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FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Hotel Benson, 12:10, Sharp

CITY CLUB QUARTET BRIDGE AND TRAFFIC FORUM

Speaker

CHARLES MCKINLEY

of Reed College

Subject

"Causes of Traffic Delay on Bridge Approaches"

*An Analysis, Illustrated by Charts, Prepared by the
City Club, City Planning Bureau*

LANTERN SLIDES

*Illustrating Beauty in Bridge Design the
World Over*

(Discussion From the Floor Invited)

FIRST APPEARANCE!

CITY CLUB QUARTET

GEORGE MAYO

O. B. HARRIMAN, JR.

WALTER S. KLEIN

J. H. BERRY

LINDSLEY ROSS - - Accompanist

AN UNUSUAL EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM
DON'T MISS IT

NEW PLAN OF CIVIC WORK IS ADOPTED

WITH the idea of dividing the entire membership of the City Club into Sections for the purpose of research, study and discussion, thereby giving every member a chance to take part and express himself, the Public Affairs Committee, upon the suggestion of Committee Chairmen and the President, has spent several weeks studying a plan of re-organization which would accomplish the above purpose.

After a number of preliminary conferences with the Board, the Public Affairs Committee submitted on Monday its recommendations, which were unanimously adopted by the Board.

The Section plan of Civic Work, proposed by the Committee, is based somewhat upon that used by the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, but does not materially alter the City Club's working program. In fact, the plan was

provided for in the Constitution when the Club was organized, but until the membership of the Club had become larger and more diversified, all work was completed in small Bureaus and special committees.

The re-organization consolidates bureaus and committees under Sections, to which the entire membership of the Club will be assigned according to individual preferences.

The Committee recommends that the Executive Secretary take immediate steps to classify the Club members according to preference for work in the new Sections and that the plan as a whole be placed in effect at the beginning of the Club year. Beginning next week, members will have an opportunity to check off their preferences on the new program.

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"To inform its members and the community in public matters and to arouse them to a realization of the obligations of citizenship."

TRAFFIC STUDY FRIDAY

City Club members interested in the field of city planning will look forward to the meeting on Friday. The objective aimed at by Mr. McKinley's study was to secure as complete a picture as possible of certain central facts of the Hawthorne Bridge traffic problem, namely, volume and direction of vehicular traffic and the sources and deviation of delays. The report should be the basis for some interesting discussion, as will the presentation of slides illustrating bridge designs the world over.

MEMBER IS AUTHOR

The City Club Library acknowledges with thanks the first autographed copy of a book by a City Club member. The author in the case is none other than Dr. C. Ulysses Moore, member of the Board of Governors and prominent children's specialist of Portland. "Nutrition of Mother and Child" is the title of the book and is probably one that City Club "dads" will rush to borrow. The book is published by Lippincott & Co., who have the following to say about the book:

"This volume presents the facts of nutrition which have been accepted by schools of accredited standing everywhere. The book lays particular emphasis on the newer conception of breast feeding, the building up of breast milk, vitamins and the mineral content of the diet. Nothing is included which has not been tested and proven of practical value in personal experience. The volume is written in simple straight-forward English and as untechnical as is feasible in the presentation of scientific facts."

CHICAGO MAN SPEAKS

A member of the City Club of Chicago, Mr. J. G. Schaefer, representative of the National Clothiers' Association, gave a short and interesting talk before the Club last Friday. Although many of the members may have wanted to hear him tell about those "capotes" which are to be wished on our overcoats, he chose an entirely different topic—the story of how the City Club of Chicago helped to run out the "machine" in city politics and nominate desirable candidates for Mayor. His talk was a forcible one and left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that he preferred the battling club to a chess and checker organization.

O. A. C. INVITES CLUB

A Business Show which will epitomize the principles of the commercial and industrial progress of the Pacific Northwest will be given by the Oregon Agricultural College School of Commerce, at Corvallis, Friday, March 30th. Portland civic organizations have been invited to be the guests of the College that day, an event which will really be the formal opening of the big Commerce Building.

No department at O. A. C. has shown such an astonishing growth as the School of Commerce and the plan for March 30th is to acquaint the people of the state with the progress being made.

The Chamber of Commerce is in charge of the Portland excursion and it is hoped that a large delegation from the City Club will be able to attend. Reservations may be made through the City Club Office.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications for membership have been received and will be presented for the approval of the City Club, Friday, March 10th:

EDMOND S. TURNER,
Wm. S. Turner & Co.
A. D. VANCE,
Civil Engineer.
L. S. STINSON,
Accountant.

The above applicants are proposed by Arthur O'Neil (1) and E. C. Willard (2).

The City Club Quartet will make its first appearance at a luncheon meeting on Friday. This is a permanent City Club organization and needless to say, it is likely to become the most popular.

NEW PROGRAM

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The report submitted to the Board reads in part as follows:

"The Public Affairs Committee has completed its consideration of the question of committee re-organization and as a result offers the following plan for the approval of the Board of Governors.

"In order to make the titles of the various permanent Bureaus of Sections of the City Club comprehensive enough to include all probable assignments in civic work the following classification of Sections is proposed. Sub-titles are also given for the purpose of definition to indicate some of the questions that may be taken up by the Sections and also to facilitate the securing of definite preference from members for work assignment. The following is proposed:

CITY CLUB SECTIONS

1. CITY PLANNING

- City Planning.
- Zoning.
- Public Art Control.
- Public Buildings.
- Bridges.
- Streets and Ways.

