

# Salem Rotary Club, 35 Old Years, Stresses Youth Activity

## Charter Member Active

Service to the community of Salem, with heavy emphasis on youth activity, has characterized Salem Rotary Club since its founding nearly 35 years ago.

Formation of a service club was first taken up by a small group of business and professional men who met in September, 1919, above Gile's Store. Among these men were J. C. Perry, who became a charter member and remains active with the club; Harley White and Fred Thielsen.

Others on the club's charter list of November, 1919, were Charles R. Archard, James Baumgartner, C. F. Bishop, Walter T. Jenks, Thomas E. Kay, C. B. Clancy, Frank G. Deckebach, P. E. Fullerton, H. S. Gile, T. E. McCroskey, John H. McNary, Charles G. Miller, Charles W. Niemeyer, Oscar E. Price, Frederick W. Schmidt, Dr. B. L. Steeves, John W. Todd, Paul S. Wallace and William S. Walton. Became Club 572

The club became Club No. 572 of Rotary International on its Charter Day, Feb. 18, 1920. The original membership began meeting weekly on Wednesday noons at the Marion Hotel, and this today is the pattern of meetings.

Boy Scout sponsorship and children's playgrounds became two of the first activities. Since 1920 the Rotarians of Salem have sponsored a Scout troop. By now a Cub Pack and an Explorer Unit also are sponsored. In 1935 the club built the Rotary Scout hut on Leslie Junior High grounds.

In 1920 Rotary set up children's playgrounds near Lincoln School and on 13th Street. The club put in \$800 a year on this project and encouraged the City Council to take over the responsibility for playgrounds. In 1928 the city did so, appropriating its first \$1,000 playground budget.

Scholarships Offered One of the biggest scholarship programs sponsored by a service club of its size has been developed by Salem Rotary in its Willamette University scholarship program. Start of this dates back to 1942 when the club started raising funds through personal donations and money-raising benefits. Since then the financing has become a general obligation of the club's membership.

Under this scholarship program a worthy Salem High School scholar is selected each year for a full four-year scholarship to Willamette. This means that usually the club has four of its scholarship students attending Willamette University in any given year.

In 1926 the Rotarians of Salem furnished a Salem General Hospital ward at a cost of \$675. Maintenance of this ward became a club project, with subsequent donations made and a regular annual donation of \$100 for the ward since 1935.

30 Committees Active Much of the youth activity and other work of the Rotary is done by committees. At the start the club had six committees; now there are 30.

The club from its early days has worked to combat juvenile delinquency, helping with guidance, parole responsibilities and jobs. Camping programs and other activities of the YM, YW, Camp Fire Girls and Scouts have been helped through the years. Chemawa Indian School has received attention. In wartime a Camp Adair recreation room was furnished.

The Women of Rotary, or Rotary Anns, have also been active in the Salem club and play an important part in its activities. Many Presidents Serve Men who served Salem Rotary as president, listed in order, were:

John Todd, H. S. Gile, George Griffith, John H. McNary, R. O. Snelling, Thomas E. Kay, Fred H. Thielsen, George L. Arbuckle, R. E. Lee Steiner, William McGilchrist Jr., W. I. Staley, W. H. Dancy, E. M. Page, William L. Phillips, Earl L. Fisher, Walter T. Molloy, Charles A. Sprague, B. E. Sisson, J. Lyman Steed, Ivan Stewart, Paul T. Jackson, Bruce Baxter, Ray Yocum, Ellis VonEschen, Tinkham Gilbert, William Hamilton, Roy Harland, Robert L. Elstrom, William H. Baillie, Gardner Knapp, Harry B. Johnson, L. O. Arens, Coburn Grabenhorst, J. A. H. Dodd, Robert D. Gregg and Reynolds Allen.

Secretaries have been Thielsen, Staley, Snelling, Eric Butler, Knapp, Ervin Smith, Robert Fenix.

British railways are using freight cars with rubber buffers and springs to carry fragile cargoes.

## Statehouse Group on Route for Rotary Tour



The Statehouse group is to be on the route of a bus tour scheduled for this afternoon by the hundreds of Rotary International members who are holding their 1954 district conference in Salem.

