanson, Deputy Governor



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EARLY TOASTMASTERS SPEECH TIMER PRICE \$25

SOURCE: TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE March 1939 page 36

NEWSPAPER REFERENCES

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MISCELLANEOUS

Source: The Oregon Daily Journal, Portland, Oregon January 17, 1931 page 12

Foresees Trip to Moon in 15 to 20 Years

New York Jan. 17- A trip to the moon and back again in a rocket hurtling through space at 12,000 feet per second will be entirely possible in 15 to 20 year in the opinion Professor Robert Esnault_Peltierie, French scientist, who is here to gain financial backing for his experiments and to address the American Planetary Society.

I think that I am qualified to make the voyage myself, the professor said, but first rocket will be sent with out human navigator.

He explained that the pilotless rocket would circumnavigate the moon and returns again carrying instruments to record height, degrees of heat, and pressure, and take motion pictures of the frigid or unknown side of the moon. It would take about 40 hours to reach the moon, he said, and about as long to return. The venture would cost several million dollars.

YEAR 1940 CHAPTER

FORMATION OF DISTRICT 7

TOASTMASTERS

YEARS 1940-1941

Year 1940 was a transition year for District 2 when formation of District 7 was announced in June 1940 Toastmasters magazine. As Great Depression lifted, the number of Toastmasters clubs grew. However, club growth was soon over shadowed with approach of World War II. In June 1940, Toastmasters Magazine Ernest C. Davis wrote an article for District that formerly announced splitting District 2 into two separate districts. This article quoted below.

DISTRICT TWO SEPERATION

Ernest C. Davis, Governor

“For a good picture of this district’s growth and activity you are referred to the reports of new clubs chartered. The District Governor has covered thousands of miles in his visitation of clubs and with the loyal cooperation of a corps of faithful lieutenants; he has had the pleasure of seeing the district make progress in every line of Toastmasters work. From Victoria and Vancouver at the northwest to Twin Falls and Boise on the east, he has covered territory, visiting a number of clubs which had never before any personal contact with Toastmasters International but had carried on altogether by correspondence, and brining to all parts a broad and comprehensive view of the possibilities of our movement.”

“This year marks the end of the work of the original Second District, as it is now to be split into two districts, for easier and convenient administration. The clubs in Washington, together with those in British Columbia, constitute the new Second District, with John Jewett of Seattle as the District governor Elect. Oregon and southern Idaho will make up the new Seventh District, including in their jurisdiction those clubs in Washington that lie south of the Columbia River. Frederick H. Eley of Salem has been made governor of this new district. The separation will be officially in effect at the time of the San Diego Convention. One immediate effect of the change will no doubt be seen in the organizing of a number of new clubs as well as in the strengthening of inter club contacts.”

ERNEST C. DAVIS, DISTRICT TWO GOVERNOR 1939-1940



ERNEST C. DAVIS

Ernest Davis, born in Pendleton, Oregon, moved to Portland where he worked in the insurance industry. He joined Portland Toastmasters Club # 31 then elected as club president. He became Lieutenant Governor Area 5 of District 2. At 1939 District Conference, members elected him as District 2 Governor for 1939 - 1940 term. He became an International Director for Toastmasters International 1940-1941 before becoming the first Toastmasters International from Oregon. Ernest Davis served in various roles in helping charity and public service organizations such as Sun Shine Division, YMCA Board of Directors, President of federation of Community clubs, Red Cross, Cancer Research, and Columbia Empire Industries, and Optimist Club. During the 1940s, he was a charter member of Oregon Toastmasters Club # 424.

SOURCES: Various Oregonian Newspaper articles

THE GOVERNOR GETS AROUND TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE ARTICLE Page 22 and 23 MARCH 1940 ISSUE

Ernest C. Davis of Portland, Governor of District Two, has been giving his district through coverage. His report on activities for the past two months reads like a travelogue. Here is what he reports:

Friday morning, January 12th, my phone rang with a call from Spokane. It was Lieutenant Governor E. Roy Van Leuven. He had arranged an elaborate banquet in Ephrata, Washington, for the local speaker's program. He wanted me there.

Fortunately, my work was taking me to Seattle that day and I assured Roy that I would travel the more than 400 miles to join him at Spokane on Monday. "But where is Ephrata?" I asked. Came, the reply: "It is 130 miles from here, and we think nothing of the trip." The program was to start at 6:15. We left Spokane at 3:45 and reached the Bell Hotel entrance at exactly 5:30. When the meeting was over, we returned to Spokane in exactly the same time. Two hundred sixty miles for a Toastmasters meeting! And it was worth every mile of it. Ephrata has a population of less than 1,000 people and more than 200 were seated in the hotel dining room, while the counter of the coffee shop was filled. Representatives were there from Moses Lake, Quincy, Davenport and Wenatchee, and Roy Van Leuven put on a show they will not soon forget.

Before I left Seattle, Roy had written me to cancel my leaving time for Montana because all four clubs in Spokane were holding a joint meeting for me on the next evening, Tuesday, the 16th. This I did. The two Toastmasters Clubs, the Toastmistress Club and the Junior Toastmasters Club were there. This is another meeting, I shall never forget, and I am most appreciative to everyone for their kindness to me.

Returning from Montana I again visited the Monday Toastmasters Club at Spokane on February 5th. Next morning I was back in Seattle, taking breakfast with Lieutenant Governor John Jewett, after which I visited by telephone with Director Clarence Bailey and Past President Raymond Huff. That night, I visited Seattle Toastmasters Number Five and saw a beautiful ceremony in the installation of new officers. John Jewett and I left the meeting early and hurried over to the Number Two Club's meeting where we really entered into a club's problems. I know these men have the answer to their problem and will soon be right out in front. I am depending on you, Number Two.

On February 14th, the Seattle Club Number Four held its fourth birthday party, and when they have a party it is tops. To all the members of the club, thanks for a wonderful evening. During the meeting, one of the guests from Everett said that his club will soon be holding their birthday party. Don't forget my address.

Returning to Portland for a brief interval, I left again on February 18th, headed for Twin Falls, Idaho. On Monday night, the 19th there came into being another member of Toastmasters International. Here is a group of men who take their work seriously. They are in it to get out of Toastmasters everything it has offered. By their own initiative, they advanced way beyond the average club of long standing. It was a genuine pleasure to present a charter to this club, which is certain to develop into a valuable part of community. Their president, Gerald Wallace, has done good work in getting them established on a firm footing. My congratulations to him and my thanks to the entire club for the wonderful reception they gave me.

Next, over to Boise for Tuesday night. Here is undoubtedly one of the finest clubs in our movement. They are serious, capable, dependable, always willing to render aid as a part of the very inner workings of the community. Their membership is of the highest type. Thornton Wyman, and president, is doing an excellent work, and Secretary Robert Miller would almost commit murder rather than miss a meeting. And my thanks to all of you for the excellent reserve seat for the world premier of "Northwest Passage."

I had two hours in Baker, Oregon. The officers of the club met with me for conference on club problems. Here is an example of what official visitation can do. My first visit seemed to help and the second even more. This club feels itself a part of us now, enjoying the things they have always wanted but were unable to have while we neglected them on account of distance.

On the same day, Wednesday, the 21st, I visited the Walla Walla club. It is always a pleasure to meet them. Financially sound, with good programs, excellent personnel, fine discipline and able critics, all things point to continuing success in this club. Next day, I moved over to Pendleton, Oregon, to usher in another new member of our growing fellowship. Lowell Stockman, their president, did himself proud that night. Many of us could take a lesson from the snappy routine of the program. Months ago I sat with first interested group in Pendleton and have kept in close touch with them ever since, and to have the honor of presenting their charter was an honor indeed.

On February 8th, I drove over to Hillsboro, Oregon, to meet with a group of men interested in establishing Toastmasters in their city. At that time they elected their officers. On the 17th, Alfred Amacher, one of the members, phoned me to get the application papers to them at once, so we shall soon have another new member club, the Hillsboro Toastmasters.

As I close this report, a letter comes from Roy Van Leuven telling me that I just have to be in Spokane next month to speak before the Chamber of Commerce, which is having "Toastmasters Day." I consider this a high tribute to Toastmasters International. And from which we shall be having charted applications before long.

You may look for the Northwest to be at San Diego in large and enthusiastic delegations for the convention.

DISTRICT 2 TOASTMASTERS CLUBS AND OFFICERS June 1940
DISTRICT GOVERNOR Ernest C. Davis

AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5
John Jewett, Seattle, WA Lt. Governor	Oscar W. Adams, Tacoma, WA Lt. Governor	Marlyn Byron, Bellingham, WA Lt. Governor	E. Roy Van Leuven, Spokane, WA Lt. Governor	Frederick H. Eley, Salem, OR Lt. Governor
Seattle No. 1 # 10, Seattle, WA	Tacoma # 13, Tacoma, WA	Bellingham # 60, Bellingham, Washington	Spokane # 105, Spokane, WA	Portland # 31, Portland, OR
Seattle No. 2 # 23, Seattle, WA	Olympia No. 1 # 25, Olympia, WA	Victoria # 38, British Columbia, Canada	Yakima # 40, Yakima, WA	Timberline # 94, Portland, OR
Seattle No. 3 # 41, Seattle, WA	Aberdeen # 79, Aberdeen, WA	Vancouver # 59, British Columbia, Canada	Walla Walla # 81, Walla Wall, WA	Salem # 138, Salem, OR
Seattle No. 4 # 52, Seattle, WA Bremerton # 63, Bremerton, WA Everett # 117, Everett, WA	Centralia # 118, Centralia, WA		Pullman #, Pullman, WA Colfax # 168, Colfax, WA Davenport # 160, Davenport, WA Tekoa # 165, Tekoa, WA	Baker # 55, Baker, Oregon Medford # 67, Medford, OR Klamath Falls # 98, Klamath Falls, OR Eugene # 145, Eugene, OR Hillsboro # 158, Hillsboro, OR Pendleton # 154, Pendleton, OR
6 Clubs	4 Clubs	3 Clubs	7 Clubs	9 Clubs
TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUBS IN DISTRICT 2 June 1940 = 29				

Notes: Forrest B. Richardson of Aberdeen Toastmasters won two district speech contests elected to Aberdeen city council with a majority according to Toastmasters magazine March 1940 article.

Davenport Club # 160, located in Davenport, Washington, received charter on May 16, 1940 from Ernest C. Davis. Lieutenant Governor E. Roy Van Leuven helped organize this club.

Tekoa Club # 163, located Tekoa, Washington, received charter from Ernest C. Davis, District 2 Governor on May 14, 1940. Lieutenant Governor E. Roy Van Leuven helped organize this club.

Colfax Club # 168, located Colfax, Washington, received charter on May 15, 1940 from Ernest C. Davis, District 2 Governor

Toastmaster Magazine March 1940 page 34 The Record of Growth

149 Twin Falls, Idaho takes the second charter issued in that state. The club Boise has waited for more than three years for a neighbor to move in, and Twin Falls Toastmasters promise good neighbors from the start.

Source: Toastmasters Magazine December 1940 page 21

Twin Falls Toastmasters recorded an entire program and then played it back. They tried a pantomime program to develop gestures. It works well. They served as Speakers' Bureau for the Community Chest.

154 Pendleton, Oregon, Toastmasters Club has grown out of the good work being done in the Second District under the leadership of District Governor Davis. This club starts with a membership made of leading men who will be better leaders when they have gained experience in the club.

PENDLETON TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 154

Ernest Davis visited Pendleton Toastmasters club on February 22, 1940. Individuals expressed interest in organizing a club in 1939. Ernest Davis met this group providing them encouragement. Club members elected Lowell Stockman as their first club president. The March 1940 Toastmasters magazine announced Pendleton Toastmasters club received charter # 154. East Oregonian newspaper had a front-page article on February 21, 1940 and on February 23, 1940 about the club charter meeting. Club officers for new club are the following.

Lowell Stockman, Club President
Homer Beale, Vice-President
Gordon Hertz, Secretary-Treasurer
Sprague Carter, Sergeant-at-Arms

Ernest Davis presented charter Thursday evening on February 22, 1940 at a 6:30 pm dinner meeting at the Pendleton Hotel. Fifty-one persons attended the charter meeting.

Charter Meeting Program

Sprague Carter, Toastmaster

Lowell Stockman, club president, gave charter acceptance speech
Ernest C. Davis presented the charter

Speakers

Dr. G. L. McBee, "Young Americans"
Mrs. Stockman, "Widows Plea"
Stan Day, "The Principal of Refrigeration"
Pete Pinney, "The Future of the Housing Industry"
Mrs. Ray Doherty, "Why I Am Glad My Husband is a Toastmaster"
Earl Hoops, "Nylon"
Ray Doherty, "My America"

Mrs. Lewis Thorne provided music.

Telegrams of congratulations received from Hawaii and Minnesota. Baker Toastmasters Club # 55 members provided flowers.

Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ahlquist and Mr. Ahlquist a District 2 Deputy Governor
Mr. and Mrs. Fry of Walla Walla
Mr. and Mrs. Whitney of Walla Walla

BAKER TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 55 MEETINGS

District 7 Historian's Note: The Baker Toastmasters news articles included in district history because these detailed articles provide rare insight on how a Toastmasters club meetings were conducted during the 1930s and 1940s. Baker Herald newspaper reporter that wrote the stories receives credit for doing this.

THREE TOASTERS GET MEMBERSHIP January 22, 1940 Various Subjects Are Discussed at Meeting

Dr. George Denny, Harold Gustafson, and Fred Pegler were elected to membership in the Toastmasters club night at a meeting of the organization in "The Nook".

Speaking on the "Boys of the CCC," Spencer Goodrich talked of the personnel of the personnel of the CCC camps rather than the work they accomplished. He gave numerous examples to prove that the youths are benefitted by their experiences in the camps and that they have an excellent chance of making progress in society. He called false the statement that it is not fair to take the youths, clothe them, feed them, and then turn them loose again.

