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City Club of Portland (Portland, Or.)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
Hotel Benson, 12:00 Noon, Sharp

The City Club’s Fall “Reunion” Meeting
WOMEN ARE INVITED

SPECIAL NOTICE: Because of the extraordinary attractiveness of the program—any one of three features being an event in itself—members and wives and guests are requested to come at twelve o’clock in order to allow full time for the music and speakers.

Program

MISS ALICE BARROWS
Member Federal Bureau of Education Staff
Director, Survey of Portland Schools

"THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SCHOOL SURVEY"

EDWARD BERWICK
Noted Publicist

"THE MONROE DOCTRINE—100 YEARS AFTER"

MISS MARGARET CARNEY
Soprano
J. Hutchison, Accompanist

MISS CARNEY: Everyone admires the man or woman who reaches success over great obstacles. Miss Carney, though blind, is one of the really notable singers of Portland. She has delighted many local audiences with the charm of her voice and recently won an ovation at a concert in Seattle. Her generous consent to sing at the City Club on “Women’s Day” is appreciated.

MISS BARROWS: What is the school survey which the City Club used its influence to obtain? Miss Barrows, director of many similar surveys, will give a clear exposition of the Federal Bureau’s plans. This will be her first public address in Portland—she has refused all other invitations until she has spoken before the City Club! Her personality is delightful, her skill is apparent—take advantage of this opportunity to hear her.

MR. BERWICK: A friend of Muir, Burroughs and Jordan, Mr. Berwick shares the rare humanitarian interests of these three men. Those who heard his talk before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco in May say that it was a masterpiece. Recently we commemorated the Constitution. The Monroe Doctrine, formulated 100 years ago, is another significant step in our history, then and now. Mr. Berwick’s study of international affairs makes his choice of this subject a worthy one.

DO YOU WANT BADGES? — READ PAGE 3
The following letter comes from the Long-Bell office at Kansas City.

"Editor City Club Bulletin: The Long-Bell Lumber Company at Longview, Wash., has passed me a copy of your Bulletin of September 21st, which contains an article entitled, 'A City Is Building.'

"It seems to me that this story of Longview has been very effectively told in a very few words, and in addition to thanking you for using the article in the Portland City Club Bulletin, I wish to congratulate you upon it."

The Multnomah Club will hold a Club Smoker, October 18th, and an Open House, October 27th, for the benefit of old and new members. The Club Directors, of which at least four are City Club members, are planning for the most progressive year in the Club's history.

Miss Margaret Carney, who will sing for the City Club on Friday, has filled several important engagements on the Pacific Coast.

Let the home folks know that there is to be a "Women's Day" meeting at the City Club—don't wait until after Friday noon.

Early attendance at the meeting this week is necessary for the success of the program. Come not later than 12:00 o'clock.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications for membership have been received and will be presented for the approval of the City Club, Friday, November 26th:

E. C. Farnham,
Pastor, Evangelical Church

Robert L. Jones,
Dentist, Selling Building

W. I. Northrup,
Dentist, Stevens Building

Proposed by Carl Zook, W. R. James, R. W. Osborn.

Team Captains of membership groups will be asked to report this week on the extent to which they have sought the co-operation of members in fulfilling the committee's program for the year.
“Shall the City Club adopt badges for its members to wear at luncheon and dinner meetings?” Through this week’s Bulletin the whole membership is given a chance to answer this question on the basis of a report submitted to the Board of Governors last week by a special committee. Read the report, published below, and mail the enclosed card with your vote. The referendum closes October 15th in order that the price of the badges may be included on the November bills.

To the Board of Governors:

For several years there has been a recurrent demand for membership badges to be worn at the Friday lunches and other City Club meetings. The purpose of badges is to foster a broader acquaintance among the existing members and to assist in the assimilation of new members.

On June 8, 1923 the Board of Governors was authorized by a majority vote of the members present at that day’s session to consider the subject in all its phases necessary to a decision on the advisability of adopting club badges, showing the name of the wearer and possibly his occupation or business affiliation.

The committee tendering this report was appointed to survey the subject and make recommendations. The Board stipulated, however, that if badges were adopted nothing to indicate business connections should be shown thereon, but that it would consider the advisability of the member’s Club committee affiliation being shown.

There are a number of other clubs in Portland whose meetings are conducted in a manner similar to those of the City Club. The practices of six of these clubs have been studied and we report thereon as follows:

1. Five of the six clubs are organized for purposes which permit and in some cases encourage the interchange of business.
2. These five clubs all use badges. The sixth does not.
3. Of the five clubs that use badges, three make the wearing of them mandatory, one is less strict, and in the fifth the average is about 50%.
4. Four of these five clubs require the members to pay for their own badges at a cost of from 90c to $1.25 each.
5. The badges in use by these clubs are large celluloid buttons with the name of the club, the name of the member and the member’s occupation printed permanently thereon.
6. The customary method of caring for the badges is to rack them on a large board either by alphabetical or numerical arrangement. The board is placed near the room entrance where the members can secure their badges upon entering and return them upon leaving.

