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CARROLLTON ROTARY CLUB

1939-1984





# Rotary Christmas Party



**CLIFTON HOTEL**

Tuesday Night :-: December 19  
6:45 o'Clock 1939

**GALA LADIES NIGHT**

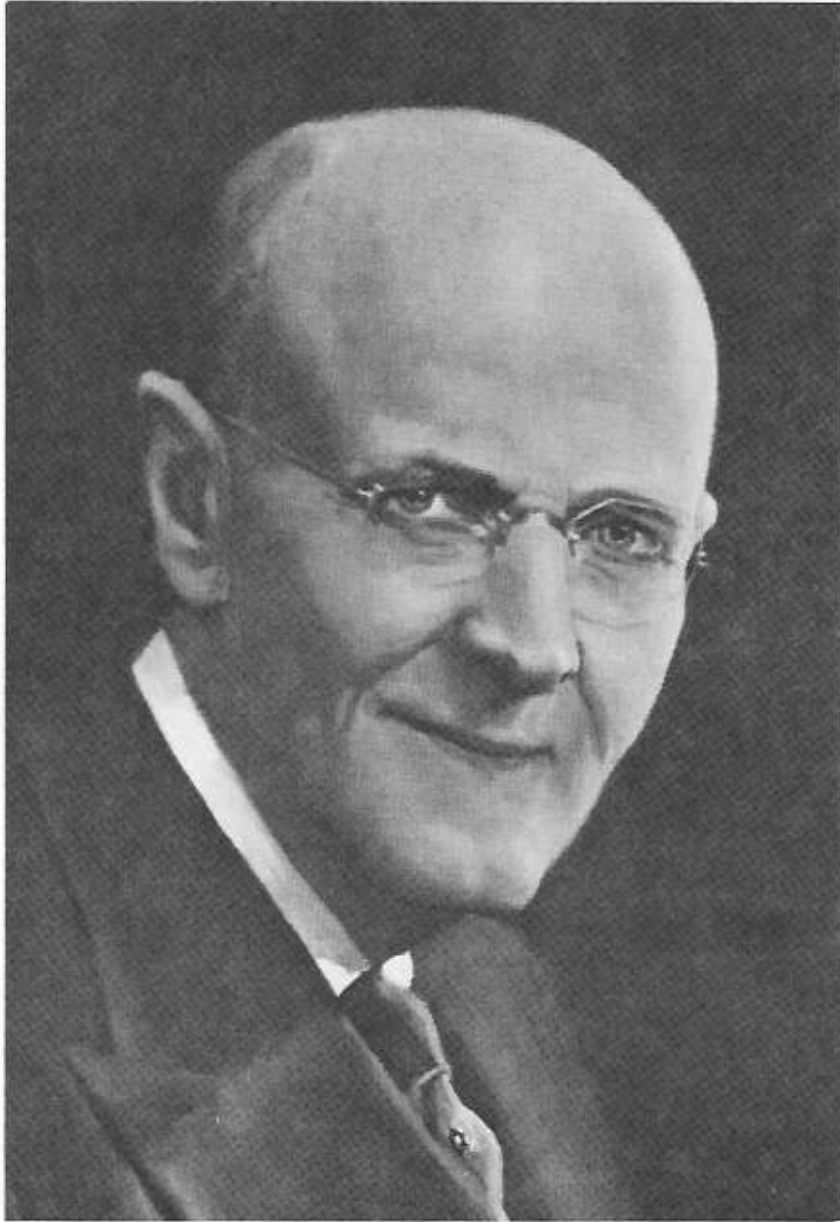
*Merry Christmas*



First Christmas Party, December 19, 1939



IRVINE S. INGRAM, 1892-1981  
Founding President, Carrollton Rotary Club



PAUL HARRIS, 1868-1947  
Founder of Rotary



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## FOREWORD

History has many facets. Basically, as Tolstoy tells us, it "is the life of peoples and of humanity." And for a complete and reliable record of any community--what the people believed and how they behaved, no corner of their lives can be excluded. Their civic organizations are just as significant as their social, commercial, and political endeavors. Accordingly, the history of the Rotary Club of Carrollton, Georgia, is not an isolated chronicle of projects and programs; it is an unfolding microcosmic picture of the community which engendered and nourished it and to which it in turn gave vital sustenance. For forty-five years people have been the essence of Carrollton Rotary--not just those who have comprised its membership and appeared on programs, but also the inestimable number who have been beneficiaries of its services.

The classification system of Rotary has insured a diverse membership of business and professional men whose sympathies have been enlarged by association with one another. At meetings, other than enjoying the fine fellowship, members have been exposed to a virtual "who's who" in the state of Georgia. Speakers have included executives of international corporations, scholars in many fields, national and state legislators, governors, and even a future President of the United States. With the close proximity of West Georgia College, the club has had ready access to experts in many fields. Rotarians themselves, by their willingness to present programs, have contributed much to the club's mutual enlightenment and understanding.

Community service, however, has been the hallmark of Carrollton Rotary since its founding in 1939. To list the monetary contributions which have improved the lives of individuals and enhanced the work of other groups would fill many pages, but several projects which have gained distinction for the club should be mentioned.

An early venture in community education came at the close of World War II, in 1946, and continued for two years. This was a four-week spring series described as a Rotary Institute of International Understanding, having as its theme "Steps Toward World Stability" and conducted by eminent political scientists, historians, and journalists.

Years later, in 1972, community education was still a concern, as a driver-training program, open to all citizens, was conducted. Called "Operation Wheel Control," the course was based on a program designed by the Georgia Safety Council. Another major project for civic betterment was construction of the track at the Carrollton Recreation Center, which was completed in 1961-62. To the expansion programs of Tanner Memorial Hospital, the club has contributed several thousand dollars. The contribution of \$625 to the hospital auxiliary to open a gift shop in 1975-76 has paid tremendous dividends. From this capital investment, the auxiliary through 1983 had made enough profit to give the hospital over \$62,000.

In the forties and fifties, unity between the city of Carrollton and its environs was fostered through the activities of the Rural-Urban Committee. Programs were designed to explore problems of the farmer, joint meetings were held with rural organizations, and visits were made to community centers. Strong support has always been given to 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers, and Future Homemakers, and the annual beef sale, which was begun in 1963, has been conducted as much to encourage and profit young cattle farmers as to provide revenue for the club.

Service to youth has had many avenues. In the early 1950s, scholarships to West Georgia College were awarded honor graduates of local high schools, and in the seventies and eighties annual contributions in the thousands have been made to the West Georgia College Foundation. In addition, the club's 500-dollar donation in 1974 to the college's emergency loan fund (to which \$700 were added in 1983) has aided numerous students who were in temporary financial difficulty. Through fiscal year 1983, the corpus had provided 141 short-term loans in the cumulative amount of \$16,290. Another area of college youth work has been the joint sponsorship of a foreign student at West Georgia College under the Georgia Rotary Student Program. Carrollton Rotary first participated in this program in 1951 and has done so continuously since 1959. Local students have been nominated for Rotary Foundation Fellowships, and several

have been accepted in exchange programs sponsored by individual Rotary districts abroad.

On the high school-level, the Interact Club at Carrollton High has been quite active since its organization in 1968. Long before Interact began, high school students were invited to Rotary meetings and designated as "students of the month." Over the years, many students of high achievement have been given the opportunity to display their varied talents by participating in Rotary programs. To show its strong support for education, the club in the 1960s hosted an annual appreciation tea for area teachers. One club project with impressive long-range results was assuming sponsorship of the Midget football program in 1949 and in supporting its own team since 1961, when the multi-team Midget League was created. The football success of local schools, particularly Carrollton High, can be traced to the Midget program.

The most celebrated youth project, for which the club received two district awards, was career guidance week at Carrollton High School. During this annual event, Rotary arranged for local men representing various commercial fields to make formal presentations and then counsel individual students about vocational opportunities. It is interesting that the required statewide program in effect today resembles the one conducted by Carrollton Rotary in the 1960s. Another enterprise primarily to benefit youth was the revival in 1982 of the Miss Carroll County-Carrollton pageant, which has become more popular each year and which has awarded college scholarships to a number of local young women.

Carrollton Rotary has also performed many services outside the local community. One gesture of international goodwill was made in 1967, when the club provided specifications for a community hospital to be constructed in a remote Brazilian village and then had the plans flown into the country. In 1979, along with two local churches, the club sponsored the relocation in Carrollton of a Vietnamese refugee family. Local Rotarians and their families have participated in several foreign exchange programs, notably in Brazil and West Germany, and have hosted many foreign visitors. Support

## 1939: THE WAY IT WAS

It was a brief interlude between worldwide calamities. The Depression in the United States was finally receding, but signs of the lean years lingered, particularly in rural areas. And no one could breathe easy with the dark clouds of war hanging over Europe.

Less than a year earlier, Chamberlain and Daladier had sacrificed Czechoslovakia to Hitler for a peace which every realist knew was temporary. Totalitarian Japan was enjoying military success in northern China, and the fascists in Spain appeared victorious as the war there was nearing its end. Then World War II suddenly became a reality on Friday, September 1, when a German plane dropped bombs on an air base and village on the Hel Peninsula of Poland. Two days later Britain and France declared war on Germany. The year was 1939, which seemed hardly a time for new enterprises.

In the midst of these international uncertainties, a group of men in Carrollton, Georgia, formed an organization which demonstrated their belief that life's fundamental values transcend economic, political, and social upheaval. This organization was a Rotary Club, part of an international movement which from its inception in 1905 had stood for high personal ethics as well as amity among peoples of divergent interests and nationalities. Right away the Carrollton club earned recognition as a strong agency for local service and fellowship and as an exemplary member of its district and Rotary International.

National diversions during that transition year of 1939 brought emotional release from the recent hardships of the Depression and escape from the specter of another world war. There were two great expositions, both projecting the utopian dream of peace, progress, and prosperity. The first opened in February on man-made Treasure Island between San Francisco and Oakland and the other in April in New York, on the site of a filled-in garbage dump in Flushing Meadow. The New York World's Fair was the one that all others would always be measured by, and everybody became familiar with its symbols, the Trylon and Perisphere.

Radio entertainment in 1939 reached what many media historians consider its pinnacle. Who can forget

Amos 'n' Andy, Charlie McCarthy and W. C. Fields, the Lux Radio Theatre with C. B. De Mille as host, the Kraft Music Hall with Bing Crosby and Bob Burns, Kate Smith, Fibber McGee and Molly, and, of course, the long-lived "Your Hit Parade"?

A number of songs at the top of the 1939 "Hit Parade" are standard favorites today: Peter De Rose's "Deep Purple," "All the Things You Are" by Kern and Hammerstein, and "Over the Rainbow." A song that took the country by storm, sustained it through war years, and is now a patriotic staple was "God Bless America," introduced by Kate Smith on Armistice Day 1938.

Other favorites were "I'll Never Smile Again," sung by Frank Sinatra with Tommy Dorsey's band, "Wee" Bonnie Baker's whining of "Oh Johnnie" to Orin Tucker's accompaniment, and Gene Autrey's drawling of "South of the Border." In 1939 novelty songs were at their zaniest, evidently an attempt to distract Americans from their uncertain future. Among them were "Scatterbrain," "Three Little Fishes," "Six Lessons from Madame La Zonga," and "Hold Tight," which began

"Hold tight, hold tight;  
Foo-ra-de-ack-a-sa-ki-  
Want some sea food, Mama."

More bizarre than novel was the collegiate fad of swallowing live goldfish; a national champion was declared when one student ingested twenty fish at a single "swallowing." The national championship in college football was awarded by the Associated Press to Tennessee, unscored on in nine regular-season games but later losing to Southern California in the 1940 Rose Bowl. The football player of the year was Tom Harmon of Michigan, who broke all records at his school but still could not defeat Ohio State for the Big Ten championship. In professional baseball, the Yankees swept the World Series in four straight games from Cincinnati, which had won its first National League penant in twenty years.

In technology, there occurred a breakthrough which would cause a revolution in the textile industry and also play a significant role in the war two years hence. In October 1939 the Du Pont Company placed on sale in Wilmington, Delaware, 4,000 pairs of hose of nylon, the



first fully man-made fiber.

The most memorable motion picture of 1939 was the redoubtable Gone With the Wind. According to the 1940 Academy Awards, the best cinema performances of 1939 were given by Vivien Leigh as Scarlett in GWTW and Robert Donat in Goodbye, Mr. Chips. Other popular films of 1939 were The Wizard of Oz, Destry Rides Again, Golden Boy (which introduced William Holden), Frank Capra's Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (which was denounced in Congress), Intermezzo (which introduced Ingrid Bergman), First Love (in which 16-year-old Deanna Durbin received her first screen kiss from Robert Stack), and Ninotchka (advertised as the first film in which "Garbo laughs").

Literary landmarks of the year were John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath (which indeed incurred the wrath of California citrus farmers but still won the 1940 Pulitzer Prize for fiction), William Faulkner's The Wild Palms, Sholem Asch's The Nazarene, Mark Van Doren's Collected Poems, and Carl Sandburg's Abraham Lincoln: The War Years (which won the Pulitzer Prize for biography).

Many Carrolltonians still recall several notable events which took place locally or nearby in 1939. Two of these received national attention. In June the Baptist World Alliance convened in Atlanta, and in December the lavish premiere of Gone With the Wind was held at Loew's Grand. That year Carrollton was the site of the state conventions of two civic organizations. On April 30 and May 1, state Civitans held their annual meeting, presided over by S. J. Steinbach, president of the Carrollton club and district governor. Delegates of the Georgia Federation of Business and Professional Women came to Carrollton, May 11-14.

In April the Young Men's Club of Carrollton became a chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce with Edwin Williamson as the first local president. Governor E. D. Rivers spoke in Carrollton on January 20 as a part of the state campaign against polio. West Georgia College's Rural Arts Building was dedicated during the winter by University System Chancellor S. V. Sanford.

Carrollton Mayor Tom Luck was a candidate for Congress from the Fourth District, but withdrew before

the election, which was won by A. Sidney Camp of Newnan. To succeed Luck as mayor, Carrolltonians chose Stewart Martin, age 26, the youngest person ever elected to that office.

The Carrollton Golf Club, forerunner of Sunset Hills, was organized with Dick Newell as president. In the summer, Carroll County joined Atlanta and surrounding areas in placing the entire state on Eastern Standard Time.

Aftershocks of the Depression were felt in the closing of Carroll County's grammar schools at the end of February when state funds were depleted. At that time J. O. McGibboney was superintendent of the county schools and M. C. Wiley in the city. In December of 1939, I. S. Ingram, president of West Georgia College, announced that the institution would soon add a third year to train rural teachers, a move funded in part by the Rosenwald Foundation.



