



# The Builder

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Of the several Healdsburg boys who came back from the din of battle to thrill our club on stirring experiences abroad one of these patriots was Freddy Mason.

Some years ago it was Finnly Frisch who had this self-same Fred as his guest speaker. Curiously enough, to day, it is same chairman, same speaker. In his first appearance Fred enlightened us on "radar" as it functioned at the time, - for war purposes. His subject now will stress something like "radar in modern warfare." Fred is way up in his chosen life work, and a speaker of unusual interest. Don't miss him.

Whenever a guest speaker happens to be a woman we, of course, are wont to receive her with due diference, and listen with perfest attention. And how one of the so-called "weaker sex" can and does dig into the meat found in public affairs was demonstrated last meeting by Mrs. Mildred Nielsen in her picture of the American Association for United Nations. Most informative indeed was her very live subject in these current times.

Healdsburg Kiwanis operated for its first full year in 1924. History as was written in those musty times points out that it was a good year - considering. Lots of fun and lots of work accomplished. Not a single one of the local bunch died off. That undertaker Fred Young threatened to withdraw from such a group, but would stay ~~on~~ conditional on doing better (for him) next year. That our preacher Dave Donnan was a little disceouraged too. And he exclaimed, "I guess we need another Doctor member."

That year was very much Prohibition. Wells went dry; cows went dry; it simply didn't rain - much. Grasshoppers ate the grapevines/ and prune leaves; and the 18th Amendment did its deadly stuff to boot. And yet, we succeeded in pulling through with cash enough to pay our Kiwanis dues! AN OUTSTANDING MIXTURE OF ADVERSITY & PROSPERITY!..

More history later on.



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Ira Rosenberg announces: Mr. Bill Allayaud, Assistant Scout Executor, Geyser Peak District, will have a Scout program for us to day.

Of the several Healdsburg boys who, in the past, came back from the front to tell us of experiences in service of the Fatherland - stories, some most informative, some very thrilling, we can recall such names as "Pat" Dennes, Frances Passalacqua, George McCord, and our guest speaker last week, "Freddy" Mason.

Some years elapsed, and Fred filled his "return engagement" last week. And what a talk! While Radar is pretty deep for most of us we all left Legion Hall convinced it is wonderful, most effective in time of war, and an institution just about the last word in science. A masterful man in his business is Healdsburg's Fred Mason. One of our outstanding programs of the year - thanks to Finnly.

Harking back - way, way back to Healdsburg Kiwanis history:

It was the 24th day of December, 1924. Defendant John Hillhouse was charged with taking and appropriating to his own use an Attendance Prize awarded to George Inrie. Records and memory now fail to designate name of presiding magistrate. Billy Whitney was foreman of the jury; Fred McConnell prosecuting attorney. The latter, in a whispering conference, told the ~~jury~~ <sup>judge that the jury</sup> had already made up their minds - regardless of any and all testimony. Whereupon dark charges were hurled against not only McConnell, but also against the court clerk, presiding magistrate, club president and jury foreman!

It developed into a terrible mess, right there in Healdsburg Kiwanis court chambers. So much of the judicial outfit having thereby disqualified themselves to honestly and faithfully function, the defense proceeded to invoke the "nolle contendere" principle (meaning no procedure), and to the end that defendant Hillhouse may go his way and sin no more.

To name the jubilant attorney for defense appropriate modesty forbids. Court adjourned sine die.



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Roy Haley, always ahead of time in reporting writes as follows:  
"On Tuesday, November 17th, it will be my pleasure to be chairman of the day at the Kiwanis meeting and I will have for my speaker the Hon. Hubert B. Scudder, our Representative in Congress. Hubert will no doubt bring us up to date in the doings in Washington."

Wonder if this community of ours materially differs from any other of like proportions with respect to recognizing and assisting people in trouble. Perhaps not. Anyhow, just now comes the thought of a local function a few nights ago when an outpouring of citizens paid heed to a respected fellow member burdened with serious physical affliction. And what a generous testimonial that was! <sup>One</sup> ~~One~~ of the most whole-hearted gatherings ever to assemble in this town in the interests of "brother man." A real cross section group too.

Handsomely was our patient remembered. Gratifying must it be to the young man to be convinced there is the sweet with the bitter in life. "Always face the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you." Hopefully, the afflicted will soon be on his feet again, by the process of nature's remedies, together with material support by his townsmen.

And this leads us to contemplate what an ideal community in which a service club to fit. No wonder we have the Lions, Rotary, 20-30, and Kiwanis in Healdsburg. A community to lend encouragement for successful functioning of these organizations. A source of pride, for these clubs do things in the interests of others.