Your committee has studied several types and designs of badges and submits the following exhibits:

a. Metal frame for printed card insert. Safety pin clasp. Cost in lots of 500, 46c each.
b. Folded celluloid frame with card insert. Safety pin clasp. Cost in lots of 500, 24c each.
c. Large celluloid button with card insert. Straight pin fastener. Cost in lots of 500, 65c each.
d. Small elliptical button with name permanently printed thereon. Straight pin fastener. Irwin-Hodson Co. manufacturers. Cost in lots of 500, 20c each.
       Same in satin finish celluloid to have erasable name written on. Lots of 500, 7c each.

The problem of administration is the most difficult. The membership of the Club at present is 500 and is increasing. If the Club determines to use badges two questions present themselves; first, whether the Club or the individual members shall pay for them; second, whether providing and wearing of them shall be made mandatory. It also follows that if badges are adopted that some convenient means of distribution must be adopted. No better way suggests itself to your committee than that employed by the other clubs referred to above. Constant vigilance is the price of uniform practice and to some person must be assigned the unpleasant task of reminding careless or indifferent members that they should wear their badges.

Your committee presents its recommendations as follows:

1. That the badge marked “Exhibit B,” in metal, be used if a badge is adopted.
2. That the following question be referred to the whole membership of the Club, viz.: Shall the City Club require all members to buy and wear at its meetings a badge on which will be printed the wearer’s name only, the design to be selected by the Board of Governors at a cost not to exceed sixty-five cents, which will include overhead of distribution to members?

Respectfully submitted,

R. Park
R. F. Scholz
C. W. Platt, Chairman

The Membership Committee has something up its sleeve for every member which it hopes to “spring” within two weeks.
GENERAL FRIES SPEAKS

CHEMICAL WARFARE, fascinatingly described before the City Club last Friday by Brigadier-General Amos A. Fries, Chief of the Chemical Warfare Division of the U. S. Army, has a constructive as well as a destructive part to play in world affairs. According to the speaker its destructiveness has been greatly exaggerated from the point of its toll on human life, the modern use of gases being mainly to temporarily disable. General Fries proved to be the most interesting speaker the City Club has had for many months and a large crowd, including many of the military, heard his dynamic address. Mayor Baker was among the Club’s guests. Major Richard Park served as chairman of the day.

The function of the Chemical Warfare Service in peace time work was strikingly brought out. A great part of its work is to study the effect of gases upon human beings and to build up protective methods against them. Human progress depends to an amazing extent upon chemical research today and General Fries pointed out the service of his division in promoting its commercial usage. Anyone interested in the subject should read an article by General Fries in the October McClures.

We have asked Dr. R. K Strong, head of the chemistry department of Reed College, to give a brief estimate of the General’s talk. He reports as follows:

"The work of the Chemical Warfare Service since the war was particularly emphasized in its relation to the arts of peace. War gases must be shipped as liquids on account of transportation difficulties in handling gas "as a gas." The fumigation of ships, buildings and enclosed spaces is accomplished by the use of cyanogen chloride, the gas formed being heavy, poisonous, and of marked odor—all desirable qualities. Orchards and field crops are being sprayed in a special manner from airplanes.

"The much talked of mustard gas is loaded in the end of a policeman’s stick for discharge into mobs, with great success in the distribution of the unruly. Bank tellers are given the protection of this gas by a special device operating in less time than an attacker has to fire a revolver.

"The service is not organized to carry on investigational work concerning the preparation of new and unknown gases—this would be in contravention of the Washington Disarmament Treaty. Work is being carried on for defense purposes, in which connection the improvements in the gas mask were specially mentioned. Now carried at the side, having no nose clip, using non-dimming glasses and with speaking devices, the mask offers, with a minimum of discomforts, protection against all gases, even the insidious, odorless carbon monoxide. The new mask, as evolved under the direction of General Fries, has been utilized by many industrial concerns to protect workmen against dangerous gases in their trades."

COMMITTEE MAKES CALL

A special committee of the City Club Educational Section visited School Board headquarters last week to pay its respects to Miss Alice Barrows, representative of the Federal Bureau of Education and director of the Portland school survey.

To tell the whole truth, the Committee was very much delighted with Miss Barrows and is confident that the survey which has been ordered through the efforts of the City Club will be effectively accomplished. The Committee is unanimous in urging every Club member to hear her speak on Friday.

One of the results of the visit was to learn about the scope of the survey, which she will explain before the Club. Another was to receive a complete transcript of all correspondence between the School Board and the Federal Bureau of Education relative to the survey. Excerpts from this correspondence will be given in the Bulletin from time to time. The last word is: Don’t miss hearing Miss Barrows.

CITY CLUB ATHLETICS

The City Club Bowling Team beat its ancient rivals, the Rotary Club, Monday evening in two games out of three. The winners rolled some exceptionally high averages for the second series of the season and won with only four men on the team. The Credit Men, always the hardest team in the League to beat, will roll the City Club next Monday.

Volley ball will open in two weeks with about eight club teams competing. The City Club, although in its first season last year, made a good showing and should come up in the percentage column in the coming series. T. S. Johnson, Main 8338, has charge of volley ball activities for the Club and all members who wish to play should communicate with him at once.