

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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CENTRAL OFFICE, 35 EAST WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO, U. S. A.

5 May, 1943

Mr. Roger Allen  
President-Elect, The Rotary Club  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Roger:

We have learned of your election as president of the Rotary Club of Lawrence for the coming year. Sincere congratulations on this high honor bestowed upon you by the members of your fine club.

This will be a memorable year for your club. It is going to be a year of exacting demands upon you and your administration. Surely, it is a fine tribute to one's leadership to be chosen president of his club for any particular year -- but how much greater the tribute when the choice comes during a critical year of many problems and much uncertainty.

It occurred to me that perhaps the two enclosed Rotary files might offer a few helpful ideas. A little later you will receive special material that is being prepared for the new presidents. If you have made your committee appointments and you will let us have the names of the chairmen, we will be pleased to forward a few timely suggestions.

I hope you will let us know any time there is any way in which we can be of service to you, and again -- congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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FILE 117 A

MR. PRESIDENT

# ABOUT THAT JOB OF YOURS!

A few suggestions by Hal A. McNutt, past president of the Rotary Club of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and past governor of the 124th Rotary district.

A Rotary club is good or bad and the president is a success or a failure just as the club's meetings are good or bad.

## QUALITIES OF A GOOD PRESIDING OFFICER

Be "in command" of the entire meeting. It is your responsibility. Be sure you know where you are going; then be sure to arrive.

Speak audibly so that all in the room can hear you. Keep your head up and always face the audience. Don't be reading notes with your chin on your chest as you talk.

Be brief and to the point. It saves time and is more business-like.

## THINGS TO CHECK BEFORE THE MEETING

Well before the meeting check to see that everything is ready in connection with program, entertainment, arrangements.

Have a "reserve" program always at hand, just in case it becomes necessary to provide one at the last minute.

Watch to see that meeting place is clean, attractive, easy to get to, well arranged, light and airy, compact but comfortable.

Have an ante-room for hats and coats with a place for club members to greet each other and chat a little before the meeting time.

Be sure to greet visitors as they arrive.

Adopt the "pay as you enter" plan in your club, and avoid passing a plate during the luncheon to collect the price.

## CONDUCT OF THE WEEKLY MEETING (A suggested order of events)

Begin promptly. Sound gong a minute before time to open the meeting, giving those present a chance to get to places around the tables.

Open with (1) the national anthem or (2) pledge to the flag, or (3) reading of the four objects of Rotary in unison. Change around for variety.

Remain standing for the invocation. Call on different club members for the invocation each week.



The meal IS important. Every club can and should have good food; a variety of menu; clean, appetizing, prompt service; special food for persons on a diet; and lowest possible cost to the member.

Don't permit members to "move back" after the meal, creating a great vacancy in the center of the room that is difficult for a speaker to face and talk to. Members should turn and face the speaker but remain at their tables.

Introduce visiting Rotarians, or call on fellowship committee chairman to do so, asking each to stand and remain standing until all have been introduced. Give "hand" of welcome after all have been introduced.

Have individual members introduce their guests.

Sing! Sing! Sing! A singing club is a happy club. Money spent for meals of song leader and good accompanist (if club doesn't have them in the membership) is the best money your club can spend.

Announcements. Put emphasis on committee activities by getting chairman of one or two committees to report each week, notifying them in advance. Avoid having outsiders come before the club if possible. Keep announcements brief but clear and complete.

Keep business of the club off the floor of weekly meetings. The board of directors should take care of it, leaving the meeting for program, fellowship, entertainment and education in Rotary.

Call on secretary for report of last week's attendance and previous month's attendance, and for reading of necessary communications.

Comment on governor's monthly letter, R.I. News Letter, etc.

Introduce program chairman, stating his committee or office in the club.

After the program, review earlier announcements before adjourning if time permits, then adjourn promptly on time with a song, pledge to the flag, or reading of the objects of Rotary.

Avoid having board meetings before or after weekly club meetings. The board should meet monthly or twice monthly, at a time when members can give the time to deliberate carefully on the club's business.

Develop habit on the part of members of coming forward and greeting persons on the program, whether members or not, and greeting each visitor.

Linger a while after the meeting and enjoy the fellowship.

#### "PEPPER-UPPERS" FOR THE MEETINGS

Arrange to change seating, table arrangement, order of program, etc.

Plan anniversary, old members, and other special meetings.

Invite officers of other local groups to your meetings once in a while, and perhaps exchange a program with other civic clubs.

Call on some member to introduce ten men to his right by their first names and classifications.

Check to see how many members are wearing Rotary lapel buttons and fine the delinquents occasionally.

Ask a new member to give the charter number of club and date club was organized.

Have all "Bobs," "Charleys," "Henrys," "Jims," "Joes," sing a song by groups.

Ask some member (notified in advance) to recite the four objects of Rotary.

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FILE 117

# THIS IS YOUR YEAR

A message to new club presidents by Charles H. Stone,  
Past President, Rotary Club of Charlotte, N.C.

You have been elected president of your club. You have had conferred upon you by your fellow members the highest honor within their gift - some say the highest honor in your community. You are to be congratulated upon this vote of confidence; it marks you as a leader in your club and in your community. But in our exaltation, we must not forget that every honor carries with it an obligation, and every obligation is a challenge, an opportunity, for performance and service.

