

Shorter Speeches Needed, Hints Founder of Toastmaster Clubs

By CONRAD FRANGE Staff Writer, The Statesman
"What this country needs is shorter speeches, Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, founder of one of the most popular self-taught public speaking organizations in the world, hinted in Salem Thursday night.

"I Toastmasters International has done nothing else," said Dr. Smedley, "It has at least touted the advantages of the short talk—both for audience and speaker."

But Toastmaster Clubs, which now number some 2,173 units in this and 22 other countries, have done something else for some 300,000 members who have gone through the self-criticism mill in the past 51 years.

Speaking at the 10th anniversary party of the Salem Toastmasters Club, Dr. Smedley outlined the advantages of self-discovery.

Self-discovery, tolerance, acceptance of criticism, self-control, ability to listen analytically, self-advancement and better relationship with others.

As a YMCA director Dr. Smedley founded the first Toastmaster Club in Bloomington, Ill., in 1905. Then, as now, it was based on a weekly meeting at which members ate, talked, criticized each other's talks and mingled socially.

"The theory of our program was, and still is, 'learn by doing and improvement through constructive criticism,'" says Dr. Smedley, who now gives full-time direction to his brainchild from headquarters in Santa Ana, Calif.

No High-Pressure
So sound has been Dr. Smedley's original theory that Toastmasters, which has never put a high-pressure membership drive, still operates on the same general program as it did the first club.

The current 60,000 membership is scattered in clubs in every state in the union, plus units in such places as England, Japan, Germany, Venezuela, Philippines and Scotland.

"There is even a 'floating club' organized on the USS Hornet," says the white-haired, 78-year-old Smedley. "We have just received a request for a charter from a club in Johannesburg, South Africa."

Many U.S. military installations throughout the world have formed Toastmaster Clubs, including the Marine Corps and Naval Air bases. Chapters play an integral part of many industries.

Volunteer Basis
Dr. Smedley, who is especially proud of the fact that new clubs "have always been organized on a volunteer basis—many by existing clubs," receives thousands of letters annually from persons who attribute material and personal success to Toastmaster work.

"The best part of this whole enterprise," says the enthusiastic Smedley, "is the many friends I've made throughout the world. About 120 Toastmasters, their wives and guests attended the anniversary dinner at the Marion Hotel last night. The program included talks by Harmon Garrett, Capital club president; Robert Baldorf, district governor; Omar Halvorson and George VanDusen, members; Stearns Cushing, Capital's first president, and others.

Ready for Graduation



Robed and ready for graduation from Sacred Heart Academy are 1956 class presidents Arbie McDonald (left) and Bob Stebner, shown standing before a "welcome alumni" cake with alumni president Bob Schneider during Thursday night's meeting of the organization. McDonald and Stebner head the school's final graduating class to include boys.

Old and New Sacred Heart Alumni Gather at School

With graduation only one week away, some of the first and all of the last men to graduate from Salem's Sacred Heart Academy were present Thursday night at the school's 92nd annual alumni meeting.

A graduating class of 59, second largest in the school's history, will leave the Sacred Heart this year. Twenty-eight of them are boys, the final group of males to graduate since boys were first admitted in 1926. In the future only girls will attend Sacred Heart, with young men attending Serra High.

Eagle Scout Award Late By 34 Years

An Eagle Scout award was made Thursday night to a Salem man—34 years after he earned it.

It was a complete surprise for Wendell Webb, manager editor of The Statesman, when the award was presented him at annual Court of Honor held by Liberty district Boy Scout Troop 26 and Cub Den 18.

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Czechs Fire On U.S. Unit

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — A U. S. Army spokesman said Thursday night an Army border patrol, accompanied by two American correspondents, was fired on from Czechoslovakia Wednesday while on a routine mission along the Iron Curtain. No one was injured.

Yankees Wed In Mexico by Bogus Judge

NOJALES, Sonora, Mexico (AP) — A Mexican judge said Thursday that many American tourists, "intrigued by the music and the laughter and the liquor here," have been married recently by a bogus judge.

Federal Court Judge Francisco Godoy-Sierra said the "judge" set up his "marriage mill" on a Main street of this border city, Calle Camillo, just a stone's throw from the court house and main hotel.

The "judge," who usually operated through taxicab drivers, recently left town and is being sought by officers, Judge Godoy-Sierra said. He added that the man had been run out of Juarez, Chihuahua, Morelos and Cuernavaca.

The man provided his own documents and witnesses, the judge told a news conference, and operated out of a downtown office, "in spite of the fact that it was highly illegal."

Canada Forest Fire Devours 1,000 Acres

VANCOUVER (AP) — British Columbia's worst forest fire this year raged uncontrolled over valuable timber land 50 miles northwest of here Thursday. Equipment was flown in to help fight the blaze.

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Top Toastmasters Confer



Toastmaster Club officials are shown during the program at Marion Hotel Thursday night honoring 10th anniversary of Salem's Capital Club. Pictured at head table are (from left) Harmon Garrett, club president; Robert Baldorf, club member and district governor, and Dr. Ralph Smedley, Santa Ana, Calif., founder of Toastmasters International. (Statesman photo)

Salem School Board Okehs Diplomas for New Graduates

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Diplomas for 285 South Salem and 352 North Salem high school seniors were approved Thursday night by the Salem School Board.

Commencement exercises are scheduled at the two schools Tuesday night, June 5 at their respective schools. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, June 3 at the schools.

Founder of Taxpayers' League Dies

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—Peter Lloyd Cover, 67, founder of the organization which became the Taxpayers' League of Oregon, died Thursday night at a hospital here after a month-long illness.

In 1932 he was active in the founding of the Portland East Side Taxpayers League, which later grew into the Taxpayers League of Oregon. He represented the league at every session of the Legislature from its founding until 1946.

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The statement was made at a meeting here of commission officials with 25 district attorneys and juvenile officers.

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DETROIT, Mich. (AP) — Detroit police have arrested Herman (Turk) Prujanaky, former operator of a downtown bar, on two grand larceny warrants sworn out at Los Angeles.

He was arrested at a night club Wednesday night while standing at the bar talking with Jackie Coogan, onetime child movie star. Coogan said he has been in Detroit several days on a business trip.

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Two Tractors Crash; 1 Dead

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) — Two tractors collided in a blinding dust storm on a road construction project near here Thursday, killing one of the drivers. He was Lee Stanley Webb, 19, of Baker.

New York High Students Drop Liquor Prom Plan

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) — The senior class of Horace Greeley High School here has dropped plans for controlled drinking at the annual prom June 25.

Snowbound Horse Ignores Gala Welcome

BUENA VISTA, Colo. (AP) — A tumultuous welcome rang Thursday in the shaggy ears of Elijah, the prodigal horse.

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Five Members of Family Graduate in One Weekend

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — Five members of Dr. Virgil O. Parrett's family will be graduated the first weekend of June. His wife and a daughter will get college degrees. Two daughters will be graduated from high school and a son from grammar school.

M&F Board Re-Elected

PORTLAND (AP) — Meier and Frank Co. stockholders Thursday re-elected all 11 members of the firm's board of directors.

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