

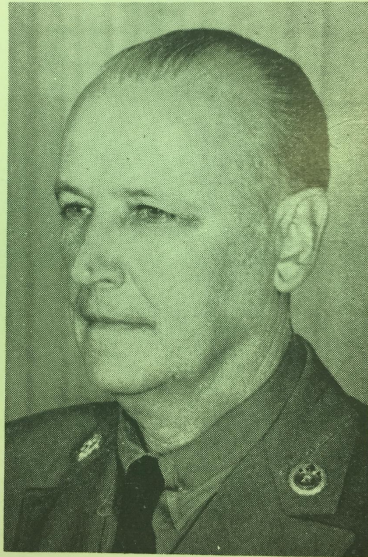
The Rotary Club of Gastonia

Service Above Self

2nd Decade, 1930-1939

Rudolph M. Schiele

"Bud"



Programme

J. STACY BOYCE, President
JAS. W. ATKINS, Program Chairman

Song—"America"

Invocation—James H. Henderlite

Barbecued Chicken Dinner

Vocal Solo—James E. Mallady

Accompanist, Mrs. Hugh A. Query

"The Gastonia Club as Seen by Former Members"

Albert G. Myers

Singing led by Dameron H. Williams

"What Rotary Has Meant to Its Members and the
Community"—P. Woods Garland

Some Old Songs

"What Rotary Has Meant to the Rotary Anns"

Mrs. John R. Rankin

Some More Old Songs

"Personal Reminiscences"—James H. Henderlite

Still More Old Songs

"Greetings from Our Baby—Belmont"

Harley B. Gaston, First President of Belmont Club

Closing Song—"God Bless America"

There are not many records or minutes pertaining to our Club in the difficult Depression years of the 1930's. Rotary Park at the foot of Crowder's Mountain was given to the local Girl Scout Council in 1937. Rotarian Bud Schiele was instrumental in enlarging the scope and reach of the Boy Scout program and creating a camp in Tryon, NC, so the Boy Scouts no longer needed the camp. The Girl Scouts continued using Camp Rotary until 2017 when it was sold and Crowder's Ridge Camp was established. A 20th Anniversary Ladies' Night was held to close out the decade in 1939 (program listing above).

1930's FAST FACTS!

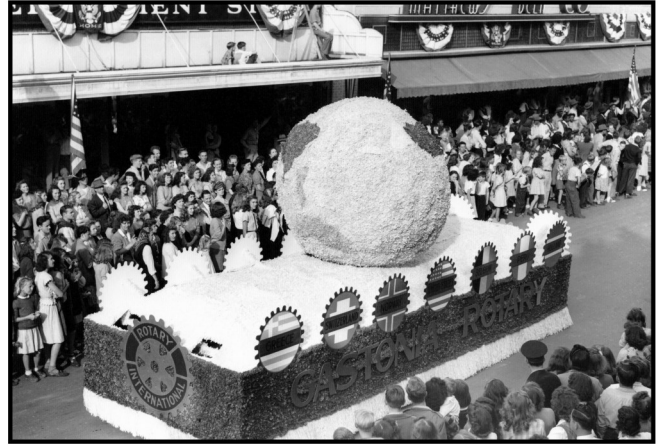
- ♦ **Notable Presidents:** Gastonia City Manager Harry Rutter, William Morris, W. Hugh Wray, George Tennant
- ♦ **Membership 1936:** 57
- ♦ **Meeting place:** Armington Hotel
- ♦ **Charitable Donations:** Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, Nutritional Camp, and Christmas gifts for Orthopedic Hospital patients.



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3rd Decade, 1940-1949



GASTONIA ROTARY FLOAT IN 1940S GASTONIA PARADE, GASTONIA, NC



The World War was on everyone's mind during the early 1940's, and 9 Club members served in the military during the war. (see complete list below). Back home, Club members participated in scrap, paper, rubber, and metal drives, led bond drives and ration boards, and adjusted to a wartime economy, with some of their businesses and production seriously affected. After the War, club membership increased and detailed biographies of each member were included in the weekly Rotary Spinner, produced by Gastonia Gazette publisher James Atkins. Our Club was represented at the charter ceremony and dinner for the Cherryville Rotary Club in May 1947. In 1948, Bud Schiele was presented with a new Buick car in commemoration of his 25 years with the Boy Scout Council.

Club Members Serving in World War II

Robert	S.	Barkley	
Erskine	E.	Boyce	
Charles	K.	Bryant	Jr.
Daniel	G.	Buckner	
Charles	A.	Glenn	
William	J.	Hatcher	
George	A.	Jenkins	Jr.
Robert	B.	Riddle	Jr.
Frederick	L.	Smyre	Jr.
William	A.	Trakas	
Albert		VanSleen	

1940s FAST FACTS!

- ♦ **May 9, 1941: George A Jenkins, Jr. first Club member to join the Army during WWII**
- ♦ **Silver Anniversary celebrated 1944.**
- ♦ **Meeting place: Armington Hotel**
- ♦ **Cherryville Rotary chartered 1947, sponsored by Shelby club.**



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25th Anniversary



FOREWORD

Tonight we meet here about this banquet board in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Gastonia Rotary Club. To join with us in the celebration of this our Silver Anniversary we are happy to have our wives and other lady guests, a director of Rotary International, the District Governor of this the 188th District, representatives of many sister Rotary Clubs, representatives of City wide Civic Clubs, and other guests.

It is indeed a far cry, but we trust a happy one, back to the date of the organization of our Club October 22, 1919. During the intervening years we have sought to keep ourselves dedicated to the high principle of our motto, "He profits most who serves best" or "Service Above Self."

With this motto in mind we have at all times sought to hold ourselves ready, as a Club, and as individual Rotarians, to give willing and whole-hearted support to every worthy civic challenge.

This brochure is designed to give some insight into the history of our Club and alike some information as to the ideals of Rotary and some of her major objectives.

It is not feasible to trace the history of the activities of our Club for the period of a full quarter century, so we content ourselves with recording just a few of our major objectives and some of the high lights in our history.

The compilation of this souvenir program, a task of no mean proportions, was done by Joseph H. Separk, one of the club's charter members.

To Joe Separk and to all the committee members who have handled the arrangements for our Silver Anniversary, I wish to extend my sincerest thanks.

JAS. W. ATKINS, General Chairman.

25th Anniversary

Project:

Sponsorship of Mount Holly
Rotary Club

Chartered April 24, 1944