F.W. Patterson gave a history of chinchilla rats, from whose pelts are made beautiful fur coats. Mr. Patterson explained that the origin of the rats is in the Andes mountains of South America. He added that they have been imported to this nation and are now being raised in California. The fur of the domestic zed rats is much better than that of those in natural state, he told the club and that within a few years it is expected that within a few years it is expected that about 60 fur coats per year can be made from the California rate.

Interesting comments on a Japanese colony in Washington were made by James R. Evans, who had the opportunity of being in the group during the last summer. He stated that they have the true American attitude and they are not in sympathy with the war being waged by Japan against China.

Mr. Evans brought out that the business establishments in the region stopped using Japanese because the Japanese there would not buy them.

Kelly Moore's talk concerned the building of Grand Coulee dam. He told of the cost of the affair and presented figures relative to the cost and the amount of electrical output possible.

Herbert Miles gave a short summary of bookkeeping and practices now and in former years in this talk on "Five Minutes of Bookkeeping."

Jonas Durr, Victor Lyman, Lester Harris, F. G. Whitney and Gentry Phillips criticized the speakers. Gilman Ryder acted as general critic and Kenneth Robb criticized the general critic. John Hogg acted as toastmaster. A. L. Miller presided.

The program for next Monday night will be furnished by Lester Harris, toastmaster George Calderwood, Henry Harrison, Fred Kerr, Gentry Phillips and Victor Lyman. Melvin Burke will be the alternate speaker.

Source: Baker Herald January 23, 1940 page 5

TOASTERS GIVE VARIED TALKS January 29, 1940 Lynching, Inventions and Venus, Mars Subjects

Speakers at the meeting of the Toastmasters club last night in The Nook covered a variety of subjects.

Fred Kerr spoke on "Lynching" and explained the manner in which lynching started with the advent especially of slaves into the nation. He stated that during last year lynching in the southern states was not as prevalent as in the past, as only eight cases were reported.

A comparison of the planets of Venus and Mars was made in the speech of George Calderwood. Mr. Calderwood said that Venus revolved so slowly that one-half of it was almost always frozen.

Because of the European war, Victor Lyman said that 1940 should be a good year for inventions since with some of the import materials inaccessible products had to be invented to take their place.

One of the new processes invented, according to Mr. Lyman, has been the method of applying the finish to a new car. He said that the finish is applied at a temperature of 175 degrees, making it more durable and less liable to chip.

Gentry Phillips talked on "Some of the Highlights of Basketball." He mentioned that no matter how many games there were always that many coaches.

Mr. Phillips traced the development of the players and their training until they became a winning team.

Melvin Burke closed the speaking program with a humorous talk on "Oysters in Season," using current events of the day as his theme.

John Dunn, David Eardley, Paul Enright, Don Lloyd, and Walter Clark were critics. Henry McKinney was general critic. Lester Harris was toastmaster. A. L. Miller presided.

Source: Baker Herald January 30, 1940, page 3

Toastmasters Magazine March 1940 Article Page 33: At Baker, Oregon, an unusual program was staged on February 12th, when the club observed its fourth birthday with a meeting in the ballroom of the Baker Hotel, honoring five of the members who were married within the last eight months. The ladies were there "The turnstile clicked 57

times,” writes Secretary J. E. Durr, “and all seemed to enjoy the event. Even while we honored the five newly weds, we made them pay, as they were speakers on the program. But as compensation, we presented a small gift to each bride at the conclusion of the program.

On February 22, 1940, Ernest Davis met with Baker Club # 55 club officers. He writes in March 1940 Toastmasters magazine the following article. “I had two hours to spend in Baker, Oregon. The officers of the club met with me for conference on club problems. Here is an example of what official visitation can do. My first visit seemed to help and the second one even more. This club feels itself a part of us now, enjoying the things they always wanted but unable to have while we neglected them on account of their distance.”

MEETING APRIL 29, 1940 WILSON RECORDS LOCAL SPEECHES

Machine Used at Meeting of Toastmasters

Speeches at the Toastmasters club last night were recorded on wax disks as a feature of the meeting in Ray’s Nook.

Leo Wilson of the Monarch-Maytag company demonstrated the use of a home recorder of speech to the Toastmasters and presented the speeches in record form to the individual speakers following the meeting. The current events of the meeting were also recorded and played.

Gentry Phillips was the initial speaker and used as his topic “Talking Machines”. He explained the start and growth of the machines and the manner in which they operated.

Paul Enright spoke of “New Regulations in Securities,” discussing the securities exchange commission and its actions. He stated that before stock can be offered for sale the commission must pass on it and make certain that it is worthwhile.

Mr. Enright pointed out that the commission will save millions of dollars for the American public.

Kelly Moore talked of the dictators of the world and how they have borrowed the leaf from a book written in 1523 by Machiavelli. He said the ideas of today’s dictators follow quite closely the plans set down in the book. Mussolini, however, is the only man who has kept out of trouble and has conformed to the principals of the book, the speaker declared.

A description of the Grand Coulee dam was given by Lester Harris. He told of the great man-made lake in Washington and told of its uses.

“Lost Horizon” was the topic used by John Hogg. He told story of the life of Glenn Cunningham, great mile runner, and suggested that if Cunningham could rebuild himself into a great athlete after having his legs severely burned others could rebuild their lives and ambitions.

The speaker pointed out that the former flaming youth has changed more into of “fuming” youth and that ambition has been lost by a great number of young people. He claimed that many have “lost” their horizon of life” and are doing nothing about it except to feel sorry for themselves.

John Carpenter of Portland Associated Oil company sports broadcaster acted as general critic and gave a short talk on broadcasting sports events. He brought out

numerous sidelights about broadcasting and then showed motion pictures of major sports events in 1939 and of the football games last year.

Dave Eardley acted as toastmaster. Spencer Goodrich presided at the meeting.

Source: Baker Herald April 30, 1940 page 8

Note: John Carpenter was a guest at the Toastmasters meeting and may have been member of a Portland area Toastmasters club but no evidence found to support this theory. Oregonian articles do mention him as a local radio broadcaster of sports events. During 1940s, he worked for KGW-KALE as special events director. In addition, participated in golf tournaments, traffic safety campaigns, and was a singer. He would sing at churches, weddings, and radio broadcasting events. He started career in radio broadcasting career in 1926.

MEETING May 27, 1940 TOASTERS TALKS OF MEMORIAL DAY Negro Shacks in South Subject of Enright

The origin of Memorial Day was reviewed by Jonas Durr in a talk delivered at regular meeting of Baker Toastmasters club in the Nook café Monday evening.

Just 75 years ago in a small town in the south two girls started gathering wild flowers in their own gardens. While en route to the cemetery, they passed the village gossip. They told her they were going to put flowers on the Civil War soldiers' graves. One of the children started to put flowers she had left on some Yankee graves, but the other girl demurred. "These boys have mothers and fathers and possibly brothers and sisters as our own soldiers had," one girl said and she convinced her companion that they should decorate the Yankee graves. A soldier thanked the girls for their kindness and then went to General Logan, who proclaimed May 30 as Memorial Day. The action was communicated to the president, who designated Memorial Day as a national holiday.

Paul Enright, speaking on "Our Racial Problems," reported that he had just completed a trip through Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, which have large Negro populations.

Mr. Enright described the Negro shacks in Texas and added that "I never saw such hovels." The Negroes use curtains in place of doors.

"In the fields, the Negroes do work much as I have been told they worked in Civil War days," Mr. Enright said. "They worked for low as 10 cents an hour.

"In Vicksburg my guide broached some interesting questions. The Negroes reproduced three times faster than whites. The relief problem is serious among Negroes. I wonder whether the Negro will be satisfied to accept the discrimination that he now faces. Will the Negroes accept their fate meekly? In the future America will be face to face with the problem.

Taking opposite stands on the question, A. F. Kerr and Henry Harrison discussed the place of the Toastmasters club in the community.

Dr. George Denny, Baker dentist delivered an extemporaneous talk on his handling of his first patient and other phases of dentistry.

J. k. Moore was toastmaster and Henry McKinney and Kenneth Robb were critics. Victor Lyman was general critic. Spenser Goodrich, president, presided

Source: Toastmasters Magazine December 1940 Issue page 21

Baker, Oregon, reports a successful experiment in alternating table topics with current events and other special features to induce everyone to speak.

COLUMBIA EMPIRE TOASTMASTERS CLUB #171

The September 1940 Toastmasters magazine listed the chartering of Columbia Empire Toastmasters Club # 171 in Portland, Oregon.

“171 The Columbia Empire Toastmasters Club of Portland, Oregon, is to receive its charter at the hands of Robert M. Switzler, Vice-President of Toastmasters International, on September 23rd. This club has been promoted by Ernest C. Davis, of Portland, former Governor of the Second District, and is now a Director of Toastmasters International.”

In the December 1940 Toastmasters magazine, Columbia Empire Toastmasters of Portland reports various features, such as the recording of all talks, including the table topic, with members purchasing the fifteen-cent records and thereby learning of voice defects at first hand. It made a profitable evening.

Columbia Empire Toastmasters Club # 171 named after an Oregon business and trade association. Club became inactive during World War II. Glen Meek, past District 7 Historian reactivated this club in 1945.

EUGENE TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 145

Ernest C. Davis, District 2 Governor presented Eugene Toastmasters Club # 145 charter on Monday evening of January 8, 1940. Evening charter banquet held at Eugene Osburn Hotel. Club organized August 22, 1939. **Source:** Oregonian January 9, 1940 page 7

Club meetings held at the Seymore Café on Tuesdays at 6:15 pm. Clubs' first secretary was Carroll O. Groshong. The Eugene Register Guard newspaper published a photograph of Ernest C. Davis presenting the charter to Ira Woodie, Club President, on the front page January 9, 1940. This newspaper had no other accompanying articles about the charter presentation.

HILLSBORO TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 158

Ernest Davis wrote in March 1940 Toastmasters magazine. “On February 8, 1940, I drove over to Hillsboro, Oregon, to meet with a group of men interested in establishing Toastmasters in their city. At that time, they elected their officers. On the 17th, Alfred Amacher, one of the members phoned me to get the application papers to them at once, so we shall soon have another new member club, the Hillsboro Toastmasters.”

The June 1940 Toastmasters magazine announced the chartering of Hillsboro Club # 158. A message recording from Sheldon M. Hayden, President of Toastmasters International played at this meeting. Club members from Portland and Salem attended this meeting. The mayor of Hillsboro and members from service clubs attended this meeting.

Source: Toastmasters magazine December 1940 page 21 News of the Clubs

Oregon Governor appointed Mr. Leon Davis, a member of Hillsboro Toastmasters Club as State Chairman of the Defense Program.

Toastmasters were selected for the National Defense Program by recommendation from Governor Charles A. Sprague, who requested a copy of the resolution adopted at the San Diego Convention, stating our purpose to assist.

The members of three Toastmasters clubs Portland, Timberline, and Columbia Empire put on a series of 20-minute addresses on Americanism and Constitution at 59 community clubs over 6 month period in Portland in 1940.



**HILLSBORO TOASTMASTERS CLUB #158
CHARTER PRESENTATION MEETING APRIL 6, 1940**

Individuals in photograph are E. A. Griffith, Club President, third from left receiving club charter from Ernest C. Davis, District 2 Governor and club officers from left to right D. C. McDonald, Sergeant-at-Arms, Dave Cooper, Vice-President, and Herb Staples, Secretary

Not in photograph Frederick H. Eley, Area 5 Lieutenant Governor presented the gavel and Wayne Stevens winner of Area 5 Speech Contest was the principal speaker.

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THE TOASTMISTRESS CLUBS TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE ARTICLE Page 18 MARCH 1940 ISSUE

Mrs. Walter F. Hansen, President of International Toastmistress Clubs undertook to give a definition of the word "toastmistress" recently when she presented the charter to

the new Toastmistress Club of East Los Angeles. Since the dictionary is quite conservative in its treatment of this word, we give you her interpretation:

“A Toastmistress is a woman who can preside over any kind of group meeting-not just a dinner meeting. She is not merely an introduction specialist nor one who can make a five-minute speech. A real Toastmistress is one who can conduct a forum, a discussion, a panel, a conference-one who knows when, where, and how to use various forms of procedure. Speech and leadership cannot be separated. A Toastmistress is not one who makes sweet little talks about the weather, or about the rise and fall of women’s skirts, or gives rehashed material from a magazine. When she speaks, she really says something. She contributes her opinions and her reasoned judgments, never fails to participate when called upon, and never apologizes for her efforts. She expects critical listening and accepts comments gracefully and appreciatively.”

The roster of Toastmistress Clubs now includes 3 in Arizona; 15 in California; 1 in Hawaii; 2 in Illinois; 1 in Texas; 3 in Washington; 1 in Wyoming. Several other chapters in these states and other states are now on the way. Extension work is under the direction of Mrs. Ernestine F. White San Francisco, California, who is glad to answer all inquiries about establishing chapters.

Preparations for the Second Convention of International Toastmistress Clubs, to be held in Santa Barbara on August 12, 13, and 14 are well under way. Committees are at work on plans and information about the convention; address the General Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Craig, Santa Barbara, California.

“Improvement of society begins with the improvement of its individual members.” These wise words of Rosseau may be taken as theme for the convention.

MEDFORD TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 67

Portland Toastmaster Chief to Speak at Medford Meets

Ernest C. Davis of Portland, district governor of Toastmasters International and vice-chairman of the speakers’ bureau of Columbia Empire Industries, will speak Monday night before the Medford Toastmasters and Toastmistress club, and on Tuesday noon before the Medford Rotary club and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The Tuesday noon meeting is being sponsored by the Medford Mail-Tribune as a feature of the “buy to work – work to buy” campaign of Columbia Empire Industries.

Mr. Davis will **present a charter to the new Klamath Toastmasters club** in Klamath Falls on Tuesday night at a banquet at the Willard hotel, and on Wednesday noon, he will address the Klamath Chamber of Commerce.

Source: April 28, 1940 Page 26 Oregonian Page 26 Reproduced with written copyright permission

The first District 7 Spring Conference was announced in the December 1940 Toastmasters magazine.

