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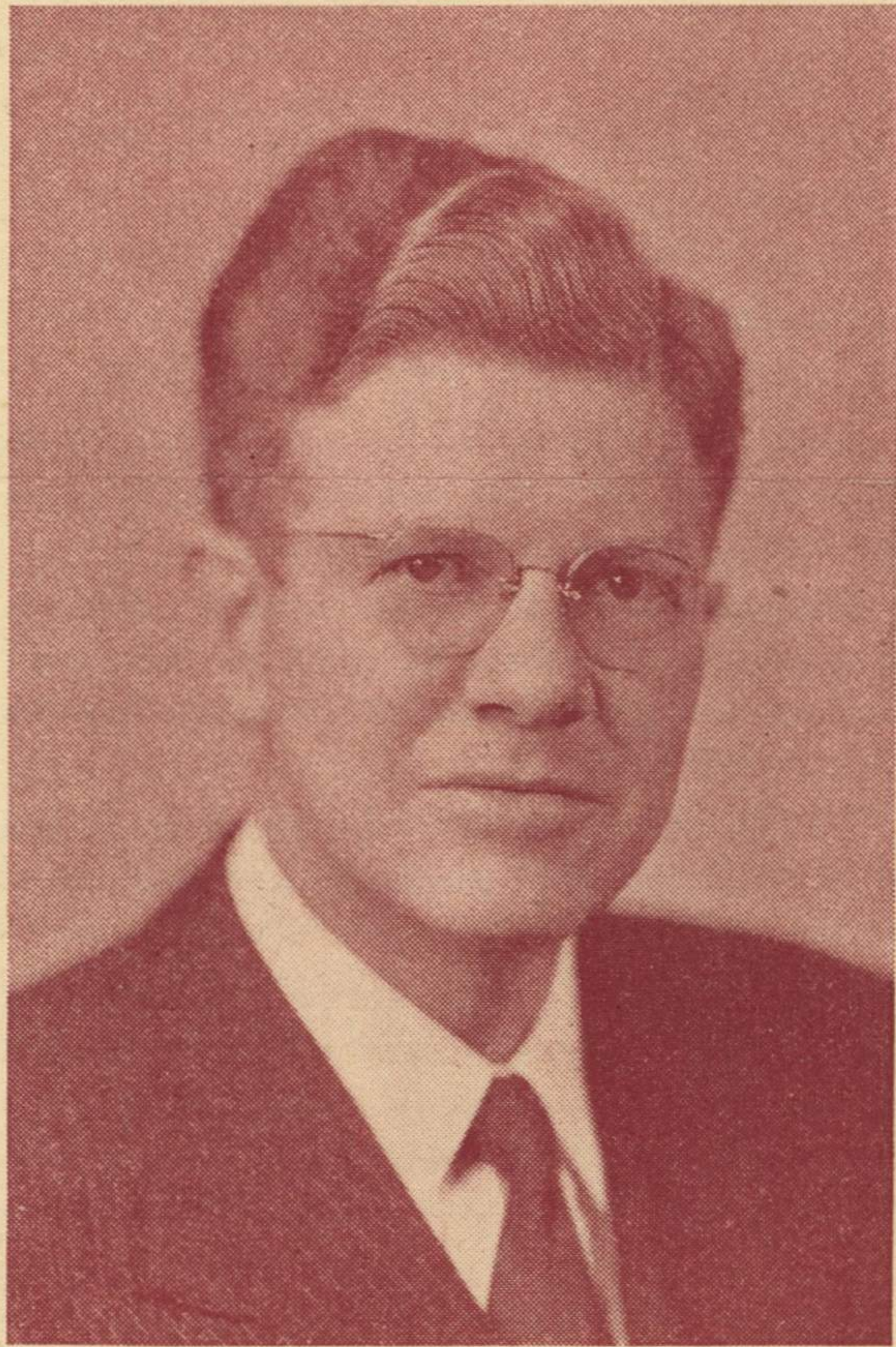
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To Club Presidents and Secretaries



From the R. I. Secretariat (Central Office)
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ROTARIAN RICHARD H. WELLS "The President Nominee"



Therefore, Rotarian Wells, being the only nominee for the presidency, will be elected as president of Rotary International in 1944-45 at the 1944 international convention of Rotary International, to be convened in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., on May 18, 1944.

