

Toastmasters Give and Take Lots of Criticism to Become Proficient Public Speakers

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Nowhere can you be freer to criticize than at a Toastmasters Club meeting. But, the shoe gets on the other foot, too, and nowhere can you get raked over more coals—hot ones.

Whether the speaker or the toastmaster has a twisted tie or a twisted sentence or twists his notes in his hands, he can expect to have broadsides fired at him—as well as pats on the back.

It's all designed to make members comfortable on their feet with their mouths open. The success of the give-and-take is measured by the way many former foot-in-mouth bashfuls have assumed leadership in organizations and by the fact that a Salem entrant has won district championships for the past six years and once the speaker went within fractions of the national Toastmasters title.

"Toastmasters is more than a club—it's an education," two neophytes were reminded Tuesday night at the meeting of Salem Club, some 14 years old and daddy of other Toastmasters groups in the Salem area, including Capitol Club.

That session in the Spa restaurant (for what's a toastmaster without a dinner under his belt?) was repeatedly typical of the weekly "bouts" of the organization.

Gets Cold Meal

For instance, the president, as usual, got too much of a cold meal toward the end of the two-hour session. On the hot seat much of the time "for training in parliamentary procedure," the president is changed every six months to avoid over-strain.

President Jacob Ferder was the first man called on the meeting's carpet. After three guests were introduced (this also is practice for members), Ferder was reminded by veteran George Moorehead for saying he noted "strange faces" in the crowd, when the guests were not any stranger than the members, said Moorehead.

Meal, Business Mix

Then he had a battle royal all through salad, soup, rolls, ham and cherry cobbler with the official business of the club, as members made motions, rose to points of order and information, amended, objected, etc.—all for practice for him and them. The main business of this week was planning for the coming "ladies night," one of two such each year, and a club speech contest.

Dr. Ray Pinson provided the "table topic" which provides nearly every member a chance, and obligation, to get on his feet and open his mouth at every meeting. This time it was more exercise in parliamentary procedure on the hypothetical question of merging with another club—but argued so strenuously that it was easy to forget it wasn't regular and legitimate business. An outsider soon gets lost, but the group has two Robertis, Howard and Roy, who might come up with their own Robert's Rules of Order.

Dr. Henry Morris, only charter member of the club still active, served as toastmaster for the scheduled speaking program. On it, in three-to-five-minute talks, Howard Roberts characterized television as a blessing rather than a curse; Everett Wilcox reminded that "our greatest resource is youth"; Sidney Schlesinger urged an "any nuts" attitude translated into action to answer Soviet threats; M. O. Buxton told how he lost his shirt in a boyhood skiing attempt.

In addition, "icebreaker" speeches about their life stories were given by Wallace Cowen and James Calvert.

Critical Notes

Through it all, one member for each speaker and one for the entire program were jotting down notes to criticize the orators to their faces. Their words were sometimes harsh, sometimes laud-

Weed Control Meet to Discuss Tansy Ragwort

Tansy ragwort will come in for its annual winter attention on Friday, Dec. 12, at the weed control district meeting. The meeting will be held at the Marion County Agent's office and inspector, Jake Neufeldt, with extension crops specialist, Rex Warren, Corvallis, will review the weed district activities. Farmer attendance is urged so that better control plans may increase the effectiveness of the next weed season.

Man, Arno Spranger, Salem, the committee, under the chairmanship of Ben A. Newell, Marion County extension agent, have supervised the district operation for the past three years.

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Salem Obituaries

WEIKUM
Elmer Weikum, U. S. Air Force A. 2/c, at Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 28. Survived by parents, and Mrs. George Weikum, Salem; five sisters, Mrs. Nathalia Henry, Fargo, N. D.; Mrs. Anna Warren, Macomber, LaSalle, Mrs. Elsie Johnson and Miss Mary Ann Weikum, all of Salem; four brothers, Henry and George Weikum, Jr., both of Salem, and Reine and Herman Weikum, both of Richmond, Calif. Services will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel with the Rev. Omar Barth officiating and interment at Belcrest Memorial Park.

INGREY
James Ingrey, late resident of 240 E. Washington St., Salem, Dec. 1 at a local hospital. Survived by daughter, Miss Helen Ingrey, Salem; son, H. E. Ingrey, Portland; two grandchildren, Mrs. E. Z. Portland and Mrs. A. L. Sverson of Grants Pass, Oregon; great-granddaughter, Katherine Margaret, Grants Pass. Also several nephews and one niece, Mrs. H. M. Hanavan of Pendleton, Ore. Service Thursday, Dec. 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel, interment in City View Cemetery, the Rev. G. W. Turner, officiating.

COOPER
R. Cooper, 41, former resident of Eugene, at Creswell, Nov. 22. Survived by sisters, Mrs. Elsie Field, Anaconda, Mont.; Mrs. Harley Lambert Stevensville, Mont.; brothers, Ben Cooper, Melford, Utah; Lloyd Cooper, San Bernardino, Calif.; Floyd Cooper, San Bernardino, Calif.; Kenneth Cooper, Independence, Ore. Services will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the Rev. Dudley Strain officiating, with concluding services at Belcrest Memorial Park.

LUTZ
Katherine Lutz, late resident of 300 West Browning Ave., infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz, at a local hospital. Survivors include, besides the parents, a brother, Russell Lutz, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Hoffman, all of Salem; great-grandmother, Mendenhall of Tokeland, Wash. Graveside service will be held Friday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. at Belcrest Memorial Park by the W. T. Rigdon Co.

THOMPSON
Mrs. Inboy Thompson at a local hospital, Dec. 2; late resident of Seattle, Wash. Survived by daughter, Mrs. Theima Randall of Seattle, Wash. Shipment has been made to Seattle for services and interment by the Virgil T. Golden Co.

LANE
Harve R. Lane, at the residence at 2443 Simpson St., Dec. 2. Survived by wife, Alva, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Ada Doebler, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Emily Kinchloe, Van Buren, Ark. Announcement of services later by Clough-Barriack Co.

HINKLEY
Claude F. Hinkley, in a local hospital, Dec. 3; late resident of 560 Water St., Salem; wife, Alva Rose Hinkley, Salem; sister, Millie Goodrich, Sioux City Iowa. Announcement of services later by W. T. Rigdon Co.

SEALES
Mrs. Seales, in this city, Dec. 2, late resident of 432 Marion St. Mother of Robert J. Seales, Salem, and Mrs. Doris Davis, Loyallton, Calif.; sister of Clay Zimmer, Portland, and Ruby Armfield, Bingham, Wash. Also survived by two grandchildren. Services to be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. in the W. T. Rigdon Chapel.

KENFIELD
Benjamin Myron Kenfield, 83, late resident of 12 1/2 St., in this city, Dec. 2. Survived by wife, Mrs. M. Hannah Kenfield, and son, Alwin Fred Kenfield of Salem; son, Walter Myron Kenfield, Melford; brother, Dudley Billett, Helena, Mont.; two grandchildren. Announcement of services later by Howell-Edwards Co.

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