“Medford, Oregon, will entertain the District Convention next spring, and the club is already planning its work, with Orville Kingman as chairman of the committee.”

MEDFORD TOASTMISTRESS CLUB

Source: Medford Mail Tribune January 21, 1940 page 4

Toastmistress Club to Dine

The Toastmistress club will meet Wednesday evening at 6:30 for the regular monthly banquet at the regular monthly banquet at the Holland Hotel.

The toastmistress for the evening will be Miss Betty Vilm, who has selected “Current Events” as the topic for discussion. Miss Bessie Long and Miss Maxine Water are the principal speakers and each member will be expected to give a two-minute speech of her own choosing.

For reservations, members are to call the secretary Miss Vilm, Medford 173, by Tuesday evening.

Source: Medford Mail Tribune February 7, 1940

Toastmistress Meet Enjoyed

Toastmistress club held regular monthly banquet at the Hotel Holland Wednesday evening.

Miss Rods Iden presented an interesting talk titled “Pan American Neutrality Zone” and Miss Maxine Waters gave a talk on “Reciprocal Trade Agreements.” Following the two addresses, each member responded with a two-minute discussion regarding the subjects.

Miss Betty Vilm acted as Toastmistress throughout the evening and president, Valeria Whitney presided. Three new members were taken into the organization. They were Patricia Thompson, Isobel Miller and Marjorie Mulholland. Fifteen members now comprise the club. The next season will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the Girls Community clubhouse, February 14.

Toastmistresses Name 1940 Heads

Miss Rhoda Iden was elected president of the Toastmistress club at its annual meeting last night in the Girl's Community clubhouse. She succeeds Miss Valery Whitney.

Miss Catherine Ford was elected vice president, a new office and Miss Margo Boyle was chosen secretary to succeed Miss Betty Vilm. Miss Whitney presided until the election of officers after which Miss Iden occupied the chair.

Now well established as a permanent organization, the club adopted a constitution.

The club made plans for its next event, a dinner meeting in Hotel Holland at 6:30 o'clock February 28.

Source: Medford Mail Tribune, Oregon Thursday February 23, 1940 page 3

TOASTMISTRESS CLUB KLAMATH FALLS 1940

Source: December 1940 Toastmasters Magazine Article

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“Klamath Falls Toastmasters Club # 98 promoted the organization of a Toastmistress Club and held useful meetings.”

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Toastmistress Meeting Monday December 9, 1940 Mrs. Nord’s tea room, Seventh and
High streets Klamath Falls, Oregon

Toastmistress: Mr. S.E. Rife

Speaker: Mrs. A.J. Voye – Speech about Christmas carols

Speaker: Mrs. W.R. Boyd, who lived in Latin American countries, describes Christmas customs there

New Members: Mrs. Catherine Chidester and Mrs. Verna Alberts

Impromptu Discussions: Mrs. Paul Buck

Other member Mrs. W.H. Hibbard

Club President: A. J. Voye

MISCELLANEOUS TOASTMASTERS EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Oregonian article dated August 19, 1940, announced Lynn P. Sabin, charter member of Portland, Toastmasters Club # 31 was chairman of speaker’s bureau for the Community Chest fund drive October 10 to 23, 1940. Mr. John J. Winn as vice-chairman assisted Sabin in this work. In 1939, Sabin was in charge of all promotional groups for the campaign.

In the Inland Empire Magazine of Spokane-Review August 20, 1950, article about the 19th Toastmasters International Conference in Spokane, Washington mentioned that in 1940 Roy Van Leuven suggested Toastmasters create a separate district for eastern Washington. Toastmasters’ International staff approved new district that became number nine in 1943. Van Leuven became the first District 9 Governor and Jack McDonald became lieutenant governor for District 9.

DISTRICT TWO 1940 AREA SPEECH CONTESTS

District 2 Area 5 speech contest held in Eugene, Oregon on March 23, 1940. Clubs from British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington participated in speech contest according to March 10, 1940 Oregonian newspaper article. Wayne Stevens was the winner of Area 5 contest.

Bellingham Toastmasters Club # 60 was host to delegations from Vancouver and Victoria on March 25 when Area 3 Speech Contest between Bellingham Club # 60, Victoria Club # 38, and Vancouver Club # 59 held at Hotel Leopold. The contestants were E. J. Reid of Victoria, E. J. Irwin of Vancouver, and L. J. Adamson of Bellingham, the last named being the winner of first place. Adamson winning speech was about “Communism”. Lieutenant Governor Marilyn B. Byron presided over the contest.

International Director William Butchart was present to represent Toastmasters International with a graceful speech of encouragement. **Source:** June 1940 Toastmasters Magazine

District 2 Spring Conference and Speech Contest held in Seattle, Washington on May 20, 1940. George Plamondon won the District 2 contest.

Seattle Times July 27, 1940 page 7 and San Diego Union July 27, 1940 page 5 had articles about San Diego Toastmasters Conference and mentioned George F. Plamondon from Olympia, Washington participated in finals.

In March 1940, issue of Toastmasters magazine use of voice recording for the San Diego Toastmasters International Conference announced.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION SPEECH CONTEST 1940
Toastmasters Magazine June and September 1940**

**NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION SAN DIEGO
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

FOR MEN

WED., JULY 24th

8:00 P.M.-Reception, Hotel San Diego

THURS., JULY 25th

9:00 A.M.-All day trip to world famous Palomar Observatory housing the 200-inch telescope. An experience you will never forget.

7:00 P. M.-Opening Convention Session

FRI., JULY 26th

9:00 A.M.-Morning Convention Session

1:00 P.M. Afternoon Convention Session

4:00 P. M.-Parade, Military Drill-Marine Corps.

6:30 P. M.-Dinner-Speech Contest Finals

SAT., JULY 27th

9:00 A. M.-Morning Convention Session

12:15 P. M.-Luncheon, featuring typical T.M. Meeting

2:00 P. M.-Final Convention Session

4:00 P. M.-6:00 P. M.-Sightseeing: Naval Establishments, Historical Points of Interest

SUN., JULY 28th

Old Mexico, Harbor Trip, Deep Sea Fishing, etc.

FOR THE LADIES

WED., JULY 24th

8:00 P.M.-Reception, Hotel San Diego

THURS., JULY 25th

9:00 A.M.-To Palomar Observatory
7:30 P. M.-Bridge Reception, Hotel San Diego

FRI., JULY 26th

9:30 A.M.-Sightseeing to La Jolla, Beaches, Old Town, Ramona's Marriage Place, The Mission

4:00 P. M.- Military Drill.

6:30 P. M.-Dinner-Speech Contest

SAT., JULY 27th

9:30 A. M.-Balboa Park All Morning, Million Dollar Art Gallery, Museums, Floral Gardens

12:00 P. M.-Luncheon, House of Hospitality, Speaker Internationally Known Belle Benchley. Only Women, Zoo Manger in the World

2:00 P. M.-4:00 P. M.-Complimentary Tour of the Great San Diego Zoo, One of the World's First

4:00 P. M.-6:00 P. M.-Sightseeing: Naval Establishments, Historical Points of Interest

6:45 P. M.-Dinner-Dance

The Speech Contest

One the highest of the high points of the convention came on Friday evening when the finals of the Inter-Club Speech Contest for William A. Dunlap trophy made up a program of vital interest.

The dinner was held in the Sala Grade of the Hotel San Diego, was attended by 452 men and women. Past president Paul H. Demaree presided, conducting the welcoming ceremony for the new chapters, which come into Toastmasters International during the past year, presiding over the other features of the dinner hour.

District Governor Ernest Davis, of Portland, presented an Oregon State flag as gift of the Toastmasters of Portland, which was accepted by chairman Demaree in behalf of Toastmasters International.

Henry Stevens, of Phoenix, Arizona, chairman of the Speech Contest Committee, was unable to be present, and Past District Governor William Bryce acted in his place in conducting the contest, arrangements for which had been made in advance by Stevens.

The contestants and their subjects were as follows:

Thomas Hamilton, Sixth District	Leadership"
Lawrence Lohr, Third District	Men of Science"
George Plamondon, Second District	"Pope Pus XII, a Statesman for Peace"
David MacFarlane, First District	"The Heart of Nation"
Elliot Taylor, Fourth District	"A Challenge to Democracy"
Robert Utne, Sixth District	"Be It Ever So Humble"

Each speaker was allowed seven minutes for his prepared speech, and every man acquitted himself in the style of the winner, the speeches being of the highest quality as to material and delivery. Following the prepared speeches, each contestant drew a subject for a three-minute impromptu speech for which he was allowed three minutes to prepare. These impromptu speech subjects were as follows:

Thomas Hamilton	"Labor Unions"
Lawrence Lohr	"The United States of Latin America"

George Pamondon
David MacFarlane
Elliot Taylor
Robert Ute

"Democracy"
"Isolation"
"War in Europe"
"Youth of Today"

The contest was judged by a large number of Toastmaster judges, whose decisions were assembled and tabulated by a group of tellers. It is unlikely that any of these judges will be called upon to render a more difficult decision for the excellence of speeches given by the contestants created a problem in grading such as might trouble the most experienced critic. However, after a careful study of the returns, the tellers reported that first honors went to David MacFarlane, member of the Bays Cities Toastmasters Club of Santa Monica, California, representative of the First District, a decision which met with popular approval.

"Past President William A. Dunlap, originator of the contest presented to winner McFarlane the perpetual trophy to be held by his club for the year, and the individual trophy, a beautiful plaque, which becomes the permanent property of the winner. Similar plaques were provided for the winners of the two previous contests, Henry Wiens, of Reedley, and Bill Roberts, of Huntington Park, as these individual prizes had been omitted in past years. Each of the contesting speakers received as an individual prize a copy of Borden's "Public Speakers as Listeners Like It."

The New Officers

"President Guthrie called upon Past President Olin H. Price to install new officers, after which the gavel was handed to the newly elected President Sheldon Hayden, who spoke briefly on the hopes he entertained for the future of Toastmasters. Guthrie passed to Hayden the official "President's Emblem," and Past President Dunlap welcomed Guthrie to the fellowship of the wears of the Past President's emblem.

A great salmon, solidly frozen in a cake of ice had been provided in behalf of the Northwest. During the afternoon, a guessing contest was carried on as to the weight of the fish, and it was announced that the best guess had been registered by Russell Leeke, of the South Gate Toastmasters Club, to whom the prize was awarded."

FREDERICK H. ELEY FIRST DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR 1940 - 1941

Frederick Eley, a charter member of Salem Toastmasters Club, elected as the first District 7 Governor in 1940. Unfortunately, government imposed gasoline rationing that restricted travel. Gas shortage force restricted Frederick Eley ability to visit clubs in district. He was engaged in his architect practice during this time. Other district officers helped in district administrative functions. According to Eley's World War II Draft registration card (Ancestry Search), he worked as an architect in Seattle, Washington in 1942. An Oregonian article July 18, 1943, page 3 mentioned he and his wife, lived in Seattle and they were visiting Portland. His Seattle architectural work practice probably related to war work. Perhaps, he discontinued his Toastmasters membership because of this situation. Frederick Eley's involvement in Toastmasters after the World War II remains unknown. He did return to Salem, Oregon. According to Salem newspaper article in April 1939 Oregon Statesman; he was an active member of Salem Lions Club.



FREDERICK H. ELEY FIRST DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR

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WHY I AM A TOASTMASTER

Why am I a Toastmaster? Primarily, because the weekly meetings of the club afford its members the opportunity to become familiar with the art of speaking in public.

The table topics enable one to respond quickly and concisely in impromptu discussion, while the set speeches give one the confidence to address a larger gathering and to present in a logical, interesting and convincing manner a subject to which he has given study. Criticism by the various members, both in the giving and in the taking, helps one to pick out undesirable points in delivery and also trains one to listen intelligently and criticize helpfully.

In addition to the practice in speech, the Toastmasters Club affords useful experience in conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary practice, always a desirable accomplishment. And further, it gives one an opportunity to associate with a congenial group of like-minded men, all of whom value the opportunity afforded them by the club's activities.

**Frederick H. Eley, Charter Member,
Toastmasters Club of Salem, Oregon**

GLEN MEEK WRITTEN ACCOUNTS ABOUT FIRST, DISTRICT 7 GOVERNORS

Glen Meek, Past District 7 Historian wrote the following: "He met Chalmer Blair in 1945, he said he had been District Governor, appointed by Ralph Smedley, in 1941 to 1942 to help Frederick H. Eley of Salem to do the District Governor work in Portland area as Eley did not want to use his limited war time gas ration, driving into Portland." Ernest Davis asked Frederick Eley to become District 7 Governor

"Then Chalmer was asked to be District Governor for 1942 – 1943 and Eley as past District Governor worked with the clubs in Salem and Eugene."

"Dr. Robert A. Gilbert was appointed in 1943 – 1944 as District Governor and Chalmer as past District Governor and helped." When Chas Mc Elhinny 1944-1945 took over Chalmer asked for some one else to be helper, a letter from Mc Elhinny to Carl Hasenkamp asking Carl's club to vote for a District Governor to handle western half of District 7."

"The letter of Chas. Mc Elhinny indicates Donald Nelson was the first District Governor voted into office by the Toastmasters clubs of District 7 in 1945."

ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT 7 DECEMBER 1940-1941

District 7 included all of Oregon and Idaho and extreme southern Washington.

