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It is this which helps justify the existence of the Kiwanis. It is a very institution with us.

Where would Kiwanis be to day were it not for the ladies ?

What sort of Kiwanis Convention, bereft of Kiwanettes ?

Visualize an intra-club meet consisting of "men only"

Well, on this night of December 9th, right here in Healdsburg, there's to be one grand mixture of women and men. Better be on hand and save a "bawling out." Don't take the chance. Come at 7.

And just why the importance of all this ?

Because our Co-Ks MUST be on hand to sponsor and dignify the "abdication" and "inauguration" of Walt Wright and Earl Jensen, respectively, as Lieutenant Governor of Division Eight.

Let's have a full complement of both sexes at this grand gathering.

After 10 long years Paul Crabb came back, to reminisce on old associations in Kealdsburg Kiwanis, over which he once presided; also, to philosophise on education. What constitutes education, anyway ? Leave it to the now Vallejo pedagogue to once and for all settle any and all misunderstandings.



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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17, 1952

Please note it is NOT Tuesday, this time, but the following night, at Lytton Home, at SEVEN. Another grand mixture of men and women, for our annual Salvation Army Home Christmas meeting for those youngsters. Be there, on time. Invite the friends.

For those who may not, will not, cannot attend, a round table will be held at our usual meeting place, at noon, Tuesday.

Echoes of December Ninth: What a handsome gathering of 150 strong! It seemed to call for a lot of "fuss" - a lot of action to make over Earl Jensen into a Division Governor. Also, to un-make Walt Wright, now past master. But the end fully justified the means.

There were opening ceremonies, benediction, welcome song, et cetera; music of different brands; mastership of ceremonies; toastmaster-ship too; introductions; installation; speeches galore; presentations; returning of traveling gavel; history of same; - all artistically conglomerated into one grand medley of entertainment!

And those performers, each in his or her respective capacity: Viz, Fred M. - the graceful presidente; Major Sainsbury, The Divine; Faithful Elmer, accompanying the choristers; Ever-ready Florence with those girl singers; Al, glib of tongue, toaster; Wright, right at his best; Russ, All-Kiwanis snooty guy; little nobleman, titled Earl; last, not least, By Gibbs.

Results of it all: To Retiring Walt, for himself forever, (1), return of that cherished Traveling Gavel, and Booklet of its wanderings, - memento of his illustrious governorship in Division Eight, 1952.

(2) Choice Luggings in future travels for himself and "Jo".

To Governor Earl: Official badge of authority - Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor Pin. (2) Kiwanis Div. Banner, (for his Vallejo Club) And (3) Wholehearted expression of confidence and good will, from all his "subjects".

A memorable night, and with most appropriate closing, - Elmer Sandborn's sweet tenor - "Till We Meet Again."



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At this time it is meet and proper that we stress observance of Christmas Day. Elnor, Chairman.

Accordingly, we are privileged to listen to timely and appropriate observations - such as our Jack Thomas is quite qualified to speak.

It seems also fitting that we devote this page of the weekly letter in deference to the anniversary of the birth of the GREATEST MAN who ever lived.

Ben Dean

As Past International President has termed the occasion, as the "miracle that changed the history of mankind."

And is it too much to say that Kiwanis may find its "inspiration and driving force" from Him who is the occasion of our celebrating Christmas Day ?

Seems to be some tie-in here, for one main Object with us is to give primacy to the human and spiritual.

True to form, as for these many, many, years, Healdsburg club called again at Lytton Home, to help make happy a hundred or more girls and boys, with our presence and benefactions. Christmas spirit was in the fore during the whole evening. Bounteous turkey dinner, children's singing, grown-ups speeches, and fascinating entertainment spelt for a grand time for all. It must have appealed to the new superintendent Major Heber Sainsbury and his good wife, Molly. A charming couple, these.

Let us all be present this Tuesday noon, for a Christmas meet.



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Chairman Rolzy (bout the only one in all christendom packing around such a name), has signed up "Chuck" Campbell for a speel on the Doc's professional service.

In the wake of a child being born there seemed to be some confusion concerning ~~with reference to~~ which of two members, of identical names, might be responsible to come through with the customary and joyful offerings. Result: Each passed around the cigars: Not always is age the essence. Never jump at conclusions, or underestimate one's capabilities.

With fitting discourse by Jack Thomas, together with sacred cantata recordings, Christmas Day was appropriately observed.

January 13th. Keep open this date, for 'twill be time of our annual BIG night. Then will be another "ladies night", installation of new officers, an' lots o' things.

THIS SPACE KEPT OPEN FOR THE "FILLING 'N" TO DAY