## THE FIRST DECADE: ORGANIZING FOR SERVICE

In late May of 1939 the path was cleared for the establishment of a Rotary Club in Carrollton when the local Civitan Club voted to surrender its charter to Civitan International and disband. On June 6, at the Clifton Hotel, thirty-five men, all former Civitans, met with Porter W. Carswell, governor of Rotary District 165, to complete plans for the formation of Carrollton Rotary. The Newnan Club acted as sponsor, although the initiative to organize had already been taken by the Carrollton group, led by Irvine S. Ingram, president of West Georgia College.

The first officers were I. S. Ingram, president; Rader S. Stewart, secretary-treasurer; and P. L. Shaefer, sergeant-at-arms. The other members, bringing the number to the maximum of thirty-five allowed by Rotary International, were W. J. Aldridge, J. A. Aycok, T. J. Aycok, H. G. Baker, Buford F. Boykin, Shirley C. Boykin, Samuel J. Boykin, Dr. W. C. Brock, Ray Bush, Horace R. Cole, Dr. Selby Cramer, M. L. Fisher, E. V. Folds, A. W. Ford, J. W. Fountain, Nelson Gilreath, Harry S. Goldstein, H. H. Gray, Jr., James H. Griffin, J. Oliver Harris, Frank M. Kimble, Jr., T. J. Lawler, I. C. Loftin, Thomas P. Luck, J. A. Mandeville, W. Robert O'Kelley, H. Grady Reaves, J. C. Sheppard, Horace Stewart, E. D. Stith, Jr., M. C. Wiley, and R. A. Wood. The first directors were S. C. Boykin, Ingram, Luck, Shaefer, H. Stewart, R. S. Stewart, and Wiley.

A second meeting was held on June 13 with officers of the Newnan Club in charge. Carrollton officially became a Rotary town on Tuesday night, July 11, at a banquet at West Georgia College. Local Rotary Anns, along with visiting Rotarians from seventeen nearby clubs, were among the nearly 200 in attendance. The club charter (No. 5086) was presented by retiring District Governor Carswell, and the principal address was given by Maynard Ashworth, current district governor. Several functional gifts were presented by nearby clubs: bell and gavel by the Newnan Club, song books by Rockmart, the American flag by West Point, the Rotary banner by LaGrange, and the lectern by Marietta. The charter night program was arranged by Hamilton Arnall, president of the Newnan club.

According to a letter of June 16 from President Ingram to charter members, each had left in the treasury of the old Civitan Club a "nest egg" of two dollars, which became the first assets of the new Rotary Club. Soon the treasury was increased by a ten-dollar initiation fee paid by each member. Yearly dues were set by the board at fifteen dollars, not including meals, although on July 18 the board stipulated that the meal cost be added to the dues. In the beginning, the Clifton Hotel served each meal for fifty cents, but by 1944 the price had risen to seventy-five cents.

On Tuesday, July 18, the first meeting was held under the new charter. The speaker was Fred Wale, a supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, who had spent several weeks at West Georgia College under the sponsorship of the Rosenwald Foundation. During this meeting a motion was approved that Rotary signs be erected on highways entering Carrollton. In order to introduce Rotary to the community, the Carroll Free Press initiated on February 22, 1940, a series of profiles and pictures of Carrollton Rotarians, beginning with President Ingram. This feature continued weekly throughout the year.

Other programs during 1939-40 were given by Dr. L. E. Roberts, head of social sciences at WGC, who spoke against state trade laws; Ralph McGill Atlanta Constitution editor, who called for better living conditions for all U.S. citizens; Abit Nix, Athens attorney; Dr. Sam Guy, head of the Chemistry Department at Emory University; Newnan's Ellis Arnall, then attorney general of Georgia, who asserted that America's entrance into the European war was highly unlikely; and a Fort Benning officer, Major Russell Skinner, who predicted that because of new sophisticated weapons, the present European war would be of short duration and not so horrible as World War I.

A local Rotary tradition was established on December 19, 1939, when the first annual Christmas party was held. This year the location was the Clifton Hotel, but for several years following, the party took place at the high school (later the junior high) auditorium. Entertainment chairman Pomp Shaefer arranged for singing, dancing, and

piano playing by six-year-old Jane Mize and nine-year-old Ann Mize from LaGrange.

In August Carrollton Rotarians attended their first District Assembly when President Ingram, Rader Stewart, H. R. Cole, and M. L. Fisher journeyed to Dublin. In May of 1940, Ingram, Fisher, and Thomas P. Luck went to Sea Island for the first District Conference in which Carrollton participated. During the first year, an attendance contest was held with club members divided into two teams--the Reds and the Blues, and the average attendance for 1939-40 was reported as 82.35 per cent.

Officers for Carrollton Rotary's second year were Thomas R. Luck, druggist and former mayor, president; Horace Cole, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. W. C. (Bill) Brock, sergeant-at-arms.

In addition to the conventional speakers, President Luck and his program committee arranged for 1940-41 some unique presentations. One was the panel discussion of August 13, 1940, on the subject of "the ability of our democratic government to harmonize the opposing forces existing in the United States." Irvine S. Ingram was moderator, and panel members, all from the WGC faculty, were L. E. Roberts, Gordon Watson, and M. E. Howell. Another provocative program was on the theme of "more cordial relations between residents of Carroll County," sponsored by E. V. Folds' Rural-Urban committee and moderated by County Agent John Mauldin. On February 20, 1941, a panel discussion on "America's defense" was presented by five Carrollton High students. An intercity meeting was held in Newnan on September 12, 1940, with the Carrollton, Barnesville, Griffin, LaGrange, and West Point clubs participating. The speaker was District Governor Cleve Allen of Elberton. On February 6, twenty-three Carrollton Rotarians drove to Atlanta for a joint meeting with the Atlanta club at the Ansley Hotel.

A number of interesting speakers were presented during 1940-41. At an August meeting, M. C. Bishop of the State Highway Department, called most of Georgia's roads "obsolete" but proudly reported that the department had just finished painting center lines on all paved highways. On October 17, Judge Lee B. Wyatt of the Coweta Circuit of the Superior Court spoke on the

importance of military preparedness. To conclude this meeting, M. C. Wiley made a short talk urging all Rotarians to cooperate fully with registration for selective service. (The first draft lottery took place in Washington, D. C., on October 29.) At other autumn meetings, the Reverend E. G. Kilpatrick, new pastor of Tabernacle Baptist, discussed "the importance of time"; Dr. Guy Wells, president of Georgia State College for Women at Milledgeville, introduced a European refugee who gave a first-hand report on conditions abroad; and Paul Munro, brother-in-law of Irvine Ingram and superintendent of the Columbus schools, led a student panel discussion on "occupational guidance opportunities." Dr. S. V. Sanford, chancellor of the University System of Georgia, was the speaker for February 11, 1941, when he discussed good citizenship in a democracy and recommended education as "the greatest factor in national defense."

One of the year's most entertaining programs took place on February 25 with Joel Chandler Harris, Jr. (Jake), son of the creator of Uncle Remus, as speaker. Sometime president of the Atlanta Rotary Club and a former district governor, Harris treated his audience to an endless stream of jokes and stories and called laughter "the best antidote for war." On May 8, John Wesley Culpepper, a 24-year-old legislator from Fayette County, assailed former Governor E. D. Rivers for pardoning so many prisoners. "Nobody knows how many pardons were granted while Rivers was governor," Culpepper said, "and I guess nobody will ever know."

The Christmas party for 1940-41 was held at Carrollton High School. The 130 persons in attendance were entertained with musical novelties by Mrs. Eulene Holmes and a troupe of boys and girls from Atlanta.

Officers for 1941-42 were Pomp Shaefer, an executive of Lawler Hosiery Mills and Carroll Mills and in the 1950s Carrollton mayor, president; Dr. L. J. Brock, vice president; Earl Staples, secretary-treasurer; and Rader Stewart, sergeant-at-arms. Directors were Shaefer, Brock, Stewart, Frank Kimble, Luther King, Horace Stewart, and John Tanner. During the third year membership increased to fifty.

Memorable speakers during the year were Dr. Guy H.

Wells, president of GSCW and district governor; O. B. Keeler, columnist of the Atlanta Journal; Col. Frank Carter, president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; Zach Cravey, state commissioner of natural resources; Dr. Hubert Quillian, president of LaGrange College; University System Chancellor S. V. Sanford; Dr. R. L. Carter of Thomaston, brother of Mrs. Harvey Beall; and Lt. Col. Kendall Weisinger, Atlanta Rotarian and general information officer for Southern Bell.

Viewed retrospectively in relation to the dramatic event which occurred less than a week later, the meeting on December 2, 1941, was certainly ironic. At that time members were asked to vote secretly on eight questions of current national interest. On the proposition "Should the United States declare war on Japan provided that country attacked Russia?" 33 voted "yes" and nine "no." Twenty voted "yes" when asked whether the U. S. should declare war on Germany; eighteen said "no," and seven were undecided. When asked "should the broadcasting industries refuse Lindburg and other America Firsters time on the air," 27 responded "yes," 18 "no."

The Christmas party for 1941 was again held in the high school auditorium on December 19 with the "Gay Nineties" as the theme. In April 1942, thirteen Rotary couples attended the District Conference in Macon. A Ladies' Night barbeque was held at City Park on June 9, 1942.

The Carrollton High School debate team, which had recently won first place in the state contest, provided the program for May 26, 1942. Participating students were Rachel McCrea, Charles Skinner, Helen Robinson, and Angie Luck. The debate topic for the year was "Every able-bodied male citizen of the U. S. should be required to take one year of military training before attaining the age of twenty-one."

In his final message to the club on July 7, 1942, retiring President Shaefer reported that since July of 1941 six Rotarians had left for active duty with the armed forces. At that meeting officers for the upcoming year were installed: Dr. Lloyd Jefferson Brock, dentist and civic leader, president; Luthur M. King, vice president; and Frank M. Kimble, secretary-treasurer. In the fall of



1941 Dr. Brock had been elected without opposition as state senator from the 37th District; he had previously served in the state senate in 1937-38, was Carrollton mayor in 1928-29, and was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1945. Later, in June 1953, Brock attended the convention of Rotary International in Paris. Directors for 1942-43 were Irvine Ingram, John Fountain, P. L. Shaefer, and T. J. Lawler.

The majority of the programs of 1942-43 related to the war. The tone of that year's speeches was typified by a statement from Miss Kate Cooper of Douglasville, who had spent 35 years as a Methodist missionary in China and Korea until forced by the Japanese to leave: "The Japs are merciless and brutal, having no regard for anything at all except the spread and dominance of the Japanese people." Other war-related programs included the one on July 14, when several war films, including the story of General Douglas MacArthur, were shown; a talk on "The Peace Which Must Follow the World War," given by William H. Kilpatrick, professor emeritus of Columbia University; and the discussion by Robert D. Tisinger of "The Home Front and Its Contributions to War and the Peace Which Will Follow," emphasizing the importance of the farmer in wartime. On May 18, 1943, Dr. Hubert Quillian, president of LaGrange College, declared that he "had no fear of communism in the period following the war" since American freedom will ever forestall communistic trends.

Other speakers included Dr. J. C. Bonner of West Georgia College, who emphasized the importance of preserving records for later historical study; Dr. Pierce Harris, minister of the First Methodist Church of Atlanta, who spoke on "Things Worth More Than Money"; Dr. Goodrich C. White, president of Emory University; and Dr. Richard Orme Flinn, Sr., veteran pastor of Atlanta's North Avenue Presbyterian Church and father of the minister of the Carrollton Presbyterian Church. (At that time the Reverend Dick Flinn was on leave from the local church serving as an army chaplain in the Middle East.)

In July 1942, six local club members, led by Shirley Boykin, attended the convention of Rotary International in Toronto, Canada. On November 25, 1942, a joint "harvest

luncheon" of all Carrollton civic clubs was held at Hotel Clifton with Congressman Sidney Camp as speaker.

There were no speeches at the Christmas party on December 15, 1942, only Christmas music and Bingo with war stamps and bonds as prizes. In December, Rotary joined other Carrollton civic clubs in sending to service men overseas a Christmas message of cheer and encouragement.

In 1943-44, Luther M. King, president of Peoples Bank, led the club, and Frank M. Kimble began his second year as secretary-treasurer.

The war was again the dominant program topic. In June three WAC recruitment officers from Atlanta described the work of women in the army and stressed the fact that "every WAC in the service released a fighting man for duty on the front line." A December program featured Major J. D. Phillips, director of procurement for the Atlanta Army Depot, who discussed the operations of a military supply unit. In February 1944, an ASMC member pleaded for more general support for the "Lady Marines." On March 21, Fred Franklin, a wounded navy veteran of the South Pacific, described the battles in which the cruiser Atlanta had participated and recounted the sinking of the ship near Guadalcanal.

Other programs of 1943-44 featured Dr. George A. Works of the University of Chicago, who was chairman of a group evaluating the University System of Georgia at the end of its first ten years; Judge Sam Boykin in a patriotic address; Mrs. Shirley Boykin, who reviewed the book Georgia, An Unfinished State by Hal Steed; another appearance by Kendall Weisinger, who discussed worldwide reconstruction after the war and asserted that "it will be absolutely necessary for us to have large scale public works"; and Dr. Guy Wells of GSCW, who discussed "the unsolved problems facing America."

The Ladies' Night gathering in June 1944 was entertained by Edmund Harding, a professional humorist and story teller and a former Rotary district governor from North Carolina.

Frank M. Kimble, Jr., president of Mandeville Mills, became the sixth president of Carrollton Rotary on July 11, 1944. Other officers were vice president Luther M.

King and secretary-treasurer James C. Harris. The 1944-45 sergeant-at-arms was James H. Griffin, assisted by Marion L. Fisher. In 1944, the by-laws were modified so that the retiring president automatically became vice president. Mrs. Jack Aycok and Mrs. Harold Burns were the pianists, for which they were paid one dollar per meeting.

Since a number of local members were serving in the armed forces, officers and directors voted that these men could remain on the membership roll if they paid dues of \$4.50 per year and subscribed to The Rotarian for \$1.50. According to minutes of the board, one particularly interesting regulation was passed in 1944: "All members who are late and all members who leave before a meeting is dismissed will be fined ten cents for each offense by the Sergeant-at-Arms." The money was placed in the "sunshine fund," whose trustee was Earl Staples.

In addition to wartime concerns, civic problems were aired at several meetings during 1944-45. In September Carrollton school superintendent F. M. Chalker labeled the College Street School building an "antiquated fire trap" and called for additional funding to provide a new building, a new cafeteria at the high school, and the establishment of vocational education. As a result, a committee was formed to investigate city schools, and on May 8, 1945, Dr. L. J. Brock and Tom Luck reported the committee's findings, which supported Chalker's recommendations. Furthermore, the committee concluded that "new rooms will be needed at Maple Street if the new compulsory education law passed by the 1945 legislature is to be enforced." Since Carroll County experienced an outbreak of typhus in December 1944, Rotary formed a typhus control committee, comprised of Dr. W. E. Thomasson, Dr. Selby Cramer, and T. J. Lawler. On December 12, Joe Aycok decried the destructiveness and expense of rats and insisted that rats be exterminated immediately in all public places. James H. Griffin, local chairman of the campaign against infantile paralysis, urged generous support for this effort, calling the 1944 polio epidemic the second worst in U. S. history.

