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THIS WEEK'S MEETING
 August 3rd
 at the Sino-British Cultural
 Association Club Room
 12.30 p.m.

Speaker:
 "Julius" Lieu

***The Editor invites contributions of topical interest for the columns of "The Pagoda." Contributions should be typewritten on one side of the paper only.

A Thought on Impatience

John K. Sherman in Minneapolis Tribune

Although we struggle to prevent it, most of us occasionally encounter a stubborn thought that stirs up the hardpan of unconscious ideas about life which we carry around with us in place of a real philosophy. Such a thought was one I met recently in an aphorism by Franz Kafka: Impatience is the greatest sin. At first that doesn't seem fundamental or more than 30 percent true. You'd be inclined to answer that murder is certainly a much greater sin.

But: impatience is the greatest sin. There is meaning there, if you look at it, and it's important. Patience produces the conditions, the climate, in which virtue has a chance to grow and flower, where good work may lead to excellence. Impatience, on the other hand, is the great witherer.

Impatience, like familiarity, leads to contempt. Contempt is corrosive. It can dry you up, and ruin you. How many of the affirmative and generous perceptions, instincts and feelings can live in the same house with impatience? None. They can only get their foot in the door—they'll never enter until impatience flies out the window.

Report of the Meeting, July 27, 1950

By "Slim"

Probably due to the absence of Gigantic Sam who, we were told, was undergoing an ancient summer treatment, nobody thought of appointing a reporter, and when I was just on the point of going upstairs to another meeting our kind Secretary Telly whispered into my ear: "Well, you write the report." In the absence of any notes I have to rely entirely on my memory, but since I am sure I was never asleep during the proceedings, I hope I am not forgetting anything.

Having no watch—which is rather surprising for a Swiss—I assume that it was one o'clock when President F. S. opened the meeting. He was in a very good mood. He said he had every reason to be so. First of all, it was the birthday of Rolf Hagnauer, in spite of the fact that the PAGODA of last mentioned the date as July 29th. As it has become the custom, Rolf brought a present. For a change it was a bottle, and although I was never near it, it seems to me that it must contain some alcoholic refreshment. As luck would have it, the bottle went to Jimmy Chuan, who I believe is a teetotaler. According to his statement, however, Jimmy seems to be quite prepared to drop "teetotalism" provided that stuff inside the bottle is worth drinking. President F. S. then extended the best wishes to Rotary Ann Hawkings who is celebrating her 60th birthday on July 31st. The Rotary Club has a lot to thank Rotary Ann Hawkings for. Not only have we enjoyed her and Hawks hospitality on many occasions, but we all remember her excellent speech at the Christmas meeting last year.

The next in line to receive congratulations from the Club was Y. Low who has just been made Assistant General Manager of his bank. President F. S. then extended a hearty welcome to T. G. Ling who has just come from a stay of several months in Hongkong. We are certainly glad to have T. G. back with us again. We also had the pleasure of having two visiting Rotarians from Chungking and Hangchow.

In conclusion President F. S. told the meeting that he had seen our K. T. and was glad to report that he was slowly getting better and

that he could get up now again. Our best wishes go to K. T. that this improvement may go on steadily.

Bill Hines, the Chairman of the Club Service Committee was then called upon to report on the decisions reached by the Aims and Objects Committee which had met about a week ago in the home of our President F. S. I saw a rather surprised look on Bill's face and it seems to me that he was asked to talk without being warned earlier and without having a chance even

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MEETING, July 27, 1950

Members Present — (57%)	33
Members on leave	16
Excused absentees	8
Non-excused absentees	1

Total Membership

58

Guests:

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Visiting Members:

E. Lichtenstein	...	Nanking
Y. F. Feng	...	Hankow
K. S. Wang	...	Hangchow
C. T. Tsai	...	"
W. Y. Chen	...	Chungking

to look at his food. As usual, however, he was not caught napping, and even Telly was satisfied with his talk.