November 22nd, School of Instruction for Officers at Sonoma.

December 2nd, Installation of Lieutenant Governor at Vallejo.

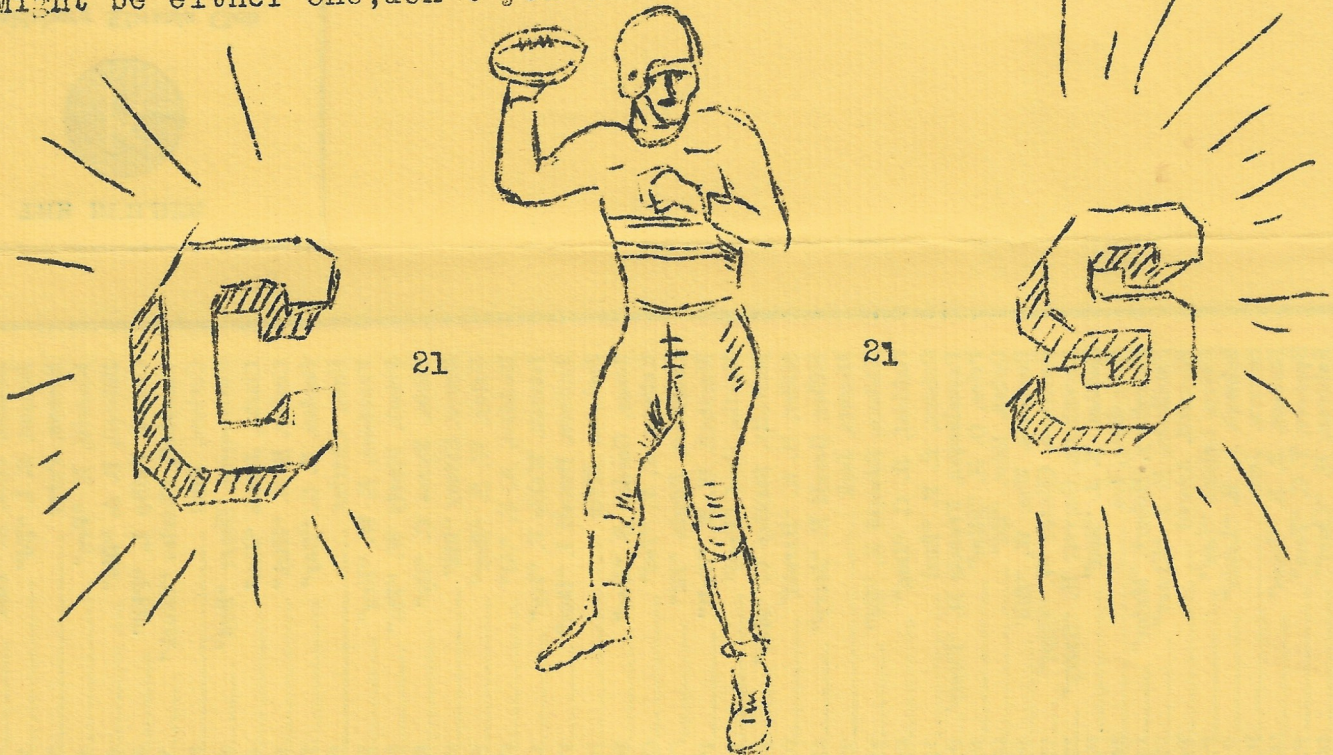
By carrying along his "James West" throughout his Boy Scout talk Bill Allayaud made for a real entertainment. To person<sup>a</sup>alize an address in such fashion is the art of commanding interest as no other means of approach. Thanks to Ira Rosenberg. Good program.



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Just emerging from TV, this hour of 4-30. There goes the gun. And the BIG GAME is over. Ninety thousand humans going wild. Score a tie. Now who is the quarterback below? Is he Garrett? Is he Larsen? Might be either one, don't you think? Let's call 'em heroes, both.



All hail, California

All hail, Stanford

Sports-minded is this club of ours. Hence, this special edition.

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Thanksgiving is just ahead. so comes in for respectful consideration this day of gratitude for many things. Guest's speaker, will be Major Chris Thomas, of the Salvation Army. And for arranging an appropriate program let's thank another Major - Herbert Sainsbury.

We have followed Hubert Scudder from a little lowly insurance office in Sebastopol, later on as Assemblyman in Sacramento, lastly, and presently as Congressman in Washington, D.C. What development is wrought by the process of evolution! As we saw and heard Hubert last week - what a matured seasoned, yet virile legislator is he. With interest we listened to his sojourn in Europe, then too governmental affairs. Thanks to Banker Roy.