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**WILLIAM E. WALK, JR.**

William E. Walk, Jr., a Rotarian since 1948, is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Ontario, California. He has served Rotary International as first vice-president, director, district governor, committee member and chairman, convention parliamentarian, and trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He was chairman of the Public Relations Committee for 1968-69.

Rotarian Walk was born in Covington, Tennessee. He received degrees of AB, LLB, and JD from the University of Southern California. He is a senior partner in the law firm of Walk, Eitchason, Davidson and Liesch, and a director and trust chairman of the banking system of the First National Bank and Trust Company, head office, Ontario, California.

He is past president of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association, a member of the Grievance Committee of the National California State Bar Association and a member of the National



**GEORGE R. MEANS**

George R. Means of Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A., is general secretary of Rotary International, which is composed of more than 14,569 Rotary clubs in 149 countries and geographical regions on six continents with a membership of 689,250 business and professional executives. Since he became a member of the Rotary headquarters staff in 1935, he has held various assignments, including those of convention manager, head of the former Middle Asia office in Bombay, India, and assistant general secretary.

Mr. Means was born in Bloomington, Illinois. He was graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor of education degree, and from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, with a master of arts degree. Prior to joining the staff of Rotary International, he was engaged in map editing and map publishing. He is a founder member of Gamma Theta Upsilon, national (U.S.) professional geographic fraternity, and he is a Fellow of the American Geographical Society. A Rotarian since 1932, he is



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Following boards: the board of advisors of the San Antonio Community Hospital, a trustee of the blood bank of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, trustee and president of the Ontario Cemetery Association. He also has served as a director of the Upland (California) College, a member of advisory committee (Reach Program) University of Redlands, a member of the board and president of the Ontario-Montclair School District, a trustee of the Visiting Nurses Association of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, a director of the United Fund, district committeeman of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Planning Commission of the City of Ontario.

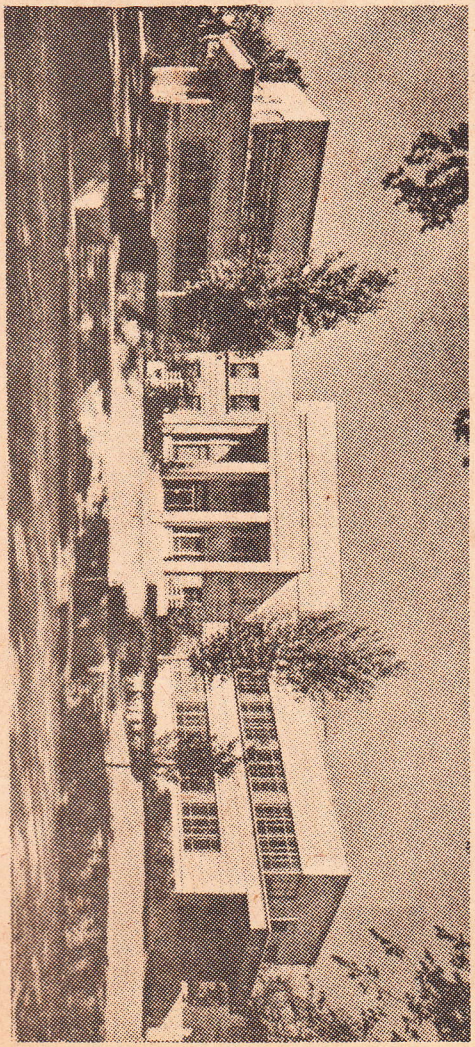
He is affiliated with the Assumption Abbey and Brookside Winery, Benedictine Brothers Brandy Industry, and is on the board of directors of Best Tile, Inc. He also served as a commander in the United States Navy.

"I think I became, in essence, a Rotarian in high school," Bill says. "I was taking a public speaking course and they had a contest called the *Crombie Allen Rotary Peace Contest*. First prize was \$25.00. So I studied and researched everything I could find about Rotary, wrote a speech, and was successful. But more important, I read so much about Rotary and its programs that while still in high school I was determined to some day become a Rotarian."

Bill has indeed become a Rotarian.



# Rotary International Headquarters In Evanston Now A World Center



Rotary International Headquarters Building, 1600 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. A 34-inch Rotary wheel cast of metal and polished to a rich luster hangs over the doorway.

a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston, Illinois. He is an honorary member of the Rotary Clubs of Bloomington, Illinois; Tokyo, Japan, and Osaka, Japan. Rikkyo University in Tokyo and Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington have conferred upon him the degree of doctor of humanities, and he has been decorated with the Chilean Order of Merit and the French Legion of Honor. He is a member of the Associates of Illinois Wesleyan University, and a member-at-large of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

During World War II, Mr. Means served with the U.S. Navy as a commander. He has traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, North and South America, and Australia and New Zealand.



# I Remember When ---- by Rotarians



Arnet Garlinghouse

to my years in Charlotte, service in Rotary and to my retirement will always be remembered by me."

"In my Rotary file I found the following poem written by Rotarian Edgar Guest for the 50th Anniversary of the Detroit Club of which he was a member. This poem is equally apopos for the 50th. Anniversary of our Charlotte Club.

Arnet Garlinghouse

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The Spirit of Rotary

A better world, to make it so  
Came Rotary fifty years ago - -  
It quickly spread from land to land  
To serve the Brotherhood of Man.  
Now round about this troubled earth  
Men meet, as we, to mark its birth.

There will be laughter, speech and song,  
But these could not have lived so long  
If these were all men sought at noon  
Then Rotary would have perished soon.  
For merry song and laughter gay  
And even speech must fade away.

What is it lives through fifty years  
And strong and youthful still appears?  
Not men, for worn by pain and strife  
They drop the working tools of life  
And all the burdens they have borne,  
Leaving us here for them to mourn.

Men for a little while are missed,  
But dreams and hopes will still exist.

Triumphant over loss and gain  
Sreaddrast the spirit will remain.  
After the strength of flesh has gone  
The will for what is best lives on.

Deathless are these: the dream to build  
A world with peace and beauty filled;  
Belief in God; the Rotary plan  
That seeks the Brotherhood of Man.  
A love of freedom and of truth,  
All these have everlasting youth.

This is a better world than when  
First met that group of friendly men,  
Tho old they grew, their dream appears  
More glorious after 50 years  
The Rotary spirit of today  
Will still be young, let come what may.

Edgar A. Guest

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"What I can remember of my term of office in 1940-41 is not very much, I am afraid. As a 32 year old chief officer I had a lot to learn. That I recall well enough. Reg Smith of Albion was District Governor and he encouraged me in my interest in having an inter-city meeting with Albion, Grand Ledge, Hastings, and Marshall being involved."

Russ McConnell

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"The club met in the basement of the Carnes Tavern (Carnes Hotel) where when you

stood up your head was right against the ceiling, and the meals were so-so. In fact the meals were prepared on the floor above and lugged down to the basement meeting room. The biggest thing I remember was the 'Changing of the Guard' at the end of my year as President. As was the usual custom in those days this ceremony was made an occasion for celebration and was held at one of the member's cottages at Duck Lake with a picnic supper and all the trimmings. In 1942 it was held at the Beechler cottage on Tuesday, June 30, and to the usual festivities was added a 'going-away' party for the outgoing president who was to leave on Saturday, July 4 for Fort Leonard Wood and the start of over three years service in World War II."

Dr. Phil Brown

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"The head table was where it is now, but with fewer members, sometimes there were only a few at the head table. The rougher element felt safe on the south side of the south table. So one Tuesday I quietly tipped down a chair in the center on that side of the table. When the meeting was called and everyone was in their place, I picked up the bell and gavel and the guys found themselves at the head table. Their first thought was to move, but finally they accepted their

defeat."

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Dr. C.A. Snyder

"We secured Kate Dell to cook our weekly luncheons and moved from the Carnes Hotel to the Masonic Temple during the year I was president in 1943-44. I recall several members of the Board of Directors were concerned about this move, fearful that these arrangements would be only temporary. Kate herself didn't want to think of the arrangements as anything other than temporary. Evidently those 'temporary' arrangements stretched at bit!"

Harlan McCall

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"When I left Charlotte to move to Florida there was a farewell luncheon staged by Al Cudney and at my plate was a gallon bottle of SIATICO. Alton Vance was the president that year, 1953, and he asked if I would again recite to the club members just what SIATICO was good for. My reply was as follows: 'SIATICO is good for rips, stabs, gouges, cuts, burns, bruises, female diseases, warts, corns, callouses, and blemishes on your focus; besides being good for 2600 dollars per annum.' Cudney asked me to demonstrate by drinking some of it."

Bob Collins

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"During one summer, I think it was while Paul Bond was president, a project was thought up to raise some money. It was decided to serve just bread and milk for our luncheon, pay the regular charge for it and use the money saved for the project. All went well for a few weeks. Then on a very hot meeting day we had sat down and found the milk had soured. That was the last of that 'Fund Raising Project'."

The day in September 1958 by Darrel Johnson then president, as 'Garlinghouse Day' in Rotary paying tribute

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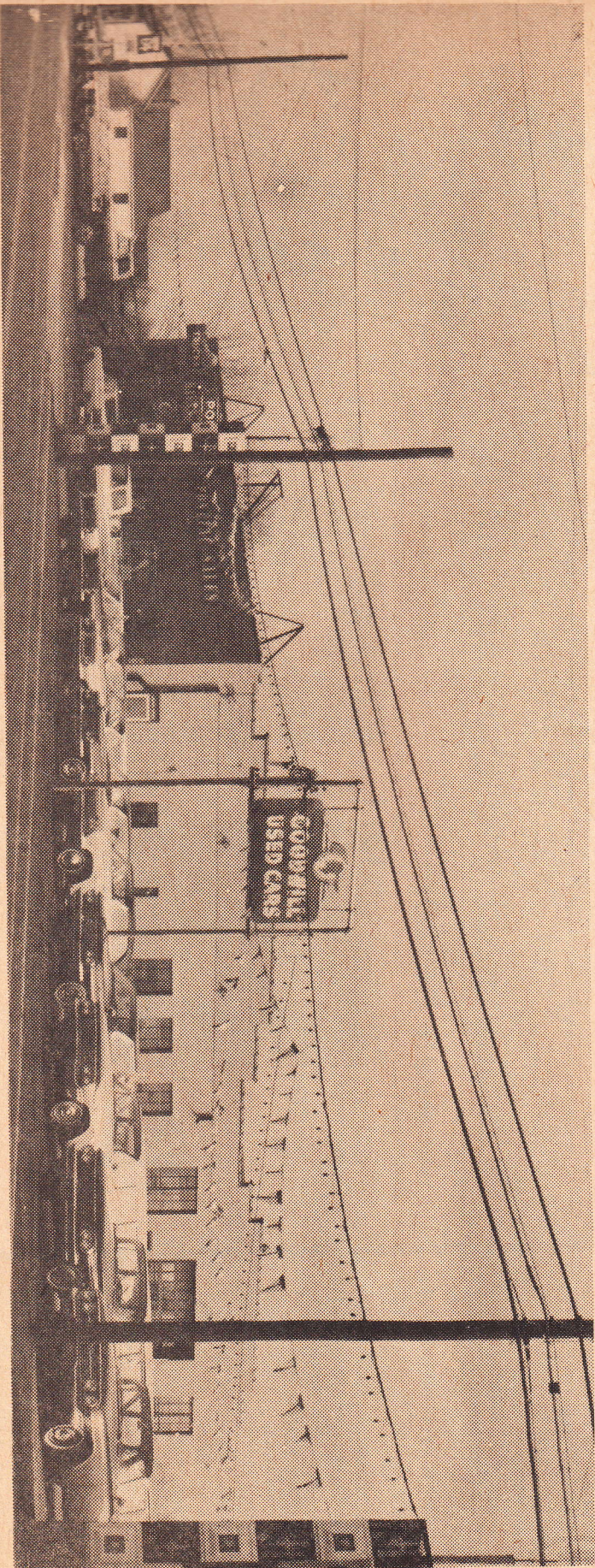
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# The Charity Ball

During the depression years of the early thirties, the Rotary Club participated in several projects to assist in the welfare needs of the community and vicinity with the month of January 1932 being a particularly active one in this respect, which ended with a Charity Ball at the Temple.

At the suggestion of Earl McGrath, the regular meeting of Jan. 7th, was programmed "for the consideration of the matter of public welfare for Charlotte and vicinity." Guests of Rotarians who participated in the discussions were: Ernest G. Davids, Welfare Superintendent; Mrs. Margaret Bangs, Sunshine Club President; Mrs. Gertrude Bohn, Sunshine Club Secretary and secretary of the local Tuberculosis Association; Mrs. Byron Brown, Altruistic Club secretary; Capt. Legg of the Salvation Army; A.C. Puttbrese of the American Legion; Probate Court Judge Ralph Stine; and Clark Rudesill, of the Christmas Kiddies Committee. M.H. DeFoe also spoke at the meeting which was conducted by Burt Collins.

Guests at the next meeting on January 14 were Mrs. Margaret Bangs, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Bohn and Mrs. Krusen, who reported on "the results of their survey of the several wards of the city, telling of some of their experiences with the needy and negligent of the community."

Paul Bond reported the action taken by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors in designating Friday evening, January 29, as a day for a Charity Ball to be held in the Masonic Temple for the purpose of raising funds for the Charlotte Welfare Fund to be used by the

packages jumped from three to twelve, and one Rotarian reported the loss of a package intended for the dry cleaner.

(The "Welfare" story, one of many appearing in the Republican Tribune during the four months preceding the Golden Anniversary Celebration in May 1971, prompted the following 'revealing' letter from a former Rotary Ann: "How well I remember my embarrassment when, during the depression, I volunteered as a dutiful Rotary Ann to collect clothing and shoes in the 4th Ward to be given to the Sunshine Club for distribution. My mistake was in doing so on a Monday. It was I who pilfered the laundry from the porches of several Rotarians, Dr. A. Moyer, Burt Collins and Lawrence Robinson, just to name a few. There were some very unhappy Rotarians! They were glad to help the needy but not to the extent of donating their best shirts. It took a bit of doing to get the clothes back to the rightful owners, but I didn't go to jail. I thought the incident had been forgotten until it appeared in the Republican-Tribune in "Rotary Flashbacks".)

Allan Moyer, chairman of the (Charity Ball) ticket committee, announced that the American Legion, the Sunshine Club, and the Lions had taken over three wards of the city for a house-to-house canvas for the sale of tickets. He stated that the Rotary Club had reserved to itself the fourth ward and asked for the appointment of a chairman to assign Rotarians to certain sections of this ward.

R.J. Hill, a guest of the club, gave several good suggestions for the management of the ball and

\$363.26, a substantial amount in those days.



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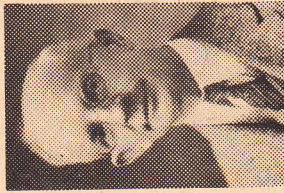
The final report for the month's activities showed that a nine-day drive brought in seven truck-loads of clothing; the ticket sales from the 'ward' canvas netted \$183.00; \$29.20 came from the sale of flowers and candy by the Sunshine Club, and \$150.36 was obtained from the "country store and other receipts" for a grand total of

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Charles B. Schroeder has the classification of Insurance and J. Wm. Webster is classified as Senior Active.

Clarence Longstreet, Executive Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors was formerly a member of the Middleville Rotary Club.

# The POWERS AGENCY



Joseph D.  
1908-1940



William F.  
1940-



David H.  
1971-

In 1908 Joe Powers started a Real Estate and Insurance Agency in the location now occupied by Sears, Roebuck Co. In 1916 he moved to the upstairs location over what is now Town Finance Co. When J. D. passed on in 1940 Bill Powers resigned his job as Charlotte City Clerk and continued the agency. In 1945 he moved to the present location at 107 W. Lovett in the Peters Circle.

David H. Powers, the third generation, is now a fulltime salesman in the Agency. David graduated from Charlotte High School, class of 1964, and spent three years in the U.S. Marine Corps. Worked in Milwaukee for a year and married a Wisconsin girl and now lives at Duck Lake. He attended the special insurance school at Michigan State University and received his license early in



suggestions were made in the interest of the Charity Ball project, and Burt Collins was appointed a committee of one to secure the cooperation in this project of the American Legion, the County Sheriff, the State Police, the United States Senate and the Supreme Court."

It was suggested that a drive be made for clothing and shoes, the same to be collected by the Rotarians and brought to the Community Rooms for distribution by the Sunshine Club. President Cash (Beechler) appointed Wesley Oldt and Ernest Chapelle to make assignments of Rotarians on this clothing drive.

At the next meeting on January 21 the "depression" was evident with this rather humorous entry: "President Cash appointed Wilson Geddes as the committee on "On To Seattle." Wilson having been re-elected as the President of the First National Bank during the preceding week, therefore, perhaps, being the only man in the club who might borrow enough fare money for the trip to Seattle. Wilson was so overwhelmed by the honor that he forgot to deposit the usual dollar in the Students Loan Fund on account of having been featured in the preceding issue of the Republican-Tribune."

Interesting reports were given by the chairmen of the ward drives for clothing, Lawrence Robinson, Fred Bohn, Paul Bond and Burt Collins. A committee was appointed to intercede with the village constable in behalf of certain members being accused of pilfering laundry packages from front porches. It was suggested that Rotarians thus losing laundry might select clothing of equal value from the storeroom. At this suggestion the number of

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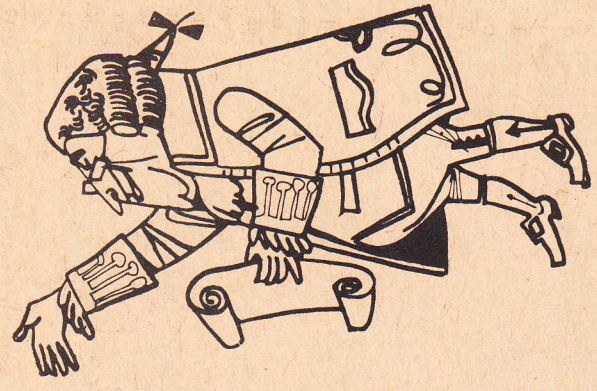
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# The Attendance Committee Will Be Looking for YOU, Next Week.....

*We have a few guys  
Who can take the prize  
For attendance at the meetings  
With their friendly weekly greetings;  
But over the years  
One sadly fears  
Our club's record is not enviable  
And some members not commendable.  
They come to eat  
Then quickly retreat;  
They think their time so valuable  
That their 60% is not 'tabular'.*



Glenn Preston, chairman of the Attendance Committee for 1970-71, says, "The Charlotte Rotary Club, over the years, has consistently had a high average level of attendance and we still do. This is good - but not good enough! We can not rest on our laurels, and each member should make a special effort to attend every meeting. So now, what better way could we celebrate our Golden Anniversary than to have a few 100% attendance weekly meetings?"



The attendance story would not be complete without H.A. Higby's article that appeared in THE ROTARIAN in June, 1923. 'Raysh' was our third president in 1924-25, and his article is as appropriate today as it was nearly 50 years ago. Following is a reprint from a copy of the original article.

only be in a position to do so, but he should feel obligated when he becomes a member. This matter was discussed at a district conference, and it was the consensus of opinion, endorsed by the Governor, that no matter how prominent or desirable a candidate may be, he should not be accepted if he is not always realize it, but at every meeting by contact with our fellow members and our guests, we absorb knowledge. How would a high-school student progress if he missed a week now and then?

When you miss a Rotary meeting, you miss a good luncheon, you miss the singing, you miss whatever program there may be. Is that all? It is not. In fact, these are the least of what you miss. You miss the Rotarian impulse to go out and do the Rotarian thing - to serve.

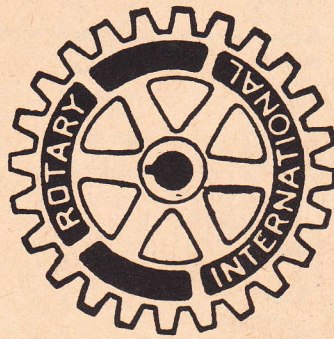
If Rotary only feeds our faces and tickles our ears and gives us the privilege to call some high-brow, "Bill", we are sorry Rotarians, indeed. If Rotary does not give us an impetus each week to go out and do what Rotary teaches us to do, we are not Rotarians at all, and the fault is not with Rotary but with ourselves and our club. If we do not attend, where are we to get this impetus?

The member who makes some sacrifice of time, money, desire or convenience to attend a meeting receives more benefit than one who can just as well go or not. He may get no more out of the meeting, but he profits by the sacrifice. The rich man who gives of his income, of which he has more than he needs, derives no benefit, because he denies himself nothing. A member of a Rotary Club who will not sacrifice something to fulfill his Rotary obligation as to attendance is a member of a Rotary club, and only that. He is not a Rotarian, and he never will be.

Therefore - "be ye there for lunch".



## A THOUGHT ON CHARLOTTE ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY



Years ago, a memorable scene transpired in the General Assembly of the United Nations. Speaking from the rostrum was a past president of the Rotary club of Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A. His subject was Korea; his words prophetic of the tragedy still in store for that unhappy nation. Waving in his hand a copy of Rotary's commentary on the United Nations Charter, he proclaimed the principle for settling this and any other international dispute: "Not who is right, but what is right."

So the late Ambassador Warren R. Austin struck at the roots of the vicious tensions which threaten the peace of mankind. For what nation, in all frankness, can claim that its policy and performance is governed always by what is right? National interest - "my country right or wrong" - too often



The necessity for regular attendance is based on an element which is fundamental in all accomplishment — continuity.

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All success is founded on regularity, dependability, continuity.

The Rotary meeting is the filling station where the Rotary spirit and enthusiasm are replenished. If we do not replenish ourselves at every opportunity, we run out of gas, we forget, we let things slip, we lose our grasp on the ideals of Rotary. We need a fresh viewpoint every luncheon day to carry us through the week. Some of us have rather small capacities and a weekly replenishment is absolutely necessary.

If a member misses one meeting out of four, he loses more than a fourth of the benefit. He loses the continuity and it takes him two or three meetings to get back where he was. He has to catch up, which is difficult when so much distance is lost.