Two years ago my club elected me as their president; at the Rotary convention that year, I attended an assembly of the presidents of the clubs of the same size as mine, which was attended by nearly 200 incoming presidents like myself. The theme of that assembly was: "This is your year."

## Know Yourself

What are the qualifications necessary to successfully meet the obligations, the challenge, you face? What qualifications may your fellow members expect to find in you? Let's see: They may properly expect you to know yourself, to know your abilities and resources; you have them, else you would not have been elected; now you will not let indecision or timidity keep you from using them.

## Know Your Members

Also it is well to know your members, know their abilities and qualifications relatively as well as you know your own, else you may not be able to use them to the best advantage in the conduct of your club. You have, of course, set up your committees for the year, and in doing this you may have been fortunate enough to pick the best man for each place; whatever be the case in this respect, you are expected to see that your committees work, and the better you know your members the more effectively will your committees perform.

## Know Rotary

It is well to know Rotary; in fact, a club president must know Rotary. "No one performs a job as well as the one who knows it best," has been said over and over again, and this axiom applies to the running of a Rotary club, the same as it does to running your own business or profession. I urge any of you who may be uncertain about Rotary to study and master it. Remember, the better you run your club this year, the better you will run your business next year.

## Develop a Sense of Humor

A well-developed sense of humor has saved the day for many a man charged



with the handling of groups of men, as are you. We can't all have a good stock of appropriate stories, and tell them well, nor can we grab our hat and pull a rabbit out of it when we find ourselves in a hot spot. But, like the boy on the burning deck, we can have a bag of chestnuts handy for an emergency, which is sure to come some day, and then you will see how very useful they are.

### Set Your Goal

Nothing is accomplished by chance; you know that as well as I do and have undoubtedly set up an objective for your year. The day I took over our club, I announced my objectives; in doing this, however, I tried to avoid setting up, in my enthusiasm, many things or any specific thing that might prove so difficult of accomplishment as to embarrass me in the future. My objective was - "To foster Rotary through the Charlotte Rotary Club"; this objective lent itself to interpretation and development during the entire year.

After your objective is announced, your ardent desire to carry it through will mean its success. And as you feel the thrill of accomplishment, you will work up the enthusiasm that is necessary to feed the desire and make your objective a developing proposition throughout the year. In this process, however, you will find that patience and time are also necessary, as well as the willingness to work, which is of prime importance.

Leadership is as necessary in the successful conduct of a Rotary club as anywhere else. Water does not flow above its source, so it is not to be expected that your club will advance beyond the point to which you lead it. And in leading it, use your splendid qualifications of leadership.

Your secretary is your most valuable helper and is ever ready to do what he can, so why not give him plenty to do?

### Consult Your Directors, etc.

It is the duty of your directors to advise and guide you, which they will gladly do; however, you may have to compromise with them on occasion, as they have the same right to their opinions as you do to yours. I have found one of the best sources of information is the past presidents of the club; they possess the cumulative knowledge of their club from its start, and are flattered and happy to be consulted by you. One may even go further and say that the problems of a Rotary club are the problems of every member, and the more frequently your members are consulted, the more successful will be your year.

### Meeting With Committees

I have mentioned time as being necessary for a successful year. You meet once a week. Your committees are constantly meeting. They look to you to meet with them, and the more frequently you can do so, the better they will like it.

### Fireside Meetings

Perhaps no activity of Rotary contributes more to fellowship and friendship than fireside meetings. It has been said of one of our active national figures that "he surrounds himself with an atmosphere in which minds meet in confidence and tranquility." The fireside offers this atmosphere; can you picture a better place in which to discuss the problems of Rotary and service to your fellow man?

### CLUB MEETINGS

#### Good Food

Let's look at a Rotary meeting: What is it? What do we do? Actually, we meet, eat, listen and go. What are the magnets that draw the fellows together for a Rotary meeting? Aside from the opportunities of fellowship,



of mixing with their friends, men like to be comfortable; they like a good meal. Hence your dining service committee might be in constant touch with your members regarding your meals, and strive to satisfy them in so far as possible. Don't let your fellows grumble about their meals; satisfy them.

#### Good Programs

And, I will say, most important of all, they like to be interested, they like a good program. In the meeting I attended at the convention, programs were emphasized above any other phase of a successful year. So, what are good programs? R.I. has sent you suggestions for each week, but they have to be interpreted. Men like vocational discussions; they are interested in what their fellow members do. They like to hear their well-educated members discuss current questions. They are happy to honor their ranking high school students, some of whom are usually the children of Rotarians. Many historical days, local, state and national, may be made the occasions of excellent programs. Your club is perhaps the best sounding board in your community; hence, people of prominence are glad to put on a program occasionally. And your fellows like to play now and then, so let's not forget the outings, the intercity meetings, and ladies' nights. And, best of all, get some outside Rotarian who is well informed on Rotary as your guest speaker now and then.

I repeat, if you make the fellows comfortable, feed them well, and interest them, you will have a good year.

