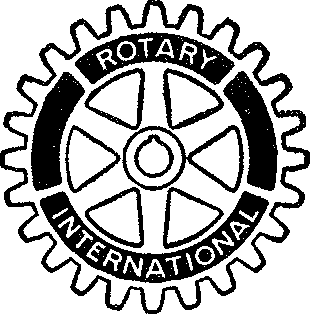
A SHORT HISTORY

of the

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB



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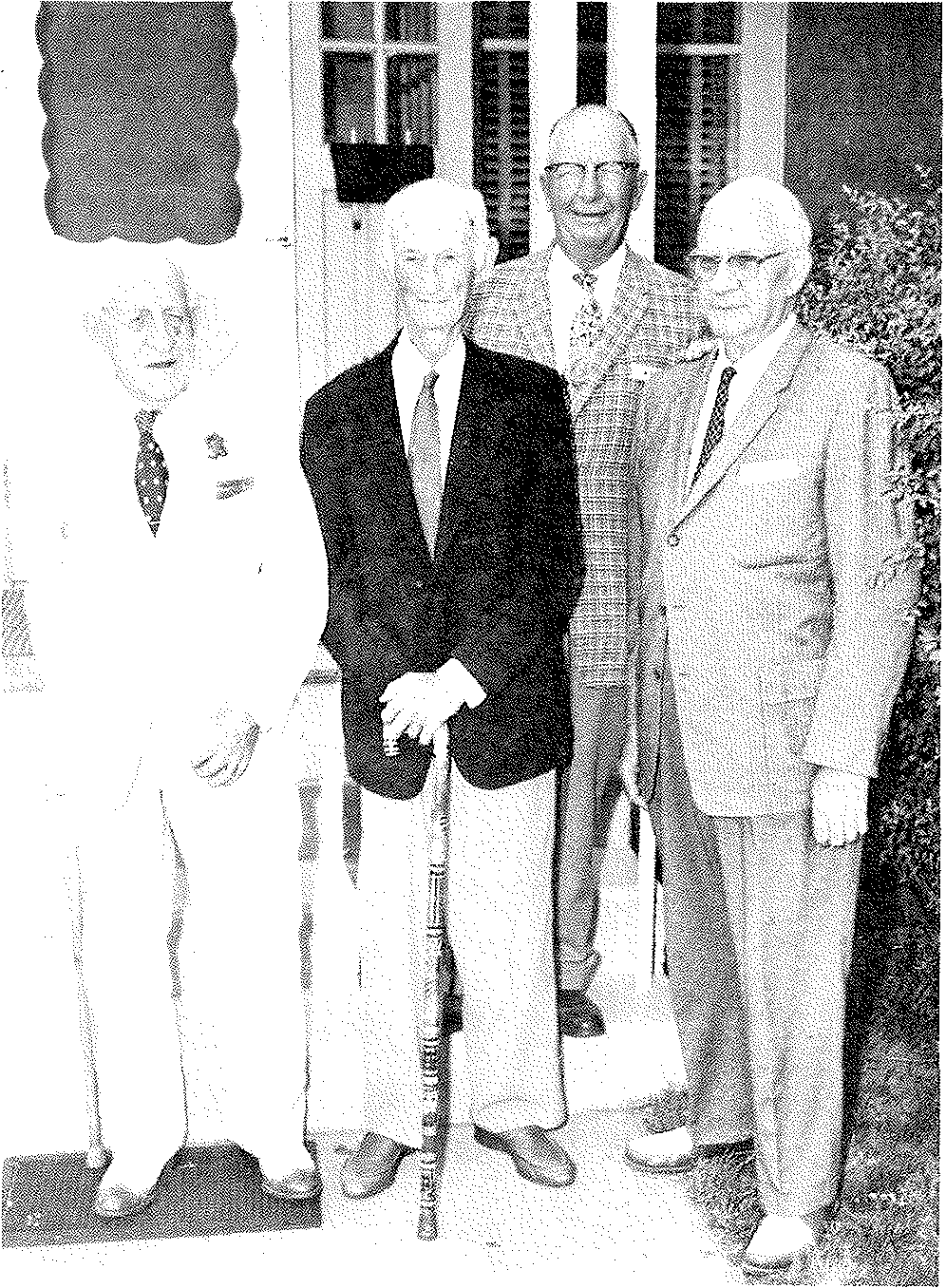
THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

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A Reminder:

The second object of Rotary is high ethical standards in business and the professions; the rec­ ognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupa­ tion as an opportunity to serve society.



Four wheel horses. Left to right: Ed Raidler, 94, perfect attendance for 35 years; Tom Watkins, 96, oldest member; Elmer Kent, 30 years perfect attendance; Ray Kelly, past president and only remaining charter member.

*He that would know what shall be, must consider what hath been.­ Bohn's Handbook of Proverbs.*

**FOREWORD**

These modest annals of the first 41 years in the life of the Springfield Rotary Club are the culmination of a chain of vicissitudes. They rep­ resent a partial triumph over three fires, fallible human memory, and the grim reaper himself.

In 1932, following a fire in the Colonial Hotel that destroyed all the Club's records and other property, Art Daily was apppointed Club Historian. He set to work and with the assistance of Ray Kelly compiled from memory and from records supplied by individual members an account to that date. The resulting composition was brought up to date annually and read to the Club. Copies were made for the two authors and the Club's archives.

Somewhere along the road the Club's set was

lost, probably in moving from one office to an­

other, or through changing secretaries. Ray's

copy was destroyed by a fire in his office in 1936.

'After Art's death in 1949 his family made a bonfire

of his papers, from which his friend Rev. Lester

Rogers rescued a towsack full of fragments of

manuscript, shorthand notes, correspondence, etc. Fourteen pages of manuscript scorched around the

edges are preserved in Ray's file.

Ray took this meagre material, some of which

he had to transcribe from shorthand notes made by

Art and cold from long years of storage, and set about rebuilding the history from it and such other

sources as he could find. In this way he brought it up to 1939-40.

From that point then, the History and By-Laws

Committee members carried on by researching the Rotozark, the Scrap Book, and the Board minutes, supplemented by questionnaires sent to all living past presidents. The sidelights on the history of Springfield were drawn from the Local News Index in the Springfield Public Library and from the an­ nual feature, "Springfield's Diary," published by the News and Leader.

The text in its final form was written by Fred

DeArmond.

Assistance should be acknowledged especially from Jim Shannon, a fdtmer chairman of the Com­

mittee, from Ed Herman, and from Lee Bouldin, also the services of two loyal Rotary Anns-Edie Bouldin and Maude DeArmond.

The Committee admits without apology that this little history is far from complete, owing to skimpy

sources and lack of time to explore all the cran­ nies that might have brought to light further data on the Club's contribution to Springfield, not to speak of its internal thrills and growing pains.

Through its official statement of policy the Club contemplates adding to this little looseleaf book each year. If every president provides in writing as com­

plete and authentic an account of his administration as those of George Myers and Willard Graff, this perpetual recording will be simple. "The past is pro­ logue," the future long and promising.

HISTORY AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE Fred DeArmond, chairman

Ray D. Kelly, co-chairman

Clyde Raymond

Garnette Lytle

**YOUTH - THE PIONEER YEARS**

The story of the Springfield Rotary Club begins with a morning in August, 1918.

The Springfield Republican carried headlines reporting a new offensive by the French Army on the Oise-Aisne front, with signs that the German

war machine was weakening. Opposite was a story

reporting progress of the Bolshevik Revolution in

Russia.

Springfield was then a town that the census two

years later would give a population of 39,631, which

put it a little ahead of its old rival, Joplin, in their race for fourth place among the cities of Missouri.

On the morning in question, Ray Kelly had a visitor at his coal company office on North Jefferson Street. The visitor introduced himself as Hiram C. Martin of St. Louis, Governor of the 17th District of Rotary International. From Mr. Martin, Ray learned that three other Springfieldians in addition to himself had requested information about organiz­ ing a new Rotary Club in the city. Kelly at once offered to withdraw in favor of a group represented by Arthur C. Daily, of the United Iron Works. A conference of the interested persons was arranged, and out of it grew the Springfield club.

Around a luncheon table that very day Martin,

Kelly, and Daily, together with Les E. Walton, George E. Olendorf, and Henry C. Heinrichs, worked

out the first steps and set up an Organization Com­

mittee, with Arthur Daily as Chairman, Les Walton

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as Co-Chairman, and Ray Kelly as Secretary. Fol­ lo·wing Mr. Martin's advice, they moved slowly and picked their prospective members carefully. They met once a week and as soon as a member had been voted in he was asked thereafter to attend along with the original five.

It took them six months to enroll a minimum of

25 charter members and be ready to organize for­

mally. The names and classifications in the order they were admitted follow:

1. Arthur C. Daily-Ice Making Machinery, Manufacturing

2. Les E. Walton-Farm Land & Loan Ap- praisal

3. Geo. F. Olendorf-Outdoor Advertising

4. Henry C .Heinrichs-Auto, Retailing

5. Ray D. Kelly-Coal, Retailing

6. Ed V. Williams-Men's Clothing, Retailing

7. Walter C. Eisenmayer- Flour, Manufac­

ing

8. Alex W. Weaver-Shoes, Retailing

9. Jacob L. Hines-Banking

10. Walter G. Rathbone-Laundry

11. Sam M. Wear-Professional, General Law

Practice

12. Wilbur Smith, Professional, Surgery

13. Paul R. Talbot-Minister, Protestant

14. Lee S. Kucker-Photography

15. Burke Holbrook-Furniture, Manufacturing

16. Charles G. Martin-Pianos, Distributing

17. Charles C. Mullikin-Bread Baking, Whole-

sale

18. Joel T. Duckworth-Drugs, Retailing

19. Ernest H. Scholten-Printing

20. James M. Quinn-Coffee Roasting

21. Fayette A. Laird-Groceries, Distributing

22. Everett T. Thayer-Hotels

23. Fred R. Patton-Creamery

24. J. Emmett Cavin-Household Furniture,

Retailing

25. Ignace Glaser-Dry Goods, Retailing

Fifty-two others admitted in the Rotary year,

1919-20, were:

E. C. Deal

E. E. E. McJimsey

Bert S. Lee

Karl R. Eaton

Dwight E. Schultz

Sidney E. Wilhoit

Winn M. Baldwin

Fred S. Bauersfeld

Frank A. Davis

Clyde M. Hill

J. Harry Jarrett

T. Monty King

James F. Wells

Victor H. Simon

Ed C. Rice

George E. Wilson

Robert H. Conde

Robert L. Tooms

John C. McKee

Homer C. Young

Alonzo J. Bates Alonzo F. Johnson Matt Walter

Marvin L. Brownlow Walter H. Henderson Charles A. George

Ernest P. Burman

W. Ed Ogsden

Geo. B. Lemmon

Karl H. Schweider

R. R. Ricketts

Fred H. Phillips

Garland Bird Chalmers D. York Earl Hawkins Joseph M. Acuff

W. Ralph Anderson

Hiram D. Chinn

J. AI White

Albert J. Burman

Charles C. Higgins

Rufus F. McVay

Wm. C. Stower

John P. Gass

SiC. Bates Wm. A. Ziska W. L. Woodruff

Elburn L. Hurlburt Thomas W. Nadal Harry Chichester Claude H. Rathbone Walter Cossey

1919-2.0

Arthur Daily, President

Chosen as the first officers were Arthur Daily, president; Les Walton, vice president; Jacob L. Hines, treasurer; George Olendor£, secretary, and Lee S. Kueker, sergeant-at-arms. With the sponsor­ ship of the Joplin Rotary Club represented by Grover C. James and Dolph Shaner, the Springfield Club was formally handed its Charter by Governor Martin at a banquet in the Colonial Hotel on Feb­ bruary 18, 1919. It became Club No. 490 in the

17th District, and has since been successively a part of the 15th, 134th, 194th, 195th, and 607th districts.

Arthur Daily was a natural leader of men. After starting his career as a stenographer in St. Louis,

he came to Springfield in 1901 as secretary and

treasurer of several companies owned by B. F.

Hobart. One of them was the Crescent Iron Works. The following year he became one of the stock­ holders and organizers of the Frank B. Smith Laundry Co., along with Frank B. Smith and B. F. Hobart. After Smith's death, Daily was made presi­ dent of the firm. He was also an organizer, director, and manager of the United Iron Works. In addition to these activities, he was president of the Paragon Mills, which was consolidated with the Interstate Milling Co., and the Newton Grain Co.

Daily's energy and versatility were amazing.

For several years he made Rotary and the Spring­

field Chamber of Commerce virtually one and the same. He became Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite of Missouri and a 33rd degree Mason. On top

of everything else, he was an active church worker.

Among his manifold activities, Rotary had a very

high place. He continued to attend the meetings

until within a few weeks of his death in 1949, even

when he was so crippled by arthritis that he had to be escorted by a companion, Rev. Lester Rogers, everywhere he went. Lester Rogers was admitted to membership.

Art is remembered as a salty character who spoke his mind freely and was intolerant of anything he regarded as cant or humbug. He had little time for amateur entertainment, horse-play, shallow froth, and indirect personal advertising such as mark some civic club programs.

Naturally, there were some who took offense at his blunt and occasionally caustic manner of speaking and writing. But he was recognized as a builder and a man with a big heart. After he was compelled by his disability to retire from all active business, he made an arrangement with his friend Ray Kelly to take him once a month on a round of visits to old-time Rotarians who by reason of age and disability could no longer attend the meetings. On these trips, which always took half a day or more, Ray remembers the cheering influence of Art's laughter and sparkling conversation. Lester Rogers also accompanied Art on many of these friendly excursions.

As this is written (1960), Ray Kelly is the only remaining charter member in the club. As president he was to preside at a 100 per cent meeting on Feb­ bruary 17, 1948, marking the 29th anniversary. Arthur Daily was present on that occasion as the honored member, and Hiram Martin was the visiting speaker, as he had been at the Charter meeting.

Arthur Daily should be recorded as the Found­

ing Father. Under his able leadership the club grew in its first year to 77 members. The first project

was the organization and sponsorship of the Boy Scouts in Springfield. Paul Harris came from Chicago to give the movement a kick-off. The club

underwrote for three years the salary of the first Scout executive secretary, Bob Conde. Alex W. Weaver was first president of the Scout Council. From that time on, the Boy Scouts in Springfield have owed more to Rotary than any other support­ ing organization.

1920-21

Ed V. **Williams,** President

Clyde M. Hill, president of Southwest Missouri State College for eight years preceding Roy Ellis' record tenure, and later to become internationally famous as an educator, was vice president.

Williams, a Commercial Street men's wear re­ tailer, carried on the Boy Scout project and took the leadership in promoting the famous Spring­ field Boy Scout Band. Under the direction of Ritchie Robertson this band won national renown for Springfield. Its instruments were purchased through loans from the Rotary Club. Thus was born the progenitor of its Student Loan Fund, for the support of which so many members have cheer­ fully coughed up their fines.

Everett Hill, nationally known writer and dis­ trict governor, visited Springfield on March 5, 1921, and paid high tribute to the club's Boy Scout Band activity. Later he became R. I. president.

Members at that time, whose names are still well

remembered in Springfield, included the following: T. Stanley Skinner, A. T. Quisenberry, Frank Her­ mann, Harry Cooper, Bruce F. May, Wiley Spencer, Paul Jezzard, William B. Elkins, Dr. John W.

Williams, R. Ritchie Robertson, C. L. V. Randall, John McGregor, Frank H. Fellows, Theodore A. Coffelt, and M. D. Lightfoot.

1921-22

Burke Holbrook, President

It was a fast-growing year for Rotary interna­ tionally, with the l,OOOth club being organized in York, England, and many others over the world. The international convention was held in Edin­ burgh, Scotland, with Clyde Hill as the Springfield delegate. This was the first time an R. I. conven­ tion had been held outside U. S. A.

The post-war depression hurt Springfield. In

1922 railroad shopmen were out on a nation-wide

strike, which the union lost. Some 3,000 men were

put out of work in Springfield by the stoppage, marked by considerable violence and bitterness on

the part of the union.

1922-23

Clyde **M. Hill,** President

Retiring president Burke Holbrook was highly lauded in the weekly club leter of May 1, 1922. "Rotary stands higher today in the opinion of our town than ever before."

Springfield won the 15th District Attendance Contest with an 83.84 per cent average. In the light of more recent records, that doesn't seem so good, but it topped Joplin, the runner-up by more than

10 percentage points.

Sam Wear was Springfield's representative at

the Los Angeles convention. The name of the organization was changed at that meeting from

International Association of Rotary Clubs to Rotary International. This was the year that the religious classification was restricted to three-one Protest­ ant, one Catholic, and one Jewish clergyman. It was a quarter century later that a ukase from the Pope

resulted in all Catholic priests resigning their Rotary memberships. The new policy had no effect on Catholic laymen members.

1923-24

J. Emmett Cavin, President

E. E. E. McJimsey, editor and publisher of the Springfield Republican, and a vigorously active Ro­ tarian, had been elected president and actually pre­ sided at two meetings. He then became seriously afflicted and died shortly thereafter of cancer. Emmet Cavin was chosen by the Board to be Mc­ Jimsey's successor. This is the only mid-term va­ cancy to occur in the Club's history. At that time the president was regularly elected by the Board.

During these 12 months good and bad came to

Springfield. The new Shrine Mosque was proud­

fully dedicated. A little over two months later the

Holland Bank, one of city's most venerated and re­

spected financial institutions, closed its doors.

Following hard on this blow came a spectacular run on the Union National Bank, then headed by

H. B. McDaniel. An unfounded rumor had been cir­ culated that the Union National officers had some connection with the defunct Holland Bank, and a hand in its liquidation. A large quantity of currency was flown from the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis. One hundred well known Springfield busi­ nessmen, including a number of Rotarians, pledged property as security to the depositors and the run was weathered successfully.

The Boy Scout fund of $10,000 was raised by the club. A meeting was held at the Fulbright Pumping Station of the Springfield City Water Company, as guests of Bob Pate.

St. Louis, where it was addressed by President Harding. This was shortly before the President's death in office, while on his return from a visit to Alaska. The Boy Scout Band made the trip to St. Louis and gave concerts at several Frisco stops en route.

Among the new members taken in were Fred

McQueary, William P. Keltner, Thomas W. Duval, and Tom Watkins, Senior.

**1924-25**

**Walter Eisenmayer, President**

This Rotary year saw the beginning of The Rotozark. First editor was Guy C. Gibbs, club sec­ retary.

Eddie Guest was an honored speaker, with 30 minutes of readings from his popular poems. Guest

wrote at least one poem on Rotary, with the title, "The Rotary Spirit."

Camp Arrowhead, near Marshfield, became the permanent camp site for the Boy Scouts.

Harry P. Study, who for so many years was

Springfield's Superintendent of Schools, was ad­

mitted to membership, as were Paul Sunderland,

Leo W. Carroll, James McCarty, James H. Hedges,

Charles Sansone, William W. Johnson, and others. Ed Shepard (Dr. Edward M., professor of biology

and geology at Drury College from 1878 to 1908, and acting president of the College in 1893-94) was made an honorary member.

1925-26

Albert E. Reynolds, President

Outstanding event of this Rotary year was the Club's first occasion to entertain a district confer­ ence. It was held at the new Shrine Mosque, April

29 and 30. A rather sharp difference of opinion with

District Governor Frank Brittain of Kansas City de­

veloped over the part the host club was to play in arranging the program. It was adjusted to the satis­ faction of Springfieldians through the efforts of

Walter Eisenmayer, who took a strong stand in in­ sisting that the local club be consulted on entertain­ ment for "Stunt Night" and who should participate. After a conference between Governor Brittain and local officials, everything was amicable and the con­ vention a big success.

Minutes of the luncheon meetings which had for­ merly been kept were discontinued and instead a different member assigned each week to do a short write-up for the Rotozark. (Lee Bouldin never was able to learn how this miracle was achieved, if it was.)

Through July and August, luncheons were held at the Country Club.

Additional Active members were admitted for the first time, although the practice had long been authorized by R. I.

A notable speaker was Sherwood Eddy, author and international Y.M.C.A. leader. Guy Gibbs praised this address highly in The Rotozark, but others didn't like its purport, probably because Eddy was a militant early exponent of the Social Gospel. Father Curtis Tiernan, a member, resigned because he thought the Eddy speech reflected on Tiernan's

Board of Directors and an effort was made to placate

Father Tiernan, but without avail.

Quite a delegation of local Rotarians attended the

formal launching of a new club at Aurora on De­

cember 8.

A sort of Big Brother plan was initiated, under

which each member was assigned another member

to look after for a four-months period and befriend him wherever possible. Rotary Friend X was to be unknown to the member whom he was assigned. At the end of the period names were unmasked and each member was asked to recall any assistance he had received from his benefactor.

Unusual among the programs was one in which

pictures of club members in their youth or child­ hood were projected on a screen with a witty intro­ duction and guesses invited as to identity of the pictures.

Admitted to membership during the year were, among others, Ed Herman, Ed Raidler, Walter Smith, Herman Lohmeyer.

Ed Herman recalls that about this time the in­ tersection of Walnut and Jefferson streets was dubbed by a local wit as "the four 'ations"-Educa­ tion, Salvation, Starvation, Damnation. The Spring­ field Business College on the Southeast corner rep­ resented Education; St. Paul's church, Salvation; a rather dilapidated old shack where Bill James' paint store is now located was Starvation; and the old Springfield Club back of the present Guaranty Fed­ eral Savings and Loan Association-Chamber of Commerce home, which had a reputation of Bohem­ ian cavorting, was Damnation.

james S. Carpenter, President

Member John Wesley Pearson, a minister, was Springfield's delegate to the R. I. Convention in Ostend, Belgium. A letter from District Governor Hi Martin reported that Pearson made a hit with International President Rogers when he conducted Sunday School services and made a speech to the delegates on the S. S. Transylvania, going over.

Forty Springfield members attended the District convention at Tulsa, along with the Rotary-spon­ sored 75-piece Boy Scout Band.

Walter G. Rathbone, a charter member, was ap­

pointed by Missouri's Governor Sam Baker to be president of the Board of Regents at Springfield

State Teachers College.

Past President Clyde M. Hill made his farewell

speech to the Club before leaving to take up his new duties as Professor of Secondary Education at Yale. The Rotozark gave Hill a fine send-off.

A joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club was held on July 7. Springfield Kiwanis had been organized on June 25, 1920, about two years after the inception of Rotary. Rotary International preceded Kiwanis by some nine years, and was the pioneer and model for civic clubs.

The Rotozark for March 6 carried a vigorous

piece by Art Daily, which follows in part:

The new badges foisted on an innocent and

unsuspecting Rotary Club last Tuesday, with­

out warning or the consent of the governed, were truly wonderful things. No provisions for

wearing such asinine affectations can be found in our local By-Laws or in those o£ Interna­ tional Rotary, but the probabilities are that none

maculate copy turned over to our secretary.

A visitor said to me, "I thought all you fel­

lows knew each other." I told him we did. "Then, why the badges?" I had to refer him to the Board.

If you are such a nonentity that no one knows who you are, or if you lack the ability to

make acquaintances, then you have no right to be in Rotary. The only time a badge should be necessary in this club is when Iggy (Ignace

Glaser) is introducing a new member in that Yiddish language of his. Then it should be dis­ carded. Cut out the badges or cut out the bunk about personal fellowship and first names.