Attendance is the first obligation placed on a Rotarian. If he attends only 80 per cent of the meetings he is an 80-per-cent Rotarian. In fact, he is less than that because he can not get 80 per cent of the benefit and the impulse by an 80-per-cent attendance, for he has lost the continuity, he is forever behind or trying to catch up.

I believe that no person should be elected to a Rotary Club who is not in a position to attend regularly. He should not

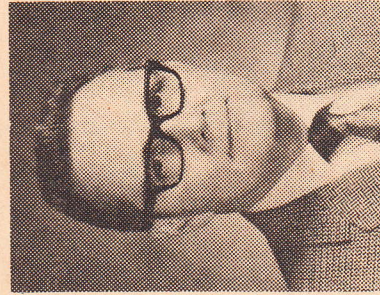
In this complicated world what is right may not be easily determined. There may be many viewpoints. Everything cannot be truly described in terms of black or white. The best we can hope for is an honest effort, a straightforward approach.

Rotarians have found helpful in their personal relations a simple device known as "The Four-Way Test." It invites them to measure everything they think, say or do by these four questions:

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- 3) Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Might it not be applied to the knotty problem of what is right in international relations also?



William Byland D.D.S.



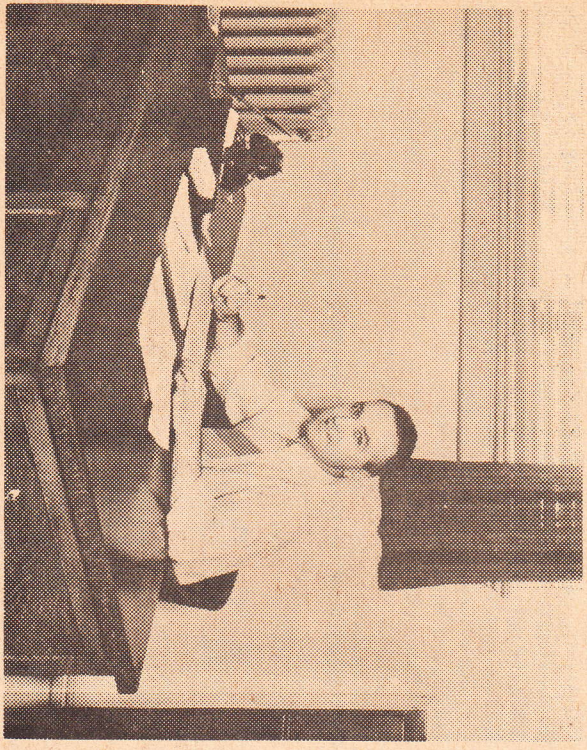
Herbert Reed D.D.S.



Robert Shidler D.D.S.



# 50 Years of Community Service An Envious Record



by Paul Bond

The Detroit Rotary Club sponsored the Charlotte Club, and the local guiding influence was Edward J. Elles (affectionately known as "EJ") who had a personal friend, Mr. William Graham, a member of the Detroit Rotary Club. Charlotte was chartered in April 1921, as Club No. 971. Today there are more than 14,500 Clubs - what a tremendous growth in these short fifty years.

Ed Elles was the first president of Charlotte Rotary Club and the only president to serve two full terms. He was followed by Murl (Doc) DeFoe, newspaper editor; H.A. (Raysn) Higby, furniture manufacturer; Wilson Geddes, custom tailor; Ernest Chapelle, public school superintendent; Earl McGee, newspaper

on.

In the late 1920's "EJ" because of health reasons found it necessary to resign from Rotary Club. He was missed greatly by his fellow Rotarians because he was such a progressive community leader. One specific proof of this fact was the hard work he did to get the Detroit Club to travel more than 100 miles to organize the Charlotte Club. (Travelling 100 miles 50 years ago wasn't nearly as easy as it is today.)

The first twelve years went by without very many startling events. The Charlotte Club had its ups-and-downs, as do most Service Clubs, especially in their early years, but there were far more "ups" than "downs". In

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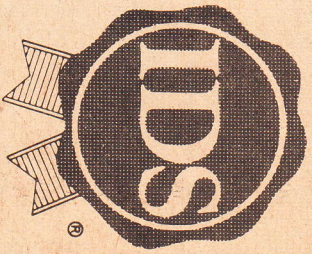
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...and Wesley Child, Protestant minister. All of these men, with one exception, have now passed

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one of more crippled children. It was his responsibility to go to the home, pick up the mother and child, and bring them to the Clinic, go through the Clinic with them and return them home. Following the Clinic a complete diagnosis was furnished our Club on every child. If treatment or surgery were prescribed, it was the responsibility of the assigned Rotarian to see that the parents agreed to follow up on the prescription. If surgery was needed the Rotarian would take the child to Detroit or Ann Arbor and remain until the operation was over. Then at the end of the hospital stay the child would be picked up by the Rotarian in charge and returned home. Sometimes one or two return trips to the hospital were necessary. If so, the originally assigned Rotarian would do the honors.

Those were exciting days, and fortunate was the Rotarian who happened to be assigned a child that needed surgery. I'd like to briefly relate my very first assignment. It was in 1926. My assignment was a little nine year old girl with a bad club foot. It was so badly deformed she could hardly walk. She lived on a farm near Vermontville. Dr. Blodgett recommended surgery. After much persuasion the family consented to the operation and I took her to the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. I remained with the parents during surgery and brought them home. Three months later she was able to come home and after three return trips to Ann Arbor during the six months that followed, the operation was pronounced a success because she could walk, run and play with all the other children without any difficulty.

After graduating from high school, she took special training in college in the field of the handicapped child. She worked with the late Armen Kirkjian of Grand Rapids and the writer, talking to Rotary Clubs, using her repaired foot as Exhibit A as the reason Easter Seals should be purchased. At that time they were called "White Cross Seals" - the name "Easter Seals" came later.

In 1927 the Michigan Legislature, with the encouragement of Michigan Rotary Clubs, created the first Crippled Children Commission, and Past District Governor Hugh Vandewalker of Ypsilanti was its first chairman. He served in this capacity for six years. The same year the Michigan Society for Crippled Children was organized with Paul H. King, a P.D.G. from Detroit, as its first president. Paul then served as president for seven years. When the Crippled Children Commission came into being the State took over the cost of the Crippled Children's work, because by that time there were more than 17,000 crippled children in Michigan and the \$2.00 per capita assessment on the Rotary Clubs wouldn't scratch the surface.

During those first ten years Charlotte Rotary, as well as many, many other Michigan Rotary Clubs, spent a great deal of time, effort and money on Crippled Children work. Burt Collins practically devoted four years of his life to this work.

The Charlotte Club had one low ebb period during the first twelve years of its history, and it nearly proved fatal, but the diligent work of Burt Collins, Wesley Oldt and Clyde Fulton saved our club from folding. The problem was an accumulation of events beyond the control of the officers of the club. July 1, 1932, Dr. Byington joined the staff of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and had to move his office to Battle Creek, but he continued to live in Charlotte.



Since he was living here he said he would still like to continue as club president, and that he would return to Charlotte every Tuesday noon in time for Rotary meeting. This he was able to do for a short time, but the pressing duties of his office in Battle Creek caused him often to be late, or fail to show at all. Many meetings had no programs and the vice president, or whoever happened to be presiding, would simply dismiss the fellows as soon as the meal was over. Then along came the infamous "Bank Holiday", February 12, 1933, when every bank in the nation was closed. This just about put the finishing touches to our club, but Burt, Wesley and Clyde came to the rescue. In his speech to our Board of Directors that week, Burt Collins cited all the wonderful Crippled Children work and community Halloween parties performed by our club as sufficient reasons for not giving up. He was ardently supported by Wesley Oldt and Clyde Fulton, and our club survived its first and probably its last near disaster.

When I was elected Rotary District Governor I had the dubious honor of being the youngest governor in the Rotary world, - I was 34 years old. It is with pride that I point to one particular high-light in my career as a member of Charlotte Rotary and as a Rotary Governor. It was during the closing four months of my year (1932-33) as Governor for the Western half of Michigan and Northern Ontario, Canada, that the Junior Rotarian program was born, and to think that it still lives today continues to give me a thrill. Emerson Visch was the first Jr. Rotarian to represent Charlotte High School at Rotary's District Conference. This was in 1934 in Traverse City.

A great youth leadership training program grew from this...

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sports oriented club and so it has.

Over the years Charlotte Rotary has sponsored many baseball teams coming up with several winners, the last one in 1965.

Some of our members individually have sponsored baseball teams not only for the little league but also the adult league. We have among us men who have coached these young people and have truly enjoyed it.

The winners of the 1965 Pee Wee League were invited to a noon luncheon and were introduced to the entire club.

In 1967 Rotary came very close to winning another league championship but were edged out by the Lions Club. Incidentally the Rotary Club was coached by a member of the Lions Club and the Lions Club was coached by a Rotarian. Eldred Toutant explained how this happened I think!!!

In 1966 the sports interest took a little different turn when it was decided to undertake a rifle range as a club project. There was a room in the new Junior High School which was long and narrow, suitable for a rifle and archery range. It was decided by the club to sponsor a Dale Carnegie course and use the proceeds from this course to build a target for the rifle range. All during the fall of 1966 Rotarians worked on this project

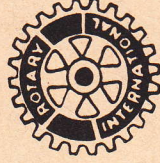
Each year there is a district golf outing and quite often a team from Charlotte will take part. Apparently the closest we ever came was in the 60's when one of our teams finished.

The highlight of the year is Bowling Time and believe me our members take their bowling seriously. The spirits run high and the scores run low. Their is

headed by Ted Johnson, chairman of the committee. For the past several years there has been a joint meeting of Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary at the Charlotte Country Club with golf competition in the afternoon. Rotary has consistently won the Gold Cup at this tournament and there is little wonder.

much name calling such as "Big Red". At the end of the season the spirits really run high again and it's trophy time for the winners. On occasion we have as high as three awards for the big winners and that's not bad out of "20" bowlers. We even have a booby prize in our club. Last years winner was that "Devil may care" Bill Webster.

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"Stub" Bemmer, former superintendent of the Muskegon Public Schools. His idea changed the 2-day meeting of the boys at the District Conference to a 4-day assembly at Camp Emery. From the very first Jr. Rotarians were selected on these four attributes: leadership potentiality, high moral standing, dependability, and good sportsmanship. The Camp Emery part of the program started in 1948 and good leadership among young people has always been important to Rotary and may it always be so.

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I feel flattered that I was asked to write a brief article covering the first twelve years of the Charlotte Rotary Club for your Golden Anniversary celebration. On the other hand, maybe I shouldn't feel so flattered because it really dates me; -- I was the eighth club president, 1929-1930.

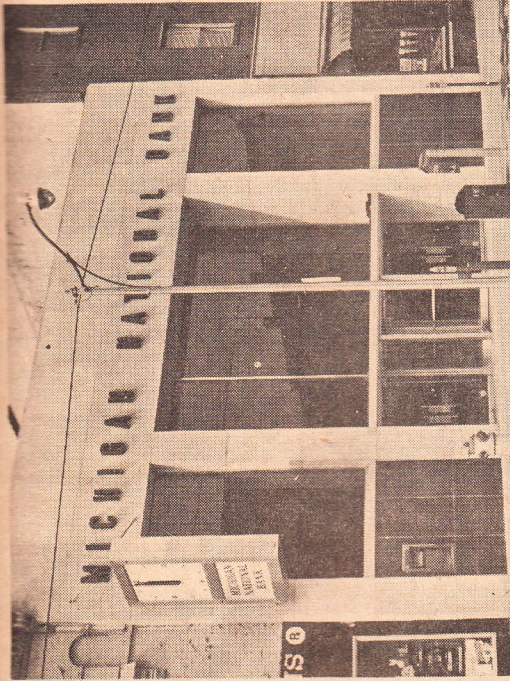
Paul Bond

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# Charlotte Rotary Sports

On May 19th, 1921, Charter Day for the Charlotte Rotary Club Olympic Type field events were held at Bennett Park. The main events consisted of a soft ball game which was won by Hastings. A wheel barrow race was also held and once again Hastings took the honors. Detroit (reportedly the favorite) won the ball throwing contest and Charlotte with Frank Sassaman as the anchorman threw the most "ball".

With a beginning like this there is little doubt that Charlotte would turn out to be a



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# Charlotte Rotary's Music Man



Clyde Leading "Shortnin' Bread"

Rotarian Clyde Fulton is widely and favorably known throughout this community, State and Nation for his many talents as a businessman, fraternal leader, patriot and civic leader. However to his fellow Rotarians his main contribution to their weekly enjoyment of club meetings is that of song leader - a leader of such enthusiasm and skill that even

most musically unendowed Rotarians are inspired to sing with wild abandon.

Clyde was asked to record his opinion of the role that music plays in the success of Charlotte Rotary. It is a pleasure to record, in part, his view of the matter:

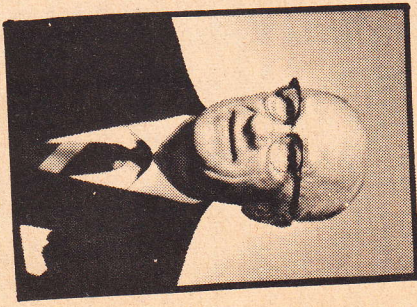
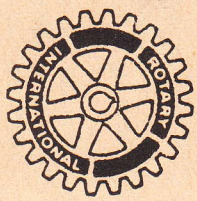
"From the earliest days of recorded history, music seems to have had a part in group activities. Nothing promotes good fellowship to a greater degree than singing together, whether it be at a camp fire or around a luncheon table. So it is no wonder that from the beginning of Rotary in Charlotte, music found a place in its weekly programs.

During World War I, which preceded the founding of Charlotte Rotary, group singing played a prominent part in every public meeting and the strains of 'Over There' and 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' were known to all. So when Rotarians gathered for the weekly luncheon it became their practice to push back from the

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table and stimulate the enthusiasm of the meeting with two or three rousing songs of the day. Although during these fifty years, popular music has ranged from the ragtime of the 20's to the rock and roll of the 70's, the Club has continued to enjoy the good old songs that have come down through the years. The strains of 'My Wild Irish Rose'

and 'Home on the Range' still promote good fellowship, with 'Grand Old Flag' and 'God Bless America' stirring our patriotic fervor.

From the early days of Charles H. Carrick, an outstanding vocalist and Paul Bond, an enthusiastic Rotarian, to the present song leaders Clyde Fulton and Phil Brown and 'Harvest Moon' Stu Bearup - the Club has been fortunate in its leadership. Similarly the Club has been favored by accomplished pianists such as Dr. Max Shuler (the first) followed by Ruth Marple, Hazel Roth, Pauline Shaull, Hazel Higby and our present accompanist, Darrell Cook.

These gifted musicians have made possible a period of relaxation and good fellowship in our weekly meetings that

**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO CLYDE FULTON**  
The place was Caledonia  
And the year was '91,  
The Fulton household rang with joy

The Doc said "It's a son!"  
Let's name him Clyde someone had said,  
He's not sure whom to blame,  
The "Alvin's" just become an "A"

In his familiar name.  
His early years Nomadic seemed  
As back and forth they roamed.  
But by the year of 1908  
He called Charlotte his home.  
Devoted service over self  
Has been his goal in mind,  
And as the years have rolled along  
This guy has taken time  
To serve his country, church and lodge  
And others Nationwide  
If his friends at

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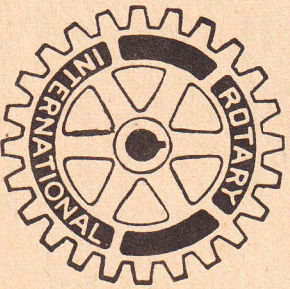
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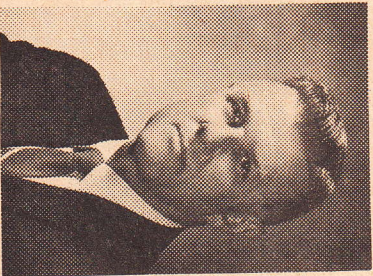


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musical program, we have had soloists and ensembles from our community and from our outstanding high school Oriole Band, whose annual appearance is always keenly anticipated by the Club.

Yes, music is indeed a part of Rotary and we like to think that a few moments of song together help to make even a gloomy day look just a little brighter."

Song leader Clyde is inordinately modest about his own contribution. He has led the singing since 1935, this is a mere matter of 36 years, and recently the Club helped him celebrate his birthday with lovely ladies bearing candle-lighted cakes. Appropriately, the club concluded the affair with a song, a birthday song, which according to club records he once paid a ten percent fee to have omitted.

★ Standing in back are Phil Brown, Clyde, Jo Johnson and Evelo Fulton. Seated in back are Darrell Cook, pianist; Bill Powers, Secretary (behind Mike); and Dave Smith, Vice President. Standing in front of the table are a waitress, Becky Sassaman, Linda Schaefer, "B.D." Colson and Marjorie Smith. Others baking cakes, but not in the picture, were Gert Powers, Vivian Simpson, and Millicent Brown.



With presentations, installations Charimanstips and all, With Minstrel Shows and goodness knows Those singing leader calls. He's officered and served the ranks

In groups of untold score The Scouts, the Army, choirs and clubs And banks and many more. No task too big, no need too small

He's always lent an ear Be it a need for time and skill Or just a word of cheer.

This year our Club marks Fifty years

Of service to mankind But compared to Clyde's our record

Still is thirty years behind So in this Golden Year for us We pause an instant now

To salute a man who signifies The Service theme--and how! A span of eighty years is great

For any living soul But to fill each year as he has done

Should be our earnest goal So hip hooray times eighty For the great and only one

May health and happiness be his For many more to come.

Robert Fulton

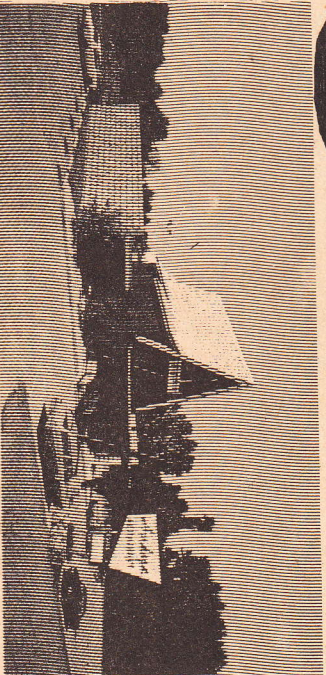
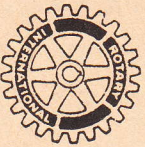


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For many years Rotarians had hoped that a Rotary Club might be established in Eaton Rapids, but not until the early fall of 1954 did the idea really begin to take form. At that time Charlotte Rotarian, Stuart Graham, then Area Manager of Consumers Power Company, asked for the privilege of organizing a Rotary Club in Eaton Rapids. Receiving the appointment as his official Representative from District Governor, Ted Schmidt, for the project, the work began. Mr. Graham devoted much time and effort in interviewing and enrolling prospective Rotarians, and was finally successful in obtaining twenty five signature members, which were five more than were needed to secure the Charter for the new Club. Extremely fortunate was the fact that Charles Henry, an early signer, at that time Manager of the V.F.W. National Home, had been a Rotarian in another state. With his enthusiastic support much impetus was added to the formation of the Club.

On the night of December 8, 1954, the organizational meeting of the new Club took place at the Eaton Rapids office of the Consumers Power Company. Chosen that night as the first Club President was Charles Henry, with Dr. Bert VanArk as Vice President and Tony Shad as Secretary-Treasurer. Previous to this meeting other informational gatherings had been held, with Past District Governor, George Dean, and President, John

stages.

The Provisional Charter for the new Club was soon granted from Rotary International, and the first regular meeting took place on December 15, 1954, with the V.F.W. National Home Lodge as the official meeting place.

Then on the night of February 8, 1955, came the big, long-awaited, event for Eaton Rapids Rotarians and their proud Charlotte sponsors for the work which had been accomplished. This was the Charter Night Celebration with more than 400 Rotarians from all around the District attending the banquet at the V.F.W. Community Auditorium. Many necessary items were presented to the new Club, speeches were made, and an official welcome to the new Club was given by the late Heileman Miller, then Mayor of the City of Eaton Rapids. Adding to the beauty of the occasion, the wives of the new Eaton Rapids Rotarians were present to enjoy the program and delicious food, and to help send their Rotarian husbands along the new Rotary highway.

Charlotte Rotarians will always take much pride in this notable achievement of sponsoring so fine a group as the Eaton Rapids Rotary, which has become an excellent addition to our entire community, and to District 636 of Rotary International.



“Real peace of mind is the ability NOT to worry over where the world is going but to go along with it.”

Excerpt from  
Rotary Mirror 4/21/64  
Maybe a man does love his wife as much as he does his dog, but did you ever hear of him whisking around the neighborhood





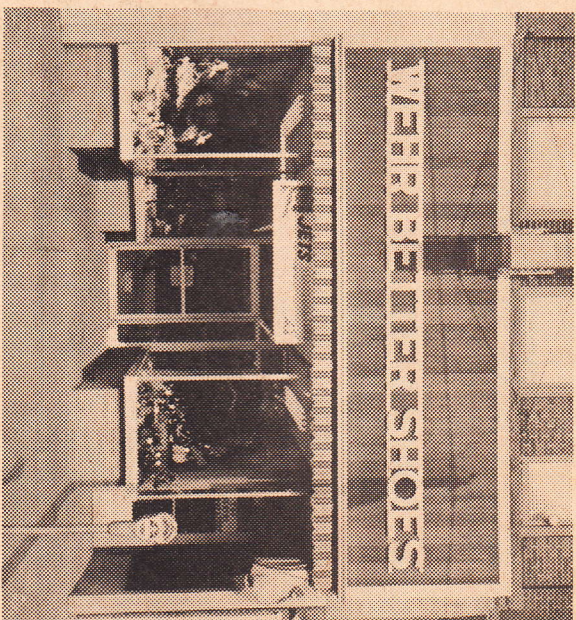
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Parades were the vogue in our town years ago  
 And Rotary Club did its share to make a real show.  
 Santa Claus came the first week of December  
 Accompanied by floats of distinction, long to remember;  
 Rotary's little train ushered Santa to town  
 With engine and caboose it seemed destined for renown;  
 "Rotary Unlimited" was the name it bore  
 With smoke from its stack, a bell that rang and what's more  
 It's operators were dressed in overalls and full caps,  
 When it appeared it had all young and old kids enrapt.  
 Cleverly designed and built by a careful crew  
 How many hours of devotion no one knew.  
 The train was used for two years on parade  
 Then stored in a barn and plans carefully laid  
 To add a car or two as the time rolled around  
 For its annual appearance when Santa came to town.  
 But the old barn leaked, not a little but a lot  
 So our "Rotary Unlimited" no longer we've got.