#### Presiding at the Meeting

The technique and mechanics of running Rotary club meetings are simple. I have observed that by starting on time, presiding with dignity, and closing on time, you please your members. Let the other fellows do the work in so far as possible; let your secretary make the reports, and, if desirable, add a word

of emphasis. Try to get every member on his feet as frequently as practical. Paul Harris, with whom I have had the pleasure of spending some time, has referred to a Rotary club as offering a post-graduate course in citizenship -- it gives your fellow citizens who are your members an opportunity of developing through Rotary. In our club, I had every member on his feet one or more times during the year. To do this I had to ask a few of them as many as ten times to do as simple a thing as to make a report or say Grace. Sometimes I had to remind them of the unwritten rule of Rotary, that no one is to be asked to do anything beyond reason, and no one will decline to do what is asked of him. Let the other fellows do most of the talking.

#### Sick Members

When a fellow is laid up with sickness, attention and remembrances mean more to him than any well man can understand. We are all flattered by attention, but the fellow who is up against it is both flattered and helped. You have a committee to visit and send flowers to your sick; but the fellows in distress like a visit from the president of their club.

#### Attendance

Attendance is one feature that bothers every president. The greatest incentive to good attendance is to have such good programs that your members will strive to participate in each one, and will hear such good reports about those they miss that they will strive all the harder not to miss the next one and the next one. And when you get the attendance habit well developed in your members, they will take so much pride in their attendance records that they will make the necessary effort to keep them up.

#### Membership Growth

In a way, the addition of new members is



connected with attendance; Larry Akers, director of Rotary International in 1941-42, says that every worth-while business or profession in every community should be represented in Rotary. He would have every Rotary club not a social club, but a true cross section of the community. He is saying, in other words, that if Rotary is good for you, it is good for your neighbor, and we can all agree. I increased the membership of our club over 20% during my year, and I believe every man we then took in is still a member. Rotary is a service organization, and the more members it has, the greater service it can render the community. The bigger the club, the better cross section of the community it represents.

Welcoming New Members

First impressions are usually the most lasting; it is therefore desirable, so I have found, to so induct new members that they will at once realize that there is something to Rotary. True, Rotary has no ritual, yet if you present, with appropriate words, a framed copy of the Objects of Rotary, a copy of pamphlet No. 52, a late copy of "The Rotarian," the Rotary button, etc., to each new member when he is inducted, the effect will be good and the impression lasting.

Assimilating New Members

Another question, what shall be done with new members? When a new man is brought into a business enterprise, he is usually "brought up to date" on its activities. R.I. has prepared more than a dozen papers, as mentioned in File 200, relating to this subject. You, no doubt, now have a plan that is being carried out by your Rotary information committee for the development of new members; if not, one could be worked out with the aid of R.I. material.

Help from the Secretariat

Let us complete our cycle; by using information from your members, from your directors, from your district governor, and from Rotary International, each of us can help ourselves. In the secretariat in Chicago, which I visited on my return from the Rotary convention, I was impressed with the orderly manner in which they carry on, and the vast amount of information they have that can be used to advantage by every club, its officers and committees, all of which can be had for the asking.

Conclusion

This, fellows, is your year. What is going to be the verdict of your club, of your community when you turn the gavel over to your successor? That is entirely up to you.

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May 5, 1943.

Dr. Jake Beveridge,  
Maryville, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Beveridge:

I am enclosing a carbon copy of the letter I have written to Melvin Kraemer regarding Rotary. I assure you it was a great pleasure to have a visit with you at Topeka last Monday. I sincerely trust that we will have many other fine personal contacts from time to time.

With all good wishes, I am

Rotarily yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



May 4, 1943.

Mr. Vernon Bates,  
c/o Manhattan Rotary Club,  
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bates:

While at the District Conference meeting at Topeka yesterday, Mr. R. I. Throckmorton, your president, told me of the honor roll for service men that you had compiled.

I would appreciate it very much if you will write me telling me how you developed your work in this very laudable enterprise. I was much impressed with the value that could come from such a fine project.

I spoke to Mr. Throckmorton about it and he said that he was sure you would be glad to explain the modus operandi to me. I am sure that you can save me many hours work and I assure you I will appreciate your prompt reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE BULLETIN

LAWRENCE ROTARY CLUB

April 30, 1943



DESPITE THE WAR—  
Rotary continues to ex-  
pand into new regions.  
On February 18, 1943,  
the Rotary Club of Ciudad  
Trujillo, Dominican Re-  
public, was admitted to  
membership in R.I. This is  
the first club in the  
Dominican Republic.  
Congratulations to the  
members of this new club  
and to R.I. director Gal-  
paris and to all others  
who were responsible for  
this fine piece of work!

12:30 MONDAY ---

"Music Builds Morale," wrote President Roosevelt in a letter commending Music Week beginning May 2. We will have a chance to have our morale boosted Monday, for Joe Wilkins, Professor of Voice, School of Fine Arts, University of Kansas, will present a program of music for our enjoyment and profit. We know it will be good.

LAST MONDAY ---

"Spell bound," was the words one member used describing the effect of Catherina Fruin's talk. The petite Dutch Miss wowed the boys and made some of them step right lively in the folk dances. If Catherina is a good sample then we want to help drive those Nazis out of her native country and go over there and get better acquainted and play around some with the natives. The Club is ready to add attractive girls to wooden shoes, cheese, and tulips as desirable products of Holland.

"ON TO TOPEKA"

is the cry of President Elect Phog Allen, who heads the club's District Conference committee. The dates are May 2 and 3, and that is right now. Lawrence ought to be well represented at our suburb to the west, even though Ye-Ed can't go on Sunday and feels the Sabbath day ought not to be used for such a purpose.