DISTRICT 7 TOASTMASTERS CLUBS AND OFFICERS December 1941

DISTRICT GOVERNOR Frederick H. Eley, Salem, Oregon

AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5
Chalmer Blair, Portland Lt. Governor Portland # 31 Timberline #94	Carrol Groshong, Eugene Lt. Governor Salem # 138 Eugene # 145	Les Weisenbuger, Medford Lt. Governor Medford # 67 Klamath Falls # 98	Maurice Ahlquist, Touchet, WA Lt. Governor Baker # 55 Walla Walla # 81 Pendleton #145	Harry J. Crestwell, Boise, Lt. Governor Boise # 61 Twin Falls # 149
Columbia Empire # 171				
Hillsboro # 158	Total Number of Clubs District 7 = 13 Source: Toastmasters magazine December 1940			

OFFICERS OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL 1940-1941

President	Sheldon M. Hayden, Santa Monica, California
Vice-President	Robert M. Switzler, San Diego, California
Secretary	Ralph C. Smedley, Santa Ana, California
Treasurer	Leonard M. Woodward, Los Angeles, California
Past President	Ralph R. Guthrie, Tucson, Arizona
Director	Ted Blanding, Santa Ana, California
Director	William Butchart, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Director	Ernest C. Davis , Portland, Oregon
Director	Dr. P. A. Foster, Dr. P. A. Foster, Los Angeles, California
Director	Harry W. Mattison, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Director	Frederick J. Perry, Palo Alto, California
Regional Representative	J. Gustave White, Los Angeles, California

Source: Toastmasters Magazine December 1940

OTHER SPEECH EVENTS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING EDUCATION 1940

Portland Public Speaking club members had a debate on question "Will Reform of the Money System Help the General Welfare" with H. Denlinger arguing the affirmative and H. E. Stallard the negative January 28, 1940. Club met in Central Library 7:00 pm Sunday evening.

Source: Oregonian

Central library was the meeting place for the Library Speak Easy club at 7:00 pm on Thursday. Club organized for individuals interested in public speaking and parliamentary procedure according to Oregonian article August 18, 1940.

PENDLETON FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA SPEECH CONTEST

Eastern Oregonian published article about Pendleton Future Farmers of America on March 7, 1940. "Pendleton Future Farmers of America members been preparing and giving speeches for speech contest. Judges selected six boys at the Cold Springs grange on Friday March 8, 1940 after an elimination contest for speech contest.

Speech contestants and their speech topics listed below:

Bill Eaton, "Raising Your Dairy Stock"

Bill Duff, "Soil Conservation"

Max Bohms, "Financing Agriculture through the Farm Credit Administration"

Truman Cross, "Rural Electrification"

Bruce Holt, "Wheat as a Feed for Livestock"

Marshall Meyers, "Noxious Weed Control"

Two Pendleton banks donated prize money for speech contest.

First Prize: \$5.00 Second Prize: \$4.00 Third Prize: \$3.00 Fourth Prize: \$2.00

Fifth and Sixth Place Prize: \$0.50 each

Contest winner competes in the March 22 Oregon sectional contests at Arlington.

The Hillsboro Argus announced in a December 12, 1940 article page 2 that Don Cate a Forest Grove junior at Pacific University won first place in the junior division of extemporaneous speaking contest held in Los angles, California.

Source: Oregonian Article November 8, 1940 page 10

ORATORS HAVE ELECTION

William Donnelly, sophomore from Milwaukie, has been elected president of a new public speaking club recently organized at University of Portland, and Paul Streicher, senior, Portland has been named secretary-treasurer. The group will sponsor all extra-curricular speech activities on the campus.

Source: Oregonian Article, August 25, 1940 page 12

MULTNOMAH LISTS TEACHER

L. B. Prillaman, for five years an instructor of Albany college, has become a member of the faculty of Multnomah college, and will be associated with Arthur H. Grapper, head of Multnomah speech department; it was announced Saturday by Dean George Allen Odgers.

Professor Prillaman will teach classes in public speaking and salesmanship, in association with courses to be directed by Professor Graper in dramatics, speech discussion and extemporaneous speaking, Dean Odgers said.

The course in salesmanship will be in addition to the regular college curriculum and will be open to students majoring in business administration, as well as commercial studies students.

Prillaman is a graduate of University of Oregon, from which he received his degree of bachelor of arts in 1925. He also has done graduate study in Columbia University, New York; University of Southern California at Los Angeles and Northwestern University, the latter awarding him a masters degree.

Oregonian announced on page 7 March 27, 1940 a speech class and quoted as the following.

“Speech to Be Subject-A special class in “Fundamentals of Speech,” open to persons associated in credit work in the city and sponsored by the Portland Retail Credit association, will open today at 7:15 P. M. at Lincoln High School, Charles R. Layton, chairman of association’s educational committee, announced. Instructor for the 12-week course will be Bernice Terrell, Cornell University speech expert and member of the Oregon state department of vocational education.”

LINCOLN PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB MEETINGS 1940

On May 3, 1940, **Knute Peterson Speaker**-Knute Peterson will address the Lincoln Club today at 6:00 –pm in the Central Y.M.C.A. building. He will talk on “Sweden and the European War.” **Source:** Oregonian page 7

October 4, 1940, **Lincoln Club to Meet**-A weekly meeting at the Lincoln Club will be held at the Y.M.C.A. coffee shop Friday at 6:00 pm. Theron Hawser of the Planning Commission (City of Portland) will be chairman and Fred Roldolt will be featured speaker.

Source: Oregonian page 9

JACK CARNEY PORTLAND TOASTMASTERS CHARTER MEMBER AND ERNEST C. DAVIS DISTRICT 2 GOVERNOR FUND RAISING AND SPEAKERS BUREAU FOR COLUMBIA EMPIRE Oregonian April 24, 1940 page 24 Below

Plan Columbia Industry Drive



Heads and members of committees working on the annual "buy-to-work, work-to-buy" campaign of Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., shown here, include: top row, left to right, Harold H. Sheldon, chairman sales committee; Captain J. A. Hazelwood, member speakers' bureau; Wallace G. Potter, vice-chairman sales committee; Ernest C. Davis, vice-chairman speakers' committee; seated, Robert R. McKean, assistant manager Columbia Empire Industries, Inc.; Jack Carney, chairman speakers' committee; Mrs. Julia A. Spooner, Portland Federation of Women's Clubs. This year's campaign will take the form of a "Products Quiz," with \$200 in cash prizes and numerous merchandise prizes. Entry blanks will be available in retail stores throughout the Columbia empire on April 26.

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YEAR 1941 CHAPTER DISTRICT 7 TOASTMASTERS

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT SHELDON M. HAYDEN VISITS PACIFIC NORTHWEST APRIL 1941

TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE APRIL 1941

Toastmasters' magazine article quoted as the following: "President Sheldon M. Hayden will devote his spring vacation from schoolwork to a trip of visitation to the Toastmasters Clubs of the Pacific Northwest. Accompanied by Treasurer Leonard M. Woodward, he will leave Los Angeles on Friday evening, April 4, to spend time Saturday in conference with the Santa Cruz Toastmasters on plans for the July Convention.

Leaving San Francisco Saturday evening, the two will arrive in Portland Sunday afternoon, where they will be greeted by Ernest C. Davis, Director and other Portland Toastmasters. On Monday, Hayden will address the clubs of the Portland Area, including the three clubs, Hillsboro, Salem, and Eugene. On Tuesday evening April 8, Olympia will be the scene of a joint meeting, when Centralia, Aberdeen, and Tacoma Toastmasters will gather with those of Olympia to meet our leaders.

Wednesday, the 9th, brings Seattle to center of interest, with the five Seattle clubs, together with those of Bremerton, Everett, and Bellingham, enjoying the occasion together."

"Thursday, the 10th, is Spokane day. The two Spokane clubs will welcome the clubs of Colfax, Davenport, Tekoa, Pullman, and Rosalia, as well as visitors from interested cities in the neighborhood."



SOURCE: OREGONIAN APRIL 6, 1941 page 19

On April 6, 1941, the Oregonian published an article on page 19 about Sheldon M. Hayden's visit to Portland where he attended a dinner in his honor. The dinner was held at Neighbors of Woodcraft building in Portland. Article mentioned information about his background. He was head of speech department at Santa Monica Junior College,

Director of the California Association for Adult education, faculty member of College of Life Los Angeles, and Toastmasters International President.

MISCELLANEOUS TOASTMASTERS EVENTS AND ARTICLES

According to an Oregonian article about Cancer Drive Goal \$10,000 March 23, 1941 involved Toastmasters and Toastmistress clubs. Ernest C. Davis national director of Toastmasters' clubs and president of the federation of community clubs will be in charge of the speakers committee. He will be assisted by Columbia Empire Toastmasters club; Robert Gilbert, president; Portland Toastmasters club Ralph Wallstrom, president; Timberline Toastmasters club, and the Portland Toastmistress club, Catherine Beazley, president

Columbia Empire Toastmasters Club # 171 arranged a guest night and banquet on Monday, November 10, 1940 because of strong interest in Toastmasters after club members gave speeches at various community groups and businesses about defense savings bonds and the Red Cross. Clarence Cook, chairman for membership committee arranged for this 6:15 p. m. evening meeting at the streamline annex of the Imperial Hotel. Principal speakers are Alan Philip, Everett Mitchell, John Robertson, and Jack Clenaghan. Dr. Robert Gilbert was the toastmaster for the evening.

Source: Oregonian November 9, 1941 page 22

TOASTMASTER SOFTBALL TEAM

During years 1940 to 1941, some of the Toastmaster club members in Portland organized a softball team. The team called Toastmasters was part of the Cascade League along with 12 other softball leagues.

CASCADE LEAGUE

Multnomah Drug
Rambler Club
Toastmasters
Alberta Church

The Toastmasters softball team probably disbanded after United States entered World War II. No evidence found so far Toastmasters in Portland organized a softball team after World War II.

Source: Oregonian June 4, 1941 page 22

OREGON TOASTMASTERS ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE

Baker TM members entering military service the following:

Lieut. Walter Clark, Infantry Army

Lieut. George Denny, Medical Army

Source: Toastmasters Magazine April 1941 page 19

Columbia Empire TM Club member Dr. Vern Whitcomb entered military service according to Toastmasters magazine November 1941 page 14

NEWS OF THE CLUBS MEDFORD, OREGON

Medford, Oregon Toastmasters recently staged a debate on "Loan-Lease Aid for Britain." The program notice went out in legal form as a complaint and a summons, requiring the attendance of the speakers as defendants and the members as witnesses under penalties harsh and heavy. It got the men out, too for a grand evening of debate and discussion.

Source: Toastmasters Magazine April 1941 page 28

Medford Toastmasters club members announced in Medford Mail Tribune February 4, 1941 page 3 article accepting new members during Monday meeting. Dr. C. L. Coyle presided over the meeting as president. Meeting Toastmaster was C. H. Davis and principal speakers were Orville Kingman and Dr. F. J. Moffatt. The speakers assigned for the next Monday meeting was Ray Harridon and C. H. Davis. Carlos W. Morris assigned as the Toastmaster.

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Newspaper Notice

The Toastmasters Club of Eugene, Oregon was subject of a fine editorial in the Eugene Daily Register-Guard, which paid tribute to the good work of the club. The editorial ran, in part:

"What would you do if you were called upon without notice to give a one-minute speech on whether the United States should enter the war, or a five-minute speech on Eugene Pageant? The Eugene Toastmasters Club, composed of younger business and professional men, does this sort of thing every week. To make it more interesting, older citizens are lured and put through the trial by ordeal and critique which follows. No activity in this town has more fruitful possibilities. There is being developed a reservoir of men who can say it and sit down, and the country has needed this more than the five-cent cigar.

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180 Longview, Washington

Charter presentation is yet to be arranged. The club has 32 members, active and associate, and meets on Monday evenings at the Monticello Hotel. The secretary is Richard W. McDuffie, Longview, Washington

Comment: Longview Club #180 becomes part of District 7 in 1945.

178 Rosalia, Washington

This club is the latest addition to the group of clubs in the neighborhood of Spokane. The charter was presented by Lieutenant Governor Roy Van Leuven on January 8th, with

Charles Tyson of Tekoa Toastmasters presenting the gavel. Twenty-six charter members are listed on the roll. The secretary is Marvin Jacobs, Rosalia, Washington. They meet Monday evenings at Christian Church.

BAKER TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 55

CLUB MEETING March 25, 1941

BAKER TOASTMASTERS PLAN TO GATHER IN WEISER SOON Strikes, CCC, Militarization Are Discussed

Members of the Toastmasters club voted Monday night at their regular meeting in the Hotel Baker to hold the next meeting of the club in Weiser, where a toastmasters club is contemplated in the near future.

Acting on the invitation of Charles Webber of Weiser, former member of local club, to hold a meeting next Monday night in Weiser, the Baker toastmasters made arrangements to do so with Spencer Goodrich, Kelly Moore and A. F. Kerr being appointed to act as committee in charge. According to present plans, the Toastmasters will meet next Monday afternoon at five o'clock at Hotel Baker and will leave for the Idaho city.

Topics under discussion last night pertain to strikes in defense industries and militarization of CCC camps (Civilian Conservation Corps.).

Comments on the topics included "Strikes are crippling defense industries. I feel that we are nearly in war at present or are in it very far. The strikes should be halted.

"Whenever our national defense work is slowed up our safety is endangered. Perhaps the strikers are not fully to blame, but something should be done to halt the bottlenecks in the war industries."

"Workers should have a fair chance for a good, living wage. But in many instances, they seem to be taking advantage of industry and asking exorbitant wages."

"War industries are on the same footing as the regular army. If we permit strikes to continue in industry, they may spread to the army."

"Many strike leaders are shiftless, and have failed in regular life. These are the men at the bottom of the trouble. They are the ones who should be eliminated so that the working man can get along in peace."

"The main thing happening as a result of the strikes in defense industries is that the morale of the axis powers is being raised. They are happy to note that we have trouble getting aid to Britain and supplying our selves."

"Relative to CCC militarization most of the speakers believed that the camps are performing a fine function today without addition of a military section to the life of the enrollees."

"The youths are being trained in camp life in living together and in personal hygiene. There is no need to add a manual of arms or something like it. They are ready for training by the army later and do not have to be trained now."

"The work of the CCC enrollee is already arranged. He cannot stand too many of the rigors of hard army training. If it were added there would be only in a limited amount.

A few of the speakers believed that addition of military training would be good but only in a limited amount.

George Calderwood was the first regular speaker, discussing "Mental Urgence." He compared the difference between totalitarian and democratic nations, showing how mentality was treated in each instance."

In the totalitarian state, Mr. Calderwood stated, the leaders bore from within, attempting to encourage leaders.

