

W T i d i n g s



HAIL — But Not Farewell.



In December, 1954, the year 1955 seemed to stretch out ahead with more than enough time to accomplish all the plans that fill an incoming President's mind. Of

course, I should have known better. I'm old enough for that. Now, suddenly, the year is over. There are lots of things which did not get done and many which only got half done. But it is always like that in a growing, vital organization like Kiwanis. The job of building a better club, a better community, a better nation, is never finished. And a good thing, too. When growth is finished decay starts.

At the mid-winter conference at Monterey last January the theme was "The Fields We Cultivate" (or maybe that was the Santa Monica convention). But in any event the fields were defined as the areas of committee work and the cultivators the chairmen and members of the club committees. During 1955 our cultivators have labored diligently and effectively and so we have had growth. We've grown in size, in activity and in stature and influence in our community. I think we've grown in awareness of our responsibilities as free men to our fellow men, to aid those less fortunate than we, to assist youth toward successful citizenship, to take active and constructive part in public and governmental affairs, to be ourselves good citizens. I think our achievement report will show we've done pretty good work in those fields, too.

I know that during this year as your President I have grown in my understanding and appreciation of

Program

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1955

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Subject

PRES. LES GEHRES ANNUAL REPORT

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1955 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS
Please all sit at the President's table Tuesday.

ALL MEMBERS RECEIVING CHARGE TUESDAY
Please take seats at table reserved for you.

ALL GENERAL CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES
Please sit at table reserved for you Tuesday.

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Invocation by **Henry Woods** Philosophy by **Les Gehres**

the vitality of the Kiwanis spirit and the validity of Kiwanis objectives. That, too, is growth. For that I thank you. For me it has been a wonderful, fun-filled, exciting and wholly rewarding year. You made it so. Thanks, fellows!

Les

17 New Members to Receive 'Charge' Tuesday

New members who joined this year, but have not received the of-

ficial "charge" will hear it at Tuesday's meeting. They are:

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| Julius Fink | Joe Williams |
| Harry Foster | Chuck Sexton |
| Bob Hippen | Bert Sutton |
| Herb Hudgins | Don Driese |
| George Peck | Bill Quinn |
| George Palmer | Marty Avison |
| Logan Rudrauff | Bill Terry |
| Bill Rust | Brenton Lowe |
| John Stangl | |

They should sit at the special table reserved to especially honor these new members.





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EDITORIAL

LISTEN AMERICANS!

By Dr. George S. Benson

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Diogenes said that the foundation of every nation is the education of its youth. Any observing person can see the evidence on all sides that a nation's strength and its destiny are dependent upon the intellectual capacity (and Christian stature) of its people—in other words, the quantity and quality of education throughout its population. For these reasons every American citizen, young and old, has a direct stake in the health and capacity of our schools and colleges.

Quite often the question has been asked by people with a deep sense of citizenship responsibility: "What should I do to help in the education problem?" And my answer has been something like this:

1. First of all, be sure you know that the primary purpose of American education should be the preparation of our youth for citizenship in our own Republic. Whatever loftier goals may be set by education and the individual himself are purely academic unless the free way of life in our Republic, which now is in jeopardy, is continued. It will continue to be in jeopardy until every child in America is receiving sound citizenship education as a matter of course.

2. Work with other citizens and public school officials toward getting a program of American citizenship education in your schools; and the appointment of teachers who can teach such courses with devotion and enthusiasm. In spite of whatever vast armament strength the U.S.A. may be able to mobilize, the strongest bulwark against those nations who wish to conquer us is an informed citizenry—a population whose members, young and old, understand the spiritual and material advantages of our great nation in comparison with all other nations of the world.

3. Mobilize active support for your educational institutions, including the colleges as well as public schools; and help make the teaching profession attractive to exceptionally capable people. Mark Twain's comment about everybody talking about the weather and nobody doing anything about it is not quite true of education; but there has been a great deal more talk than intelligent, dedicated action.

A number of parents have told me they feel rather distantly removed from the institutions of education so far as the academic phase is concerned. These parents are aware of their children's social and perhaps sports activities in connection with schooling. Also they are aware of and sometimes assist in some forms of school homework, and they are interested in the progress of the child as reflected on his report cards. But comparatively few of these parents can claim a personal acquaintanceship with the teachers and school administrators, and few of them know intimately the contents of the daily fare of education given their children. Yet this is, I feel, a vital part of parental responsibility.

From the Mail Box

December 9, 1955.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to tell you what a wonderful time I had at your luncheon last Tuesday. The friendly atmosphere, typical of all the Kiwanis meetings which I have attended,

made the afternoon very enjoyable. I know I am speaking for the junior tennis players and all the other young athletes in San Diego when I express my thanks to you for your sincere interest and efforts devoted to us. I will always be extremely grateful for the many kindnesses you have bestowed upon me.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Donna Smith.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS—1956

- 3 Don Perkins
- 3 Watt Wattenbarger
- 3 Ross Carter
- 4 Walter Stark
- 4 Bob Hippen
- 9 George Obert
- 10 Phil Davenport
- 10 Ed Johnson
- 15 Monk Sanders
- 20 Larry Manly
- 22 Fred Train
- 23 Griff Hayes
- 24 Ed Griswold

The hand that lifts
The cup that cheers
Should not be used
To shift the gears.

PROGRAM FORECASTS



- Jan. 3—Roy French Kidd, Program.
- Jan. 10—"Outlook for Business and Stock Market for 1956."
Speaker, Paul H. MacGregor
Chairman, Hal Clapper
- Jan. 17—"Parade of Stars"
Breitbart Athletic Foundation
Bill Whitney, Chairman
- Jan. 24—"The Future of Railroading"
Claude Minard, Speaker. Director,
Calif. Railroad Assn.
Fred Kunzel, Chairman
- Jan. 31—Juvenile Delinquency Program
- Feb. 7—Indo-China Situation.
Speaker, Gen. "Iron Mike"
O'Daniel
- Feb. 14—General Motors "Parade of Progress"—Ed Scott, Chairman
- Feb. 21—Heart Association Program

Norm Ferguson — Program Chairman
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