COULD BE:

"My Ma says she could have soled her shoes with this steak I brought back," a small lad told the butcher. "Why didn't she?" inquired the butcher sarcastically. "Because she didn't have any priority to buy nails."

Your pencil pusher,

Ye-Ed-Ted.

Automobiles: \$100,000  
Mechanical refrigeration:  
1,500,000  
Washing machines: 250,000  
Radio: Furniture: 1,500,000  
000, each  
—Garden City, Wis.  
Jal. New Mexico

—District Governor  
Tom Barrows, Dist. 7





### I AM ROTARY

Born in the depths of a solitary loneliness, I have come a long way to bask in the light of many thousands of people, in many countries over the face of the earth.

Under the kindly influence of my service, men have learned that my maxim, "he profits most who serves best," is a truth in deed as well as in thought.

—Rotarian George R. Averill  
Birmingham, Michigan.



### Voluntary Munition Workers

The Rotary Club of **Richmond, England**, has organized a plan whereby voluntary munition workers may help the war effort.

A workshop has been acquired, where easy-to-handle drilling machines are to be installed. Here a large number of volunteers will be taught how to perform useful work of national importance. Already a contract has been received from a local factory for drilling small parts of equipment required for tanks. The attractive feature of the scheme is that the work will be carried out in three daily four-hour shifts six days a week.

Congratulations to this club for an outstanding piece of work!

### Can't Afford To Stay Away

A Rotarian recently said: "I had thought I would not be able to keep up Rotary, due to my hours and time, etc. But they are such real, friendly Rotarians I find I can't afford to stay away."

Don't most of us feel that way?

### A Message From The R.I. Board of Directors

The members of each Rotary Club have attained their positions of leadership in their respective communities because they have ingenuity, initiative, and sound judgment. The board of directors of R.I. is confident that each club will solve its particular problems and carry on without asking special privileges from governmental agencies and cooperate fully and actively with wartime regulations.

The board of directors of R.I. urges each Rotary club to meet the challenges of the day. This can be done by intensifying club activities in connection with public welfare under war conditions and by continuing to carry on the Rotary program which is needed now more than ever.

At this grave crisis in history may each Rotarian pray for steadiness and strength that neither hand nor brain shall falter in the tasks that lie before us.

### It's A Poor Joke When—

Someone blushes with embarrassment;  
Someone's feelings are hurt;  
Something sacred is made to appear commonplace;  
It is directed against the infirmity of someone;  
It is uttered in a bitter spirit;  
Everyone cannot join in the laughter.

—ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN,  
Madison, Nebraska



Those who have always enjoyed liberty often seem to forget that it is essential to all human progress. Those who love liberty and have lost it know that life is not worth living without it.

—District Governor  
Tom Burrows, Dist. 76

### DESPITE THE WAR—

Rotary continues to expand into new regions.

On February 18, 1943, the Rotary Club of Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, was admitted to membership in R.I. This is the *first* Rotary club in the Dominican Republic.

Congratulations to the members of this new club and to R.I. director Galigarcia and to all others who were responsible for this fine piece of work!

### Orchids To Somerset

District Governor Ralph Peacock, (Dist. 176), reports that four new members were added during the month of February (1943) and a total of fourteen new members have been added to the Rotary Club of **Somerset, Pennsylvania**, during the last year, —and this without any drive for members, but merely checking on classifications.

Maybe we should take another look around our community, and make a new classification survey.

### When The War Is Over

As soon as we get this war out of our system there seems to be a chance for a lot of business. This is based on figures given in a report of a coast to coast survey. Twenty-three percent of the families canvassed named specific purchases they have in mind. The prospective purchases follow:

Automobiles: 2,100,000  
Mechanical refrigeration:  
1,500,000  
Washing machines; Stoves,  
Radios; Furniture: 1,200,-  
000, each.

—OILING THE WHEEL,  
Jal, New Mexico







### HIGH-SCHOOL VICTORY CORPS

- Q.** What are the main objectives of the High-School Victory Corps?
- A.** 1. Training youth for that war service that will come after they leave school; and,  
2. Active participation of youth in the community's war effort while they are yet in school.
- Q.** What activities does the Victory Corps promote?
1. Guidance in critical services and occupations.  
2. Wartime citizenship.  
3. Physical fitness.  
4. Military drill.  
5. Competence in science and mathematics.  
6. Preflight training in aeronautics.  
7. Preinduction training for critical occupations.  
8. Community services.
- Q.** Where can information be obtained regarding the organization of a Victory Corps?
- A.** U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C. Ask for Victory Corps Series Pamphlet No. 1 "High-School Victory Corps."

### Health for All in Fiji

The principal aim of the Rotary Club of Suva, Fiji, in community service for 1942-43 is the inauguration and support of a public appeal for funds for a Child Welfare Clinic being conducted by the government medical department. The clinic meets the needs of all races in the community, and will ultimately have its benefits extended to other Pacific Territories, as medical students and nurses of the Pacific Central Medical and Nursing Schools receive tuition in the Clinic. The club will raise a minimum of £3000 for the building and equipment of a main center.

### What Am I Doing, As A Rotarian?

At no time is the stimulant of Rotary more needed than during the present war period. Every Rotary club should exert every effort to maintain the active interest of all its members. Rotary meetings should be held without cessation and those meetings should be made so interesting that all members look forward to the privilege of attending. We must do everything in our power to help win the war. Rotary clubs will do well to help organize local defense councils, and after that—keep them alive by doing something. Don't criticize the other fellow; see that you are doing your part. Make your club a beehive of activity; cheer those who are less courageous; keep your chin up, and never accept defeat.

