

Rotary Club Notes Anniversary, Years Early Members' Stories

The 25th anniversary of the Rotary Club was celebrated last night at the organization's annual luncheon meeting at the Hotel Washington, a past president of the club, acted as master of ceremonies for the commemorative program which featured talks by five of the six charter members who are still members of the local club.

Early Days
Walter Fell, former Eugene wholesaler recently engaged in the fire insurance business, was the first of the charter members to tell Eugene's present Rotarians of the historic origin of their service group. A past president of the organization himself, Fell gave an account of the formation of the club and told of

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its early budget troubles.

A. C. Dixon, former manager of the Booth Kelly Lumber Co. who was later associated with the Eugene Central Heating Co., described the first meeting of the Eugene Rotary Club's board of directors on Jan. 2, 1923, and told of the composition of the membership when the club was chartered.

First Members
He listed 21 men who were the first to join the organization, and this roll was contrasted later in the program by an announcement from President William H. Lush that there now are 138 Rotarians in Eugene.

E. R. Bryson, attorney, followed Dixon to the rostrum to give an account of the ceremony in April, 1923, in which the club received its charter.

Chadwick Talks
Eugene Chadwick, manager of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce when the local Rotary Club was formed and a member of the Oregon Milk Control Board in recent years, told the assembly of early Rotary meetings and committee work.

W. B. Neal, physician who was the first sergeant-at-arms for the club, explained early community services performed by the Rotarians.

Special Program
Members attending the luncheon were given a silver colored program which carried a reprint of a news story on the club's formation on its cover. Listed inside were all charter members, nine of whom are now deceased and six of whom have moved from Eugene.

The sixth charter member still residing in Eugene, is J. J. Landis, former dean of the University of Oregon school of music who presently is in California.

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WASHINGTON — (AP)—The administration declared Wednesday that with the wholehearted support of the American people the Marshall Plan will bring about "almost miraculous results" in restoring war-torn Europe.

Resources of the United States and the rest of the globe, the executive branch told Congress, are great enough to put the old world "on a self-supporting basis at tolerable standards of living by 1952."

But in what it called a "realistic" appraisal of the multi-billion dollar aid proposal, a ponderous report summarizing for Congress the findings of half a dozen government agencies cautioned that:

1. Europe must understand that American help cannot be used to revive the "prewar European steel cartel."
2. Western European shipbuilding plans should be cut back drastically so that more steel can be used for other reconstruction.
3. The dismantling of German plants must provide some machinery which the 16 Marshall Plan nations had counted on obtaining from the United States.
4. The United States should decline to ship any of the vast quantities of iron and steel scrap requested.
5. Even if the Marshall Plan succeeds, Europeans will have less to eat in 1952 than they did before World War II.

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Russia Refuses Arms Account

TOKYO — (AP)—Russia refused Wednesday to reveal to the allied council on Japan what she had done with the huge arsenal of the Japanese Kwantung army captured in Manchuria, now reported to be in the hands of Chinese Communists.

Maj. Gen. A. P. Kisenko, Russian representative on the council, said that information on Manchuria had "no bearing" on the situation in Japan when he was asked about the arms by U. S. representative William J. Sebald.

Sebald raised the question when Kisenko accused the Americans of withholding information about the demilitarization of Japan by refusing to schedule discussion on a Russian request for information.

Sebald told Kisenko that the Russians already had all the information. He then reminded the Russian member that no information had yet been made available on the Japanese Kwantung army which surrendered all its equipment to the Russians in Manchuria.

Noted Scientist To Speak Here

Dr. Lazla Zechmeister, professor of organic chemistry in the California Institute of Technology, will speak Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 8 p. m., in 207 Chapman Hall, on the campus.

In a lecture sponsored jointly by the university lecture committee and Sigma Xi, national science honorary, Dr. Zechmeister will discuss "New Applications of Chromatography." He is recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on the subject.

Born in Hungary, Dr. Zechmeister was professor of chemistry in the University of Pecs, Hungary, before coming to this country. He was awarded the Pasteur medal in Paris in 1935, and received the great prize of the Hungarian Academy of Science in 1937.

Long Time Rail Chief Retires

SALT LAKE CITY — (AP)—After 51 years of railroading, one of the nation's leading railroad executives has retired in Salt Lake City.

He is F. H. Knickerbocker, executive assistant to the president of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. He retired this week at the age of 72.

Knickerbocker, who has worked all over the western United States and Alaska, started in the railroading business at the age of 21 as a stenographer in the Salt Lake City freight office of Union Pacific.

Knickerbocker's rise in the Union Pacific was rapid. Two years after moving to Salt Lake from his home in Chicago, he became secretary of the road's general superintendent, E. E. Calvin. In 1915 he was promoted to the post of general superintendent of the old Oregon short line railroad, which covered western Wyoming, Idaho and Eastern Oregon.

Soviet Forced Labor Charged

PHILADELPHIA — (AP)—Rep. Franklin J. Maloney (R-Pa.) asserted this week that the Russians are using German and Austrian forced labor "in the thousands" in a massive war production undertaking behind the Ural mountains.

The legislator who recently returned from a seven-week tour of Europe said he received his information from a high German churchman.

"The Soviets," Maloney said in an interview, "are calling in men and some women, too—from the Russian-occupied zones of Germany and Austria. Their families never hear from them again."

Maloney said the Soviet war production campaign is "a tremendous undertaking" and that reliable informants told him the Soviets are making projectiles and tanks "although I don't know why"—in their Ural factories.

Since the end of the war, Maloney added, the Russians have removed a great number of their major factories to the seclusion of the area behind the Urals. "And they've built a lot more since then," he declared.

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24 Areas to Get Hospital Service

PORTLAND — (AP)—Oregon's program of hospital construction with federal aid funds was outlined Wednesday by Dr. H. M. Erickson, state health officer, who said the state would have 24 hospital service areas.

Construction priority will go to rural areas not now having hospital facilities, he said.

The divisions of areas, classified as base, intermediate and rural, will provide the state with a program of service broadening all phases of treatment.

The health officer estimated the state needs 2733 general hospital beds, 2964 for mental patients and 240 for tuberculosis patients and 2905 for chronic disease patients.

Twenty-four new hospitals are proposed 15 with more than 25 beds and the rest with five to 25 beds each. He said six new public health centers, plus four auxiliary units, are planned. There

are now 11 centers and three auxiliary units in operation.

Allocation of beds for mental patients would increase beds at Salem State Hospital by 171 and Pendleton by 1600. The remaining 1195 will be allocated to other parts of the state as psychopathic additions or new facilities are established if needed. The 240 tuberculosis bed allocation places 150 at Salem and 90 at The Dalles.

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