Personally I respectfully decline to decorate

my manly chest weekly with a billboard that looks like it might have been painted by George

Olendorf (outdoor advertising) for the purpose of hiding some scenic beauty spot, along our beautiful Ozark highways, where any member

could read the same while driving 40 miles an hour.

Be yourself, Bud, be yourself!

(Footnote: Art never did wear his badge.)

Ben McDonald and Elbert King became mem­

bers.

The St. Louis Cardinals' Gas House Gang were

riding and spiking high, wide, and handsome in the National League. They humbled the mighty

Yankees and their Bambino in the first world's series victory ever to come to the banks of the Mississippi.

Again on May 21, 1927, the world thrilled to the

news that Charles Lindbergh had flown alone, non­

stop, from New York to Paris.

The Kentwood Arms Hotel was opened for

business in July 1927. Viaducts over the Frisco tracks on Benton and Grant were completed.

1927-28

**Ed C. Rice, President**

Silent Cal Coolidge amused himself by mystify­ ing the reporters with his "I do not choose to run" announcement, thus maintaining intact a tradition of

160 years that no President should stay in office longer than eight years. This was after he had vetoed the McNary-Haugen Farm Bill on the grounds that it would lead to overproduction and damage the market for farm products abroad.

Sears, Roebuck opened a store at College and

Campbell Streets.

In a speech at the luncheon on January 7, Dis­

trict Governor Earl Foster spoke proudly of Rotary's

2717 clubs with 132,000 men in 43 nations.

Member AI Reynolds had the club as guest at the Springfield Gas and Electric Company's power plant on December 6. A group photo was made.

March 5 was the date for a joint meeting with

both Kiwanis and Lions at the Kentwood. Rotary was then meeting at the Colonial and continued to

do so until 1948.

1928-29

Dr. **Wilbur Smith, President**

Springfield celebrated the centennial of its first white settlement. The Medical Arts Building was erected. A reunion of the 35th Division veterans was held, with General Pershing and Secretary of War Dwight Davis as honored visitors to the Queen City.

A Past-Presidents Club was organized, the im­

mediate past president to be chairman each year.

The organization was supposed to act in an advisory

years reported he could not find any good deeds credited to it.

A "wild tie" party was held, which inspired Ed Wilhoit to utter a poem dedicated to Mat Walter, a habitual red necktie Haunter, with this verse in

the string:

The books I read and the life I lead

Are sensible, sane, and mild,

I just hate spats and I wear calm hats,

But I want my neckties wild.

Chairman of the Rotary Crippled Children's project was Murch Lightfoot.

This year the following were among those initi­ ated into the fraternity in due and ancient form: Frank Mann, Arthur McClung, Ed Lurie, Clyde Raymond, Homer Ford, Will Plummer, Clarence Gibson. In introducing Clyde Raymond, Art Daily spread himself with this flight of language:

It has become my pleasant duty to induct you and to bestow a little fatherly advice. The luncheons always open with one verse of America. Most of our members believe that America has only one verse. Only foreign-born residents are ever able to render the song in its entirety. Iggy Glaser (born in Bohemia) is probably the only member of this club who could sing the hymn through without an error.

The next thing on the program is to kick

about the food. Our cautious president devised

the scheme of not asking the blessing until the food had been presented, and then using his

judgment in the matter after looking it over. It would be an easy matter for Charley San­ sone to prepare an individual serving for each member, giving him exactly what he ought to

have, but Charley just don't seem to give a

darn, and so a lot of us eat ravioli and goulash when we really prefer corn beef and cabbage. If you have a desire for any particular food, you'd better arrange to get it at home.

At first you will probably weary at the same old songs, the same old bull, and the general buck passing at each meeting, but you are re­ quired to stay with and endure it just as you did your college hazing. You will have an op­ portunity here of listening to an unusual line of preachers of all types, faiths, and creeds, and you really need this just as most of our other members do. Whenever we are unable to get a preacher to speak to the club, which is seldom, we usually get a politician. Religious and po­ litical discussions both being banned by our By-Laws, it makes the speech of the preacher and the politician more difficult, and conse­ quently, sometimes shorter. Occasionally some competing, unsuspecting orator is inveigled into exchanging a 50-dollar speech for a 50-cent meal.

If in the future you desire to see one of your friends get what you are now about to get, bring in his name. State his regular busi­

ness or avocation as truthfully as the circum­ stances at the time seem to warrant, but don't worry. If no suitable classification seems to exist, the classification committee will manufac­ ture one for him. You probably have no idea how many lines of business there are, or how widely one can differ from another when sub­ jected to the scrutiny of a high powered Classi­ fication Committee.

If you should ever become chairman of the

Program Committee do not presume to intro­

duce a speaker personally. The buck should be

that number as a minimum to make a properly impressive introduction.

There is a lot of other good advice I could offer but the main points are summarized in Elbert Hubbard's Rule 6. Don't take yourself, or this club, too damn seriously.

This appears to have been the longest new-mem­ ber introduction on record, with the possible excep­ tion of Ed Rice's knighting of Bill English in 1954. On that occasion the president banged the gavel on Ed when he had brought Bill's biography up only to his 18th year.

1929-30

Ignace Glaser, President

In August a program feature was a two-minute report by as many members as would respond to the question, "What service do you render?" It moved the chronicler to remark that two minutes assigned for this theme would be "a gross and in­ excusable waste of time," since one word only would be needed for most members to report, "Nothing."

The president appointed a special Christmas Com­ mittee, which raised $200 at the December 21 meet­ ing, for useful gifts to people at the County Poor Farm and the Welfare Home for aged and indigent

women.

To finance entertainment for the coming District

Conference, it was voted to bill the members quar­ terly for their luncheons, and thus profit by absen­ teeism. This move is said to have greatly stepped up attendance by Rotarians of Scotch descent.

At the Dallas International Convention it was decided to hold the annual conclave outside the United States once in each four years.

The McDaniel Lake was completed and Spring­ fieldians felt confident their city water problem was taken care of permanently.

**1930-31**

**James M. Quinn, President**

Springfield's population had risen to 57,727. A new First and Calvary Presbyterian Church was being constructed at Cherry and Dollison. Two con­ gregations merged to make possible this fine house of worship. The First Presbyterian Church, founded in 1844, gave up its location at the Southeast corner of Olive and Jefferson Streets. Calvary, dating from

1849, moved from the Northwest corner of St. Louis and Benton Streets.

Since then the merger trend in Protestant churches has changed to a dispersal in more outlying churches.

The club was promoting the Springfield Card­ inals baseball team, as a farm for Branch Rickey's famous Cardinal stable.

Strenuous efforts were made to raise attendance, which had dropped to 81 per cent. Absent members were being listed in the Rotozark in capital letters as a prod. To induce more prompt arrival for the luncheons, the first man to come in late was required to put on a dunce hat. Then, when a still more tardy member showed up, the hat was passed to him. Last man to arrive wore it through the luncheon.

That the problems of running a meeting ef­ ficiently in 1930 were not much different from 1960 and after was illustrated in a report written for the Rotozark by the Old Scribe, of the meeting on October 28. Dr. L. E. Meador of Drury College was the speaker and his subject was "Justice in Taxa-

tion." These paragraphs are extracted from the re­ port of the meeting written by our early historian: Any address by Prof. Meador is a real treat

for any audience. He is a clear thinker, a con­ cise speaker, never at a loss for the right word, has a pleasant personality, and never tells his audience just what he actually thinks of them. And yet, even with such a distinguished guest speaker, with a timely message of vital interest, we too often compel him to sit by while we listen to the most colorless, inane, and futile tommyrot ever held out as entertainment to busy businessmen. Then we wind up by allot­ ting to a speaker of Professor Meador's ability

15 minutes to cover a subject such as his. Any available speaker of this type would be justi­ fied in refusing to appear at the tail end of a hodge-podge program hardly deep enough to interest the inmates of a school for feeble­ minded children. When a first class speaker is not available, then it will be time to trot out an amateur mother's darling who sings, recites, plays, or what have you.

This outburst was denied space in the Rotozark by order of the Board of Directors for fear of giving offense. But it got results, anyway. Prof. Meador was brought back again the following week and given the time he needed to complete his speech.

II

TRANSITION - THE MIDDLE YEARS

1931-32

Frank C. **Mann,** President

The Mt. Vernon club was organized with assist­

ance from Springfield.

The heavy hand of the Great Depression was being felt in Springfield as elsewhere. As a means of dispensing aid to homeless and unemployed, Rotarians put on a drive in December to sell coupon books, each coupon good for a meal or a bed at Salvation Army headquarters in the old Ritz Theatre Building on Boonville Avenue. It was suggested that every Rotarian buy three of these coupon books, one to keep at home, one at his place of business, and one to carry in his pocket, and give out to dis­ tressed persons instead of cash. Coupons not used and not detached from the books would be redeemed by the club at cost.

A gory chapter in the annals of crime was en­

acted when six Springfield police and Greene Coun­

ty sheriff's officers including Sheriff Hendrix, Sr.,

were slaughtered in an ambuscade west of town by the Young brothers, outlaws. All the criminals were

cornered later in Houston, Texas, and shot to death by police.

1932-33

Walter G. Rathbone, President

District Governor Bruce Williams of Joplin started a move to get each club in the district to compile a club history. More than 28 years were to

elapse before the Springfield club's history was to become a reality. Some there were who asked, "Why do you want a club history? What will you do with it when it's printed?" But those were very super­ ficial, if not dumb questions. Where do serious his­ torians obtain their material for the great histories that exhibit a country or an age? Their raw material is made up in part of all those local histories, com­ pany histories, family histories, club histories, etc. Each adds a few facts and impressions to the annals of time, in order that future generations shall not grope in the dark. In some day to come men will have grown up to where they learn something from reading and studying the records of the past.

A list of 200 former Rotary members in Spring­

field had been compiled during the Mann administra­

tion, and continuing efforts were made to bring some

of them back into the fold.

So-called open forum meetings were instituted

and held by small groups in the homes of members

for the purpose of more leisurely discussion of club

affairs.

The Frisco Railroad's Chadwick line made its

last run. The decline of the railroads was going on

gradually, from the days when there were three or four trains a day each way on the Kansas City­

Memphis Line, and more between St. Louis and Tulsa, when the Frisco had its uptown city ticket office in the Colonial Hotel Building, the Express

Company had an uptown receiving office on East Walnut Street, and the Missouri Pacific carried passengers on a regular schedule.

1933-34

Fred Schweitzer, President

Radio Station KWTO started operations on Christmas Day. The cornerstone was laid for the new $4 million U. S. Medical Center, after 1200 citi­ zens had subscribed to a fund to purchase the land­ a farm off West Sunshine owned formerly by Chief Justice Adiel Sherwood of the Missouri Supreme Court.

Gene Taylor took over the post of secretary, which he was to hold until he entered military serv­ ice and was succeeded by Lee Bouldin in 1942.

Aurora and Mt. Vernon were assigned to Spring­ field as "problem clubs." But the Springfield Club had its own problems, as President Schweitzer acutely realized and stressed to the members. At­ tendance was low and programs all too often were slender.

Project emphasis was placed on boys' work. The Committee headed by Allen Foster, and supported by a generous budget for those times, sought out boys who needed shoes, eyeglasses, school books, etc., and supplied them. Each case was personally investigated. The Committee also interested itself in obtaining paroles and assuming responsibility for juvenile delinquents believed worthy of helping. A scholarship was granted to an honor graduate of Springfield High School.

Rotary road signs were put up on the four na­

tional highway approaches to the city.

Death came to members Jim Hedges, Jack Blair,

and Ed Shepard, and on July 8, 1934 to Dr. Wilbur

Smith, the first club president to be lost in its 15 years of existence. By 1960, 21 out of 41 presidents

were deceased.

1934-35

Marion Mann, President

The heavy member turnover from which Rotary has always suffered was illustrated in a list of 200 former members compiled by Secretary Gene Taylor. It included the following names still remembered in the 60's:

Jos. M. Acuff

Jos. W. Brownlow

Harry Cooper

Thea. A. Coffelt

Will L. Cowden

Wm. C. Cheek Thos. W. Duvall Wm. B. Elkins Frank H. Fellows Jacob L. Hines

Will W. Johnson Wm. P. Keltner Ralph A. Likins Geo. B. Lemmon Ben F. McDonald

James B. McCarty

Fred R. Patton

Ely Paxson

Arthur T. Quisenberry

Claud H. Rathbone

R. R. Ricketts

T. Stanley Skinner

Les E. Walton

Sid E. Wilhoit

W. W. Woods

Sam M. Wear

Luke A. Weeks

Tom Watkins, Jr. Charles T. Wilks

Among these names were a number who rep­ resented A-1 Rotary material, except that they could not discipline themselves to fit into a club that demands regular attendance and expects active participation.

The policy of adding the price of meals to mem­ bership dues was abandoned as objectionable to too many members.

The practice of obtaining a short biography of

each new member was inaugurated and carried on

for some time thereafter. It was hoped that every man would find an inspiration in writing something

about his favorite subject. That would have worked out well in oral discourse, but it was found that

about 90 per cent would rather take a beating than to \vrite anything, even including letters. The only unfailing inducement that will cause a typical Rotarian to write would be to assign him the theme, "How Smart My Children Are."

1935-36

Jim Shannon, President

These were among the darkest days of the great depression. In spite of competent officers in the preceding years, the membership had dropped from a high of 100 down to 67. Attendance was the lowest in the district and was then running at 64 per cent. Programs had not been appealing. Something heroic was needed.

President Jim began by activating and stimulat­

ing an Aims and Objects Committee which met regularly twice a month with the club president and secretary present. Programs, projects, and all aspects of administration were thus tied together. Programs for one month in advance were scheduled, announced at the meetings, and printed in the Rotozark.

A series of consecutive programs were planned. President Roosevelt's attempt to pack the Supreme

Court had raised an issue that aroused the nation, and so the first series was devoted to five great Chief Justices of the United States - Marshall, Taney, White, Taft, and Hughes. Lawyer members assumed responsibility for getting appropriate speakers.

To stimulate membership growth, the $25 initia­

tion fee was suspended by asking and obtaining unanimous consent to waive the By-Laws provision. The Classification Committee compiled a list of open classifications and first, second, and third choices to

fill them. Working from this list, the membership was increased from 67 to 105, second best record of any Rotary club in the world for that year.

Attendance was stimulated by contests. The club was divided into two armies that competed against

each other. Springfield entered a contest with Jop­

lin, at the end of which Springfield as the loser en­

tertained Joplin at a joint dinner meeting. Attend­

ance was up from 64 per cent to 87 per cent. Finally,

on March 31, 1936 the first 100 per cent meeting on record was held.

The well known Rotarian, Ed V. Williams, died on December 20.

1936-37

Ted lippman, President

Trouble again was experienced with attendance, which dropped back to cellar position in the district.

Christmas baskets were packed by the members, in space provided by Charley Sansone at the Co­

lonial, and delivered in person to

County Home

Boys Industrial home

Girls Welfare Home

140

15

10

Mary E. Wilson Home 1 large basket

Dr. Wallis Smith attended the R. I. Convention

at Nice, France.

In the realignment of districts, Springfield was

transferred from District 15 to 134. New clubs were

chartered at Webb City and Crane.

1937-38

Dr. Wallis Smith, President

While Wallis Smith is remembered as one of the club's most beloved leaders, very little on his

administration was uncovered by the researchers.

On April 18, 2G members went to Bolivar to

present its new charter. It was principally owing to

the efforts of Wallis Smith that this fine neighbor club was organized.

Attendance in March was back up to 88 per cent. The year was marked by a wave of sit-down strikes and union violence encouraged by the Wagner Labor Act and its enforcer, the National

Labor Relations Board.

**1938-39**

**Jim Wells, President**

In the issue of July 11th The Rotozark could boast of 28 members with perfect attendance records for the preceding six month. Hard-sell efforts to obtain better attendance seemed to be paying off. In January it was announced that Jim Quinn had attended 996 meetings, and Frank O'Ne<al 961, without a skip.

Carl Bolte of Slater, Missouri, and later Kansas

City, was District Governor.

The Board discussed recommendations on a

proposed change in the venerable Public Square pie,

but concluded it was a controversial issue and took

no action.

A point was made by one of the Board that a

proposed club member was not qualified because

he was neither an executive or an owner of his firm. It was decided to approve the name, notwith­

standing.

In April 1939 Springfield was host to what was

probably the most ambitious and well publicized

district convention ever held here. Two past inter­ national presidents-Robert E. L. Hill of Missouri and Dr. Allen D. Albert of Illinois-were present,

along with a whole platoon of district governors, for­ mer governors, and the redoubtable Roe Bartle from Kansas City, who was about to succeed Carl Bolte as District Governor. The speakers included the noted radio commentator, Boake Carter, and Father E. J. Flanagan of Boys Town in Nebraska.

Frank Mann, the general chairman, had arranged for a special committee of Rotary Anns to help en­

tertain more than 350 Rotarians and wives. An un­ usual feature of the program was the rendition of a song, "My Ozarks," the words and music of which had been composed by Mrs. Jim Shannon before her

death 2% years earlier.

**1939-40**

**Herman Lohmeyer, President**

It has been remarked that the Lohmeyers typify the evolution of vocational names in America. Ely Paxson's classification was "undertaker," Herman Lohmeyer's was "funeral director," and Gene and Louis Lohmeyer evolved into "mortician."

An effort was made to revive the Advisory

Board made up of past presidents with a chairman

elected each year by the current Board, but our

annalist reports he could find no instance of the

group ever having met or advised.

Complaints increased as to "signers and leavers,"

later dubbed as the "Eat and Run Boys" and by various other not too affectionate labels. Then as

later, earnest Rotarians insisted that a member who was too busy to sit down and listen to the pro­ gram was too busy period. But "too busy" is the

great American alibi.

Three charter members were still on the rolls:

George Olendorf, who after straying from the fold,

had been reinstated; Ray Kelly and Art Daily.

Past president Marion ("Monk") Mann and band leader Ritchie Robertson died.

Budget for this administration, based on 104

members, was $2898.

Tom Nadal, retiring president of Drury College,

was elected to honorary membership for conspicuous

civic and educational service.

Louis Reps became manager of the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. L. E. Meador was president of the Chamber.

The old Country Club building on South Glen­

stone Avenue burned.

1940-41

**Harry lilly,** President

The president was authorized by the Board to engage a paid musician for club meetings. This outlay soon suggested the recruitment of musical talent in the club, and in due course some of the ablest professionals in the city were enrolled.

Jim Shannon was proposed by the club for Dis­

trict Governor, and elected.

This year the Friday noon Round Table meetings

were revived.

Steps were taken to make a survey as to the

feasability of sponsoring a club at Branson.

Springfield's population by the new census was

61,238.

Parking meters were first installed, as the town

came of age and imagined itself to have traffic prob­

lems. Springfield was being transformed from a farm market town into a manufacturing city.

1941-42

Frank lister, President

This administration is notable for having initiated what was later known as the Frank Lister Student Loan Fund, which became and has continued to be one of Springfield Rotary's major projects. Frank was Superintendent of Motive Power for the Frisco, the position held in 1960 by Ed Tuck. He was an unusually quiet, unassuming, modest man, but a thinker and planner.

Among the speakers during this term were Mayor Harry Carr, Postmaster C. W. Greenwade; "Gabby" Street, famous baseball player and man­ ager; Lewis Luster, president of the Chamber of Commerce; and Frank Mann, who had been elected president of the Missouri Bar Association. A pro­ gram was announced for August 30 by the noted Missouri danseuse (strip-teaser to you) Sally Rand, but it must have been a hoax, as no reference to her "lecture" appeared in next week's Rotozark.

Another interesting Lister club project was the establishment at Central High School of a Rotary Vocational Book Shelf. Ben McCoy was named chairman of a special committee to collect the books.

The German armies invaded Russia and the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor, thus bringing all the great powers into the most tremendous conflict known to history. Many younger Rotarians began immediately to enter the military services. Among the earliest to volunteer were Dan Yancey, Gordon Robertson, Jake Karchmer, Durward Hall, Ben Mc­ Coy, Fred Farthing, Marvin Napper, Jim Robinette, and Gene Taylor, the club secretary. All who left for this purpose were granted honorary member­ ship for the duration of their military service.

The club threw itself energetically into various

patriotic drives. A milk and cracker luncheon at the regular price netted $47.90 as a contribution to a fund to relieve distressed Americans stranded abroad. This was a District plan initiated by Gov­ ernor Jim Shannon.

For one of these causes Charley Wadlow con­

ducted an auction of farm products, including a load of manure topped off by whipped cream, all

from Clarence Gibson's dairy farm. Informative speeches were scheduled on Japan and Russia. Help was given to the scrap rubber collection drive.

A public concert by violinist David Rubino££

was promoted by the Youth Committee to raise

funds for the Girl Scouts, but it resulted in a deficit

of $70.62.

A new club was formed at Neosho.

O'Reilley General Hospital was dedicated on

November 8.

**1942-43**

**Lon Haymes, President**

As a war measure, in view of travel restrictions, it was decided to count attendance at the Friday Round Table at Davidson's Cafeteria as make-up for the preceding Tuesday only.

At President Lon's suggestion, the practice was

adopted of having birthday boys drop in the kitty a

penny for each year, with a 50-cent minimum.

Budget for this year was $2726.

Lee Bouldin became acting secretary and has

since been elected and reelected to that post each

year.

The club partially furnished a new students' rec­

reation room at Drury College.

Dues were raised from $24 to $28 a year.

A program was put on by two city officials ex•

plaining the difficulties being encountered in dis­ posing of Springfield's waste and picturing the evils of stream pollution caused by inadequate treat­ ment facilities. Seventeen years were to elapse be­ fore this problem was met as far as the city itself was concerned.

A new club was organized at Golden City.

On May 3, Jap Everett reported that as the re­ sult of an intensive drive, Springfield Rotary had sold $169,050 in war bonds.

State Senator Allen McReynolds of Carthage spoke before the club on February 9 on the coming State Constitutional convention. The new and mod­

ernized Constitution was finally adopted on Feb­

ruary 27, 1945.

Junior Rotarian of the month started with the selection of one outstanding student for this honor.

**1943-44**

**James Williver, President**

The remaining eight living Charter members were elected to honorary membership. Art Daily, Ray Kelly, Sam Wear, Fayette Laird, Burke Hol­ brook, and Charley Millikin were present at a meet­ ing especially dedicated to these pioneers. Walter Rathbone and Ernest Scholten were absent. Eleven past presidents attended.

Ed Rice and Charles Moody were appointed on

a city-wide committee to investigate and report on the proposed purchase by the City of the Spring­ field Gas and Electric Co.

A program was given over to a series of 5-minute

autobiographies by members and another to a tall tales contest-"Can You Top This?"

By a vote of the Board, the classification of

"liquor distribution" was closed. No change in this

rule has been made. Whether beer distribution was to be included was not made clear, but in recent years no beer distributor has been accepted for membership.

Rotarian Wallis Smith was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

**1944-45**

**Clyde Raymond, President**

Definite action was taken to enforce attendance requirements, and everal delinquents dropped. In spite of this and the war's urgent demands the club gained six members during the year. A new club at Buffalo was organized.

One of the outstanding programs was a speech

by Carl Bolte of Kansas City on the occasion of

Rotary International's 40th birthday.

In May the war in the European theatre came to a triumphant finish. Jap Everett's committee had

sold more than one million dollars worth of war bonds.

Purchase by the City of the Springfield Gas and

Electric Co. was consummated for a price of

$6,750,000. Ed Rice was the first chairman of the

City Utilities Board and served in that capacity for

71fz years.