War-related programs featured Dr. L. E. Roberts on community planning in the post-war world; the Right Reverend John Moore Walker, bishop of the Atlanta



Episcopal Diocese, whose feeling about punishing war criminals was that "we will harm ourselves more than we will harm our enemies if we give in to hatred and revenge"; the Reverend Howard Benson, who spoke on "the saboteurs of peace"; Lt. Col. Parks Hunt, a veteran of D-Day, who gave an account of the invasion; and Earl Staples, who conducted a discussion among the members on post-war foreign policy.

Other speakers included Judge Claude H. Porter of the Rome District Superior Court; the Reverend Pierce Harris; Col. Blake R. Van Leer, president of Georgia Tech; Leo Aikman, editor of the Cobb County Times and president of Marietta Rotary; President Philip Weltner of Oglethorpe University; and Eugene Cooke, Georgia Revenue Commissioner, who claimed that the new state constitution contains "safeguards to prevent both dictatorship and extravagance."

Roop's lake was the site of the June Ladies' Night picnic, which was held as a part of the 1945 district assembly.

The 1945-46 year was a proud one for Carrollton Rotary. Although the club had been in existence only six years, it provided the governor for District 165, Irvine S. Ingram. In addition to his visitations to other clubs and the compilation of numerous reports, Governor Ingram presided over the 17th annual conference of District 165, May 5-7, 1946, at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta. The West Georgia College choir sang at the governor's banquet on May 6. Since District 165 did not hold a conference in wartime 1945, Governor Ingram and conference chairman C. F. Palmer arranged a memorable meeting for 1946. The customary opening dinner, governor's banquet, golf tournament, and seminars for the men were held, and a tour of Atlanta homes and gardens was conducted especially for Rotary Anns.

Officers in 1945-46 were James H. Griffin, district manager of Georgia Power Company, president; Frank Kimble, vice president (Kimble died on April 18, 1946); and James C. Harris, secretary-treasurer. Directors were Rader Stewart, Horace Cole, Irvine Ingram, and Earl Staples.

Because of a change in the management of the

Clifton Hotel, the club met for part of the year in the dining room of the First Methodist Church. On February 26, 1946, the club returned to the hotel, now under new management and renamed Hotel Carrollton.

In the winter of 1946, a unique series of programs took place on Friday evenings in the West Georgia College auditorium. Designated as a Rotary Institute, all programs dealt with international understanding and focused on what Rotary throughout the world could do to create normal conditions following the war. The general theme was "Steps Toward World Stability," and individual program topics were "The Constructive Use of Air Transport," "Maintaining World Trade and a High Standard of Living," "International Security in the Pacific," and "Making International Organization Effective."

Other notable programs of 1945-46 were presented by Georgia Tech football coach Bobby Dodd; Eagle Scout William Traylor, who discussed requirements for that rank in scouting; H. C. Seaton, who recounted his experience with the Army Engineers in China; Carrollton High football coach Ralph Bowen in a preview of the upcoming season (at the end of the season Bowen was succeeded by Hugh Maddox); local veterinarian H. E. Martin, who urged meat and dairy inspection for the county; and Dr. Charles B. Clark of West Georgia College, who suggested that Carrollton hold town meetings in order to achieve greater democracy. (Shortly Mayor William Traylor inaugurated town meetings but canceled them after about a year because of lack of participation.)

A Ladies' Night program in May 1946 featured cartoonist Fred H. Thompson, who made sketches of several of the guests.

J. R. (Dick) Newell, at that time president of Mandeville Mills, took the helm for 1946-47. Howard Rinn was secretary-treasurer, and the two new directors were W. J. Aldridge and T. R. Luck.

Prominent speakers during the year included Alpha Fowler, Jr., of Douglasville, a veteran of many air corps missions and a candidate for the general assembly; Dr. John W. Inzer, a Baptist minister and former Rotary governor in Alabama; Neil Andrews, U. S. attorney for the northern district of Georgia, who had been on the war

crimes tribunal; Walter Pascal, news director of WSB radio, who told of the "undemocratic proceedings" of the state Democratic convention in Macon; Judge W. H. Duckworth of the Georgia Supreme Court; and Dr. C. R. Wilcox, president of Darlington School.

In addition to regular meetings of that year, on February 11, 1947, a large number of Rotarians joined other civic club members in meeting with the local hospital authority, which solicited support for a hospital in the area. Roy Richards, hospital authority chairman, was the principal speaker, followed by Robert D. Tisinger and Hubert Griffin. On February 20 Rotary and the Lions Club held a joint meeting, which was addressed by Dr. William Heard Kilpatrick, professor emeritus of education, Columbia University. A second Institute of International Understanding was held on four consecutive Tuesday nights in the spring.

A novel event took place on August 29, 1946, when the Rotary Club played the Lions Club in baseball at City Park. The game was mercifully rained out in the fourth inning with the Lions leading 14 to 11.

Local Rotarians mourned Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, who died on January 17, 1947, at the age of seventy-eight.

James C. (Red) Harris, variety store owner, who at thirty-five was the youngest man yet to be elected president, took office in July 1947. Harris had served as secretary-treasurer under Frank Kimble and James H. Griffin. Secretary-treasurer for 1947-48 was Howard L. Rinn, who had also served the previous year.

Under Harris' presidency, Carrollton Rotary assumed the direction of the midget football program, which had a great effect on the success of the sport at Carrollton High School. In 1940 Ebb Duncan had begun the program privately as a community service, but it soon became too demanding for one person. After Rotary became the sponsor, Duncan, aided by Howard Rinn, continued his work with the activity. Operating funds were generated through concessions sold by Rotarians at the games.

A number of interesting programs were presented during 1947-48. On September 2, the club observed "baseball day," having as speaker "Steamboat" Johnson,

chief umpire of the Southern League. Harvey Copeland, president of the Carrollton Hornets, and the entire baseball team were guests. In May of 1948 baseball was again the topic when "Tubby" Walton, former catcher for the Carrollton baseball team and then a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals, spoke. Two college presidents spoke that year: Dr. Josiah Crudup, president of Brenau College visited in September 1947, and Dr. James A. Lindsey of the Berry Schools was present in June 1948. In January 1948, Herman E. Talmadge spoke, urging Rotarians "to talk up the good points of Georgia and aid in the development of our natural resources." Talmadge criticized "outsiders" who try to run Georgia's affairs.

Joe A. Aycock, an executive of Mandeville Mills, served as president in 1948-49, assisted by W. Clyde Sampler as secretary-treasurer.

In the autumn of 1948 Rotarians and local Kiwanians met jointly at the club house of the Business and Professional Women, where they were addressed by Dr. John D. Campbell, an Atlanta psychiatrist. Another joint meeting of the two clubs took place in March 1949 in the West Georgia College auditorium, where Dr. Harmon Caldwell, chancellor of the University System of Georgia, spoke.

Other noteworthy Rotary speakers during 1948-49 were William H. Row, speech professor at West Georgia College; Herman A. Dickert, director of the Textile School at Georgia Tech; R. H. Driftmire, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department of the University of Georgia; Ellen Schmidt of Berlin, Germany, a student at Emory University under an exchange scholarship sponsored by Thomasville Rotary; and Major Harold Sutton of the 912th Organized Reserve Composite, who said that "future uses of atomic energy will be primarily directed toward medicine, transportation and industry, and not toward warfare." In June 1949 a program on the uses and techniques of raising Kentucky 31 fescue was given by T. J. Lawler and H. C. Seaton.

On May 19, 1949, a dinner celebrating the tenth anniversary of Carrollton Rotary was held at Sunset Hills Country Club. Dr. Pierce Harris of Atlanta's First Methodist Church was featured speaker.

## THE SECOND DECADE: EXPANSION OF SERVICE

Howard L. Rinn, local Georgia Power Company manager, became president in July 1949 as Carrollton Rotary entered its second decade. W. Clyde Sampler was elected to his second term as secretary-treasurer. During Rinn's administration midget football continued to be a major project of the club, and in January 1950 Rotarians viewed a film of the Carrollton midgets playing Waycross in the Okefenokee Midget Bowl, which the local boys lost 14 to 19.

On July 26 the speaker was Beverly V. Jones, the first administrator of Tanner Memorial Hospital, who estimated that the hospital building would be completed within seventy days. On November 15, the club met in the dining room of the new hospital as guests of Board Chairman Roy Richards and Administrator Jones. D. N. McDougal, superintendent of construction, spoke.

Among the speakers of 1949-50 were Charles Redwine, Georgia revenue commissioner; Ted Hirsch, local manufacturer, whose topic was "America's Greatness"; and Dr. Guy Wells, president of GSCW. On January 26, 1950, the club adopted a resolution commending the work of Senator Willis Smith and Representatives Ebb Duncan and A. W. (Lon) Alexander for their efforts in the General Assembly to prevent passage of legislation which would remove Georgia junior colleges, including West Georgia, from the control of the Board of Regents.

In 1949, Georgia Rotary District 165, to which Carrollton belonged, became so large that the state was divided into two districts. Carrollton became an affiliate of District 240, which encompassed the western half of the state, including Atlanta.

In July 1950, Shirley C. Boykin, a Carrollton attorney, assumed his duties as president, and W. Clyde Sampler began his third year as secretary-treasurer.

A new project of that year was an annual scholarship of seventy-five dollars awarded to outstanding graduates of local high schools who planned to attend West Georgia College. The first awards, made in August 1950, went to Tracy Stallings and Scott Gray of Carrollton High, William Bell of Roopville, and Ray McIntosh of Bowdon.

The Carrollton midgets improved their record in the fall of 1950 and tied Waycross in the December



Okefenokee Bowl. At the first meeting of 1951, the entire midget team, cheerleaders, and coaches were honored.

Prominent out-of-town speakers in 1950-51 were John E. Drewry, dean of the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism at the University of Georgia; W. H. Duckworth of the Georgia Supreme Court; and Don Hastings, horticulturist with Hastings Seed Company in Atlanta. Speeches by local persons included those of William Wiggins, Carrollton city attorney, who predicted that work would begin in June on the first sixty-six units of low-rent housing in Carrollton, and Col. Brooks Pittman, WGC faculty member and Carroll Civil Defense director, who gave advice on coping with disasters.

A Fourth of July picnic was held in 1951, with Graham Jackson, black pianist and accordianist, providing entertainment.

On June 21, 1951, W. Clyde Sampler, manager of Carrollton's movie theaters, was installed as the thirteenth president. Other officers for 1951-52 were E. T. Blackmon, secretary-treasurer; Bill Stallworth, sergeant-at-arms; and Chick Almon, assistant.

Another tradition began in 1951-52 as Carrollton participated in the Georgia Rotary Student Program, which the two Georgia districts had jointly established the previous year. In this program, a worthy foreign college student endorsed by a Rotary club in his or her country travels to Georgia for a year's study. The first student sponsored at West Georgia College by Carrollton Rotary was Miss Rene W. Boom from the Netherlands.\* In the beginning the Carrollton club provided total support for the student, but later shared sponsorship with one or two other nearby clubs, Newnan and Bremen.

Local speakers of 1951-52 included Dr. H. L. Barker, local physician and international director of Lions International, who declared that "liberty is being challenged" by ignorance and apathy; Methodist minister J. W. Segars, who reported on his recent European trip; the Reverend B. W. Hancock, who was Segars' replacement at

\*See Appendix B for a list of students sponsored by Carrollton Rotary to date.

First Methodist; Dr. George Adams, languages professor at WGC; new Scout executive Fred Scott; J. Carson Pritchard, who had just obtained a year's leave of absence from West Georgia to work with the Ford Foundation's radio education project; and Roger Schoerner, who related the history of wire and cable manufacturing in the South with emphasis on Southwire, which he said now employed 65 persons.

Interesting imported speakers were Dr. Robert Carroll of the Georgia Department of Health on "mental hygiene" and personality development; Tyus Butler, a journalism professor from the University of Georgia, on the "power of the press"; Jasper Dorsey, North Georgia district manager of Southern Bell; Mrs. Tezar Taskiran, a Turkish editor and author who was studying American education; Robert Troutman, an Atlanta attorney; Amar Singh, who was on an exchange visit from India; and local soil conservationist Paul Patton, who was soon to depart for India on the same exchange program. When Patton returned, he made another talk on his experiences.

In November 1951, the Carrollton Midgets, in their third year under Rotary auspices, won the state championship by defeating the Fulton County Recreation Department Midgets 14 to 6 in the Okefenokee Bowl at Waycross.

Several special events were observed in 1951-52. On December 4, 1951, the entire membership gathered at Hotel Carrollton at 9:30 a.m. and then traveled to Bremen to attend the dedication ceremonies for Plantation Pipe Line's newly opened 700-mile line. In addition to the annual Christmas banquet in 1951, there was a Ladies' Night Halloween party, a tradition that continued for several years.

Carrollton Rotary joined other civic clubs for a Fourth of July barbeque at Mandeville Mills, where a 50th anniversary celebration was in progress.

The 1952-53 year was characterized by special projects and events. Leadership was provided by Thomas E. Fitzgerald, Mandeville Mills executive, president; Clyde Sampler, vice president; L. M. Kline, sergeant-at-arms; Horace Stewart, assistant sergeant-at-arms; and Chick Almon, secretary-treasurer. Almon was beginning a

nine-year tenure in this office, the longest period ever served by anyone in Carrollton Rotary.

Midget football was again in the spotlight, and, as President Fitzgerald's final report indicated, was for the first time self-supporting. Furthermore, the program netted \$916, which was given to the band at Carrollton High School. This money represented the proceeds of a championship contest held locally between Carrollton and the Atlanta All-Stars, a game spearheaded by Ebb Duncan and his committee. Carrollton defeated the All-Stars 14 to 6.

The year's second major project was the Boy Scout Exposition held at the fair grounds on May 2, 1953. Twenty-two exhibits depicting the activities of area troops were the main attraction of the event, which also included a band concert and an Indian pageant.

Rural activities also were highlighted in 1951-52. In October 1952 the entire club met at Center Point, with a program on the community, and in May 1953 the club visited Hulett for lunch and a presentation on that community. Through the initiative of the Rural-Urban Committee, chaired by Hill Seaton, the "Lake Carroll Story" was featured in The Rotarian. The article traced the development of Lake Carroll from conception, through construction and building lot sales, to its completion as a recreational and residential area. Another important community project of the year, in cooperation with several other civic clubs, was purchasing room air-conditioners for Tanner Memorial Hospital.

One of the most interesting programs of that year was the account of behind-the-scenes activities of the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, given by Dr. Waights Henry, president of LaGrange College, who was one of the judges in 1952.

