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REVIEW OF P. B. C. FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We gratefully acknowledge the fine support of 200 P. B. C. Alumni, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and everyone whose name appeared on the printed program (See pages 43 and 45 of our 1959 Golden Anniversary Year Book). They made our Anniversary a huge success. The elaborate three day festival ran off without a hitch exactly as advertised. Its precision and elegance reflected years of experience in management and showmanship. Since copies of the program are still available, this article will be limited to those unusual and unexpected events that were not previously printed.

Our guests began arriving early Friday evening, Oct. 9th, 1959. Some of their pictures are on following pages. Names have been added wherever ye editor could recognize the mug. We were thrilled to see again our former operetta star Elwood Throssell from Miami, Fla. Arriving too late for the photo came Emil Malanga from Tucson, Ariz. He and Johnny Peddieson from Nutley were also former P. B. C. soloists. After the evening program had finished and most folks had gone for a few winks of sleep, these show people did over again about a dozen of Jim Fithian's musical comedies with Jim at the piano.

On Saturday morning the P. B. C. Football Teams played on Gunnel Field. Sorry their photos did not turn out. That afternoon Fred Iomer visited the club rooms. At night everyone returned for the Gala Anniversary banquet.

The banquet decorations were done in gold. Even the Church mouse had golden yellow cheese. The birthday cake was cut by founder Harold S. Latham. It was decorated with small round candies covered with a fine coating of real gold powder. Everyone ate some.

In addition to the founder the following charter members were there: Victor Daniel, Ellsworth Frazee, Warren Johnson, Thurvan McClintick, and Kenneth Pflieger. Others present who belonged to tile club prior to World War I were: Bertram Brock, Gordon Fairservice, Lee Hill, James McAfee, Herbert Watt, Wm. von Bargaen,

Marty Roberts, Geo. Higdon, Frank and Geo. Ferguson, Henry and Alwin Schwier, Wm. F. Alexander, Otto Ihne, Axford Barrow, Pete Malnati, and Roger McAdam. Other old timers in attendance are listed in the photographs, or on page 45 of the previous Year Book, or among the following: Stewart Morrison, Ken Hawkint, Fred Alexander, Howard Helleberg, Ralph and Roht. Brown, Alex. and Don McKay, Robert and Kenneth Thomson, Geo. and Jim Stryker, Ed Miller, Yamaguchi Bros., Robt. Wilcox, Bob Nicholson, Rowland Johnston, Chas. Siede, Howard Helleberg, Jack, Allan and Barry Green, Louis Neff, Phil Major, Douglas Hardy, Robt. Young, Anthony C'appilla, and Richard Warner. Many present members and Directors attended.

The Sunday morning Church service, the afternoon tea, and the smorgasbord made the final day of the celebration long to be remembered. Among the guests present who had seen the P. B. C. at its first location (in the old stone Church formerly at Kearny and Midland Aves.) were Elders Aham S. Dutcher and David Stewart, also Miss Ruth S. Hungerford and Mrs. Percy Frazee, Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Wallace Harper Carver, D.D., Mrs. Carver, and our present ministers, were also present.

The program concluded with about 2 hrs. of movies and lantern slides of P. B. C. activities covering a half century. Interior and exterior views of the old stone Church, the cornerstone laying of the present Church, and ancient views of Arlington taken by the late Wallace J. Pflieger were shown. A snake hunt and early Gold Cross trips photographed by the late Le Roy Frazee followed. Present club activities photographed by Frank E. La Liberté and movies of last year's Florida trip by Robert Schilling and slides of that trip by Tom Gray completed this most enjoyable entertainment.

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[In the photograph below taken by Mr. R. E. King, Messrs. Robertson, Latham, and Pflieger are shown (from left to right).]