President Clyde obtained from Kansas City

Rotarian Bob Leonard cards bearing an anonymous

verse on "Rotary Fellowship," which were dis­

tributed to members at one of the luncheons. **The**

cards carried Table Number assignments in order to

shuffle the members. These are the lines of the poem:

Just grin when you come in,

And make it wide, not tight and thin,

Say "Hello Bill" and "Howdy Jack,"

And slap the other fellow on the back;

Stick out your mitt, and crack a joke;

If no one laughs, there's no bones broke.

And by and by you will make our club

A sort of happy sunshine hub

That radiates good cheer and vim, Because- you grin when you come in.

**1945-46**

**James F. Findlay, President**

The hot phase of the Second World War ended with the terrible bombing of Hiroshima and Naga­ saki in July. People at home sighed with relief that the world crisis had been ended for good, as they thought,and they could now settle down to peace­ ful pursuits again, untroubled by war and rumors of war.

On August 18 the program appropriately was

dubbed "The Meaning of V-Day," with Lon Haymes,

Horace Haseltine, and Jerry Wommack as the

speakers.

President Jim read the Honor Roll and paid

tribute to Rotary's war contribution. Victory Bond

Day was observed on November 13.

Further sidelights on war and peace are indi­

cated in later programs having to do with the atomic

bomb and General Eisenhower. A suggestion of

what was to follow was contained in a speech by a

Baltimore Methodist minister who fo•esaw an un­

easy armistice rather than a peace.

With 106 members, the club had 53 or exactly

half, who registered perfect attendance during the

last half of 1945.

A questionnaire was sent to members asking for

an expression on the Community Service under­

takings they considered most important.

The treasurer of the St. Louis Better Business

Bureau, William G. Droster, reported on some of the throes and unethical pushing around of consumers by business that had been caused by the unnatural wartime seller's market.

Following a practice carried on for many years, one meeting was given over to a free luncheon for Community Chest workers, this time at the Y.W.C.A. gym.

One of the highlights of the year was an inter­ city ladies' night at Central High School in Feb­ ruary. It was called the Cinderella Valentine Party, and the hearts of the girls were gladdened by pre­ senting each one of the 140 present a pair of hard­ to-purchase Nylon hose.

Thomas Elmore Lucy, beloved traveler and Ozark poet, entertained the club with readings and quick-costume character acts.

Early in the year this resolution by the Mem­

bership Committee was adopted: "That the member­

ship of the club be notified that in no case shall any

member sign the roll for any other member, nor

make such request himself."

President Jim was necessarily absent for an ex­

tended period owing to his hospitalization.

Frank Lister's death was called a heavy loss to the club and to Springfield.

**1946-47**

**E. A. Martin, Jr., President**

Springfield was host to another successful Dis­ trict Conference. A sectional inter-city meeting was also held.

The practice of inviting Rotary Anns to the

annual Christmas meeting was initiated. Charge for the regular luncheon was increased to $1.00.

On account of seating limitations at the meeting

place in the Colonial Hotel, the Board set a tempo­ rary limitation on membership at 125. New proposals beyond that limit were placed on the waiting list.

Alex Drier, the radio commentator, was an out­

standing speaker.

Registration at the Round Table luncheons was no longer permitted to count on members' attend­

ance. This was by direction of the District Governor.

The historic concrete "pie" in the center of

Springfield Public Square was removed. An old well

at that spot, dug in 1858, was filled.

**1947-48**

**Ray D. Kelly, President**

President Ray got off to a head start by taking his wife and attending the R. I. Convention in San Francisco. In the course of the journey he attended meetings of five western clubs and picked up ideas to bring home. One was the practice of fines, which gave the president a chance to publicize members' outside activities and in the process extract some cash more or less painlessly for the Student Loan Fund. And so he became the first and one of the most effective judicial presidents.

A lively well-attended club assembly was held at the president's country home on the James River.

For the first time in 12 years a **100** per cent meet­ ing was held, and without special advance fanfare. Following the last meeting in January it was dis­ covered that only George Bostian had been absent, owing to a trip to Texas. Plans were made for him to fly to Sedalia on Monday, the last day for a makeup. When the plane was grounded, Ray and

George drove to Sedalia on a wild ride that brought

them in under the wire.

Three weeks later, February 17, 1948, a special

program was arranged for the club's 29th annivers­ ary and this resulted in a repeat 100 per cent per­ formance-a record "first and only" through 41 ad­ mistrations. Former District Governor Hiram Mar­ tin, who had spoken at the Charter meeting in 1919 was again the principal speaker. He died shortly thereafter. Following this meeting Bruce May took a panoramic photo of the members, which is still a treasured possession of many Rotarians.

At an inter-city meeting held at the School of the

Ozarks, Rotary International past president Robert

E. Lee Hill made a stirring address.

A few of the better remembered speakers:

John Hulston, "The Battle of Wilson's Creek"

Judge Hiram McLaughlin, "Local Juvenile

Delinquent Problems"

Dr. L. E. Meador, "The Marshall Plan" and

"The Taft-Hartley Act"

0. K. Armstrong, "Inside Europe Two Years

After the War"

David B. Woodruff, "Activities of the

Juvenile Court"

Dr. Donald H. Nicholson, "The Palestine

Problem"

Monsignor Thos. Brady, "The History of the

Irish Race"

Dr. A. E. Moorman of Drury, "The Situation

in India"

Charles Felsing, Allied Stores Co., "The De­

partment Store and Its Services"

Robert J. Stone, Frisco executive, "The Frisco

Modernization Plan"

State Senator Jasper Smith, "What's Wrong at Boonville"

Also Graham Clark, District Governor Wyatt

Peck, Docia Karrel, and others.

1948-49

**David** leBolt, President

President Dave attended the R. I. convention at

Rio de Janeiro and reported on his experience.

Ed Raidler, long-time chairman of the Sunshine

Committee, also assumed the duties of Sergeant-at­

Arms.

Dues were increased from $28 to $35 a year. The

Board voted to move the meeting place to the Crystal

Room at the Kentwood Arms. First meeting there was held December 21, 1948.

A voluntary Rotary Service Fund was set up separate from the regular club budget, to meet cost of projects.

The club assisted in organizing and sponsoring the Indoor Sports Club.

The Junior Rotarian program was expanded to include all local colleges, secondary schools, and

4-H and FFA clubs among farm boys. Carrol Mace,

Drury honor student, was selected as the club's

nominee for a Rotary Foundation Fellowship, and

won the District designation.

In collaboration with the Civic Club Council new

road signs were put up on five leading highway

approaches to the city.

A looseleaf semi-permanent Roster with photos

of all members was introduced.

This year club donations were discontinued to

agencies that solicited individual members.

Senior active membership became available and

eligible members were encouraged to apply for that

classification.

One hundred per cent participation in the Rotary

Foundation Fund was achieved.

Most famous program speaker was the noted

merchant prince, J. C. Penney.

An informal poll picked as the most polished and interesting address of the year the speech by Stanley Roush, later a City Councilman, on "The Problem Drinker."

Another outstanding program was a scientific and technological demonstration, "Previews of Progress," by representatives of General Motors.

The tendency to balance informative and enter­ tainment program features reached a high develop­ ment in this and the immediately preceding ad­ ministration. Music, both popular and classical, dramatic skits and debates were supplied by the colleges and public schools in a variety to satisfy all tastes.

An average attendance of around 90 per cent

attested to the success of this effort. In succeeding years the drop in attendance to well below that fig­ ure was in part chargeable to the growing number of new members admitted.

A constantly increasing turnover of membership

also was noted during the fifties. This may have been owing somewhat to the increased tendency of large corporations to shift their representatives free­ ly and frequently. Also, perhaps, to some over-em­ phasis on getting new members and a consequent failure to hold to the old standards of selectivity. The doctrine preached so pungently by Dr. Bob Good, that Rotary is not just another club, but an organization that demands much of its members, needed reasserting as the member roll grew faster than the population. The great Rotarians, among whom Bob Good assumes a place along with Paul Harris, have insisted that Rotary is no club for "joiners." This is a heavy responsibility for the Membership Committee and the main reason for their anonymity. The No. 1 qualification for this Committee should be an ability to say "No."

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MATURITY- THE FABULOUS FIFTIES

1949-50

James W. Kent, President

The new-member admission fee was increased from $25 to $35, to provide a $10-per-member con­ tribution annually to the Rotary Foundation.

In October, President Jim introduced the first seven members to take the new Senior Active Classification, thus opening their vocational classi­ fications to new members.

"Why do Rotarians attend meetings?" asked Fred

Thomsen. His answer:

20% to meet and eat.

20% to avoid eating with their wives.

20% to take their noonday nap.

20% to swap yarns.

20% to do the work of the club.

A letter was read from a District Governor in

India protesting against a poster exhibited in his

country by the Assemblies of God, as offensive to

Indians.

Outside meetings were held at the U. S. Medical

Center and the MFA Artificial Breeding Farm.

May Kennedy McCord, Missouri's Mother of the

Year, addressed the club on "The Things Closest

to My Heart."

Other speakers included Dr. Virginia Craig,

State Geologist Edward L. Clark, Warden Dr. Ivan

Steele of U. S. Medical Center, 0. K. Armstrong,

Rev. Roy Fields, Dr. Bob Good, Rev. Charles E. Lunn.

The Bell Telephone Co. changed Springfield to the dial system.

The city's population had grown to 72,109. Springfield was made national headquarters of

the Milking Shorthorn Society, in part because Joe

Johnston had won a high reputation as a Milking

Shorthorn breeder.

Burge Hospital installed its Polio Isolation unit. In the Rotozark for the week of November 22,

1949 this bit of wisdom was quoted:

If America is to be run by the people, it

is the people who must think. And we do not need to put on sackcloth and ashes to think. Nor should our minds work like a sundial

which records only sunshine. Our thinking must square against some lessons of history, some principles of government and morals, if we would preserve the rights and dignity of men to which this nation is dedicated.­ Herbert Hoover.

In .July the International Typographical Union

called a strike at Springfield Newspapers. The pub­

lishers continued to operate and four other unions refused to respect the picket lines. The ITU picketed the newspaper plant for five years, but not one daily

edition was missed.

By way of retaliation, the ITU established its

tabloid Daily News Digest in competition and ran it for between three and four years at a reputed loss

of more than $1 million, before finally suspending publication.

Coincident with this long strike, and afterwards,

occurred a series of some 14 mystery bombings in

Springfield and Greene County. No conviction was

ever obtained against the perpetrators, and it was impossible to get a Grand Jury investigation.

1950-51

George Hunter, President

The name of the Project Fund was changed to the Arthur Daily Service Fund, to honor Springfield Rotary's George Washington.

The effort to abolish make-up at the Friday Round Table having failed, a limit was placed on the number of times a member could make-up in that way.

Some 600 attended this year's inter-city meeting. A Christmas party for the Rotary Anns became

an established practice. As was expected from a

president who is a professional showman, the 1950

Christmas party was a memorable show.

The P.E.C. (Premature Exodus Committee) grew in numbers, and for no good reason, as some fine programs were scheduled.

Stewart Staples, director of the Missouri Public Expenditure Survey, spoke on the Hoover Com­ mission Report. H. H. Mobley, Director Missouri Division of Resources and Development, told of the vast possibilities in vacation travel for the Ozarks. Judge W. L. Vandeventer gave an account of the state of Europe as he had recently seen it. Dr. Paul S. Weaver of Stephens College, addressed a joint evening meeting of all Springfield civic clubs, at Drury College. Arch R. Maulsby, Sales Promotion Manager of Socony Vacuum Oil Co. spoke on "Free Enterprise as it Affects the Oil Industry." Dr. Lucas C. Porter made a very controversial speech that tended to support the Communist cause in the Far East. Dr. Will Alexander, noted orator from Okla­ homa City, gave his address on Faith and Freedom.

The Wilson Creek Battlefield Foundation was or­

ganized and purchased 37 acres at the center of the

great struggle between Union and Confederate armies on August 10, 1861.

Authorization to spend $38.50 for a United Na­

tions flag was given by the Board.

**1951-52**

**Joe B. Wann, President**

Stress was placed on Community service, with particular help for the Boy Scouts. An attractive Scout brochure was printed and distributed over the Empire District Council area. A number of mem­ bers gave a work day to make improvements at the Arrowhead Camp.

Through an aggressive club Safety Committee the old City Safety Committee was reactivated. Drury College students under the direction of Wilber Bothwell made a traffic survey to assist the work of this organization.

The Rural-Urban Committee put on a successful Farmers Day program, with achievement awards to farmers. Each member was asked to bring a farmer guest.

The Rotary numeral pin showing number of years of perfect attendance was initiated.

**The Rotarian** magazine sent its field editor and

former editor-in-chief, Leland Case, to Springfield to obtain material for an article on the "Black Mar­ ket'' ad which the club had been instrumental in publishing in newspapers the previous year as the

result of Fred Nation's work on the Competitor Relations Committee. Case's article was published under the heading, "Bright Spot on the Black Mar­ ket Map."

Harry Study was made an honorary member. Outstanding speaker of the year was J. F. Kraft

of Kraft Foods Co. The entire Sertoma Club were invited guests.

Dr. Roy Ellis and Willard Graff were hosts to the club at the new SMS Student Center. The club also toured the various City Utilities properties under the guidance of Rotarian Nick Sprong.

The Rev. George Percival, Methodist minister of Chesterfield, England, spoke on "The English Scene." A few months later an American Methodist minister from Kansas City, Dr. Ben Morris Redpath, gave his impressions of the English scene through an Amer­ ican's eyes.

From a speech before the club by Ernie Palm­ quist: "Too many people have too much "!:ime to do nothing, and they're always in a hurry to do it."

"There's nothing wrong with America that char­

acter can't change."-Durward Hall.

About this time a second Rotary Club for Spring­ field began to be talked up. The idea was found to be in order, Rotarially, as many other cities have thus expanded. In its favor was urged the consider­ ations that Rotary membership could thus be made available to more potentially good material, that a second club would open new avenues of club lead­ ership to young men, and that with two meeting days in Springfield members of the old club would be able to keep up a better attendance and get more out of Rotary. On the other hand, many members felt that one big club can carry more impact in community affairs than two, one of which would be small at first.

The new First Baptist Church on South Avenue was opened on the site of the old 1895 structure.

Stanley Peterson, Springfield's "Young Man of

the Year," received the Missouri Junior Chamber

of Commerce Distinguished Service award.

SMS Bears won the National Association Inter­ coliegiate Basketball Tournament held at Kansas City.

East Trafficway was opened and Springfield's

east-west traffic ventilated.

Gene Martin was elected to the School Board,

on which Jim Jeffries was already serving.

The Lily-Tulip plant on North Glenstone Ave­

nue was opened on June 11, 1952.

1952-53

C. Wallace Walter, President

Careful attention was given to organization. After the chairmen of the committees had been selected by the officers they were called into conference and given some choice in picking suitable members for their committees, instead of arbitrarily assigning all members to one or more as had been done.

A special committee was named to study the need and the ways and means of obtaining a mu­ nicipal auditorium for Springfield. In President

Wally's report to District Governor A. J. McNally, made in November 1952, he said:

It is hoped that this committee will be continued by future administrations in order that the necessary groundwork may be done and the results submitted to the mu­ nicipal authorities . . . although it may be several years before the growth and financial status of the City are such that the governing body of the City can give it serious consider­ tion.

Evening Fireside meetings were given an impetus.

Among the Service Fund allocations were $150

to buy furniture for the Negro Youth Center, $150 for sending milk to the Children of Korea, and $200 for equipment for the Women's and Girls' Welfare Home.

Dr. "Phog" Allen, noted Kansas University coach, reported on the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki, Finland.

The club visited the new Burge Hospital for a luncheon and tour.

A well remembered address was that by Dr. Lucinda Templin, principal of a girls school in El Paso, Texas. Her subject was "Parents as Problems." Much guilty squirming was observed among her listeners, while others made mental notes to lecture their wives on the subject.

C. C. Williford, the weatherman, made another appearance before the club.

L. P. Cookingham, City Manager of Kansas City, spoke on city manager municipal government.

Louis J. Alber gave his well known lecture, "Kremlin Blueprint for 1953."

The Greater Burge Hospital was dedicated.

As a result of market dumping caused by the long drought, 8,000 animals were sold in one day at

the Union Stock Yards.

A Home Rule Charter and Council-Manager

form of government was adopted by the voters at a

city election in March. Among others on the Charter

Commission were Rotarians L. H. Turner, Bill Can­

trell, and George Thompson, Jr.

Willard Graff was appointed to succeed Harry

Study as Superintendent of Schools. Willard an­

nounced that his policy would be "progressive edu­

cation with a small 'p.' "

The Smith-Glynn-Callaway Clinic announced

plans to construct a new $250,000 clinic on South

Glenstone Avenue.

Kraft Foods began construction of its new plant in the Southeast part of the city.

Three-D movies were first shown in Springfield theatres.

The Handley City Hospital was opened on

North Jefferson Avenue.

1953-54

J. B. (Cap) Kidd, President

Scholarships were provided for two students who could not, without financial assistance, complete their college education. Increased assistance was given to the Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts.

Fining was stepped up and swelled the tills of the Student Loan Fund. A new device for dollar extraction was the fining of members at the rate of $1 a pound for newborn, both children and grand­ children. An amazing fecundity was revealed, amid deep groans from the grandads.

Invocations were given by a different member

each week, and the same practice was applied to welcoming visitors. Better participation resulted. Many members who hadn't been inside a church for yea:rs had to brush up on their devotionals.

Attendance at the annual club picnic totaled 402. From a selection read at a club meeting: "There

is no freedom from consequences." This must have been inadvertently omitted from the Atlantic Char­ ter and United Nations catalogues of freedoms.

A speaker from the University of Missouri fac­

ulty left this gem of wisdom: "You can't take it with

you. By ding, you can't even keep it after you get it here on earth."

Among the speakers were E. G. Frank of Gen­

eral Electric, Major General Pence from Fort

Leonard Wood, E. M. Poirot, the Golden City con-

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servationist, Senator Stuart Symington, Baron Max Hausen from Austria, Col. Lester B. Wickof£ of Wentworth Military Academy. On Baseball Day Tom Greenwade, Sherm Lollar. Ferrell Anderson, and Mike Ryba were all served up in one dish.

The old Metropolitan Hotel, College Street land­ mark, was razed to make way for a downtown park­ ing lot.

A new school was named for Ed V. Williams,

second president of the club.

KYTV went on the air, October 1, 1953.

A count of 1384 Springfield trees killed by the

great drought was reported.

1954-55

Durward G. **Hall,** President

International President Herb Taylor had voiced the slogan, "Ten per cent more in '54," and the Springfield club tied in with its contribution to a healthy growth in memberships, funds, and activi­ ties.

For the first time an R. I. President in office came to Springfield to be the principal speaker at a huge intercity meeting and Golden Anniversary

celebration in the Shrine Mosque. While President Taylor was applauded for his Four-Way Test, some disappointment with his speech was expressed. His sole solution of prayer for the world-wide crisis precipitated by militant Communism seemed to leave out something.

Durward threw into his presiding all the zest of an exhuberant vitality and a colossal vocabulary.

Wally Walter's talents as a Rotary leader made him a "natural" for District Governor. He was the only Springfield member except Jim Shannon to

win that honor up to this time.

Rotarians were invited by Jobe Thompson, their old friend and maitre d'hotel at the Colonial, to be his guests at a special service in Jobe's church, the Gibson Chapel Presbyterian, to hear Guy Howard, the Walking Preacher of the Ozarks.

According to a study made at this time by Will James, the average age of the members was 53, the youngest being 26 and the oldest 90. Of the 185 members, 84 were native Missourians and 27 of these were born in Springfield. Twenty-two states and two foreign countries were represented in their nativity.

A Sons and Daughters meeting was held in April with Ralph Foster as M. C. It brought an overflow.

Seaborn Collins, National Commander of the

American Legion, was a speaker.

A meeting in February was designated as Com­ petitor's Day. Every member was asked to bring a competitor guest and try to be reasonably decent

to him. Johnny Johnson, Managing Editor of Spring­ field Newspapers, was in a dilemma; he had no com­ petitor.

An outstanding District Conference was held at

Hollister. Speakers included Rev. Ralph W. Sock­

man, "Ollie" Oberg of Sydney, Australia, and J. C. Penney.

The annual fishing spree was first named Uncle Tom's Fishing Derby in honor of Tom Watkins, one of the club's chief addicts.

Jim Shannon was granted honorary membership.

Some new members were coming in who were not sufficiently interested to supply their photos for the Roster, in spite of Lee Bouldin's exhortations.

An operating permit was granted to station

KTTS-TV.

The Ozark Jubilee got off to a start that made

Springfield the Great White Way of country music.

George Olds' Bias suspended publication five

years after its launching.

1955-56

James A. Jeffries, President

The Classification Committee made a complete reappraisal and revision of classifications and pub­ lished a list of those that were open.

The president assigned to each Junior Rotarian a member sponsor charged to see that the Junior attended meetings during his month and was prop­ erly introduced and made to feel at home. Four-Way Test plaques were awarded the Junior Rotarians at the last meeting in each month.

September 27, 1955 was Will James Apprecia­ tion Day. The Will James Choir sang selections from Will's sacred music compositions for which he had received national acclaim. This was a surprise pro­ gram, with no notice being given; it was planned that way.

Ben Parnell of Branson presented the Southern Illinois University's dramatic company, which was staging a summer repertory in Branson.

Willa Stewart, an Ash Grove girl who became famous as an operatic singer, entertained Rotarians in a superb performance.

Importance of the $10 million sewer program bond issue was stressed by three local speakers at a program in August. A month later the issue car­ ried by a decisive vote in a special city election, an important landmark for the Queen City.

Special attention to International Service was given during this Administration. Foreign exchange students in Springfield colleges were brought to the club luncheons and on one evening occasion enter­ tained at the Elks Club. The International Service Division, under Bill Shockley's chairmanship, sent letters of greeting, on the occasion of Rotary's Golden Anniversary, to 34 selected clubs all around the

world, telling them something about Springfield. Correspondence was carried on with a number of clubs in such far away places as Pretoria, South Africa; Aachen, Germany; Turko-Abo, Finland; Adelaide, Australia; and .Ferrara, Italy.

A letter was received from the Taipei, Formosa club asking for aid in obtaining asylum in America for 9000 Far East refugees from the Communist tyrannies.

The Rotary Club of Tela, Honduras wrote ask­ ing for book contributions to a public library being started in that town of 14,000 inhabitants. A box of English-language books were sent by the Interna­ tional Information Committee.

A Rotarian was defined as "a guy of 60 who looks 50, feels 40, acts 30, and wishes he were 20." On November 8 a meeting was held as guests

of the Army Reserve at the Armory on Pythian

Street.

Annual Farmer's Day was marked by the pres­

entation of two purebred heifer calves to farm boys.

Louis Reps resigned as Chamber of Commerce

manager and was replaced by Bill Dauer. Dauer

and Durward Hall, the Chamber's president, were

speakers on April 24. In May, Dauer and the new city manager, Bart Avery, put on a program, "For­ ward Springfield."

Agitation for recall of the City-Manager govern­

ment had been beaten badly in a referendum elec­

tion.

C. W. Johnson became president of the Ozarks

Playgrounds Association.

A speaker of great force was Edwin M. Clark,

president of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Com­

pany and a dominant St. Louis civic leader. He

predicted that Springfield would within a decade or

so become a city of nearly 200,000.

