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1. Echoes of District Conference.

Registration of 427 was mighty good this year. And 137 Anns gave color to the occasion.

The Spirit of friendliness was marked by all. This year of gas and tire shortage, we had all stayed home pretty closely and so all enjoyed the fellowship.

Topeka is a fine place for a convention. Central in our district. Fine hotel service. Many places of historical interest to Kansans.

The Topeka Rotarians are a fine hospitable bunch. They did every thing possible to make the district conference a success. President Walter Padgett and all his committees earned a grade of A plus.

Irwin Vincent and his helpers had all the arrangements for meeting places perfected, and nowhere could be found better places than the Topeka Auditorium Assembly, the High School Auditorium, and the Jayhawk and Kansan hotels.

Warren Rutter was a fine hand to arrange the decorations. The trip to the Army Air Base and the Winter General Hospital under the direction of Charles H. Martin was enjoyed by all. Transportation committee, Wm. Dick chairman, was handicapped this year, but they did everything anyone could do.

Charlie Mitchell is not only Past Governor but also Past Master as a chairman of a reception committee.

Kenneth McFarland arranged a great program for Sunday evening and we all appreciated the splendid music he secured and the address of Dr. Albert E. Day of Pasadena, California. The large audience in that beautiful assembly room in the high school felt that it was an auspicious beginning of an interesting Rotary district conference.

Three smaller groups had very enjoyable sessions, the Past Governors at dinner Sunday evening, and the incoming presidents at breakfast with Ed Holton chairman, and the new secretaries with John Feller presiding.

The plan of having seven Rotary clubs as host clubs worked well. It made a number feel more personal responsibility for the conference.

The Baldwin club took the responsibility of working up attendance and giving publicity. R. J. Zeidler and Tommy Evans did a fine job.

The Oskaloosa club had some real work as Registration Committee. Leslie Waggoner and John Roberts and their helpers stayed by their job for both days.

The Kansas City club put on an interesting panel discussion Monday afternoon. Hal Humbert, Gene Frank, Merritt Owens, Harold Lederman discussed "Idealism and Realism in Business".

The Manhattan club had a company of 150 at the Jayhawk for the noon luncheon. Music both rousing and beautiful. Ambrose Johnston delivered a splendid address "Reflections of a Past Governor".