



# THE BUILDER

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Through the good offices of  
Judge Hilliard Comstock

&

Jess Ratchford

a high grade programis  
on the cards to day

Speaker, Mr. Ted Gifford

of

"California War Chest"

And, after being absent for many weeks, due to an injury,  
who is to be chairman but Ed Beeson ?

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Petite Miss Gene Inniger, Lieutenant, was most entertaining,  
charming as well, in last week's program, Women's Army Corps.  
We're for these ladies speakers every time.

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Cast your ballots to day for the winners - officers for 1943.  
To elect 'em all by write-in route - well, could be. Don't try.

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On to Santa Cruz. This week. Russ, Floyd, Finnly, Neil, wives.  
District Convention. Healdsburg will be interested in what's  
doing at election there. Next week The Builder will broadcast the  
the "unanimous choice" for District Governor. You'll be surprized.

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Good sportmanship, that, when when our Presbyterian cleric Harold  
brought as his guest the Catholic cleric Iather Coghlan. May both  
have cushion seats in heaven - our wishes. Sure they will.



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THE BUILDER is happy to make this a special number in honor of our member, who is sincerely grateful, and who modestly smiles his satisfaction from the center herein - now the Governor of California-Nevada District, Kiwanis International -

## RUSSELL B. STEVENS

Appropriately, our Past Lieutenant Governor, Floyd Darby will act as Master of Ceremonies, and will build to day's program around the subject of our sketch. Right man, right place.



Between the four representatives attending, we're due for a virtual re-enactment of the recent Santa Cruz convention. Naturally, Healdsburg Kiwanis Club is proud to day.

And so, fellows, let us assemble to day with increased firmness of conviction that Kiwanis is a democratic organization; that men of merit and acumen every now and then are rightfully recognized, coming from the small town and small club, as capable of undertaking big responsibilities, accomplishing big business; that leaders are not necessarily chosen from the larger communities.

Governor Russ, we're perpetrating some surprise on you, exercising a little liberty; and notwithstanding your proverbial modesty, we trust you'll accept our observations and efforts in the spirit like unto which they are given. Congratulations, Russ, and a successful administration for year 1944.



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Never-to-be-forgotten memories, to wit: Ceremonies, Oct. 12, 1943; <sup>†</sup> Heralding of Governor; Imperial Guards; Couriers; Chamberlains; Regal Procession; Blare of Trumpets; Crown Bearer; Official Greeter; Scepter Bearer; Ascent Upon the Throne; Scepter Placed in Ruler's Hand; "Crown Installer" - all amidst sonorous sounds of explosives and horns. Healdsburg Kiwanis Ritual at Coronation of Russ Stevens, of Healdsburg Club. Distinction - Governor California-Nevada District, October 12, 1943. So much for the levity.

But, seriously, Past Governor Abe Leach inspired us on Kiwanis and paid a beautiful tribute to our new Governor. Senator H.W. Slater did likewise, plus making a fitting observance address appropriate to Columbus Day. Dave Kimmel and Al. Roemer of the Santa Rosa club also had nice things to say. Floyd was in his element as chairman.

Now, for to day. Governor Russ will have the opportunity, not afforded last meeting, to more fully speak his thoughts, profound as they must be. Hick Cooley, chairman. **Delegates' convention reports.**

Two weeks hence, November 2nd, we observe our 20th anniversary. Our first president, Joe Miller, writes: "It is hard to believe that twenty years have passed since the organization of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club. It would be delightful to me to be able to gather with the boys to celebrate the 20th anniversary". Joe regrets he can't be with us.

Mustn't fail to make mention of Elmer's sweet song "Thank God For A Garden" - having in mind that fine Victory garden of Russ. As accompanist, our always dependable Florence Meese. So happy too to again watch Owen <sup>leading</sup> club singing. In all, what a colorful program!



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That was a comprehensive report on the deliberations at the District convention, by Linnly, Lloyd and Neil, at last meeting. Perhaps as full and interesting as we have ever listened to. And Governor Russ feelingly spoke words of appreciation for all attentions & support.

LT. COL. P. L. DEBEVOISE  
to day  
in

Selected Subject

Also, observing, briefly, Navy Day  
Miss Edna Saphore,  
Ensign in the Waves,  
will address us.

Lin Gilbert, Chmn .

Russ is now in the midst of District Governors from U.S. and Canada - in Chicago. His first official trip eastward. On the night before thirty pals sent him off like the explosion of a battleship 16 inch gun, an impressive and positive start. That dinner, that horseplay, those speeches, that gift, nuf sed.

Now that our club has been distinctly honored, that we have been put on the spot to make good in return, - what about it? Are we going to extend ourselves, constructively and appreciatingly in deference to the high office won? Proper leadership will tell the tale. Home club support, the answer.