Evangel College was dedicated, with a speech by Congressman Dewey Short.

The new Twin Oaks Country Club was formed to purchase the Arthur Johnson farm southeast of the city as its home.

The old Immaculate Conception Catholic Church held its final service before demolition of the 19th century structure at North Campbell and Tampa Street.

Annexation of 17.6 square miles to the Spring­

field municipality was voted.

The Frisco eating house at the railroad station on Mill Street, formerly a Harvey House and for two generations one of the city's most popular res­

taurants, was closed.

Fellows Lake, a new $3 million reservoir, was completed by the Springfield City Water Works.

**1956-57**

**Will James, President**

President Will brought to the club's leadership a unique talent for saying things that are different or clothing the old truths in new and vivid imagery. Satire is of two kinds - the corrosive and the unguent. Will uses the unguent. In his vigorous and original intellect he resembles the club's first presi­ dent, Arthur Daily, but with one sharp difference. Daily poured acid into his facetious words, and Will prefers ointment.

Nowhere has Will's method been better phrased than in a quotation from him in an article by Jim

Shannon, written for and published in **The Rotarian** magazine, headed, "Five Ways to Be a Better President." This quotation follows, in part:

Why do some 200 of the busiest and most

successful men in our city leave their work

once a week to gather for a Rotary meeting? What do they expect? ...

I felt that every meeting should be de­

signed to stimulate, entertain or inform a

group of intelligent men. Having set up

program standards in cooperation with a live program chairman, I felt free to turn my at­

tention to that section which I think can be the very soul of a Rotary meeting-the presi­ dent's period. It is at this time that the mood and flavor of the occasion are estab­ lished ... I had observed that a skillful pre­ siding officer who is willing to give himself adequate preparation can develop this part of the meeting into a program within itself, and not just a dryasdust administrative in­ terlude. My own approach was to start with learning as much as I could about the mem­ bers and their individual hobbies, points of personal pride, joys, and sorrows. Then I took these various human strands and tried to weave them into a tapestry colored in a wide range from humorous sally to light sentiment. I worked on the old theory of a judicious blending of the sublime and the ridiculous.

During the president's period he might spring a

surprise by recalling some of the historic occasions

that could be commemorated during the current week. In calling the roll of the birthday boys one month, he gave humorous thumbnail sketches for each name. Moe Fayman, for instance, he character­ ized as "a notable exponent of the profit system-I mean, he believes in it."

Among the new members at this time was Alan

Gatty, Australian-born son of Harold Gatty who

with Wiley Post made the first around-the-world

airplane flight. Alan was in the oil business. He had

served during the war in both the New Zealand Air Force and the U. S. Army. He left Springfield later for a better job.

Philip Lovejoy, secretary of R.I., visited the club

and made an address.

Joe Wann was elected mayor. He was to serve

two terms during a period of rapid growth of the

city. Durward Hall won the Chamber of Commerce

Springfieldian of the Year award.

Vice President and Mrs. Richard Nixon visited

Springfield during the presidential campaign.

The new Parkview High School was dedicated.

Empire Bank was opened on the Plaza with Ray

Kelly as president.

In December '56, Springfield was nationally pub­

licized as one of 11 All-America cities. The club was invited to participate in a special telecast cele­

brating the event, and accepted.

Dan Maguire, Springfield's new weatherman who

had succeeded the veteran Charley Williford, an­ nounced that the area was short 12.79 inches of rain­ fall for 1956, fifth year of the great drought. But at

last the rains came in '57 and the Ozarks bloomed once more.

Bell Telephone established its second Spring­

field exchange, on South Fremont Avenue, June

26, '57.

November 6, '56 was Tom Watkins-Ed Raidler

Day to honor its two nonagenarians.

Rev. Lincoln B. Wirt, pastor of the First Con­

gregationalist Church, delivered two lectures on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Mrs. Mayte Boylan Hardie, a State Department

official in Washington, spoke on "Making a Foreign

Policy."

On April 30 a panel discussion was given over

to the proposed purchase by the City of the Water

Works. The purchase had been negotiated at a price

of $22,000,000 and the pro speakers stressed their expectation that financing could be arranged at a low interest rate of 3% per cent, and that under public ownership water rates would be reduced.

One of the best speeches of the year was made by Robert T. Devore of the Dupont Co. His subject: "Progress Must Be Created."

Charley Wadlow reported on his European tour, as only Charley could. During one of his welcoming speeches to guests, Charley in an eloquent perora­ tion said, "Self above-I mean service above self is our motto." One of the sinners on the back row called out, "We heard you the first time, Charley!" For its first 38 years the Club had no permanent home, other than the office or home of the current secretary. Early in 1957, after Lee Bouldin had an­ nounced his retirement to the rustic life of a farmer and bee-keeper, the Board decided to set up a downtown office. Quarters were found in the Mc­ Daniel Building at 333 St. Louis Street, where the Club business could be handled, its records housed, and Board and committee meetings held. Initial office equipment was purchased from a fund into which for the preceding five years the Board had been investing $300 a year in bonds. Two years later, under Willard Graff's administration, some of the older and borrowed equipment was replaced. Lee and his wife, Edie, his competent coadjutor and

boss, kept office hours on Tuesdays and Fridays.

1957-58

C. E. **Baxter, Jr., President**

More widespread participation by the member­ ship and relaxed sessions were prominent among the aims of the new president. Invocations were delivered by 49 members, with Arthur McClung and

George Myers held in the bullpen in reserve. Presi­ dent Ed and Ralph Foster engaged in a synthetic feud between the chair and the floor, with much swapping of badinage and a draw decision. Un­ daunted by a storm of heckling, Ralph performed well as songmaster. In addition he had an oppor­ tunity to train his amanuensis, Les Kennon, to sing in public under difficulties.

Nine members were dropped for bad attendance records, but eight requested the 6-months parole period and were restored to good standing.

Miss Virginia Gray staged a style show to a most

undiscriminating audience who persisted in apprais­ ing the models rather than the glad raiment dis­ played. Many of them thought a foundation gar­ ment was a pair of shoes, and regarded waistlines in terms of girth rather than latitude location (varying anywhere between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer). Some of the older and more hardened members complained that the program had a slight aroma of the commercial.

Increased attention was given to business and

economics, with two panel discussions by members: "What Do Employees Really Want," and "Prices, Profits, and Wages." Wayne Matschulatt, Sears Roebuck manager, delivered a most thoughtful ad­ dress on "Competition in Free Enterprise," which unfortunately was restricted by encroachment on his time of wordy "worthy cause" announcements. Other programs were devoted to the petroleum in­ dustry, airlines transportation, underground stor­ age, and German inflation. The humanities were not neglected. Attention was given to religion, education, medicine, military preparation and other topics. Sports received a meed of attention. The year was highly educational as well as fraternal and en­ tertaining.

About this time there were no less than 13 father- son teams in the club. They were:

Alonzo and Freeman Bates

J. V. Cloud, Senior and Junior

Don and Dick Evans

Jake and Herschel Karchmer Herman, Gene, and Louis Lohmeyer Ed and Harold Lurie

Gene and Don Martin

Wyatt and Bill Peck

Ed Rice, Senior and Junior

Dick and Jim Robinett

Arthur and Fred Schaeffer

Fred and Lee Schweitzer

L. H. and Herb Turner

This year the new Gospel Publishing House and the Central Assembly Church on North Campbell Avenue were dedicated . . . The Chestnut Street Trafficway was authorized . . . Royal McBee and Dayton Rubber Co. were brought to Springfield.

Harold Gurley was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce ... President Ed Baxter was tapped as the Senior Chamber's Man of the Year, and Bill Buckner got the Junior Chamber's accolade.

First steps were taken in a fund-raising cam­ paign that was to result in assuring a new wing for the Springfield Baptist Hospital, to cost $500,000. By 1960 the numbtr of hospital beds in Springfield had been approximately tripled since World War II.

Rev. Shrum Burton and Dr. Warford Johnson fronted for an agitation against the public schools administration by a group calling themselves the Classroom Teachers Association.

Retailer A. J. Wellemeyer in a public speech expressed fear that the downtown business district would become deserted unless something was done to halt the urban decentralization trend.

1958-59

George Myers, President

As the club's first minister-president, George brought a fresh, breezy viewpoint and a highly articulate personality to the job.

The club took an active part in assisting to pro­ mote the National Defense Council, for which Springfield had been selected as one of eight loca­ tions. Many prominent speakers from the Armed Forces were here and one of them, Col. R. P. De­ Camara, appeared before Rotary.

George used his best plate-passing talents in setting two financial records: Arthur Daily Service Fund, $5,732; Lister Student Loan Fund, $800, the latter from a relentless system of fining. Harry Brown was the biggest contributor, and voluntary, to discourage what to him were vocal music atroci­ ties. For the first time, loans were granted to stu­ dent nurses.

Ernest Jacob was assigned as Club Chaplain to designate members to give the weekly invocation.

Another Paul Harris Foundation Fellowship was won by a Springfieldian, Joan Drumwright. While getting her schooling in Germany, Joan fell in love with and married a young English student, thus was lost to her native U.S.A. Moral: Don't send girl students abroad until after they're married, if you want to get them back.

Proposals were made that the club should center on sponsoring one big project, instead of a variety of

smaller efforts. But the Board felt it would be too difficult to withdraw support from any of its con­ tinuing projects. However, the organizations helped regularly by the club were given to understand that such assistance was contributed on a year-to-year

basis and they were not to depend on it as penna­

nent endowments.

George Myers, Director of Civic Relations, Boy

Scouts of America, and no relation to President

George, was a speaker, also Prof. Charles Shafer of

the Atomic Energy Commission. Two teams from SMS Speech Department debated the question, "Should Further Development of Nuclear Weapons

Be Prohibited?"

Former President Harry Truman addressed a

joint meeting of Rotary and the American Legion

on Armistice Day November 11.

"The Religious Factor in American History" was

the subject of Duane Meyer, Professor of History at

SMS.

Dean Miller reported on the City Utilities'

financial difficulties after a year of municipal oper­

ation of the water works. Instead of a reduction in the rates charged by the private owners, an increase would be necessary, he said. Reasons: The expected

interest rate of 3% per cent on the bond had turned out to be on the average 4% per cent. Also, un­ expected further capital investments on a large scale had been required.

Ed Raidler presented the club with a handsome

new lectern. Ed established a record as chairman of the Sunshine Committee (originally called the Visitation Committee) for 32 years.

Deaths during the year included Leon Palmer, J. W. ("Windy;') Miller, and Fred Schweitzer.

Fluoridation of city water was defeated at a referendum election . . . Montgomery Ward closed its local store . . . Lee McLean was the Jaycees' Man of the Year . . . The old Convention Hall on Campbell Street was torn down to make way for a municipal parking lot.

July was the wettest month in Springfield's his­

tory, with 19 inches of rainfall, nearly two-thirds as

much as in the entire year of '57. The new Art Museum was opened in Phelps Grove Park, with Kenneth Shuck as curator.

**1959-60**

**Willard Graff, President**

Each new president has contributed his own per­ sonality traits and procedural innovations that added new zest to the club. President Willard was individualistic and different in a number of re­ spects. For one, he had a delightful way of following the conclusion of a program presentation with a verbal whipcracker in the form of an epigrammatic summing up. Or, it might be an appropriate anecdote or a pungent quotation to cause listeners to remem­ ber what they had heard.

Subscriptio11s to the Service Fund reached a new high of $5,900. At the end of the fiscal year a

surplus of approximately $4,000 was on hand. The Board decided to set aside all but $500 of this amount and to let the Service Fund surplus build up until such time as it is sufficient to underwrite, with approval of the membership, one large project.

Dues to cover club operations were raised to

$45 a year, including $2 to the Paul Harris Founda­

tion.

At the president's suggestion the Magazine Com­

mittee assigned one of its members each month to give a five-minute oral review of the current

**Rotarian.**

A special Citizenship Responsibility Committee

was named to carry on a program of education in government and politics. Unfortunately the Com­

mittee failed to function.

The Rural-Urban Committee arranged two

panel-discussion programs on the Dairy Industry in

the Ozarks. They were given consecutively in Oc­ tober, with the cooperation of Producers Creamery, the American Milking Shorthorn Society, Lily­ Tulip Cup Co., International Harvester Co., Dayton Rubber Co., and the Paul Mueller Co.

Other significant program topics included: "The

Home-Building Industry in Springfield," "Telephone

Science in National Defense," "Three Imperatives for Tomorrow," "The Royal McBee Story," "The Organization of Rotary International," "The Spring­ day Story," "The Shape of the Sixties," "Cuba and Castro" (in which a Cuban professor at Drury

roasted the peanut dictator of the Caribbean to a sizzle), "Engineering in the Space Age," "What Life Is Like Behind the Iron Curtain," "Vignettes of Russia," "Operation Frisco", "Pakistan as I Saw It," "Percentage Depletion."

During the year six members went the way of all flesh: Bart Avery, Art Eichholz, Roy Heimburger,

Herman Lohmeyer, "Doc" Seabough, Earl Duncan, and Monroe Swyers.

Durward Hall, president of the Missouri State

Chamber of Commerce, resigned to make the race for Congress in the 7th District.

It was a great year for Drury College, with the

completion and dedication of the new Walker Me­

morial Library, and a few months later, on April

29, 1960, of the Breech School of Business Adminis­

tration, when Ernest Breech, Henry Ford II, and

other celebrities came to town.

New officers elected to take over for 1960-61

were:

Bill Cantrell, president

Joe Johnston, 1st vice president

Benton Manley, 2nd vice president

Lee Bouldin, secretary

Joe Liebman, treasurer.

The club went into its 42nd year with 225

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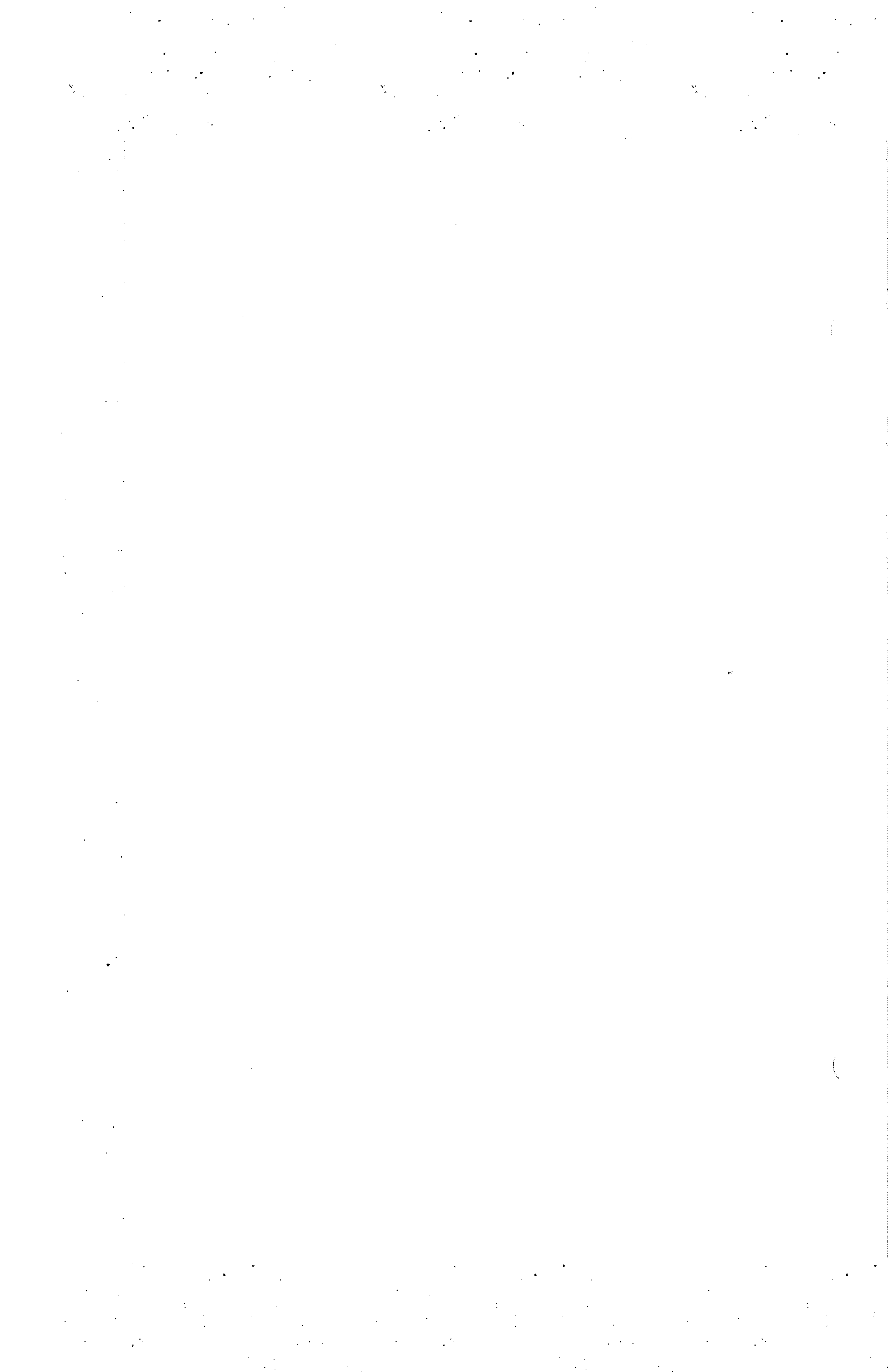
members. Of these 170 (75%) held present or past private business classifications, 47 (21%) profes­ sional classifications, and 8 (4%) were public of­ ficials or association executives. The presidents had included 31 businessmen and 10 professionals­ roughly the same percentage that the two groups bear to the existing membership breakdown. Leader­ ship is where you find it.

Broken down by another dimension, there were

168 active members, 50 senior active, 5 honorary, and 2 past service.

Springfield Rotary had established itself as sec­ ond to none in prestige among the clubs and volun­ tary organizations of the city. It had a proud record for civic achievement and for developing fraternity

among men.



SUPPLEMENT TO

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

**1960-61**

**Bill Cantrell, President**

Bill was the club's youngest president, at least in recent years. Master of the witty quip, and the quick comeback, he made the "president's period" a lively feature of every program. In collecting

$1073.40 in fines for the Student Loan Fund, he gave

every cougher-up something in personal publicity for his money. He reached deeply into the pockets of donors such as Harry Brown and Ralph Foster and they seemed to consider the operation reason­ ably painless.

On the whole it was a pleasurable and successful Rotary year. Student loans reached an outstanding total of $4753, and are being paid according to schedule. Ralph Hamilton's Student Awards Com­ mittee awarded $450 in Rotary scholarship money, and Frank Clippinger's Youth Service Committee spent $2800 where it would do the most good. The Service Fund reached a new high of $5983.59 under the drive leadership of Bill Buckner. A substantial addition of $1,700 was made to the Club's surplus. which now stands at approximately $5,300, to be built up for a suitable large project in the future.

The membership increased to 226, in spite of ten resignations and four deaths: Earl Duncan, Linder Link, Homer Ford, and George Wise. Average at­ tendance stood at 86 per cent, a slight gain over the preceding year, but less than satisfying.

Some difficult decisions confronted Jack Buck­ ner's Classification Committee. They hinged around the moot question of flexibility-whether to approve

separate classifications very close to ones already filled. The policy followed was to make a liberal interpretation where a contrary ruling would cos-1: the club highly promising new members who were being proposed.

Assistance was rendered to Branson-Hollister in entertaining the District Conference at the School of the Ozarks. The event crowned Bob Good's year as District Governor. Big-name speakers included Paul Harvey, J. C. Penney, Carl Bolte, and Herb Taylor.

Principal meeting away from the Kentwood was the one held at the Security Terminals under­ ground storage quarters of John Griesemer and Harry Brown. Transportation was by special train from the Frisco station, compliments of the Frisco Lines.

The board approved inviting wives of visiting Rotarians to sit in club meetings with their hus­ bands.

In November the Jasper, Alabama club inter­ viewed .Jim Shannon by long distance telephone as part of its weekly program. Jim's article, "Five Ways to Be a Better Club President" had recently been published in The **Rotarian** magazine.

In the Novembe1· election past president Durward Hall was chosen to represent the 7th Missouri Dis­ trict in Congress.

Member George Fox became president of the

Chamber of Commerce.

Jack Buckner was voted Springfield's Outstanding

Young Man of the Year by the Jaycees.

Jake Karchmer, segeant-at-arms, was named to

succeed Ed Raidler who for 32 years had headed the Sunshine Committee. Ed at 95 continued to attend meetings as regularly as ever, going into his 35th year of perfect attendance.

Another father-son team was added to the roll with the admission of Curtis Graff as a new member, classification Education-Public Relations.

The Rotary office was moved from the McDaniel Building to the Wilhoit Building on East Pershing Street.

As of March 29, 1961, the number of Rotary Clubs in the world had reached 10,877, and the total mem­ bership 504,000. Fred Schneider and Rotary Ann Lydia attended the International Convention in Tokyo.

One program was featured by the attendance, as guests of the club, of 14 student nurses in training financed by Rotary. Will James did the honors.

Another program was give over to entertaining and being entertained by a number of the 38 foreign students enrolled in Springfield schools and col­ leges under the American Field Service Student Exchange program. Evangel led in enrollments and Iran in country of origin.

An Intercity Ladies Night was held at Galli's Half-a-Hill Dinner House, on March 23. In spite of a star speaker in Jeff Williams, attendance was disappointing.

General commendation was heard of the pro­ grams during the two years ending June 30, **1961** under program chairmen George Luna, Bob Hansen and George Perryman. The program "mix" for the current year broke down as follows: Speeches, most-

ly on serious subjects, 34; entertainment, musical and dramatic, 7; club service, 6; miscellaneous, edu­ cational, 3. No meetings were held on two weeks and on one a film projector failed to perform and the showing had to be postponed. Of the principal speeches, 30 were delivered by guest speakers and 4 by members.

A few of the notable guest speakers:

Harold E. Gove, Union Electric Co., St. Louis

"The Taum Sauk Hydroelectric Project."

Major John M. Gilligan, U. S. Army

"Understanding the Communist Menace."

Bill Virdon, Pittsburgh Pirates

"The Series" (1960)

George Connor, CBS sportscaster

"Professional Football."

Franklin E. Foltz, Harvard School of Business

Administration

"Business on the Other Side of the World."

W. F. McCurdy, Sears, Roebuck executive

"Another Chance at the Garden of Eden."

Bishop Chas. H. Helmsing, Springfield-Cape

Girardeau Diocese, Catholic Church

"The Father of Modern Organized Social Aid.''

Wyatt F. DeLoache, Dupont executive

"The Menace of the Misinformed."

Prof. Jack Wann, University of Illinois

"A Look at South Africa."

Congress passed a bill to make the Wilson's Creek battlefield a national park, and President Eisen-

hower signed it into law. The Missouri State Legis­ lature voted an appropriation to purchase 1700 acres of land for the park.

Springfield city's population by the new 1960 census was 95,865, and that of the metropolitan area

126,276.

American Airlines announced its desire to drop Springfield from its itinerary. The Civil Aeronautics Board at first wanted to have Central Airlines take over service formerly rendered by both American and Ozark, but after strenuous protest by the Spring­ field Chamber of Commerce held hearings in Wash­ ington and Springfield, then postponed final action.

At a special election the city voted some $9,600,000 in bonds for expansion of the City Utilities electric power generation facilities.