Also, he declared, intelligence in a democracy is urged, while in a totalitarian state it is purged.

John Hogg spoke on "Skunk Proofing," in which he asserted that many the many small nations now capitulating to the demands of the axis powers were not always giving up because of a lack of courage.

"These nations, or at least many of them, have no alternative. Yet within them, the leaders are building forces and chiseling away at the aggressors overrunning them until some day they will be able to throw off the yoke of conquest and once again lift their heads."

"In other words, the countries are in a state of preparation in which they hope to eventually skunk proof their homes against such persons as Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese aggressors."

Organized charity was termed a fine thing by F. W. Peterson, who pointed out some of the pitfalls of community chest or any other method of centralizing charitable institutions.

Mr. Peterson stated that the cost of operating the unit had to be kept down or the benefits would be of small help. He added that many small agencies not coming within the scope of the main group would contribute to the group, but would then be angry because their own units would not be gaining assistance. This would not be gaining assistance. This would tend to promote drives for more funds than before, Mr. Peterson said.

A. L. Schroeder, chairman of the temporary organization of the community chest plan in Baker and a guest at the meeting, spoke extemporaneously on the matter. He agreed with Mr. Patterson that many times contingencies arise of which no one has ever thought.

On the other hand, Mr. Schroeder stated, an emergency fund will be created for such smaller items as arise and from this fund will be handled such affairs.

"We are working hard to perfect a good community chest organization." Mr. Schroeder said. We realize that many problems are before us, but we believe that all of them can be worked out with cooperation of the community.

Gil Howard, Lester Hausen, A.F. Kerr, Larry Chapman. Hugh Lancaster and Victor Lyman were critics. J. R. Evans was toastmaster for the evening.

Harry Proudfoot was elected as a new member of the club. Kenneth Robb, president, presided over the meeting.

District Historian's Comment: The town of Weiser, Idaho near Oregon and Idaho border. This club never chartered but Baker Toastmasters and Weiser club members did have a joint meeting on May 18, 1942 according to Baker Herald May 12, 1942 on page 3. World War II may have been a reason for club never chartered.

Source: Baker Herald March 25, 1941 page eight

TOASTMASTERS MAGAZINE ARTICLE FEBRUARY 1941

Kenneth Robb, Toastmasters Club # 55 of Baker, Oregon, Club President, wrote article about "The Dignity of Labor"

Excerpts from this article quoted below.

"Man continually perfects labor saving machines, which is as it should be, but instead of using these machines, which as it should be, but instead of using these machines to produce more, we use them to shorten our working week, giving additional hours to enjoy the more abundant life. Is that the natural mode of life, or are we violating nature's laws? Labor is life, not only that we may earn the wherewithal to sustain us, but because this body of ours will wastes away if we cease to work as a curse prescribed by an unfriendly God. Without excellence."

"Let it become honorable once more business to make a profit, and for labor to make a living wage. Restore the dignity of work by lengthen the working week, not by making it shorter. It is true today as always that Satan finds some mischief for idle hands to do."

"The successful man of today did not win success by working forty hours a week, and the successful man of tomorrow will not come from the ranks of the forty hour workmen."

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**BAKER TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 55 MEETING OCTOBER 26, 1941
SOURCE: BAKER HERALD October 27, 1941 Page 6**

**BAKER TOASTMASTERS CLUB # 55 MEETING NOVEMBER 25, 1941
SOURCE: BAKER HERALD NOVEMBER 26, 1941 Page 6**

BURKE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF TOASTMASTERS

**Paul Enright, Vice
President; Lancaster,
Secretary**

Meirvin Burke was unanimously elected president of the Baker Toastmasters club at the weekly dinner meeting of the organization in the Hotel Baker Monday night.

The other officers elected last night are Paul Enright, vice president; Hugh Lancaster, sergeant-at-arms, and George Calderwood, secretary-treasurer.

With Larry Chapman acting as toastmaster, George Calderwood opened the speaking program with a talk on "One Hundred Thousand Dollars in a Huddle." He discussed what transpires within a football huddle on the gridiron during a game. In the huddle the signal caller calls the formation, the play number and then the series. Only three things are talked about in the huddle and the only man who talks is the man who gives the signal. The captain is the only one who is permitted to talk to the signal caller. Mr. Calderwood also discussed other details of playing football.

In a talk on "An American Barometer," A. F. Kerr discussed propaganda and public opinion in the United States. Public opinion polls have come into disrepute, the speaker said. The general public wants to be right. The question the people are interested in is what is right.

"In a war period the public listens to every kind of propaganda. The people are beginning to believe the United States is being pushed into the war. There seems to have developed a tendency to settle down."

"Most of the big advertisers have national defense as their theme. Advertisers have to be able to recognize the attitude of the people as you can bet that the national advertisers think we are in this war now."

Jonas Durr said the modern counterpart of "The Good Samaritan," is the person trained in first aid. He recited the three purposes of first aid—to prevent accidents, to equip the individual with sufficient knowledge to enable him to determine the nature and extent of an injury and to train the first aider to do the proper thing at the proper time. Mr. Durr also discussed the principles of rendering first aid.

Speaking of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh in a talk on "American or Un-American?", Byron Briston said it is difficult to question the motives and conduct of prominent Americans.

"Lindbergh's discourse is so vague and indefinite as to his support of democracy, misjudgment can be excused," Mr. Briston said. "It seems that his admonition of a few years ago that Hitler was all-powerful was accompanied by a certain amount of admiration. The controversial speech he delivered two weeks ago brought a change in the attitude of Americans. Nowhere did anyone praise the speech, which included the statement that 'the American heritage does not need defending; it needs rebuilding.'"

The speaker also discussed briefly Mrs. Lindbergh's book.

In a talk on "The Glorious Feeling of Independence," Retiring President Kenneth Robb referred to financial independence. He said only 10 per cent of the people are independent after age 60. He suggested that modern methods of living may be adding to this dependence.

"I don't think getting public relief is the natural thing. A man should lay aside a certain percentage of his income for the time when he can no longer earn a living. Then he can have that glorious feeling of independence."

Mr. Robb urged purchase of de-

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tense bonds as a means of gaining that independence. In discussing mental independence, he said "A person should not only lay away some money, but he should improve himself in his spare time so he will have something to draw on in his old age."

Victor Lyman was general critic. The critics were Sherman Fleet, Stan Ingram, Harry Froudford, Hugh Lancaster and Lester Hansen.

PRODUCTION OF PLANES IS UP

**2500 Per Month Is
Goal in U. S. By
End of Year**

By STERLING F. GREEN.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—(AP)

—United States warplane production should reach 2500 military craft monthly by the end of 1941, a responsible defense production official said today.

September's new high of 1916 delivered military planes—including training as well as combat types—was not a chance production spurt, office of production management officials said, but a token that the nation's plane producers have reached their objective of sustained, increasing quantity production.

"We are definitely over the hump," an OPM aircraft spokesman said. "I see no reason why 2500 military planes a month should not be produced by the end of the year."

Even if output in October, November and December should not surpass but merely equal September deliveries, it was noted, the year's production would total 18,203 planes. That figure compares with the estimate of 18,000 given in February by William S. Knudsen, OPM director-general.

Frankly jubilant over the progress, OPM officials pointed out that the record was set in a 30-day month, with work interrupted by the Labor day holiday.

It was accomplished, moreover, in spite of increased emphasis on heavy long-range bombers, requested by the British in ever-increasing numbers. OPM officials had feared that the 300-bombers-a-month program called for by President Roosevelt in May would impede the overall production rate.

The 1916 planes delivered to the army, navy, Great Britain and China in September compared with 1834 in August—which itself represented a record increase of 398 over the previous month—and with 743 military planes in September, 1940.

U. S. TO GET FANKERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—(AP) —Secretary of Interior Ickes, the petroleum coordinator, announced today that Britain "due to greatly diminished sinkings" in the Atlantic, "believes that it can win in a short period release temporarily 10 to 15 American tanker ships now hauling oil for the embattled British."

**Yakima Matron
Wants Others to
Learn of Hoyt's**

**Gas, Bloating Spells,
Constipation and
Muscular Aches Are
Gone, Thanks to
Hoyt's Compound**

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AUSTIN DUNN IS ONLY SPEAKER ON EUROPEAN FIGHT

Toastmasters Hear Wide Variety Of Speech Topics

Austin Dunn, Baker attorney, delivered the only talk bearing on the European war on the Toastmasters program presented in the Hotel Baker Monday evening.

Speaking on the subject of "International Law Involved in the Sinking of United States Ships," Mr. Dunn said the sinking of the Robin Moor in the Atlantic ocean several months ago was the most flagrant violation of international law that one can imagine.

Law Quoted

Mr. Dunn quoted a law adopted by 43 countries, including Germany, which signed the treaty in 1936. The only excuse given by the captain of the submarine that sank the Robin Moor was that "It was carrying goods to an enemy of my country," Mr. Dunn said.

"The sinking leaves open to us only one of two courses. We must either arm American merchant vessels or enlarge the sphere of the American navy to protect our ships."

James R. Evans delivered a talk on "Dog-gone Smart," based on the intelligence of dogs. He told of schools where dogs are trained as "seeing eye" dogs, army dogs, police dogs and show dogs.

Dogs Intelligent

"Operators of these schools have found that your dog has the intelligence of a two and one-half year old child. A dog can learn 200 words easily and some can learn 2000 words. An adult dog has more intelligence about crossing a street than a two and one-half year old child. Usually the street dogs are more intelligent than the blue-bloods, which are not necessarily selected for intelligence, but for something else."

O. I. Dague, speaking on "Weather Beacons," discussed the activities of the weather bureau and the civil aeronautics administration in making airplane flying safe. In order to furnish adequate weather service for aviation a defense network of stations has been set up. The weather bureau has established along the airways stations for collection of weather information, which is transmitted to central bureaus.

Observations Taken

In connection with this work, the CAA has installed a system of teletypes. About 40 stations are in operation on the circuit running through Baker. The men in the Baker station at the airport take observations every hour.

In a talk on "A Travelogue In Airports," Henry McKinney described principally the Pendleton and Baker airports. The Pendleton airport is far more complete than the Baker field, according to Mr. McKinney, who was impressed by the Pendleton airframe, which is made mostly of glass. The cantonment at the Pendleton field is capable of accommodating 4000 persons. The streets have been paved and other improvements made to give the cantonment an appearance of permanence.

Baker Airport Fine

"The Baker airport, when finished, will be equal to any in the northwest, except those that have a No. 4 rating. I believe the airports in the northwest will be a monument to the constructive genius of the United States army engineers."

Carl Hamilton spoke on "I am" radio operators, who, he said, range in age from 12 to 70 years. Radio

hobbyists usually confine themselves to one particular phase of the hobby. Radio amateurs are generally divided into four classes—the "rag-chewers," those primarily interested in long-distance contacts, the traffic men who are helpful during an emergency, and the experimenters.

Burke Acting President

Melvin Burke presided as acting president. Sherman Fiess was toastmaster. The critics were F. O. Whitney, George Calderwood, J. K. Moore, Jonas Durr and Les Richards. Larry Chapman was general critic.

Those scheduled to participate on next week's program are Kenneth Robb, toastmaster; Paul Enright, John Hogg, Victor Lyman, Henry Harrison and Melvin Burke, speakers, and J. K. Moore, alternate.

FLASHES OF LIFE

Associated Press

Kindness Returned

CHICAGO—The Henrotin hospital dietitian telephoned a drug store to send over six bottles of a soft drink.

Shortly thereafter a well-dressed man whom the receptionist vaguely recognized as a former patient, but not as the druggist's clerk, arrived with the order.

Declining payment, he said: "I guess you got the wrong number but you were so nice to me here I'm happy to do something in return."

Ducks Are Still Ducks

DAWSON, Minn.—Note to duck hunters: All those birds that fly over your blinds are not ducks.

This is what those who know their game birds found when they examined the bag one duck hunter displayed here, proudly announcing he had shot 13 ducks and a goose. Thirteen mudhens and one loon.

Penny Hoaxnade

PETERSBURG, Ind.—A farm wife bought an \$18.50 winter coat at Charles Salinger's store, plunked a big sack on the counter and said: "Count out your money."

He did, but it took him 10 minutes to do it, and when he got through he had 12.32 pounds of pennies—1850 of them, dating back to 1880.

The woman, picking up her sack

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SALE of 75 Dresses

judged as was previously announced. One hundred and twenty-seven firms participated in the contest. All blanks submitted are the property of the chamber of commerce.

GOODRICH TOPIC MASTER OF CLUB

Toastmasters Hold Regular Meet in Hotel Baker

Spencer Goodrich was the topic master at the regular weekly dinner meeting of the Toastmasters club held in the Hotel Baker Monday night. Mr. Goodrich supplied the topic, "The Evolution of the Magazine." Reasons for liking or disliking it—assuming the magazine is good—were given.

A parody on a seven-course dinner was given by Stan Ingram in his speech, "Soup Is On."

Harry Proudfoot spoke on "Bottle-necks," telling of the limitations of weight and length of trucks in carrying freight and advocated uniform laws in all states for weight and measurements of trucks carrying supplies.

"The Sword of Damocles" was the topic of a speech given by Spencer Goodrich, who stressed the fact that Japan is dependent on her silk trade for security and England and the United States have both ceased to buy silk from Japan.

Henry McKinney spoke on his recent visit to Boise to view the OPM special train which was sent around the country to exhibit articles needed for defense in an attempt to distribute defense contracts to smaller communities. Lumber is the only article Bazel might produce Mr. McKinney stated. He also told of the new Boise airport which he visited during his trip.

Kenneth Robb presented a philosophical talk on "Thanksgiving," stating that America treated this holiday with seriousness instead of with the usual frivolity that is generally shown.

Critics were Carl Hamilton, Jonas Durr, E. G. Whitney, Paul Enright and Joe Updegraff. The general critic was Fred Keri and J. R. Evans was English critic.

Robert Burgess was a guest at the meeting.

paredness now while you can," the speaker quoted.