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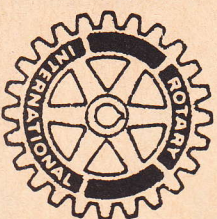


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The group sang several Rotary songs, led by Paul and Rotarian Mort Townsend of Hastings, and 'dinner' music was provided by Don Marsh and his "Hillbilly Band".

From then until 1957, the final meeting of each year was held at cottages of one of the members at Duck Lake. Perhaps the most novel of these outings occurred on June 28, 1948 when Cash Beechler arranged to have Al Cudney fly to Traverse City in the morning for a supply of freshly caught whitefish, which were served to the members that evening.

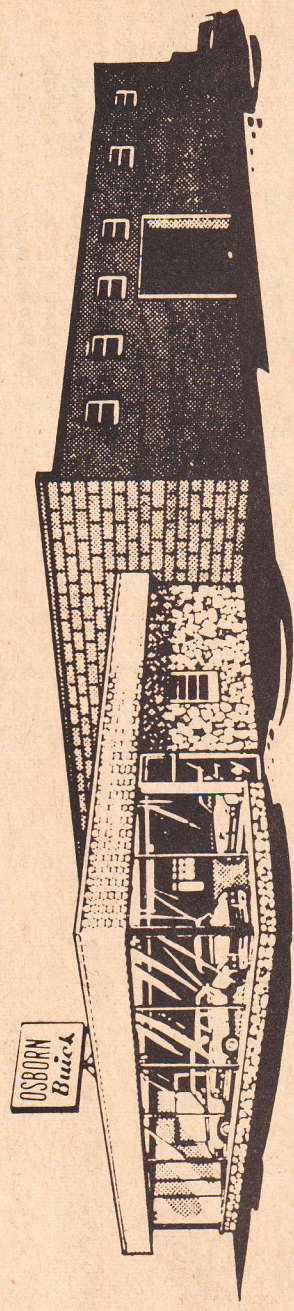
Starting in June 1957, and at the decision of the Board, the President's Day was held at the Masonic Temple. However, all of the enjoyment of those former occasions was not lost. A new tradition was started the next year, when Bud Loomis was President, when the Rotary Anns began their famed chicken barbecues, the first of which was held at the Bart Rypstra residence on West Lawrence Avenue in 1958.

Space does not allow, and discretion does not permit, a full account of the misdeeds, practical jokes and other questionable behavior that helped to make these the memorable occasions they came to be.

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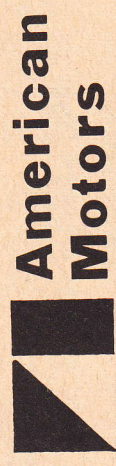
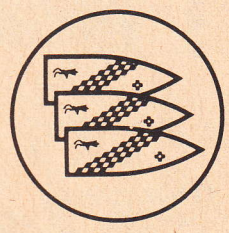


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From Robert B. Collins's letter of February 4, 1971

E. John Kuhn and his friend, John Burmeister, had driven from Detroit to Lansing one January night. The roads were bad, and they put up at the Kern Hotel in Lansing. After they were in their room, John Kuhn called Burt, saying they were at the Kern, and would be over the next morning. Dad was closing the store early, for it was a cold,

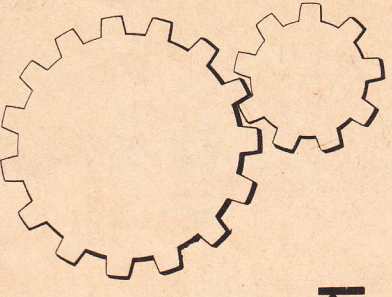
sleety, miserable night. Burt told them to come on over, come to our home on Pleasant St. where he promised my Mother would have a Dutch lunch ready for them. At first, John Kuhn refused, but after Burt insisted, they checked out and drove to Charlotte, had the lunch and fellowship that ensued, took our upstairs bedroom, and in the morning learned that the Hotel Kern had been gutted by fire,

with over 60 people killed, either by jumping from the upper stories, or caught in the fire itself. From this story, you can readily see how a lifelong friendship was formed, lasting until the demise of both. In 1963, E. John came to Sarasota, called on us, we took him for a ride all over the city, after which he went to Miami. That was the last time I ever saw him. He died the next winter in Detroit.

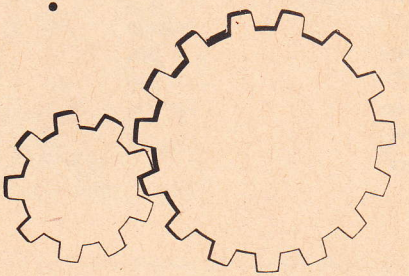
(E. John Kuhn was the first secretary of the Charlotte Rotary Club.)



## Kiwanis salutes Rotary - One of the Wheels which help Charlotte keep on moving.

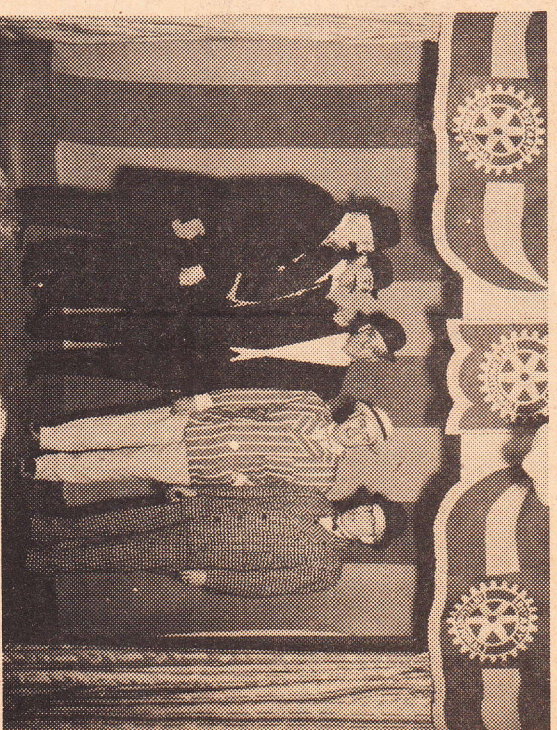


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Left to Right: Clyde Fulton, H.B. Loomis, George Dean, Stuart Bearup and Stanley Raide.

Rotary International celebrated its Golden Anniversary in 1955, and Charlotte Rotary started early to pay due respect to the occasion, which was climaxed with the anniversary dinner on February 22, 1955.

A Golden Anniversary committee was appointed in July 1954 by President John Smith, and work was started immediately on the Charlotte Rotary history by Byron Brown and Arnet Garlinghouse. The "On to Chicago" promotion began in August. A few months later

Eaton Rapids was being canvassed in preparation for a new Rotary Club, and ever present was the planning for the big party in February.

A new "golden" format appeared for the Mirror on January 15th, which contained

down' for those not wishing to dress up, but it added, "THE people taking part in the program will be in costume and they wanted lots of company."

The last two issues before the party were 'clinchers.' The committee admitted that some were coming in 1955 attire but added that the cast and many others would be displaying that "Oh Brother!" attire, and "whopper" of a ladies night was promised. All were told to forgive the questionable custom of being late at social events and to be there at 6:30 sharp.

At 6:30 sharp they were, the first enjoy punch from the ladies bowl (or was it "loaded"?) in the ballroom, and then to the dining room where, just inside the door, they 'Ohed' and 'Ahed' the beautiful multiple-cake cake

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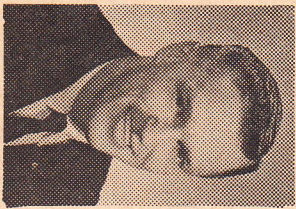


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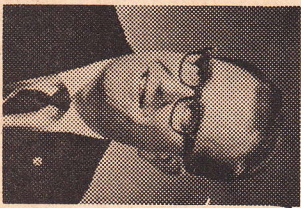
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Evanston, Illinois. In the same issue was a special 'line enclosed' notice to the Rotary Anns about the "show of shows" on February 22nd, along with a warning to "search the attic or garret, turn the basement upside down, look anywhere, but come up with clothing as close to the 1905 period as possible. This is to be the 'formal' attire for that evening, Rotary Anns, Rotarians and guests."

Another notice on January 25th. to the Rotary Anns told of the 'social honor', that flash-light bulbs would be a-popping a-plenty, and that they would have a chance to gaze upon some historic pictures; like Ann with her first big red ribbon or John, in his first Buster Brown suit, with a prize to one whose eye and memory clicked the most. On February 1st, a company was even mentioned where costumes could be rented (the place was 'swamped'). And then the February 8th. issue 'let the bars

by Rotary Anns, assembled and decorated at Pat Sleater's, the transported (no one remember how) to the Temple.

The large board of historical pictures befuddled practically everyone, but the prize, bouquet, was finally claimed Kate and her helpers did themselves 'rightfully proud' on the meal, and then to the unforgettable show.

The stage was elaborately prepared with a new put curtain, above which was placed a long Rotary banner. The stage background was covered with peculiarly hung wallpaper, a wide Rotary colored paper, and a large Rotary wheel rotater continuously in the background with an added start now and then. But the back steps to the stage were still the same, rickety high, and challenging.

Practicing at the Temple started weeks ahead with evenings, and, more especially Sunday afternoons being the scheduled periods. Afterward there were always lunches of sandwiches, cookies, and coffee and, on one occasion, Irma Burkhead, a member of the cast, invited all to a sumptuous repast at her home.

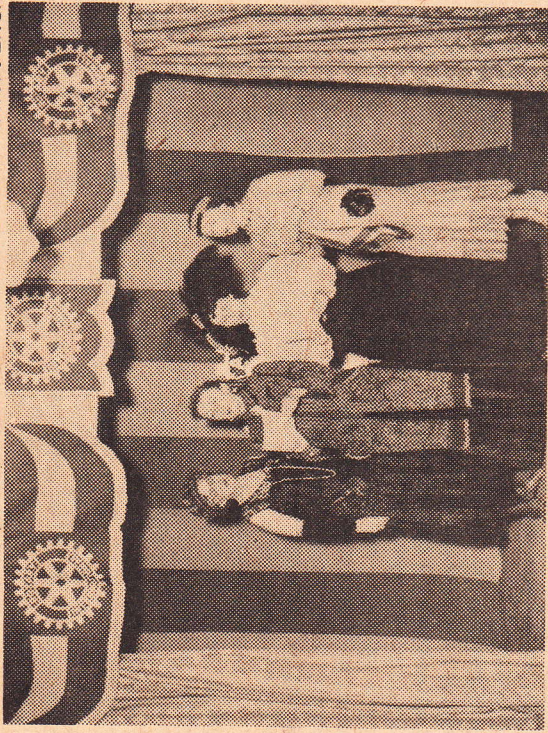
Cast costumes on that 'fateful' night? Wow! Bess Fulton with a red 'heritage' hat, shawl, black lace ankle length dress, black stockings and red shoes kerchief, and an extra long necklace of red beads which swung around with abandon whenever the occasion arose. Irma Burkhead wore a floor length black dress, a colored tapestry shawl, and with finger curls draping to her shoulders Ruth Rypstra was the gay nineties personified with a wide brimmed hat to match, a white mutton-sleeve blouse, and a floor length black skirt. Jean Bearup 'flappered' with a headband, adornments galore, and



white lace dress that matched Bess' in length, and, of course, the ever fondled kerchief.

Clyde Fulton's cut-away, celluloid collar, ascot, and derby hat attire was accentuated with a 'walrus' mustache addition. Stu Bearup's straw hat (sailor type) was complimented with a striped coat and white pants; white Stan Raidle's black and white checkered suit, and wearing a derby, had all wondering when the playing cards would be brought out. Bob Fulton, Bill Webster, Vic Vaughn, and Bob Munger, in cut-aways, full dress, etc., depicted an early get together meal of the four men, including Rotary founder Paul Harris, who were the starting 'Cogs' of Rotary. Their attire would have assured them a front table at any restaurant, anytime.

Even 'Doc' DeFoe, a charter member, appeared in the most comfortable appearing cut-away of all, topped off with his ever present carnation, when he was presented with a Rotary Charter (taken from the Temple basement wall for the occasion) by tux adorned George Dean. Prexy John Smith appeared in high 'lapelled', high collared attire, looking chokingly uncomfortable; and Lynn Fowler's tall 'topper' and tux were accentuated by a thinner but longer upper lip adornment than Clyde's. But Rev. Bud Loomis really stepped out of character (or did he?) with a



**Left to Right: Bess Fulton, Irma Burkhead, Ruth Rypstra and Jean Bearup.**

derby, tux, flashy vest, and a long thin mustache which he 'tip' curled continuously, as the villains of old.

Between the off stage singing of "Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet" at the start, to the finale "May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You", were ten scenes which covered the ten eras of the 50 year history, enlivened with such songs as Over There, Maggie Blues, Moonlight and Roses, Shine On Harvest Moon and others. Even the audience joined in on a few of the numbers.

It was a 'once in a lifetime' performance, and one that will

## Mexican Clothing Story

In 1954, a devastating flood occurred in the Rio Grand River Valley bordering the United States and Mexico. Especially hard hit was the area immediately adjacent to Laredo, Texas, on the Mexican side of the international border, where at Nuevo Laredo hundreds of Mexican homes were washed away in the raging waters. Many people died and others who survived lost all their worldly possessions.

Charlotte Rotarians, anxious to be of some aid to their Mexican neighbors across the border, hastily organized a "Clothing for Mexico" project. On September 14, 1954, Stuart Graham was appointed by President John Smith as Chairman with Bun Elles and Walt Batsche as com-

mittee members. A gathering station was set up at the Consumers Power Company Office and an appeal went out to Charlotte Rotarians for good used clothing. The response was tremendous! Clothing and shoes of all kinds for men, women, and children were brought in, and finally when the items were boxed and

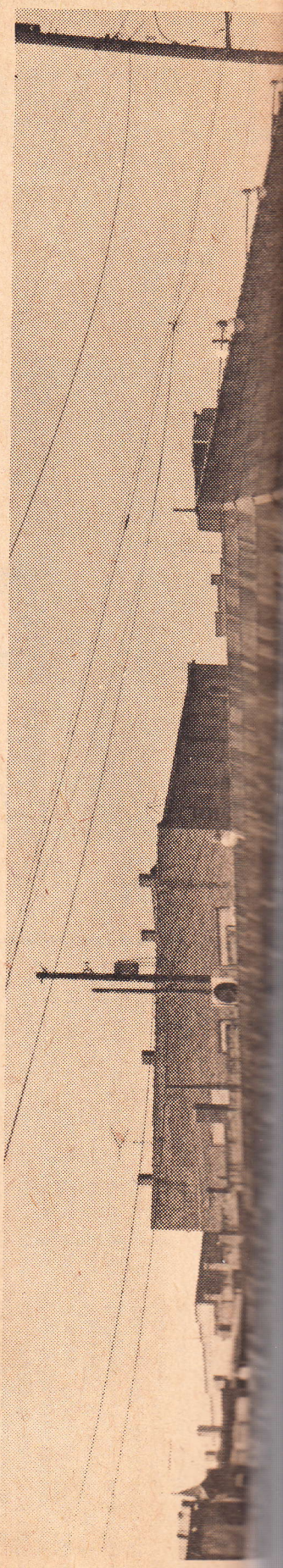
made ready for shipment, it was found that almost a ton of usable articles had been collected for these unfortunate flood victims.

During the time of collection, the Laredo Texas Rotary Club had been contacted by Mr. Graham, and they had most graciously agreed to arrange for the distribution of the clothing to the needy, with the help of the Nuevo Laredo, Mexico Rotary Club, just across the Rio Grande River.

Through the courtesy of the Charlotte Chair Company, the materials were packed and shipped prepaid motor freight to the Laredo Rotary Club, from whom an acknowledgement was subsequently received, with thanks for our help and kindness.

Later, on one of Mr. and Mrs. Graham's many trips to Mexico, Mr. Graham visited the Laredo Rotary Club, and was personally thanked for the thoughtfulness of the Charlotte Rotary Club members in their effort to help alleviate the misery of the flood victims.

Fortunately, since this tragic event, through the co-operation of the governments of the United States and Mexico, flood control dams have been built at strategic points which hopefully should forever prevent the repetition of such a terrible catastrophe.

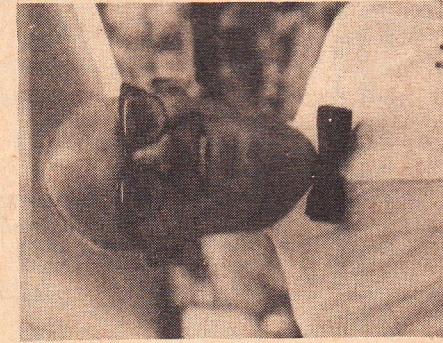






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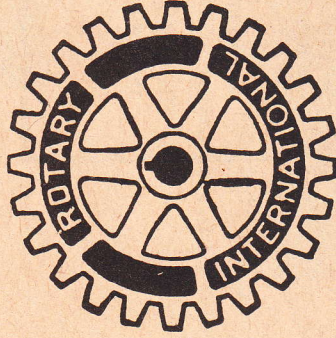
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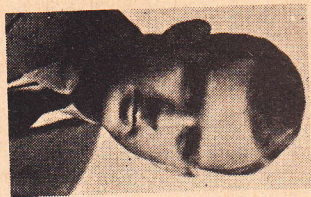
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Santiago, Chile*

One of the first Rotary Founda-  
tion Fellows was S. Cole Blas-  
sier, son of Stewart and Helen  
Cole Blasier, former residents of  
Charlotte. The following is a  
letter written by the young man  
concerning his experience in  
South America, and published  
in a bulletin of Rotary Interna-  
tional regarding seven of the

twelve first Fellows to receive  
grants from the Foundation.  
★ ★

Santiago, Nov. 24, 1947

The University professors  
have been wonderful to me. My  
plan of studies of graduate  
research is not a routine matter

for them as it would be in a U.S.  
university, and because it was at  
first difficult to actually find the  
appropriate professors, I did not  
feel that it was wise to rush  
them, but rather to follow each  
suggestion as it came up.  
Probably I could have visited  
classes with no repercussions  
without going through channels,  
but in a strange country, I did  
not think it wise.

The University regulations  
call for the close of the academic  
year December 24. But the  
University Council by mutual  
consent decided to terminate  
classes November 8 with exams  
running through December 24  
for most colleges, and until the  
30th for the Law School. Of  
course, the students did not  
object. According to the head of  
Bienestar Estudiantil, the faculty

to all subsequent meetings  
during the year here. The club  
treated me right royally. A talk  
was given on the Foundation  
during which the pamphlet  
published by the Rotary  
Headquarters "Hagase Estas  
Preguntas Usted Mismo," was  
distributed. The Santiago club  
appears to be rightfully proud of  
the large membership of well  
over 300 men . . .

Stewart C. Blasier

Cole is now Professor of Po-  
litical Science at the University  
of Pittsburgh, and Director of  
its Center for Latin American  
Studies.

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# Charlotte

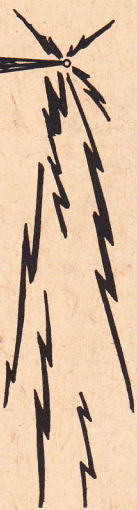
# Rotary

# Contributes

# Many Firsts

During the first fifty years o  
its existence the Charlotte  
Rotary Club has contribute  
many firsts to the Rotary world  
In 1932-33, Paul Bond served a  
District Governor of the 35th  
District of Rotary Internationa  
At that time, he was th  
youngest man ever to serve as  
District Governor. In the sprin  
of 1934 he started the practic  
of inviting an outstanding seni  
boy from high school to atten  
Rotary meetings for a month  
He called these students Junia  
Rotarians. This practice arou  
on in many other clubs arou  
the country until now it  
recognized as Rotary's Stud  
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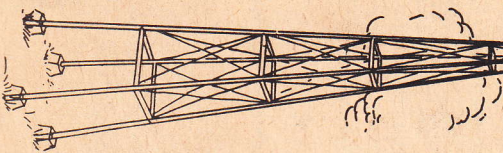
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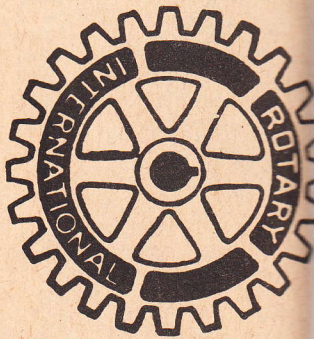
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# Fifty



# Years

## Golden Anniversary

## ROTARY

### OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.



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All the Rotarians here have made me feel that I am among friends. Knowing these men is extremely reassuring. My father and I will always remember your and their kindnesses.

Soon after my arrival here I was invited to the regular Wednesday Rotary meeting, and

has served as such for the twenty years since that date. After writing half or more of the bulletins for four years he asked that the committee be increased to six members. Bill then assigned each member as editor for a month. Thus by taking continued on pg. 17

### WE SALUTE

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# I Remember When----- by Rotary Anns

"My husband was elected president of Charlotte Rotary in 1939. I, therefore, felt called upon to suggest something original, worthwhile and interesting for the Rotary Anns, as they were then having frequent afternoon meetings.

We had been entertained at 'Tanglewood School', a highly recommended home for both abnormal and subnormal children, located between here and Olivet. I had been so impressed by the progress made by these children that I so much wanted the Rotary Anns to be a contributing part of it. My ambition was only exceeded by my ignorance of the financial involvement. Seven especially

trained teachers were required for twenty seven pupils then in attendance. We had to admit defeat.

For a time we did cancer dressings, but finally went back to program type meetings. I believe Mrs. James Church was our greatest enthusiast for our monthly meetings.