Make a thorough survey of open classifications; keep the ranks filled with new members; revitalize your club by new activities.

Sometimes one hears a member of a Rotary club asking: "What is Rotary actually doing to justify its existence?" Would it not be more honest and more correct if instead we asked ourselves: "What am I, as a Rotarian, doing to justify Rotary's existence?" If we can answer that question satisfactorily the first question is unnecessary. We must not forget that it is the individual Rotarian who makes the Rotary club and that Rotary has a right to expect that all of its members shall serve loyally, with good will and to the best of their ability.

—District Governor Joseph H. Jordon,  
Dist. 117, Duluth, Minn.

### Wartime Activity Overseas

A particularly good piece of work is being done by some of the members of the Rotary Club of Cape Town, South Africa, in helping to run the "Troop Theatre." Every day when convoys are in port a show is put on, and on Sunday nights a first-class entertainment is provided—professional and amateur performers giving their services. There is no charge for men and women in uniform. This is providing a boon to them, for especially on Sundays all those who have not been absorbed by the many private invitations to the homes of citizens have little else to do than "mooch about the streets."

The theatre accommodates about 1000 seated and almost as many more standing. The fact that there is a full house at every performance is evidence that the "Troop Theatre" is filling a real need.

As much silk goes into one parachute as goes into more than 100 pairs of hose.

### HAPPINESS

Happiness is the greatest paradox of nature. It can grow in any soil, live under any conditions. It defies environment. It comes from within. Happiness consists not of having, but of being; not of possessing, but enjoying. It is the warm glow of a heart at peace with itself.

For what a man HAS, he may be dependent on others; what he is, rests with him alone. What he obtains in life is but an acquisition; what he attains, is growth.

The basis of happiness is the love of something outside of self. Search every instance of happiness in the world, and you will find, when all the incidental features are eliminated, there is always the constant, unchangeable element of love—love of parent for child; love of man and woman for each other; love of humanity in some form, or a great life work into which the individual throws all his energies.

—The Rotogram,  
Sandusky, Ohio





April 30, 1943.

Mr. Irwin Vincent,  
Secretary,  
Topeka Rotary Club,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Vincent:

Karl Klooz, our secretary, is sending you the early registrations for the District Conference.

Since this is a drive-in town many of our people desired to withhold their registration until they were sure they could attend. Some find that the press of business on Monday will keep them at home, but on the whole I believe we will have a very fine crowd from Lawrence.

Rotarily yours,

Chairman, On-to-Topeka Committee.



April 21, 1943.

Mr. Irvin Vincent,  
Topeka Rotary Club,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Irvin:

This is in reply to your good letter of the 15th instant. I made my first On-to-Topeka talk at Lawrence Rotary last Monday, April 19, urging Rotarians and their Anns to attend the conference meeting on May 2 and 3 in your city. Since the writer is the president-elect and Karl Klooz is our secretary, we have them all signed up. John Brand, the president, has assured me he will be there, as will a great many of the directors.

I have an all-captain all-American basketball team lined up and they are to report to me next Monday the personnel they will have in their cars. They are as follows: John Brand, Gerald Hesse, Corlett Cotton, Bert Ober, Lyle Gibbons, Renz McClure, Ship Winter, Jay Jakosky, Cecil Hough, and Glenn Charlton. For my freshman coach I have named Dolph Simons. I am supposed to be the varsity coach, so it will be up to Dolph to take care of the newcomers and corral them and their Anns in his car.

We are hoping that we will have six in each car - three Rotarians and three Anns. This should give us better than fifty per cent attendance. Of course, we will try to make it more. Next Monday we will see what we can do about it.

I told the Lawrence Rotarians that they would hear from you this week giving them all the data incident to this very important meeting Sunday and Monday, May 2 and 3.