Officers and directors elected for 1961-62 were: Joe L. Johnston, President

Bryan Van Hook, 1st Vice President Tom Condon, 2nd Vice President Lee Bouldin, Secretary

Bill Peck, Treasurer

Jim Hedges and Ed Rice, Jr., Directors.

Supplement to

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

**1961-62**

**Dr. Joseph l. Johnston, President**

President Joe was the fourth doctor to shepherd the Rotary flock in its 43 years. Although a very busy obstetrician, he missed presiding on only three occasions, and made up elsewhere for each of them. Which confirms the fact that the really busy men are not ones who plead, "I don't have time," when asked to exercise leadership. Joe has an original manner of presiding that relaxed the members with­ out encouraging too many juvenile antics.

Membership increased to a record 240, notwith­ standing some losses for various reasons. In praising Program Chairman George Perryman, the president said: "Our programs this year have all been excel­ lent except three, and George was not responsible for any of them." While there was not entire agree­ ment on which were the three, a poll would no doubt have ratified this proportion. A 93 per cent record on programs is high for any organization. Attendance, unfortunately, was not as good as the programs by several percentage points.

The number of visiting Rotarians and guests from all around the nation and from abroad con­ tinued to increase as Springfield's reputation grew as a resort center. At the meeting on August 29 to hear Westbrook Pegler more than 100 guests were entertained.

Changes and innovations included the following: Membership admission fee increased from $35

to $50.

Moderators at the annual Fireside Meetings met and analyzed the various proposals made at the meetings. After screening, a number of these suggestions were endorsed and put into practice. Joe Wann reported the mod­ erators' findings to the whole club.

A special get-acquainted dinner meeting was held in June for the year's new members and their wives.

Among the varied committee activities was the presentation of an ice-making machine to the Sun­ shine Acres home for old people, and awards to lead­ ing members of the 450-Pound Butterfat Club at the annual SMS Dairy Program. The Youth Service Committee sponsored the Southwest Missouri Science Fair at Parkview High School.

A record $1163.12 was extracted from Rotarians in fines, and added to the Student Loan Fund. There was club singing in 47 of the 51 meetings (Fourth of July skipped). This meant a loss of some no-song money from Harry Brown, but it was made up else­ where. Members who came to the hotel, signed the roll, and left were fined $1.00 for each such offense.

Members lost by death were Moe Fayman, Ed

Lurie, Ed Raidler, and Earle Robertson.

Those who retired from the smoke and din of their vocations, to rest henceforth on their laurels, included John Bennett, Will James, Arthur Mc­ Clung, Ernest Olson, and Harry Wise.

Rotarians continued to play an increasingly con­ spicuous part in the life of Springfield. They headed such organizations as the Greene County Medical Society, the Springfield Baptist Hospital Board, the Multilist realtor group, Goad-Ballinger Post of the

American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce, Ozark Empire District Council of Boy Scouts, Greene County Red Cross Chapter, the Community Plan­ ning Council.

Rotarian and past president Durward Hall rep­

resented the 7th Missouri District in Congress.

In municipal government the City Manager, the City Engineer, and three of the City board chairmen were Rotarians. In education the club was ably represented by the president and vice president of the Board of Education, the city Superintendent of Schools and four other top executives in the public school system, the presidents of the two oldest and best known colleges, and the two heads of an old­ established business school, besides a number of leading professors in the colleges.

In communications the club counted the district Bell Telephone manager, the local Western Union manager, managing editor of the city's two daily newspapers, and the heads of a leading radio and a television station.

The four men who headed up the 1961 United Fund drive, as well as the Community Chest Execu­ tive Secretary, were all Rotarians.

And so it goes in other businesses, professions, and voluntary activities. We would not make in· vidious comparisons, but what other club in Spring­ field could match this record?

**A Beginning for a Rotary Glossary**

Working committee: Three members, one of whom is sick and one gone fishing, whenever action is required.

The new 4-Way Test: 1. Is it ,the popular thing to do? 2. Will it pay? 3. Can't we increase the "take"? 4. Could we get caught?

Posterity: Hostages to fortune at one dollar a pound.

The fifth lane of service: Self service.

**By Their Works Ye Shall Know Them**

Can you identify the following Rotarians:

He lives in a house by the side of the road­ "the little house with the big mortgage," as with extreme modesty he puts it.

He abridged radically a famous Civil War song. He is a nephew of a former Vice President of the

United States.

He was born in Scotland and came to Springfield in the 1950's.

He heads a business that sells the best advertised brand in the world.

He is a medical doctor and an educator.

He holds the same job as one of the notable early presidents of Rotary.

He came from Alabama via Arkansas, and would run strongly in any popularity poll.

He is probably one of the most modest men in the club, and draws one of the highest salaries.

You will find some clues to the answers in the club history. The member who answers the most of these riddles correctly will receive as a prize one dozen celluloid collars. Donor, Bill Cantrell.

**Program Notes**

On July 18th the much discussed and contro­ versial House Un-American Activities newsreel film, "Operation Abolition," was shown.

In August, to mark the Civil War Centennial, John Hulston spoke on the Wilson Creek Battlefield. Forty-two visiting "Blue Angel" Navy Fliers, in Springfield for the commemoration, were present as guests.

"Our Freedom Is Not Free" was the catch title of a militant address on creeping socialism by De­ Loss Walker, lecturer and one time editor of Liberty Magazine.

The October 13 meeting was held at the Frisco diesel shops.

Leland Traywick, president of SMS, addressed the club on September 26. His predecessors, Dr. Roy Ellis, and Dr. Clyde Hill (a former Rotary presi­ dent), were honored guests.

Dan Maguire "the weather man" spoke on his specialty with both wit and learning.

Donald Voorhees, director of the Bell Telephone Orchestra, visited Springfield and addressed the club on "The Cultural Value of Music in the Community."

Programs for the year ranged over an amazing variety of speeches, films, chamber music, drama, discussion panels, solos, choirs, barber shop "Har­ monators," and what have you.

Dr. Warren Straton, Art Director of Evangel College, gave a program that took the palm for originality. He demonstrated the Stradivarius violin, how it is made, why the standard violin form came

to be adopted, and then performed with his own fav­

orite instrument.

Asked out of a blue sky to name the program that first came to his memory, one member recalled at once the humorous speech by the "famous football coach from Siwash College," played by a versatile gentleman introduced by Cookie Rice. Another cited the Panel on Labor Relations moderated by Ran­ som Ellis.

From a speech on the marvels of this jet age by Roy McCune: "Ninety per cent of all scientists who ever lived are still living."

"Never apologize for your speech. They'll find out soon enough that you can't speak."-Dean Brice Ratchford, Extension Service, University of Mis­ souri.

Westbrook Pegler, the caustic columnist, here on a short visit, spoke at the August 29 meeting and answered questions in the Peglerian manner.

**Time Marches On in Springfield**

Centennial of the Battle of Wilson's Creek was commemorated with dedication of the new national park by visiting celebrities.

The Springday Company initiated a $400,000 ad­ dition to its plant at Battlefield and South Scenic Drive.

Bonds in amount of $2 million were voted for a fourth high school in the Southeast.

Bonds were approved for a new $600,000 airport building.

Increased tax levies for two new city and county libraries and for other library purposes carried in Spring elections.

Katz, the Kansas City discount house, opened a large store on South Glentsone. A & P also brought a supermarket to Springfield.

The Assemblies of God occupied their handsome new world headquarters building on Boonville Avenue.

The usual controversies animated Springfield liv­ ing. One raged around enforcement of the existing Sunday closing laws for business establishments. The state's attorney-general and the local prosecut­ ing attorney put into effect a modified enforcement program that permitted only certain "urgent neces­ sities" to be sold on Sunday.

Prolonged agitation centered around the transfer of a local high school coach who wanted a different assignment. The Board of Education stood pat on its ruling, a decision that was affirmed in an investi­ gation conducted by a committee of the National Education Association.

Officers and Directors elected for 1962-63

Bryan Van Hook, President

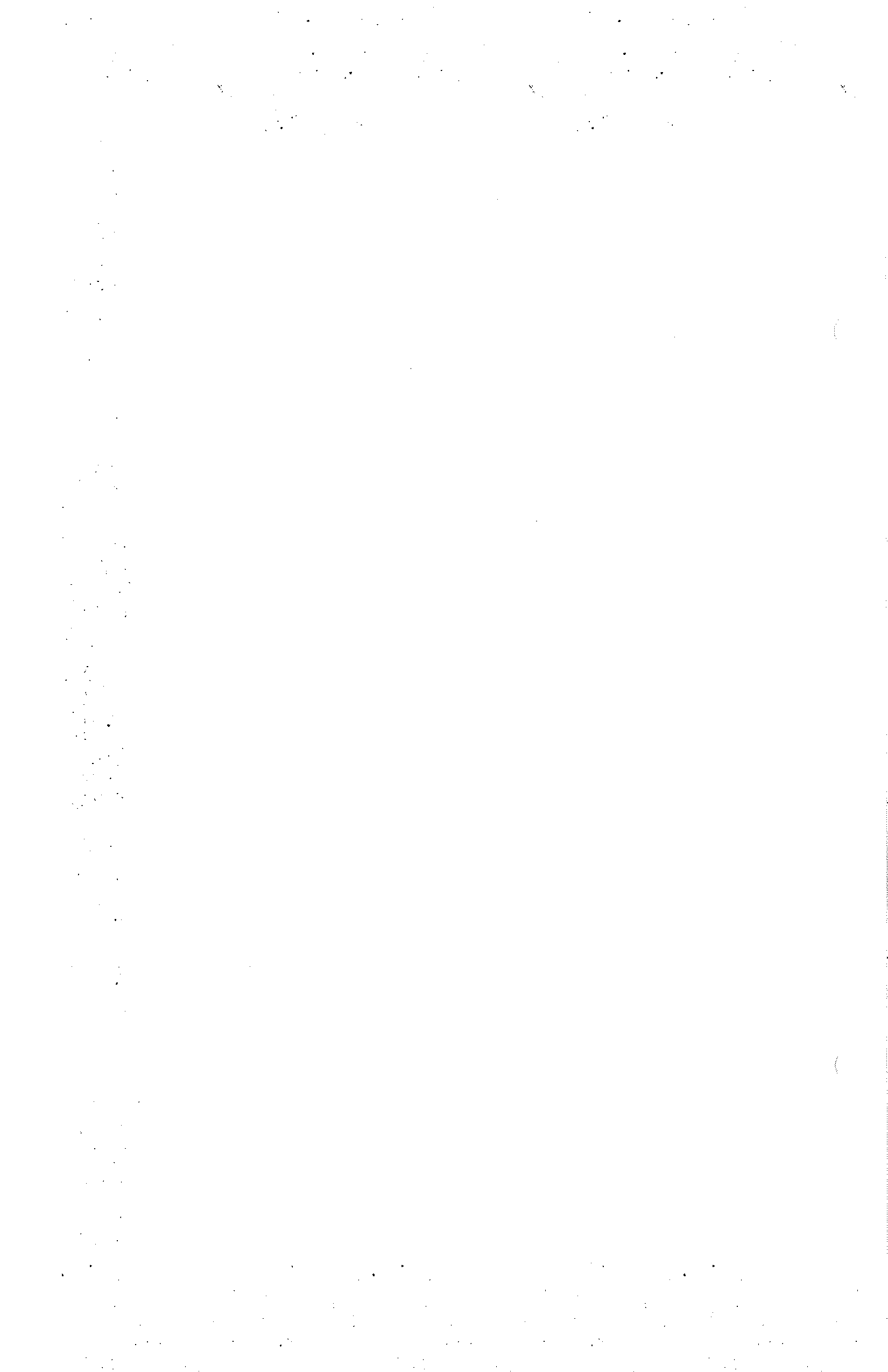
George Perryman, 1st Vice President

K. R. Herron, 2nd Vice President

Euell Rubert, Treasurer Lee Bouldin, Secretary Claude Dickens, Director Robert M. Mitchell, Director

Jake Karchmer, Sergeant-at-Arms

(By appointment)



SUPPLEMENT TO

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

1964-65

**George luna,** President

Undisturbed by all the chaff about the state of his teeth, the high cost of tooth-pulling, and the usual back-talk from the left-front tables, dentist president Luna calmed the rabble and kept his poise. His administration illustrated the old maxim, "Hap­ py is the country that has no history." No contro­ versies, no earth-shaking events marked his year. And that is good.

Membership held its own, having started the year at 250 and closed with 249. Three were lost by death

-George Fox, Jesse Herrman, and Robert Langen­ bacher. Rex Witherspoon and Frank McClure were reinstated. Two were added to the honorary list­ Ray Kelly and Jim Findlay.

A record of seven recruits were inducted at one meeting in February. The high turnover was oc­ casioned first of all by the national ferment for mov­ ing and shifting and climbing. Big companies such as Sears Roebuck, Litton Industries, and Springday will not leave their managers long in one place. George Myers, a former club president, resigned his local pastorate to become vice president of the Na­ tional Benevolent Association of Christian Churches, with headquarters in St. Louis. Some of the newer members found regular attendance onerous. A few just weren't interested.

Attendance, running at 84 to 86 per cent was

down somewhat. Some attributed this to the size of the club.

A continuing effort was exerted by the officers to make the annual fireside meetings more mean­ ingful. Unfortunately, this event was not as well attended as was hoped for, and a good many of the absentees were recently enrolled members, who above all others should have been present. In his summary of the fireside reports, Bill Cantrell em­ phasized the "strong evidence that many committees are not functioning." The suggestion was made by others that there are too many committees, and com­ mittee memberships that are just a name on a sheet of paper. It seems that too many men who find plenty of time to golf and fish plead that great American alibi, "I'm too busy."

The charge for luncheon tickets at the Kentwood was boosted to $1.75. This 75 percent increase over the cost not many years ago is but one more measure of the inflation that gripped U.S.A. What is infla­ tion? Why, it's $14 for a motor tuneup, 60 cents for a dime's worth of whiskey and 20 cents worth of service, $25 a day for a hospital room, $11 for filling a prescription, $15 worth of groceries in one bag, a waitress scowling at a 10-cent tip.

Basically, though, inflation is $4 an hour wages for a machine tender whose job can be learned in four weeks; city employees who work in two shifts­ one working while the other is sitting; coffee breaks twice a day; $500 a month salary for a boy just out of college; $20,000 homes sold with little or nothing down; more services by government "for free"; taxes that make strong men groan.

The club's service fund had accumulated about

$12,000, with no major project yet agreed upon. Several had been discussed, but the Directors' decision was to go slow, be sure the choice is some­ thing really worthwhile, and then get authorization from the membership before acting. In the meantime a surplus was available when something smaller needed doing, such as contributing $500 toward sending the Parkview High School Band to the World's Fair in New York.

**Some Program Highlights**

Program chairman Ralph Guthrie offered a varied dish of information and entertainment that ranged all the way from archaeology to girls clubs and auto racing.

Titles of three of the dramatic and light opera skits presented by the SMS Drama Department and the Springfield Little Theatre were symptomatic of a frenzied age: "Li'l Abner," "Paint Your Wagon," and "Stop the World-1 Want to Get Off."

At a time when the Army Engineers and the "cheap" public power advocates were trying under one pretext or another to dam up every stream in the country, Hank DeBruin, national forester, brought a refreshing message on the need to pre­ serve our diminishing natural resources.

As usual, there were some good travel talks. One of the best was Dr. Jorge Padrone's "Impressions de Espana." Padrone, a Cuban, had been to his mother­ land, Spain, where he resided for a lengthy spell observing an enchanted land and its strange, tough­ fibred people. Rev. Vincent Will, Springfield pastor

and former Assembly missionary, reported on "Feel­

ings and Moods of the Orient Mind."

Three speeches seemed to lodge lastingly in the recollection of members. One was by the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto from Hiroshima, Japan, a survivor of the terrible atom bomb tragedy that obliterated his city and killed or maimed a majority of its in­ habitants within a few seconds of a day in August

1945. This gentle man spoke of the disaster and its aftermath, the rebuilding of a large city and re­ juvenation of many of the injured. He talked without

a trace of bitterness or hate.

Cadet S. D. Cross of the U. S. Air Force Acad­ emy described life at the Academy and related the incident of the student cribbing in an examination that resulted in breaking the eccentric code of honor that enjoins a cadet from telling the truth about a fellow student's transgressions.

Arthur Mallory, who had been under fire from dissident faculty members and SMS students dis­ gruntled over the Traywick-Board of Regents con­ troversy, phrased with admirable lucidity his prin­ ciples as they affect his administration of the college. Although a young man, Arthur holds fast to the old fashioned ideals of patriotism, religion, and the free market. He does not regard the moral code as outmoded by the wisdom of the moderns.

**The Backdrop of Current Local Events**

Crime and motor vehicle accidents continued their increase. Busiest places in the city were the courts and hospitals, and most in demand were the services of doctors and lawyers. Crimes by youth rose alarmingly. This and the carnage on streets and

highways were part of the price Springfield paid for becoming a big bustling city.

A bond issue for a new police headquarters and city jail at Grant Avenue and Chestnut Street Thruway was twice voted down in special elections.

Plans for a new civic center and auditorium, spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce, reached the action stage when they were disrupted by a controversy over who should be named as the architect.

Bonds in the amount of $1.8 million to finance the building of a manufacturing plant by Fasco In­ dustries at neighboring Ozark were voted by the city. The town of Ozark purchased the site for the company at $40,000, and the plant was built and started operations.

Three newly-appointed college presidents, Arthur Mallory of SMS, Ernest Brandenburg of Drury, and J. R. Ashcroft of Evangel, took office. All were brought into Rotary.

A number of celebrities stumped Springfield during the quadrennial political sweepstakes. Among them were Barry Goldwater and Richard Nixon for the Republicans, and Hubert Humphrey and Agri­ culture Secretray Orville Freeman for the Demo­ crats. Locally, the Democrats captured the sheriff's office and one more seat in the State House of Rep­ resentatives. Rotarian Durward Hall was reelected to Congress. Greene County cast 54,000 ballots out of a registration of 70,000, or 77 per cent.

A city-county commission was appointed to in­

vestigate air and water pollution in Southwest

Springfield and Greene County. After an extended study and many public hearings, the commission reported that "the complaints of citizens have been confirmed by our investigation" and urged action by the authorities to declare the sources of pollution a public nuisance if corrective measures were not taken.

**BIOGRAPHY IN THE ROUGH**

With this number of the History Supplement we begin a series of sacred and profane biographical sketches of some of the more notorious members. Don't ask the Committee why these two were picked as the first subjects. The Committee itself doesn't know. And please don't rush to send in your own biographies for future issues of this Hall of Fame. We prefer to dig up the virgin dirt ourselves.

**Ray D. Kelly - last of the Titans**

Born: Yes. Vocation: Raconteur and fisherman. Marital status: Rarely. Religion: Irish but not Catholic.

Ray was long self-identified as "That fellow in the little house with the big mortgage." This was Kelly fiction, of course; he has for these many years lived in houses with many mansions, and he hasn't owed a mortgage since he bought his first Model T.

He now has several homes in the Ozarks, all of them equipped with leased wire service to the New York Stock Exchange. Thus he was able to corner the market in such space stocks as Safety Glass Houses for People Who Throw Stones, and Elec­ trostatic Gloves for Ozark Chicken Pluckers. He was

among the first to recognize the phenomenal po­

tential of Hadacol Common.

Ray was the morning and the evening that saw the first day of Springfield Rotary. His natal year was 1895, and his life from then until the birth of Club No. 490, 17th District, as far as the annals record was trite, colorless, and quite unnecessary.

But when the first pioneers banded together on that August day in 1919, Ray just happened to be shoveling his coal into a pot-bellied stove at the gathering place, and his name was inadvertently in­ cluded among the charter members. When this sad error was discovered, the roaring 20s were just get­ ting off the ground, and so our stout fathers simply raised their jelly glasses of 190-proof corn liquor and agreed to let Ray stay in the club.

In 1965, after 46 years, he is our only active charter member. He also served one year as presi­ dent. Any club that could survive such a double incubus must have a lot on the ball. As for Ray, his future is assured as a country squire in Taney County.

Edgar S. Herman - Gentleman of the Old School

Ed Herman is a durable product dating back to Benjamin Harrison's administration (1887) in the Victorian age when men were men and women were ladies. Then you could see a young person on the street and tell at once whether it was a boy or a girl.

His father was a tailor on St. Louis Street-long located about where the Singer Sewing Machine Company store now is. Mr. Herman Senior, anxious

to make the most of an unpromising offspring, sent him to New York to learn tailoring and make him­ self useful. When he came back home, he somehow passed muster, but the main thing Ed learned in those early years was to add a good margin per­ centage to everything he sold. When he succeeded to the direction of the business, he was well ground­ ed in two ancient maxims of success in merchandis­ ing: The customer is always right. God bless the customer!

Today, Ed does less work and worrying than any man in the club, with the possible exception of Jim Shannon. Every Fall he expatriates himself and wife to some coral strand in Florida, where he be­ comes a customer himself-and pays through the nose to the Floridians. Every Spring he comes back red as a beet, not a wrinkle older, and expelling the same old hot air.

With his extensive wardrobe and his long career as a clothier, he may just for the hell of it show up at a meeting immaculate in a well-pressed double­ breasted suit of the vintage 1940.

If you want to know about Springfield way back when, ask Ed. He knew Bunch McDaniel and his banker brothers; Mr. Fine, the quality grocer on East Walnut Street; Dysart, the mule dealer at West Olive and Campbell; Arthur Daily, the Rath­ bones, the Dickersons, Victor Simon, J. A. Taylor and nearly all the rest of Springfield's early Who's Who.

How much Ed remembers about the hoi polloi side of the old town and its boisterous thirst em­ poriums, diligent research has failed to disclose. But

why go into that? Let him forget the sins of his youth in his septuagenarian zest.

Officers and Directors Elected for 1965-66: President A. M. Alexander

1st Vice President Leslie Kennon

2nd Vice President Harold W. Ehrler Treasurer W. M. (Joe Bill) Turner Secretary E. Lee Bouldin Director William Magers Director George Avant

Director (as past president) George Luna

Sergeant-at-Arms \_ (By appointment)

Ralph Compton



France helping to save the world for or from De­

mocracy at Woodrow Wilson's behest.

As the title of his first song suggests, Bill James is an eternal lover, "sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad to his mistress' eyebrow," as the Bard would put it. This strain of romance in his nature has not been extinguished by the years. He still worships at the shrine of beauty, particularly in the form of female pulchritude. A disciplined husband and father, he does not avert his eyes when a comely skirt passes. He sees no reason to with­ hold admiration from afar, just because he happens to be three-score-and-ten. Young women are an es­ sential aspect of the mundane scene, he believes.

Another facet to the man is his profoundly re­ ligious nature. Not a tub-thumper, he makes no claim to special intimacy with the deity. But he has a deep-down conviction that God is very much alive and omni-present. Perhaps this devotional attitude has had much to do with putting a moving quality of the worshipful into his anthems. Because he feels deeply, he can reach others via the medium of musical scores.

As the club's president for 1956-57, Bill made the president's period an exciting feature of every luncheon. It was a delightful admixture of humor, philosophy, badinage, history, and poetry that will long be remembered by the brethren. It was after this that he achieved the most hilarious and humor­ ously libelous introduction of a new member-Paul Hoover, a former friendly competitor.