The Ladies Night that year was served at the Methodist Church and I shall never forget a comment made by Mr. Albert Murray sitting across from me. Mr. Murray, a very slender man, had been served the most huge baked Idaho potato I have ever seen. After giving it a long discouraged look, he commented, "Well that is just

about enough potato to last me through the winter."

Rotary Anns at the present time could not find time for one more meeting during each month, but we love the ones we do have, especially those with our husbands."

Bess Fulton

"I remember back in December of '46 when the Rotary Anns met at Rose Beach's house on South Cochran. Cora Church was the president or commander-in-chief, there, and I told a Christmas story, 'The Well of the Star by Elizabeth Goudge.'"

Mary Dykhouse

"A Ladies Night to be remembered was one at which time several Rotary Anns presented a skit, 'Every Husband'. It was supposed to be on the humorous side but it turned out to be more than

outstanding with delicious food, beautifully laid tables and the Governors and Ladies in formal dress

After the events at Lake Placid, we again boarded the Special Rotary train to Chicago for the Golden Anniversary of Rotary International Convention, which George and I were pleased to be a part of. Bill and Gertrude met us in Chicago and we returned to Charlotte with them.

July 1st. of 1955 George started his many official visits to the forty-one Clubs in the District and I went with him only when invited by the clubs or Rotary-Anns.

I could write a book about the lovely affairs and gifts given in my honor during the year, but one very special was given by our Charlotte Rotary-Anns. Gertrude Powers was President of Rotary-Anns and chairman for the lovely luncheon, gift and gathering in the Congregational Church the day George made his official visit to his home Club.

In April of 1956 George was named a delegate to Rotary International, which was to be held in Lucerne, Switzerland the latter part of May.

We drove to New York and boarded ship for Southampton, England, then by train to London where we joined Rotarians and wives for Pre-Convention Tours of four Countries. Our Hotel was across the Lake Lucerne at Burgenstock where we enjoyed beautiful lodgings and scenery.

Our guests one evening for dinner were Jo and Darrell Johnson and Margaret and Dr. Vance, which is a story in itself.

After attending the Convention, George and I flew into West Berlin to visit our foster son Dieter and family. We were entertained royally for six days, then returned by air to New York and Charlotte.

I cannot finalize this mem

"Back in February of 1955, my Rotarian, George F. Dean was named Governor of District 219 for the 1955-1956 year.

The first memorable event of our exciting year was the arrangements by incoming President Bill and Gertrude Powers to drive George and me to Toledo, Ohio to board the

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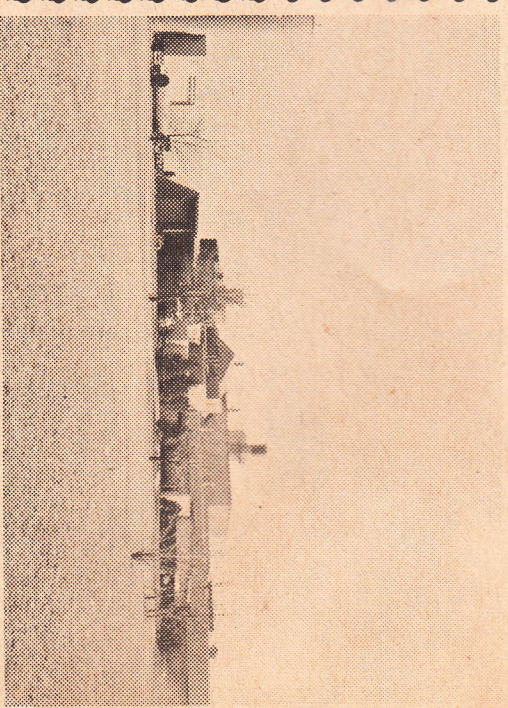
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We were at the Lake Placid Club for five days, which is a school of instruction for all incoming Governors from all over the world. Our days were busy, George with "School" and I with Rotary-Ann luncheons with guest speakers from other lands. The evening meals were

our good friends during the past sixteen years of Rotary togetherness. Stu was aide to George during the two terms of governorship and we continue to attend Rotary Conferences, together. "The second term as Governor is Another Story?"

Bee Deam



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**I Remember**

When----  
by **Rotary Anns**

A memorable occasion for Rotary Ann Iva Wight was when she was asked by Jay Dykhouse some time ago to present a Christmas program for a regular Rotary meeting. She chose to tell a story, "The Woodcarver", a heart warming tale of a man and his little crippled son, recent immigrants from Switzerland. The great hope of the father was that he would find in this wonderful land healing for his son Peter. In his spare time, as an expression of his gratitude for his blessings here and hope for the future, the woodcarver father used his great talent to carve a creche that was a masterpiece of art and beauty which he presented to the village church. He had worked many months to perfect the gift with young Peter offering suggestions. Finally on Christmas Eve, with many others, the father, carrying little Peter "piggy-back", made their way to the church under a starlit sky. As they entered the sanctuary each person went to the altar to view the carving of the Holy Family and the shepherds and kings who had come to worship the Christ Child.

In the assembly there was a famous surgeon who sought out the woodcarver artist following the service and when he saw

little crippled Peter he became greatly interested in him with the result that before another year had passed, Peter, by the man's skilled treatments, was able to run and play as other children.

Then again, it was Christmas Eve and father and son joined their friends at the sacred service in the little church where again the woodcarver's masterpiece of the Holy Babe in the manger was displayed. After the service they made their way homeward through the starry night with Peter skipping joyfully along and with both their hearts overflowing with thanksgiving for their blessings and answers to their prayers.

The deeply moving presentation of the story by Mrs. Wight was especially appreciated by the listeners because of their interest in and work with crippled children.

Iva Wright



"At the time Dorr Davis opened up the plots in the southwest side of Charlotte, he gave an interesting talk after a Rotary Ann luncheon telling of his plans for that area and why. There were too many young couples with children who were at that time living in apartments over stores downtown, or in undesirable rooms. Their children played in the alleys or streets and this distressed the

city of Rev. Oldt seemed to clear

Davises. By offering lots at a very nominal price and making owning a home within possibility, these young people became an asset to the community. A new school was built in the area and the Davis subdivision testifies to the foresight and ideals presented to us that day."

Millicent Brown



# The Dark Days of Charlotte Rotary

by Byron Brown

In July 1933, the membership reached an all time low of 26 members and morale was at a very low ebb. Much consideration was given to the thought of surrendering the Charter at that date. A meeting was held at the home of Rev. Wesley D. Oldt after his election to the presidency in the spring of 1933. It was decided to continue for another year and an effort be made to instill new life into the club. The influence and personality of Rev. Oldt seemed to clear

of service to make a community

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*"Have really been living it up here. Barry and I took 10 rain-bows in 3 hours --- average over 4 lbs! WOW!"*

*Regards,  
Bun*

the clouds away. Added enthusiasm developed. New members came into the club and at the close of his year as president the membership had reached 39 in number.

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tion that started with Leigh Davis in 1944 now extends through the third generation. Bob and Dick have sons who have now joined them as they continue to bring quality and service to their Charlotte and Eaton County customers.

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# WE BELIEVE IN THE PRINCIPLES OF ROTARY

"Service Above Self" is essential not just because it provides satisfied customers upon whom the continuous well being of any business must depend, but also in a community the willingness of individuals to give freely of their time for the good of all is



The record of Charlotte history for City Governments, Rural-Urban Affairs, Schools, Churches, Boy & Girl Organizations, Masonic Brother Fraternal Groups, Professional Associations, City Charities and Non-Recurring Activities offers visible evidence of these service contributions.

The Retail Lumber Business has changed a great deal since our founding in 1908, but this past 50 years have seen the mechanization from only motor trucks to fork lift equipment, from hand shaped trim to computerized lumber machining, from individual pieces to assembled components. One ingredient must remain, the considerate treatment of the customer and to provide him the best products available to him at costs within his budget and to make certain those products perform to expectations.

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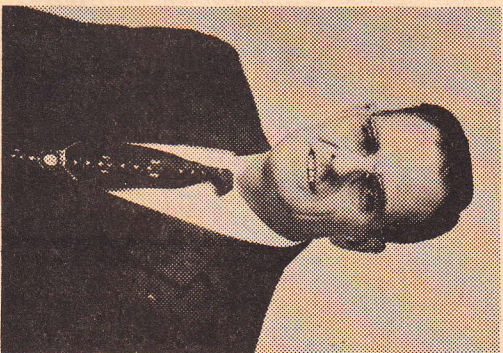
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# "OUR" THREE DISTRICT GOVERNORS



PAUL BOND



GEORGE DEAN



STUART BEARUP

Over the past 50 years the Charlotte Rotary Club has provided three District Governors to serve a total of four years, as George Dean served twice within a three year period.

It was during the depression years when the club membership was declining that the club made extensive plans to place Paul Bond's name in nomination at the District Conference to be held at Manistee in May 1930. The brochure preparation was taken over by Murl DeFoe and Earl McGrath who came up with

a unique plan. Names of all club members, with their classifications, were typed on a sheet of paper, signatures were obtained, and then the sheet was photographed, reduced to 4" x 5" in size, from which an engraving was made. Paul's qualifications, along with his picture, were printed on Charlotte Rotary's letter head stationery, and pasted to the bottom of the sheet was the engraving print of the 33 signatures. The members signing were: A. B. Collins, President;

C.B. Fisk Bangs; Emerson R. Boyles; Chester M. Wilcox; Harry C. Carr; Ray Wietzke; Victor F. Shaw; Clyde Phillips; Earl McGrath; Albert Murray; Frank O. Redick; H.A. Higby; Fred E. Bohn; Cash R. Beechler; Fitch Beach; LaVerne Slout; William A. Vance; Murl DeFoe; Garner Byington; Lawrence Robinson; Frank Robinson; E.H. Chapelle; Russell R. McPeck; Fred S. Beach; Frank E. Beard; John Richey; Wilson Geddes; M. Donald Burkhead; Meyer Vomberg; Arie Binkhorst; Merle

McManus; Karl Kefer and Charles Huber.

Twenty-two Rotarians, headed by President Burt Collins, attended the conference at Manistee, passed out the brochures to all present, and provided generous applause support when Ernest H. Chappelle placed Paul's name in nomination, which was seconded by Ed Nettles of the Battle Creek club, along with Dr. Stan Church of Marshall.

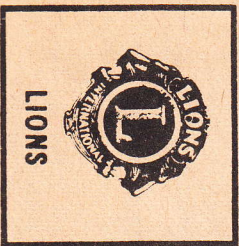
After all the nominations were in, and for understandable reasons, Paul appeared on the floor of the conference, withdrew his name, and moved that Eric Tasman, Episcopal Rector of Lansing, be unanimously nominated. The motion carried without a ballot, and Eric Tasman was declared officially nominated.

Preparations were started on January 21, 1932 to present Paul's name at the District Conference to be held at Grand Rapids in May. At that time President Cash Beechler appointed an "ON TO GRAND RAPIDS" committee of Albert Cheney, Albert Murray, Donald Burkhead, Allen Moyer and Frank D. Brown, and the early history provides some interesting and rather humorous items

concerning the preparations.

At the January 21st meeting "Lawrence Robinson suggested that, in view of the fact that the Charlotte Rotary Club has an important Bond issue at stake at the Grand Rapids convention, and that the club should be represented by at least thirty Rotarians, that the elective officers of the club be made members of this committee with the understanding that they need not seek re-election if the issue at stake was not carried through to a successful conclusion. Garner Byington seconded this motion, and the act was consummated."

At the meeting on Feb. 25, 1932, President Cash read a letter from the District Governor requesting the Charlotte club to furnish a program for a luncheon meeting at the coming Grand Rapids convention, and Cash urged that all members plan to attend "on account of the fact that this club has a candidate for District Governor." The club was extremely optimistic this time as in the minutes of March 3, 1932, Paul was referred to as "the oncoming District Governor." The Board meeting of April 7, 1932, was devoted to the matter of placing Paul's name in nomination, and at the regular meeting on April 28, 1932, "the altar call was given by President Cash, and thirteen Rotarians with five dollar bills in their hands arose and sang in



# LOOK what ROTARY'S

Rotary Was The Very First Service Club... Now There A





**KIWANIS**

Four men met February 23, 1905 in Room 711 of the Unity Building on Chicago's Dearborn Street to hold the first Rotary meeting.



**OPTIMIST**

The automobile was still evoking cries of "Get a horse!" The airplane had yet to stay aloft for more than a few minutes. The first motion picture theatre was soon to open in Pittsburgh, with a film called "The Great Train Robbery." The ice cream cone had just appeared on the American scene, and the first concrete cantilever bridge was being built at Marion, Iowa. It was the year Einstein introduced his theory of relativity, and James J. Jeffries retired as the world's heavy weight boxing champion.



**RURITAN**

Rotary soon spread throughout the nation—and the world.

Other clubs with similar ideals and objectives also sprang up there. New York was next, then Boston. By 1912 there were 50 Rotary clubs and 5000 members.

Here are some facts about the other clubs which followed Rotary:

**EXCHANGE CLUB** - - - In Detroit, a group of businessmen had been meeting informally since 1896 during the lunch hour for exchange of ideas. The meetings were occasional and the men had no official name for their group. On March 27, 1911, they formed the first Exchange Club with 13 members. Other Exchange Clubs followed in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, and in Grand Rapids, Mich., and shortly the National Ex-

are today about 45,000 Exchange Club members.

**SERTOMA** - - - Early in 1912 a Kansas City physician, Dr. George W. Smith, attended a meeting of the new Rotary Club there. Finding his classification closed, he, with another physician and a newspaperman, founded a Sertoma Club, a work coined from the slogan, "Service To Mankind." Eight years later there was a national Sertoma organization, today it is Sertoma International, with some 24,500 members.

**GYRO** - - - The organization known as Gyro, came into being also in 1912, growing quietly out of the interests of three Cleveland, Ohio, men who felt the friendships formed in college should be perpetuated. The gyroscope forms the emblem, the signification being that when the gyroscope is in rapid motion, no matter at what angle the axis is placed, it will continue to point in the same direction, maintaining poise and power. Gyro International today has 5500 members.

held at a housing convention in Louisville, Ky., and constituted Optimist International. There are today more than 100,000 Optimist members. The Optimists in 1923 adopted the boy as their prime beneficiary, both for effort and money, and one recent year the Optimists spent over \$2,000,000 to help 700,000 boys.

**KIWANIS** - - - Kiwanis began in Detroit early in 1915, the name being fetched out of Indian lore and designed to suggest self-expression. The growth of this club shattered all records. By 1919 there were 55 clubs with two members from each business and profession, and by 1920 the number had shot up to 93 clubs. Today there are more than 275,000 Kiwanis members. And, through the Kiwanis Key Club program in schools, many more Kiwanians are on the way.

**LIONS CLUB** - - - Biggest of the service clubs by far in membership is the Lions, whelped in Dallas, Texas, in 1917, with 25 clubs from various parts of the country present. There were local and independent clubs, but united into Lions International

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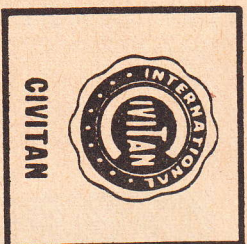
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came at the District Conference held at Hillsdale on April 23-24, 1966, at which many Charlotte Rotarians and Rotary Anns were in attendance, and Stu's work was off to a flying start with District Assemblies at Jackson on June 25th. and at Kalamazoo the following day. Incidentally, Richard L. Evans of Salt Lake City was the Rotary International President the same year.

Visitations this time were to 49 clubs in District No. 636, which comprised about the same area as was covered by Past District Governor Dick Bucknell of Sturgis placed the District Governors official insignia upon Stu's jacket while offering words of 'encouragement' to him when he stated that "There will be many problems, countless worries and an occasional headache in the year ahead, but we know you will surmount these difficulties and handle the duties of your office very well." Then in the Mirror of August 16, 1966, mention was made that "Stu is up to his ears in work, and is hitting the saw-dust trail full blast on his pilgrimages" to the clubs in the district. If you think you have troubles, you should just talk to Stu about all the things he has to do, besides keeping the insurance business going, too." Stu received some excellent 'home' support and wonderful help when he appointed 'Dutch' L. Simpson, a Charlotte Rotary member, as the District Treasurer.

Stu completed his year 'officially' at the District Conference held at Lansing on April 7-8, at which 38 Charlotte Rotarians were in attendance, being the largest group from the district outside the Lansing Club. Stu and Rotary Ann Jean then started preparations for the overseas trip to the Rotary

International Convention at Nice, France, where he served as Sergeant-at-Arms.

For Stu, the 'post-season' activities were many, as he was not only Sergeant-At-Arms at the Rotary International Conventions held at Denver and Honolulu, but he was also called upon by Rotary International to act as moderator for District Leadership Forums in a five state area, which involved eight District Assemblies.

Charlotte Rotary is indeed proud of its three "Ambassadors", and the Golden Anniversary History is greatly enriched with the names of Paul Bond, George Dean and Stuart Bearup.

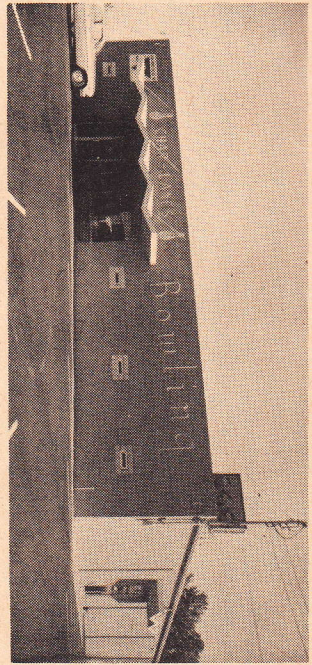
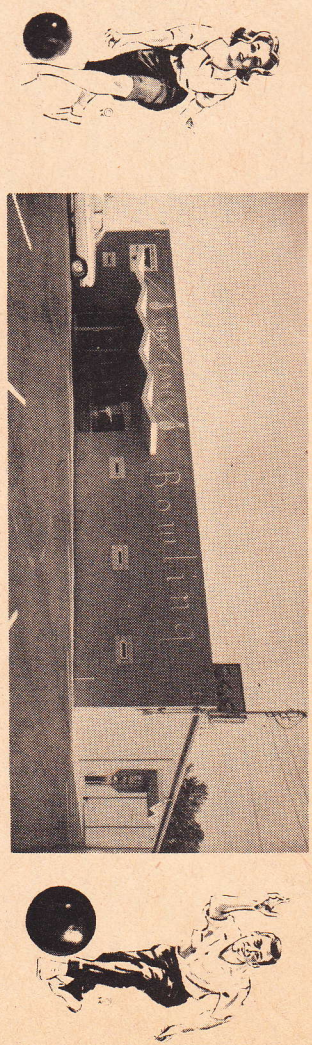


## Dorr Davis, Faithful Rotarian

"Real peace of mind is the ability not to worry over where the world is going, but to sit back, relax and enjoy the ride."

This bit of philosophy is attributed to Doremus S. Davis, one of the long-time members of Charlotte Rotary who not only indulged in philosophy but philanthropy as well.

Dorr was born in Niigota, Japan in 1886 to Robert Henry and Francis (Rounds) Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were missionaries serving the Congregational Church in Japan at the time. After completing their tour of duty, the Davis family settled in Maine but when the time arrived for the higher education of their son, the family moved to Olivet where Dorr attended both Olivet College and Michigan Agricultural College.



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After teaching school in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Dorr returned to Olivet where he engaged in farming and eventually entered the construction business.

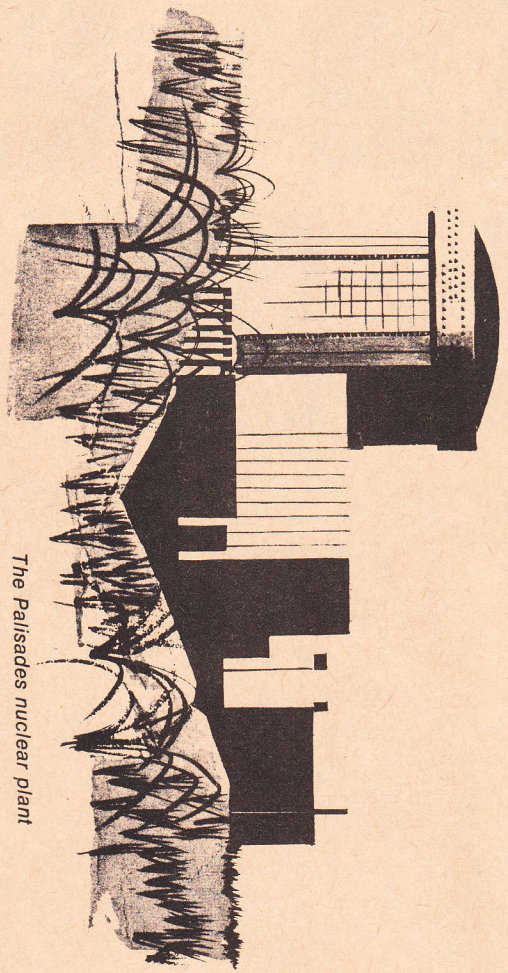
Dorr joined the Charlotte Rotary Club in 1933 and for the next 37 years he faithfully served Rotary and the community in many ways. As the years passed he attained the distinction of having 35 years of perfect attendance before he had to give up his active membership.

Because of his abiding interest in young people, many of Dorr's activities as a citizen, businessman and church member, were directed toward the education and pleasure of the youth of our community. So perhaps the greatest single such contribution occurred in 1955.

## "Fitch"





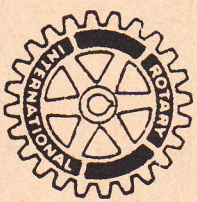


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sufficient to relate that the Charlotte Schools did not have a swimming pool. At some point along the way, this fact was made known to Dorr and he quietly arranged to have a substantial number of land contracts that he owned converted into a gift whereby a fine swimming pool could be constructed for the use of the youth of the community.

This story is not to be construed as a tribute to Charlotte Rotary but because of Dorr's long and faithful Rotary membership it seem appropriate that the story should be told.