Figures stated by Mrs. Dunbar showed that the government of the United States will endeavor to establish an army of defense of 300,000,000 men. It requires 10 persons behind every one man in the army to keep him fed, clothed and transported. Therefore, there must be 30,000,000 workers while there are only 2,850,000 at the present time. By these figures Mrs. Dunbar pointed out that "a great many of these workers have to be women."

A general discussion followed Mrs. Dunbar's speech in which the plan was further explained. Mrs. Adler announced that the survey will start around March 1, and further information about the actual campaign in Baker and Grant counties will be announced later.

100 SWEATERS KNITTED

HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif., Nov. 25. — (AP) — Mrs. Athol Wood has rounded out her first year in the British war relief's local chapter by knitting her 100th sweater. Besides these, Mrs. Wood has knitted a dozen warm scarfs for members of the R. A. F.

MEETINGS

Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 3 will hold their regular meeting Wednesday night at 7 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A.

The ladies of the Wingville grange will entertain their men guests at a party in the grange hall Wednesday night. A potluck dinner will be served at 7 o'clock. Dancing and games have been planned for later in the evening.

The Friendly Circle club of Wingville will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cora Leonard. Mrs. Carrie Kinnison will be the assisting hostess.

The Home Economics club of Missouri Flat grange will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. T. Kirkland.

Members of the American Legion and American Legion auxiliary will hold a pot-luck supper Thursday night at 6:30. Regular lodge will be held following the supper. All members are requested to attend.

The W. S. C. F. senior circle of the Methodist church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Bertha Lowry, 2090

NEUTRAL ACT REPEAL URGED BY TOASTERS

Officers Are Installed; Colonel is Speaker

The Baker Toastmasters, commenting at their regular weekly dinner meeting Monday night in the Hotel Baker, agreed almost unanimously that the United States neutrality act should be repealed or at least modified.

Comments included the following:

"The neutrality act, it seems to me, is a dodge by which some persons would cut our supply lines to Britain and her allies. I think we should modify or repeal it."

"There is a great deal of confusion in the United States over the neutrality act. Its repeal would heighten our morale."

"We are acting as though the act were already repealed. Repeal might have a good psychological effect on Americans."

"The navy is patrolling the oceans of the world; why not arm our merchantmen?"

Repeal Advocated

"I would like to see the act repealed. Its repeal would give the United States a better standing among the nations that are looking to us for guidance. We are already a leading part of the law."

"We must decide whether our ships are going into belligerent waters. If they are they must be armed."

"We should declare war. We are already at war."

The question of whether the past presidents who have been successful in killing deer should furnish the club with a venison feed was answered in the affirmative, except by the past presidents.

T. G. Whitney, who presided at the meeting, was topic-master.

Colonel Solon Speaks

With Kenneth M. Robb, retiring president acting as toastmaster, Colonel Lorin Solon of Portland, executive of the Oregon military district, gave a short talk on the United States army situation. He discussed the increase in the army and criticized the democracies for failure to arm quickly enough to meet aggression. Colonel Solon said that after the fall of France, Americans and the United States congress began to realize the danger to this country and began to take action. He said reduction of armaments is now well underway and gave figures on the production.

Improvements Advocated

In a talk on "Let's Take the Gravy Off Our Vests," Melvin Burke told of a few things wrong with Baker. Mr. Burke said "We find no less than 50 advertising signs east of Baker and 35 north of Baker along the highway. The rear sides of the signs are unsightly. Cars travel on main street at the ridiculous speed of 5 to 10 miles an hour. The highways through Baker are not well

Converted Corset



Get worker from factory which once made corsets to rule Britannia's curve. Demonstrates in fitted street dress now made by that plant to protect shoulders from weather.

marked. Horn tooting at times of the day and night should not be tolerated. Junk piles should be screened. Barns and corrals could be improved. Paint could be used to advantage on various buildings."

Speaking on "The Last of the Crusaders," Paul Enright said that the descendants of the crusaders live in Georgia in the Caucasus mountains of Russia, where they have made no advancement in culture. These people Enright said, live under very primitive conditions. The first of the seven major crusades, started in 1096 A. D. to the Holy Land was the most successful. After about 200 years the crusades were abandoned.

Forests Discussed

Henry Harrison said in a talk on "The Forest Problem" that the forests of Oregon and Washington are the basis of the economy of those two states. He said thousands depend on the forests for a livelihood and gave figures to show the importance of the industry.

Baker county has three major timber operations, Mr. Harrison said. The salaries of the employees make up a large percentage of the salaries of the county. Discussing the possibility of closing of some of the mills in years to come, Mr. Harrison said the closing would be very seriously felt by the merchants and others in Baker. He pointed out that "We must keep 44,000,000 acres of timber land in permanent production, we must restock the cut-over land that is not restocking itself. If private owners cannot and will not keep fire out of their holdings the government should do so, we should develop some method of using lodge pole pine and we must stop waste in manufacturing lumber."

War Topic Used

"America, the Arsenal of Democ-

racy," was the subject of Victor Lyman, who said "Hitler has gone through all of Europe and it seems that the end of Russia is in sight. That leaves no one to produce war equipment except the United States. This is not entirely England's battle. It is a battle for our way of life. We have gone too far to back up. Someone rightly said that when Hitler chose mechanized warfare, he chose our method. In the next six months our rearmament program will be in full swing."

J. K. Moore discussed "Pattern of Conquest," written by Joseph Harsch, a representative of the Christian Science Monitor.

Soldiers Well-Received

"The soldiers of the reich were well received in the conquered countries," the speaker said. "However, the plans of conquest as laid out by the hirelings of Hitler did not allow the army to remain as an army of occupation. The soldiers were forced to loot the country. The Germans used the money gained to buy up businesses in the conquered lands. Germany has been feeding itself on the nations that it has conquered. These nations are now starving. The natural resources of the British empire and the United States are such that Germany could not hope to cope with them. The outcome of the war depends largely on the willingness of Americans to use their materials and the strategy by which they are used."

Jonas Durr was general critic. The critics were Les Richards, Hugh Lancaster, P. W. Patterson, Larry Chapman and Byron Brinton.

Mr. Robb installed the new officers as follows: Melvin Burke, president; Paul Enright, vice president; George Calderwood, secretary-treasurer; and Hugh Lancaster, sergeant-at-arms.

HULL ADVOCATES REPEAL OF ACT

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by a provision of law which prohibits arming our merchant vessels for their own defense."

It would be "little short of criminal negligence," for the United States to cling to the hope of somehow escaping the fate of the other countries, he testified.

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TOASTMISTRESS CLUBS IN HILLSBORO AND PORTLAND, OREGON

The Hillsboro Toastmistress club established December 1940 or January 1941 according to Hillsboro Argus newspaper article page 4 Toastmistress club held meeting during week of January 16, 1941.

Toastmistress articles in Hillsboro Argus listed as the following:

September 18, 1941 page 5 **Mrs. Jensen Heads Toastmistress Club**
November 6, 1941 page 4 **Meeting**
November 16, 1941 page 4 **Meeting**
November 27, 1941 p Section Two age 1 **Meeting** (Joint meeting announced on December 5 with Toastmasters club)
December 11, 1941 page 2 **Public Forum Held By Speaking Groups**
(Earl Wetmore, past Portland Club # 31 president delivered address on labor racketeering) Joint Toastmistress and Toastmasters meeting

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Portland, Oregon Toastmistress Club chartered on evening of April 7, 1941. Toastmistress International assigned club number 46. Toastmasters' International president Sheldon Hayden, guest of honor, presented the charter to club at Woodcraft Building. Members of Portland Toastmasters Club #31 were present at this ceremony.

CLUB OFFICERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS OF PORTLAND TOASTMISTRESS CLUB # 46

Mrs. Catherine Beazley, Club President
Miss Marjorie Seivert, Vice-President
Miss Helen Rudberg, Secretary
Miss Reona Flynn, Treasurer

Mrs. Helen Clark	Miss Alama Deach
Mrs. Rdna Dunn	Miss Mary Eddy
Miss Luella Hawes	Miss Nancy Knee
Mrs. Rose Leaming	Miss Margaret Millican
Miss Julia Nye	Miss Freda Jane Pubols
Miss Olga Reich	

Source: Oregonian April 7, 1941 page 13

RADIO BROADCAST QUIZ SHOW

April 3, 1941, the contestants on Quiz of Two Cities (W, 7:30) will be members of the Toastmasters and Toastmistress' clubs of Portland and Seattle.

Source: Oregonian page 13 April 7, 1941

NOVEMBER 29, 1941 TOASTMISTRESS MEETING

WETMORE TO BE CRITIC

The weekly meeting of the Toastmistress club will be held in the central library on Monday at 7:00 pm.

The toastmistress will be Miss June Sundt and the critic, Miss Jeon Monroc. The special guest will be Earl Wetmore from the Columbia Empire branch of the Portland Toastmasters' club, who will preside as critic over the entire meeting.

Special topics on world events will be given by Mrs. Margaret Millican and the Misses Myra Jensen and Loucilla Hawes. A round table discussion on "Will the Russian People Obtain Freedom of Religion" will be commented on by Mrs. Alma Deach, Mrs. H. Lehrbach and Mrs. Helen Rydberg, Miss Mary Eddy and Miss Eleanor Preble.

Source: Oregonian November 29, 1941

KLAMATH FALLS TOASTMISTRESS

Herald and the News January 7, 1941 Page 7
Toastmistress Club Elections January 13, 1941
New, club officers listed as the following:

President, Mrs. Walter F. Brown

Vice President, Mrs. Paul Buck

Secretary, Mrs. J. I. Beard

Treasurer, W. R. Boyd

Program Chairman, Mrs. S. E. Rife of Modoc Point

Club members voted to fill application for joining Toastmistress International

TOASTMASTERS AREA SPEECH CONTEST

Area 1 Speech Contest held in Portland on February 7, 1941 according to Hillsboro Argus newspaper January 23, 1941 page 4. The Hillsboro # 158 club contest held during week of January 23, 1941. See Hillsboro Argus February 27, 1941 page 1 for story about Area 1 speech contest held at Portland Chamber of Commerce Building. No Oregonian articles published about this contest.

FIRST, DISTRICT 7 SPRING CONFERENCE MEDFORD, OREGON 1941

Source: Medford Mail Tribune Monday, May 19, 1941 reproduced with written permission

TOASTMASTERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR DISTRICT 7

"At the first annual convention of Toastmasters International, Inc. District No. 7, Chalmer Blair of Portland was elected to serve as governor of District N. 7. Robert Nixon of Portland will act as secretary for the district. The business session and banquet

were held Saturday at the Hotel Medford. Mr. Blair has been serving as Lieutenant Governor, an appointive office for District No. 7."

"Robert Nixon of Portland was announced as winner of the speech contest, his topic being "And the Pursuit of Happiness". Second place was awarded to "Carroll Groshong of Eugene, who talked on "Education in the Rough." Placing third was Wesley Hayes of Klamath Falls, on the topic "Parenthood in a Democracy."

"Sixty delegates attended the convention, representing Toastmasters clubs in Portland, Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls, and Medford. George Frey presided during the meeting until the speakers' contest when Dr. William F. Roney acted as the toastmaster." "Music was furnished by Phoebe Swem." "Invocation was given by Dr. F.J. Moffatt."

Note: Carroll Groshong was a charter member of Eugene Toastmasters club and Lieutenant Governor of Area 2 that included Salem and Eugene clubs.

CHALMER BLAIR SECOND DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR

Chalmer Blair was a member of Portland Toastmasters Club # 31 before joining Timberline Toastmasters Club # 94. He held Timberline club secretary position in 1938. In 1940-1941, he was Area 1 Lt. Governor. According to Glen Meek past District 7 historian learned, that Chalmer was involved in organization of District 7. He was active in Toastmasters after being district governor such as area governor and participating in speech contests in 1945 and 1946. Chalmer was a long-term member of the Portland Retail Credit Association. In March 1925 at Conference of Retail Credit Association, he participated in a debate with the Seattle Credit Association. Debate question was resolved that the extensive practice of installment buying is economically unsound. The Portlanders who upheld the negative are A. R. Munger, assistant cashier of U. S. National Bank, Chalmer Blair of George Lawrence Company, and Holmeski Ehraus, Elliot-Fisher Company. (Oregonian March 19, 1925 page 25) Later, he became a director and president of the association in the 1940s. During World War II, Chalmer participated in speakers' bureau for war savings bond drives. He was a member of Optimist International. Chalmer career began with George Lawrence 1925 then Mutual Life Insurance Company 1927. He then worked for Brailey and Graham Buick Distributors as secretary-treasurer and later promoted to credit manager and then comptroller.



CHALMER BLAIR

SOURCE: OREGONIAN FEBRUARY 3, 1958 page 21

ROBERT NIXON

Robert Nixon, a Portland resident, the first member from District 7 Toastmasters to compete in speech contest finals at July 1941 Toastmasters International Conference in Santa Cruz, California. He participated in the District 2 Speech contest held in Olympia spring 1938. District governor appointed him as District 7 secretary during business meeting of first District 7 conference held in Medford, Oregon. Polk Portland City directories for 1940 and 1939 listed two and three different Robert Nixon. The most probable one was Robert M. Nixon a sales supervisor for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph. A January 19, 1939 page 7 Oregonian article mentioned he delivered an address to the Young men's Council of East Side Commercial Club on January 19, 1939 at 6:30 p. m at Raymond's Dinner on 29th Avenue and Stark. Additional research required to verify this was the individual that competed in the Toastmasters International speech contest.