The highlight of it was that the Shanghai Rotary Club must be kept alive; that if at all possible new members should be invited; that all members should help the Programme Committee in arranging programmes; that fellowship should be given more attention than last year, etc.

Julius then rose to make some introductory remarks, before Dave took the floor to tell us about his experience in Peking during the meeting of the People's Political Consultative Conference. I am sure members will agree with Julius's remarks that it would be in the interest of all to have more talks on local developments, on the aims and objects of the Government and the achievements by same. Here is a tip for the Programme Committee.

Dave gave us an extremely interesting lecture on his experience in Peking. We know Dave as

an outstanding Rotarian. He is the local head of the most important branch of the Wing On interests, i.e., their textile group consisting of large spinning, weaving and dyeing mills. Dave is a man who always tries to do his best and in spite of rumours of what might happen to the men at the top of big industrial undertakings, he stood by his post and his 8,000 workers and employees and did not leave Shanghai when liberation was near at hand. The opinions and impressions of a man in Dave's position certainly carry weight. And we were very much impressed and heartened by what he told us.

Space does not allow to give his talk in extenso and I would just like to mention a few outstanding points. The first is that the Government leaders in Peking are sincere in their efforts to better the lot of the Chinese people; that they are easily approachable and listen to advice by others; that they are prepared to admit mistakes and remedy them at once; that socialism is 10, 15, 20 years away because China is still primarily an agricultural country; that the main purpose of the conference was to decide on land reform, fully realizing that the lot of the farmers who comprise 85% of the Chinese population must be considerably improved; that on the way up to Peking it was striking how continuous work was being performed to improve and rehabilitate the railways which had suffered so much during the many years of Anti-Japanese and later the Civil War; that in conclusion the Government leaders feel that within a few years definitely better conditions are in store for the millions in China.

President F. S. voiced the sentiments of the members when he complimented Dave for his excellent expose.

J. C. announced that our "associate" member Arthur Rinden was going to speak to us on August 3rd. There were however indications from the membership that Arthur would be away before next Thursday. Let's hope this will not be the case because I am sure he would give us an excellent talk. If the news is correct, however, we wish him Bon Voyage and all the best of luck for the future.

Ambassadors of the Classroom

Fifty-six Rotary Foundation Fellows

By Leo E. Golden

Have you met your ambassador to Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule? Do you know your envoy to Escuela de Salubridad e Higiene? Perhaps not—but you'd be proud of them! The one is a clean-pawed young man from the fjords of Norway; you are sending him to Switzerland. The other is a pretty lass from the mountains of Colombia; you are placing her in Puerto Rico.

The fact is, my fellow Rotarian, that you and I are this year posting 56 excellent young people like Realf of Norway and Ofelia of Colombia in 12 lands around the earth. They are our Rotary Foundation Fellows for 1949-50.

For a year each will study in a graduate school of the Fellow's choice in a land other than his own—on an adequate grant which you and I make possible when we send our checks to the Rotary Foundation. Welcomed by Rotarians in this land new to him, the Fellow acquires at once scores of new friends. For him, as for the new member of your Rotary Club, his identity with Rotary measures him as a friend and neighbor. He visits their Rotary Club, homes, factories, and Government chambers. He learns all that he can about their country, its history, its culture, its opportunities, and its hopes. And he tells them about his homeland. When his year ends, he returns home to interpret for his compatriot Rotarians and others the land in which he sojourned. Truly his is a two-way ambassadorship.

In the three years of operation of the Rotary Foundation Fellowship plan we have granted 111 Fellowships. The Fellows have come from 91 Rotary Districts. They have gone, or are going, to 51 schools in 20 different countries. All told, 53 countries or regions of the earth have either supplied or received our Fellows. A broad geographic spread, you will agree—but we shall yet broaden it further. We shall encourage future Fellows toward more objectivity in their selection of schools. Less of "Where do I want to study?" More of "Where ought I study?"