## Top Attendance Record

At the District Conference May 21 and 22, 1934, the Charlotte Club really covered itself with glory. The President, Wesley Oldt, and his entire club of thirty-eight members journeyed to Traverse City and won the Governor's trophy offered by District Governor Herald C. Hunt. It was a beautiful silver trophy, 32 inches tall. The trek to Traverse City was merely one of ten points in the contest, which covered a period of three months, February, March, and April. For instance, 100 percent meetings counted and Charlotte had 12 such consecutive meetings, a record unequalled before or since by this club. Another scoring point was for new members and seven joined the club during this ninety-day period. They were Jim Church, George F. Dean, Frank Evans,

The meeting was turned to our Program Chairman who announced that the times postponed talk by Evans again had to be postponed, but in his place had been successful in obtaining a nationally known speaker, introducing Fitch H. who confessed that while under a shade tree at his cottage last summer, while his wife mowing the lawn, he thought the title for his lecture on "Has Happened in the Past Years" and in his first remarks advertised that in near future he expected to for some high government office.

Fitch gave us a interesting review of his since his parents moving relating many of the part happenings in his life from childhood up to more years, told of the experience the early settlers had with Indians, the method of the early days and developments made in machinery, the progress the candle molds to the electric lights and his experience in talking a telephone. He also told trouble he and Fred trying to make a motor for the first internal combustion engine. The story Fitch about the Democrat proved conclusively that he be a Democrat.

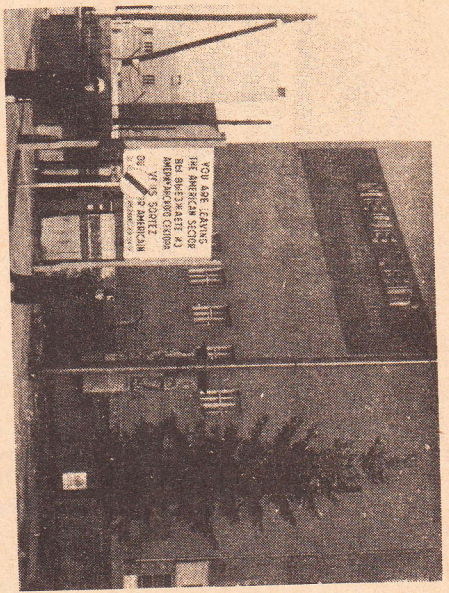


### Excerpts from Rotary Mirror

Warren Hasemeier, other hand, says: "Let of the world go buy." Poverty is no disgrace, to think of anything else say about it.







# Der Tannenbaum

It all started when Dieter Schneider arrived in August 1954 to spend a year with George and Bea Dean as Charlotte's first exchange student. Dieter came to Charlotte from Berlin, Germany, a city divided by its conquerors, in a divided country. There were those who questioned the wisdom of inviting a young man to be a part of our lives from a country so recently our sworn enemy and where so many of our own boys had lost their lives in battle.

Happily, Dieter promptly won the hearts of the community and proceeded to become a popular and respected temporary citizen. But his year's visit had to end of course, and we sadly bid him farewell, promising to continue to keep in touch, a promise well kept as many Rotarians and Rotary Anns and other local tourists abroad enjoyed the Schneider hospitality in West Berlin.

The years passed, and in the fall of 1961 Dieter returned to Charlotte for a visit. During his stay, it was arranged that the Rotary Club would purchase a

Christmas tree to be placed near the East Berlin Wall, tall enough to rise over the wall and beautiful enough to tell the residents of East Berlin that the free world still cared and to offer them the symbol of Christ's birth and God's love.

Dieter discovered upon his return to Berlin that the height of the barrier had been increased, and that a much larger tree would be needed in order to be seen by those behind the wall, so he asked the Charlotte Rotary Club for additional funds to purchase a huge pine tree. The Board voted an additional \$25,00 which went at once to Dieter along with a Rotary Emblem with the wording 'Charlotte Rotary Club', which adorned the tree at Check Point Charley along with lights, tinsel and ornaments supplied by Dieter and his family and friends.

This little story illustrates so well the fine relationships developed through the exchange student program, a program of enrichment, understanding and lasting associations.

# FOUR WAY TEST

There are no club projects or activities which are only business orientated, however, Rotary has a profound effect on each Rotarian's business life. Perhaps the application of Rotary's "Four Way Test" has the most noticeable effect; but the fellowship within the club and also between the Rotarians all over the world gives a lift to each member and his vocation.

Over the years there are many instances to bear this out and the early minutes of the club records the following occasions: Cash R. Reecher was honored with a testimonial banquet on Dec. 30, 1929, at the Hotel Carnes, where 60 Rotarians and other Charlotte businessmen complimented their esteemed fellow townsman on the recent completion of the Eaton Theater.

Again on July 31, 1930, the high esteem in which a member was held was shown by the following: "A motion made that M.H. DeFoe an honorary member of this club be sent a telegram of good wishes from this club aboard boat enroute to Europe leaving this day, committee to draft same Earl McGrath, Wilson Geddes, and Dr. Garlinghouse. The seconds were so numerous to record that the second of Fred Beach was accepted and motion carried.

The program for February 4, 1932, involved tributes that were paid to six men who had been on 'Main Street' for forty years or more. The names and years in service were: Albert Murray, 54; M.H. DeFoe, 53; George Spencer, 52; John Miller, 48; Burt Collins, 47; and Russ Spencer, 41.

A detailed recorded occasion was on July 31, 1934, when the club held a testimonial meeting at the Allen Moyer cottage on Walled Lake honoring Ernest Chappelle, who had just accepted a new position as Superintendent of Schools at Ypsilanti. Ernest was president from 1927-28, and secretary from 1929 to 1932, and at the meeting he was presented with a matched set of genuine leather luggage and a large framed document which was signed by the following members: Annet Garlinghouse, Byron Brown, William Wright, John May, Rudolph Roth, Henry Nielsen, William A. Vance, Benj. F. Hennink, C.A. Snyder, Wesley B. Oldt, M. Donald Burkhead, Fred Both, John Richey, Paul S. Bond, Myer Vomberg, James Carr, Albert C. Cheney, Burt Collins, Frank Evans, William C. Peskett, John McNamara, Geo. F. Dean, Cash R. Beecher, Jos. W. Davis, Fred Beach, Lyman Chamberlain, Claude Chappell, Albert Murray, Wilson Geddes, James Church, H. Allen Moyer, Emerson R. Boyles, Huey Stall, Fitch Beach, Karl Keeler, Hans Kardel, C.B. Fisk Bangs, Earl McGrath, Ray A. Wietzke, W.B. Fulton and John Lawther.

The last tribute mentioned in those excellent club minutes through 1936 concerned a special meeting at the Carnes Tavern on February 4, 1936, when Albery Murray was honored on his fiftieth year of business on 'Main Street'. The meeting was a complete surprise to Albert, which was further accentuated when he discovered other members of his family present as guests. The following was recorded: "Clyde (Fulton) called on R.S. Spencer, Burt

collins, John Miller, and George Spencer, 41.

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graciously accepted that he never the statement that he never expects to have a better time at Rotary than he had today."

On a few occasions the club was even called upon to provide assistance to other establishments in the community. In the minutes of January 5, 1928, the following appeared: "Some talk took place relative to efforts toward the consolidation of the two local telephone companies, wherein the chair appointed Charles Rudesill and Burton J. Cameron to confer with other organizations relative to their cooperation toward this end."

Several appeals were made a various times for aid to the local hospital, one being on February 25, 1932, which was recorded as follows: "Allen Moyer suggested various items which were needed by the hospital. Karl Keeler promised to have Allen's wishes fulfilled provided Allen would attend his church the next Sunday at West Benton. This invitation was accepted."

Each year there are outstanding vocational programs presented, many by club members, which have always provided most interesting information about the business and professions represented the club's list of members.

Our founder, Paul Harr realized that any effort promoting friendship among businessmen could not help but reward it's members richly. The success of Rotary, and the history of Charlotte Rotary particular, bears out his wisdom.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do,

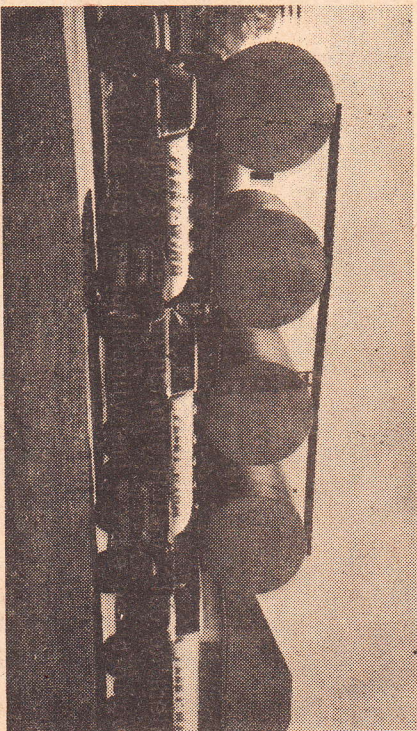
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2. - Is it fair to all concerned?
3. - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?



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and each related some of the things that happened in their boyhood days as well as way back when on Main Street. Clyde then called on Russell McConnell, who with a few well chosen remarks, presented to Albert a scroll with each and every members name personally inscribed thereon. Albert very

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Excerpts from  
Rotary Mirror  
Certain dentists bore you to tears.  
Dr. B. Phillip Brown was observed in church yesterday, so he may not attend on Easter.  
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**THE  
FOUR-WAY  
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Of the things we think,  
say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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# DUTCH SIMPSON



# History of Richey's

Richey's Store was seven years old when Rotary came to Charlotte. Founded in 1914 by three Albion, Michigan business men, George T. Bullen, John E. Richey, and Fred A. Richey, the business opened as Bullen and Richey Company in the building formerly occupied by A.J. Doyle. March 13th, a Friday, was the grand opening, proving that these men were not superstitious.

In 1919 John Richey bought out Mr. Bullen's interest and the store became known as John E. Richey Company. During this period John and his wife and two daughters, Eleanor and Helen, lived on West Harris and Fred continued to work in Albion in the Bullen store.

In 1925 Fred brought his wife and two children, Donald and Mary Maxine, from Albion and moved into the Fred Sheperd home on West Lawrence. At this time he became a full partner in the store and it became known as Richey Brothers.

On October 13, 1931, John retired due to ill health and Fred bought out his interest making the store Fred A. Richey Company as it is known today. Fred continued as a progressive and successful merchant until 1953 when his health failed and forced his retirement. The death of Mrs. Richey after a long illness in the

summer of 1952, followed by a serious robbery of the store in March of 1953 were contributing factors to Fred's illness which lasted 12½ years until his death in the fall of 1965.

During the years of Fred's illness the store was managed by his daughter, Mary Maxine, who had been assisting as ready-to-wear buyer and general assistant prior to that time. Upon the death of Fred, Donald Richey's interest in the store was bought by Mary Maxine and her husband, Weldon R. Wagoner, who are the present owners, continuing the business as Fred A. Richey Company.

Fred is remembered for his consuming interest in Rotary. Tuesday was definitely "Rotary Day" and many hours were given to the details involved in his job as Club Secretary. His enthusiasm for Rotary was very evident in his pride in a perfect attendance record that extended over a period of years. "Making-up-Rotary" in Chicago was a highlight of his business trips to that city and on at least one occasion he was present when Paul Harris, founder of Rotary was also in attendance.

Found among the papers in Fred's pocket was a little folder bearing the Rotary emblem and containing the following lines:

For every evil under the sun There is a remedy or none. If there is one—try and find it; If there is none—never mind it.

Rotary's slogan of Service Above Self was truly a part of Fred Richey's philosophy and a feeling that fitted in well with his dedication to his church and his community.



## Programs Anyone?

It's axiomatic that if one were to ask every member of Charlotte Rotary what, to him, was the most outstanding weekly program he had heard at Rotary, you would get at least 99 different answers. Speaking objectively, it is well nigh impossible to obtain 52 outstanding programs each and every year (ask any program chairman) but in retrospect the programs and the personalities who presented them have been of high quality.

Many of these programs have come great distances; on the other hand some of the very best have come from within the club membership.

In the 1920's, Fielding Yost of University of Michigan and Jep Bizby, Henry Ford's favorite fiddler presented programs to our club. In 1934, Dr. Charlie Barker, the only lecturer Rotary

International ever officially sponsored, talked to capacity audiences at our local schools and churches as well as at the regular weekly club meeting.

In 1943, Dr. Pollack of University of Michigan, who had just returned from Russia and was considered the leading authority on that country of his time, came to speak to Charlotte Rotary. A footnote to the article that covered his appearance mentioned that nobody left early that day.

Jack Adams and Ted Lindsay of the Detroit Red Wings appeared at a club luncheon in 1954 and all during the 1950's we had visits from many of our politicians. Included were Governor G. Mennen Williams, Lt. Gov. Phillip Hart, Congressmen Alvin Bentley, Paul Shafer and August Johanssen.

Naturally, it would be impossible to print the complete list of the great programs Rotary has been privileged to receive. Perhaps the best tribute to Charlotte Rotary and its programs and its fellowship was taken from the club bulletin of a neighboring club, the Ledger of Grand Ledge in its February 12, 1957 issue:

"If you have never made up a Rotary meeting at Charlotte, you have missed part of Rotary. You realized immediately why they have 80 members, when you sing along under the flailing arms of Clyde Fulton doing

'Shortnin Bread' just after you have polished off a delicious steak followed by a cherry pie. Then, a smooth looking gent indoctrinates three new members to the club with a genuine William Jennings Bryan touch. You're glowing inside that you are a Rotarian and musing over the terrific fellowship that surrounds you, when someone puts out the lights and you are whisked off the run-way at Willow Run, bound for the northern extremities of the Canadian Rockies. For the next half-hour you ride a horse for some 300 miles, sleep in a sleeping bag under British Columbian Skies, eat big-horn sheep steaks deliciously browned by your 21 year old blond cook, wander up and down unsurpassed scenic mountains and stream filled valleys, dodge grizzly bears, and completely lose your current problems in the vastness of the land, where time is measured with the shedding of moose antlers and the collections of pine cones by the sassy red squirrel."

Programs must come and programs must go. The search for excellence has to be constant and quality must remain high if club members are to be kept interested and involved. So hats go off to the long-suffering program chairmen who through the years have given a full measure to devotion to an ideal.







**The 15th Anniversary Celebration of Richey's Store**

First row starting from left to right - Mr. Fred Richey, Mrs. Fred Richey, Irma Uhl, Mrs. Carrie Messimer, Mrs. John Richey, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Elizabeth Clement, Miss Catherine Perry, Mrs. Nellie Frace, Mrs. Grace Searles, Mr. John Richey, Mr. Ed Coy, Mrs. Waldo Peck and Ethel Wilcox. Second row - Miss Julia Perry, Donald Richey, Mrs. Mildred Kent, Mrs. Ora Snyder, Miss Isabel Tullis, Mrs. Grace Dolman, Mary Maxine Richey, Mrs. Gay Rogers, Miss Zoe Mikesell and Mrs. Ed Coy.

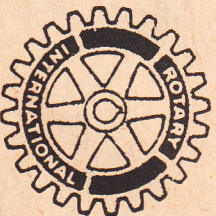


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## Rotary Helps Handicapped

From the start of the Charlotte Rotary Club in 1921, the Cripple Children program was the major project, and in the 1920's and 1930's, day long clinics were held every two or three years. Early records report

play articles were available to amuse the little ones while waiting to be examined. It was an extremely busy day with over eighty children being examined.

The history available on the clinic held on October 10, 1933, reflects more in detail of those participating; not only Rotarians and Rotary Anns, but others from the community. Fred Beach was the chairman, and it is interesting to note the detailed assignments his committee had prepared prior to the clinic. Rotary Anns participating were: Secretary - Fisher; refreshments-Beecher, Collins, Beach, and Bohm; reception and dressing rooms-Hennink, Murray, Cheney, Oldt, Wietzke, Geddies, Garlinghouse and Chapelle. (To this was added, "and their husbands?"), file clerk-Carr, and registration-Oldt and May.

In addition, there were two typists from the high school, Caryle King and Beth Stringham; four girls from the County Normal assisted in various capacities, Donna Belle Claflin, Eleanor Kelly, Bertha Hoffnev and Myrtle Day. Also assisting were Boy Scouts Howard Bond and Jack Killian; and Pauline Bond, who was later to become our pianist for several years, was a general assistant in the examination rooms. Dr. F.H. Purcell of Detroit was the attending orthopedic surgeon, and he was accompanied by four assistants. Assignments were made as to which hours the children from the various townships in the country should be brought in, and in addition, children were present from Barry, Jackson, Cahoun and Ingham Counties. Also attending

the clinic were some officers and members of the Michigan Crippled Children Commission, they being: Hugh Vandewalker, Chairman; Harry H. Howett, Secretary; and Ernest I. Dail and Charles E. Toms, both from Lansing.

Also of note is that nine cases were taken to the Hayes-Green Memorial Hospital for X-rays, and Miss Florence Tunison, superintendent, rushed plates back for Dr. Purcell to check on that same day. "Never before has this service been possible at a similar clinic", was the comment made in an article appearing in the Republican-Tribune. In all, there were 37 children from Eaton County, one each from Barry and Jackson, five from Cahoun and 10 from Ingham, for a total of 54.

For all clinics each Rotarian was assigned one or more crippled children from the county, and the responsibility was not only the initial transportation, but, in the event surgery or treatment was recommended, he would first obtain the consent of the parents and then provide transportation to the hospital designated as often as necessary; which were usually in Ann Arbor or Detroit.

Paul Bond, a Charlotte Rotary member from 1925 to 1941, in his history of the club written in 1955, records two cases in detail which provide examples of the follow-up activities of many Rotarians.

The first concerned his assignment in 1926 of a nine year old girl with a club foot so badly deformed that she could hardly walk. Surgery was recommended, and after much

persuasion, the family consented to the operation. He took the family and child to the University Hospital and remained until after the operation, bringing the parents home. The child was able to come home three months later, though three return trips were necessary during the next six months, after which she could run and play without any difficulty. After graduation from high school she took a special college training course in the field of the handicapped child, worked several years for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and later married.

The second case concerned A. Burton Collins and his 1930 assignment of a young woman twenty-two years old who could not walk but crawled on the floor like a small baby, due to both legs being paralyzed from the hips down. Being above the age limit of twenty-one for help from the Crippled Children Society, he obtained \$2,000 from the Eaton County Board of Supervisors and \$1,000 from the Rotary Club for treatments and a series of operations at the University Hospital. Bones were transplanted in her withered legs, she was fitted with special shoes, braces and crutches, and was able to walk after eighteen months. Six months later she married, moved to Detroit, and eventually presented her husband with a baby girl.

On Feb. 8, 1926, shortly after the first clinic, Raysh Higby was our delegate to the 6th. Annual Meeting of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children held in Detroit to which 115 delegates attended representing 31 cities. In his report he mentioned that Charlotte was one of eleven Rotary Clubs which were lauded for taking a personal interest in their children by bringing them

Children Commission which provided funds for the continuance and expansion of this most worthwhile endeavor.

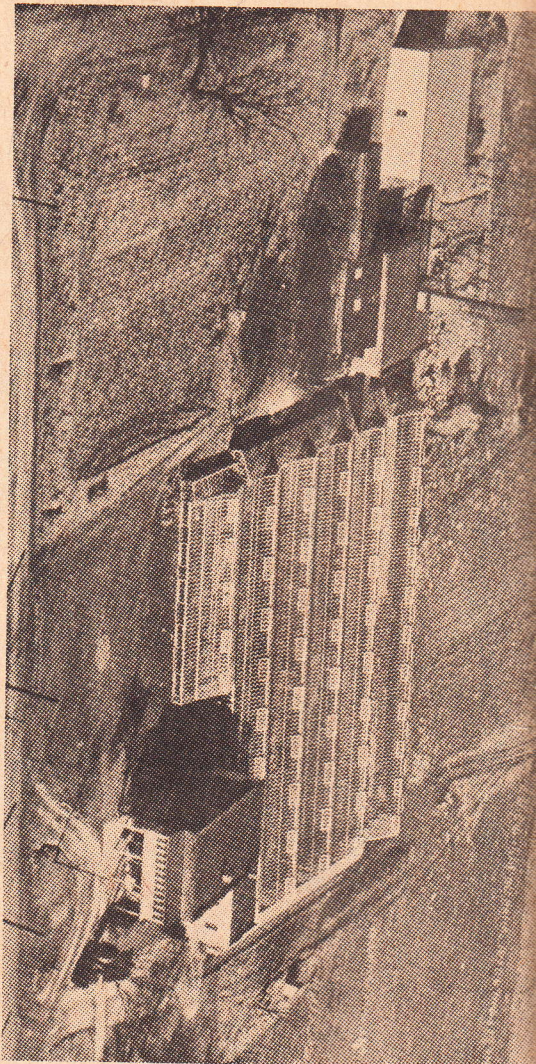
Easter Seals, (first called White Cross Seals) were also a source of revenue starting in the 1920's, and Paul's history mentions that for the first six years following the return of 'his' nine year old girl from surgery, she accompanied him and the late Armen Kirkbean of Grand Rapids on visits to Rotary Clubs in central Michigan at Easter Seal time. Until only a few years ago, the Charlotte Rotary Club's Cripple Children Committee had charge of the addressing, stuffing and mailing of the thousands of Easter Seal envelopes throughout Eaton County. This work is now handled by the Michigan Crippled Children Society, though the envelope returns are still the assignment of the local committee. Commercial classes at Charlotte, Eaton Rapids and Grand Ledge high schools did the addressing for years, and on many occasions, the Rotary Anns assisted in many ways. One half of the amounts received each year from the Easter Seal campaigns remain with the treasurer of the Charlotte Rotary Club for use throughout the county.

Though many later clinics than those mentioned were held in Charlotte, this activity was gradually taken over by other agencies. The club still continues to seek out cases, including crippled adults and people with dental problems, that can be handled locally, and provides transportation at the clinics and for those needing hospital care in other cities.

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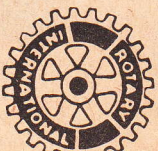
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## Christmas Adventure in Understanding.

Only five years after the first Rotary Club was founded in 1905, a club was organized outside the United States, so the association had become international in name and fact. "The aim had become service to one's vocation, to the community, to the cause of international understanding, and so it is today."

(ROTARIAN, Feb. '71)  
Charlotte Rotary Club members have kept the object of the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through world fellowship alive by entertaining visitors and students from foreign countries.

