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## TWO BOYS SPEAK

### Rotary Club Hears Interesting Talks from Youths

Entertaining and instructive talks were made to Rotary today by Stan Stockton, son of the dean, and Richard Stutz, son of former Rotarian John Stutz.

Traditions of the Navy was the subject of Stockton, who stated that the U. S. navy had taken over many of the traditions of the British navy, and then went into detail concerning the purpose and meaning of the various articles of wearing apparel worn by the navy.

The little white caps worn in summer have been found to have not only their original possibility of being used to bail out a boat, but when held under his chin by a sailor it will serve as a life preserver for several hours.

Ancient customs and beliefs, with more than a tinge of superstition still cling to the salute given aft by the seaman boarding the ship, the placing of coins, head up, at the base of the mast and the placing of a coin in the mouth of one to be buried at sea.

Dick Stutz, in speaking of Germany's air force, illustrated his talk with miniature planes, made to scale and painted in true colors. The vast difference between the smallest and the greatest was astounding, as was also the fact that some of them had a ceiling of 55,000 feet, a trifle more than ten miles high.

Statistics regarding the plane situation in 1939 and the present were of great interest. At the former date Germany, Italy and Japan ranked in one, two, three order in the number and efficiency of planes, while the United States held seventh place. Now the United States is far head, besides having furnished many planes to Russia and others of the United Nations.

Senator Robert C. Rankin spoke for the committee on civic pride, recounting the early history of Lawrence, the first six years of which was also the history of Kansas. South of the river at that time, the site of Lawrence was a treeless plain, while on the north side there was a virgin forest of mighty and magnificent trees.

Senator Rankin bemoaned the lack of parks, recalling that Lawrence had but 13 acres in parks, all of which had been given to the city. He asked for an intelligent consideration of this problem after the war, and also for the erection of a suitable, fireproof building to house the valuable collections of the Douglas County Historical Society.

A number of guests were introduced.