

Major Underwood Submits His Report on Rotary Convention

Major Clarence Underwood belongs to the old school who believes when a man is sent to represent an organization it is up to him to make a report of the work done that is a true and correct report.

Friday noon at Rotary regular weekly luncheon in the Pelican grill, Andy Collier presided as vice president in the absence of President Dunn. Dr. Hardin Carter was chairman and opened the luncheon program with Prof. Floyd Lunsford of Iowa who strummed a banjo in such a way that a man's body would not recognize the official instrument of their race. The professor also sang several numbers that pleased.

Dr. Carter then presented Major Underwood, who, after thanking every Rotarian who had so faithfully co-operated with him as president during last year, spoke as follows relative to the Rotary International meeting at Chicago which was attended by Mr. Underwood as representative of the Klamath club:

President Cliff and Rotarians: In making my report in connection with the annual convention of Rotary International held in Chicago from June 23rd to June 27th, I want to acknowledge to you the pleasure it gave me in being able to attend this convention.

I attended the International Convention held at Dallas, Texas, last year, and I want to say that it is a very great privilege to be able to attend these conventions. One can learn very much and every Rotarian will find it well worth his while, when the opportunity presents itself, to attend such conventions, as well as district conferences.

Charter Members Present

This particular convention was an extremely interesting one, largely due to the fact that it was the Silver Anniversary of Rotary International. As all of you know, Rotary had its origin in Chicago twenty-five years ago and there were present at this convention thirteen of the seventeen members of Rotary who became affiliated with this organization a quarter of a century ago. I might also say at this time that Estes Snedecor, a past-president of Rotary International, who is a practicing lawyer in Portland, Oregon, was quite active at this convention, being chairman of the voting delegate assembly. Also Walter Jenkins, who has led our own club in singing, was the official song leader of the convention.

Sixty-three nations of the world were represented at this convention by official delegates. There were in attendance princes from foreign countries and many governors of states in the United States were delegates to this convention. Telegrams were received, wishing Rotary success, from almost all of the great nations.

Hoover Sends Greeting

President Hoover sent the following message of greeting: "I send cordial greetings to the convention of Rotary International. The impressive attendance from so many countries is renewed evidence of the spirit of international good will which is so significant a development of our times in the encouragement of which Rotary has played such a useful part."

Develops Spirit of Peace

Ambassador Davies of Great Britain sent the following message: "I send my greetings to Rotary International, assembled in the city of its birth."

"As the American ambassador in London, I have come to appreciate the great international influence it is wielding for better relations among the nations; it is establishing international contacts of business leaders, which more than official diplomacy forwards international common understanding and reconciles international business differences."

"This organization is doing a work not only for peaceful international business relationship, but one most important to the cause of world peace itself."

Edgar Guest Speaks

Edgar Guest, who is a regular attendant at all conventions, delivered one of his characteristic welcoming poems.

It was estimated that there

were over 20,000 Rotarians in Chicago for the convention. A great number of splendid addresses were made by many prominent men, but time does not permit me to dwell at length on the things discussed by all of these speakers.

Futility of War

Mr. Henry Worth Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways, delivered a splendid address on the futility of war. He stated that it is only since the disaster of the last great war that there has dawned in the mind of man the conviction that war was the only game in which both sides eventually lost. Only in the last few years has there been an organized movement for worldwide peace, and the provisions of international machinery for the prevention of war. Whatever may have caused the late war and whatever nation may have been responsible for that tragedy, we are more interested today in the effect than the cause itself. The fact remains, and with results we must deal, that this country is a great creditor nation. It has acquired a wealth hardly to be estimated in figures and just as the distress of the poor excites the consideration of the rich, so should economic distress and suffering, wherever found in the world demand the generosity of other nations more fortunately placed.

Rotary Founder on Program

The Founder of Rotary, Paul P. Harris, also made a short address. He stated that his physician would permit him only to deliver a sentence or two. Mr. Harris is in poor health and had to be supported by a friend while addressing the delegates.

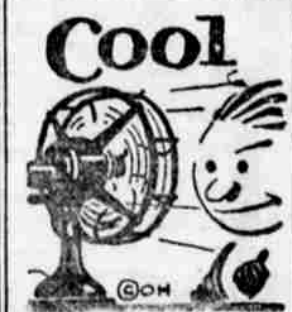
Twenty-five years ago, Rotary was but an idea of its founder, Paul Harris. Since then, Rotary has spread over the earth, boasting 2,325 clubs in as many cities with a membership of 153,000 men, all leaders in business and professional life in their respective communities. Mr. Harris internationally were in attendance to speak at various affairs.

The President of the Japanese house of peers spoke on behalf of his government and Admiral Mark Kerr of London, famous naval authority, spoke on the subject of the interdependence of nations.

On High Ground

Harry H. Rogers of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a past president, discussed the subject "we are on high ground." Rotary, he declared, was an old idea in a new dress the idea of fellowship. Speaking of the twenty-five years existence of Rotary, he stated that it was the most interesting twenty-five years. Jewish Rabbi, Catholic Priest and Protestant Minister can assemble in delightful fellowship, joining hands of those in every faith and those who may be of no faith, to make the relationship of the people of the world a little happier and to attain their ambitions in a few finer things. No world traveler

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has found a country or city but what would be improved by Rotary entrance there, but no accountant has been able to perfect his balance sheet to show the assets of Rotary. He enumerated what in his opinion were some of the gifts of Rotary: The emblem, the motto, the code, the objects, the classification system, the weekly luncheon, the benefit to be derived from regular attendance and many other gifts. He said that probably the greatest accomplishment to date is the development of the individual Rotarian; that there are thousands of

Rotarians taking a larger part in their trade and professional associations in Chambers of Commerce and all kinds of community work because of the training and inspiration of Rotary; that the most interesting and most attractive field is that of International Service.

Resolutions Presented

A great many resolutions were presented. The one resolution that developed the greatest discussion was the one proposing a

new classification; namely, Past Service Membership. There were many heated discussions concerning the adoption of this (Continued on Page 12)

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