How are our Fellows chosen? The applicant must have a bache-

lor's degree or receive such a degree before the beginning of the fellowship year. Age limits are 20 to 29. He (or she) must have evidenced a forceful personality and qualifications for leadership. Health, character, and scholastic record must be good, and the purpose of advanced study must be worthy. The candidate is nominated by the Rotary Club of his home town, or nearest his home. Each Club may make one such nomination each year, and from the nominations so made the District Committee selects one candidate to be advanced to the Rotary Foundation Fellowships Committee. Virtually all who are so advanced would make excellent Fellows. Selecting the ones to receive the grants for which funds are made available (\$150,000 for 1949-50) becomes one of the hardest tasks imaginable—and one of the most thrilling!

"The Fellows themselves," you ask: "what is their reaction?" Listen to one of them at the end of his experience last year:

"Now I can see my country as I never could before. I can revel over her strength, and sorrow over her weaknesses. I can compare her, for the first time, with these other countries as I live and travel in them. . . . When I return . . . I shall feel keenly another bond which links me to the peoples of the world. For we have the same hopes and fears, the same common cause. We need only better understanding to work together."

LISTEN!

A country lad walking down New York's Broadway stopped suddenly and said to his companion, "I hear a cricket!"

"You couldn't," scoffed the friend, "in this deafening traffic."

Unperturbed, the young farmer led off on a search and at last found the cricket in the window box of a large office building. The astonished New Yorker exclaimed, "However did you do it?"

With that the country boy took a 50-cent piece from his pocket and flipped it in the air. The moment it clinked on the pavement, over 20 pedestrians made a dive for it. The boy smiled. "You can always hear what you're listening for!"—

'SPOT NEWS' FROM THE YOUTH FRONT

Members of the Rotary-sponsored Boy Scout troop in Valley City, No. Dak., suddenly acquired new "dads" when local Rotarians "adopted" them with this plan in mind: To help each Scout finance his own way to a Summer camp, each Rotarian "dad" deposited \$1 in his Scout's name in a local bank, and then each Scout was given a bank passbook recording the deposit. To increase the initial sum, the Scouts do odd jobs given them by their respective "dads." Then when it's time to go camp-ward, the Scouts will have enough funds to pay for their outing.

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In Mont Joli, Que., Canada, the sons and daughters of local Rotarians found themselves in the spotlight when they were entertained by their fathers at a Club meeting. The occasion not only provided fun for the children, but also enabled Club members to become better acquainted with one another's families.

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For the past eight years the Rotary Club of Sedalia, Mo., has awarded purebred female hogs—called gilts in livestock terminology—to outstanding 4-H boys and girls named by their 4-H Club leaders. The latest awards went to five boys for their excellence in 4-H Club work. In accordance with the terms of the awards, the recipients agree to return to the Rotary Club one or two gilts, depending on the weight of the animals, for future presentation to other 4-H Club winners. So far 40 boys and girls have been given a start by the Sedalia Club in the raising of purebred pork animals.

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The youth of Oklahoma really held the center of the stage at the Tulsa Rotary Club's recent farm-youth meeting. In attendance were representatives of the Future Farmers of America, 4-H Clubs, and other organizations interested in livestock and farming. The program's featured speaker emphasized with abundant facts and figures the importance of the work being accomplished by youthful farmers in many fields of activity.

SUCCESS

There is no secret about Success it is spending less than you make.

ROTARY SNAPSHOTS

TURNABOUT

ROBERT E. LEE HILL, President of Rotary International in 1934-35, was out raising funds for the Boone County Fair recently. Returning from a call, he found a traffic ticket on his car. He promptly reported to the police station and paid his \$1 fine. But his contact with "the law" was not ended. He went to work on the chief of police to help out the Fair, and when he left he wore his usual genial smile. And well he might, for though his billfold was short \$1, he had in its place the police chief's check for \$100 as a sponsor of the Fair horse show . . . Columbians were reminded of the time some years ago when "BOB" HILL asked local police to warn his daughter MARY JANE about fast driving. The officer who obliged, halting Miss HILL on a Columbia street, wound up by contributing \$5 toward her successful race as high-school football queen. The futility of ticketing the HILLS ought to be clear to the law by now, people think.