During 1952-53 Carrollton Rotary invited three outstanding local high school students to participate in all club activities for three months each. This youth program was a forerunner of the present Interact Club at Carrollton High School.

Carrollton Rotary chose as president for 1953-54 R. T. (Ned) Blackman, local manager of Southern Bell. Chick Almon was again secretary-treasurer. Horace Stewart was



sergeant-at-arms and Simpson Carter assistant.

Local persons were frequent program participants during 1953-54. Among them were Dr. Selby Cramer, who spoke on sea turtles; F. M. Chalker, superintendent of Carrollton City Schools; Superior Court Judge Samuel J. Boykin, who outlined freedom guaranteed by the Constitution; Roy Richards, who described the work of Richards and Associates in laying coaxial cable; Mayor Pomp Shaefer, who gave a "state of the city" address; and Miss Edith Foster, director of the West Georgia Regional Library. Rotarians were entertained by the music of the Rhythm Band of the First Methodist Church and the West Georgia College Choir.

Out-of-town speakers included Dr. R. C. Williams, head of the Hospital Division of the State Health Department; Francis McGinnis, secretary to the British Ambassador in Washington, D. C., and Dr. L. E. Roberts, president of Middle Georgia College in Cochran and a former WGC professor.

Rotary-sponsored Carrollton Midgets slipped a notch in 1953 as they were awarded second place in the annual Okefenokee Bowl state playoffs at Brunswick. In their final game, the Midgets tied Columbus 0 to 0.

Stanley Parkman, editor and president of Carrollton Publishing Company, headed the club in 1954-55. Chick Almon was in his third year as secretary-treasurer.

During this year a large number of programs were again given by local persons, including Carson Pritchard, Collus Johnson, and Tom Vassy, who reported on the "Studycade" to Goshen, Indiana; Ted Hirsch, who spoke about his recent European trip; Chester Roush, who described his experience in submarine warfare; Roger Schoerner, who explained Southwire's international plans; Thomas R. Luck, who reviewed the drug business in Carrollton; and Robert D. Tisinger, who spoke as chairman of the Georgia Water Use and Conservation Committee. On February 22, 1955, Dr. Horace King, a member of the British parliament, concluded with the thought that "the most precious thing in the world today is unity rather than uniformity."

A future Rotarian, Ralph Parkman, was captain of the Midget football team in the fall of 1954. The Carrollton

club celebrated the golden anniversary of Rotary International with several special programs.

Officers for 1955-56 were Simpson Carter, then manager of the local Coca-Cola Bottling Company, president; Chick Almon, secretary-treasurer; John Fountain, sergeant-at-arms; and M. L. Fisher, Jr., assistant.

Midget football was still in the spotlight during 1955-56, when several programs were presented on this activity. It was announced that two graduating members of Carrollton High's 1955 regional championship team, Prince Pritchett and David Parkman, would coach the 1956 midget team. Later, Parkman was named head coach.

Programs of local origin were frequent in 1955-56. These included the Reverend H. C. Stratton of the First Methodist Church, who told how speech is an index of character; Mayor P. L. Shaefer, who concluded that "business is good in Carrollton"; County Agent Harold Darden and a group of 4-H Club members; Rotarian Ed Smith, who formulated a series of questions about business and professional practices which were directed to other members; an overview of the newly organized Chamber of Commerce presented by its president, Woodfin Cole; a look at the hosiery industry in Carrollton featuring T. J. Lawler and guests Ted Hirsch and Bill Harris; Allen Stephenson, the first manager of the Chamber of Commerce; a vocal ensemble composed of Carrollton ladies (Mrs. Sarah Stephens, Mrs. Luke Munn, Mrs. Tom Martin, Mrs. Selby Cramer, and Mrs. John Fountain) with Mrs. Hugh Richards as accompanist; the Reverend John Tippet of Tabernacle Baptist Church; Representative Ebb Duncan, who asserted that the University System is "inadequately funded"; Judge Sam Boykin, who elaborated on the meaning of truth; and Dr. Irving de Garis, who showed films of a fishing trip to Canada.

Among the out-of-town program participants were O. B. (Country) Gorman, Scout executive of the Atlanta Area Council, who praised the local executive, Willard Vickery; Dr. Judson C. Ward, undergraduate dean at Emory University, who outlined the social problems ahead for Georgia; Quimby Melton, Jr., editor of the Griffin Daily

News, president of the Georgia Press Association, and member of the Board of Regents; and Dr. Edwin Mims, emeritus professor of English, Vanderbilt University.

The Christmas party for 1955 was held at Sunset Hills Country Club, with entertainment provided by the Jaycee Record Breakers of Columbus, a quartet of young men.

The seventh annual conference of District 240 was held at Lookout Mountain Hotel near Chattanooga. Leo Aikman of Atlanta was district governor.

John Fountain, Sinclair Oil distributor and former city councilman, was president for 1956-57, assisted by Chick Almon as secretary-treasurer. L. C. McMillan was sergeant-at-arms and MacGregor Flanders assistant. In this year the club moved its meeting place from Hotel Carrollton to Sunset Hills Country Club.

A former Carrolltonian was welcomed back as a featured speaker in February 1957--W. Fred Gunn, former superintendent of Carrollton City Schools, dean of West Georgia College, and recently retired president of Tift College. Other well-known outside speakers included Dr. L. E. Roberts, also a former WGC faculty member, who had become president of Middle Georgia College; H. B. McCauley of Plantation Pipe Line, who reviewed the development of his company; Lamar Plunkett, who called the American system "Christian capitalism"; Ed Hiles, executive secretary of the Georgia Savings and Loan League; the Reverend Fay Askew, a Baptist missionary to Argentina, who described that country as one "dominated by a state church and the army"; and Scott Candler, secretary of the Georgia Department of Commerce.

Local persons on the program were R. D. Tisinger, who spoke on "freedom"; Rotarian Mac Flanders, who examined "economics in American business"; Frank Holladay, plant engineer at Southwire, who discussed "fire prevention in home and business"; Roy Richards and Administrator Bill Warren, who reported on the first six years of Tanner Memorial Hospital; Harvey Copeland, Jr., at that time a student at Auburn, who recognized the championship Midget football team; Rotarian Hill Seaton and County Agent Tal DuVal, who presented local 4-H award winners; and Rotarian Chester Roush, who spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce beautification

committee and its "Operation Facelift."

MacGregor Flanders, auto parts dealer, was elected president for 1957-58, and Chick Almon began his sixth year as secretary-treasurer.

To begin the year's meetings, President Flanders honored current Rotarians who were among the charter members eighteen years before. Eighteen of the original thirty-five were still members.

For the annual Independence Day celebration, the Carrollton and Bremen clubs held a joint barbeque at the Beach at Lakeview (later Tanner's Beach and now Tanner State Park).

Again, midget football was a frequent topic at meetings. In December the Carrollton midgets met "Atlanta's best" at Grant Field in the first annual Youth Bowl.

A unique program was held on June 9, 1958, when Jasper Dorsey, now a Southern Bell assistant vice president, arranged for Congressman John J. Flynt to speak to the Carrollton Club from his Washington office by long-distance telephone facilities. Ebb Duncan solicited questions from the membership and presented them to Congressman Flynt over the two-way hookup.

A major on-going project began in the spring of 1958. This was the career guidance program at Carrollton High School, supervised by the Vocational Guidance Committee, which arranged for local businessmen to make presentations about their fields of endeavor. This program continued until the mid 1970s, when career guidance became a required activity within all Georgia high schools.

John Fountain, vice president, and Mrs. Fountain attended the forty-ninth annual convention of Rotary International in Dallas, Texas, during June.

Officers for 1958-59 were Whitley Morris, local manufacturer, president; Chick Almon, secretary-treasurer; Jim Griffin, sergeant-at-arms; and Jack Burns, assistant. Membership by this time had increased to sixty-three.

The major project of the year was expansion of the career guidance program at Carrollton High School, under direction of the Vocational Guidance Committee chairman, Tom Fitzgerald. Sessions this year were held each day in

the week and covered the following topics: medical and allied fields, education and religion, law and business, engineering and trades, and aviation. Dr. William Row, dean of West Georgia College, was moderator.

Through arrangements of the Rural-Urban Committee, this year the club held one of its meetings at the Tallapoosa community club house and heard a report on that community from Mrs. W. V. Harmon, who had helped in the project to turn the old school house into a community club. County Agent Tal DuVall also spoke. At another program in January 1959, area Boy Scouts were featured, the principal address being given by Marion Jordan, an Eagle Scout. Demonstrations were given by Cub Scouts Richard Duncan, Bob Newell, and Bill Seaton. A return appearance was made by Dr. Horace King, M.P., whose visit to Carrollton was sponsored by the WGC Adult Education Department.

## THE THIRD DECADE: COMING OF AGE

L. C. McMillan, vice president and treasurer of Industrial Foundries and later vice president of Newell Twine and Rope Company, assumed the presidency in July 1959. Chick Almon began his eighth and final year as secretary-treasurer.

Not having sponsored a foreign student since 1953-54, the local club revived its participation in the Georgia Rotary Student Program this year and has continued to participate every year since. Midget football and career day at Carrollton High School were the other major projects continued by President McMillan's administration. An important new project approved by the directors was underwriting the construction costs of the track at the city recreation area on Lakeshore Drive.

Out-of-town speakers during the year included Dr. O. C. Aderhold, president of the University of Georgia; Dr. J. C. Bonner, professor of history at GSCW; D. W. Brooks, president of Cotton Producers Association, who described his trip to Russia; Edward D. Smith, president of the First National Bank of Atlanta; Dr. Joseph H. Parks, head of the History Department of the University of Georgia; Dr. Bell I. Wiley of Emory University; Georgia Lieutenant-Governor Garland Byrd; and Dr. Carl E. Kindevater, Regents' professor of civil engineering at Georgia Tech, who emphasized the necessity of a good water supply.

Hugh Deen, music professor at West Georgia College, presented two programs during the year--one featuring a girls' trio and the other the entire West Georgia choir. In April the WGC choir gave two performances at the District Conference at Jekyll Island.

Local speakers included County Agent Tal DuVall; Dr. Jack Birge; Eugene Huck of the West Georgia history faculty, who spoke on U.S. relations with Latin America; Chester Roush, who told of his recent trip to South America for Southwire; and Tom Vassy, who gave an eyewitness account of the Sibley Commission hearings on the desegregation of Georgia schools. On March 22 President McMillan held a straw vote on the Sibley Commission's recommendation of local option desegregation. Thirty-nine approved the plan and two disapproved. Evidently there were a number of



abstentions.

On February 9, 1960, eleven-year-old Bob Newell "captivated his audience with a well-organized speech on the value of Scouting," according to the Carroll County Georgian. Dick Newell introduced his son and recollected his own Scouting days, having been in 1923 a member of the first troop chartered in Carrollton.

In July 1960, for the first time in the history of Carrollton Rotary, the son of a past president took the helm. This was James H. Griffin, Jr., whose father had served during 1945-46. At the time of his presidency, Jim Griffin was sales manager for Southwire Company; since then he has been promoted to senior vice president. In 1960-61 local membership reached seventy.

During the year there were many interesting speakers, including William Sessions, a West Georgia English professor who had just returned from a year in Germany as a Fulbright Fellow; Irvine S. Ingram, who reviewed his recent world tour, the Reverend Bill Tyson, new minister of the First Methodist Church; Dr. Peter Stewart, Emory sociology professor; Mrs. Charles Reeve, former missionary to the Congo; Tom Luck, Jr., Carrollton native and assistant solicitor of the Fulton County Superior Court; William L. Carmichael, Georgia Tech registrar; Dr. Waights Henry, president of LaGrange College, O. B. Copeland, assistant executive editor of the Progressive Farmer; and Roy Richards, who gave a report on industrial growth in Brazil.

Franklin M. Garrett, historian and information director of the Coca-Cola Co., reviewed the history of his company; Congressman Erwin Mitchell of the Seventh District discussed the dilemma facing Georgia communities as they prepared for complete desegregation of schools; and L. B. Haisty, vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, predicted a short business recession in early 1961. Football was in the spotlight as Johnny Griffith, new coach at the University of Georgia, lamented the graduation of Fran Tarkington; and Tonto Coleman, assistant coach at Georgia Tech, discussed qualities of the ideal Tech recruit. Lamar Dodd, well known painter and professor at the University of Georgia, described the Russian attitude toward the arts.

The annual Christmas party took place on December 13, 1960, at Sunset Hills with Eugene Patterson, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, as featured speaker. The Reverend Bill Tyson told the Christmas story, and Rotarian Hugh Deen of West Georgia College presented students Loretta Power and Faye Wright in a humorous musical skit. On Sunday, October 30, 1960, Rotarians hosted a tea honoring teachers in the community. Vocation week at Carrollton High School was held March 27-31 with Bill Harris in charge and Dean George Walker of WGC as moderator for all programs.

President for 1961-62 was Chester Roush, a West Virginia native and former Southwire executive, who had just become head of Roush Oil Company. Other new officers were Dean Stith, secretary-treasurer; E. H. Hearn, sergeant-at-arms; and Steve André, assistant.

This year a change was made in the structure of the Midget program. Instead of one team sponsored by Rotary, four teams were organized, each under the auspices of a civic club. With the new arrangement, President Roush said, over 100 boys would be able to participate. A city playoff was held in November 1961.

A large number of local speakers were on the program in 1961-62. They included the new president of West Georgia College, Dr. James E. Boyd, who assumed the post after the death of Dr. William Row; the Reverend Howard Benson, who spoke on the county mental health program; Dr. John M. Martin of WGC, whose topic was "Change, Challenge, and Conflict in the World Today and Their Relation to Communism"; Buddy Owen, the new area Boy Scout executive; Tom Bellows of WGC, who warned of the great threat of war in southeast Asia, particularly Viet Nam; Dr. E. V. Patrick, who reviewed his recent trip to Russia; and the Reverend W. A. Tyson of the First Methodist Church.

Carrollton High football coach Charles Grisham spoke twice--on September 5 about the season's prospects and on November 28 about the upcoming championship game with Ware County in Waycross. A Carrollton High School vocal group, "The Four and Twenty," directed by Ernest McClendon, entertained on December 19. The current hysteria over U.S. confrontation with Russia regarding



Cuba was reflected in a speech by Russell O'Neal, manager of CEMC. He emphasized preparedness for nuclear war and discussed the various kinds of fallout shelters that families could build.

Out-of-town speakers included the Reverend Douglas Gibson of the Cedartown First Methodist Church, who spoke about and demonstrated the therapeutic use of hypnosis; Dr. Lee Harwell, dean of LaGrange College; Congressman Jack Flynt, DeKalb County School Superintendent Jim Cherry; and Arch Avary of the Trust Company of Georgia, who said that the U.S. must join the European Common Market in order to survive.

The June 19 meeting was held at the Shady Grove Community Center with County Agent Tal DuVall as speaker. Again, Rotarians honored area teachers at an October Sunday afternoon tea, and the young Cathedral Bell Ringers provided music for the Christmas party in 1961.

