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We have it from Ed Langhart that one Mr. Daggett of the California Fish & Game Commission will tell you (us) ninrods much about his business - not exactly how to keep within the laws, not how to cast a fly and reel in a couple of limits; not how to shoot a doe and call it a buck; but probably something about the mechanics of his department. So, here's Mr. Daggett whose initials Ed doesn't know.

In a real philosophical treatise, "Youth, Your Blue Chip Investment" Don Lewis did nobly. Such an address as any organization should be fortunate to hear, and from one deeply interested in the youth, as Kiwanis is as well.

Over from Old Sonoma, a quintette strong, took us by storm in advocacy of their prized candidate for the office of Lt. Governor - William Clonton "Bill" Batchelder. Verbally and in type his virtues were heralded, as if from the housetops. The campaign was on.

That evening in the Sonoma caucus Bill was nominated, Santa Rosa, the competing club, in good and cheerful spirit and in accord with true Kiwanis doctrine, making the choice unanimous. The runner-up, Guy King, a worthy and honorable man, is sure to head our Division some of these days. Bill, Healdsburg salutes you. Successful reign.

A solemn announcement of a meeting of the Board of Directors to convene at this Tuesday evening at the domicile of the "Little Giant", the Earl of Fitch Street. His better half, Sociable "Jo", will answer the door bell and receive you officers in open arms. And HOW!

This day a group of "scavengers" just about to do all Fitch Mountain for elephants white. Under the load of gathered goods we hope Fred Martin's pick-up will break down. Committeeman Bill Reynolds promises to pay for repairs.

Good delegation, that, attending the Sonoma caucus - several of our past presidents, together with a couple from the Geyserville club.



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Mr. Hans Thompson, recreational director of Santa Rosa will entertain the club this day. Al Barbieri, Chairman.

They went; they saw; they conquered. Three of the best of 'em. And such reception, such cooperation, such hospitality shall ne'er be forgotten. As Fred Martin's truck was nearing the breaking weight and the hour getting late they rolled down on gravity from Fitch Mountain to the depositary for the loot. And what an assortment of white elephants it was !

What a heterogenous conglomeration of commercial merchandise ! All the way from pin cushions to tailored made suits; from rocking horses to the wheelbarrow; from the five and ten centers to ^{the}BANK. Yes, an honest to goodness, genuine, useful and nigh to burglar proof bank.

A delicate matter it should be to compare those receptions around Fitch Mount. Extraordinary; unbelievable; amazing; miraculous ! One experience outstanding : That open_arms_taken-into-camp at the home of the Tom Beahms. Whether in the garage, whether in the living room, whether in the basement - there was what it takes to help make a load; and there was that proverbial Kiwanis spirit never to be ignored by humans striving for the good of the cause.

And what did this trio do, ~~not~~ not so thirsty, but tired and hungry, report at a Kiwanis directors' meeting for the purpose of making up ? We trust it was registered as official.

And why do we write all this ? For the express purpose to get all excited over this "white elephant" movement; to stir up other gangs to strike out over the highways and by-ways in quest of a stock of scorable goods for October Second. To band together in small congenial groups, like those referred to above, and to invoke that good old Scripture admonition - GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE.



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Weeks ago Charlie East came through with his program for this day. Would that others might do ditto.

Mr. Robert Letz, radio commentator, is to appear in something like News Gathering. Always leave it to the Big Boy for something quite different, that which is rather unique.

Commenting on last week's bulletin President Ivy was manifestly peeved - about something. Was it because its contents was circumscribed by a narrow or limited sphere? Or, was our "prexy" a little jealous for not being included in that small group who so much enjoyed that mission around Fitch Mountain gathering in the "white elephant" loot? We think it was just this.

In the latter reckoning, Ivy, you would have been OK - only that the foursome might not have gotten back at such a seasonable hour, and in such excellent shape. Besides, the trio discovered they were quite sufficient unto themselves - so full of good spirits and that load of merchandise garnered by them.

What a wonderful cruise is in store for the Stevens' and Wrights. We understand the quartette is to check in on board of some craft, Sept. 20th, bound for Hawaii, to visit the five Kiwanis clubs on the Islands, taking in the hula-hula dancers an' lots o' things. It's well Steve and Walt are going along to chaperone the sportive girls.

Asked for suggestions for the bulletin Steve says, or advises: "Use such words, expressions, or language, as to so emasculate your sheet in a manner that the rank and file can understand." Very well, Past Governor, but how can we put this across with those guys who never read the bulletin?

District Convention, October 18-20, at Santa Monica. Delegates as follows: Presl Waldo, Don Jack. Walt W. together with Russ Steve, delegate at large. Behold Ted Kellogg, now in the ranks of directors. And Ted'll do.



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Gordon Jones announces he has the program for this meeting. What's on the cards will speak for itself.

