

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN CHEESE MAKERS' ASSOCIATION

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THE PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, we will call this meeting to order. The Rev. B. J. Stecker will lead us in invocation.

INVOCATION

By the REV. STECKER

Eternal God, we stand in the presence of the divine truth this morning, that Thou art the giver of every good and every perfect gift; that we live in a world which is of wide design and that all therein is Thy gift to the children of men. The cattle of a thousand hills belong to Thee and the gold and the silver is all Thine. Thou hast made Thine children students of all these things. Thou dost open Thine hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Not only do we recognize that Thou art the designer and creator of all things goodly but that Thou hast made man in Thine own image and in Thine own likeness. That Thou hast endowed man with an eternal soul and when he leaves this world he is going on living in a world to come. We thank Thee that Thou dost not only so graciously provide for all the wants of man but for the soul Thou hast endowed him with as well. That Thou hast given him a divine truth upon which his soul may keep and so in recognition of Thy divine divinity we as Thy servants bow down in obedience and admiration this day and pray Thy blessing upon this group of men and direct them and move them in a proper sense of the stewardship we have in this life.

These things we all ask in the name of Christ, our living Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: The next on our program will be the address of welcome by Mayor Albert J. Rosenthal, Fond du Lac. I take pleasure in introducing Mr. Rosenthal.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

MAYOR ALBERT J. ROSENTHAL

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen: It always gives me great pleasure when people start their undertakings or their doings of any kind in the manner in which you have started them this morning, by the invocation of the Rev. Stecker.

It is a true saying that if you start your labors with the Lord all will be well, and that is what you have done, and it pleases me that you did it in that way.

I further want to congratulate you for having this convention and having a large number of people in our city, but I don't see them in the hall where they should be, at least at this time. I understood that this convention was to start at 9:30 this morning. It is way past that time but I am going to offer several excuses. Your trains may have been late; your automobiles may have been broken on your way down, or some of you may have over-slept this morning. I understand some of you already were in our city last evening. And then, of course, when you are in a city like Fond du Lac—hospitable, courteous and friendly towards every one who comes here, I take it that those things can all happen, especially one can oversleep the next morning after he has been here the night before.

I want to assure you that the people in our city will most heartily welcome you and offer you every courtesy that anyone could offer you. We are happy to have you with us. The city is yours, so far as it behooves good citizens to be in our midst, and I take it for granted that every cheese maker and every friend that the cheese maker has, it may be his wife or it may be his friend, will be welcome in our city. We want you to have a good time; we want you to further the interests of your association and we want you to take away with you a kindly spot in your heart for the city of Fond du Lac.

I don't want to take up very much of your time. I know that you have other speakers on the program, especially one that is going to talk to you about the food value of whey, and I will back him up on that because I can tell you this, when I was a young lad I drank whey myself. I worked on the farm and at that time I happened to be a little bashful and didn't eat all I wanted to eat or could eat at the table, so I went to the cheese factory and ate cheese and drank sweet whey. So you see I lived up to now. I think it is the sweet whey that did it. When a man gets to the age I am now, then he doesn't think as much of the whey any more, and the cheese makers all know that he needs something different than whey.

Once more I want to extend to you the sincere greetings and heartiest welcome of the city of Fond du Lac.

THE PRESIDENT: I certainly can vouch for what Mr. Rosenthal has told us because the city of Fond du Lac certainly has been courteous to us, and I certainly am well satisfied with the way we have been treated here since we started this convention.

We will next have the response by our vice president, Mr. Kopitzke. I don't think this man needs any introduction, because everyone knows Leonard, and I take great pleasure in having Leonard give the response this morning.

RESPONSE

By L. E. KOPITZKE, *Vice President*

Mr. President, Mayor Rosenthal and friends: In behalf of the Association, I wish to thank Mayor Rosenthal who has so heartily