P.S. When this sketch was shown to Bill for checking, he made this Jamesian com­ ment:

*Fred, there are times in a man's life when his heart becomes so charged with emotion that his tongue loses all its cunning and all its eloquence. But I do want to thank you (between sobs) for this long delayed and richly deserved recognition. The fact that you almost succeeded in making a silk purse out of a sow's ear is a high tribute to your skill as a professional writer. First I won­ dared why I had been singled out for this extra­ ordinary attent-ion. Then when I looked through the Rotary roster and saw what you had to pick fTo'ln, I Tealized that then just wasn't any other choice. Now the GTeat AmeTican Trinity is com­ plete* ... *George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Bill James! In conclusion, I want to deny your implications, insinuations and allegations conceTning my relationship with women. Never in my l-ife have I been luTed by a shapely leg or by the unholy swish of a tarnished skirt! (This de­ nial was suggested by my wife.)*

Officers and Directors Elected for 1966-67: President Leslie Kennon

1st Vice President Bill Peck

2nd Vice President Treasurer Secretary

Director

Director

Director (as past president) Sergeant-At-Arms

(By Appointment)

Don Roper

Bill Dill Lee Bouldin Ralph Guthrie Jack Stonestreet Aud Alexander Dan Maguire

Perpetrated by History and By-Laws Committee: Fred DeArmond and Ed Baxter.

**Leslie Kennon, President**

*(* President Les swung into the new Rotary year with a preview of things to come in this passing parade of science and technology. The next chapter of world history, he said on the day he was in­ ducted, would include a tale of breakfast pills with

500 calories, electronically-controlled highways,

vaccines to extend life by preventing hardening of

the arteries, deciphering of the genetic code, satel­

lites to forecast drought, flood, and storm, and

houses germ-controlled and "mood-controlled."

(This last development hit the imagination of his

hearers as a psychological marvel devoutly to be

hoped for by all married men, if they could set

their moodostats.)

At the induction ceremony 16 past presidents, of the 24 still living who had served in that ca­ pacity, were seated at a separate table.

Biggest Rotary event of the year was the spon­ sorship of a new club in Southeast Springfield, the first one to be fathered by Springfield Rotary in its

48 years. President Les appointed a Blue Ribbon

committee headed by Aud Alexander, which ended

with a recommendation of a second club in the city,

to be bounded by Cherry Street on the north and

Kimbrough Avenue on the west. Members of the

parent club whose businesses were located in that

area could remain with the old club if they so chose.

Yeoman duty was performed by Ernest Olson. The

report was approved by the membership in a vote

of 151 ayes to 46 nays.

Aided by its sponsor, the Southeast Springfield Rotary Club was organized with 32 members as a starter. Sam Hamra was chosen president; William Magill, 1st vice president; Franklin Gamble, 2nd

vice president; Ernest Olson, secretary; Cread Petty, treasurer; Hubert Riebold, sergeant-at-arms.

Out of 255 members at the start of the year, 25 were lost by various causes, and 23 new ones added. But five of the lost sheep transferred to the new club, which could be interpreted as a net gain of three.

Three highly respected members were taken by death: Benton Manley, Fred Leslie, and Earnest Brandenburg.

The Classification Committee under the direc­ tion of George Avant compiled and published a de­ tailed revised report on Classifications.

A lot adjoining the Girls Club on East Division Street was purchased for $750 from Service Fund resources. It will be used as a playground.

**Echoes from the Year's Programs**

The most noted speaker was Dr. Edward Teller, famed nuclear physicist, whose appearance at the intercity meeting in Parkview High School Auditor­ ium on April 28 had been arranged by Durward Hall. Dr. Teller's theme was indicated in this sen­ tence from his address: "Peace is strength in the hands of those who want peace."

Only 49 regular Tuesday luncheon meetings were held, owing to holiday and other conflicts. The programs for the year broke down as follows:

25 lectures and symposiums

11 on Rotary subjects and business

6 sports, entertainment, etc.

5 musical

2 drama

The District 607 Conference at School of the Ozarks, as arranged and managed by Governor Graham Clark and his accomplished aide, Town­ send Godsey, was a never-to-be forgotten affair. The program was stimulating, except that NBC's United Nations commentator Pauline Frederick infuriated a number of members so old fashioned as to cherish patriotic values. In a speech at the conference next day, former Missouri Governor Dalton answered the lady with some restrained but indignant com­ ment.

Bill Cantrell started off the calendar year '67 with some sparkling Predictions of Things to Come. Among them were:

I predict that C. W. Johnson will leave Spring­ field Newspapers to take over the editorship of the Union Labor Record, which will be bought by Durward Hall.

I predict that Tom Field will buy the Tinkle Bar and help Charley Downey achieve his life's ambition-a choir of Go Go Girls.

I predict that Arthur Mallory will turn down a most attractive offer to become president of the University of Omaha.

I predict that Tom Smith will hire Dave Burk­ halter as City Manager of Park Crest, and together they will annex Springfield.

I predict that Mrs. George Wallace will divorce her husband and hire Adam Clayton Powell to put the state of Alabama in order.

Other program flashes-

Charley Johnson of the Football Cardinals: "The acclaim enjoyed by an athlete is in consider-

able part a matter of luck. So far, I've been favored by a generous amount of good luck."

Rev. Rex Brown, foreign missionary: "Commu­

nism is only copying the best parts of Christianity

... The Chinese Communists are color-blind; would to God we were."

When expert Marvin Britton explained the workings of the polygraph, Paul Busiek asked him if the lie detector will work with a subject who is a habitual liar and has become so accustomed to lying as to defeat a fair test. The answer was equivocal. (He might have been asked, "Could you polygraph Drew Pearson successfully?")

**March of Events in Springfield**

The 3M Company built a new manufacturing plant in Springfield, which has been financed by a bond issue voted by the people.

A large new plant was constructed on East Kearney Street by Zenith Radio and Television Co. without benefit of municipal financing.

Another bond issue was voted to finance an extension of the Hoerner Box Co. plant. Substantial expansions of the factories of the Paul Mueller and Springday companies were announced, both with­ out municipal assistance.

The first Grand Jury in many years was called by Greene County's three circuit judges. The fore man was Rotarian Bent Agee. A number of "true bills" or indictments were returned and a report on law enforcement rendered, in which it was urged that subsequent grand juries be summoned every two years. The jurors deplored the wave of crime

in Springfield and Greene County and declared the police facilities were entirely inadequate.

A Center City Urban Renewal project for Springfield was approved in Washington, with con­ templated grants to total more than $3% million.

Voters approved bond issues for a new police headquarters and additional runways at the mu­ nicipal airport. A block of residences at Jefferson Avenue and Chestnut Trafficway was acquired for the police center. A year later, both projects were only in their initial stages. Another special election authorized annexation of areas on the eastern per­ imeter that brought the city's population to an es­ timated 111,000.

**BIOGRAPHY IN THE ROUGH**

**Happy Warrior Still in Armor**

Doubly fortunate is Frank Clippinger because he is doing just what he wants to do and living in the time and place of his choice. He regards his 25 years at Drury as fun.

After having retired as head of the English De­ partment and Dean of the College, Frank was called back for a stint as Acting President, following the death of Earnest Brandenburg. "If they had asked me to come back and be a janitor-if there had been such an opening, and they needed me-I'd have come," he says.

From where he sits now, his job is different in at least two respects, "Clip" explains. "First, there's no place to pass the buck to; it has to stop right here. Second, my door used to be always open; now my secretary closes it after she admits a caller.

Maybe that's because in this room we deal with policy in the making. As department head and Dean, I was only carrying out policy."

From the start of his academic career "Clip" has regarded himself as a guardian of the well of pure English. He's not what you would call a "pur­ ist." He accepts growth as a feature of language as of other disciplines. But he has been trying to get students to treat our historic tongue with respect. "And what success have you and your teaching colleagues had?" he was asked.

"Those who can be persuaded to have a real desire to speak and write well, learn to do so," he answered. "Like so many other activities, it's largely a matter of attitude and motivation. We can lead students to the Pierian spring, but we can't make them drink."

Oral discourse, he went on, depends in its style somewhat on environment. A person breasting the hurly burly of life observes the speech usage that best puts over what he wants to communicate to particular persons. Some graduate students-teach­ ers themselves-who come back to the college after isolation in a provincial atmosephere are often guilty of using atrocious grammar and syntax.

Since he has been in administrative work, "Clip" no longer attempts to saturate himself in the current output of imaginative literature. He pre­ fers to go back and revel in the pages of the older books. "Wait till the dust settles," he believes is a good rule about picking up the newest best sellers.

His memory of the world of books is still green. When a Rotary entertainer makes a mistake of 20 years in a Mark Twain date, it doesn't pass inspec-

tion with him. And if you're quoting Shelley, it better be Shelley and not Browning.

In education, Frank is a devotee of quality as opposed to quantity. When asked by the editor of the alumni publication, **The Drury View,** what he would do first if he were a full president, he said, "Quit dreaming of buildings. Build up the staff ... it's the faculty that makes the college, not the rooms."

**An Ozarks Warbler**

On the night of July 13, 1905 on a farm south of Dunnegan, Missouri, a 4th of July celebration had continued since the holiday. To the accompaniment of a terrible storm, a child was born. Leslie Kennon immediately jumped out of his crib, grabbed a jug and was off to the races.

At the age of 9, Les with his family moved to a farm south of Springfield. Four years later Les moved to the Queen City and entered Greenwood. Next, SMS attracted our hero and he worked his way through this budding institution. The Roar­ ing Twenties, with their silent pictures and bathtub gin, beckoned to him until at the all-time low in the entertainment world he became known as Spring­ field's favorite Tenor. Singing at the Gillioz to drown out the lousy piano player, · Les became the first animated cartoon-in person!

With the advent of talking pictures and a sore neck from getting the hook so frequently, Les gave up his Show Biz career and began working on newspapers, first in Springfield and then in Mecca

-Los Angeles. The Ozarks in his blood boiled over, however, and he returned to Springfield to start a radio career as a singer for Station KGBX, later

assuming the position of national sales manager of KGBX and KWTO. (Probably after his first sing­ ing appearance?)

In 1953, Les, still climbing the ladder, became vice president and assistant general manager of KWTO. Here he snuggled comfortably into the arms of the self-billed Bert Williams of the Ozarks-one Ralph Foster. It was also in 1953 that Les joined Ro­ tary, whose president he was to become in 1966-67. He still thinks he can sing; occasionally his nasal tenor rattles the crystal chandeliers at the Kent­ wood. He is the only man to earn the accolade of the late great Harry Brown, Rotary's consistent anti-musician.

Officers and Directors **Elected for**

**1967-68**

President Bill Peck

1st Vice President Randy Wilson

2nd Vice President Fred Hall Treasurer Ralph Compton Secretary Lee Bouldin Director Rex Witherspoon Director Cecil Jeffries Director (as past president) Leslie Kennon

Sergeant-at-Arms (by board appointment)

Dan Maguire

This history was perpetrated by the History and By­ Laws Committee: Fred DeArmond and Ed Baxter, with apologies to posterity.

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**A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB**

**1967-68**

**Bill Peck, President**

It was a highly successful Rotary Year, one marked by a number of events for the annals.

'I11e by-laws were changed to designate the 1st vice president as president-elect. This merely form­ alized an accepted practice.

Also by vote of the membership, the student Loan Fund was changed to the Lister Scholarship Endowment Fund. Ji; was decided on the basis of experience that needy students do not want loans as in the past; they expect gifts. Also, the loans re­ quired too much effort by the Committee in col­ lection.

Annual dues were raised from $45 to $55, and the new-member initiation fee from $50 to $75. This avoided the choice of retrenchment or deficit, and provided for current operating surplus of some

$1300.

Rotary International President Luther Hodges was brought to Springfield for an intercity meet­ ing and a major address on August 29.

Lost by death were members or former mem­ bers John Shaw, Harry Brown, Bill English, J"im Shannon, George Bauer, Arthur Schaeffer, Jim Hutchison, Sr., and L. H. Turner. Harry Brown, warehouseman and foe of popular music, collapsed of a heart attack during a club luncheon on October

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10 when he was sitting at the birthday-boys table, and expired enroute to a hospital. No such tragedy had ever marred a club meeting before.

Mainly through the work of Aud Alexander, a new club at Ozark was sponsored and assisted to a good start. The Springfield Southeast club, organ­ ized a year earlier, continued to flourish. There was a frequent interchange of visitors between the two organizations. Only five members of the parent club were lost to the new one, which was recruiting a number of good men in the Southeast section of the city.

The Rotary International Convention in Mexico City was enlivened by a hot floor fight over the passage of 69 Enactments and resolutions proposed by the R.I. Board of Directors. This battle was waged warmly for several hours, hinging princi­ pally on No. 68-42, which would have changed the rules to provide for only one type of membership and specified membership on the basis of either place of business or residence. Opponents of the changes argued that they amounted to a move to promote greatly increased membership at the cost of diluting Rotary standards. This measure was de­ feated, with the two Springfield club delegates vot­ ing No.

But by a bizarre quirk of legislative planning, the provision to allow admission of members on either their business or residence address was incor­ porated in another Resolution, No. 68-48, and it ob­ tained a majority of the voting delegates. It was also opposed by the Springfield Club delegation, con­ sisting of President-Elect Randy Wilson and Fred DeArmond.

Another of the R.I. Enactments which passed

was a raise in per capita dues to the International from $6 to $8 a year.

Springfield **Club** Programs

Among the speakers were: A former Federal "revenooer" from Tennessee, the Executive Secre­ tary of a Missouri State gasoline dealers association, a college art director speaking on "A Pilgrimage to Ronchamp" (France), a Dale Carnegie public speaking trainer, a customer service adviser with wise counsel on telephone manners, a university physical education director, our own Congressman Durward Hall on the state of the nation, an eco­ nomics professor diagnosing the critical sickness of the dollar, sundry candidates for high office speak­ ing in muted political notes, a marketing manager for a national corporation with the subject of "The Changing World of Retailing," an F.B.I. man who revealed his observations on the ways of criminals, a labor relations lawyer on the imminence of pub­ lic employee unionization-'-to name but a few.

A prosecutor debated the Supreme Court's con­ troversial Escobedo and Miranda decisions with a prominent defense attorney.

There was entertainment for a wide range of tastes from amateur theatricals ("Once Upon a Mat­ tress") to a Mark Twain mimic; from Sweet Ade­ line Matrons to talented solo vocalists.

**Whatever Became of** .... ?

Bill Wheat. He sold his electrical business in Springfield five years ago and moved to Hunts­ ville, Alabama. From there he went to Houston, Texas where he is now with the Manned Space Cen­ ter of Boeing Aircraft Co. Mrs. Carolyn Wheat and

their three boys are with him there. Bill's older son by an earlier marriage lives with his mother in Springfield.

Ray Williams came to Springfield as the J. C. Penney Store manager. Resigned from Rotary, pur­ chased the Peer Hardware Co., and manages it.

Joe Brown gave up his pharmacy, left Spring­ field for a time but came back, and is now employed as a pharmacist by Evans Cut-Rite Drug Stores at

the Commercial Street store. Happily remarried and

glad to be "back home".

Kendall Hunt of Kentwood Arms resigned and went to Tulsa where, at last report, he was manager of the Camelot Inn.

Ralph Shaw is manager of Skaggs Memorial

Hospital at Branson.

Bill Shockley and his family are living in Hud­ son, Ohio, and Bill is employed by a customer rela­ tions firm in nearby Cleveland.

Charley Wadlow still resides on South Fort Street with his family. He has closed his office on College Street, but goes every day to the office of the Postal Credit Union at 821 Boonville. Charley's memory has gone bad, his daughter says. If you meet him on the street don't be surprised if he fails to recognize you.

Membership turnover continued to be high. More and more large companies were moving their local representatives and managers around. But fail­ ure to meet the attendance rules was the big reason for dropouts. New members in too many instances didn't attach importance to attendance; either they

failed to become really interested, or were not the

Rotary type.

**March of Time in Springfield**

The office of County Superintendent of Schools was finally abolished when Supt.-elect Bill Bassore was sworn in and immediately resigned as he had previously announced.

1967 was the coolest summer in a long time, with the temperature reaching an all-time low of

49 for July, 44 for August, and 33 for September.

The merger march continued. Katz Drug Com­ pany purchased 13 Crank Drug stores - five in Springfield-from Spartan Industries.

The Board of Education adopted an unprece­ dented budget of $13,627,000-$1,724,000 over the preceding year.

Parkview High School orchestra-financed in part by the Rotary Club-journeyed to Expo 67 in Montreal, Canada, where it played to "over-capacity crowds."

Dayco's new research and development center at its Springday plant was dedicated at a quarterly meeting of the corporation's Board of Directors.

Tax valuation in Springfield reached $179,707,-

000, up $17,000,000. Valuation for Greene County outside the city decreased by $5,500,000.

Ground was broken for a new laboratory serv­

ice center at Drury, to cost $1.2 million.

The new Springfield Osteopathic General Hos­

pital held an open house.

Voters approved the annexation of 4.4 square

miles, including Park Crest Village and the area around the Municipal Airport.

The Frisco ran its last two passenger trains through Springfield.

Among the notable citizens (not Rotarians) who died were Frank Sedgwick, Herman Griffin, Mrs. Mabel Friend, A. T. Quisenberry, Guy A. Cowden, Glenn M. Hendrix, and Mrs. Dot Chinn.

(In order to change over this feature of the History supplement, to a calendar-year basis, only the last half of 1967 is here reported.)

Bill James says the longer a man lives the fewer the people interested enough to attend his funeral.

**More Biography in the Rough**

He is two generations removed from the Em­ erald Isle, but his Hibernian ancestry is clearly marked in his features, infectious smile and ready wit. Dan Maguire was born on a farm near Pacific, Missouri. His father Barney trained him early to follow a horse-drawn plow and cultivator. No re­ former ever told him he was underprivileged, so as he plowed corn and walked 2% miles to school he simply didn't realize that he was under any soci­ ological handicap.

Dan had two brothers and three athletic sisters, one of whom became a national high-jump champion. He earned his first Christmas spending money trap­ ping skunk, muskrat and 'possum along the Mera­ mec River bordering the home farm. Then after high school he ran a one-room country school where he was principal, teacher, and janitor. That was be-

fore "progressive education," tenure, and teachers unions came to shed their beneficence on education.

Dan took numerous Civil Service examinations, and one summer day in 1929, while he was out picking blackberries there came a call from the St. Louis Weather Bureau. That was it. For 35 years he followed a career in meterorology. After the well known and ebullient Charley Williford re­ tired, Dan was brought to Springfield to carry on with daily prognostications of the "probables" and the "averages" and other locutions that are a part of a weatherman's professional jargon. He is now retired.

Over the years, Dan has jousted with the higher learning at Washington University, the University of Minnesota, and elsewhere. He has a knack with words, relishes good poetry and is himself a poetaster who can sling a mean couplet. Beware of engaging in controversy with Dan. You might come out as Lady Mary Wortley Montagu did when Pope took out after her in satiric verse.

But his favorite diversion is oil painting. He says the arty set has not yet crowned him with any garlands, but he does boast of one thing: "When I daub one, you will know how to hang it with the right side up."

He is a devotee of physical culture. As a mem­ ber of the YMCA Jogging Club he has trotted more than 200 miles in the past two years. Not bad for a sexagenarian! (Wait, now, look up the meaning of the word before you make any cracks.)

Dan's wife is a St. Louis girl and her first name is Missouri. They have a daughter, Sandra Swain, who has flown the old nest and lives in Denver.

Officers and Directo1·s For

1968-69

President Randy Wilson

1st Vice President & Pres.-Elect Don Roper

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Director ----------------------------Gene Atkins

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**1968-69**

**Randy Wilson, President**

The year was notable, first of all because the Club rounded its 50th milestone. President Randy took steps early in his administration to see that the event was properly commemorated. He appoint­ ed a Golden Anniversary Committee of leaders, chairmaned by Jim Hutchison, to plan a series of meetings that would mark the occasion. The first of these was an address in October by local his­ torian Lucile Morris Upton, "Fifty Years Ago in Springfield." The second was a special address by former President Will James, which carried the speaker's own title, "The Unexpurgated Droolings of an Old Goat," and proved a rare treat of Jamesian humor and exquisite sentiment. One week later, on November 19, Ray Kelly, last surviving charter member on the rolls, regaled his audience with his rich reminscences of "The Early Days of Rotary" in Springfield. This came within a razor's edge of being a 100% meeting, only one member being ab­ sent. Following the meeting a group photo was taken, the first since **1956.**

Then, on February 18, came the climax of the series, the Golden Anniversary Dinner in the Stu­ dent Union Building at SMS. A massive attendance was drawn from Rotarians and their wives, not only from the two Springfield clubs, but from all over Southern Missouri, Kansas City, and a number of other points. Tom Zimmerman did the honors

with a masterly speech on "Fifty Years of Rotary

Service."

Another feature of the half-century celebration

was the compilation and publication of a compact,

one-volume Club history, "The Rotary Wheel

Turns." This work was compiled by the History and

By-Laws Committee, consisting of Fred DeArmond and Ed Baxter, with the collaboration of eight mem­ bers, including President Randy, each of whom contributed chapters.

The meetings were enlivened by President Ran­ dy's rustic humor in introducing the philosophy and sundry adventures of Old Zeke from down in the holler, Stone County way. A personification of this salty character appeared in person at the last luncheon of the year, dressed up in cle<m overalls and his hair and whiskers all combed.

Other highlights of the Rotary year included: Presentation by Governor Tommy Thomas of an

R. I. Significant Achievement Award for the project

at the Springfield Girls Club.

Charter night for the new Marshfield Club v1as attended by a Springfield delegation. A new Club at Ozark was also gotten off to a good start by Aud Alexander and others.

Aud Alexander was nominated for District Gov­

ernor and elected.

Everett Hill's new book ,"He Who Seeks Gold," was published. Everett moved to Oklahoma City to be near his son. He was R. I. president for 1924-25.

Willard Graff announced his retirement from a long and successful tenure as Superintendent of the Springfield School system, as of the summer of 19'70.

Price of the luncheon tickets went up to $2.00.

Seven Australians visited Springfield on a con­ tinental tour, as part of the "Matched Districts Pro­ gram'' sponsored by Rotary International. They were entertained separately in the homes of local Rotarians, and put on an interesting International Service Program.

A contribution of $4,000 was made from the Serv­ ice Fund toward construction of an Ozarks Area Boy Scouts Administration Building, $3,000 to the McLaughlin Youth Center, and $1,000 to purchase TV sets at Christmas for the Children's Home.

Members Van Cloud, Lewis Fawcett, Roscoe Prescott and King Vivion died. Membership at the end of the Rotary year was 253, a net increase of one. Five resignations on June 30 brought the roll dow·n to 248.

Gene Taylor, Ed Rice, Dwight Shultz, Alonzo Bates, and Leo Busch were added to the Honorary membership list, making a total of 10 in that cate­ gory.

**Program Notes:**

As usual, the programs were quite varied-edu­

cational, inspirational and entertaining.

Something of a scoop was the special report of the Soviet iron heel occupation of Prague, Czecho­ slovakia, by geology Professor **C.** F. Bassett of Drury, who was present to witness that unhappy rape of a capital.

Fred Thomsen, who went to Taiwan, Japan, Hong­ kong, and elsewhere in the Far East on a jaunt with other veterans of the famous Flying Tigers, gave a delightful account of .affairs in the Orient, as he saw them.