"The Christmas Adventure for World Understanding" is sponsored by Michigan State University when students from foreign countries attending colleges and universities in the United States come to East Lansing over the holidays. While here, opportunities are given them to see how we live, work and play in Michigan.

George Dean worked with the committee from MSU and made it possible for Charlotte Rotarians to entertain students

from many countries.

Comments from some of the hosts and hostesses follow:

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During the school vacation for Christmas in 1955 some members of Charlotte Rotary volunteered to have foreign students in their homes for a few days. We enjoyed entertaining a girl from Mexico and another from Greece. They both spoke fluent English and we learned much about their countries. They were both very friendly and wrote to us afterward. The following year we entertained a graduate foreign student from Egypt who had a negative attitude about the United States and our relationship was strained. We never did hear anything from her.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. F. Powers

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For many years we have enjoyed having foreign students in our home for short visits. We have entertained people from India, Malaysia, Nigeria, Argentina, Israel and Ghana. When Rotarians were

entertaining students as part of the Christmas adventure project we have many happy experiences.

One year the Elles' and Johnsons decided to get their guests together in the evening to meet each other and exchange ideas about their life in the United States. Our guest was from Israel and Elles' guest was from Lebanon. We asked our student if he might find it difficult to be friendly with one from an enemy nation and he replied he was prepared to accept the fact there would be such encounters while in America. We found no problems arising during the evening together but we carefully avoided subjects of a political nature.

For the past two years we have been assigned graduate students from MSU as members of the Host Committee for International Programs and have found new friends from Australia, Malaysia, India, and South Vietnam. We have them come to our home and we go to theirs and try to act as parents and friends if any illness or trouble arises during their stay in the United States.

Jo & Darrel Johnson

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During the first Christmas Adventure program out of Michigan State University,

George and I entertained three students from foreign countries; Great Britain, Uruguay and Afghanistan. We enjoyed the three young men, while our guests for one day and night.

McGee, the British student wrote a book after returning to he homeland and sent us an autographed copy the following Christmas.

Bee Dean

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It was a pleasure to entertain our foreign student, Martin Cabares de Nava, from the Canary Islands, during the MSU Christmas Adventure program. Our student was studying law at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. He was to return to the Canary Islands at the end of the semester to go into law practice.

After his return he mailed some colorful posters for our recreation room.

It was an interesting experience, exchanging information about our countries and especially about the Christmas Season.

Dolores & Dale Clear

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Excerpts from Rotary Mirror

Fred Beach says the wind flew so hard one day out there that it blew down some trees

that had never been blown down before.

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## The Great Medallion Debate

Medallions - medallions - medallions,

Are a label that goes on your chest.

We avoided them like the plague for years,

But we thought they were fine for the rest.

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In September 1955 there is a note in the Mirror that says our club voted 50 no to 17 yes to provide club members with medallions. But we are a generous club, we give away what we don't want ourselves, so we gave Olivet Rotary Club their medallions with our blessing.

Maybe our members didn't need labels because they are like the little boy who wandered away from his mother and when she found him she scolded him for being lost, to which he replied, "But I wasn't lost, Mama, I knew where I was all the time." So said a Charlotte Rotarian, "Why should I wear a label? I know who I am."

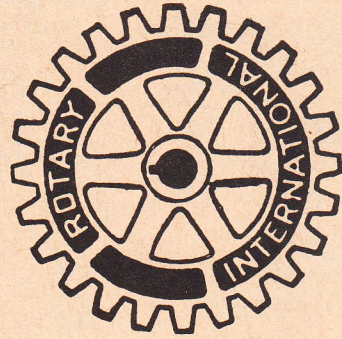
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# Naders Raiders?

Among the many community service projects that Rotarians have participated in during the past 50 years, the Safety Check of automobiles would rank high in importance. Joining members of other service organizations, several hundreds of cars were checked during the late 50's and early 60's. It's interesting to note the remarks printed in several club bulletins of the period:

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 7-9-57//“Rotarians in the safety check program were Frank Palmer, Don Roush, Dick Johnson, Lynn Fowler, James Church, Dale Baum and Charles Fielder. The first day they checked a total of 231 cars and issued 178 safe driving stickers. 53 cars were rejected. Eldred T o u t a n t is Rotary's representative on the Safety Council and is doing a splendid job. Let's give all these boys a word of encouragement for the time they've put in and the accidents they may have helped to prevent.”

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 6-3-58//“Eldred Tountant is the man to sign up with, if you can work on June 12, 13, or 14. The actual check will be made from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Maker's parking lot. Each work shift will be 2½ hours long.”

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 6-7-60//“Congratulations for a job well done to Doug Burkhead and his chairmen, Bob Johnson, Bob Fulton and Dick Johnson, for their work in operating the Safety Check lane last Thursday and Friday.”

# Rotary Supports Summer Camps

Ever since Rotary came to Charlotte, local Rotarians have encouraged the young people by supporting summer camps and activities. The first record of sponsoring a boy at summer camp is in August 1926 when the fee was paid to send the boy to a training camp.

For the past 20 years, in order to encourage Charlotte's young leaders, Rotary has sponsored boys at two outstanding experience activities during the summer. The first of these is called Camp Emery (which started in 1948) and is located at Big Blue Lake near Muskegon, Michigan. This is an annual camp and is sponsored jointly by two Rotary Districts, 636 and 625. Each Rotary club in the two Districts may send one or more boys who are either between their Junior and Senior years or have just graduated from high school.

The avowed purpose of Camp Emery is to expose these young men to the many outstanding leaders and counselors who are selected to visit the camp and conduct workshops. From the group discussions and speeches it is hoped that these young men will share a living and learning experience that will contribute to their eventually becoming community citizens and leaders of high merit. This has indeed been the case with most of these boys.

The second activity is Boys State, which is sponsored by the American Legion and is held in early summer. Charlotte Rotary participates by sending as many boys as possible and there have been as many as eleven boys

single year. It is generally known that Boys State is held on the campus of Michigan State University and that the boys in attendance form a model government and learn by actual experience how the political process works, through elections, office-holding, and legislative activities. Many of the government officials, whose roles are being portrayed by the boys, actually attend to meet with and speak to the boys.

A third, but not as well known summer experience, involved sponsorship of both young men and women from high school, was called the Model United Nations. Until this past year, this was held at Hillsdale College and was originated by officials at the college who were also Rotarians. This again was a participation experience whereby the students portrayed members of a Model UN from many countries and thereby learned of the diverse problems of other nations through their research and dialogue.

To prove further that Rotarians are not interested in supporting only young men for these experiences, in 1959 they paid a portion of the fee to send seven local girls to Girl's State and in 1960 and for several years thereafter, sent several children to a Salvation Army summer camp.

Rotarians have always felt that summer programs are a necessary part of youth training and offer an outstanding opportunity for self improvement. Supporting students at summer camps is

surely the Rotary Four-Way Test in action.

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Excerpts from Rotary Mirror

Bill Peskett says that the trouble with being a retired barber is that he's always talking himself, when he's shaving, into giving himself a shampoo and a massage.

There's this to be said ignorance: it gives rise to a deal of conversation.  
 Stall: "Do you read P Muma: "Naw, I read pi good."  
 She doesn't select his clo but she does pick his pocket.  
 "Tell me, pretty maiden, are your cheeks so re  
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# Job Daughter's Dance



Pictured from left to right Renate Gramer, David Dykhouse, Yv Putz, and James McLaughlin.

Pressured by two younger sisters the "college men" and four Junior Rotarians, David Dykhouse and James McLaughlin, escort the German girls Renate Gramer and Yvuta Putz to the annual Christmas Dance.

History records that it was James that called on Renate Germany when he spent a summer in Europe and something happened, for this is how it ended on May 24, 1964.







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Pictured from left to right The Rev. H.B. Loomis and Mr. and James McLaughlin.

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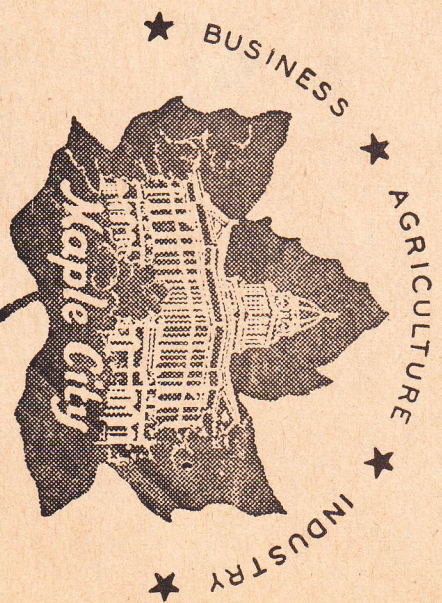


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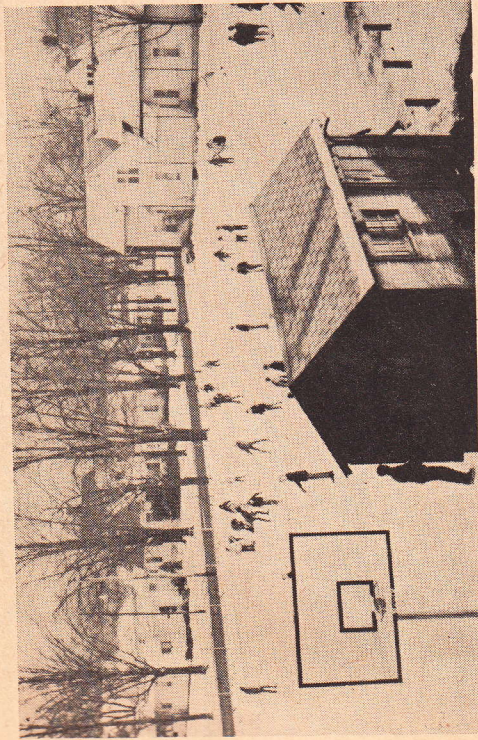
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## The Peerless Ice Patrol

In December of 1957, the City Recreation Department was faced with a real dilemma. The fine ice rink in back of the high school needed capable and reliable supervisors or it would have to be abandoned. An urgent call to the Charlotte Rotary Club was favorably received by the Board of Directors, and a chairman appointed to handle both volunteer and drafted patrolmen to take a turn or two of duty during the skating season. The only criterion for service has always been physical well-being, not skating ability.

While technically this activity probably belongs under the

heading of Community Service, a number of our Rotarians considered it a Sports Promotion and appeared at the rink wearing their 'blades' and ready to impress the small fry to the tune of Skaters Waltz, or even indulge in a little game of tag or hockey. Others of a less athletic turn chose to remain on the side lines stomping feet and clapping hands to keep the old corpuscles circulating, or better yet, to lurk in the little warm-up shack, appearing only when needed to settle a dispute or chastise some miscreant.

The club has provided it's members as patrolmen for 14 years, supervising usually on two

hour shifts, though many members have served double and triple duty during a long skating season. In 1962 there were 72 days of skating - a pretty 'cool' record!

In addition to the fun, this project is a serious responsibility and an area of real service to the community, for parents can allow their youngsters to skate during the patrolled hours, knowing they will be controlled and protected, and helped out if in need or injured. We happily report that there were few serious injuries incurred, and all Patrolmen have survived the many seasons with only minor bruises and sprains.



## The Great Oleo Debate

Minutes of February 25, 1932 - First Round.

The meeting then went into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union for a discussion of the question: Resolved: that butter and not oleomargarine should be the regular diet of all families granted help by the county poor commission, provided that butter was used by the farmers

themselves as shown by a vote to be taken at Karl Keefer's church next Sunday morning, same being that the heat of the body is insufficient to transmute in petrolatum constituent in oleomargarine into organic tissue. Albert Murray suggested that perhaps the present poor commissioner was merely carrying out the practice of many other households in the use of lubricants in the diet. Wesley Oldt volunteered to make further studies with his church people in the practice but he was reminded by Fred Bohn, president of the Board of Education, that perhaps the policy of the Board in teaching scientific nutrition facts in the schools would settle the whole controversy, and although the families of school children might not have the money to buy butter, they still knew what to buy. Pending further investigation into the subject the committee arose.

Minutes of March 3, 1932 - Second and Final Round.

The second skirmish in the Club debate on the use and value of oleomargarine as a household diet by farmers and others was opened by Karl Keefer, who related that on the previous Sunday in two Methodist testimony meetings in two different rural churches that not one of the stalwart sons of the soil had confessed to the use of oleomargarine. Albert Murray at

once nominated Karl and his congregations to membership in the Ananias Club and supported his nomination by placing in evidence the testimony of three local merchants to the effect that farmers in large numbers were known to purchase oleo in their stores. Upon hearing this evidence Karl made three, and perhaps four further nominations, and demanded a jury trial and a change of venue. The Club took his motion under advisement, and the debate ended in a draw.



## Boy's State

For many years Charlotte Rotary Club has sent High School boys between their junior and senior years to the American Legion sponsored Boy's State held annually at Michigan State University. Charlotte has had as many as

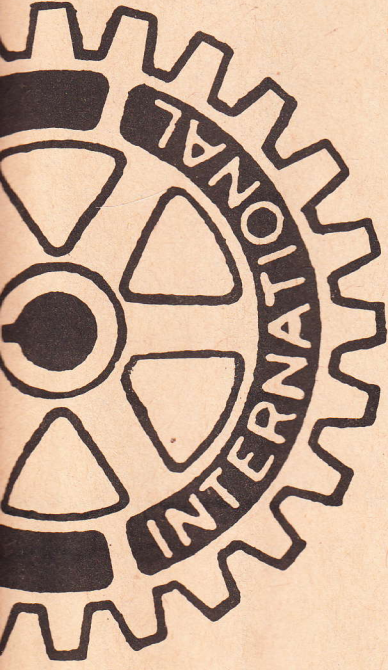
eleven boys attending in one year, where a government is formed modelled from our Michigan Constitution. The boys learn the functions of political parties, state elections, offices, departments, commissions, and agencies of our government. Many government officials, including the governor of the state, meet and talk to the young men during the week, so they are given an actual learning experience of lasting value.





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# Another First — Football-Band Banquet

Our club attendance was nearly 100%. Rotary Anns as well as Rotarians along with other business men and citizens of Charlotte at a banquet in honor of the Charlotte High School Band and Football Team, a total attendance of 274 men and women to show their appreciation for what has been accomplished this year, and that win, lose or draw we are behind them in any and all of their achievements.

President Allen opened the meeting in the regular manner and with a few well chosen remarks, turned it over to our program chairman Clyde as Toastmaster for the evening. Of all the dignitaries one ever heard of, Claud Behrens certainly qualifies, from the introduction given him by Clyde. Mr. Behrens' Toast to the Boys proved Clyde wasn't so far wrong either. Clyde then introduced Rotarian George Mooers who gave a very inspiring Toast to the Band, highly commending the value of a band as an inspiration to press on. OUR genial toastmaster then introduced Gene King, who not only gracefully entertained us with two tap dance numbers but sang a surprise song for all the members on the football squad. Coach Malcolm Goebel was introduced by Clyde and from the way he talked, for and about the players as a squad, introducing them as such, it's no wonder we have a winning team this year. WE were favored with two vocal solos by Arnold Koch, a member of the High School Faculty, after which Clyde very ably introduced our guest speaker of the evening Judson Hyames, director of physical

education at Western State Teachers College at Kalamazoo. Mr. Hyames' talk to the boys certainly was an inspiration and the illustrations brought out by him surely should be food for thought for anyone present. His challenge to the winners of letters this year was put up to them in such a way that they cannot help but feel the responsibility they owe to their school and the community.

The close attention given each and every member on the program was proof enough that everyone present spent a very enjoyable evening.

November 12, 1935



## Jerrold's

Jerrold's Apparel Shop - "the store for fashionable women" - is now in its 43rd year, in downtown Charlotte. Jerrold's has a fine reputation over a wide trading area in south-central Michigan, as a store carrying all nationally advertised apparel at budget prices.

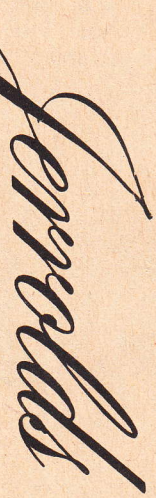
Jerrold's is popular with Mom and Daughter alike, for its attractive selections of dresses, ensembles, suits, sportswear, pants, slacks, shorts, blouses, sweaters and all the accessories, so important to her complete outfit. Unusual costume jewelry is also featured.

Glenn Preston, owner of Jerrold's, has been an active Rotarian since 1962.



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A note from doc Snyder:  
'Arrived safely-heat terrific.'  
And he was so young.

Banker Clyde says that an IOU is a paper wall.

Clyde's Witty Ditty

The symphonic purpose of this little ditty  
is the vibrant report of the Music Committee





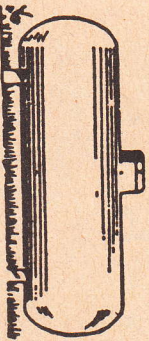
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By bursts from the throat of a songster like Cudney  
Assisted by such as Van Noppen and Carothers  
and Schaefer and Schwieger and Wietzke and others  
When they sing "Wagon Wheels"—ah your senses go spinning  
And their "Smile, Sing a Song" sets the whole gang a grinning  
Why Governor Guy, these birds sing cause they love it  
If it seems pretty forceful, just think nothing of it  
There may be sweet music in heavenly spheres  
But there's nothing so tuneful to these mortal ears  
As this gang of good fellows with elbows a rubbing  
Giving all the old melodies one hell of a drubbing  
(Report of the Music Committee to the District Governor on 11/20,  
by Clyde Fulton - Chairman)

## Ed and Lew (bless 'em) "Jingle Bells"

by Stuart Graham

in Jeopardy  
February 4, 1932

Older Charlotte Rotarians can never forget two of their staunchest friends Ed Nettles and Lew Anderson, the Grand Old Rotarians of Battle Creek. These two fine elderly gentlemen, who from 1930 to 1955, visited us so often that we considered them the same as our regular members, would always travel to Charlotte together, and would add much to the fellowship of our whole Club. Even though in later years when their health began to fail they would still come, and would always have a spark of humor to relate on each visit. How their eyes would twinkle with pleasure as we would welcome them with a friendly handshake and greeting! Soon time took its toll and they came no more, but those of us who knew them will always remember those two wonderful Rotarian friends, Ed and Lew.

Due to the regrettable absence of Rotary Ann Helen Sherwood Karl Keefer attempted with accompaniment several so with unusual success. T singing of that popular ball "Jingle Bells" was preceded by confession of the men present to whether or not they had taken a girl for a ride in a cut To the surprise of some of old residents only about half the men present had had delightful experience. A simple contest was then staged between those who sang their love songs to the accompaniment sleighbells and creaking sn and those whose love songs been interrupted by too much attention to the steering gear the sound of a blow-out on approaching car. According Judge Karl Keefer, the timers won.





## L.L. Johnson Lumber Co.

In a woods a few miles south of Albion, Michigan in 1909 stood a portable sawmill owned and operated by L.L. Johnson, a resident of Albion. The circular sawmill was set up to cut oak logs into railroad ties, switching ties and crossing planks, which were in great demand by many railroads crisscrossing Michigan. Mr. Johnson cut off several oak wood lots south, east and west of Albion before he moved the mill north of Albion into woods which had other hardwood trees.

The automobile industry was expanding and all kinds of hardwood lumber was needed for automobile bodies and at the same time large furniture factories had developed in Michigan making a big demand for hard and soft maple and elm lumber. In 1916 Mr. Johnson moved into Eaton County to cut these hardwoods and furnish lumber for the Lansing and Flint Automobile companies as well as the railroads.

Early in 1922 a site for a permanent circular sawmill and small planing mill was purchased from the Clever Brothers on North Washington Street in Charlotte. The property had been called The Commons, and had a small gravel pit on it which supplied gravel and sand for the

Cochran Street and a new band sawmill was installed.

By then the use of wood in automobiles had declined except in truck bodies and there was a demand for hardwoods for furniture. The blond or t'ached maple furniture was fashionable, so with the best hard maple in the world available in Eaton County the Lumber Co. began producing large quantities of hard maple lumber. The dry kilns at the Charlotte Furniture Co. were utilized and the kilns and storage shed were kept full until that company went out of business.

In 1941 the Lumber Co. built its first dry kiln, adding two more in 1948. The three sons of Darrel Johnson have entered the business as they completed their education; Richard (Dick), in 1952, Robert (Bob), in 1956, and Edward (Ted), in 1958. The business was incorporated in 1966 as the L.L. Johnson Lumber Manufacturing Company, retaining the name of its founder.

The company has had a steady growth. Logs are now hauled by truck from a sixty-mile radius and lumber is shipped by rail and truck all over the United States. By adding buildings, machinery and equipment, much of which the owners have designed and built themselves, the production has increased to five million board feet a year, with dry kiln capacity of seventy-five thousand feet and dried lumber

Darrel E. Johnson joined his father in the fall of 1928 after being employed by the Dwight Hinckley Lumber Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, following graduation from college, and in 1929 a partnership was formed. The following year the Lumber Co. purchased the property of the Fenn Manufacturing Co. on North

storage capacity of eight hundred thousand feet. The planing mill machinery provides capability to surface, rip and resaw, which makes production of dimension stock available to users in large or small quantities. In 1972 the company will complete fifty years of business in Charlotte.

Charlotte Rotary Club is unique in having a member with three sons all active Rotarians.



## Jim Church - The Orator

Promptly at one o'clock Jim Church was given the floor for a classification talk. It was another of those proofs that we do not need to go outside our own members to get corking good addresses. As a matter of fact, Jim talked so intelligently and interestingly on Groceries that it may no longer be said that 80%

of the food buying is done by women. All the fellows will want to trade with Jim just to hear more of those truly funny stories and to get more of the facts which lie behind fruits and vegetables, canned and fresh. More power to you Jim! You not only know your onions, but your coffee, tea, lettuce, beans, peas, salmon, cheese, and other articles too numerous to mention as well. Nov. 20, 1934

## A New "Wrinkle" For The Ladies

November 13, 1934

## LADIES NIGHT AT THE CARNES TAVERN

Program in charge of Lyman Chamberlain. Seventy-one sat down to dinner. For the sake of variety and amusement the ladies introduced the men instead of vice versa. As they did so they were to, tell their husband's worst failing. It was evidently a suggestion from some lawyer who desired to create business for the divorce courts. Singing stunts and visiting brought us up to the feature of the program, several reels of motion pictures depicting wild life and beautiful scenery of Michigan.