We were in luck to have as guest speaker such talent as Robt. Letz, he who has had enviable experience as commentator. What a thrill to hear the goings-on at the presidential convention, and his part in it.

Election of officers this Tuesday. It will be observed on the ballot that those ancient boys are largely in their proper places - back to inconspicuous stalls of retirement - while the younger set are to be their hopefully worthy successors in piloting the Kiwanis ship.

Are we going to have a rummage sale worthy of the name; or is it to be a FROP? It's up to the leaders to put more punch into this annual project, add to the rank and file to follow the lead with more power, more dynamite, more enthusiasm than presently obtains. Truth is it is right now pitifully stalling along. The Builder will let the management spout from this point. Action, not words, the essence.

Not since that memorable day when "By" Gibbs in regal ceremony was crowned as Lieutenant Governor, not since then did we sit in on such spectacular demonstration as we observed last week.

Who dares to say that what they can do in Hawaii can't be beaten in Little Old Healdsburg? Leave it to Russ and Walt to inspire those two gorgeous creatures to put on that added touch - that extra wiggle - while we sat with goggly eyes watching those shiny-shakers wiggle waggle out their story of the songs played in true Hawaiian style, amid a palmy-balmy setting of the Hottentot waving palms, and all to the fitting and elegant canned music obligato.

Perhaps it should be mentioned here that those green grass skirts, as grass skirts go, were fairly conservative in point of transparency - far more so than Russ and Walt will be satisfied with in Honolulu. Those galivanting boys are on their way to the South Seas, at great sacrifice and expense. They need the maximum of thrills for their pains - thrills that only those alluring girls of magic charm can bestow. They're fairly young men out for a broader view of human relations. The fresh and spicy ginger blossoms draped on their shoulders is a far cry from the "stinky" marigold circlet we observed. "Aloha Oe" Russ and Walt until we meet again. A salvo of braves to Mary Uboldi and Leiani Costa. You surely could "Yaaka Hula Hickey Dula" anywhere within and without the entire Kiwanis world.



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This is the eve before our "white elephant" sale - the last day to put on the finishing touch for what's ahead. And this issue of the weekly bulletin is placing particular stress on what may be left overlooked, to the end that every angle shall be employed.

To day each member is depended upon to bring to Legion Hall his contributions, goods, merchandise, "loot" if you will, to go on record as a participant to the good cause. A truck will be on hand to effect the transfer to the sales fooms. Fail not.

In accordance with a kindly suggestion by the Key Club boys to go to the bat for the "parent organization" at this time it may not be amiss to request them to do some collecting at their own homes - just a thought. In addition, these fine youngsters are in line to help us out on the sales end.

In making the canvasses for supplies let us not forget the county districts. Here have been found in the past articles of substantial character and involving real dollars in value - goods which the farmer can spare. We've gotten such in the past; we can do it again.

Now, let's not forget to bring along the goods this day. And do bring those of your neighbor too.

How can a family in the hills see our beautiful highways, or go to town, without access thereto? So asked those pictures Gordon Jones presented last week. In other words, let us have passable roadways in the country districts. Nice to see the young student, Philip Atkinson, operating the projecting machine. Young America.

Jack Mounts has been head over heels in business these days. Bot he'll have some good program to day, we feel certain.



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"Fire Prevention Brought Up to Date", to be shown us just how, when & where (according to conditions), by Mr. Howard N. Swift, representative, Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific. Chairman? Who but "Sully"?

Had we that huge collection of "petrochemicals" as exhibited by Mr. Ted Huggins, he of Standard Oil lineage, 'twould amount to almost sufficient stock for another Kiwanis "white elephant" sale.

Speaking of the latter, a representative of the Builder strolled across to the old Roenberg building this Friday morning - and what a sight to behold! Parked out on the street (whether within or without the traffic laws), "For Sale", and staring in the face, a big Willys truck; a two furrow gang plow; a large tourist trailer; and would you believe it? a truck load of big fat lambs! Just some samples of countryside contributions. Good coin-getters, these.

On going inside - there is another picture. A veritable mercantile establishment, Goods at cost new prices might reach the proportion of six figures. And here is found a full complement of salesmen, and women too. Here, too, is a cashier's desk, cash register and service of the nonparcil class. With what speed those transactions are completed! What flow of trade is under way! Just a beginning now, and a few hundred "long greens" gathered in - for Youth Service.

This, the next day, Saturday. Ten A.M. Pies, vegetable dishes, cakes, selling like hot cakes. The rush is on in each and every department. And there's music in the air. loud strains of popular music enlivens the morning's activities. Pretty cheerful environment, this.

Three P.M. and echoes of the auction block resounding all around the plaza. Goods going to the highest bidders, and going fast. Throats of "Chuck" Campbell and "By" Gibbs pretty hoarse but functioning with financial results. The day is done. The goods are gone. Are we happy?