CHECK

B. H. DAVIS has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Marfa, Tex., Rotary Club for a quarter of a century, and during that time there has been no trouble about members keeping up to date in payment of dues. At the first meeting of the month he gives each member a check, completely made out for that month's dues, and all the member need do is add his signature. It is a unique method which other guardians of Club treasuries may be interested to note.

NAMED FOR IT

JULIAN M. BAMBERGER, a Salt Lake City, Utah, Rotarian, has the unique classification of "electric railways—interurban," being general manager of a line running from Salt Lake City to Ogden. His road, the Bamberger Electric Railway, was named for his father, and is said to be the only railroad in the United States without a "geographical" title.

AULD LANG SYNE

Following America's war with Spain, 18-year old FLOOD CRIDER came home to the United States loaded down with mementoes of The Philippines and the Far East. A San Francisco, Calif., importer of French perfume named PAUL REGIER aided him in shipping the collection East to CRIDER's home, but refused to accept remuneration for his services. This year, more than 50 years later, ROTARIAN CRIDER and his wife left their Seward, Nebr., home for a visit to San Francisco. While attending a Rotary meeting there, ROTARIAN CRIDER asked a table partner, "Did you ever hear of an importer named PAUL REGIER?" The new friend replied, "Why, certainly. He's sitting right over there!" ROTARIAN REGIER, now 89, remembered the incident and was deeply touched by this sequel to it. He is a charter member of the San Francisco Rotary Club.

CARRY ON!

An unusual District Assembly was held in Hawaii this year, reminiscent of the old story about Mohammed and the mountain. DISTRICT GOVERNOR EZRA J. CRANE, of Maui, was unable to attend the meetings as he was confined to his home with a case of the mumps—so, the meeting went to him! Gathering on the large tennis-court patio of the CRANE branch home, leaders of District 150 heard an address made by their Governor from his bedroom window. Electronics also took a hand when GOVERNOR CRANE opened the annual Assembly the previous day by means of a tape recording.

DAWN TREE

W. ORMISTON ROY, a Montreal, Que., Canada, Rotarian, has designed a monument of the memory of the late ERNEST H. WILSON, possibly the world's most outstanding plant hunter, whose discoveries are today found in almost every garden. At the recent dedication of the monument, ROTARIAN ROY, a landscape architect, helped plant a rare Chinese "Dawn Tree" on the grave of the famed horticulturist.

THIS WEEK'S SMILES

"Johnny," said the teacher, "how many seasons are there?"

"Two," said Johnny, "football and baseball."

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Sun-tanned businessman to envious colleague: "Well it ought to be a wonderful tan. I figure it cost me \$173.78 per square inch."

—Herb Williams in Collier's.

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The little boy awoke at 4:00 a.m. and asked his mother to tell him a story.

"Just be patient, Junior. Daddy will be home soon and we'll hear a story that'll be a honey."

—Portland "Spokes".

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On a crowded city street recently a policeman wheeling an abandoned baby in its carriage toward the police station was startled to hear a small boy call out, "Hey, what's the kid done?"

—Ermund and Williams'

Toaster's Handbook

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The young daughter of a well-known woman painter danced in glee on hearing that one of her mother's paintings had been purchased by a famous museum. "Oh, Mama," she exclaimed joyfully, "that makes you an old mistress, doesn't it?"

—Ben Wolf in *Art Digest*

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Operation. Son: "When you have your tonsils removed they call it a tonsillectomy. When they remove your appendix, they call it an appendectomy. What do they call it when they remove a growth from your head?"

Dad: "I give it up, sonny. What do they call it when they remove a growth from your head?"

Son: "Haircut."

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Upon being offered some roast chicken, Sam, my small nephew, accepted a drumstick. "Now, Sam, would you like some of this nice stuffing?" asked his mother. "No, thank you," he replied and after a thoughtful moment added, "And I don't see why the chickens eat it either."

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"You do the outside and I'll do the inside."

One tourist to another at St. Alban's Abbey.