## Rotary Club At Woodburn 16 Years Old

WOODBURN—The 55-member Woodburn Rotary Club marked its 16th anniversary this year. Its charter was granted Jan. 6, 1938.

Two pet projects of the organization have been the acquisition and maintenance of six wheel chairs and two hospital beds which are made available to any person requiring their use, and the sponsorship of Cub Scouts.

Farmers Night and Ladies Night are red-letter occasions on the club calendar every year. Present officers include William Merriott, president; N. F. Tyler, vice president; Pat McLaughlin, secretary.

Edgar Tweed and Frank Doerfler will assume the presidency and vice presidency, respectively, in July.

## Women Juries Prepared

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP)—Women of Rhode Island's Kent and Washington counties soon will have the same privilege as members of their sex elsewhere in the state. The courthouses in the two counties finally are going to provide powder rooms so that they may serve as jurors at \$10 a day.

The women in the state's other counties have been doing jury duty since 1934. Their courts have had feminine accommodations.

## There's No Kick in Milk

ITHACA, N. Y. (AP)—There's no kick in milk. That's one of the reasons many Americans don't drink the stuff, observes Prof. C. M. McKay, Cornell University nutritionist.

Other reasons are: 1. The average person pays little attention to the nutritional values. 2. A lot of people don't like the taste.

For those who insist on a "lift" from their beverages, McKay, recommends mixing milk with tea and coffee.

For those who gag at the taste of the professor suggests flavoring with chocolate or coffee or combining with tomato juice, lemon juice or cider. Also, soured milk products such as buttermilk and yogurt may please the milk-hater, he notes.

## Smallest Park



This tree, located almost in the middle of a street, is known as the world's smallest municipal park. It is on North Summer Street in Salem and probably will be a focal point of interest for Rotarians.

## Apartments in Castle Rented

DEVIZES, England (AP)—A retired scientist is convinced a lot of people would like to live in an ancient castle, if they could keep warm and have electric lights and running water besides.

William Beresford-Medley has converted the 11th Century Devizes Castle, 88 miles from London, into four self contained flats. He plans to keep one for himself and rent the other three for \$11.20 a week, each.

"I have put on a new roof and have blocked up some of the old stone stairs," he said. "The moat has been filled in."

And for those of a timid disposition, Beresford-Medley has one additional inducement. He guarantees there are positively no ghosts.

## Driving License Suspensions

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Arizona expects to revoke or suspend the licenses of about 24,000 automobile drivers this year. It is hoped the crack-down will reduce traffic accidents by 50 per cent.

"Motorists should know by early summer that the state means business in trying to make Arizona roadways safer for everybody," said Charles Penn, head of the State Highway Department's drivers license division. "By the end of the year they will be driving well within the law, in general, to keep their driving privileges."

## Election Held At Silverton, Dallas Clubs

40, with Harry Riches just recently elected president to be installed in early June. Riches, former Marion County Agent, with headquarters at Salem, now runs a large ranch in Waldo Hills but retains his Rotary membership at Silverton.

Other newly-elected officers are Elmer Lorence, another farmer, vice president; Wren Matheny, secretary; Leonard Kephart, treasurer, and Herman Goschie and Austin Sanford, directors. The club meets each Monday noon.

## Bomb Shelter Constructed

ARLINGTON, Tex. (AP)—Arch Riddle is building a steel and reinforced concrete atom bomb shelter on the side of a hill next to his home in this city between Dallas and Fort Worth.

He says it should withstand the worst kind of bombing. "I guess my friends think I've flipped my lid," Riddle says, "but I remember old Noah. He built an ark and got by all right."

His shelter, costing \$700, is being built in a pit scooped out of the hill. The exposed front wall is of concrete 20 inches thick with two tiers of steel reinforcement. On top of the shelter Riddle plans a double garage.

## Rail Depot Made Home

MANCHESTER, Iowa (AP)—You would never think that folks 50 years ago bought railroad tickets in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Les Fink's new home. The home used to be the Manchester & Oneida Railroad station. The shortline railroad ceased operation some time ago and the Finks bought the station. They moved it a short distance up the abandoned right-of-way and rebuilt it into a ranch-style house.