Lyman and his committee deserve hearty commendation for a very pleasant evening.

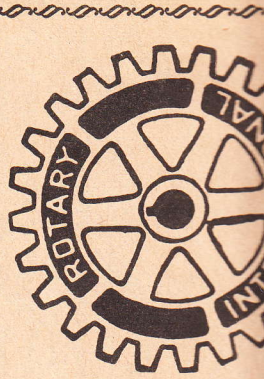


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"Shakespearean Troop" of Charlotte Rotary Club led by "George Gobel" Byland and "Richard Burton" Powers will entertain the District Conference at St. Joe on April 18. The leading parts are filled, but we need two good men for small roles.

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# Along With Rotary We Too Are Celebrating



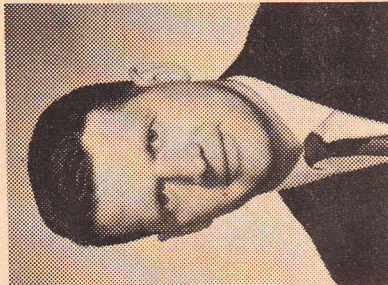




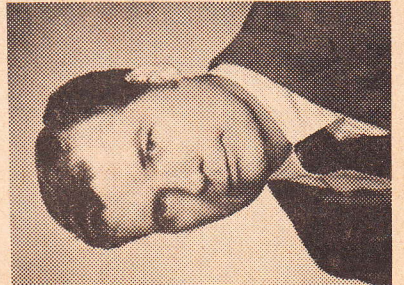
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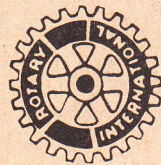


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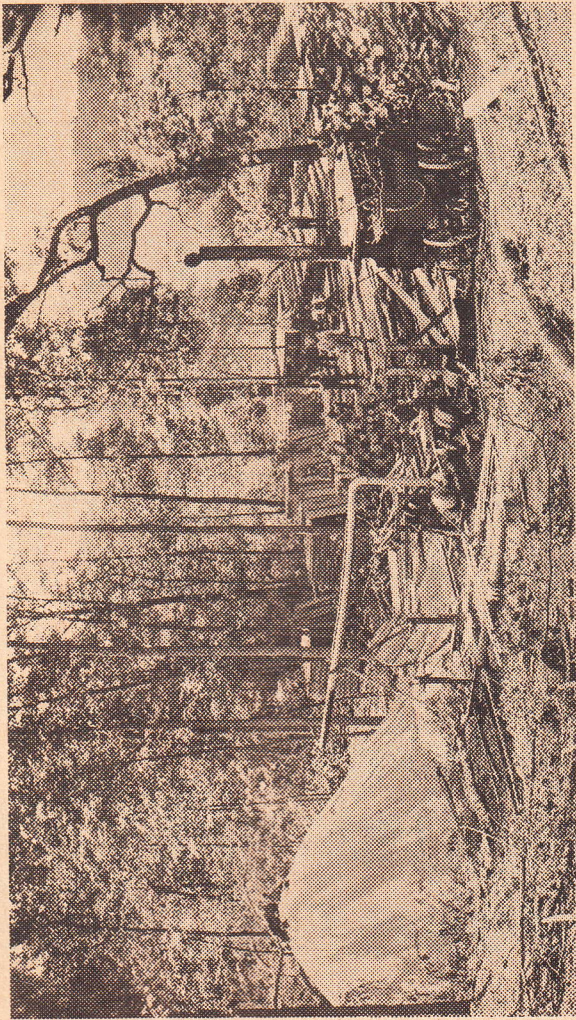


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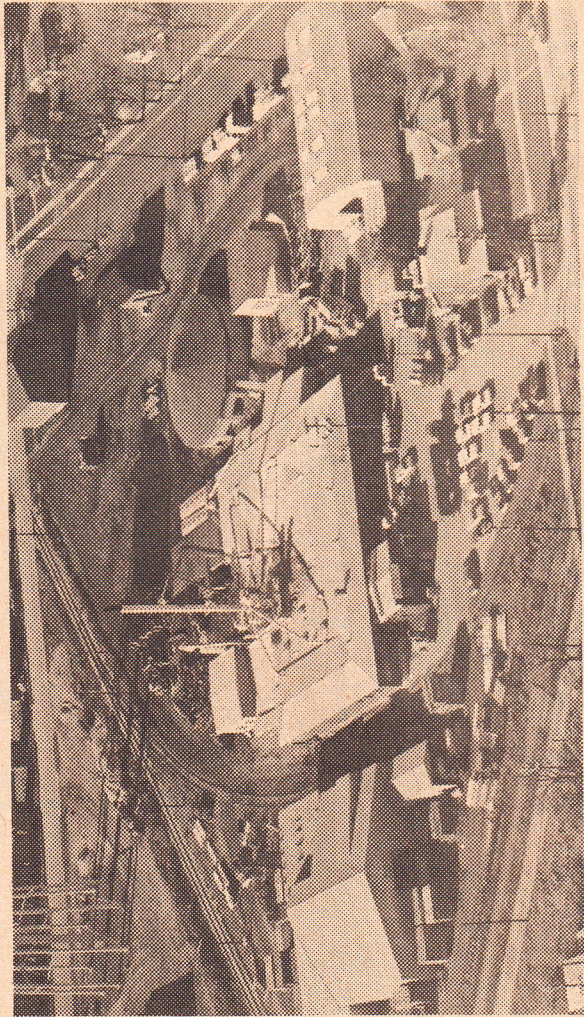
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# Charlotte Rotary's 25th Anniversary

On May 22, 1946 the 25th Anniversary banquet was held at the Masonic Temple, preceded by golf in the afternoon at the Charlotte Country Club. Rotarians and their Rotary Anns were present from Battle Creek, Lansing, Marshall, Grand Rapids, Ypsilanti and Detroit. Of the eleven Charter members still living out of the original twenty-four, only four were able to attend. Mrs. Kate Dell, whose mother-in-law Mrs. William Dell had served the Charter Day luncheon, was the caterer and service was provided by the high school girl waitresses.

The dining room was elaborately decorated in Rotary colors, with several Rotary banners placed around the room. The tables were set up as spokes in a wheel and the speakers table was decorated with beautiful bouquets, the gifts of Rotarians and friends. Adding to the color were special light blue souvenir programs placed at each plate. President Fred Murray was the presiding officer. Rev. Russ McConnell, a member since 1935 and a Past President, gave the invocation and Ward Hynes directed the singing which was accompanied by Pauline Shaull, our main accompanist since 1935.

Dr. Arnet J. Garlinghouse, a Charter Member and Past President, served as the toastmaster and first introduced Mrs. Fred Murray who gave

three pleasing numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Marple, who had occasionally carried out this function for the Club as far back as 1927. Edward J. Elles, Charter Member and club President for the first two years, reviewed the early history of the Club. Paul Bond, a member in 1925, President 1929-30 and District Governor in 1932-33 was present to represent the Past District Governors of the 151st District. Ernest H. Chappelle of Ypsilanti, also a member in 1925, President in 1927-28, Secretary from 1929 to 1932 and a Past District Governor of District 153, toasted the Past Presidents of the Club.

William W. Slocum, a Past President of Detroit Rotary Club which sponsored Charlotte, was then called upon to introduce the speaker, Mr. E. Roy Shaw, Past President of the Detroit Club and a Past District Governor of District 153.

It was an enjoyable and memorable occasion and presumably the thought and wish might have been expressed by several of the speakers that Charlotte Rotary would enjoy another fruitful 25 years.



## Charlotte Rotary Attends District Conferences

From the time Charlotte first received its club Charter, Charlotte Rotarians have been active in District and

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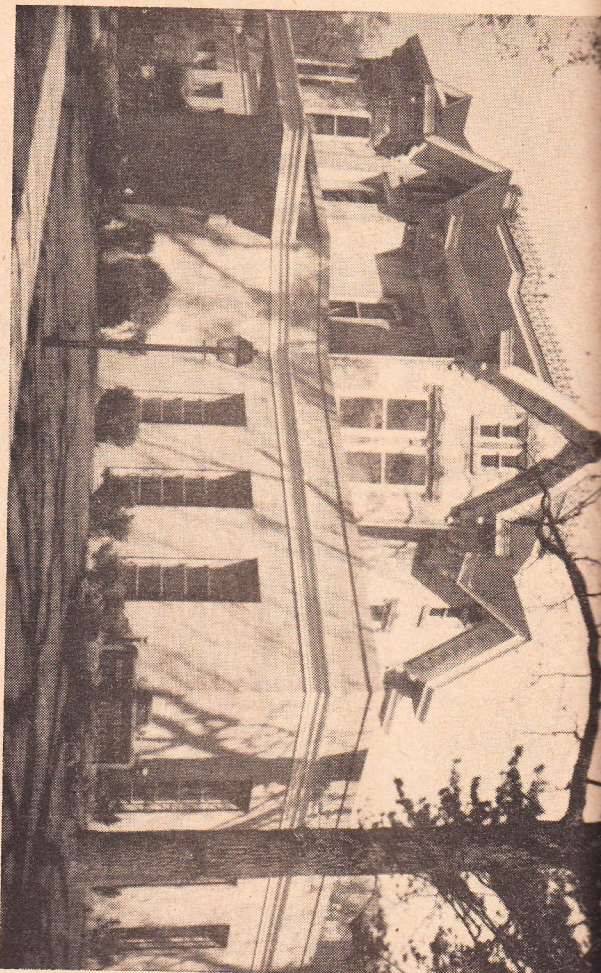
In June of 1921, just slightly over a month after the Charter Day festivities over 41 men and women attended the so-called State Round-up at Michigan Agricultural College. At that time Charlotte was the "baby" club in the District and on the

occasion they dressed for the part.

The first President of the club, E.J. Elles, was dressed as a baby and H.R. Sylvester was dressed as his nurse. Many of the other men wore baby bonnets and bibs; the ladies carried their yellow, purple and green parasols. Needless to say, they

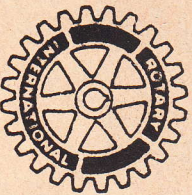
at St. Joe-Benton Harbor, the first in the United States. At the 1964 Conference held at Charlotte Club presented playlet entitled "Accepted With Regrets." Many Rotarians and Rotary Anns attended the Conference to help with, or be part of this play. Perhaps as a result of this Charlotte won the





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"62 Years of Dedicated Service"

In 1930 twenty Rotarians from Charlotte attended the District Conference at Manistee in order to nominate Paul Bond as District Governor. After Paul's name was placed in nomination, he appeared on the floor of the Conference to withdraw his name and move that Eric Tassman of Lansing be unanimously nominated. The motion was carried without a ballot. Support for Paul as District Governor continued and again in May of 1932 twenty-two Rotarians attended the Conference which was held in Grand Rapids, and again placed his name in nomination. At this Conference, Paul was elected and he became one of the youngest District Governors in the Rotary World. He was 34 years old.

In 1934 the Charlotte Rotary Club had 100% attendance at a Conference in Traverse City. It is believed to be the first and only time that a Club has had 100% attendance at a District Conference, at least in this District.

Over the years as Rotary Clubs grew in numbers, it was necessary for the Districts to change. In 1937 Michigan was divided into three Districts and Charlotte became a part of District 151. Again in the late 40's it became necessary to divide Michigan once more into five districts and Charlotte became a part of 219. It was decided in 1957 that all district numbers in the United States would be allocated numbers between 500 and 800. Thus Charlotte became part of District 636 which holds through today.

George Dean served the District as Governor in 1955-56 and again in 1957-58 when the duly elected Governor, Elwin Bodley, moved from the District shortly after he took office. George therefore becomes one of

as District Governor for District 636. Thirty-eight members from the Charlotte club attended his District Conference in Lansing. Other than the host club, this was the largest attendance from any other club in the District. Rotarians who return from these Conferences seem to have a renewed Rotary spirit. This fact coupled with the usually good attendance record at Conferences for Charlotte would appear to account for the steadfast strength of Rotary in our town.

## A New Project

A new project of Rotary, started recently to create better international understanding, is an exchange of young business people with districts from other countries. Last year six men from Sweden toured our District 636 for a month and during last summer six young men from our district spent a month in Sweden. These young men are not necessarily Rotarians when selected and the emphasis is on business, government and customs of the country being toured.

★ ★  
 Excerpts from  
 Rotary Mirror 6/30/59

"They say we need a new jail. The old one has no carpets on the floor, no private toilets, no individual television sets, and is nearly 100 years old! (In Europe it would be called the NEW jail). When are we going to wake up and quit throwing away money?"

★ ★  
 Editor William Vance



# “Peaceful Valley”



*This picture took first prize of the 364 entries in the Scenic Division of the ROTARIAN'S Seventh and final Photo Contest in 1943 for Charlotte's amateur photographer, Ion McLaughlin. "Peaceful Valley" was taken at Head of Grassy, a small Post Office in Kentucky, while the McLaughlins were on a trip through the state in the fall of 1942.*

### Excerpts from Rotary Mirror

It's hard to sow wild oats and be in clover, says philosopher George Warren.

You can get round-shouldered following hunches.

The stork kids the whole world.

Too bad this is an election year. A lot of good could be done for the world if nobody cared who got credit for it.

Dear Rotary Fellows of the Rotary Club of Charlotte, Mich. The weekly meeting of our club takes place every Tuesday evening and last Tuesday we had the great pleasure to see Rotary Fellow Kardel of your club as our guest.

We had invited our wives to this meeting owing to a Fellow just returned from U.S.A., who lectured on his travel through the States.

Such the meeting got a certain festive mark, and the climax occurred when Rotary Fellow Kardel in a little and heart-felt speech presented our president your extra-vagant gift to our club.

We are not quite sure in which way we shall express our thankfulness for the gift, but let us try to do it in this manner: Many years ago a member of our club has presented us with a big shipbell mounted precize in the same way as yours, so that our new bell just looks like a younger brother to the elder one, and as the world belongs to the youth we shall pay proper regards to this fact.

When opening our meetings, we use to strike the bell once. We tried the two bells and found out that when using your mallet we could tune up the bells to a

# Hans Rings The Bell

nice harmony and futurely we shall strike both the bells and such at every meeting remember your club and the fourth object of Rotary.

We are, dear friends, sending our heartiest greetings from our club to yours.

KORSOR ROTARY CLUB  
J.J. Hjorth Jensen  
President



More Word from  
SCANDALUVIA

“Brønderstret, Danmark. 12 June 1948.

Dear Chuck: The bell and gavel sure was received by Korsor Rotary Club with appreciation. Give my regards to all in the Charlotte Club. Having a nice time. H.K.”

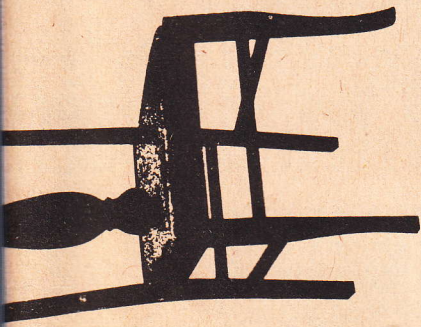
(Editor's Note: This note was written on a picture postcard, but we regret to inform you that the nature of the picture was such that it seems unwise for us to copy it in the MIRROR. Caption with the picture can be repeated, however: “For Tyvende gang i formiddag----dette er ikke nummer 19293!”)



# Charlotte Chair Company

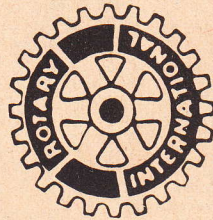
A Reflection of Fine Taste Since 1912





Good looking and sturdy, this oak dining chair with genuine leather seat sold for \$3.50 in 1914, when E. J. Elles took over as president of the company.

Three generations of the Elles Family have served Rotary during its half century in Charlotte; E. J. Elles, 1st President 1921-23  
Edward S. Elles, 39th President 1960-61  
Stephen A. Elles, Joined in 1965.

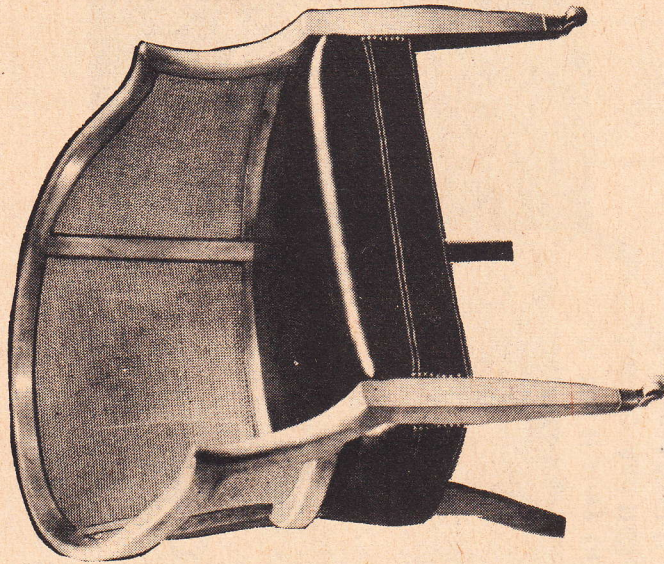


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# Charlotte Chair Company

Charlotte, Michigan

operated The Charlotte Chair Company for nearly sixty years, supplying fine chairs to furniture stores and interior decorators across the country. The institutional seating division has furnished chairs for the best hotels, restaurants and clubs in the nation.



Classic Contemporary lines and fine craftsmanship distinguish this example of the many handsome occasional chairs we produce.



# Rural-Urban Fellowship

Charlotte Rotary Club has for many years had close ties with the rural segment of our community and reports show that in 1930 we helped sponsor a Farmers - Merchants banquet. In the middle '30's until the 1950's Hans Kardel annually brought the club up to date on the 4-H Fair Program for the year, and Rotarians helped to man the gates when the Fair was in progress.

The first annual Rural-Urban day on record was in 1948 with Hans Kardel in charge. On this occasion each Rotarian was given the name of a farmer that was to be invited to the luncheon as the Rotarian's personal guest. This procedure has been repeated each year since that time. Over the years, the programs have been varied; some have dealt with subjects which were agricultural in nature and others have presented topics of a general nature. All such events have always led to an atmosphere of good fellowship and are pleasantly anticipated each year.

The attendance record was set in 1963 when 75 guests were present to see and hear Bob Munger's pictures and narration on the Alaskan bear hunting trip which Bob made.

Since Rotary's classification principal calls for one representative from each "recognized and worthy business or profession", Charlotte Rotary has been well represented in this area at one time or another in the persons of Cliff McIntyre and Harvey Holcomb, to name two in most recent years.

Harvey, who is referred to variously as the "Mayor of Brookfield" and "Brookfield's

Gentleman Farmer", is always an asset to the weekly meetings. He has served as President of the Club with distinction but his primary contribution involves a familiar question and answer pattern that runs something like this: Song Leader Clyde will say, "Harvey, what do you think we ought to sing today?" and Harvey will reply, "I think we just ought to sing 'Shortnin' Bread'."

So on Rural-Urban Day at Charlotte Rotary, you just know that we're going to have a great meal, plenty of warm fellowship and "Shortnin' Bread".

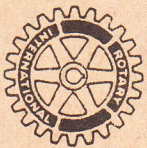
## ★ ★ Pee Wee Baseball

For a number of years, Charlotte Rotary has sponsored a group of 6th. grade boys in summer baseball and of course many club members have worked in the ball program as coaches. Space doesn't allow publication of all the names of these members.

At the same time, many club members have sponsored their own teams and thus help to provide some 800 boys the opportunity to play summer baseball and softball under supervised conditions that contribute to good physical development of our youth.

Rotary has had several Champions in the league - the first win coming in 1965. The boys on the Championship Team were invited to the weekly club luncheon and were introduced to the entire club.

# Serving the Community Since 1934



## BUXTON BARBER SHOP

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Charlotte

Michigan



HENRY BUXTON

★ ★ Since the emphasis is now on Football  
*Over at our M.S.U.  
The cows are being neglected  
They just moo and moo and moo.  
When the boys got all excited  
About being Rose Bowl bound,  
They left poor bossy stranded,  
With her udders touching ground,  
Now that the excitement is over  
And the shouting died away  
You had better go back to your  
milking, boys  
And wait for next pay day.*

W.A. Vance 12/31/57



It is sad for a girl to reach the age where men consider her charmless. But it's worse for a man to attain the age where the girls consider him harmless.  
Rotary Mirror 4/7/64 Vance

## A Tribute To

announced her intention to retire. During that time span she was aided by several well known Charlotte ladies - among whom was Mrs. Jessie Keith, who probably worked with Kate longer than any other of her assistants. Among the others would be included Mrs. Marguerite DePuy, Mrs. Cecil Bryan, and Mrs. Lulu Winslow - to name a few.

On the infrequent occasions when meetings were to be held at other locations than the Masonic Temple (such as an inter-city club meeting) Kate would move with her staff to that location and still come up with that same marvelous meal. Remember those luscious cream pies?

Kate can remember some of those high school BOYS who waited on tables in the "Red Room" during the 1930's.





## Serving Charlotte Since 1928

In July 1928, the brothers John L. and Martin D. McNamara purchased the former Bryan Drug Store which was then located at 112 S. Cochran, and operated the store under the name of McNamara-Putnam. Three years later the business was moved to its present location when the old Lyman-Spencer Grocery closed its doors. The store then became known as McNAMARA'S DRUG STORE, and after John's death in 1950, Martin became sole owner and is still active in the business. The store now has three registered full time pharmacists. The store has undergone three re-modelings, and has now become an established landmark in Charlotte, having served the drug needs of the community for 43 years.

# McNAMARA'S DRUG STORE

144 S. Cochran

Phone 543-0770

Service clubs have sometimes been jokingly referred to as groups that "meet and eat" and no doubt a certain amount of truth may be attributed to that statement.