1968 being a political year, some candidate nota­ bles were heard, including Long, Eagleton, Davis, and Curtis for the U. S. Senate seat of Long, which was up for grabs. A few members thought these speeches were decidedly political, but it was pointed out that the Club by-laws approve the discussion of controversial questions, while forbidding the Club's taking a stand on them, as a Club.

The Olympic Games was the subject of a good talk by a local student and cyclist contestant at Mexico City.

Arthur McClung came back from Illinois to make a speech entitled "The Dignity of Work," generally pronounced by his auditors the finest of Arthur's many addresses before the Club.

Two Assembly of God missionaries, one from

Biafra and the other from India, appeared.

Leonard Hall, president of the Student Govern­ ment Association at SMS, proved in his speech that the hirsute hippies and revolutionists of Students for a Democratic Society have not captured the citadel of higher education in America. His question to the banner-carrying rabble: "What will you do when you're too old to carry your sign?"

Other programs were concerned with such suh­ jects as St. Louis Cardinals baseball, highway safe­ ty, the Council of Churches, the National Federation of Independent Business, Japanese thinking, trial court quibbling, the Vietnam war. How many Ro­ tarians realize what a golden opportunity their mem­ bership means in continuing their education, and feeling the pulse of a throbbing, growing, suffering nation?

By common consent, one of the best speeches of the year was that by former member Ransom Ellis,

on the Royal-McBee strike in Springfield, a topic on which Ransom possessed intimate information, having represented the employers in that labor Armageddon. Those who were in any doubt that the company closed out its Springfield operations only because of that particularly nasty, violent strike, must have been convinced by this speech. In picturing the malignity of many union people to­ ward those who will not strike, Ransom quoted from Jack London's scurrilous definition of a scab, as circulated among the Royal-McBee unionists:

"After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad, and the vampire, He had some awful substance left with which he made a scab ... No man has a right to scab as long as there is a pool of water to drmvn his carcass in, or a rope long enough to hang him with. Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared with a scab. For betraying his master he had character enough to hang himself. A scab has not ... A strikebreaker is a traitor to his God, his country, his family, and his class." (The inflammatory nature of this diatribe resulted in a tragic accident-the shooting and maiming of a strikebreaker's little boy by a virulent striker.)

**Gems from** a Reporter's Notes **of** the **Speeches:**

"In order to be immortal, a speaker doesn't have to be eternal."-District Governor Tommy Thomas.

"What's real is what works."-Jack Rhea, YMCA official. (A good statement in five words of the pragmatic philosophy.)

"The U.S. is on the verge of price and wage con­

trols fixed by law."-Ransom Ellis.

"The British Foreign Office is considered danger­

ous by the French because it knows too much; the

American State Department, because it knows too, little."-Dr. William E. Hammond, SMS Professor, speaking on Charles DeGaulle.

"I'd rather wear out than rust out; I could sit down and fold my hands, but I like the dignity of work and of trying to accomplish something. It's one of the blessed things we have ... We have a right to the use of the possessions we earn with our labor."-Arthur J. McClung.

"I consider Springfield Rotary as a great heritage for me. The friendships made through this associa­ tion are to me the richest harvest of the years."­ Ray Kelly.

"No matter how many years a man lives, his life span is really only three days: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Yesterday was a time for prepara­ tion, for plowing and seeding the soil; Today a time for accomplishment, for watering and cultivating the seeds that were sowed yesterday; Tomorrow a time for harvest, gathering in the ripened grain and fruit ... If there was no planting yesterday, there will be nothing to cultivate today, and if there is nothing to cultivate today there will be no harvest tomorrow."-Will James.

**local News Gleanings for the Calendar Year 1968**

January 7 the thermometer read -7 F.

The Housing and Urban Development Authority approved Springfield's application for 60 units of

leased housing.

Litton Industries took over the Industrial De­

velopment Corporation on West Kearney Street.

Voters approved a $7 million bond issue to fi­

nance the Zenith Corporation site and plant, and

a $2 million issue for improvements to the City's water system.

Post Office officials announced that Springfield will get a new $6 million postoffice to be built early in the 1970's. ·

Burge Protestant Hospital received Hill-Burton grants for $511,000 to be matched locally, for ex­ panding student-nurse housing and modernizing a rehabilitation center for handicapped patients. Later the hospital changed its name to the Cox Medical Center.

A Drury professor moved to Canada to protest the government using his tax money to resist Com­ munist aggression in Vietnam. We're sorry for Canada.

Fadler Produce Company announced it would build a new $750,000 plant on Packer Road north of Division Street.

Ground was broken for the new Police Head­

quarters Building on Chestnut Street Trafficway.

Voters approved a new bond issue for $510,000 for two new fire stations, and a $350,000 issue for park improvement.

Cephas M. Close was elected Chairman of the

City Utilities Board, succeeding Joe Ben Wann.

City Council enacted an increase in bus fares to 15 cents.

The price of a haircut went up to $2.00.

Health, Education and Welfare Department grant­ ed $180,000 to pay half the cost of the new Plaza branch Library on Seminole Street.

Dr. Alfred 0. Canon took over as Drury's tenth

President. Yes, he became a Rotarian.

The SMS Board of Regents approved budget re­ quests totaling $10,362,000 for 1969-70. A long-term master plan contemplates $25 million for expansion.

Presidential candidates Richard Nixon and George Wallace spoke before voters in Springfield-sep­ arately, of course.

Southwestern Bell acquired the Suiter Smith home on St. Louis Street for part of the $6,442,000 additions to its building.

Rotarian Durward G. Hall was reelected to Con­ gress from the 7th District by a big majority. Presi­ dent Nixon carried Missouri, but the Democrats won the Senate seat and all but one of the state offices.

Notables, not Rotarians, deceased during the year included Dr. G. B. Lemmon, Job Thompson, Fred R. McMahon, I. V. Ewing, Howard D. Wetzel, Msgr. Valentine A. Schroeger, Frank Farris, Mrs. Claud Rathbone, Charles G. Martin, Lester E. Cox, Ted Hutchens, Elizabeth Denmark Ingram.

Officers and Directors for

**1969-70**

PRESIDENT --------------------------\_Don Roper

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT TREASURER

SECRETARY

DIRECTOR

George Avant

Ralph Guthrie Bill Everheart Lee Bouldin Don Pettigrew

DIRECTOR -------'------------------Earl Petersen

DIRECTOR EX-OFFICIO

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (appointed)

Randy Wilson

Dave Burkhalter

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1970-71

George Avant, President

George's year has to go down in the annals as the one of the "vanishing vice presidents" and "doubtful joke book"! It was a year of great Rotary progress and continued Rotary influence in the community. But it was fortunate that George had broad shoulders and a keen sense of humor.

The year started in fine style with a full slate of well qualified officers and directors. Arthur Mallory, popular president of S.M.S., was the duly elected 1st vice-president, president-elect and Club Service Chairman. Early in the year the opportun­ ity to take on greater responsibility presented itself and Art took off for Jeff City and the State Com­ missioner of Education job. After much soul searching, the re-convened nominating committee presented City Manager, Dave Burkhalter, for the job and he was dulY"installed. A few short months later, the knock of opportunity sounded again and Dave found himself lodged in the City Manager­ ship of Charlotte, North Carolina-and George found himself short of help again. Back to the drawing board for the frustrated nominating com­ mittee. This time they came up with Bill Magers. It was a fine selection, and Bill stayed in town! However, by this time it was late in the year, and George has the distinction of operating with more vice-presidents than any of his predecessors.

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**Membership:**

There was the usual amount of "comings and goings" in the ll).embership roles. Long-time Rotar­ ian, Fred Farthing, passed away in May, 1971. He was our only loss to death and this is a remarkable fact considering past experience and the size of the club. We had several resignations for the usual reasons, but it is notable that many of them took up their Rotary activities in such distant places as Hawaii, Chicago, other Missouri towns and the East Coast. New Members this year were Jim Porter, Ron Elkins, Curt McNay, Father George Greenway, Bill Beall, Dr. Elmer Williams, Bob Cooley, Tom Wyrick, Bud Allison, Larry Lierz, Don Argue, Bob Peace, Phil Crouch, and Jim Rattray. This put our June 30, 1971 membership at 238.

**Governor -Aud Alexander**

The long trail to the top finally came to an end for our Aud as he became District Governor. He was our club's third contribution to the District for this most important post. Jim Shannon and Wally Walter preceeded him in 1941-42 and 1954-55. Aud did a fine job of counseling with the clubs and he brought dignity to the district and honor to our club for sponsoring him. Aud's District Conference, at the Lodge of Four Seasons, was also our con­ ference since we were the host club. It was well attended by the district as a whole, but despite a wonderful and stimulating program and a thorough promotion effort, attendance from our own club was relatively small. Those attending that we had record of were: Wimpy Adler, Aud Alexan­ der, Bob Ashcroft, George Avant, Bud Allison, Lee Bouldin, George Crighton, Willard Graff, Larry

Houge, Roy Litle, Don Martin, Gene Martin, Ed Tuck, Les Kennon, Gene Brewer, Bill Cantrell, Bob Cooley, 0. T. Gillenwaters, Charlie Lockhart and Jim Payne.

Programs:

Program Chairman, Glen Burkhart, kept up the tradition of outstanding and varied programs. Any­ one who doubts that membership in Springfield Rotary doesn't give you a complete view of the talent, problems, opportunities and successes in our community, just hasn't looked over a listing of a years programs.

We had talks by our State Auditor, Kit Bond; our Prosecuting Attorney, Dee Wampler; ou:r Probate Judge, Don Burrell; our Congressman, Durward Hall; and our new Superintendent of Schools, Joe Kuklenski. There was also a variety of talented voice and instrumental musical pro­ grams including the Sweet Adelines, Popera Sing­ ers and the Southwest Baptist College Choir. Films on fishing, the School of the Ozarks, crime, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the golden age of radio were viewed, and field trips to the new Police Sta­ tion and Southwestern Bell's new building broke the regular luncheon routine. We had other pro­ grams on Vietnamization, Boy Scouts, ecology, travel, population explosion, science, Latin Amer­ ica, lawn care (this prompted many questions from our week-end gardeners), Antartica, private college financial plight, no-fault insurance, international students, archeology and agricultural problems. New member Don Argue gave one of the most articulate discourses on the drug problems that we have heard. All in all there wasn't much we didn't explore!

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Special Events:

We hosted the District Assembly for an all day session at Drury College. The Fireside Meeting was once again at 1st & Calvary Presbyterian church with Earl Petersen and his cooks serving a brisket meal. The whole thing was a social and culinary success.

Our Christmas Party took on a different ap­ pearance by being a Madrigal Dinner put on by S.M.S. students in their Student Union. It was quite impressive and in keeping with the occasion. The Rotary Internatio.nal Convention was in Syd­ ney, Australia and Paul Denning was the only Springfieldian to make his way down.

Rotarian Duane Meyer became the new presi­ dent of S.M.S. after Arthur Mallory left, and Ro­ tarian Bill Everheart not only was elected Presi­ dent of Drury College, but was named "Spring­ fieldian of the Year" by the Chamber of Com­ merce.

Some Local Events To Help You Pinpoint This

Period In Springfield's Growth:

Battlefield Mall opened-along with Battle­

field street from Fremont to Glenstone.

Construction crews started tearing up the Square in preparation for extensive modernization and beautification. "Park Central Square" was formally dedicated in December.

"Rock" music and the controversial "Festival" hit Springfield and the area -

Public School enrollment rose to 25,993 as Willard Graff retired and Dr. Joe Kuklenski be­ came superintendent of schools.

Windows shook and doors rattled in the early morning hours when snipes caused the explosion of an explosive truck on West I-44.

Traffic moved better with the opening of the

Kansas Avenue viaduct over the Frisco yards.

S.M.S. opened it's new health center-and named it after it's long tim(( director and fellow­ Rotarian Dr. Bill Taylor.

Don Busch was named acting city manager to replace our Dave Burkhalter.

Watercolor U.S.A. continued to grow in size and national prominence.

Cox Medical Center's new Mobile Coronary

Care Unit became available to the public.

City Utilities discovered they needed another power plant and we voted bonds for this, street & sewer improvement, and more fire protection - all signs of a growing community.

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Officers and Directors for

1971- 1972

PRESIDENT ---------------------------------------- Bill Magers V.P. & PRES. ELECT ------------------------ Bob Ashcroft TREASURER -------------------------------------- Don Martin SECRETARY-------------------------------------- Lee Bouldin DIRECTOR ---------------------------------------- Larry Houge DIRECTOR ------------------------------------------ Henry Fries DIRECTOR -------------------------------------------- Jim Owens DIRECTOR -·------------------------------------ George Avant Compiled by History and By-Laws Committee

Bill Peck and Bob Lohmeyer

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SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB

**1971-72**

WILLIAM G. MAGERS, **PRESIDENT**

Many of us will remember the club year of President Bill for the way he personally "lit a candle" and it put the spirit of Rotary friendliness in a new light!

Even early arrivals at regular Tuesday noon meetings would find Bill already on hand . . . not busy with the usual club chores, but present to offer more than a perfunctory greeting and word of welcome to attending members and their guests. President Bill never put himself apart from the membership. He personally created an aura of cor­ diality that the Rotary Club of Springfield should strive to retain ... and many of us feel that we're doing very well along this line and thank President Bill for his exemplary ways.

Installation ceremonies were held on June 29, and in the club year that followed we had much better luck than in the year previous in a very important respect: we were to have a slate of of­ ficers that would be able to serve without interrup­ tion for their entire elected terms ... with one very notable exception. Details on that later, please.

MAJOR PROJECT ACHIEVED!

The thought is the father to the deed and in the case of the new Rotary Club "Birds of Prey Free Flight Aviary" at Dickerson Park Zoo, this project moved to a conclusion in nice style. More than a thousand persons attended the dedication on May

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21, and since then countless thousands have en· joyed sight of the great eagles and other birds in their big new home. Again the Rotary Club of Springfield demonstrated that it is interested in serving the general public in as many ways as it possibly can.

SPECIAl EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Program Chairmen Curt McNay and fellow committeemen operated on the philosophy that the fare presented members should be selected on the basis of merit in one of three categories: (1) infor­ mation, (2) entertainment, or (3) inspiration. We had a variety of programs during the year that offered shares of each in good measure. We had everything from talks by nationally-lmown figures to excellent theatre groups, from explanations of urban renewal goals to presentations by outstand­ ing musical talent . . . and some fine programs drawn from within our very own membership. Personalities on the podium included among others, the local basketball coaches, Pittsburg Pirate Man­ ager Bill Virdon, Attorney General John Danforth, Rear Admiral Draper L. Kauffman, City Manager Don Busch, Prosecuting Attorney Dee Wampler, Judge Douglas Greene, WGN News Director Charles F. Harrison, Jr., and General William Bradley. With a wealth of musical and theatrical talent on hand in our city's five colleges and many high schools, there was no shortage of available entertainers.

THE SERVICE FUND DOES GREAT!

And we mean it just that way. Tom Zimmer­ man was chairman and presented such a good case for the annual service fund that we kicked in over nine thousand dollars. The money will be spent, as in the past, in ways that reflect the love of

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Rotary for deserving individuals and institutions. For example, our club contributes $500 each year to the local science fair in our high schools. In

1972, Mike Fuller of Springfield placed third na­ tionally ... a very, very high honor and one that makes us proud of our participation.

DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

We were honored with an official visit by Dis­ trict Governor Dr. Bill Bradshaw on October 12 and club officers and committee people spent a busy day with our district chief. Later, in March, fifteen members of our Rotary Club attended the annual district conference in Warrensburg.

FIRESIDE MEETING:

Rotary affairs got a good going over at a Fire­ side Meeting moved to regular Tuesday noon hours on Thursday, October 26. It was believed that bet­ ter attendance could be assured by having the sessions as part of our weekly meeting, with groups and moderators scattered over available space at the Kentwood Arms Hotel. Moderators were Joe Bill Turner, Henry Fries, Les Kennon, Will W. James, Charles Chalender, Curtis Graff, Leo Hayes, Fred Hall, Curt McNay, George Luna, Fred DeArmond and Dan Maguire.

WE SHARE OUR CHRISTMAS **PARTY**

It was a joint affair for the Rotary Club of Springfield and Southeast Rotary Club . . . held on the evening of Tuesday, December 7, at the Holiday Inn. Special credits go to Earl Petersen, coordinator; Wally Walters, who served as master­ of-ceremonies, and Miss Carolyn Lambert, vocal­ ist, and Wimpy Adler, pianist, for their contribu­ tions. Also, to all the "swingin'" Rotarians who braved the dance floor because of the urging of

the music of the Don Verne Joseph Swingers . . . a very good orchestra, by the way!

MEMBERSHIP:

At the end of the fiscal year, the Rotary Club of Springfield was proud to have 250 members in the various categories. Nothing is permanent but change, they say, and it is our hope that the following Rotarians who came to the club during

1971-72 will be with us for many, many years:

Major Close Ed Kelly Jerry Cooper Charles Kindall Tom Crabtree Dorsey Levell Larry Royce Freund Howard Lowe Robert Gilmore Gordon McCann William Gist Edsel Matthews Jack Hamlin George Newton Jack Stanley Hart Lawrence Ollis Chas. Hulen Earl Smith Charles Ison Ted Smith David James Phillip Wannemacher

WE SHALL MISS THEM

*Frank Mann,* distinguished Springfield attorney and our club president 1931-32, died on July 28. *Charles Wadlow,* of the great oratory talent and a

30-year club member, died on November 25. *George Hunter,* past president, civic leader and be­ loved friend, passed on in May. *Ray Setser,* excel­ lent Rotarian before ill health caused him to resign, died in February. *Jim Rattray,* a new Ro­ tarian and quickly a popular one, was claimed by a heart attack in May.

LEE AND EDIE BOULDIN RETIRE

The Rotary wheel is an emblem we recognize, one that we know will endure and feel like will be

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here forever. Some of us had the same sort of feeling about Lee Bouldin. To us, Lee has long symbolized the Springfield Rotary Club. Even yet we can't believe that our club secretary for 31 years and still-beloved-friend would reach a retirement date when he could start enjoying his home and his hobbies! But Lee did retire, after giving the club ample notice. And with him retired his able aide and wife, Edie Bouldin, both of whom are greatly missed in the Rotary Office. Thirty-one years is a long time to be a Rotary Club secretary. It multi­ plies into 1,612 Rotozarks and about the same number of weekly meetings, plus all that goes on in between. Lee has been blessed to have had Edie by his side in the office . . . is now blessed to have her with him to enjoy the color television set and central air conditioning presented by Rotary to add spice to retirement. There were tears in many eyes on Tuesday, June 13, at a special Lee and Edie Day. All were brought on by recognition of the fact that we were saying "so long" to a good man and his fine wife, who were winding up their working careers before friends who were seeing the end of a priceless Rotary association.

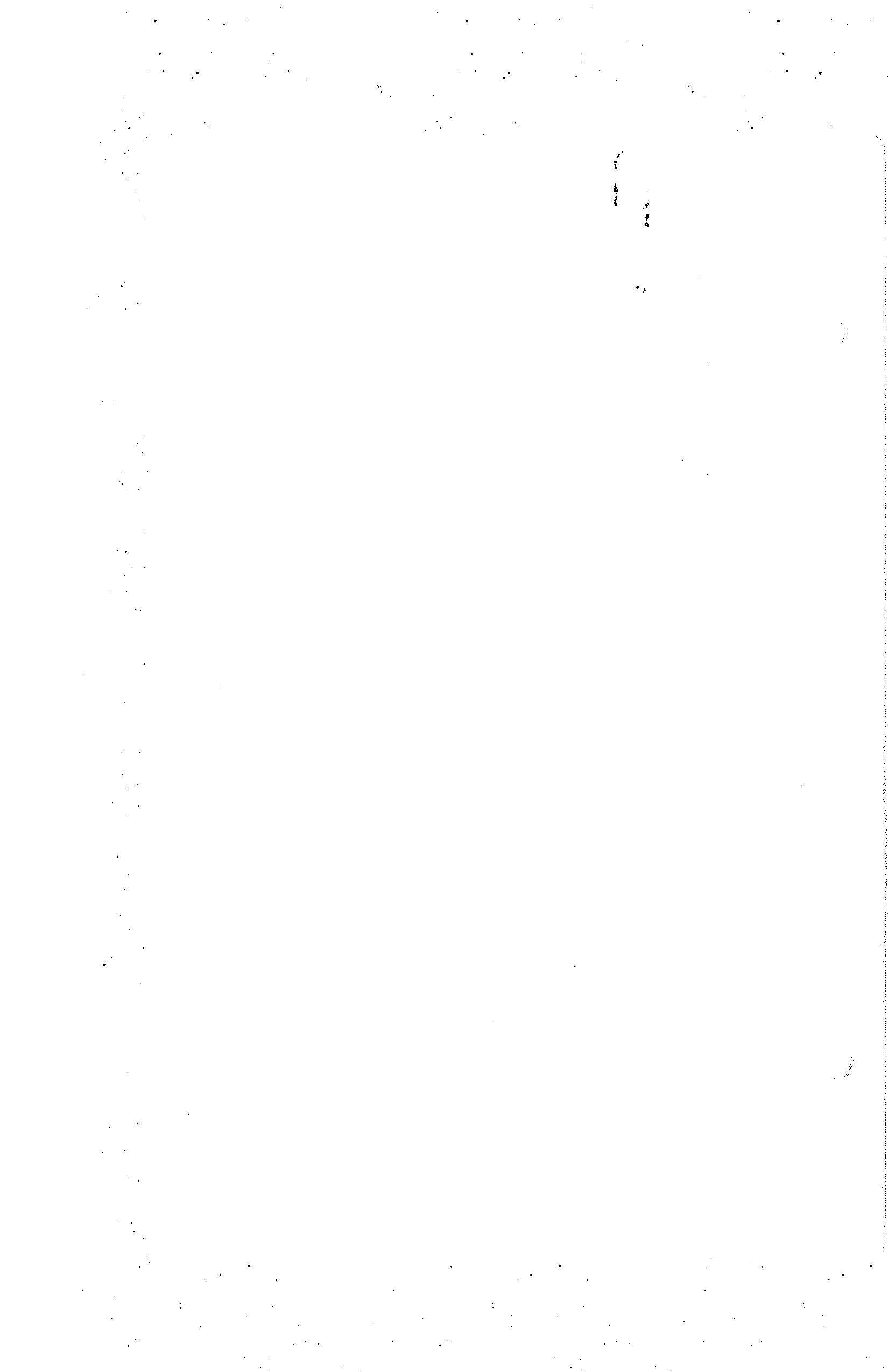
CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

July 1, 1972-June 30, 1973

President ------------------------------------ J. Robert Ashcroft Vice President ------------------------------ James S. Hedges Treasurer -------------------------------------- Larry D. Folkins Secretary ---------------------------------------- Earl L. Petersen Director -------------------------------------- Glenn A. Burkart Director --------------------------------------- .. W. Curtis Graff Director -----··-----------------·------------·---- Duane G. Meyer Director ------·--·---------------------···-- William G. Magers

(Past Pres.)

Sergeant-at-arms ------------------ Ronald F. Elkins, Jr.



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**THE SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB**

**1973-74**

**J. Robert Ashcroft, President**

One of the strengths of Rotary is the custom of annual turnover or rotation of its officers. Each president brings a new personality and interests, plus a unique manner of presiding.

President Bob brought to the job his trait of warm cordiality and other leadership qualities that stamped his individuality on the club and its activ­ ities. As a college president he is interested in the numerous facets of higher education. In this post he had many intellectual contacts, particularly in the fields of religion, science, travel, and interna­ tional relations, that helped to give the programs a wide range of diversity.