The station's waiting room now is a 25x14 living room, which has a large picture window. Fink estimates he saved at least 20 per cent on the cost of his new home, as compared with new construction.

CLIMATE TROUBLE AGAIN NEEDLES, Calif. (AP)—Alfred Snyder, high school principal in this Mojave Desert town, and his family, returned from a visit in Pennsylvania, coming back by way of Florida. Any bad weather on the trip? "Yes," said Snyder. "It rained constantly in Florida, and nowhere else."

The initial Rotary Club established in Chicago in 1905 had grown to 16 clubs by 1910 and the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed.

Two-thirds of all Rotary Clubs are in the United States.

## Rotary Strikes At Communism

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from themselves and businesses to the contemplation of giving, of idealism and participation with others in a broader field of endeavors.

A scratch beneath the surface of Rotary's exuberance will disclose—as in the case of the Kiwanis, Lions, Exchange, and other service clubs—that there breathes a seriousness of community responsibility that bursts forth in an astonishing variety of worth-while activities.

the Rochester, N. Y., Rotary Club. It was seen in the big Get Acquainted Day Enterprise, Ala., gave for thousands of soldiers based at nearby Camp Rucker. It is displayed in the happy underprivileged youngsters at a camp established by the Rotary Club of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and it is evidenced in the workshop program Rotarians of various skills put on for youngsters on Saturday mornings in San Francisco.

Myriad of Activities Rotary activities on the international scene take many forms. Answering an appeal for assistance, Rotary clubs of Greater Miami collected 18,000 pounds of clothing for refugees in West Berlin. A group of 28 Rotary clubs in Pennsylvania collected 60,000 pounds of clothing for Korean children. Rotary has poured out cash gifts to provide CARE food packages for flood victims in England, Chile, and the Netherlands. Where help is needed, whether from those suffering from an earthquake in Greece, or from a hurricane in the Fiji Islands, Rotarians have responded generously.

As Rotary International commemorates its Homeric accomplishments over nearly 50 years, Rotarians are aware that their organization's progress is contingent directly upon them individually. Their practice of the Rotary ideals and pursuit of its goals have established Rotary's respected position today and will determine its future tomorrow.

## Diamond Digging Dying Out; Prospectors Seek Uranium

By ERIC ROBINS CAPETOWN (INS)—Diamond digging is a dying occupation in Africa today and the atomic age has turned prospectors' eyes toward uranium.

James J. Reid, chief clerk of the Department of Mines in Pretoria, reported that there is a greater demand for Geiger Counters than picks and shovels. Reid said: "There was a time when the diggers always hoped to find a fortune 'just around the corner' or a fabulous diamond to rival the Callinan and Koh-i-Noor stones."

"But today, it is Geiger Counters. "Only professional diggers are allowed to peg claims in proclaimed diamond areas and most of the diggers are turning to uranium prospecting."

Reid recalled some of the romantic figures who pioneered the diggings when he was a mining commissioner. He said: "Perhaps the strangest character was 'Two-Gun' Bill Alexander, an American citizen and uncrowned king of the Western Transvaal diggings, one of the richest strikes in South Africa at that time."

"He used to carry two revolvers and was in the habit of firing them in the air to summon a meeting of the diggers' committee of which he was chairman."

The names of the digging reflected the hopes and doubts of the diggers. Among the 25 in the Cape were "Bad Hope," and "Forn Hope."

There were 56 diggings in the Transvaal, including Klipfontein, where a 70 carat stone was discovered recently.

Spearheading the new "Uranium rush" is Laurence Byerley, pioneer prospector who has spent most of his 45 years discovering gold, silver, diamonds, asbestos and now uranium.

It was Byerley's discovery of rich uranium deposits in Rhodesia that started a uranium boom throughout the country, Byerley said: "I was one of the first prospect-

In a recent year, Rotary International consisted of more than 6,000 clubs with more than 300,000 members in 80 countries.

Rotary International publishes two official periodicals — The Rotarian (in English) and Revista Rotarian (in Spanish).

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