However, even though service clubs as a whole are dedicated to the achievement of certain goals -- it remains a well known fact that good food has much to do with cementing the bonds of friendship and keeping a club together. Charlotte Rotary Club is no exception to this fact and has always enjoyed an enviable reputation for having some of the finest luncheon meals to be served anywhere in the Rotary world.

Although we have had several outstanding caterers who have always provided well for us, probably one of the most prominent in our memories would be Mrs. Rex Dell -- fondly referred to by Charlotte Rotarians and all who knew her as KATE.

Beginning in 1921 when she helped her mother-in-law, Mrs. William Dell, to put on the meals for Charlotte Rotary that was then meeting in the old Community Rooms over the present Consumers Power Company offices -- down through the years until November 1965 Kate saw to it that all Rotarians were well fed -- and how! The only break in this chain was the interval when the club met at the Carnes Tavern. Even during the latter days of World War II when food items were scarce Kate was always able to come up with a delightfully palatable meal.

Charlotte Rotary meetings were moved to the Masonic Temple in January of 1944 during the club presidency of Harlan McCall -- and Kate never missed a Rotary meeting luncheon for a period of over 21 years from that time until she

left. After moving to the Masonic Temple (when Kate took charge again), she always employed high school girls as waitresses, teaching them the value of money and giving them a good introduction to earning and serving in the community -- a lesson which no doubt carried considerable impact and importance and which proved to be valuable in the later years of these youngsters.

Kate says that she always got a big thrill out of the way the Rotarians used to observe her birthday when we would serenade her on each March 25th. Clyde would always call her to the kitchen door and while she stood there smiling, we would sing "K-K-K-Katie" for her. Probably the Rotarians felt that they owed her that and much, much more.

In October of 1965, shortly after Kate stated that she was hanging up her apron for the last time, the service clubs of Charlotte as well as the several Masonic organizations began laying plans for a "Kate Dell City-wide dinner meeting" to be held honoring this fine lady. With practically the entire city of Charlotte taking part, a gala event was arranged for the evening of January 12, 1966. Kate was present with her lovely daughter Barbara and her former assistants Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. DePuy, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Keith. A delicious banquet was served following which many compliments, reminiscences of days gone by, and words of praise were given. Each group took part in lauding Kate's devotion and loyalty and as a final gesture she was presented with a color television set.



Excerpts from  
Rotary Mirror

A football coach is better off than anyone; he can make ends meet.



# The Club Secretary

Rotary's Strong Right Arm

Club presidents will come and go, each having made his own valuable contribution, but in Charlotte Rotary there is no denying that the Club Secretary is responsible for the necessary continuity that keeps a club on balance.

It has been a tradition in Charlotte, but not a requirement, that club secretaries each serve for a number of years. Since the job requires a sizeable amount of necessary "paperwork", record-keeping, invoicing and reporting, it takes a while to develop the needed experience. Any club president who is worth his salt will freely admit that he leans rather heavily on the Club Secretary of "his year".

Charlotte has been most fortunate to have been served in this post by a succession of capable Rotarians, and our purpose is to pay tribute to them here. Following is a list of their names:

- 1921-1924.....E. John Kuhn
- 1924-1928...Lawrence Robinson
- 1928-1929...George W. Brennan
- 1929-1932.....Ernest Chappelle
- 1932-1935.....Rudolph Roth
- 1935-1943.....George Dean
- 1943-1949.....Fred Richey
- 1949-1959.....James Church
- 1959-present.....William Powers

★ Will the club be safe in the hands of a lawyer, someone asks?

# "Parson Ips"

Rev. Russell McConnell was sole editor of the MIRROR in 1947-48, and his "PARSON-IPs" column was his trade-mark. Russ could write a MIRROR in mighty short order as he typed directly on the mimeograph paper with only the briefest of notes on hand, the rest coming from "off the top of his head", so as to speak. Usually "his cup runneth over" with news, but, on occasion, he would be frantic for "filler" to fill up the column, and he let such be known. It was during these "frenzied" periods that many "gems" were written, and you may be able to distinguish some in the following excerpts from the MIRRORS of that year:

Everyone should own a comfortable bed and comfortable shoes, because he's in one or the other all of his life. Does Clark call his wife Mamma Mamma?

Bob Collins will be interested to know that the Phil Brown prescription he filled a while back was really a dinner invitation rejection slip, written illegibly.

Fred Bohn says Reno is where the cream of society goes to be separated.

What this world needs is more just propulsion.

John Foster Dulles Says: "No political formula, no atomic development authority, no UN charter can make good the spiritual deficit. Only homes and churches can be moral power-houses."

Fred Richey says he's not in the "Army of the Lord." As a Baptist, he's in the Navy.

Men usually become



Three Rotary Anns were given attention, applause and "Appreciation" certificates when they presented the weekly program on THE ROTARIAN on January 23, 1968.

Steve Elles as chairman of the day introduced from left to right, Kay Fowler, Jo Johnson, and Eleanor Morgan. Jo started by telling why she liked a man's magazine better than a woman's magazine, citing the make-up, ads and especially the comments in *Your Letters* department. Eleanor told the members if they didn't read it they missed a lot of good news about all the countries in the world, and a lot of good jokes and limericks in *Stripped Gears*. Kay liked the philosophical articles and read a favorite one of hers. They all hoped the members could find time to read and enjoy their own monthly magazine.

hard-boiled after they have been in hot water a few times.

They say Bud Beechler has been calling his son Petty Cash. Say these names rapidly: Schacter, Schwiegler, Shaull, Shaw.

Ted Packard says he has a magazine from which we could

swipe some good stuff, but we prefer absolute originality in the MIRROR, our reputation is built on it. . . "Who was that lady I saw you with last night?" "That was no lady, that was my wife!" haw, haw, haw - - Tee, hee.

Mac Gobel says Thanksgiving was probably originated by the parents of boys who survived the football season.

A home built at present price is truly the home of the

## W H A T I W A N T F O R

- CHRISTMAS:
- Stan Raidle: Cigars
- Clyde Fulton: Lumber
- Bun Elles: Eats
- Ion McLaughlin: A trip to Florida
- Emmett Covell: Sleep
- Rice Fowler: Another Farm
- Stuart Graham: A day off
- George Warren: A black cat
- Phil Brown: A white cat
- Pat Warren: A white cat



On Your 50th Year . . . . .

The Charlotte Club has always personified the true meaning of Rotary.



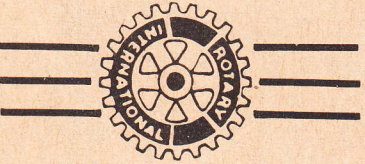
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Mac Gobel: A boy  
Dick Shaull: A nice estate  
Al Cudney: Vitamin pills  
Fred Bohm: An extension phone  
Bill Vance: A Wight patient  
Dave Wight: A Vance patient  
Bill Beckett:

Vance & Wight in church  
Frank Langford: Out of the Navy  
George Dean: Gas  
Dale Baum: Yes, Gas  
Bob Fulton: Coal

★ ★  
Excerpt from  
Rotary Mirror 4/2/51

Korea - second hitch for Dale Clout. "In fox hole on front lines. Coldest winter ever spent. Smoke continually at night to stay awake so feet and hands don't freeze. Take turns gathering firewood at night. Rains start next month. Air Corps a life saver. Fly so low, clips from ammo fall on our helmets. Letters bring morale up 100%."

★ ★

"A recession is a period in which you tighten your belt. A depression is a time when you have no belt to tighten. When you have no pants to hold up, it's a PANIC." Editor William Vance

**ABOUT NAVY DOCTORS**

"Yeh, he was a naval surgeon". "Goodness, how doctors do specialize!"

Excerpt from  
Rotary Mirror 1/12/65

**'The One O'Clock Jump'**

Tramp, tramp, tramp  
The boys are marching  
Leaving Rotary in a bunch.  
When it's one O'clock today,  
We'll be many blocks away  
We're the ones who came to Rotary  
Just for lunch.  
(For the Rotarians who like to 'eat and run')

★ ★  
In a talk on bees, Dyke says there are jokers, shirkers and workers.

You see them every Tuesday  
noon  
Coming down South Cochran Street,  
Headed for the Temple doors,  
In winter cold or summer heat.  
They like the table d'hote a lot  
But, too, this civic coterie,  
Come there to put their shoulders  
To the wheel of Rotary.

Rotary Ann's edition 12/3/57  
Edited by Marion McConnell



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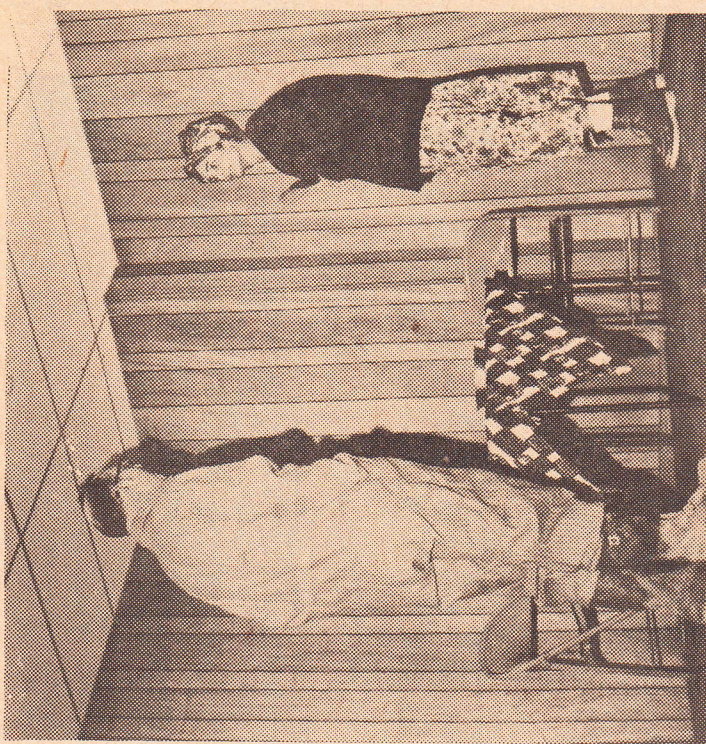
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### Marvin and Stella "The Good Life"

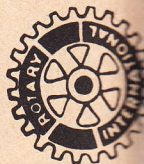
A politician's three hats are: (1) to cover his head; (2) to toss in the ring; and (3) to talk through.

## Fifty Years Bridge the Gaps of Fun

The 50th Anniversary Ladies Night Revue on April 13th, produced by Shirley Smith and narrated by our 'Dashing Doctor' Curtis, was a gentle spoof of life in Rotary and our community in the past five decades.

After a fine dinner, Rotarians and ladies settled back for a nostalgic trip thru the past, after a rousing warm-up Sing-A-Long with Clyde (Fulton, of course!). That Debonair Duo-Stu (Bearup) and Phil (Brown) harmonized beautifully to the tune of 'My Wild Irish Rose', followed by the great dancing team of Ed and Grace (Morey) who took us to

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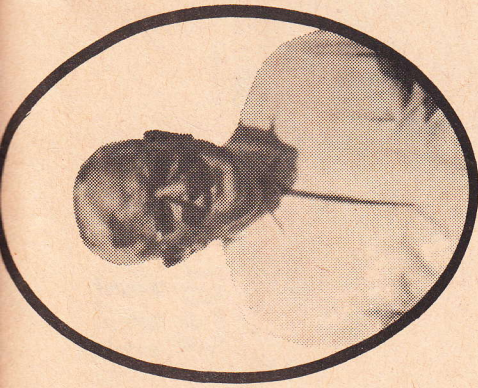


...ing Doctor reminded us with vignettes of Rotary history of the decades as the program progressed to the 30's when the 'Lensesmen' provided the beautiful barbershop harmonies of that period.

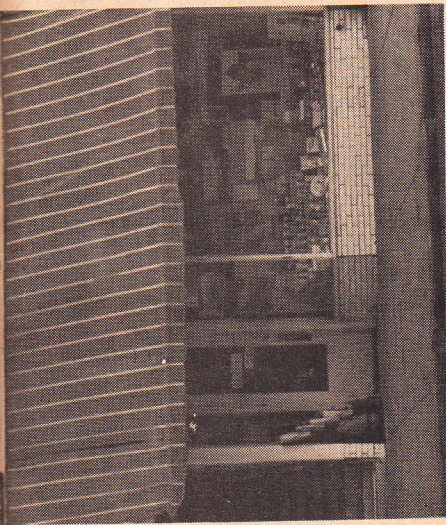
Stella (Shirley Smith) and Marvin (Bill Colson) depicted 'The Good Life' of the 40's in a hilarious take-off rivaling 'The Homeymooners' for laughs. As we moved into the 50's the 'Dilemma of the 1st Chicken Barbeque', written by Jo Johnson and played by Jo, Billie Gobel, Margaret Vance, Jean McLean and Ruth Rypstra, was a typically funny and near-authentic account of the first planning meeting for our now annual barbeque picnic.

The 1960's were represented by two of our delightful Rotary daughters, Joanna James and Lisa Schroeder, who performed a modern dance duet 'Sounds of Silence' with Bob Cook accompanying on his guitar, and with a beautiful solo by Mr. Cook.

The program closed with Steve and Mark Johnson (sons of Bob and Dick) playing a trumpet duet, Taps, with the entire audience joining in 'God Bless America', the room darkened and a spotlight on OLD GLORY. A beautiful and fitting end to a memorable evening, and a look to the future.



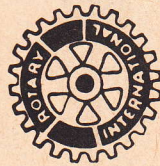
Claude Behrens



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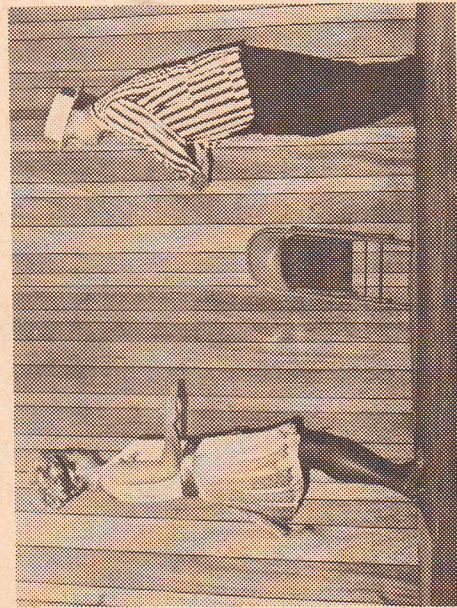


William Brown

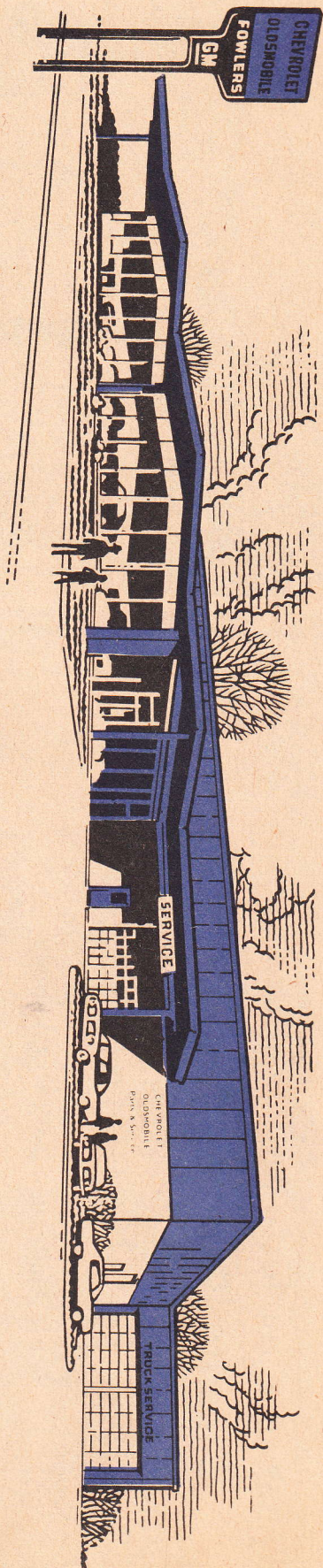
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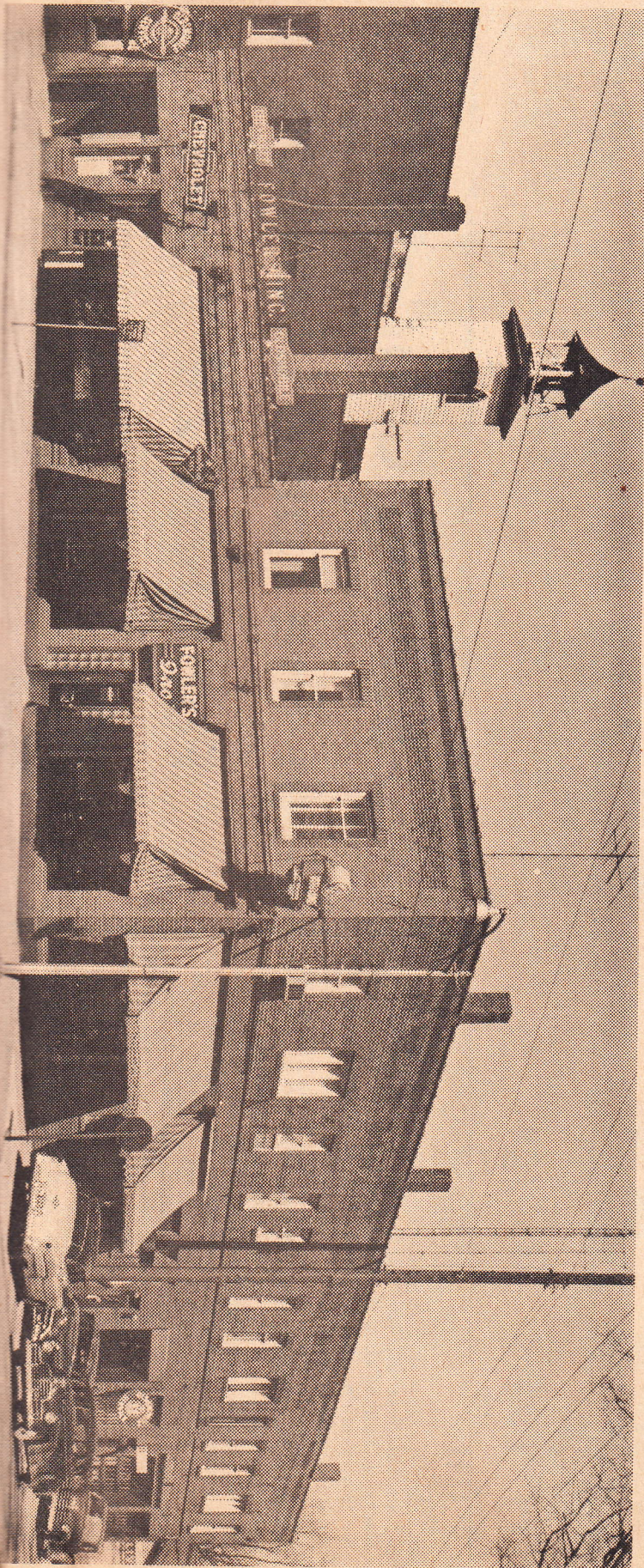
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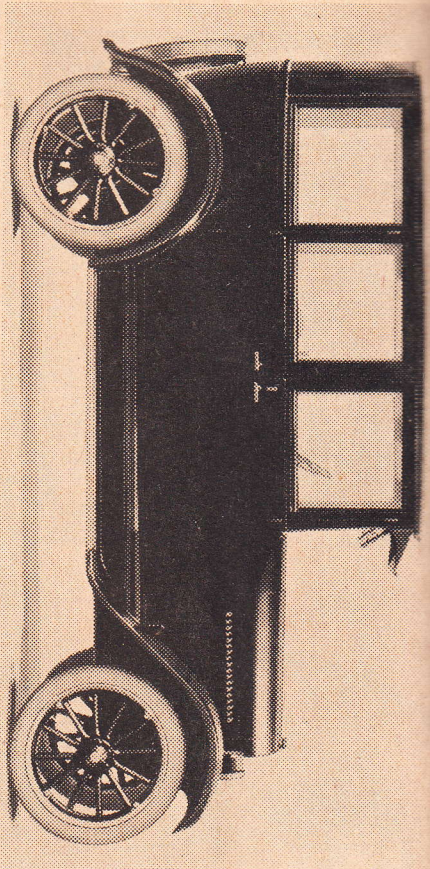
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# YOU'VE CHANGED

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This four-door 1923 Chevrolet was one of five body styles in the Superior series and listed at \$860 f.o.b. Flint, Mich. It was mounted on a 102-inch wheelbase and carried a four-cylinder engine of 26 horsepower.

## HISTORY . . .

Upon completing school, Rice C. Fowler was employed by his father, B. J. Fowler, in his Hardware & Implement business at Potterville, Mich., from 1919 to 1923. In 1923, Rice Fowler, at age 21, convinced his father to back him financially in an automobile dealership. They purchased a Chevrolet dealership in Charlotte, Mich., from H. H. Bryan & Son and started business under the name of B. J. Fowler & Son on October 13, 1923. In 1926, Rice Fowler purchased B. J. Fowler's interest in the business and changed the name to Fowler Chevrolet Sales. That same year, an Oldsmobile franchise was secured and started operation across the street under the assumed name of Reliance Auto Sales and the businesses continued separately until 1932, when they were consolidated in the Chevrolet building at 117 E. Lawrence Ave. In 1934, the business was incorporated and the name was changed to Fowler's Inc. and that year the company leased a lot across the street for used cars. In 1945, the building was purchased next door at 125 E. Lawrence Ave. and in 1946, we put them together in a remodeling program at a cost of \$50,000. This gave us 11,490 sq.

feet of building space. In 1947, the business was joined by Rice Fowler's son, Lynn Fowler, who was fresh out of the U.S. Navy and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. In 1954, we needed more space and purchased the O. E. Packard property, facing Cochran Ave. and leading back to our property. We wrecked buildings on the Packard property and ended with a modern used car display lot. With the property we owned plus the leased lot, we continued to operate and in 1967 our volume of sales and service totaled \$3,000,000. William N. Misher, our sales manager, became a stockholder in our company and later in 1967 we purchased 27 acres northeast of Charlotte on U.S. 27 as a site for a new dealership.



Rice Fowler



Lynn Fowler



Bill Misher



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