

Fellowship Forum

The First Two Years



Palo Alto, California

1951 - 1952

The Fellowship Forum

An Idea and Its Expression

The Fellowship Forum had its beginning in November 1950, during a meeting of two friends, Graeff Kennedy and Paul Stinchfield, who chatted together, leisurely, at lunch. Both men were members of the Commonwealth Club of California and agreed that their future attendance at meetings of that Club would be uncertain and difficult because of their permanent residence in the Palo Alto area. They spoke of missing the fellowship, stimulus, and wealth of information, which attendance at those meetings brought them, and wished there might be a group in Palo Alto, organized to meet similar needs of those with like interests,—those who were unable to avail themselves regularly of the privileges of the Commonwealth Club.

These men continued their luncheons, inviting friends of similar interests to join them, with the idea of developing a group who would be interested in the promotion of fellowship and in the discussion of world affairs.

The idea of an organization was developed, and at a meeting on December 27, 1950, a name, "The Fellowship Forum," was adopted. Paul Stinchfield was chosen as Chairman and Harry R. Leland as Secretary-Treasurer. Arrangements were made for regular weekly luncheon meetings at Hotel Marie Antoinette, Menlo Park. During the first few months the membership grew to include the following men: George Blech, Joseph G. Brown, W. Waldo Freeman, John S. Hassan, Arthur G. Kennedy, Leslie I. Nichols, Charles T. Owens, George J. Peirce, Charles L. Plato, Jesse B. Sears, Charles A. Simonds, Fritz Barkan, and Guy LeRoy Stevick.

With this increase in membership the need for a more formal organization was recognized. An election of officers, President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, to serve for one year, was therefore held on April 24, 1951. John S. Hassan of San Mateo was elected the first President of the Forum under the new set-up. Business, Executive, and Membership Committees were established and appointed by the President. A similar election was held in April 1952, at which time Dr. J. B. Sears was elected President for the fiscal year.

The Rules of the Forum provide that partisan political and denominational religion shall not be discussed by our speakers. A maximum limit of thirty-five was placed upon the Club's membership.

The Fellowship Forum, it is believed, has become a permanent part of the cultural and intellectual life of the community. Many distinguished men have addressed the Club's meetings; their talks have been outstanding. The Forum has provided an unique, intellectual, and social stimulus for its members and friends.

Record of Programs

- October 2, 1951—Col. Eugene Santschi
"West Point, Its History, Traditions and Ideals"
- October 9, 1951—Mr. Robert Robertson
"Europe Today"
- October 16, 1951—Rev. R. Marvin Stuart
"Observations In Europe"
- October 23, 1951—Dr. George J. Peirce
"The Salt Industry"
- October 30, 1951—Dr. Jesse B. Sears
"Administration"
- November 6, 1951—Prof. Ray Lindsley
- November 13, 1951—Mr. Harold M. Engle
"The Earthquake Hazard"
- November 20, 1951—Dr. Edward Laird Mills
"Nevada Divorce Laws"
- December 4, 1951—Dr. Arthur G. Kennedy
"Boat Burials of Nordic Kings"
- December 11, 1951—Mr. George F. Stoneman
"The Process of Ionization"
- December 18, 1951—Mr. John Reber
"The Reber Plan"
- January 8, 1952—Dr. F. G. Chaney
"The Work of Good Will Industries"
- January 15, 1952—Dr. John W. Wear
"Merit Rating of Life Insurance Risks"
- January 22, 1952—Rev. Dr. R. M. Minto
"A University and Its Church"
- January 29, 1952—Mr. Ansel W. Robison
"The Pet and Animal Business"
- February 5, 1952—Dr. Harold Fisher
"Functions of Hoover Library"
- February 12, 1952—Open Forum
"Issues in the 1952 Election"
- February 19, 1952—Mr. Forrest Kincaid
"The Department of Forestry"
- February 26, 1952—Dr. L. R. Bailey
"Psychology"
- March 4, 1952—Dr. Ira L. Williams
"Arctic Research"
- March 11, 1952—Mr. Clifford B. Anderson
"Numismatics"
- March 18, 1952—Mr. R. A. Van Orsdel
"The Bible as the Foundation of Law"
- March 25, 1952—Mr. E. M. Greider
"A Librarian Looks at Censorship"
- April 1, 1952—Open Forum
"Is Freedom on the Decline in America?"
- April 8, 1952—Mr. Ansel W. Robison. (Ladies' Day)
"The Pet and Animal Business"
- April 15, 1952—Mr. Ithiel Pool
"India"
- April 22, 1952—Rev. Dr. W. C. Pool
"South America"
- April 29, 1952—Dr. Ward Harris
"Thomas Edison and His Inventions"

- May 6, 1952—Business Meeting
- May 13, 1952—Dr. E. R. Hilgard
"Psychology"
- May 20, 1952—Dr. David Webster
"Safety in Private Flying"
- May 27, 1952—Mr. Shau Wing Chan
"Burmah"
- June 3, 1952—Mr. Mungai Njoroge
"Africa"
- June 10, 1952—Mr. John Bohn
"Employment Problems"
- June 17, 1952—Dr. Ralph J. Campbell
"Social Medicine in Britain"
- June 24, 1952—Open Forum
"Totalitarianism"
- July 1, 1952—Dr. Leon Reynolds
"Sanitary Engineering"
- July 8, 1952—Dr. D. H. Winbigler
"Foreign Students at Stanford University"
- July 15, 1952—Dr. Friedrich Ehrendorfer
"Conditions in Austria"
- July 22, 1952—Mr. Dick Gordon
"Desert Venture"
- July 29, 1952—Mr. Graeff Kennedy
"Hawaii"
- August 5, 1952—Mr. Walter C. Smith
"Industry Turns to Research"
- August 12, 1952—Dr. Frederick J. Kelly
"Education in the Federal Government"
- August 19, 1952—Dr. A. E. Werolin
"Management Problems of a Fast Growing Company"
- August 26, 1952—Mr. R. A. Van Orsdel
"Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. vs. U. S. Government"
- September 2, 1952—Mr. Paul Jensen
"Youth and Narcotics"
- September 9, 1952—Col. Hans Christian Adamson
"Adrift with Rickenbacher in the South Seas"
- September 16, 1952—Mr. George Cleese
"The Redwood Lumber Industry"
- September 23, 1952—Mr. Fred W. Ross
"California Federation for Civic Unity"
- September 30, 1952—Mr. Herbert E. Bowen
"South Africa"
- October 7, 1952—Mr. Ed Gallwey and Mr. Ian Rae
"Moral Rearmament"
- October 14, 1952—Mr. S. L. Bajage
"India"
- October 21, 1952—Mr. Leland W. Cutler
"World Trade"
- October 28, 1952—Mr. Maxwell Hamilton
"Postwar Finland"
- November 4, 1952—Open Forum
- November 11, 1952—Mr. T. O. Dowdell
"California's Grape Industry"
"Rainmaking"
- November 18, 1952—Major General E. G. Plank
"Burmah"
- November 25, 1952—Dr. Edward M. Glaser
"Tapping the Will to Think"

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