A rough classification of the types of programs put together by the officers and Program Chair­ man Bob Hogan showed that Business led with 9, closely followed by Local and Sectional Affairs 7, and Rotary Affairs with 6. Other types represented ticked off as follows:

Entertainment ············---------------------------- 5

International Interest ---------------------------- 4

Resources and the Environment , 3

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sports --------------------·--------------------------------- | 3 |
| Religion --------······-------------------------------------- | 3 |
| Americanism -------------------------------------------- | 2 |
| Education ------------------------------------------------ | 2 |
| Science ------------------------------------------------------ | 2 |

Those interests with one program each were Poli­ tics, Organized Labor, Public Affairs of national scope, National Defense, and Law.

**Other** Program Notes

A speech that was at or near the top measured by the ovation it received was that by Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi, Director of the School of International Studies at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois. His provocative title was "It Isn't Easy To Be An American."

Speaking from another anomalous title, "Thank God for Civilization," William E. Towell of the American Forestry Association in Washington, D.C., used this punch line: "We can't stand per­ petual growth. We can't reverse trends, but we can contain greed and waste. We don't need to lock up our resources; our aim should be intelligent use, not mere preservation."

A shortage of natural gas and other energy sources was pictured as a reality of the near future by John W. Morton of the Cities Service Gas Com­ pany before the club on Sept. 12, 1972.

Conspicuous among the more thoughtful utter­ ances from the Rotary lectern was a talk by mem­ ber Jack Hart, First and Calvary pastor. His subject, "The Rebirth of Wonder," was illuminated by this cogent quote from T. S. Eliot: "We shall never cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring shall be to arrive where we started, and see the place for the first time." This and other

remarks revealed Jack as a man with a poetic temperament himself.

One program featured a speech favorable to "no-fault" auto insurance, by an insurance execu­ tive from Kansas City. Previously a Springfield attorney had been given time to attack the new proposal in insurance.

Two debate teams from SMSU argued the merits and demerits of Federal Medical Care. So­ cialized medicine has had its head in the American tent for several years. Now it seems to have gotten its front feet inside.

Visiting speaker with the longest pedigree of official titles and honors: Neville Kanakaratne, Minister of Ceylon to U.S., who spoke on "The Poor World Challenges the Rich - the Crisis of the '70s." The Poors have it.

In August a speech was made before the club by a Dr. Henry Morris, subject "Scientific Crea­ tionism." He maintained, as a scientist, that the world was created in the year 4004 B. C.

**A Few Personal Notes**

Earl Petersen became the new Secretary, suc­

ceeding Lee Bouldin who had held that post for

31 years, assisted by his good wife, Edie. The

Rotary office was moved from the Wilhoit Build­

ing to 329 Landmark Building. Mrs. Faye Postleth­ waite was employed as executive secretary. New office hours were established, from 10 A.M. to 3

P.M., Monday through Friday.

Among the new members added to the roll were some prominent figures in Springfield's life, in­ cluding Ed Kelly, manager of the Chamber of Commerce; Robert A. Saunders of St. John's Hos­ pital; Don Dailey, KGBX manager; Dr. P. J. Ciccone, Director, U.S. Medical Center; and Lon McLaughlin of Southwestern Bell Telephone. John T. Robinette, a lost member for many years, re­ turned to the fold. Durward Hall returned to Springfield to live and again became an active Rotarian, after 12 years - six terms - of dis­ tinguished service in Congress as Representative from the 7th Missouri district.

Don Roper, a former club president and widely regarded as one of the ablest young Springfield businessmen, died under tragic circumstances early in April, 1973.

During this Rotary year quite a number of members were lost by resignation or suspension for non-attendance. Various reasons contributed to this attrition: Moved away, too occupied otherwise to attend the meetings, and some recruits - it must be confessed - because they were simply not Rotarian material. The total roll, published as of April 9, 1973, was 259, a gain of about nine for the year.

At least two joint meetings were held by the Board of Directors with the Board of the Southeast Rotary Club. The annual Christmas party for

1973, at the Holiday Inn, was also a *joint* affair.

It was announced that Rotarians with 20 years or more of service in this or other clubs, and who

had passed their 65th birthday, could on applica­ tion to the Secretary be excused from attendance requirements.

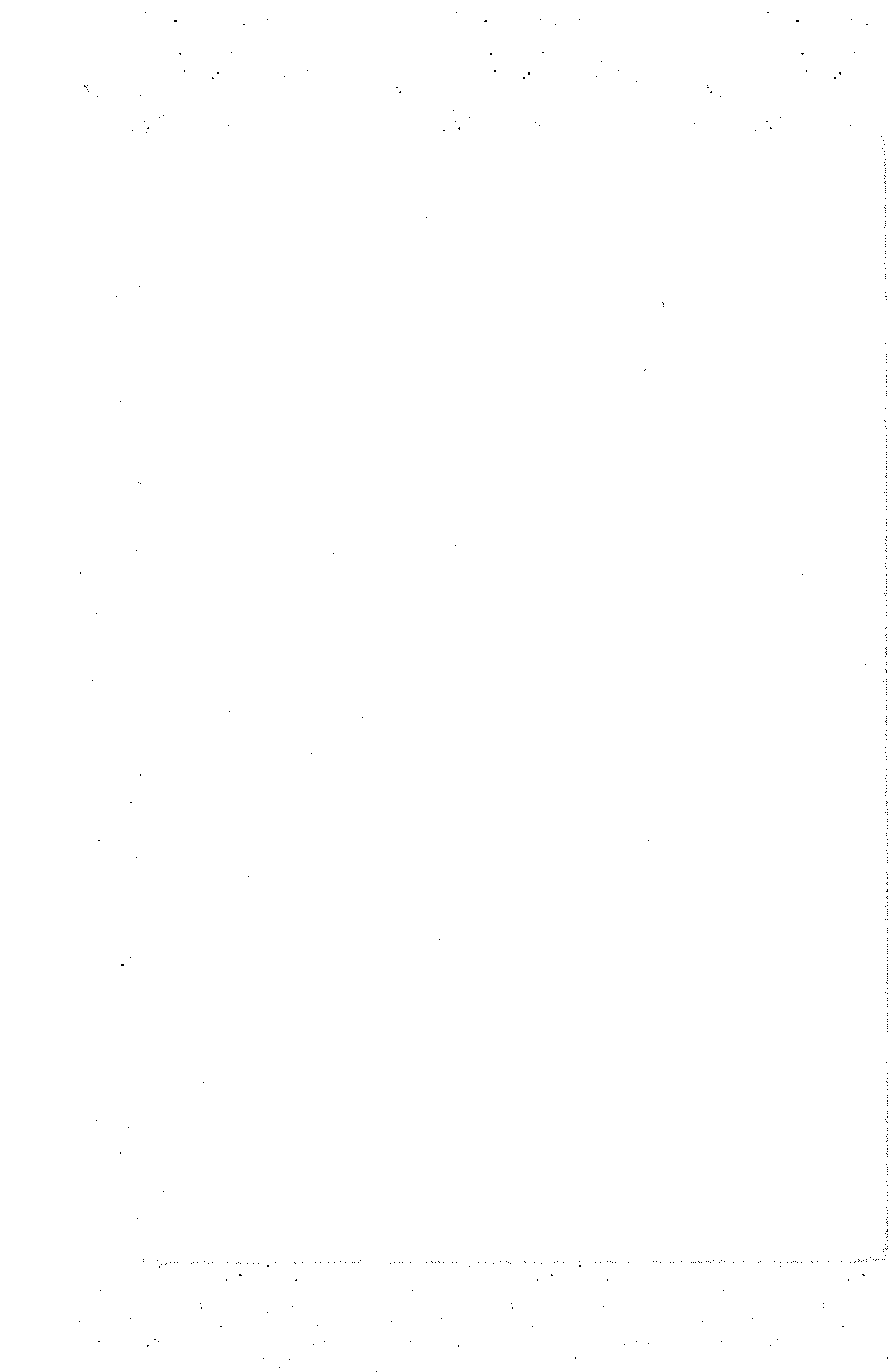
New members were served notice that only after their photos had been submitted for reproduc­ tion would pages be printed for them to be included in the roster book.

**Club Officers and Directors**

**July 1, 1973- June 30, 1974**

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SCRIBES -------------------------------------- Gordon McCann, Fred DeArmond



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**1973-74**

**James S. Hedges, President**

Jim Hedges, youngest president of Downtown Rotary brought refreshing good humor to the club. For the members, Tuesday noon became a welcome respite from thoughts of business, watergate, in­ flation, gasoline shortages, decline of the dollar, and skidding Dow Jones averages.

Several innovations were begun at our meetings, such as having a lady secretary greet and sign up visitors and guests; introduction of members with birthdays each week rather than monthly and having different members give a "Thought for The Day" at the close of meetings. These and other innovations were well received as the new club year unfolded.

Rhett McCarty became the first new member under President Jim and seventeen members joined during the year. Time always brings change and thirteen members were lost. Those taken by death included, Will James, Russell Cather, Howard Whitney and Arthur McClung. The club year closed with 250 members.

Many of our best programs were by members or local citizens, like Duane Meyer's "Declaration of Independence"; Robert Saunder's "The St. John Hospital Story," Neil Wortley's report from Cox Medical Center; Dr. Ciccone's "Trends in Cor rections." One of the very best in entertainment

came in August when Springfield's own Gary Ellison gave us a program of ragtime piano music along with a delightful lesson in musical history and the geography of Jazz. Other informative programs included Durward Hall's discussion of socialistic trends in government and our staggering public debt. Also, Dorsey Levell's Alpha House for rehabilitation of salvageable prisoners. Interna­ tional programs included a couple on Israel regard­ ing her problems and her successes.

It was a year of great activity in changing the face of downtown Springfield. Past President Ashcroft led the community in a renewed interest in a Civic Center. In June, 1974, Park Central Square became a pedestrian mall with the elimina­ tion of vehicular traffic.

In August of '73 our club hosted a very success­ ful national "Good Sports" convention for handi­ capped people.

The year was a discouraging one in some re­ spects. Many questioned our national leaders and the energy shortage was being felt as winter came on. The entire membership was saddened in No­ vember with the death of our much loved music man, Will James.

The Christmas party was a resounding success as we gathered at noon, Dec. 18, to enjoy appro­ priate remarks by our President and to listen to a number of our musically talented members usher in the season with a jazz band.

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President Jim inspired us with a Lincoln's Birthday talk on the struggles and true greatness of "Honest Abe." Bill Maynard outlined his hopes for an educational TV outlet which is coming to Springfield. In April, Don Heter of the Ozarks' Playground Ass'n., predicted a good summer tourist season in spite of the gasoline shortage.

1973-74 was another good year in our club. National and world problems made us more keenly aware of the need for service above self and for greater international cooperation. Bob Good, of the School of the Ozarks was made a Paul Harris Fellow.

Some notable events during the year included Jack Nicklaus' winning a record breaking 14 major golf titles; remarkable Harry Kissinger be­ came the secretary of state and kept up a busy pace as world peacemaker; to conserve gasoline highway speed limits were reduced from around 70 to 55 mph; Spiro Agnew resigned as vice president of the U. S. and Gerald Ford was appointed to that post; Billie Jean King defeated one-time great tennis champ, Bobbie Riggs; three U. S. astronauts stayed aloft on a space station for 84 days; the long awaited oil pipeline across Alaska was begun; and inflation caused our club dues for

1974-75 to go from $55 to $70.

It was the year of Watergate. Not within mem­ ory has any single story so dominated the news. However, as painful as the national experience has been, perhaps it will become a turning point that will start the U. S. on a new and healthier course as we approach the 200th anniversary of our nation in 1976.

Club Officers and Directory

**July 1, 1974 to June** 30, 1975

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V. P. & PRES.-ELECT.

Glenn Burkart

TREASURER ---------------------------------- Robert Hogan SECRETARY ---------------------------------- Earl Petersen DIRECTOR ------------------------------------------ Don Dailey

DIRECTOR Jim Lowe

DIRECTOR -------------------------------------------- Ted Smith

DIRECTOR ------------------------------------------ Jim Hedges

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1974-75

Donald G. Martin, President

Each new president brings with his leadership unique personal qualities and concerns for the pro­ gram and growth of the Rotary Club. President Don's personality, interests, and friendliness gave the Club a fresh and invigorating approach. His close communication with the Program Committee, officers, and directors gave credance to his serious­ ness about Rotary business and our ties to other clubs. Throughout this brief history of programs, events, and happenings, it will be evident to all that a spirit of innovation and "let's try it" pro­ vided excitement and optimism characteristic of Don's leadership as we attempted to renew the spirit of Rotary.

Membership and Attendance

During the 1974-75 Rotary year, membership fluctuated but ended the year with the same num­ ber as at the beginning, which was 250. In spite of considerable efforts to keep members involved and active, attendance requirements continued to be a major factor for those who resigned from the Club. The following new members were inducted into the Club during the year:

Gary Baumgartner Dean McMillen

Daniel Beach Robert Noble William Brunner Saul Nuccitelli William Burns Bert Putnam Allen Casey Joseph Rigg

Peter C. Charles Robert Spence Ben Harmon Melvin Thompson William Johnson William V. Turner Alfred Liebman Fred Wagner James E. McClure Keith Wagner

sponsibilities this year, each new member was asked to take part in a special project, the Channel

21 teleauction. This event helped the new members

to become better acquainted with one another and

benefit the community as well.

Moments of silent tribute were offered for those Rotarians who died, William Dickison, John Hammon, and Dr. Robert Good.

**Honorary** Membership

An honorary membership with Springfield Rotary Club was awarded to William Charles Virdon at the regular noon meeting on November

5, 1974. We hope "Bill" will be able to be with us each Tuesday as often as his schedule permits.

**Rotozark**

Concerned with the cost of the direct mailing of the ROTOZARK, the Board of Directors de­ cided to try distributing the ROTOZARK a week in advance by placing copies by each place setting during the noon luncheon. Member reactions to this change prompted the reinstatement of direct mailings in October after bulk postal rates were achieved from the postal system. It was suggested that the ROTOZARK be redesigned for a self­ enclosed format so that upon the depletion of our present supply of envelopes, the Club could bene­ fit from the savings.

**New** Roster **System**

For several years, members had commented on the value of the looseleaf roster of members. The

1974-75 roster of members represented a departure

from the past with a newly-printed and up-to-date

list of members in a handy single publication. rrhis

change was well received by the membership.

**District** Governor's Visit

District 607 Governor, Aubrey B. Case, hon­ ored our Club on August 6, 1974, with a visit and an address to the Springfield Rotary Club. His talk was both inspirational and enlightening. Following the noon meeting, Governor Case met with officers and committee chairmen in an ex­ change of ideas which proved to be most beneficial to our Club.

**Summer** Family Activity

A Rotary family carnival was held at the Naval

Reserve Armory for all Rotarians on August 20 at

6:30 p.m. While the many children in attendance lowered the average age considerably, parents, friends, and grandparents enjoyed themselves as well. The magic show, bluegrass music, and balloon bust drew the highest interest, however, the tre­ mendous number of hot dogs, snow cones, and bags of popcorn consumed indicated the carnival was the best bargain since the nickel Coke.

**Buffet**

Rotarians were given a choice of noontime meals for several weeks when a special buffet fea­ turing soup and sandwiches, salad or relish, was offered in place of the served plate lunch. The buffet was dropped after considerable criticism from members citing a variety of reasons.

**Annual** Fireside Meeting

The annual Fireside Meeting was held on Oc­ tober 1, a regular Tuesday meeting. Arranged by Francis Jones, the moderators of the twelve groups were: Bob Gartman, Gene Breuer, Bob Hogan, Ralph Hamilton, Irvin Selsor, Bill Peck, Aud Alexander, Ron Elkins, Joe Bennett, George Luna, Jordan Burkey, and John Mongell. The Fireside

volvement, comments, and suggestions from the members on those topics which they chose to dis­ cuss. Out of this meeting came some excellent suggestions to improve our Club as well as how to renew the spirit of Rotary.

Annual Christmas Party

The Holiday Inn was the site of the Annual Christmas party held on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. A delightful program was presented, and the ladies in attendance were presented favors. Naturally, Santa Claus added a special treat to the occasion. The 220 Rotarians and guests in attend­ ance received a delicious dinner, and the social hour prior to the dinner afforded plenty of good fellowship.

Special Programs and Events

The Springfield Rotary Club has been blessed with a wide variety of weekly programs including college and high school music and dramatic per­ forming groups, debate teams, college faculty, and local Rotary Club members to mention only a few. Program committee members take their job ser­ iously in promoting quality presentations for our Tuesday luncheon meetings. Listed below are some of the special programs presented during the 1974-

75 Rotary year.

Robert Gibbons gave a descriptive account of the "Hickok-Tutt shoot out" in Springfield in

1865.

Wilbur V. Lewis, past governor, director, trustee, and Atlantic convention chairman, gave an excellent explanation of the function and pur­ poses of the Rotary Foundation.

Captain J. F. Matejceck, pinch hitting for Rear

AdmiraL Warren O'Neil, explained the role and mission of the Naval Reserve in 1974.

Felix Legrend discussed the role of the Mis­ souri Bankers Association, its reasons for existence, and the importance of the banker as an individual in society.

Rod Hanna presented an especially entertain­ ing program on "What its like to be a professional photographer for major league football and base­ ball teams."

Bob Peace tailored his talk to administrators and supervisors in the Club with his humorous topic "Some Dysfunctional Aspects of Administra­ tion" or "Why What Ought to be Ain't."

"Meet Mark Twain" was the program pre­ sented by Dr. Willard Heimbeck from Hannibal, Missouri. Dr. Heimbeck has conducted extensive research into Samuel Clement's life and has pre­ sented similar programs throughout the Midwest.

Director of the Bureau of Prisons, Norman A. Carlson, described a number of "current trends in criminal justice" that has implications for our nation in the years to come.

A timely discussion of an international issue, "World Population: Food and Famine," was pro­ vided by Dr. Ravindra Amonker, associate pro­ fessor at SMSU. He has made us uncomfortably aware of this persistent problem of many people throughout the world.

Major General John G. Waggoner, Fort Leon­ ard Wood, Missouri, gave us interesting insight into the new army, its training, its potential, and life style.

Edwin P. McKaskel, attorney and former FBI agent, gave us an inside view of some of the pro­ blems of law enforcement and justice procedures in his talk, "The Challenge of Integrity."

James Panoch, field coordinator for the Public Education Religious Studies Center, Dayton, Ohio, clarified the U.S. Supreme Court decisions rela­ tive to the teaching of religion, required prayers, and Bible study in public schools. His talk was especially helpful in defining the actual position of the Court which has frequently been misunderstood.

Colonel Sam Smith, superintendent of the Mis­ souri highway patrol, received the close attention of the Club when he spoke on "Speed Enforcement and Citizens' Band Radio." His fine presentation of the topic is one which "bears" repeating.

A'wartime correspondent for Associated Press, Frank Martin, shared with the Club some of his interesting experiences in China and Burma during World War II.

Alexander Outlaw presented an interesting and informative talk on the Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

Sister Dorothy Calhoun and Neil Wortley, administrators of St. John's Hospital and Cox Medical Center, respectively, presented a most informative and well-planned description of the hospital and medical services available in the city. Rotarians appreciated this information, and it con­ tributed to our understanding of these two fine facilities.

Secretary of State, State of Missouri, James

C. Kirkpatrick, ga!ve us a resume' of the duties of

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On June 29, 1976 Dr. William E. Everheart delivered the following speech in acceptance of the office of President of Springfield Rotary Club for

1976-77. In the week following he met with a tragic and untimely death. His speech is printed here with profound respect.

**REFLECTIONS ON ROTARY**

I accept the office of President of the Rotary Club of Springfield with humility. I promise only to do my best to be worthy of the honor and trust. I appreciate being a part of an organization of

785,400 men in 151 countries and geographical re­

gions dedicated to making this a better world.

We are rapidly approaohing the Fourth of July, for many the high point of our Bicentennial cele­ bration. This is a most appropriate time for men like us to be reviewing such fundamental questions as, "What is America? What are her strengths and weaknesses? What kind of an American am I? How can we build a better America?"

This, as we enter a new Rotary year, is also a good time for us to review some basic questions about Rotary. What is Rotary? What kind of a Rotarian am I? How can I become a better Rotar­ ian? How can this Club become more dynamic and useful? How ultimately important is Rotary for us and our world?

What is Rotary? Nowhere, in my opinion, do we find a more adequate and understandable answer than in the object of Rotary. It reads as follows:

"The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of

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worthy enterprise, and in particular, to en courage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in busi ness and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occu pation as an opportunity to serve society:

Third. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of interna tional understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service."

In the light of the object of Rotary, what kind of a Rotarian am I? 'Dhe answer to this question is not to be found in attendance percentages, as important as that is. Rather, in how I measure up to the Rotary object. What kind of a job am I doing exemplifying our mottoes of "Ser\Vice Above Self" and "He profits most who serves best" in all of my business, social, and civic contacts? What priority do I really give the Rotary obligation to serve others in contrast to the desire for profit for myself?

How can we become more useful Rotarians and in the process see this club become more viable? In these ways:

First, by realizing that we serve each other in this club as we attend weekly meetings and share our friendship, humor and concerns.

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As John Donne put it: "No man is an island entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the con­ tinent, a part of the main ... every man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. Therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee."

We, clever and self-sufficient men, need each other. John Donne said it over 300 years ago. Rotary has been saying the same thing since 1905. We serve a noble cause as we share ourselves with each other;

Second, by giving of our means -our money which makes it possible for social and cultural agencies in our community to do a better job, and enables individuals, especially our youth, to have opportunities for life enrichment which they would never have otherwise;

Third, by giving of ourselves - our time and talents to suoh worthy causes as the International Students Program, Good Sports Program and many others.

I would not belong to Rotary if I did not be­ lieve in Rotary. I would not belong to Rotary if I were not absolutely convinced that Rotary and all it stands for are important enough to justify a portion of my time, my energy and my money.

I ,believe in Rotary! I believe in Rotary because being a Rotarian, in the finest sense, helps a man move toward the fulfillment of these classic words of Horace Mann uttered over 100 years ago: "Be ashamed to die until you have won some great vic­ tory for humanity."

One of the speakers at the International Con­

vention in New Orleans reminded us that the word

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American ends in "I Can." He challenged us to begin each day with this kind of resolution: "To­ day, I will help all the people, "I Can", in every place "I Can", and in every way "I Can." I ac­ cepted his challenge and urge you to do likewise, for only in this spirit can we be true to our Rotarjl' heritage, maintain our Rotary integrity, and fulfill our Rotary object.

**AWARENESS**

If I hadn't stood in the market place And seen man's greed contort his face, And seen him steal, and cheat, and lie, And fight to live and not know why,

I would have gone on without a care,

And never have known I was needed there.

If I hadn't traveled far and wide

Around and about the countryside,

I would never have known that there are some

Who work and slave till the day is done; Who work for another to just get by - Then see him get rioh while they

starve and die.

If I hadn't stood in the city square,

I would never have known I was needed there. I would never have known that I can give

A part of my life to help others live.

I would never have known if I'd gone and hid;

If I hadn't opened my eyes. - But I did.

-Cicely M. Davenport

This, to me, is what it means to be a Rotarian! To get eyes open, hearts unbuckled and hands busy in the service of God and man! This is what I hope to see us do this Rotary year.