Richard H. Wells is the proprietor of the Idaho Lumber and Hardware Company and the Idaho Coal and Ice Company, and is vice-president of the Idaho Bank and Trust Company in Pocatello.

He is president of the Idaho State Society for Crippled Children, area chairman for the Victory Bond Drive, member of the selective service board, and his State Defense Council. He has served as chairman of the Pocatello Board of Education, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and director of the State Mental Hospital, and has been active in work for the Community Chest, Boy Scouts, Parents-Teachers Association and the Y.M.C.A.

Dick Wells has been a Rotarian for 22 years. He is a senior active member and past president of the Rotary Club of Pocatello, and has served Rotary International as a director, district governor, committeeman and committee chairman. He is now serving as a member of the 1944 convention committee of R.I. Dick is married and has two children.

In accordance with the procedure provided for in the by-laws of Rotary International, President Charles L. Wheeler declares Richard H. Wells of Pocatello, Idaho, U.S.A., is now "the president nominee" of Rotary International.

The Rotary Club of Tuxpam, Veracruz, Mexico, nominated Rotarian Joaquin Serratos Cibils of Montevideo, Uruguay, for the office. Rotarian Serratos has advised that he does not accept the nomination and the Rotary Club of Tuxpam has withdrawn its nomination.

Children of Chengtu

Underprivileged children loafing in the streets of Chengtu, China, created a serious problem. To help meet the situation the Rotary Club of Chengtu established a "play school" which now has some 30 pupils. They come early each afternoon to learn to read, to sing, to play, and to be trained in good health habits.

To finance this project, and to secure help for undernourished students from enemy-occupied areas, the club sponsors concerts, football matches, etc.

Do You Know there are

5,159 Rotary Clubs
221,430 Rotarians

(Of these 53 clubs with 1,600 members
in war-affected countries are inactive)

107 New Clubs in 22 Countries
Since July 1, 1943

Rotary Clubs—Appoint and Instruct Your Delegates or Proxies to 1944 Convention

Your club should arrange for a proxy or proxies for its delegates to the 1944 convention, unless one of *those who will compose the convention is a member of your club, in which case he should be designated as a delegate from your club. If your club is entitled to more than one delegate, he can serve as proxy for the other delegate(s). If none of those composing the convention is a member of your club, then arrange for your club to be represented by proxy by one of those composing the convention who comes from within your district, most probably your district governor or the governor nominee.

Each proxy should be instructed as to the wishes of the club or clubs he represents with regard to proposed enactments and resolutions which are scheduled for consideration by the 1944 convention. (Text of these proposed enactments and resolutions was mailed to each club on February 4.)

* officers of R.I. (the President, Vice-Presidents and Directors of R.I., Secretary, Treasurer, District Governors, and Elective Officers of the General Council and R.I. Representatives in Britain and Ireland), R.I. Committee Chairmen, Past R.I. Presidents, the President Nominee, Candidates for Nominee for Director, and Directors Nominee of R.I., District Governors Nominee and others who have been designated as participants in the 1944 international assembly.

Broadening Scope of Vocational Service

The aims and objects committee of R.I. points out that much of the program of vocational service in Rotary has a far-reaching application to Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. Rotary club activities dealing with such matters as, for instance, competitor relationships, or relationships between buyer and seller or employer and employee are of interest and concern to the entire community.

For this reason, the aims and objects committee recommends to Rotary clubs that they take pains to broaden the scope of the influence of their vocational service activities beyond their own membership.