Rotarily yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



MILTON P. FULLER  
President

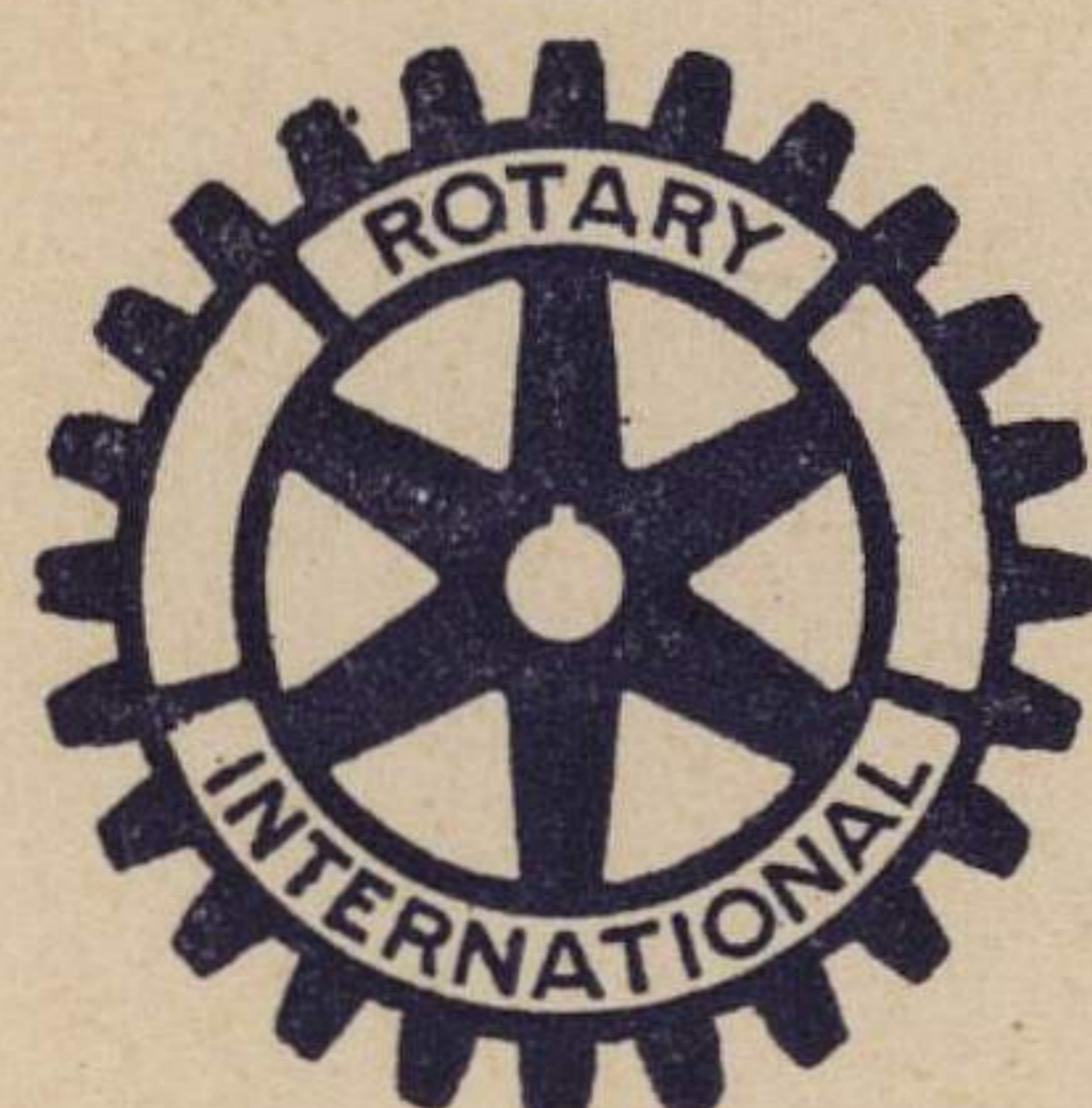
WALTER M. PADGETT  
Vice-President

FERN F. CLINGER  
Treasurer

FRED M. BONEBRAKE  
Secretary

# 123rd District Conference of Rotary

Topeka, May 2 and 3, 1943



### CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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CHARLES H. MARTIN.....Chairman  
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*St. Louis*  
*International Meeting*  
*Reg 17 - 18-19-20*  
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April 15, 1943

Mr. Phog Allen, Chairman  
ON-TO-TOPEKA Committee,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Fellow Rotarian:

You've got a job to do! Don't suppose anybody envies you that job or wants to take it from you. But let's get at it and do the job up brown.

Did you ever notice that some chairmen simply say, "Who is going?" (sort of half-heartedly) -- and then say, "Fellows, you know our club ought to be represented" -- and finally, "Well, let me know when you make up your mind."

Well, it's your job and my job to get out the members. Others have harder work than we have, so why not get organized. If you've got your job all done, throw this away. If not, I'd suggest these things:

1. If Topeka is a "drive-in" from your town, locate two or more cars that can come. Even an "A" card can make the trip from a lot of places if the man starts saving a little gas now.
2. Get your President elect and your Secretary all signed up. Maybe they will go in one car and take their wives. Anyway, they are No. 1 on your list -- they need to come.
3. Then fill up the other cars -- definitely! Get it all set who is to go with whom. If you leave it indefinite you'll lose about half your contingent.
4. At every meeting between now and the conference, make about a one minute announcement about it.

I'm enclosing a preview of a letter going to all members about April 20. I believe it will give you all the points you need to talk about. Rotary isn't just a peace-time organization, so let's work a little harder and make this war-time conference a success.

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BUT.....maybe your club ain't got no problems nohow. Maybe you'd just sort of like to relax for a day; forget your own troubles and get a little inspiration. Brother, the program committee thought of you, too..... (about halfway thru the second cigar)...and they provided some speakers who can properly be referred to as. . .

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Rotarily yours,

Oh, yes, mark up those dates right now: Sunday, May 2 and Monday, May 3!



Gerald Wesse ✓ 1 Registration  
Corlett Cotton ✓ 2 Rotarian  
Bert Ober ✓ 3 but not  
Lylse Gibbons 4 of the Army

Quinn McClure 5

Ship Winters 6

Jay Jakosky 7  
~~Steph~~ ~~Stephenson~~ 8

~~Gene~~ Hough 9

Gene Charlton 10

Dolph Simons T'rosch Coach



April 27, 1943.

Mr. Irwin Vincent,  
Secretary  
Topeka Rotary Club,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Brother Vincent:

I called the roll yesterday and endeavored to get a line up on how many would attend the District Conference. This is a drive in and out club. So many have business connections which will require their presence here on Monday, and very few will stay over. Some will be there only on Sunday, some only on Monday, and some both days.