2. EDUCATION AND RECREATION

- Schools.
- Libraries.
- Auditorium.
- Parks.
- Playgrounds.
- Americanization.
- Boys' Work.

3. GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND PUBLIC FINANCE

- Revenue Systems (taxation, licenses, fees, assessments, etc.)
- Assessment of Property.
- Indebtedness.
- Budget Systems.
- Accounting.
- Purchasing and Control of Property.
- Personnel Administration (Civil Service and Pensions).
- Consolidation of Local Government (Charter Revision, etc.).
- City Manager Plan.
- Elections.

4. PORT DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

- Water.
- Gas, Electricity, Telephone, Telegraph and Radio.
- Transportation (Rail and Truck).
- Terminal Facilities.
- Water Ways Development.
- Conservation and Development of Resources (Agricultural, Timber and Mineral).
- Scenic Preservation.

5. PUBLIC HEALTH

- Health Work (City, County, State and Federal.
- Hospitals.
- Housing.
- Sewerage System.
- Collection and Disposal of Wastes.
- Street Cleaning.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE

- Courts—General.
- Enforcement of Law (Police, Sheriff, Constabulary, Marshal, etc.).
- Fire Fighting and Prevention.
- Building Inspection and Control.
- License Control.
- Military Affairs (State and Federal)

7. SOCIAL WELFARE

- Charities and Corrections.

"In the second place, the suggestion is made that the President, subject to the constitutional provisions previously referred to, assign all members of the City Club to one or another of the

above seven sections, as much as possible on the basis of their voluntary preference. It is thought that the President should not be prohibited from drafting members for particular

jobs but that in general, section assignments should be on a voluntary basis. In case members express no preference it will be necessary, of course, for the President to make arbitrary assignments.

"In the third place, it is suggested that the President, subject to the constitutional provisions previously referred to, shall appoint a permanent chairman for each Section whose duty it shall be to have general charge of the work of the Section. The Committee is of the opinion that the procedure for securing Section activity in the way of meetings, assignments, programs, reports, etc., should be left pretty largely to the Section Chairman in co-operation with the President. It was suggested that some of the Chairmen might see fit to appoint a secretary to co-operate with him in the work of his Section.

"In the fourth place, the Committee thinks that a small working committee should be appointed by the President, subject to the constitution and in conference with the chairman of the Section for each particular study which is referred by the Governors. As stated before, the relation of the entire membership of the Section to these small working committees and the methods that shall be used to secure suggestions for work and opinions on tentative reports from the membership at large shall be left to the Chairman."

"In the fifth place, the Committee suggests that the name of the Public Affairs Committee shall be changed in practice to the "Steering Committee" and that the Steering Committee shall be comprised of the Chairman of the seven Sections, ex-officio, together with three general members appointed by the President and the Vice-President of the Club as ex-officio chairman of the Committee. It is thought that this arrangement will secure the necessary contact between the Steering Committee and the working committees of the Club.

"Since the Steering Committee under this plan will consist principally of the chairmen of working committees, it is suggested in the sixth place that it would be a good plan to have a joint meeting of the Board of Governors and the Steering Committee once a month.

"The last suggestion which the Committee has on this subject is that this proposed re-organization, if approved by the Governors, be placed in operation as of the beginning of the next Club year. If the plan is adopted the Executive Secretary can secure the preference of the various members of the Club from Committee assignment prior to the beginning of the new year, and the change between the present system and the new can be made to coincide with the change in officers."

CHAPMAN COMES AGAIN

SECOND helpings are usually not devoured with the zest that is attached to first ones, but this fact evidently did not apply to the second "session" of the Legislature conducted at the City Club last Friday by C. C. Chapman, fellow-member and versatile editor of the Oregon Voter. The same room-full of members was present to hear the concluding chapter on measures, events and personalities at the recent Legislature.

Mr. Chapman gave a very fair and complete version of the pardons issued to state prisoners by Acting-Governor Ritner, a version based, as he stated, on an acquaintance with Mr. Ritner and on statements which he had heard made about the State Capitol but had not verified. The gist of his remarks was that as Acting-Governor, Mr. Ritner had acted in full accord with the responsibilities placed upon him and that in the matter of the paroles had accepted the recommendations of the state parole board and of prison officials only after a close personal investigation. Mr. Chapman explained the LaRose case by stating that altho LaRose had committed a heinous crime, he had been so completely transformed and rehabilitated in prison as to win the confidence of the prison officials and townspeople. Having fulfilled the requirements to this degree Mr. Chapman stated that he should be given a chance to make good.

"In regard to the Governor's veto," stated the speaker, "it is his failure to exercise the veto on 266 bills passed rather than on 30 that bears the most importance. The Governor had a great antipathy for emergency clauses and made it known early that he would give them the axe. This is not good business because emergency clauses are needed on appropriation bills in order to provide the state departments with money for operation during the 90 days following the legislature before the bills go into effect. With emergency clauses killed, there is no money for employces, a debt accumulates and the state is morally bound to pay interest charges."

The "meddler" agent is the term used by Mr. Chapman for the State Market Agent created by the Legislature. He gave an interesting account of the growth of this bill and of the great power wielded by the Agent over all food products except "loganberries." In the latter case he stated that one man alive to his own interests had had horticultural products excepted from the jurisdiction of the Agent.

The speaker stated that it was too much the attitude of the business man to take up the cudgels only against legislature that effects his own interests.