The head of the club in 1962-63 was Col. Jack Burns, veteran air force officer and then operator of J. M. Burns Company, a combined farm insurance, ginning, and supply operation. Before the year was over, Col. Burns was summoned to Dobbins Air Force Base as commander, but continued his duties as Carrollton Rotary president.

One of Burns' major projects was completion of the track at Carrollton Recreation Center, which was begun the previous year. Another project was beginning a club bulletin, The Buzzer, with Chester Roush as founding editor.

As customary, a number of programs were given by local persons. Mrs. James E. Boyd, president of the League of Women Voters, explained the purposes of that organization; J. H. McGibboney reviewed educational progress in Georgia within the past twenty-five years; Stanley Parkman, Chester Roush, and Henry Head led a discussion on the organization of the Carroll Payroll Development Authority; F. M. Chalker spoke on the early history of Georgia; Radford Hamrick, Carroll County historian, gave a speech on the importance of local history; H. C. Seaton, William Wiggins, and R. D. Tisinger discussed watershed projects in the West Georgia area; and Roy Richards outlined plans for a second expansion of

Tanner Memorial Hospital. On July 3, 1962, a program of piano music was provided by two young students, Dick Shadinger and Sandra Hearn.

Noteworthy out-of-town speakers included Elmer Talley, production supervisor of Cluett-Peabody in Bremen; Dr. Vernon Crawford, associate director of the School of Physics at Georgia Tech, who described the U.S. space program; and Jack Ray, state treasurer, who warned about deficit spending. A Southern Bell executive gave a program on Telestar, the communications satellite.

The annual Rural-Urban meeting was held on June 4, 1963, at the Tallapoosa Community Club House with Dr. Pete Donaldson, former president of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and past Rotary district governor, as speaker.

A beef auction, which became the club's major revenue generating project, was held on June 11, with Hill Seaton and L. C. McMillan as auctioneers. The steer was purchased from a young cattle grower for a premium price during the fifth annual Fat Stock Show. Rotarians paid \$1.85 per pound for T-bone steaks, \$1.05 for round steak, and 60 cents per pound for hamburger, prices which were considered high for 1963.

E. H. Hearn, vice president, later president, of West Georgia National Bank, led the club in 1963-64. M. C. Wiley was secretary-treasurer, Frank Searcy sergeant-at-arms, and Gerald Batchelor assistant.

Out-of-town speakers of the year included Vince McDonald, community relations director of Atlanta Raceways, who claimed that auto racing had improved general auto quality and efficiency; Billy Teas, Georgia Tech halfback of the 1950s, and a Hall of Fame member, who extolled the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Horst Von Rom, director of the German Consulate in Atlanta; Ross Hammond of Georgia Tech's Industrial Development Division, who assessed the division's work for the past two years in Carroll County; William F. Boone of Lockheed Aircraft, who predicted that the U.S. would have a man on the moon by 1970; and Dr. C. C. Rife, Atlanta zoo veterinarian, who described animal care at the zoo and concluded that "monkeys is the craziest people."

Local speakers included Dr. James D. Thomas,

West Georgia College professor of psychology, who suggested ways to improve mental health care in the state; Dr. W. Glenn Moore, economics professor at West Georgia; the Reverend Bill Holt of Carrollton's First Methodist Church; Dr. Eugene Huck of West Georgia, who analyzed responses of Mexican journalists to a questionnaire asking for their opinions of the U.S.; Ebb Duncan, who explained Governor Sanders' new program for education; and Judge Lamar Knight, who blamed broken homes for early crime among young people.

Several unique programs were presented during 1963-64. On November 5 it was announced that MacGregor Flanders, Jr., had been awarded a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for study in Japan. Then on December 10 the parents of three young men working abroad presented a program on their sons' activities: Mr. and Mrs. Mac Flanders, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Pritchard, whose son Warren was teaching English in Turkey, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffin, whose son Tommy was in the Philippines teaching biology and chemistry. On September 3, 1963, Dick Plunkett, a twenty-year-old Brown University student, told about his experience working in a French textile mill during the preceding summer. Another program featured Carrollton Junior High instructor Jimmy Bonner, who, with the help of several students, demonstrated gymnastics as taught at the school.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Carrollton Rotary was observed at a special meeting held at the Moose Lodge on June 30, 1964.

H. C. (Hill) Seaton, local agent with the Soil Conservation Service, farmer, and land developer, was elected president for 1964-65. M. C. Wiley was again secretary-treasurer, Gerald Batchelor was sergeant-at-arms, and Bill Hooper was assistant.

Local persons were frequent speakers during 1964-65. Coach Charles Grisham appeared on September 1 for his season prognostication and again on January 5, when he showed films of Carrollton's championship victory over Fitzgerald. Tommy Griffin recounted his experiences as a Peace Corps teacher in the Philippines, M. C. Wiley spoke on his visit to Russia, and Ted Hirsch reviewed his recent trip to East Germany.

Other local speakers included Jim Oates, Carrollton recreational director; Jack White, Carroll County soil conservationist, who described two watershed projects, including the Little Tallapoosa; Dr. James A. Wittman, head of the West Georgia Sociology Department, who described the prehistoric inhabitants of North America; State Senator Lamar Plunkett, who explained the November 1964 ballot and commented on proposed constitutional amendments; Frank Holladay and Bob Brown, who told the "Southwire Story"; and Dr. Dwain Porter of West Georgia, who demonstrated "speed reading" with three of his students--Jan Roush, Jerri Trinkner, and Mike Johnson.

George Turner of Bremen gave a report on the recent Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge. Several local Scouts who attended the Jamboree assisted: Jim Johnson, Tommy Fitzgerald, David Schoerner, Curt Martin, and Selby Bohannon.

Some out-of-towners who gave programs were Dr. Dozier Cade, head of the Journalism Department at Georgia State, who reviewed his research on jokes under the title of "A Little Humor Is a Dangerous Thing"; Jim Carlen, head defensive coach at Georgia Tech, who made a strong case for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; John O. Eichler, professor of civil engineering at Georgia Tech, who discussed space travel and predicted that many persons at the meeting would live to see man on the moon and on Mars; James C. Davis, publisher of the new newspaper, the Atlanta Times; state representative James H. ("Sloppy") Floyd, who defended the practice of issuing "county contracts" for road construction; Dr. Frank Groseclose, director of the School of Industrial Engineering at Georgia Tech, who criticized the early specialization of students; floor leader of the state House of Representatives Arthur Bolton of Spalding County, who spoke on reapportionment and tax equalization; and N. P. Curtis, field highway engineer, who regretted that the Carroll County portion of Interstate 20 would not be completed before 1969.

The annual tea honoring area teachers was held at night during 1964--on Tuesday, September 29, rather than on Sunday afternoon as was customary. Entertainment for

the Christmas party was a talk-demonstration by Lou Erickson, Atlanta Journal cartoonist.

In 1965-66 Thomas L. Martin occupied the president's chair. Martin had come to Carrollton in 1936 as principal of College Street School but in 1965 was a senior chemist with Plantation Pipe Line. The secretary-treasurer was Ed Smith. Bill Hooper was sergeant-at-arms and Bob Thorburn assistant.

Programs of local origin seemed to dominate during the first half of the year. Among local speakers from July through December were Dr. J. Mark Miller, head of West Georgia College's Business Department, whose topic was "Words Don't Mean a Thing," a talk on communication problems; West Georgia's President James E. Boyd, who predicted an enrollment of over 4,000 in 1970; the Reverend Bill Holt of the First Methodist Church, whose subject was "The Changing Role of the Church in Modern Society"; Dr. Eugene Huck, head of West Georgia's History Department, who spoke about the Maya Indians of Mexico; Dr. Tom Sills, chairman of the Division of Education, who, along with Dr. Prentice Gott and Dr. Weitse De Hoop, described the process of educating teachers; Carroll County School Superintendent E. M. Blue; Carrollton Recreation Director Jim Oates; Professor Mel Steeley, who called our involvement in Viet Nam a complex problem with no easy solution; Don Sentell, headmaster of Oak Mountain Academy, who explained the objectives of the school; and Donald Boring, manager of Red Carpet Travel, who revealed his plans to expand operations and sell airline tickets.

In the second half of the year Rotarians heard other local people. Dr. Weitse De Hoop spoke on "Exceptional Children"; Parks Burton, new local director of the Georgia Tech Industrial Development Division, explored basic needs in expanding local industry; and Mayor John Robinson, along with Stanley Parkman and Jim Oates, discussed the upcoming city bond referendum, with special emphasis on expanded recreational facilities.

Out-of-town speakers included retired Major General Bob Worden, then a bank executive in Columbus, who lauded the leadership and strength of General Chiang Kai-shek; the Reverend Bill Allison, Fulton County



chaplain, who described his prison ministry; Sara Uzzell, an Agnes Scott student, who was a representative of "Affirmation Viet Nam," students not opposed to war; Dr. Harry Williams, Emory University pharmacologist, who lamented the widespread use of "pep pills" and drugs among college students; Lieutenant Governor Zack Geer, who attacked the promises of the "Great Society"; Zell Miller, Georgia director of probations, who justified the present probation system on moral and economic grounds; and Mrs. Mozelle Christian, director of the Travel Council of the State Chamber of Commerce, who outlined the "Stay and See Georgia" campaign.

A provocative program took place on January 20, 1966, when a group of members made forecasts for the coming year. Panelists were Chester Roush, E. H. Hearn, Jim Griffin, and Mac Flanders, who predicted that Ernest Vandiver would win the governor's race, that Governor Sanders would challenge Senator Russell and beat him, and that the economy would improve considerably. The wisdom of the panel was revealed a year later, January 17, 1967, when Red Harris played a tape of the predictions. Chester Roush was the person with the best predictions. All failed in the political realm, and everyone was too optimistic about the economy.

On December 28, the club adjourned to the Carroll Theatre to see "Susan Hayward Invites You to See Georgia" with Ebb Duncan as host. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abercrombie provided music for the Christmas program.

Frank Searcy, Jr., secretary-treasurer of Carrollton Federal Savings and Loan, became president in July 1966. Ed Smith was secretary-treasurer, Hollis Johnson sergeant-at-arms, and Billy Johnson assistant.

The first speaker of the year, on July 5, was the new city school superintendent H. M. Fulbright, who called "education the number one issue in the nation today." Other talks by local people were given by Rudolph Pruner, director of international affairs for Southwire; Dr. James Wittman, sociologist from West Georgia College, who refuted the adage that "crime does not pay"; Senator Lamar Plunkett, who spoke briefly on politics but mainly discussed the clothing industry; Miss Janet Moriarity, West Georgia Spanish instructor, who described the art of



bullfighting; E. M. Blue, county school superintendent, who explained the plan for school consolidation; Roy Richards, who reviewed the growth of Tanner Memorial Hospital and cited the need for further expansion; the Reverend Bill Holt who recapped his medical mercy mission to Bolivia with Dr. Harvey Beall and Dr. T. M. Martin; and Dr. James Mathews of West Georgia, who gave an account of the life and writings of Georgia humorist Bill Arp.

Mac Flanders showed slides of his son Greg's trip across Russia; Greg's commentary was on a prepared tape. On September 6, 1966, Carrollton High students Bobby Sullivan and Sidney Burgess described their experiences with the Governor's Honors Program of the previous summer. Other local speakers were Mayor John Robinson, State Representative William Wiggins, and for the first time the football coach from Central High School, H. L. McCright, who said that "the Lions are capable of winning."

Out-of-towners who spoke included Dr. Charles Lester, dean of Emory University's Graduate School; F. J. Schwaemmie of Delta Air Lines, who predicted future Transatlantic flights from Atlanta; veteran George Tech baseball coach Joe Pittard; Ernie Johnson, associate director of broadcasting for the Atlanta Braves; Verlin Moore, Jr., vice president and trust officer of the First National Bank of Atlanta; and Col. R. H. Burson, Georgia director of public safety.

Several musical programs were given during 1966-67. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abercrombie performed on September 13, and on November 28 a group of music students from West Georgia, directed by William DeJong and accompanied by Dr. Robert Coe. The Carrollton Junior Women's Club chorus, directed by Mrs. Wayne Abercrombie, sang on May 15, 1967, and the Carrollton High "Four and Twenty" made another appearance. At the Christmas party, singers Nick and Nancy Bennett, accompanied by Sandra Hearn, presented "Christmas in Song."

At the annual father-son dinner, the talk was given by Rotarian Jim Griffin and a recitation "The Boy's Creed" by Gil Maddox.

In keeping with the emphasis on public service during

the 1960s, Carrollton Rotary performed a unique mission in February 1967. The club secured a complete set of designs and blueprints for a community hospital for the Rotary Club de Tres Rios in Brazil. The specifications were flown to Brazil by Pan American Airways at no cost through arrangements made by Red Carpet Travel.

A. J. (Steve) André was elected president for 1967-68. Andre was at that time sales manager, later senior vice president, of E. F. Houghton Company. On the Rotary district level, André served as area representative for the district governor in 1969-70, 1977-78, and 1978-79. He has also been a trustee of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, 1970-72, and 1975-81. In 1982, he became governor of District 690.

Other officers for 1967-68 were Searcy McClure, secretary-treasurer; Don Sentell, sergeant-at-arms; and Tom Tennant, assistant.

Programs of local origin again dominated the first part of the Rotary year. On July 18 and 25, for a two-week series, Mayor John Robinson showed slides of his recent world tour. Central High Coach H. L. McCright predicted five wins for his team in 1967, and Charles Grisham as usual predicted little but delivered much. Dr. I. S. Ingram reviewed the progress of West Georgia College in the past ten years, and H. M. Fulbright gave another report on the city school system. Jan Bennett, WGC basketball coach, discussed his prospects for the season ahead. Bill Morehead of the West Georgia Geology Department deplored the fact that "we know more about the surface of the moon than the earth."

Local persons on later programs included David Tisinger, who outlined needed changes in the state judicial system; Collus Johnson of WGC, who reviewed the history of the "College in the Country"; Wendell Hoomes, who publicized Carroll Tech; Don Sentell, who characterized Oak Mountain Academy; John Burnitt, an Englishman now working at Southwire, who told his audience "how lucky you are to live in America"; Ed Birge, division manager of Plantation Pipe Line, who told of the birth and re-birth of his company; Mrs. Grace Miller and Reuben Word, who discussed plans to expand the Carroll Mental Health Association; Rotarian Dr. John Pershing, who described

"the trials and tribulations of a dean of student affairs"; Henry Dufour, West Georgia sociology professor, who showed a film "The Odds Against" on the improbability of criminal rehabilitation; and Senator Lamar Plunkett, who attributed state problems to too many counties and too many duplicating departments.