I am trying to get up a couple of golf foursomes. Gerald Hesse, Glen Charlton, John Brand and I will make one, and I will try to get another group together. What club do you recommend, or what arrangements have been made for golf? If you would send Mr. Glen Charlton, Charlton Insurance Agency, this information for Sunday afternoon, I would appreciate it, as he is in charge of the golf plans.

As soon as we get a definite registration list we will send it to you immediately.

Rotarily yours,

FCA:AH

Chairman,  
On-to-Topeka Committee.



Rotary Dist. Conference - Topeka  
May 2 and 3

Rotarian		Ann	Rotarian		Ann
Allen, F. C.	yes	?	Hanna, Hovey ✓		
Allen, Roger	yes <sup>now</sup> *	no	Hedrick, Geo.	? <sup>now</sup> ?	
Aszman, T. H.	?	?	Hessi, Gerald	yes	yes - Sun.
Ayers, Helen ✓	no		Hill, Justin D.	no	no
Banks, Frank	no	no	Horkmans, Gene	no	
Brand, John	yes	yes	Hough, Cecil	yes	yes - Sun.
Bratten, Herb	yes*	? - Sun.	Hungerford, H. B.	no	no
Bruene, Eugene	no	no	Hurt, Victor <sup>cell</sup>		
Bruner, Dan	no	no	Hurwitz, Simon	yes - Sun	yes
Calvin, Alf	no	no	Jakosky, Jay	no	
Charlton, Glenn	no		Keller, Walter ✓ <sup>33</sup>		
Cetten, Corlett	yes*	yes - Sun	Klooz, Karl	yes	yes
Davison, R. W.	no	no	Malitt, Deane ✓	no	
Davis, R. M. <sup>47</sup>	no		McClure, R. W.	yes - Sun	yes
Davis, W. W. <sup>104</sup>	no	no	Meade, J. J.	no	no
Dodds, Cary	no? ✓	?	Ober, H. B.	no	
Ellsworth, Fred	yes	yes - Sun.	Parker, Thomas	yes*	no
Fulke, Geo. ✓	no		O'Neil, Cowell <sup>338</sup>	no	
Funk, T. D. ✓	no		Quakenbush, W. H.	no	
Getto, Mike	no	no	Ramsay, J. Cliff	?	no
Gibban, Kyle	no		Rankin, R. C.	yes	no
Graber, Ralph	no	no	Rice, Raymond C.	no	

\* With Cecil Hough



Russell, C. B.	no		
Schwartz, Stan.	✓		
Simons, Ralph	no		
Simons, W. C.	no		
Skie, John	yes	yes - sun.	
Smallwood, Wm.	no		
Smith, G. B.	no		
Stephenson, E. A.	no	no	
Varnum, W. H.	no	no	
Ward, Ralph	no	no	
Weaver, Art <sup>639</sup>	no	no	
Wiley, Russell	no		
Williams, Roger ?			call at P. O. Thurs.
Winter, M. S. <sup>call</sup>	no		
Young, E. W.	no		







ROTARY CONFERENCE ADVANCE REGISTRATION

To. Frank Durein, Chairman  
Conference Registration Committee  
Topeka, Kansas.

Please register the following members of our club for the 123rd District Conference to be held in Topeka May 2 & 3, 1943.

I herewith enclose check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover registration fee for our Rotarians, \_\_\_\_\_ at \$3.00 each and Rotaryanns at \$2.00 each.

The registration covers the cost of Noon-day Luncheon and banquet, for for all meeting expense and entertainment. Members not able to attend can get a refund of registration fee paid, provided notice is received prior to 12:00 noon, May 1st, 1943.

NAME	Familiarly known in Rotary as	CLASSIFICATION	REG FEE
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How many to be met at trains? \_\_\_\_\_

How many want Reservations Sunday at Hotel? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed

Chairman "On to Topeka Comm"



April 21, 1945

John Brand  
Gerald Hesse  
Corlett Cotton  
Bert Ober  
Lyle Gibbons  
Renz McClure  
Ship Winter  
Jay Jakosky  
Cecil Hough  
Glenn Charlton

President John, I have named you the captain of the captains to take the place of "Stevie" Stephenson who is on the jury testifying as an expert. So "Steve" tells me that he will not be able to attend the meeting.

As I stated last Monday, the Lawrence club is paying the registration fee for the attending Rotarians but not for their Anns. Won't each of you captains call two other Rotarians that you are chummy with and get your crowd lined up for the trip to Topeka?

Irvin Vincent, the Conference Attendance Chairman, has sent each one of the Rotarians the data on the conference. Rotarian Vincent stated that he was mailing this to you today, so you should get the information.

Some of you will not be able to go Monday on account of your business, but you could arrange to drive up Sunday for a game of golf at the Topeka Country Club, and hear Louis J. Albers Sunday evening at the Topeka High School speaking on "Churchill, the Irresistible". Since Monday is Rotary day here in Lawrence why couldn't we arrange to attend the model luncheon in Topeka, see old friends and make some new ones, and take in the afternoon program hearing J. Carthell Robbins and Dr. Kenneth McFarland.

If any of your cars will not hold six people you can commandeer mine. I have got to go along and will be glad to take two other couples with me. I will check Monday at noon with you so that we can give Rotarian Vincent a pretty good report of our Lawrence On-to-Topeka movement.

