



The Builder

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Remember Moffat Dennis ? Moffat the popular cleric who once graced our gatherings with personality and poise ? He, with that sweet lyric tenor ? Well, none but he is to be our guest speaker this time. Chairman Stan McNulty states we're to hear about matters connected with Eldridge Home.

Veteran "Chuck" Campbell, back from service to his country, fully demonstrated that his natural "light and airy" self can be transformed into a serious, business-like and impressive after dinner speaker. Telling us of his experiences inspecting catables for the United States Army, our returning veterinarian member covered himself with much credit.

You'd think it a combination of Fourth of July and New Year's Day last week. "Just went nuts" might hint at our boys' depoertment. What with that bombardment of ear drum breaking explosives, projected streamers swirling around the necks, like tentacles like some creature of the sea; tumultuous tin-horn bewilderment, and dire disorder in general, - that was about it. A compound case of rushing in the year Fifty Three ahead of time.

RESOLUTION:

"It is my pleasure, my PRIVILEGE, to have membership in this Kiwanis Club of Healdsburg.

I am fortunate in the opportunity to rub elbows, each week, with a cross section group of sixty fellow mwmbers.

It is my intent to do my bit in the constructive work of this very worthwhile organization.

Most satisfying are those substantial home prepared luncheons.

In weekly ATTENDANCE I aim to be as loyal to my organization as those estimable Legion ladies have been faithful in serving my inner man, and all others, for the past twenty years."

Who will not subscribe to the above declarations % Let's do it.



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It was a classic - that scientific and scholarly discourse by our sometime Kiwanian, Rev. Moffat Dennis, Chaplain of Sonoma County State Home, at Eldridge. It takes something of a psychologist, psychiatrist, realist, to tell the story of those unfortunate ones, minds emotionally disturbed. And Moffat certainly put it across.

On this (Tuesday) night, January 13th, '53, men, wives and friends in Healdsburg Kiwanis assemble in annual gathering for the 30th successive time. To the few remaining pioneers since year 1924, naturally there comes a feeling of retrospect. An inclination to hark back to those "ancient" days; an urge to reminisce.

We're thinking of that day in June when George Imrie phoned: "We're about to organize a service club in town. Kiwanis it is called. And it's motto, WE BUILD." To 65 citizens the word was passed around. The movement stuck. And George was the inspiration. Joe Miller, of fond memories, became first president. A respectable crew of Charter members became all set for an endless journey. The anchor was weighed and the sailing of a new Kiwanis bark bent on doing real social service for others was on its way.

Difficulties there were confronting this brand new Kiwanis cruise. All was Greek or Sanscrit. It was a new born child, and dependant. As precedent for functioning - only that beacon, the guiding light shining from abroad, from a parent organization the grand old sire - Kiwanis International. The first gun was fired across the bow, and its reverberations are voluminously increasing this very night.

An International Convention is truly inspiring. That of the District is business-like and sociable. Division meets bring us closer to home. But LADIES NIGHT, right here in our home town, with its proverbial banquet, elbow-rubbing, "chin music", melodious music; humor, a bit of seriousness thrown in, and that never-to-be overlooked INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - all these make for the best time of all.

So, this is the program for to night. This is a repetition of three decades of Installation Night, - but brought up to date, with some variations of modern color. Now, is any man planning to pass up this once a year grand entertainment? If so, God help him. Right here President phones: We expect every last man to be on hand, and with the feminine contingent." A grand time in store. Come at SEVEN.



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"Education Through the Medium of Television" will be the theme for discussion this meeting, this by Mr. Charles Robinson, of the County Board of Education.

Back to the ranks now are the Soldiers of Fifty Two. Henceforth these shall be sitting with the rest of us common people. They have had "their day in court"- honorably discharged, having proved good and true men in the service.

Tuesday night last the "egress and ingress" ceremonies took place with the smoothness of professional actors. All of which means the rites of Installation of Officers were conducted in a manner becoming a Kiwanis club. Superfluous it should be to state that "M C" Walt Wright, and once-upon-a-time Governor, Russ, acquitted themselves most cleverly in their respective roles.

It was not enough for retiring Fred Martin to receive the customary Past President Button, for a handsome and useful luggage will have its duty to perform when he and Evelyn travel abroad. Nor was the first-three-months' president Tom Ludeke forgotten. A like memento pin is, and shall be, his forever. Waldo "Ivy" Iversen came through with a neat "inaugural" speech indicative of his conception of a president's leadership in Kiwanis. And Fred's valedictory, very fine.

An outstanding feature, aside from installation ceremonies, was a delightful and entertaining group of songs by the Federated Church Choir, led by the very useful and popular Smith Robinson.

FOR THE RECORDS, 1953:

President - - - - - Waldo Iversen
Vice-President - - - - - Henry Williams
Treasurer - - - - - Harry Latimer
Secretary - - - - - Emil Carlson
Sgt-AtArms - - - - - Gordon Jones

Directors: Relzy Aikin, Charles East, Jerry Lane, Edward Nielsen,
Roy Haley, Ernest Biasotti, Earl Osborn, Russ Stevens.



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We're to hear Senator Pressly Abshire to day, presumably on something pertaining to State affairs at Sacramento. Burnett Bidwell, the chairman.

Kiwanians who have kids, and "grandkids" should have found interest last meeting, noting the benefits of television to school children. That awakening of Rip Van Winkle amounted to Exhibit No. 1 in the caeser at hand. Mr. Robinson of the County Board of Education was the demonstrator de luxe.

Nice to see our old pal, Charlie Wiggins, in our midst again. As is known, Charlie, in Sonoma County, "has education on the brain."

You'd think it was Iko himself (in miniature) to see Ted Kellogg sporting the Homberg hat throughout the meeting. But he had to settle for his pains. Can't surreptitiously impersonate a dignitary in this club without paying the price.

Happy in the role of president; "smiling through" some innocent interruption; winking at an occasional outburst of pure nonsense; together with some clever and timely gavel wielding, - ability to employ such diplomacy is advisable, even necessary, for the man at the head table. And Walt, our new prexy, has started out thusly.

Going way back many years, the writer recalls that an inexperienced and high tempered president, with dynamited vocal motors, shouting: "Cut out this damn nonsense." Whereupon his bosom friend, near by, warned, "Cut out that sort of stuff, yourself." And, "If not they'll ride you on a rail." Then and there President X learned his lesson.

To Emil Carlson, our new Secretary: Congratulations. The Builder will need and profit by your cooperation - such as retiring Roy gave his every assistance.

Now, that the committees are appointed, President Ivy says: "It is now for each chairman to immediately call into conference his committeemen to organize for what's ahead; to begin to function now; for committee action makes Kiwanis."