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Lee Augustine sent me the clipping from a British newspaper regarding our new USA Vice-President, Gerald Ford, in which it was mentioned that in 1948 he received the Grand Rapids Jaycees DSA Award, and the US Jaycees chose him as one of America's Ten Outstanding Men in 1949 - and the article says, "It's judgement was being proved remarkably sound." I'm going to put the Vice-President on the mailing list for the "Log" now. Thanks, Lee, for sending me the interesting article.

I was delighted to learn that our mate Albert B. Logan has just published a 260 page book entitled, "Justice in Jeopardy." Al's effort is to suggest, as he says, "strategy to revitalize the American Dream." It evidently is a thought-provoking book and I hope, Al, that it becomes a "best seller."

Andre LeTendre is now Deputy to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20230 - we wish you, too, a grand "tour of duty."

Ted Bruce wrote, "Mary and I just returned from Hawaii, as well as Paris, Cologne and London. On the day we left Hawaii we talked to Howdy Reynolds, who returned home that day from a protracted 3 months stay in the hospital but was fully recovered and asked to be remembered to the mates.

Speaking of Howdy, he sent me copies of the Wall Street Journal telling of our mate Hugh F. Owens being selected by President Nixon to be Chairman of Securities Investor Production Corporation. This investor insurance fund is jointly run by the government and the securities industry and we wish Hugh a great tour of duty.

Our mate John Pfiefer was honored by his election to the "Order of Merit" of Lambda Chi Alpha National Fraternity and we congratulate him on this honor. He sent me letterheads of Franklin and Marshall College, where he is Director of Bands and I'll use them on a subsequent issue of the "Log".

Speaking of letterheads, Bob Lindholm sent me those of the US JCI Senate which I'll use on a subsequent issue; this time I'm using those of our mate Jack Morton, who was such a wonderful host at one of our Washington Reunions. Thanks, Jack. I'm sure Jack will be of great help to Phil Knox, who is Chairman of our next Reunion.

Doug Hoge attended the JCI Congress at Nice, France, and said how glad he was to see other Past JCI Presidents Cliff Myatt, Philippe Avrandnel and Royce Pepin, and also USJC Past President Gordon Thomas, who has been transferred by the Commerce Department to Cincinnati. His mailing address is Box 873, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201.

In last "Log" the passing of Paul Bagwell was mentioned; John Hamrick wrote that Edith passed away November 10th, almost exactly one month after Paul's passing. Norma and Pete Baldwin also wrote about Edith's passing and we all mourn the passing of these two fine folks.

Dwight Havens wrote about it, too, and said, "There's a saying, "Do things in life which outlast it." Paul and Edith did actually that in helping make this world just a little better place in which to live."

This also applies to LeRoy Owen, who passed away in Pasadena; he, too; ventured much and achieved greatly and served humanity as all good former Jaycees have done and are doing. We mourn his loss.

Harold Clark sent me the picture of Lewis A. Stocking, who was honored as Past Potentate of Tripoli Shrine Temple of Milwaukee. His Jaycee experience in his early days equipped him for a lifetime of community activities.

George Pagonis informs us that our mate Ed Bond has been made President of Pressman, Frohlich & Frost, members of the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street. Congratulations, Ed.

Merritt Martin as of December 10th assumed responsibility as Executive Vice-President of Ypsilanti Area C. of C., 11 North Adams Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. He praised Dwight Havens, who has been his, "boss, mentor and teacher" and prepared him for his new job, and which he stated, "started from the "fraternity" of Jaycee alumni."

"Chuck" Mulhair sends his address - P. O. Box 1432, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101. He wrote that he sent large Mount Rushmore wall murals to the Governors who attended the conference in Rapid City this summer and received a nice letter from Governor Wendell Ford of Kentucky that recalled the Jaycee days when Wendell was running for USJC President.

Joe Murell sent me 2 VIP passes to attend the last of the Skylab launch shots at the Kennedy Space Center, courtesy of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce. Sorry I couldn't be there, Joe, but thanks for the invitation.

Myron Heeger asks us to take on board Jack Finley, #6 Timberlane Drive, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Myron says Jack is Traffic Manager of the W. A. Schaeffer Pen Company, was an outstanding Jaycee locally and National Director in the 1950's and is still interested in the Jaycees so we're taking him aboard.

With the mail service as it is, mail is not forwardable and evidently many mates have moved. I wish each of you would let me know the present addresses of Paul Graves (Knoxville, Tennessee), J. B. Fitzpatrick (Bethany, Connecticut), and Alan Tully (Lincoln, Nebraska).

Several of our officers attended the Savings & Loan Convention at Dallas, and I asked them to phone the mates there. They talked with mates James Stuart, Lynn Crossley and John Briggs, and gave them my fond regards.

With our mates in Government perhaps the advice Benjamin Franklin gave our Founders, might be reviewed to-day. He said,

"Righteousness and justice are undoubtedly of all virtues the surest foundation on which to erect and establish a new state. But there are two nobler virtues - industry and frugality, which tend more to increase the wealth, power, and grandeur of the Community than all the others without them."

Pretty good advice.

Merry Christmas!

Cordially,

John H. Armbruster Keeper of the Log