

SPREADING IT THIN

Well, the big show is done and the gang that attended it in Long Beach is almost completely home. They did it up brown for us on the Coast as they usually do, even threw in an earth quake, an added attraction that many of us felt they could have withheld. This happened early in the morning and woke many of us with swinging chandeliers and curtains and rattling windows and the strange movement of the beds. That experience we could have done without. The people who lived in the lower rooms of the hotels slept peacefully thru it but we in the upper stories have something to talk about for a long time.

The Midwest gathered at Long Beach using every conventional means of travel, by train, auto, bus, and air line. A few got to Long Beach early and did their sight seeing before the meeting opened. Don and Marge Strand traveled up the coast and back. Ray and Jo Gerber of Glen Oak drove a Lincoln out. Bill Stupple and his wife came by train and were last seen headed toward San Diego by car. Tommy Coyne drove out and after an exciting meeting, headed east toward home and Mama. Frank and Mrs. Mastroleo traveled to Long Beach with son Dave and daughter-in-law Donna, and were to have left shortly after the meeting for Orlando by bus while Dave and Donna and their son stayed on in Los Angeles. Henry and Mrs. Lang and Al and Susie Johnson came by train and were joined by the Gerbers on the way home. Some went on to Las Vegas to hear and see the sights, the race horses and Sun Valley and Knotts Berry Farm and San Francisco and Walt Disney's Disneyland. Bob Breen of Fresh Meadows stocked on souvenirs for each of his children from Disneyland. Ruth Burdett stocked in a box of assorted jams from Knotts Berry Farm. Peter Bilds wife and son missed nary a trip, and every one had a good time.

Lest it be thought that it was all work and no play let it be known that never has an educational meeting been better attended, the hall was always full and the speakers always had an attentive audience. The Midwest was proudly represented on the speakers platform by two new platform artists, Walter Fuchs who talked well on meeting the needs of the Daily fee golfer and Howard Baerwald of LaGrange C. C. who discussed Budget preparation and presentation. Both of these young men did a good job and represented us well. We will hear more from them. Both played to an exceptionally full house.

Finally the last day came and the Hotel emptied rapidly. Ray Gerber was one of the last to leave Long Beach and he reported that the place was completely deserted and that he was lonely by Sunday. But our memories will be rich for many years with the experiences of the 1956 meeting at Long Beach.

It has been impossible for the Mole to mention the names of all the members and their wives and families that attended and enjoyed the Long Beach Earthquake but it was reliably reported that better than 80 people from this area attended. We truly appreciate the efforts of the Southern California Superintendents and their hospitality and would like to come again if we may. You have a wonderful country.

One of the nicer things that happened was meeting Bill Ruech who served for many years in our district and who is now with the Petaluma C. C. at Petaluma California. Bill wants to continue getting the Bull Sheet.

THE MOLE

Our April meeting will be held at Elmhurst Country Club on Tuesday, April 3.

Frank Mastroleo, Frank Dinelli and Bill Rueck received their 25-year pins from the National Association. Our congratulations.

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