Imported speakers included Wesley F. Johnson, sales supervisor of Georgia Power Company, who revealed plans to build a nuclear plant in Georgia; Bill T. Hardman, director of the Tourist Division, Georgia Department of Industry and Trade; the Reverend Bruce Donnelly, a young Methodist minister who worked with Atlanta's "hippies" through the Twelfthgate Coffee House; Rob Cassell, head of the Community Development Section of Georgia Tech's Industrial Development Division and president of the Southern Industrial Development Council; Bert Rozell of WSB-TV, who discussed the over-prominence of TV newsmen; the Reverend Frank Crawley, pastor of Northside Methodist Church; and former Georgia Tech football great Howard Ector, who said that "Coach [Bud] Carson will never lose his job . . . because of a poor football season, but he is such a competitor he would probably quit the job in a few years unless Tech becomes a winner."

Again father-daughter and father-son banquets were held. The speaker at the latter was Joe Pittard of the Georgia Tech athletic staff. For the continuing program of vocational guidance at Carrollton High School, the club received the Significant Achievement Award in District 690.

For 1968-69 Hugh G. Maddox, Sr., then principal of Carrollton High School, was elected president. D. D. Brooks was secretary, and E. H. Rainwater treasurer. John J. Pershing was sergeant-at-arms and Theron Jennings, assistant. Directors were Pershing, Jennings, Aubrey Jones, Pete Russell, Leonard Daniel, and Don Sentell.

For several years, the club had invited students from Carrollton High School to meetings, and a major project of President Maddox's administration was organizing these and other students into an Interact Club, the official Rotary adjunct for high schools.

Since this was Carrollton Rotary's thirtieth anniversary year, Mac Flanders presented a special program in June 1969 on the history of the club. In his talk, Flanders mentioned that the club had now 64 members with seventeen charter members still on the roll, although only thirteen of the original 35 were still active. Ten years later only Irvine Ingram and Selby Cramer would remain.

Local speakers that year included the Reverend Don Harp of St. Andrews Methodist Church; the Reverend Larry Bauman and twelve-year-old son Davis, who had just won the Patrick Henry public speaking competition in the Boy Scouts; Lawton Howell, manager of Trent Tube; Roy Richards, who described the planned addition to Tanner Memorial Hospital; Judge Lamar Knight, who expressed concern about "permissiveness and loss of respect for law and order"; and Dr. James E. Boyd, who predicted that student enrollment at West Georgia College would be 10,800 by 1982.

Outstanding out-of-towners who spoke during the year were Bill Lomason, president of Douglas and Lomason; Whitlow Wyatt of the Atlanta Braves staff; Harry Mehre, former football coach and then a sports columnist; Jesse Outlar, sports editor of the Atlanta Constitution; and Hal Suit, newsman from WSB-TV.

Prices paid at the annual beef sale offer a commentary on inflation since 1968-69. The steer was purchased for \$294 and sold to Rotarians for \$672. The highest bid for T-bone steaks was \$3.40 per pound; sirloin tip roasts \$3.10 per pound; chuck roasts, \$2.35 per pound; club steaks, \$2.75 per pound; and hamburger meat, 75 cents per pound.

## THE FOURTH DECADE: EXPANDED HORIZONS

Dr. John J. Pershing, dean of student affairs at West Georgia College, became president in July 1969. Other officers were Hugh Maddox, vice president; D. D. Brooks, secretary; E. H. Rainwater, treasurer; and directors John C. Huffard, Theron Jennings, A. H. Parsons, Don Sentell, Ed Smith, and John Wieland.

Several programs that year featured West Georgia College professors. Leading off on July 15, James W. Mathews reprised part of his Parents' Day speech at the college. Dr. Thomas W. Sills, teacher education head at WGC, described the public schools of tomorrow; history professor Edward Neal characterized the life of the typical Russian worker; Dr. Lynn Holmes explained the value of archaeology; Professor Fred Parsons discussed "problem children"; Norman J. Darling, former Presbyterian minister and then speech professor, gave an inspirational talk; Dr. Glenn Esslinger spoke on drug abuse; and Professor Robert England identified the various forms of pollution endangering the country.

Governor Lester Maddox spoke on August 19, giving high praise to the Rotary Club and "the ideals under which it was organized and operates." Other memorable programs were given by State Representative Charles M. Jones of Hinesville, described as "a likely candidate for lieutenant governor"; Don Lachowski, account executive with radio station WQXI, who answered critics of radio advertising; Sidney Scarborough, manager of Atlanta Stadium, who recalled how the facility was built "on faith"; John (Chap) Chandler, who reported that the Southwire aluminum plant at Hawesville, Kentucky, was nearing completion; R. D. Tisinger, who reviewed his recent trip to Japan; and H. M. Fulbright, city school superintendent, who explained the grade placement within the various school buildings and concluded that the "transition has been smooth."

The Christmas dinner for 1969 featured WGC faculty members Dr. Robert Coe, Dr. John McLean, Inge Manski-Lundeen and Arthur Riedel and students Carolyn Thomas and Jane Ingram. A father-daughter banquet was held on February 10 at the First Methodist Church with the Reverend Howard Cobble of Tabernacle Baptist as speaker.



Carrollton Rotary received further recognition (the annual District 690 Vocational Service Award) for the career guidance series at Carrollton High School, which was begun in 1958 under President Mac Flanders and refined in succeeding years. A highlight of the year was the convention of Rotary International held in Atlanta, May 31-June 4, and attended by President and Mrs. Pershing and others from Carrollton.

Officers for 1970-71 were A. H. Parsons, manager of the local Coca-Cola Bottling Company, president; Theron Jennings, secretary; Harrell Fountain, treasurer; Horace Stewart, sergeant-at-arms; and Jim Lowry, assistant.

At the annual district conference in Atlanta, Rotary International's theme of the year, "Bridge the Gaps," was echoed, and Carrollton joined the movement into new areas of service, specifically concern for man's environment and world understanding. Consequently, one of the year's earliest programs, July 28, 1970, was a slide presentation titled "Toward a Better World," highlighting what Rotary has done and can do through World Community Service programs.

Many prominent out-of-town speakers visited during the year, including Wilbur A. Kurtz, archivist for the Coca-Cola Company, who gave a biography of Asa Griggs Candler; Robert Barr, an English student working during the summer at Southwire, who presented an inside view of British education; Tom Robertson of the brokerage firm of Pain, Webber, Jackson, and Curtis, who predicted a rise in the stock market and a new construction boom; Ed Hiles, executive vice president of the Georgia Savings and Loan League; Hoyt Johnson, superintendent of purchasing for the State of Georgia; and Judy Simons of the Georgia Dairy Council.

There were many outstanding programs by local persons in 1970-71. One included a prospectus of the "Stay and See Georgia" movement given by Bob Thorburn and Troy Holcombe. Another was a demonstration debate presented by two members of West Georgia College's championship team--Tommy Greer and Bill Driver. Carrollton Mayor John Robinson spoke at one meeting, and City Manager Dudley Crosson at another. Speakers from West Georgia College included Dr. Homer Coker; Dr.



Carole Scott, who spoke about economic changes if the war in Viet Nam should end; Richard Haney, who discussed worker cop-out and ways to curtail it; Dr. Robert Coe, who presented four music students in a recital; Dr. John Martin, who spoke on "Alice in Wonderland in the Seventies"; Dr. Park Renshaw, who discussed sociological problems in Brazil; and Dr. Newt Gingrich, who described himself as a "futurist" and predicted dramatic changes ahead in world lifestyles.

Other local speakers included Ferrell Drummond, Carrollton High School English teacher; Chuck Hill, a Carrolltonian and West Georgia student, who showed slides of his trip to Switzerland; County Agent Carl Brack; Ken Kribbs of station WLBB; the Reverend Larry Bauman of the First Methodist Church, who gave a slide show and report on his trip to Europe; Bill Burson of Southwire's copper refinery; and F. M. Chalker, who spoke about Georgia's Indians.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Coe provided a musical program for the Christmas party, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Buice entertained at the father-daughter dinner.

At the annual Jekyll Island Conference, Carrollton Rotary received the Oak and Brass shield as an award for the greatest growth among clubs with 50 or more members.

Theron Jennings, an Americus native who in 1971 was vice president and administrative assistant to the president of Southwire, was elected president for 1971-72. Other officers were Al Parsons, vice president; Parks Burton, secretary; Harrell Fountain, treasurer; Horace Stewart, sergeant-at-arms; and Jim Lowry, assistant sergeant-at-arms. New directors elected were Tommy Green, Pete Russell, and Dick Tisinger. To the sorrow of the entire membership, Sergeant-at-Arms Stewart died in February 1972.

In 1971-72, the name of the club's bulletin, The Buzzer, was changed to The Spokesman, under the editorship of John Huffard and Bob Brown.

Variety characterized the year's programs. In July, Rotarian Stanley Parkman, on the 25th anniversary of Carroll Publishing Company, reviewed local newspaper history. Also in July, Burt Lance, then director of the

State Highway Department, was the speaker. Dr. Ward Pafford, new president of West Georgia College, spoke on September 21. Tom Linder, Jr., explained Governor Carter's plan for state reorganization. Lamar Plunkett of Bowdon, then state senator, discussed the 1972 general assembly. Dean Rusk and Governor Jimmy Carter both spoke during the spring of 1972. A June speaker was L. L. Getterstedt, Jr., president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

Musical programs during the year included a chorale of youngsters from Tabernacle Baptist, Henry Chia presenting Latin songs, a variety show produced by West Georgia's Tri Delta Sorority, and Dr. Benjamin Griffith, who sang patriotic folk songs to his own guitar accompaniment. Other local speakers included Ken Kribbs of WLBB, Coach Charles Grisham, Coach Roger Kaiser, "Zeke" Wellslager of the Georgia Tech Industrial Development office, Dr. David Griffin and Floyd Hoskins of WGC, the Reverend Jim Woffard of the Presbyterian Church, Ronnie Young of the Carrollton Recreation Department, and Randy Jones of Central High School, winner of the national 4-H public speaking award.

In July 1972 Parks Burton, local manager of Georgia Natural Gas Company, became president, assisted by vice president Theron Jennings, secretary Doug Martin, treasurer Harrell Fountain, sergeant-at-arms Jim Lowry and assistant Bob Thorburn. New directors were Martin, Stell Gray, and Sumner Long. Hardy McCalmon, of the neighboring Bremen Club, was district governor for 1972-73.

A major project of the year was "Operation Wheel Control," a safe-driving course designed by the Georgia Safety Council and conducted by Rotarians.

Out-of-town speakers during 1972-73 included Howard Ector, former Georgia Tech quarterback, in 1972 trust officer of the Trust Company of Georgia; Jigs McDonald, the radio and TV voice of the Atlanta Flames; Wilt Browning, public relations director of the Atlanta Falcons; Dr. Bill Schutz, professor of civil engineering at Georgia Tech; and the Reverend Aubrey Hawkins, executive secretary for Baptist student work in Georgia.

Among the local speakers were Coaches Charles

Grisham and Roger Kaiser; WGC faculty J. T. Ford, Dr. Ann Seig, Dr. Walter Woods, and Dr. Newt Gingrich; William R. Burson, manager of Southwire's Copper Division; Ronnie Young, Carrollton recreation director; Dr. Jack Birge, who discussed the local cardiology unit; and Dr. T. M. Martin, who related his experience at the Republican convention in Miami. Rotarians Van Wilks spoke on the American patent system and Jim Griffin on his trip to India.

Those present at the Father-Son dinner were entertained by magician Buddy Farnan, and the Father-Daughter dinner featured Ruth and Don Gilpin's Marionettes. Music for the annual Christmas dinner was provided by a group from the West Georgia College Baptist Student Union.

Jim Lowry, executive with Tri-County Insurance, headed the club in 1973-74. Serving with him were Parks Burton, vice president; Tracy Stallings, secretary; Stell Gray, treasurer; Sumner Long, sergeant-at-arms; and Charles Rogers, assistant sergeant-at-arms. Pat DeHaven, Richard Colditz, and Tommy Vance were newly-elected directors.

Noteworthy programs of 1973-74 were given by Gene Tormohlen, assistant coach of the Atlanta Hawks; Mrs. Marie Price, Georgia news editor for the Associated Press; Sergeant Ed Tanner of the Georgia State Patrol; Greg Flanders, former Rotary Foundation student abroad; Dr. Jim Booth, pathologist at Tanner Memorial Hospital; the Reverend Hugh Cauthen of the Methodist Church; State Senator Frank Coggins; District Attorney E. W. Fleming; Jim Giffin, new Tanner Memorial Hospital administrator; R. D. Tisinger, who reviewed the conservation program in Georgia; Dr. Bob Davis, an oral surgeon from Rome; and Senator David Gambrell.

West Georgia College faculty who spoke included Dr. John Upchurch of the Geography Department; Dr. Eugene Huck, professor of history; Rotarian Sumner Long, head of geology; and Floyd Hoskins. Michelle Shellum, WGC student body president, also spoke. Rotarian Frank Cole presented an informative program on deer hunting.

The Independence Day picnic was held at Lakeshore Park, with entertainment by Bruce Borton and the West

Georgia singers. At the Christmas party a seasonal talk was made by Rotarian Dr. J. T. Ford, and Christmas songs were led by Gene Hutsell.

The president during 1974-75 was J. T. Ford, a Baptist minister and assistant to the president of West Georgia College, later director of continuing education. Ford was chosen to replace president-elect Stell Gray when Gray accepted a banking position in another locality. Jim Lowry was vice president; John Huffard, secretary; David Perry, treasurer; Charles Rogers, sergeant-at-arms; and Tracy Stallings, assistant. Newly elected directors were Dennard Davis, Gene Hutsell, and Don Norris.

Among the interesting out-of-town speakers were Leo Aikman, Atlanta Constitution columnist and former district governor; Dr. Emerson Johnson, headmaster of Westminster Schools; John R. Lipscomb, dean of administration and development at Berry College; Earl Williams, vice president of Retail Credit Company; D. W. Brooks, chairman of the board of Gold Kist; Morgan Thomas, clerk of the Georgia Court of Appeals; Tom Murphy, speaker of the Georgia House; and Dave Barrow, Bowdon mayor, who described his visit to Russia.

Local speakers included Coach Charles Grisham; county school superintendent Spencer Teal; Jim Giffin, administrator of Tanner Memorial Hospital; Dick Newell and Chester Roush, who showed slides of their trip to Japan; Mrs. Bess Glanton, who reviewed the history of Carroll County; Bob Thorburn, who outlined the history of broadcasting; and Rotarian Jim Griffin, who discussed Southwire's connections in the Middle East.

West Georgia College faculty on the program included Dr. Mark Miller, dean of the School of Business; Dr. Virginia Meehan and Dr. Fran Chalfant, both from the English Department; Dr. Homer Coker of the School of Education; Dr. Craig Roberts, professor of economics; Dr. David Griffin, who explained the causes of the American Revolution; Henry DuFour of the Sociology Department; Coach Roger Kaiser; and pianist George Mann.