Another grand victory for Healdsburg Kiwanis - more particularly for the benefit of the underprivileged children and adults.



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As he was billed to do last week that he shall do tod day, viz, Mr.H.N.Swift will bring fire prevention up to date. Program switching is a bit disconcerting at times, particularly for the weekly bulletin purposes. Same Smiling "Sully" - Big Chief, Chairman.

A speaker good enough to address the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco should be just alright for us. Mr.W.A.Burkett, last week's guest speaker. Said he (in substance), the weight of mounting tax is heavy on our backs. But, consoling it was to learn how employers can save money on the unemployment insurance tax.

Save it our club now shall do - for the service of youth. For did not our Kiwanis club function to the tune of \$925.00 out of the recent rummage sale? Net profit too? Who ever said the "white elephant" had changed his color scheme? Not in our menagerie. The enterprize stalled at first; but the last ten days what a TKO!

Real leadership came to the fore. Next president, Relzy Aikin, went to the bat with all the safe hits of a Billy Martin, aided and abetted by the whole bunch. Seeming defeat in the way of strike-outs surrendered to VICTORY through the medium of home runs. No, when it comes to action the world series has nothing on us.

Through the Builder Chairman Relzy Aikin and President Waldo Iversen extend gratification and thanks to members and outside contributors for their gallant services.

Out of the recent election of officers comes the following "wrecking crew" for year '54: President, Relzy Aikin; Vice President, Chas."Chuck" Campbell; Treasurer, Al.E.Huddart; Sergeant At Arms, Walter Marshall, Directors: Roy Deolin, Elvin Jackson, Edward Langhart, Walter Wright.

In keeping with official dignity a couple of the above named gents? racketeers as they have been, must qualify in better behavior. Chuck can 't chuck those pellets any more; and Walt can do only part time in like capacity. They're on probation now.



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Would you learn about to day ? Then scan the lines farther south.
(Just a ruse to compel the reader to read the entire sheet).

In line of the more important, we hail our two recently inducted members - Everett J. Roddin, "Rod", and Clarence W. Wittke, "Wit". As the Redmen say, "Welcome to Our Wigwam." Men of affairs that you are, we know you'll be as important as Kiwanians as business men. We cater only to the best.

Now, for the program. Key Club Day. A day for the commingling of the young and the not so young. A day of hosts and guests. The parent-sponsor and the child. But pretty well matured children these boys certainly be. High school students who know a thing or two, and of whom we are proud.

For accomodation sake we shall meet in the main auditorium . Our President-elect Relzy will have the affair in hand. One particular program number is to be a report of the summer convention in L.A. - this by Lieutenant Governor Paul Gilbert.

As you read this "epistle" a quartette of our group, wives and all, will be helping make the District Convention at Santa Monica a signal success. How otherwise, with such dyed-in-the-woolers as Steve, Walt, Ivy and Don firing their amunition into convention works ?

That Stevens and Wright foursome, by the way, are home-stretching their memorable-to-be cruise and sojourn to the Hiwaiian Islands, fittingly climaxing their vacation month in the convention city.

Orchids being beyond our reach, Ray Wainscott, for his mimeograph service this Sunday morning, is due for cauliflower and cabbages, spinach and mustard greens. We go to press at this zero hour, before inheriting those howls from the multitude for delayed mailing. And yet, we like to hear 'em squawk "No Bulletin To Day."



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"UNITED NATIONS" - to be dwelt upon by Mrs. V. Nielsen to day.
President-elect Relzy Aikin to be chairman in charge.

Too bad we didn't arrange for a picture of that assembly of Key Clubbers and Kiwanians last week, for it would eloquently serve as material evidence of the very close contact between the two organizations, incidentally, a worthwhile contribution to our archives.

The presence of thirty odd boys, the induction of a dozen or more initiates, and that convention report, delivered in happy fashion by Lt. Governor Paul Gilbert, made for nice entertainment. Fortunate for those youngsters to have Norm. Swictert as sponsoring friend.

This should be home-coming day for four stray-aways - two, across the ocean taking in Hawaiian life, and another pair convention-minded in Southern California. Let us hear from their stewardships in Southern Cal. and abroad. Full details not expected, however.

President Ivy's absence spells valuable rehearsals for Relzy in his MC duties in Fifty Four. May he do as well.

This club of ours constitute a sportive bunch. Numerous are the nimrods amongst us. We have finished conquests over the wily rainbows. Just about completing raids on the magnificent four pointers. Who could, or did, miss the classic encounter between the Giants and Dodgers? We saw our American "Bobo" finish off London "Randy." To day the pigskin is in the air, partly because those forward passes. Bitter partizans, such as Russ and Earl, for Stanford; Eddie and Son Perry, for U.C. are plugging for the alma mater team.

We all live in the world of sports. What community cross-section should not deviate from the serious to recreation atbtimes?