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These fellows of the crew are getting around - and how. For instance Harry Krusz returned from a visit East. At New York he had a visit with Allen Seed; tried to get in touch with Ed. Steinbuehler but he was on a vacation; I know Harry would like to have seen all our New York members but time is short and distances are great in New York. At Washington he got to see Linton Collins; in Chicago he had luncheon with Bill Saltiel and Bob Corcoran; found Ed. Dahlin was on vacation and Howard Davidson out of town; that was all he had time for there. At Boston he tried to get a trace of Wally Sutter who was in the crew for many years but suddenly just dropped out of sight and I hope someone in the crew will find Wally and let me know where he is. He's too good a fellow to be drifting away from us. Harry said he got a big kick out of seeing all you fellows and I know you enjoyed seeing him, too.

Royal Irwin out at Denver just came back from his trip, too, and while he was too rushed to get to see many of the crew, he did get to see Walt Holman, Howe Moffatt and Lyle Nicholes of the crew at the Utah State Moeting at Salt Lake. He says Glen Howe one of the Vice-Presidents of the USJC promised 200 from Utah at Denver next year. Irwin says he hopes that many come from every state so the hotels won't be able to accomodate everybody giving them a chance to put the overflow in their homes. You may have to do just that, Royal.

Park Kinney, also of Denver, says his wife and he are planning a trip to Dallas and Fort Worth the last of the month and hopes to see some of the crew enroute - hope you do, Park. Kinney is a great Cardinal fan and says if they win the Pennant he'll come to St. Louis in October. Here's hoping that, too, Park.

Carroll Fay, of Joplin, one of our newcomers, is probably just back from his trip "down South" - hope he reports seeing some of you. Howie Davidson says he will be in Indianapolis shortly and will see Larry Wingerter and get him into the crew; Walt Clinton, that Realtor of Tulsa is on a trip through Dixie to Richmond, Virginia and from there will go up to New York for the Louis-Sharkey fight before returning to Tulsa, I am expecting him to drop in on some of you follows. Walt says if we don't come to Tulsa soon to see E. Fred Johnson and Harry Krusz we'll have to be reintroduced to them because we'll never know them - they've grown so fat.

Many of you will be pleased to know that old timer "Dick" Wood is now in our midst here in St.Louis - with the Coal Exchange. Hope you like your new work, Dick. Maybe you'll like St. Louis as well as you did Omaha.

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Bud Mullholland caused a broad smile on my face when he wrote "I have finally had enough pressure exerted upon me by Esther to request that in the future you send the Log to my home address at #2048 Joffre Avenue, Toledo. Being somewhat absent-minded I have neglected to take it home for her perusal and the indignation is becoming sufficiently strong that in order to forestall any future omissions on my part I think it advisable to have it sent where Esther can see it first." This one is going HOME, Bud and I want Esther to know we appreciate her interest in the crew.

One of the finest experiences out of this being Keeper of the Log is the knowledge that the wives are so deeply interested in the crew. Every where I go I find this true and it is a source of much satisfaction. In fact, one of these issues I think I'll devote to a tribute to these find help-mates to our ship-mates. There is no doubt but what their gentle influence has had a great deal to do with the success of the crew and they deserve proper recognition.

True to type is Lillian Cooley the good wife of Charley Cooley of the crew here in St. Louis. This fine mother has presented her husband with their second bundle from Heaven in the person of little Jane Ann to keep her six year old brother, Billy, company. I hope when you fellows of the crew come through St. Louis we can, sometime, have you meet the mates here - a group that has been associated together many years - and meet their wives. They're the same wholesome kind of folks you'd expect to find among the old-timers.

Notice the letterheads - they're from George Greeley - he was one of those initiated into the crew at Memphis and when he returned home wrote that he enjoyed it so much even though he was one of the "victims" - that's what you call a good scout.

Just received a welcome letter from Jack Willson, of Denver, who sends in a new member for the crew - Paul L. West, City Hall, Pueblo, Colo. Paul has been a National Director twice, President of the Pueblo and also the Colorado State JC and is Commissioner of Health and Public Grounds and Buildings in Pueblo having been elected last year for a four year term. We welcome you Paul and hope you will enjoy being in the crew of our mythical ship. Thanks, too, Jack, for bringing him in.

And another letter from Grady Vien enclosing \$1 for another Paul - Paul K. Harding, #3212 Linden Pl., East St. Louis, a past national Director. Glad to see Grady using his salesmanship - hope he'll produce more - and welcome, Paul, to the crow.

That follow Prox is a "go-getter" - he started to get into our crew every one of the first administration of 16 years ago and by gosh he's doing it - just sent in membership for Harold E. Agate of Elyria, Ohio. Agate is affectionately known by his friends as "Gig" and is Chief Deputy Clerk of the Common Pleas Court of Lorain Co. and is candidate for Clerk of the Court. We welcome you into the crew, "Gig" and hope you win in the election.

This now member stirred to action his fellow townsman Lawrence H. Webber who has been in the crew quite a while but is so silent although his profession would indicate he should be otherwise; he served two terms as Prosecuting Attorney of Lorain County and during 1930-31 was District Governor of Rotary for the 21st District. He too was a member of the first USJC Board - one of the old faithfuls who laid the foundation for the present prosperity of the JC idea.

"Russ" Knowland, of Oakland, California in sending me his letterheads, says about the last log "I was delighted to see that it was on the letterhead of my old friend, Bill Becker. It brought back memories of a wonderful southern dinner of fried chicken and trimmings which I onjoyed with Bill and his wife last Summer at the home of Louis Duane." Russ is chairman of the Committee to bring the 1938 Convention to Oakland so we'll probably hear more from him as we go along.

Received a flock of létterheads for future logs - thanks Walt Moore, Al. Speak, Stanley Nichaus, Ed. Frerichs for the letterheads and your letters accompanying them. I'll speak more about both in a forthcoming Log.

Harvey Humphrey out at Los Angeles is a generous soul - and a fervent supporter of the Log. He insists on doing something all the time. Now he wants to supply special mimcograph sheets for the second and thrid sheets of the log and is having his draftsman make some designs so they'll be attractive. Thanks, Harvey, for your devotion to the crew.

One of the most valuable compensations out of editing this little Log is the interest you men take in it - the contributions of bits of philosophy, articles on friendship and the nobler things of life suitable for the "benediction" or closing paragraphs which you men send me. One that was particularly interesting is one sent in by Bud Mulholland which was written by his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Mulholland when she had reached the age of 75 years. The fact that after this long life this kindly grandmother wrote these lines indicated to me that she had found "the pearl of great price" in friendship and she wished to let the world know its value early in life and enjoy the benefits. I repeat it:

FRIENDSHIP **

- - By Alice Mulholland

The fates one day with gracious mind And generous impulse were inclined To give to human kind a rare And precious gift, beyond compare. They searched through treasures ages old, Through stores of jewels, silver, gold, Naught deemed they meet to send. With toilsome quest o'er all the earth Found they a boon of lasting worth And gave us you, -- a friend.

Could anyone have said it more beautifully?

Keeper of the Log.