The West Georgia College Chamber Singers entertained at the Christmas banquet, and the

Independence Day barbeque was held for the second year in a row at the City Recreation Center near Lake Carroll.

In April 1975 Carrollton joined the Bremen club in sponsoring a new club in Douglasville.

John C. Huffard, vice president for finance at Southwire Company, became president in July 1975. J. T. Ford was vice president; Jim Mathews, secretary; Barry Sears, treasurer; Charles Rogers, sergeant-at-arms; and Dick Tisinger, assistant. David Bruner, Jim Hubbard, and Dan Roper were the new directors.

Programs of local origin were frequent in 1975-76. Among these were presentations by State Senator Ebb Duncan, Representative Ralph Parkman, Coach Charles Grisham, librarian Edith Foster, Wayne Hodges of the Georgia Tech Development Division, District Attorney Bill Lee, former mayor Charles Lumpkin, newly elected mayor Vince Cashen, Dr. Jack Birge, city school superintendent H. M. Fulbright, County Agent Carl Brack, Tanner Memorial administrator Jim Giffin, and Chamber of Commerce director Bob Simmons.

As this was the bicentennial year, several programs concerned American history, including a skit on May 18, which depicted the changing role of woman in the United States. The performers were Ruth Hassler, Juanita Cobb, Nellie Duke, Marie Johnson, and Anne Bone.

Program participants from WGC included Dr. Maurice Townsend, the new president; Dr. John Beall, a retired general, who took a retrospective look at the Korean War; Dr. Newt Gingrich, who explored our "American Heritage"; Rotarian Gene Hutsell and his wife, Dee, who demonstrated methods of communicating with the deaf; Ted FitzSimons, who discussed the decline of the family; Dr. Don Wells, who evaluated Jimmy Carter as a Presidential candidate; and pianist Betty Sue Tolbert. A film on the life of Dr. Irvine S. Ingram, made for the "Famous Georgians" series on ETV, was shown on August 19, 1975.

Prominent out-of-town speakers included state agriculture commissioner Tommy Irvin; Joe LaBoon, senior vice president of the Georgia Natural Gas Company; Dr. Grady Young, a veterinarian from



Thomasville, who explained the use of acupuncture in treating animals; and Dr. John B. Thompson, an Emory University professor of medicine.

Featured at the Christmas party were singer Tony Glover and her accompanist, Gary Clements. On Sunday, August 5, 1975, Rotarians sold Coca-Cola at the "Sunday in the Park" benefit for the Cancer Fund.

For 1976-77 the gavel was passed to James W. Mathews, chairman of the English Department at West Georgia College. He was assisted by vice president John Huffard, secretary Neal Ballew, treasurer Dick Tisinger, sergeant-at-arms Bill Seaton, and assistant Tommy Green. Dan Chance, Junior Lott, and Barry Sears were the new directors.

On December 28 Dr. Irvine S. Ingram, Carrollton Rotary's founding president, became the first local Paul Harris Fellow when the club contributed one thousand dollars to the Rotary Foundation. The club also gave two thousand dollars to the Tanner Memorial Hospital expansion campaign.

Local persons on the program included the Reverend Brantley Harwell of the First Baptist Church, who discussed the Christian background of our early patriots; Jay Cain, who was dressed as a Yankee soldier of the Civil War period; Chap Chandler, who spoke twice about Southwire's contacts in Russia and in the Near East; Jesse Burbage, Jr., president of the WGC Student Government Association; Mrs. Earline Bryson, instructional coordinator for the city schools; Mrs. Connie Plunkett, who recalled her work in President Carter's campaign; Earl Carlyon, who demonstrated some of the Sun Products; Harold McWhorter, who sang and played the piano; hospital administrator Jim Giffin; the Reverend Howard Benson, who spoke on "retirement"; Dr. Jack Crews, Dr. Roger Rossomondo, and Dr. Richard Colditz, all of whom spoke on medical problems; local Rotarian Steve Andre, who had participated in the "family exchange" program in Germany; biology professor Robert England of WGC; and Coaches Charles Grisham and Roger Kaiser.

Outstanding speakers from elsewhere were Bert Lance, banker and later budget director under President



Carter; John Moore, WSB radio announcer; Judge Joseph C. Jackson of the Coweta Circuit; Dr. John Hooper, vice chancellor of the University System; Grady Baker, Jr., senior vice president of Georgia Power Company; Sergeant Ed Tanner of the Georgia State Patrol; Mrs. Saralyn Oberdorfer of the State Department of Education, who explained "competency-based education"; and Ray Moore, former TV newsman and at that time public relations director for the Shenandoah development in Coweta County.

To celebrate the bicentennial, the club entered a float in the special July 4 parade. The Christmas party of 1976 featured the Tabernacle Baptist Church Puppeteers. Tapestries on which to attach banners that members receive when visiting other clubs were prepared by Steve André and thereafter displayed at all meetings.

During 1976-77, Carrollton Rotary nominated two college seniors for Rotary Foundation Fellowships, although they were not among the finalists. The Club's nominee for a year's study in West Germany sponsored by German District 150--Jesse Burbage--was selected by District 690 for the program.

Tracy Stallings, director of college relations at West Georgia and later Carrollton mayor, was installed as president in July 1977. The other officers were Jim Mathews, vice president; Neal Ballew, secretary; Dennard Davis, treasurer; Bill Seaton, sergeant-at-arms; and David Bruner, assistant. Newly-elected directors were Lawrence Alligood, Richard Dangle, and Sumner Long.

The year was one of innovations. Instead of auctioning the beef as had been the practice since Hill Seaton began the tradition nearly twenty years before, members were all assessed twenty-five dollars and names drawn for the various cuts of meat. The club still made a nice profit, while paying a premium price for the steer to a young cattle grower. For the Christmas party, Rotarians and Rotary Anns boarded chartered buses for Atlanta to eat and view the musical "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off" at the Midnight Sun Dinner Theater. Two Ladies' Day noon programs were held, one with Mary Beth Busbee, wife of Georgia Governor George Busbee, as the speaker. A Children's Night program was also

revived, and on May 30, 1978, the regular Tuesday meeting was held at Georgia Power Company's Camp Wansley, where after a barbeque lunch everyone toured the plant.

The majority of the regular programs of 1977-78 involved local personalities. Among them were city manager Dudley Crosson, Mrs. Mark Miller, a registered dietician; Dr. Charles Wilson of the First United Methodist Church; Coaches Charles Grisham and Roger Kaiser; Rotarian Earl Carlyon again on the subject of Sun Products; Carrollton High singers under the direction of Brenda Sue Knapp; Dr. John Hudson on preventing heart attacks; Dr. Carl Quertermus of West Georgia on fish in Lake Carroll; Rotarian H. M. Fulbright on the Governor's Task Force on Education and again on the city bond referendum for education; Rotary Ann Kathy Coe, soprano, accompanied by Rotarian Bob Coe; Senator Lamar Plunkett; Bob Townley in a speech about gunfighters of the old West; and Roy Richards, who told the "Southwire story."

Prominent out-of-towners included Willys Johnson, vice president of the Trust Company of Georgia; Dr. Charles McDaniel, state school superintendent; Dan Daves, an executive with Southern Bell; Ben Wiggins of the Georgia Public Service Commission; and Lee Harty, executive director of the Chattahoochee-Flint Planning and Development Commission.

Carrollton's nominee for a summer scholarship to the University of Oslo provided by the Rotary Clubs of Norway was the Georgia winner. He was WGC senior Thomas W. Sills III, son of a former Rotarian.

For 1978-79 Dennard Davis, longtime Carrollton veterinarian, was chosen president; Tracy Stallings was vice president, Bill Seaton treasurer, Tom Rankin sergeant-at-arms, and Jay Cain assistant. Neal Ballew was secretary for the third year, and new directors were Earl Carlyon, Richard Colditz, and Richard Galvin.

The varied and lively programs of 1978-79 included talks by Ralph Murphy of NASA on solar energy experiments; Ed Daugherty, a landscape architect who told about redesigning downtown Marietta; Dr. Zbigniew Czczot, a professor at the University of Warsaw, who

examined the relation of church and state in Poland; Braswell D. Deen, justice of the Georgia Court of Appeals; Hollis L. Harris, senior vice president for passenger service, Delta Air Lines; Congressman Newt Gingrich; Bowdon Mayor Dave Barrow; and Coach Bobby Dodd.

Among the local speakers were Rotarians Stanley Parkman on the history of Carroll Publishing Company, Dudley Crosson on the "state of the city," Kip Carter on the cotton waste business, Dr. John T. Lewis on changes in higher education, Lawton Howell on Europe from a resident's perspective, and the Reverend Charles Wilson. Other local persons presenting programs were Jesse Burbage, who had just returned from a year in Germany as a Rotary student; Brenda Sue Knapp in two appearances with musical groups from Carrollton High; Dr. Phil Astin, who gave a "medical tour" of the Soviet Union; attorney Tommy Greer, who described his appearance before the U.S. Supreme Court; Mrs. Barbara Billert and a group of award-winning speech students from Oak Mountain Academy; Joan Flanders on the Carroll Crisis Intervention Center; and Coaches Charles Grisham and Roger Kaiser.

Speakers from West Georgia College included Dr. Mel Steely on Hitler, Floyd Hoskins on China, Dr. Bobby Powell on the Star of Bethlehem, Inge Lundeen and a group from the Opera Workshop, Dr. Frank Hunsicker on "Leadership Styles for the Eighties," Dr. Ernie Page on wine, and Dr. John Upchurch on satellites.

Again the Christmas party was held in Atlanta, this year at the Harlequin Dinner Theater, which featured the musical Carnival. The Ladies' Day audience heard Dr. Georgia Martin and several foreign students from WGC. The Fourth of July picnic was held at Fairfield Plantation.

For 1978-79 the scrapbook had a new format, designed and produced by Jay Cain. It was a printed brochure containing pictures of all Rotarians and most of the year's speakers as well as snapshots of club activities.

## THE FIFTH DECADE: REVITALIZATION

Opening its fifth decade in July of 1979, Carrollton Rotary began to pass the leadership to younger man, who would guide the club into new and exciting avenues of service during the 1980s. Officers for 1979-80 were Neal Ballew, music store owner, president; Dennard Davis, vice president; Bill Seaton, president-elect (a new position mandated by Rotary International) and secretary; David Bruner, treasurer; and Dan Chance, sergeant-at-arms. Bruce Lyon, Steve McCutcheon, and Fred Witherington were newly-elected directors.

President Ballew revived the practice of holding monthly board meetings rather than calling them as business came up--a move which facilitated more efficient club operations. To keep everyone informed, minutes of all meetings were published in The Spokesman.

A new humanitarian project, organized by Kip Carter, was the co-sponsorship of a Vietnamese refugee family to be relocated in Carrollton. Two Paul Harris Fellows were named: Lamar Plunkett, sponsored by his family, and Tom Martin, sponsored by the club. One thousand dollars were contributed to the Rotary Foundation in the name of each.

Special programs were frequent during 1979-80. There were three Ladies' Day meetings, a special Secretaries' Day program featuring Mrs. Connie Plunkett, and a kids' night with Magician Mark Zirpoli. The Independence Day picnic was again held at Fairfield Plantation, and the Christmas party was entertained by humorist Lewis Grizzard, followed by a dance featuring the Carrollton High School Stage Band.

The cost of meals was raised to \$4.20 per person and would thereafter consist of "one hard meat and three vegetables or two soft meats and two vegetables." Sunset Hills Country Club promised roast beef once a month.

Prominent out-of-town speakers during the year included Congressmen Dawson Mathis of Albany, Larry McDonald, and Newt Gingrich; Dr. Tim Ryle, director of the state Office of Consumer Affairs; State Representative Charles Thomas; Hal Suit, Channel 11 newsman; and the Reverend Bill Tyson, former local Methodist minister and then director of Urban Action,

Inc., in Atlanta.

Special programs by local Rotarians on their vocations were interspersed throughout the year. Speakers were Al Parsons, Gene Gullede, Bob Stone, Dick Plunkett, Dudley Crosson, Jim Adams, Gary Bullock, Mayor Tracy Stallings, and Dr. Maurice Townsend. Other program participants from Carrollton included Dr. Jimmy Stokes, WGC chemistry professor, discussing drugs and medicine and considering prospects for reviving college football; Dr. Joel Auble with his "philosophy in song"; Professor Henry Setter on "Habit Focus," a commentary on visual laziness; Dr. William Shank and the WGC brass ensemble; Dr. Roger Rossomondo on plans for the July Fourth "people's parade"; hospital administrator Jim Giffin, and Coaches Charles Grisham and Roger Kaiser.

The youngest man yet to become president of Carrollton Rotary took office in July 1980--William C. (Bill) Seaton, age 33, who was also the son of a former president (Hill Seaton, 1964-65). This was only the second time in the history of the club that the son of a past president was elected president (the other pair was James H. Griffin, 1945-46, and James H. Griffin, Jr., 1960-61).

Other officers for 1980-81 were Vice President Neal Ballew, President-Elect and Secretary Bruce Lyon, Treasurer Howard Jones, and Sergeant-at-Arms Norman Banks. Newly elected directors were Bob Newell, Peter Worthy, and Kip Carter.

As in the preceding year, a number of Rotarians were requested to present programs on their vocations and avocations. Among these were Dr. David Bruner on orthodontia, Jim Giffin on plans to complete the third floor of Tanner Memorial Hospital, Tommy Green on "the new right" and its influence on national affairs, John Huffard on Southwire's production facilities in Venezuela, Bob Thorburn on mind-reading, Tom Rankin showing a film on local hospital services, Chester Roush on his trip to China, Alex Roush on the architectural history of Carroll County, and City Manager Dudley Crosson.

Other local speakers included Joe Kroll of CBS Records on progress at the local plant, Coach Bobby Pate on organizing a football program at West Georgia, WGC



Director of Libraries Charles Beard, Shirley Duncan of the Racquet Club on physical fitness, Dr. Don Wells with some political prognostications, Dr. Bobby Powell on "Frontiers in Astronomy," Dr. Richard Sanders on Mount St. Helens, Dr. Thomas Ballard of the Presbyterian Church, and Representative Gerald Johnson. George Mann, WGC pianist, returned for a musical program.

Memorable programs were presented by the following out-of-towners: Grady Baker, vice president of Georgia Power; Dr. Keith Sykes, a veterinarian, who spoke on the state epidemiology program; Dr. O. W. Childs, a poultry scientist, who discussed the impact of the poultry industry; Dr. Marvin Cole of DeKalb Junior College, who imitated Mark Twain and recited his works; Joe Frank Harris, chairman of the Georgia House Appropriations Committee; David Boyd, a Newnan cartoonist, who demonstrated how he portrayed political figures; Jack Watson, the former secretary to the cabinet of President Jimmy Carter; and State Senator Wayne Garner.