OFFICERS OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL 1941 - 1942

President: Ernest C. Davis, Pendleton, Oregon *

Vice-President: Ted Blanding, Ted Blanding, Santa Ana, California

Secretary: Ralph C. Smedley, Santa Ana, California

Treasurer: Leonard M. Woodward, Leonard M. Woodward, Los Angeles, California

Past President: Sheldon M. Hayden, Santa Monica, California

Director: John A. Jewett, Seattle, Washington

Director: Harry W. Mattison, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Director: O. T. "Pete" Peterson, San Jose, California

Director: W. S. Randall, Prescott, Arizona

Director: A. J. Schrepfer, Huntington Park, California

Director: Robert M. Switzler, San Diego, California

***Note:** Ernest Davis first Toastmasters International president from Oregon

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA July 16 to July 19, 1941

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THE DIRECTORS MEET

SYMPOSIUM, Success Through Toastmasters Training

DISCUSSION, How to Get The Most Out of Your Club

PANEL, Successful Club Operation

DEMONSTRATION, District and Area as Related to The Club

SEEING IS BELIVING—Demonstrating use of motion pictures for improvement of body in speech

MASTERING THE MIKE—A Study of Radio Technique

VOICE RECORDING FOR SELF-CRITICISM

TAKE THE CONVENTION HOME WITH YOU

THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER

THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS' TRAINING SCHOOL

THE "Hi-Jinx" LUNCHEON

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The finals of the Inter-Club Speech Contest, for the William A. Dunlap Trophy

Source: Toastmasters Magazine June 1941 page 22 and August 1941 pages 10 and 11

The convention assembled for the Contest Dinner at Civic auditorium. New clubs chartered during the past year were welcomed and given due recognition. President Hayden then introduced William Bryce, chairman of the Inter-Club Speech Contest Committee, who conducted the finals of the Contest. The contestants and their subjects were: District One, O. Wilbur Fix, "Let's Have Music"; District Two, Charles Tyson, "The Spirit of the Redwoods"; **District Seven, Robert Nixon**, "And, the Pursuit of Happiness"; District Four, John McInnis, "Who's to Blame?"; District Six Orem Robbins, "It's the Set of the Sail"; District Three, Kenneth Anderson, "Not Men, but A Man."

For the impromptu speeches, the subjects selected by lot were as follows: John McInnis, "Patriotism"; Orem Robbins, "Traditions"; **Robert Nixon, "Every Day Is Wonderful"**; Charles Tyson, "Conscientious Objectors"; O. Wilbur Fix, "Modern Diets"; Kenneth Anderson, "The Line of Least Resistance."

Winner of contest was John McInnis, of the San Francisco Downtown Toastmasters Club who received the Dunlap Trophy.

Toastmasters International Conference Saturday Morning – The Business Session Excerpts from the business meeting presented as the following:

"A breakfast meeting of the district officers, conducted by Director Ted Blanding, attracted a large number of members for instruction in handling district and area affairs.

The Convention session opened at 9:30 with President Hayden in the chair. The salute to the flag was led by W. J. Hamrick, of Westwood Village Toastmasters, and George Byrne directed community singing.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read by Dr. P. A. Foster, showing a total registration of 358 delegates and visitors.

Ralph R. Guthrie reported for the Nominating Committee, offering the following recommendations: For President, Ernest C. Davis; For Vice-President, Ted Blanding; for Treasurer, Leonard M. Woodward; for Directors for Two Year Term, O. T. Peterson, A. J. Schrept, John Jewett; for Directors for One Year Term, W. I. S. Randall, William LaMonte."

“Chairman Guthrie explained that Mr. LaMonte would have to be replaced, as he found it impossible to serve on account of business obligations.”

“**Chalmer Blair** of Portland spoke supporting the nomination of **Ernest Davis**.”

James Barry of Albuquerque, nominated Robert M. Switzler for President, Paul Mekeal moved and seconded, that nominations be closed and the vote taken. This was voted, resulting in election of **Ernest C. Davis, of Pendleton, Oregon, as President**.”

“Malcom Marcuda spoke for the nomination of Ted Blanding for Vice-President.”

“Dr. Gordon Howard spoke for Leonard Woodward for Treasurer. In each case, the election was by acclamation.”

“Further nominating speeches were made by Earl Lawton, of Santa Cruz, for O. T. Peterson; Paul Mekeal, of Los Angeles, for A. J. Schrepfer; Frank McCrillis, of Seattle, for John Jewett, and these three men were elected Directors for the term of two years.”

“Lawrence A. Davis, of Phoenix, nominated W. S. Randall, and J. Clark Chamberlain, of San Diego nominated R. M. Switzler, and the two men were elected Directors for the term of one year.”

“Following the election, Olin H. Price presented the five amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, which were adopted.”

“Herbert E. Morey, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions, proposed eleven resolutions, expressing thanks to those who worked preparing for and entertaining the convention, and embodying matters of policy.”

Invitations for Future Conventions

“Then came the forensic display which usually accompanies the invitations for the convention. James Barry promised us the welcoming interest of the whole state of New Mexico, if we hold our 1943 convention in Albuquerque. O. T. Peterson read the invitation in the absence of Mr. Barry. William Hobba spoke for the 1943 gathering held in Long Beach, with the cooperation of the clubs in area assured. George Benson explained why we should meet in Minneapolis in 1942, or if not then, in a later year. Frank McCrillis produced proofs and evidence in considerable amount to support his call for the 1942 convention to be held in Seattle. The matter was referred to the Board of Directors.”

“The new officers were installed by Ralph C. Smedley, founder of the Toastmaster Club. Sheldon Hayden gave the new president, **Ernest Davis**, the President’s Emblem, together with a large brief case, containing material and information needed by the President in conducting his work. In turn, President Davis presented to Past President Hayden the Past President’s Emblem.”

“President Davis adjourned the meeting with the challenge, “Go back to your own community and be a part of that community. Make service to the community the great objective in your club work for year. Then you will have a better Toastmasters Club and you will be better Toastmasters.”

On page 28 in November 1941, issue of Toastmasters magazine announcement was made about the 1942 Toastmasters International Conference being held at Seattle,

Washington. Conference held July 15 through July 18. Frank McCrillis named chairman of convention committee, a Lt. Governor of Seattle area.

During San Diego Convention, the members requested the Board of Directors to issue Toastmasters Magazine 6 times a year this required increase in subscription price of \$1.00. The bylaws were changed Santa Cruz Convention for the increased subscription price.

FOR CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP
ERNEST C. DAVIS, PRESIDENT OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Yesterday, we stood in silence and watched our Stars and Stripes parachuting through the skies, then listened to the National Anthem and cast our eyes to the heavens as giant bombers flew over our heads. All this was in peace, in comfort, in freedom, and we did it because we wanted to do it, not because we were forced to do so.

We Toastmasters in America must remember that we are international, and not merely national. Our fellow-members in Canada, Scotland, and England are not enjoying peace, comfort, and freedom. They are not doing the things they would like to do. In the United States, Toastmasters have opportunity to assist our international members. Many programs are outlined which need our assistance. These are available in every community.

As you develop your Community Activities to be of service and to build leadership, I ask you to include in your program a service to assist our war-torn members in other lands. We who have ourselves gone through the hell of war have in our hearts a deep sympathy for those now enduring this devastating conflict.

If the men leading this murderous onslaught could have had the opportunity to be Toastmasters, could have sat around the banquet table of fellowship, could have learned to take criticism, could have realized the value of building rather than destruction, could have realized the value of building rather than destruction, could have learned the necessity of working together rather than stumbling alone, could have learned that men must and will worship God as they please, could have recognize the sacredness of human personality, this war could have never happened.

We must bring to Toastmasters everywhere a deeper appreciation of our opportunities. You must realize the values in your own community. They are worth every human sacrifice. They are worth preserving. They are your challenge to a program of Community activity. Leadership will follow. Start today.

Source: Toastmasters magazine November 1941 issue page 3



—Photo by Trevor.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL,
ATTENDING THE SANTA CRUZ CONVENTION

Standing, left to right: A. J. Schrepfer, Director; John Jewett, Director; Lawrence A. Davis, Governor of District Three; O. T. Peterson, Director; Herbert E. Morey, Governor of District One; Malcolm Macurda, Governor of District Five. Seated: L. M. Woodward, Treasurer; R. M. Switzler, Director; Sheldon M. Hayden, Past President; Ernest C. Davis, President; R. C. Smedley, Founder-Secretary; Ted Blanding, Vice-President.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS 1941
SOURCE: Toastmasters Magazine August 1940



District Governor Ray L. Guisti pins an "It's Seattle in '42" button on International President Ernest C. Davis at the District Two Meeting in Seattle, September 22. Left to right: Henry Dresen, president, Downtown Toastmasters, Seattle; Bob Ford, Bremerton; Ellsworth Stowell, president, Everett; Dr. Martin Norgore, district secretary, Davis; E. S. Carter, president, Totem Toastmasters, Seattle; Guisti; Frank McCrillis, Lt. Gov., Area 1; Gerald Sophy, Lt. Gov., Area 2, and John Jewett, member, Board of Directors.

DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE

An enthusiastic District Two conference held in Seattle, the 1942 convention city, Monday night, September 22, heard President Ernest C. Davis outline the responsibilities of Toastmasters to their community and nation.

Dinner speakers included Ellsworth Stowell, president of the Everett club; John Jewett, member of the board of directors, and Beale McCullough, chairman of the Speaker's Bureau for Seattle's Greater Defense Chest. District Governor Ray L. Guisti introduced his Lieutenants, Frank McCrillis of Area 1, who was the Toastmaster of the evening; Ger-

ald Sophy of Olympia for Area 2, and Marlyn Byron of Bellingham, Area 3.

The conference elected Dr. Martin Norgore permanent secretary for the district and Frank McCrillis as convention chairman. Following the dinner, Guisti and Davis presided at a round table meeting in which delegates from Seattle's five clubs, Bremerton, Everett, Longview, Olympia and Bellingham took part.

The entire district will join in the staging of the 1942 convention in Seattle, dates for which have been set as July 15 to 18, inclusive.

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Plan now to attend the 1942 Toastmasters' Convention in Seattle, July 15-19! Enjoy a healthful vacation in the glorious Pacific Northwest Playground and gain the mental stimulation of convention sessions where worthwhile friendships will have their beginning.

The Place—Seattle; Date—July 15-19; Occasion—1942 Toastmasters' Convention. Plan now to attend! Special events planned for wives.

Combine vacation and Toastmasters' Convention — Seattle, July 15-19.

SOURCE: Toastmasters Magazine Articles November 1941

TOASTMASTERS SUPPORT OF SUNSHINE DRIVE December 17, 1941



SOURCE: OREGONIAN December 17, 1941

NON-TOASTMASTERS PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENTS AND CLUBS

406 SPEAKERS ENTER CONTEST

LINFIELD COLLEGE, McMinnville, Feb. 20 (Special) - Registration figures in the 11th annual intercollegiate forensic tournament here Thursday afternoon showed that 406 speakers and coaches from 17 colleges and universities representing California, Washington, Oregon and Idaho, are competing in the three-day speech tourney.

Unexpected participants who swelled the total are Reed college, Portland, and Clark Junior College, Vancouver, Washington.

Earl Rounds Off

Thursday also saw the first and second rounds of oratory extemporaneous impromptu speaking run off along with the first five rounds of debate, and the first round of after-dinner speaking.

Friday's competition will determine the semi-finalists in oratory, impromptu, and extemporaneous speaking and the finalists in after-dinner speaking and debate

Source: Oregonian February 21, 1941 page 12

MULTNOMAH COLLEGE PLANS SPEECH MEET December 16, 1941

One hundred three members of the Multnomah college public speaking classes will meet in a mid-year speech banquet Tuesday to listen to ten chosen members of the group talk on current problems.

Master of ceremonies will be Harold Downie, student body president, Melba Chehak, Barbara Morgon, Dorothy Akin, Clair Brown and Vernon Hodd will be toastmasters. Speakers include Margaret Engdahl, George Bauder, Cloyd Tribble, Velma Olmscheid, Jon Hosford, Pat Cozy, Joan Pickler, Laurence Woodall, Eloise Leshner, and Ross Brandon.

Source: Oregonian December 16, 1941 page 23

ELUCIDATORS CLUB 17TH BIENNIAL BANQUET MAY 1941

Source: Oregonian May 8, 1941 page 8

Priest to Speak At Club Banquet

Father John B. Delauney, dean of men at, Portland University, will be guest speaker at 17th biannual banquet of the Elucidators club, to be held Thursday at 7:00 p. m. in the Bohemian restaurant.

The banquet is planned to pay homage to the member of the club making the most progress in public speaking during the term and to the most outstanding public speaker of the group.

Class members who will make short talks will be Donald Jackson, Dale Minkner, Stacy Smith and Charles Gianolli. Special music will be presented under the leadership of Walter Misen.

The club has been sponsored for the last eight and a half years by Arthur E. Ward.

BAKER HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM MARCH 1941 BAKER, OREGON SOURCE: BAKER HERALD NEWSPAPER March 31, 1941 page 5

DEBATERS BACK FROM ORE. MEET Baker Boys, Show- Up Well, Are Commended

Baker high school debaters returned yesterday from Eugene, where they represented northeastern Oregon at the state tournament held over the week-end.

Members of the local team, Robert Miles, Jack Grettum, Walter Fernald and Melvin Heggie, appeared in the second round of the prepared debate on the question "Resolved: That the Power of the Federal Government Should Be Allowed to Increase."

Coach John Gross, who accompanied them, stated that the boys showed up well in competition against many other schools and were highly commended for their work.

In the extemporaneous speaking Jack Grettum reached the finals before losing out. Walter Fernald received honorable mention in after-dinner speaking.

Mr. Gross stated that the Baker debaters also took part in a panel discussion and entered all of the experimental work done at Eugene in connection with the debates. He added that the Baker entries were commended for their spirit and willingness to cooperate in every event.

"I feel that the trip to Eugene has assisted the debaters a great deal," Mr. Gross said. "The work this year has helped put Baker in the front ranks of schools in the state. All of the youths did not have a great deal of experience and yet handled their work like veterans."

