

## Toastmaster Clubs Offer Opportunity for Orators to Practice As They Preach

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"We seldom burn the toast but we like to roast our speakers," would seem to be a layman's motto for the five Toastmaster clubs operating in Salem.

These speaking clubs, which are planting their fall verbs this week, believe in preaching while they practice — on each other, that is. Hewing close to the old axiom of "perfection through doing," the Toastmaster clubs constitute one of the "most" voluntary, non-profit, and unique public speaking programs ever devised. And most effective, all Toastmasters will tell you in loud, firm voices.

**Salem Has Five Clubs**  
Salem's five clubs include the Capitol club, started in 1939; the Willamette club, 1949, and the Willamette club, 1949. Two all-women groups include the Salem Toastmistress club which is six years old and the Chemeketa Toastmistress club, which received its charter about two weeks ago.

Members of the Toastmaster clubs meet weekly and Toastmistresses, twice monthly. The meetings are a combination of speech training, debate, parliamentary procedure, good fellowship, humor, neighborly horseplay and some good public speaking. Members pay dues, which just cover the cost of operating expenses.

**Way to Good Speaking:**  
It's hard for an outsider to understand the attraction of Toastmastering to club members. But these reasons crop out in talks with nearly all members: Toastmaster work offers the cheapest, most pleasant way of improving your personality; the club offers fun and food and fellowship with a variety of persons; the club indulges in very little extra-curriculum activity.

A typical meeting goes like this. It always starts off with a meal. Then comes table topics, in which each member speaks for one or two minutes extemporaneously on any subject assigned him by the table topic chairman.

Then the acting toastmaster (new one each week) takes over. He introduces the panel of speakers — usually five. Each speaker gives a five to six minute prepared speech on a subject of his own choosing. After the speaking program the critics take over.

**Speeches Criticized**  
Each speaker's talk is criticized by an assigned member-critic. The critic follows a well-defined pattern and his remarks take into consideration the speaker's experience and the number of speeches he has made before the club. He criticizes the speaker's delivery, subject matter and personal appearance.

Then the toastmaster faces his critic and later a general critic shakes the entire meeting down for mistakes and virtues.

**Face Timekeeper**  
When the speakers talk they face the timekeeper. He flashes a light a minute before their speaking time is up and again a half minute before the end. When the full time is up a bell rings and the speaker is supposed to sit down.

The same procedure is followed in the Toastmistress clubs, except, one member put it, "we women don't criticize each other's talks quite as outspokenly as the men."

Once in a while the meetings will vary with a night given over to roundtable discussion of current affairs, a debate or a program of the parliamentary procedure. These

move along at the fast free-wheeling style of regular speech nights. From All Professions

The club memberships are made up of men from all professions. The Capitol club for instance includes an attorney, six realtors, two accountants, four insurance salesmen, a building contractor, two plumbing contractors, a chiropractor, an advertising agent, a piano salesman, a county truant officer, a landlord and a lumber company owner.

Dr. Kenneth McNiece, a psychiatrist, and a former member of the Willamette club, used to thrill members with well-documented accounts of psychiatric experiences and developments. The Toastmistress clubs, members say, are pretty well divided between professional women and housewives.

The Capitol, with Robert Forkner as president, still retains 12 of its charter members. The Willamette club, Cyril Meusey president, has about 13 of its original members left and the Salem club, with William Hill president, has one charter member left.

Marie Bosch is president of the Salem Toastmistress club, which has one active charter member. Miss Bosch estimates the average Toastmistress stays with the club from three to four years. Mrs. C. E. Jacques is president of the Chemeketa club. Each of the five clubs has about 30 members.

Members of the speech clubs feel that members "have arrived" when they become competent "hot seat" speakers. When a scheduled speaker fails to show up the toastmaster appoints a speaker to fill in (usually one of the older experienced members). These hot seat speakers have only about five minutes to prepare their talks.

Sometimes members who have gone through basic training are required to speak under handicaps. So, for example, members have seen their speakers talk with their backs to the audience, wearing comic masks, behind screens or while other members made all sort of noises and interruptions.

What do Toastmasters get out of all this? Fun? Training? Relaxation? Speech improvement? Confidence? Well, at least one Toastmaster, Wayne Smith, former member of the Capitol club, says he owes a recent appointment to a government position to abilities learned in Toastmaster training.

### De-leer May Bring New Jet Airliners

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Jet airliners may have been brought a bit closer by a study made on the University of California campus here. A lighter, cheaper de-icing system can be used for the planes if the heating is done intermittently, says Dr. Myron Tribus. The intermittent heaters make use of heat released when ice is formed, he said.

De-icing problems have been one of the factors holding up the switch to jet commercial airliners, Tribus said.

### Round-Up Reset In September

PENDLETON, Sept. 28—(AP)—The Pendleton round-up will become a September show again next year. Officials set the dates for September 12-15, hoping for cooler weather and better attendance. A Sunday performance, held for the first time this year, was abandoned as a failure.

The association hopes to be able to pay off the remaining \$19,000 in a debt for improvements in the past five years.

## Sailors Keep Skeet Shooting Eyes Sharp



These sailors from the Salem naval air facility keep their shooting eye sharp by trap shooting at the nearby Salem Gun club. Skeet shooting is a favorite sport in the navy and during cruises regular shooting meets are held with teams made up from among the sailors and officers. From left are, D. E. Baal, ADAN, 875 N. Liberty st.; John Anglin, AD1, Salem route 6; G. E. Haworth, AM2, 1009 S. 12th st.; and W. C. Knedler, AD1, 1648 S. 13th st. The men practice during their lunch hours. (Statesman photo).

### Guilty Plea in Murder Case

EUGENE, Sept. 28—(AP)—A 73-year-old retired logger today pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the death of his wife.

The man, Andrew Jackson Waffle, is to be sentenced Monday to the mandatory life term in prison. He was charged with the fatal beating of his wife, Stella, 70, in their Springfield motel kitchen September 16.

Waffle, his voice shaking as he entered the plea, sobbed and covered his face with his hands as he left the court room.

### Refrigerator Said Hub of Activity in Meal Preparation

NEW YORK—(INS)—The refrigerator, NOT the range, is the hub of meal preparation activity, according to research by the Servel homemaking institute st. ff.

The study, covering several months of meal preparation as the average housewife does it, reveals that 41.5 per cent of a housewife's hours in the kitchen are spent in the vicinity of the refrigerator. That's just about an hour and 15 minutes a day devoted to meal preparation and service, cleaning up, and storing foodstuffs for a family of four.

At the sink, the homemaker spends about an hour and nine minutes, most of which is devoted to washing and cleaning up, not only pans and dishes, but also some foods, such as vegetables and fruits. She spends the least time at the range, a little more than half an hour a day.

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