



The Builder

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Tuesday Evening, January 6, 1948

Installation Night; Ladies Night; Gala Night--always a delightful event with Healdsburg Kiwanis. We choose to let the multi-numbered program unfold itself, an entertainment none should miss. Report with the wives and friends at SEVEN sharp.

There'll be sounds of revelry this night, and Healdsburg's elite will be gathered then in beauty and happiness. Bright lights will shine on fair women and strong men. A hundred hearts beat happily, and when music shall arise in crescendo swell, aged Kiwanians and wives are back in youth again, and all are merry as a marriage bell. Young and less young will vie with one another, when hark!, hilarity seems like a rising knell. But there's no call to arms from buglar's horn; our party's not of war-like kind. No Waterloo is on the cards next morn. On with the fun, let joy be unconfined.
(Apologies to Poet Lord Byron)

Earl moves out,--Ernie comes in. As the "Squire" would say,--a substitution of principals. This to be dramatized tonight. A most popular and efficient vice-president takes over the gavel and assumes the duties of President for the next twelve months. Ernie will receive fine support from an outstanding group of officers and directors, who will also be installed on this auspicious occasion.

Lieutenant Governor "By" makes his debut tonight as installing officer. He has a busy program outlined for himself during the next two weeks with installation duties to perform in most of the Kiwanis Clubs in the southern section of Division 8. We wish "By" a lot of success in his Kiwanis work during 1948.

As his year in office comes to a close, I imagine every President looks back and thinks of all the things he should have done but didn't do for some reason. Your Past President (after tonight) is no exception. A great many of the projects I had in mind at the beginning of 1947 were never accomplished. Most of the blame for this failure rests on me, because I could not have asked for a more cooperative group of officers and members. I have enjoyed my year as President and I only hope that I have been able to contribute my share to the success of the club.

This bulletin wouldn't be complete without a word about that fine program Howard King arranged for us last week. Earl De Forrest is tops as a magician and had us all completely fooled. Thanks a lot Howard for just the right kind of program to close out the old year.



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President Ernie takes over today as presiding officer at the first of our regular weekly noon luncheons for 1948. Ernie is probably the first president to ever start his term of office with two gavels and two bells.

From most of the comments I have heard during the past week, the installation ceremonies last Tuesday evening were evidently very much of a success. Past Governor Russ acted as chairman of the evening and did an excellent job. Lieutenant Governor By performed like a veteran as installing officer. "We were all very proud of you, By." President Ernie was no doubt a bit nervous on his big night, (like every president that has preceded him) but handled his part of the program in grand style. That little oration of Vice-President Walt's was a honey. Owen and Elmer were in fine form. Our speaker and fellow Kiwanian from Oakland, Major William Parkhouse, took care of the most serious part of the program in his talk on "Kiwaniis-We Build." His talk centered around the Biblical quotation, "Lest ye have faith, ye shall perish." He could very well have chosen the title, "Kiwaniis is not a book to read but a life to live." The musical selections rendered by Bill Jones, Elsie Bonnani and Bill Wendt were tops. This community is certainly fortunate to have the outstanding musical talent demonstrated by these three young people. (P.S. Even Earl managed to get by somehow on this occasion)

It has been suggested that next year we might have an orchestra to play for a short dance following the installation. I think it is a good idea. Perhaps one or two more ladies' nights held during the year, with appropriate dinner and entertainment would be something worth thinking about. Perhaps a celebration on our 25th Anniversary might be one occasion.

Ernie has given a lot of thought and planning to ways of improving our club for the coming year. I feel sure with his enthusiasm and leadership, coupled with the fine support he will get from the members, 1948 will be a banner year for Healdsburg Kiwanis.

Jack Lewis is chairman for today's program but so far I haven't been able to find out just what his program will be. No doubt Jack has something lined up and we can look forward to hearing something very much worthwhile.

Have you read the article on Kiwanis in the January 10 issue of Collier's magazine?



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Chairman of the day - - Jim Clarke

Speaker - - Bob Wright

Topic - - "This Lumber Situation"

Bob Wright of the "Lumber Association of Northern California comes to us highly recommended as a speaker. Jim says he probably will talk on lumber shortages, lumber exports, and the lumber situation in general.

Melvin "Dutch" Flohr, Chief of Police in Santa Rosa, gave us a very interesting talk last week on police work. He reported over 15,000 law violations on the police records in Santa Rosa last year. He said that there was an increase in robberies and made a plea to merchants to not leave large sums of money in combination safes, also to be very careful about cashing checks for strangers.

The annual "Presidents and Secretaries Conference" will be held next Saturday in Stockton. Russ, Byron, Walt, Ernie, and Earl all plan on being in attendance.

Lieutenant Governor "By" has asked me to put the following thank-you note in the bulletin: "I want to thank the club as a whole and individual members in particular for the fine support you have given me during the past few weeks since I became Lieutenant Governor. A group of our members has attended each of the installation programs in which I acted as installing officer. The best part of all was the fact that a different group accompanied me each time. I appreciate this backing more than I can express." "By"

I hear that nine of our members took in the Installation Program at Benecia last Tuesday night. (Or should I say Tuesday night and Wednesday morning?) There will be many more times when "By" will be making club visitations during the year,-- perhaps all of us will be able to visit at least one club with him.

Save the week-end of March 6 for the celebration in Eureka. This is to be a Division 8 meeting, and we are hoping that all of the clubs in the southern part of the Division will have a good representation in Eureka on that occasion. From past experiences we understand Eureka really knows how to entertain Kiwanians.

I noticed in the Vallejo bulletin where over 20 members had at least two years of perfect attendance. The longest was Ed Price with 18 years. I wonder how many of our members have perfect records for 18 years? "Lieu" Hall has only missed two meetings since he joined the club and those were in his first year of Kiwanis. Harry Latimer also has a perfect record.



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CHAIRMAN, LT. GOVERNOR "BY" GIBBS
SPEAKER, - - - MR. THOMAS STREET
TOPIC, -- "~~CHOWCHILLA~~ RAISING"
Chinchilla

Once down, then up again, more and more, suggests strengthened faith in the Resurrection of the Body!

Great pleasure to be emerging from that back-breaking burden to again take over this bulletin-building business.

To the good and faithful, reliable, EARL, a million thanks for issuing The Builder for the six weeks' semester. He has well earned his shoe skin with the degree BKJ (Bachelor of Kiwanis Journalism).

As for unstinted and wholehearted service by club members and others during our "incarceration" - well, we'll not attempt to tell here; mere words just won't do.

Glowing stories are on our desk of outstanding past events, -Iynton Home meeting; Christmas observances; Installation Night, et cetera. All of which sums up to "Kiwaniis in Action".

Walt Wright just phones that we're to have a new initiate to day.

Now, what's this we hear about some certain extraordinary and unheard of bargaining in fines? Fifty dollars per for complete immunity in '48!!! Sounds like fine financing, BUT, suppose such arrangement be entered into with the whole flock of 60 and all proceed to raise hell for the rest of the year let's think of the pandimonium that would reign supreme! Beware of consequences, President Ern; might there not be danger in them that deals?

Hope to limp in on you this Tuesday, but not so sure.

For drafting the Achievement Report (big job), and for all the secretarial work in our absence, we further express appreciation to our Past President and Workhorse Earl Osborn.