APPENDIX 1940 – 1941

DISTRICT 7 TOASTMASTERS CLUBS AND OFFICERS June 1941

DISTRICT GOVERNOR Frederick H. Eley

AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5
Chalmer Blair Lt. Governor Columbia Empire # 171 6:15 p. m. Treasure Island Restaurant Everet Mitchell, President Ervin Pietz, Secretary Dr. Robert A. Gilbert, Deputy Governor Portland, Oregon Portland # 31 Monday 6:00 p. m. Chamber of Commerce J. Earl Wetmore, President Arthur Briggs, Secretary Cecil Griffith, Deputy Griffith Portland, Oregon Timberline # 94 Monday 6:00 p. m. Chamber of Commerce J. W. Batcheller, President and D. S. Boggs, Secretary Portland, Oregon Hillsboro # 158 Friday 5:00 p. m. Chamber of Commerce	Carrroll Groshong Lt. Governor Eugene # 145 Tuesday 6:15 p. m. Seymour Cafe Carl Broderson, President Sherman Torbenson, Secretary Gerald Huff, Deputy Governor Eugene, Oregon Salem # 138 Tuesday 6:00 p. m. Marion Hotel Oscar D. Olson, President Albert H. Gille, Secretary Dr. Carl Emmons, Deputy Governor Salem, Oregon Years 1941 to 1942 District 7 Governor: Chalmer Blair District 7 Secretary: Robert Nixon Source: Toastmasters Magazine June 1941 pages 36, 38, 40	Les Weisenburger Lt. Governor Klamath Falls # 98 Monday 6:30 p. m. Willard Hotel Myrle C. Adams, President Hans Norland, Secretary Klamath Falls, Oregon Medford # 67 Monday 6:15 p. m. The Nook George Frey, President Carlos Morris, Secretary Medford, Oregon	Maurice Ahlquist Lt. Governor Baker #55 Monday 6:15 p.m. Nook Cafe Kenneth Robb, President J. K. Moore, Secretary Baker, Oregon Pendleton # 154 Wednesday 6:15 p. m. Pendleton Hotel Dr. G. L. McBee, President Robert McCormmach, Secretary Lowell Stockman, Deputy Governor Pendleton, Oregon Walla Walla #81 Wednesday, 6:15 p. m. Marcus Whitman Hotel Dr. John T. Gardner, President George L. Cheney, Secretary Almos Reynolds, Deputy Governor Walla Walla, WA	Harry J. Creswell Lt. Governor Boise # 61 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Hotel Boise James Butler, President E. A. Olson, Secretary Boise, Idaho *Caldwell # 188 Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. Home Café Erwin Schwiebert, President Max Lewellen, Secretary Caldwell, Idaho Twin Falls # 149 Alternate Mondays, 6:15 p. m. Rogerson Hotel Loyal Perry, President Cecil Jones, Secretary Dr. Harry Alban, Deputy Governor Twin Falls, Idaho

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUBS DISTRICT 7 TOASTMASTERS = 14 Clubs June 1941

Boise Club # 61 chartered March 30, 1936, TM magazine June 1936

*Note: 188 # Caldwell, Idaho, Idaho

Promoted by Lieutenant Governor Harry J. Cresswell of Boise, this club is located near College of Idaho and secretary is Thurlow Bryant, Business Agent of the College, Meetings Tuesday evenings Home Café Chart list has 27 members

Source: Toastmasters Magazine April 1941 The Record Of Growth page 22

DISTRICT 2 TOASTMASTERS CLUBS AND OFFICERS June 1941

DISTRICT GOVERNOR John A. Jewett

AREA 1 Ray Giusti Lt. Governor	AREA 2 Horatio Sabin Lt. Governor	AREA 3 Marlyn B. Byron Lt. Governor	AREA 4 E. Roy Van Leuven Lt. Governor	AREA 5 E. E. McFadden Lt. Governor
Seattle No. 1 # 10 Monday, 6:00 pm, Washington Athletic Club William S. Coon, Pres., J. Glen Liston, Sec. and M. T. Dalton, Dep. Gov. Seattle, WA	Tacoma # 13 Meeting place and club officers not listed Tacoma, WA	Bellingham # 60 Monday, 6:00 pm, Hotel Leopold, Russell Mowry, Pres., James W. Bartell, Sec., and Myron Byron, Dep. Gov. Bellingham, WA	Spokane # 47 Monday, 5:45 pm Desert Hotel J. A. McDonald, Pres., Jesse R. Randall, Sec. & Frank Mathews, Dep. Gov. Spokane, WA	Yakima # 40 Monday, 6:15 pm Donnelly Hotel L. B. Heman, Pres. James V. McCabe, Sec., & Rodger A. Neal Dep. Gov. Yakima, WA
Seattle No. 2 # 23 Tuesday, 6:00 pm, Chamber of Commerce Dr. Martin Norgore, Pres., Dr. Geo S. Fuller, Sec. and M. T. Dalton Seattle, WA	Olympia # 25 Tuesday, 6:00 pm, Hotel Olympia Gerald Sophy, Pres. and Frank Curtis, Sec. Olympia, WA	Victoria # 38 Tuesday, 5:45 pm, Y.M.C.A., L. W. Cox, Pres., J. D. Scott, Sec., and J. B. Clearihue Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	Spokane "Tuesday" # 105 Tuesday, 6:15 pm, Desert Hotel Ray Bartroff, Pres., W. E. Morris, Sec., & Lloyd Sass, Dep. Gov. Spokane, WA	
Seattle No. 3 # 41 Monday, 6:00 pm, Washington Athletic Club Franklin K. McCrillis, Pres., and Marvin Braden, Sec. Seattle, WA	Centralia # 118 Thursday, 6:40 pm, Lewis –Clark Hotel, James McGee, Pres., Burdette Carter, Sec., Elroy McCaw, Dep. Gov. Centralia, WA	Vancouver # 59 Monday, 6:15 pm, Everett Irvine, Pres., Lloyd E. Rees, Sec., and Wm. Shippobotham, Dep. Gov. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	Pullman # Club Number and Officers Not Listed Pullman, WA	
Seattle No. 4 # 52 Thursday, 6:15 pm, Elk's Club Henry Huettler, Pres., V. R. Rathbun, and Geo. Peterson, Dep. Gov. Seattle, WA	Aberdeen # 79 Monday, 6:15 pm, Elk's Club James Hansen, Pres., Charles H. Palermo, Sec. and John B. Adams, Dep. Gov. Aberdeen, WA		Colfax # 168 Friday, 6:15 am, Colfax Hotel Officers Not Listed Colfax, WA	

CONTINUED DISTRICT 2 TOASTMASTERS CLUBS AND OFFICERS June 1941

DISTRICT GOVERNOR John A. Jewett

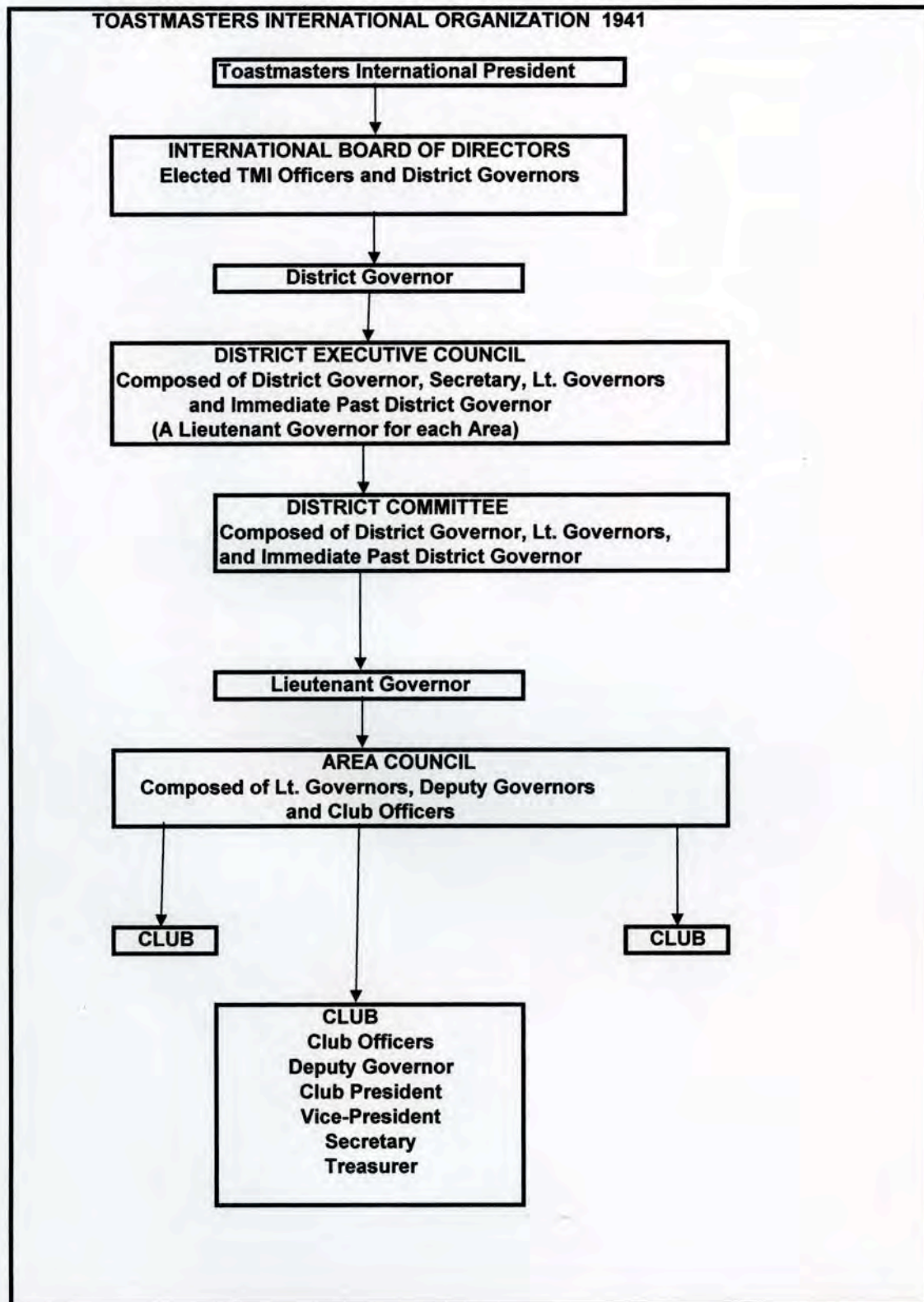
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Seattle No. 5 # 71 Tuesday, 5:30 pm, Gowman Hotel Justin Lee, Pres., Howard Jones, Sec., and Ed Condon, Dep. Gov. Seattle, WA Everett # 117 Monday, 6:00 pm, The Grille Harvey White, Pres., G. M. Platt, Sec. and Wilbur Johnson, Dep. Gov. Everett, WA Bremerton # 63 2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, No meeting Place and club officers listed Bremerton, WA Clubs = 7	Longview # 180 Monday, 6:00 pm, Hotel Monticello, Ray Astle, Pres., Richard W. McDuffie, Sec. and Harry Compton, Dep. Gov. Longview, WA		Davenport # 160 Tuesday, 6:40 Lincoln Hotel Dr. Ralph Sewall, Club President and Wm. A. Shanks, Secretary Davenport, WA Tekoa # 165 Thursday, 6:15 pm, P. B. Rudy, Charles N. Tyson, Sec., and A. Fitzpatrick, Dep. Gov. Teoka, WA Rosalia # 176 Monday, 6:15 pm, Christian Church, L. B. Martin Pres., , Marvin G. Jacobs, Sec., and George Blackman, Dep. Gov. Rosalia, WA Clubs = 7	
	Clubs = 5	Clubs = 3		Clubs = 1

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUBS DISTRICT 2 TOASTMASTERS = 23 June 1941

Source: Toastmasters Magazine June 1941 pages 36, 38, and 40

During 1941, Toastmasters International moved headquarters to 516 First National Bank Building, Santa Ana, California.

Ted Blanding, District Committee revised the "Manual for District Officers". This work resulted in developing a chart that shows the Toastmasters International organization.



TOASTMISTRESS INTERNATIONAL CLUB LIST 1941

CLUB NUMBER and NAME

CLUB LOCATION

1 San Francisco	San Francisco, California
2 Palo Alto	Palo Alto, California
3 Salinas	Salinas, California
4 King City	King City, California
5 Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, California
6 Phoenix	Phoenix, Arizona
7 San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo, California
8 Chaparral	Tucson, Arizona
9 Santa Barbara Breakfast Club	Santa Barbara, California
10 Hilo	Hilo, Hawaii
11 Olympia	Olympia, Washington
12 Springfield	Springfield, Illinois
13 Alpha	Huntington Park, California
14 San Diego State College	San Diego, California
15 Las Brindadoras	Phoenix, Arizona
16 San Jose	San Jose, California
17 Casper	Casper, Wyoming
18 Seattle	Seattle, Washington
19 King County (Disbanded 1940)	Seattle, Washington
20 Alhambra	Alhambra, Arizona
21 Stockton	Stockton, California
22 Redwood City	Redwood City, California
23 East Los Angeles	Los Angeles, California
24 El Paso	El Paso, California
25 Sand Dune	El Centro, California
26 Pasadena	Pasadena, California
27 Mattoon	Mattoon, Illinois
28 Minneapolis	Minneapolis, Minnesota
29 Bremerton	Bremerton, Washington
30 Southwest	Los Angeles, California
31 Stockton Luncheon Club	Stockton, California
32 Riverside	Riverside, California
33 San Diego	San Diego, California
34 Long Beach	Long Beach, California
35 Ventura	Ventura, California
36 Englewood	Chicago, Illinois
37 Santa Monica Bay	Santa Monica, California
38 Everett	Everett, Washington
39 St. Paul	St. Paul, Minnesota
40 Klamath Falls	Klamath Falls, Oregon
41 La Cienega	Los Angeles, California
42 Los Angeles	Los Angeles, California
43 Walnut Park	Huntington Park, California
44 Santa Ana	Santa Ana, California
45 Montebello	Inglewood, California
46 Portland	Portland, Oregon
47 Hillsboro	Hillsboro, Oregon
48 Akron	Akron, Ohio
49 St. Louis	St. Louis, Missouri
50 City of Lakes	Minneapolis, Minnesota
51 Santa Maria	Santa Maria, California
52 Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, Indiana
53 Verduga	Glendale, California

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