The 1980 Christmas dinner featured Ludlow Porch, a radio talk show host and humorist, and Ladies' Day programs were given by Dr. Don Crawford of WGC on "collectables" and art professor Bruce Bobick and several of his students. The Kids' Night group was entertained by the Tabernacle Baptist Puppeteers. Because the previous Fourth of July picnic was attended by so few, the directors voted not to hold the event in 1981.

The Rotary Information and Public Relations Committees were responsible for a 20-page tabloid on the local club (highlighting history and membership), which was included in the Times-Georgian for March 28, 1981. A large highway billboard, on which was featured the Four-Way Test, was loaned to the club by Tri-County Insurance. In order to avoid another fund-raising project, the directors raised the annual assessment for beef to \$50.

Two Paul Harris fellows were named in February--past president Hill Seaton, as the result of contributions to the Rotary Foundation by his children, and current president Bill Seaton, on the basis of his father's contribution. These contributions brought the Carrollton Club to the 800 per cent level of Foundation



support.

Bruce Lyon, dean of Student Services at West Georgia College, became president in July 1981. He was assisted by Bill Seaton, vice president; Fred Witherington, president-elect; Norman Banks, secretary; Peter Worthy, treasurer; and John T. Lewis, sergeant-at-arms. New directors were Alex Roush, Dick Plunkett, and H. M. Fulbright.

During 1981-82 the club undertook a new on-going project, which would accomplish several aims: render service to youth, provide community entertainment, and ultimately produce revenue. This was the Miss Carroll-Carrollton beauty pageant, which had been held only on a sporadic basis under various auspices before Rotary assumed direction. Initiated and supervised by H. M. Fulbright and a select committee, the Rotary pageant received official endorsement from the Miss Georgia-Miss America organization and was held on February 26, 1982, at the Carrollton High School auditorium. Beverly McBrayer, a West Georgia student from Bremen, was the first winner.

Prominent out-of-town speakers of 1981-82 were Wayne Hodges, a former Carrollton resident who had become associate director of the Georgia Tech Advanced Technology Center; Dr. Tal DuVal, another former resident, now director of the Georgia Extension Service in Athens; Alpha Fowler, president of the Georgia Savings and Loan League; Dr. Stephen Chesier, new president of Southern Technical Institute in Marietta; Jesse Outlar, sports editor of the Atlanta Constitution; Johnnie L. Caldwell, comptroller-general of Georgia; Joe Huey, chief of the Atlanta bureau of the Wall Street Journal; Representative Charles Thomas; William V. Nutt, a memory expert; Georgia Secretary of State David Poythress; and Bill Lomason, who had been in Israel at the time Anwar Sadat was assassinated in Egypt.

The majority of the programs were of local origin and included presentations by Dr. Allan Rankin, director of the dialysis center in Carrollton; Pate Bridges, superintendent of Tanner State Park; Joe Cumming, newspaper columnist, former Newsweek writer, and a journalism teacher at WGC; County Agent Carl Brack;

Angie Cook from the Neva Lomason Library; Dr. Frank Hunsicker on defense challenges in the 1980s; WGC football coach Bobby Pate in a seasonal preview; basketball coach Roger Kaiser; and Floyd Hoskins on "world terrorism" and again on Australian "coast watchers" during World War II.

Local Rotarians were also featured frequently, including Tim Jones on innovations in business communications; Sumner Long on the "geology of Georgia"; Jim Mathews on literary research as "detective work"; Tracy Stallings on the Downtown Development Authority; Chester Roush in his position as a line trustee of the Georgia Rotary Student Fund; Dan Chance on IRAs; the Reverend Hal Brady; Bob Cherry showing slides of Mount St. Helens; and Jim Giffin on the new CT scanner at Tanner Memorial Hospital.

The annual beef sale was again modified, becoming in reality a "beefless sale." From the fifty-dollar per member assessment, the steer was purchased from a young cattle grower and re-sold immediately. Although a small initial loss resulted, the club still made a nice profit by eliminating processing costs.

Another local Paul Harris Fellow was designated when Honorary Rotarian Lamar Plunkett contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in the name of his son, Rotarian Dick Plunkett.

At the Christmas party, dramatic and musical skits were performed by Susan King and Barry King, Ladies' Day featured a men's fashion show directed by Charles Willis, and Kids' Night had an old Gene Autry movie as entertainment.

All Carrollton, and especially Rotarians, were saddened by the December passing of Carrollton Rotary's first president, Irvine S. Ingram, at the age of 89.

Fred Witherington, district manager of Georgia Power Company and former president of the Austell, Georgia, Rotary Club, advanced to the presidency in July 1982. The other officers were H. M. Fulbright, president-elect; Bruce Lyon, vice president; Gary Bullock, secretary; Barry Sears, treasurer; and Norman Banks, sergeant-at-arms. Peter Worthy, Tommy Vance, and Norm Latshaw were the new directors.

During 1982-83 Carrollton Rotary was honored to provide its second district governor--A. J. (Steve) André, who had been club president in 1966-67 and over the years had served District 690 in several official capacities. André was the last governor of District 690 (from 1949 until 1957, District 240) as it was constituted when Georgia had only two districts. Beginning in July 1983 Georgia would be divided into three districts: 691 in the north, 690 in the southwest, including Carrollton and Atlanta, and 692 in the southeast.

April 5, 1983, was a very special occasion; on that date six past and present "industrial giants" of the West Georgia area were honored: Asa G. Candler of Coca-Cola, Samuel C. Dodd of Coca-Cola, Arthur Acklin of Coca-Cola, Warren P. Sewell, Sr., of Warren Sewell Clothing Company, Roy Richards of Southwire, and D. W. Brooks of Goldkist. Atlanta historian Franklin P. Garrett gave the principal address, and following the Rotary meeting, a plaque was unveiled at the Carroll County Courthouse in a ceremony in which many local political and business leaders participated.

Other special events were a Kids' Night, for which the Oak Mountain players performed scenes from Annie; a Ladies' Day, with a fashion show using Rotarians and Rotary Anns as models; Secretaries' Day, also featuring a fashion show, sponsored by Belk's; and a Past Presidents Recognition Day, during which past presidents were given special badges to be worn at meetings. For the Christmas party, a vocal sextet of Rotarians and Rotary Anns presented Christmas songs symbolizing Rotary around the world. Singers were Kathy Coe, Susan Lenaeus, Liz Mathews, Susan Roush, Parks Burton, Jim Mathews, Earl Reaves, and Alex Roush. Bob Coe directed, and Ben Griffith wrote the commentary, which was read by Tom Glanton.

Memorable speeches given by out-of-towners during 1982-83 included those by Mac McWhorter, former Villa Rica football coach, later assistant coach and recruiter at Georgia Tech; Harold Northrup, executive director of Callaway Gardens; Joe D. Tanner, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; the Reverend Charles Wilson, at that time minister of the Sandy

Springs Methodist Church; Archie Crane, Atlanta Area Boy Scout executive, who awarded the Rotary Club a Sustaining Membership plaque in recognition of the club's contributions to the Boy Scouts; Dan Atkinson, WSB-TV weekend weatherman; and State School Superintendent Charles McDaniel.

Local persons speaking included Dr. Steve Hanser on military strategy; Forest Wheeler, Carrollton High principal; Dr. Charles Hubbard showing films on arthroscopic surgery; Floyd Hoskins on the nuclear arms freeze; Dr. Douglas Hilt on contemporary problems of Germany; District Attorney Art Mallory; and the Reverend Brantley Harwell. Dr. Jonathan Goldstein and Rotarian Carter Wright spoke and showed slides on Russia, and members of the Carroll Sheriff's Department demonstrated the use of a dog in drug investigations. WGC baseball coach Archie White previewed his team, and Coach Bobby Pate spoke twice. On the second occasion Pate was inducted as an Honorary Rotarian. Other Rotarians speaking were Dudley Crosson, John T. Lewis, Barry Sears, Dick Plunkett, Siegfried Karsten, and Parks Burton.

Musical programs were presented by Dr. Irving deGaris and a bluegrass band, Don Hall and the CHS dance band, and Harold McWhorter, a composer, pianist, and vocalist.

The second Rotary-sponsored Miss Carroll-Carrollton beauty pageant took place on March 11, 1983, with Susan Matthews, a West Georgia student from Bowdon, emerging the winner.

The 1983-84 officers were H. M. Fulbright, president; Fred Witherington, vice president; Gary Bullock, president-elect; Bob Stone, secretary; Barry Sears, treasurer; and Norman Banks, sergeant-at-arms. Fulbright was a former superintendent of Carrollton city schools and at the time of his presidency was executive director of the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders. New directors for the year were Tom Martin, David Fox, and Charles Willis.

Some of the outstanding out-of-town speakers were Rachael Styles, a Bowdon native, who was secretary to Ted Turner; Roy Crook, division manager of Plantation

Pipeline; Anne Marie Huybrechts, languages professor from Brussels, Belgium; George Berry, director of the Georgia Industry and Trade Council; Leamon Bennett, former coach of the Atlanta Falcons; Harold N. Nestroy, German consul general in Atlanta; Tommy Irvin, Georgia commissioner of agriculture; Alama Shepherd of the Shepherd Spinal Clinic in Atlanta; Dr. Kirbey Godsey, president of Mercer University; Wayne Hodges of the Georgia Tech Advanced Technology Development Center; and State Senator Wayne Garner.

Rotarians were treated to music several times during 1983-84. These programs included two appearances by Brenda Sue Knapp and Carrollton High singers; Phyllis Head, local singer and dancer, assisted by David Bryson; Kelli Bullock, another local singer, who was joined by President Fulbright in three numbers; Dr. Joel Auble, guitarist and vocalist; Inge Lundeen and a group of students from the WGC Opera Workshop in excerpts from Don Pasquale.

Local speakers included Bruce Betterton of Southwire's Copper Division; Rotarian George Walker on interesting place names: Dean Brown, Southwire vice president for marketing; Jeanne Mecklin, TMH public relations director, explaining the program of patient services called "Tanner Loving Care". Dr. Martha Ann Saunders, representing the League of Women Voters and explaining alternatives to the single county commissioner; Henry Setter on Salvadore Dali; Jim Giffin; Dr. Timothy Chowns of the WGC Geology Department; and Coach Bobby Pate.

Rotarian Chester Roush spoke twice: first, on his experiences aboard a submarine during World War II (a reprise of a talk first made to the club in 1955) and, second, on his recent reunion in the Far East with the original submarine crew. Rotarian Jim Griffin presented a videotape on Southwire, including the New York dinner at which Roy Richards received the award as "Copperman of the Year." On June 12, to commemorate the 45th anniversary of Carrollton Rotary, Jim Mathews presented a program on the history of the club. He announced plans to publish the history in booklet form within the next six months.



Those present at Kids' Night were entertained by Walt Disney's Song of the South, Secretaries' Day featured Barbara Gervais, administrative assistant to Georgia Secretary of State Max Cleland, and a Ladies' Day gathering heard vocalist Beth Borders, a Carrolltonian and a student at Samford University. Entertainment at the Christmas party was provided by Tammy Fulwider, Miss Georgia of 1983, and two members of Lake Gunaluska Singers, Sara Smith and Ron Whittemore.

A. J. (Steve) André, immediate past district governor, was honored by being designated a Paul Harris Fellow in February 1984, bringing the Carrollton club to 900 per cent in contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

In the third annual Miss Carroll-Carrollton pageant on March 9, 1984, the winner was Vicki Foster, a University of Georgia student from Bowdon.

At the end of April 1984, President Fulbright announced that membership had grown to 105, making Carrollton the eighth largest club in District 690. For its membership development the club received a special citation from Rotary International.

## APPENDIX A

## Carrollton Rotary Club Presidents

I. S. Ingram	1939-40	Jack Burns	1962-63
Tom Luck	1940-41	E. H. Hearn, Jr.	1963-64
Pomp Shaefer	1941-42	H. C. Seaton	1964-65
L. Jeff Brock	1942-43	Thos. L. Martin	1965-66
L. M. King	1943-44	Frank Searcy, Jr.	1966-67
Frank M. Kimble	1944-45	A. J. André	1967-68
James H. Griffin	1945-46	Hugh Maddox	1968-69
J. R. Newell	1946-47	John J. Pershing	1969-70
J. C. Harris	1947-48	A. H. Parsons	1970-71
J. A. Aycock	1948-49	Theron Jennings	1971-72
Howard L. Rinn	1949-50	Parks Burton	1972-73
Shirley C. Boykin	1950-51	James C. Lowry	1973-74
Wm. Clyde Sampler	1951-52	J. T. Ford	1974-75
Thos. E. Fitzgerald	1952-53	John C. Huffard	1975-76
Ned T. Blackman	1953-54	James W. Mathews	1976-77
Stanley Parkman	1954-55	Tracy Stallings	1977-78
Simpson Carter	1955-56	Dennard Davis	1978-79
John W. Fountain	1956-57	Neal Ballew	1979-80
MacGregor Flanders	1957-58	William Seaton	1980-81
Whitley Morris	1958-59	Bruce Lyon	1981-82
L. C. McMillan	1959-60	Fred Witherington	1982-83
James H. Griffin, Jr.	1960-61	H. M. Fulbright	1983-84
Chester A. Roush	1961-62	Gary Bullock	1984-85

## APPENDIX B

Foreign Students Aided by Carrollton Rotary in the  
Georgia Rotary Student Program

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>
1951-52	Rene W. Boom	The Neatherlands
1953-54	Chhaya Rudra	India
1959-60	Antti Saarinen	Finland
1960-61	Ketil Natvik	Norway
1961-62	Hakon Olafsson	Iceland
1962-63	Ramon Garcia	Mexico
1963-64	Christopher S. J. Metcalf	England
1964-65	Mitsuko Oda	Japan
1965-66	Alison Hunt	Southern Rhodesia
1966-67	Viktor Rhomberg	Austria
1967-68	Antenor A. M. Bocca	Brazil
1968-69	Christina De Souep	India
1969-70	Ada Ben-Bassat	Israel
1970-71	Chihiro Matsura	Japan
1971-72	Stein Sollid	Norway
1972-73	Robert Dareau	France
1973-74	Carita Lindholm	Finland
1974-75	Sirpa Lehtomaki	Finland
1975-76	Monika Amelsberg	West Germany
1976-77	Takako Tetsumi	Japan
1977-78	Elizabeth Mary Whyte	New Zealand
1978-79	Peter Lund Fransden	Denmark
1979-80	Nelio Borges	Brazil
1980-81	Glenys Ridley	New Zealand
1981-82	Axel Franzen	West Germany
1982-83	Annetta Raubler	West Germany
1983-84	Maria Hadjitofi	Cyprus
1984-85	Kristen Klausen	Norway

APPENDIX C

Paul Harris Fellows of the Carrollton Rotary Club

Irvine S. Ingram

Tom Martin

Lamar Plunkett

Hill Seaton

Bill Seaton

Dick Plunkett

Tom Martin

A. J. (Steve) André