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To my Freshman Coach - Dolph Simons:

Dolph, I would like for you to fill your car with the freshman members of Rotary, either Solon Ayers, K. Wayne Davidson, Russell Wiley, Bill Smallwood, or any other friends that you think of.

Rotarily yours,

  
Chairman, On-to-Topeka Committee. *Allen*

FCA:AH



*123rd*  
**DISTRICT  
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*Theme:*  
"Solving War-Created Problems"

**Rotary International**

**NORTHEAST KANSAS**

**1943**

**SUNDAY, MAY 2nd**

**and**

**MONDAY, MAY 3rd**



**Assembly Rooms, Municipal Auditorium**

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**TOPEKA, KANSAS**

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**AMBROSE JOHNSTON**

District Governor

Ambrose Johnston is ending an exceptionally fine year of work for the 123rd District.

The fine line-up of talent for the 1943 Conference is to his credit.



**MILTON FULLER**

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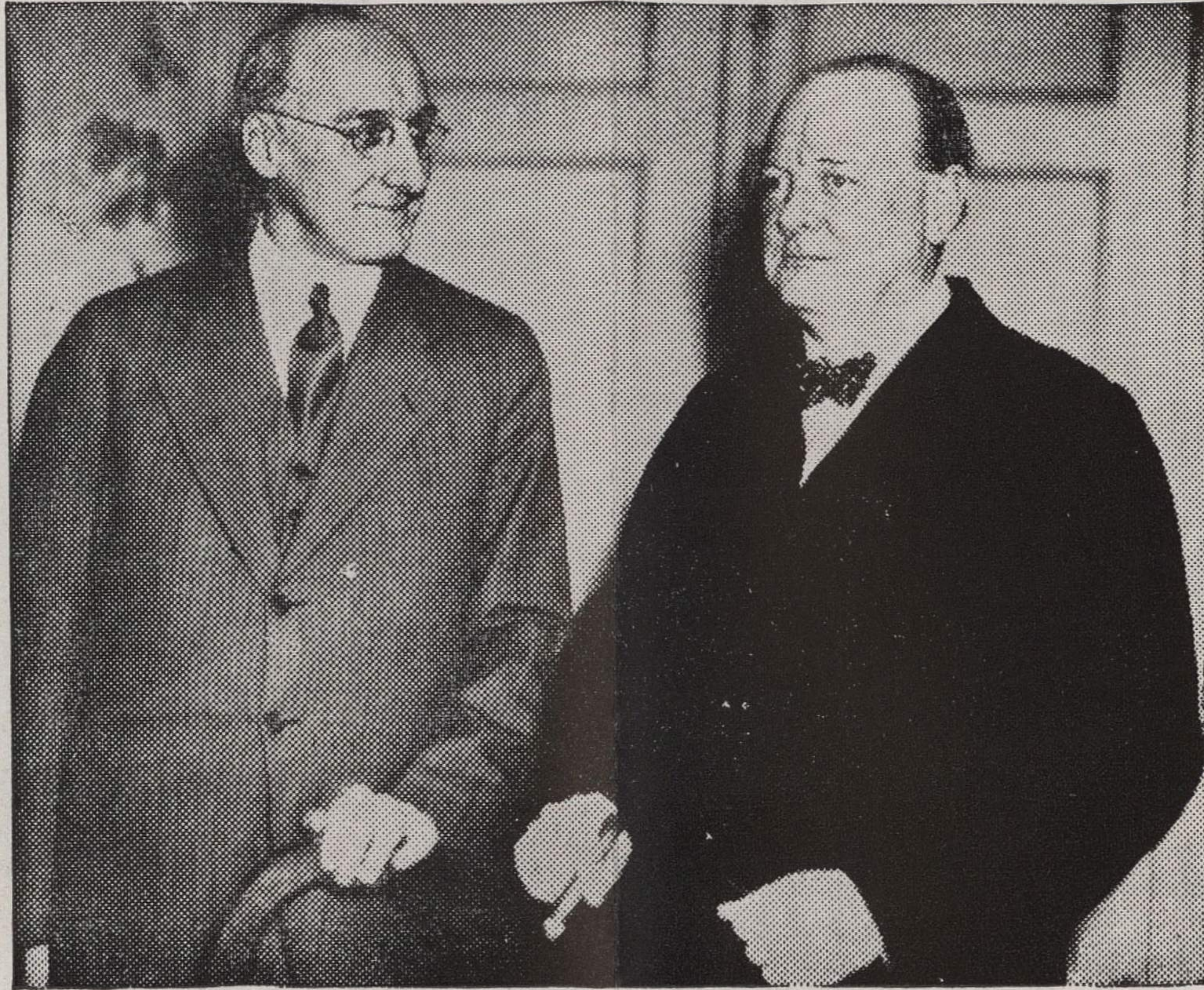
He has been an outstanding President and has directed the Topeka Club and has held it up to full membership.

## *Rotary's Four Freedoms (Will we lose them?)*

Freedom of Fellowship.....Howard Quigley, Olathe  
Freedom of Opportunity to Serve.....LeRoy Raynolds, Emporia  
Freedom of Enterprise.....Harold Howe, Manhattan  
Freedom of World Wide Peace.....Gordon Stucker, Ottawa

(These talks to aid in the solution of Post War Problems)





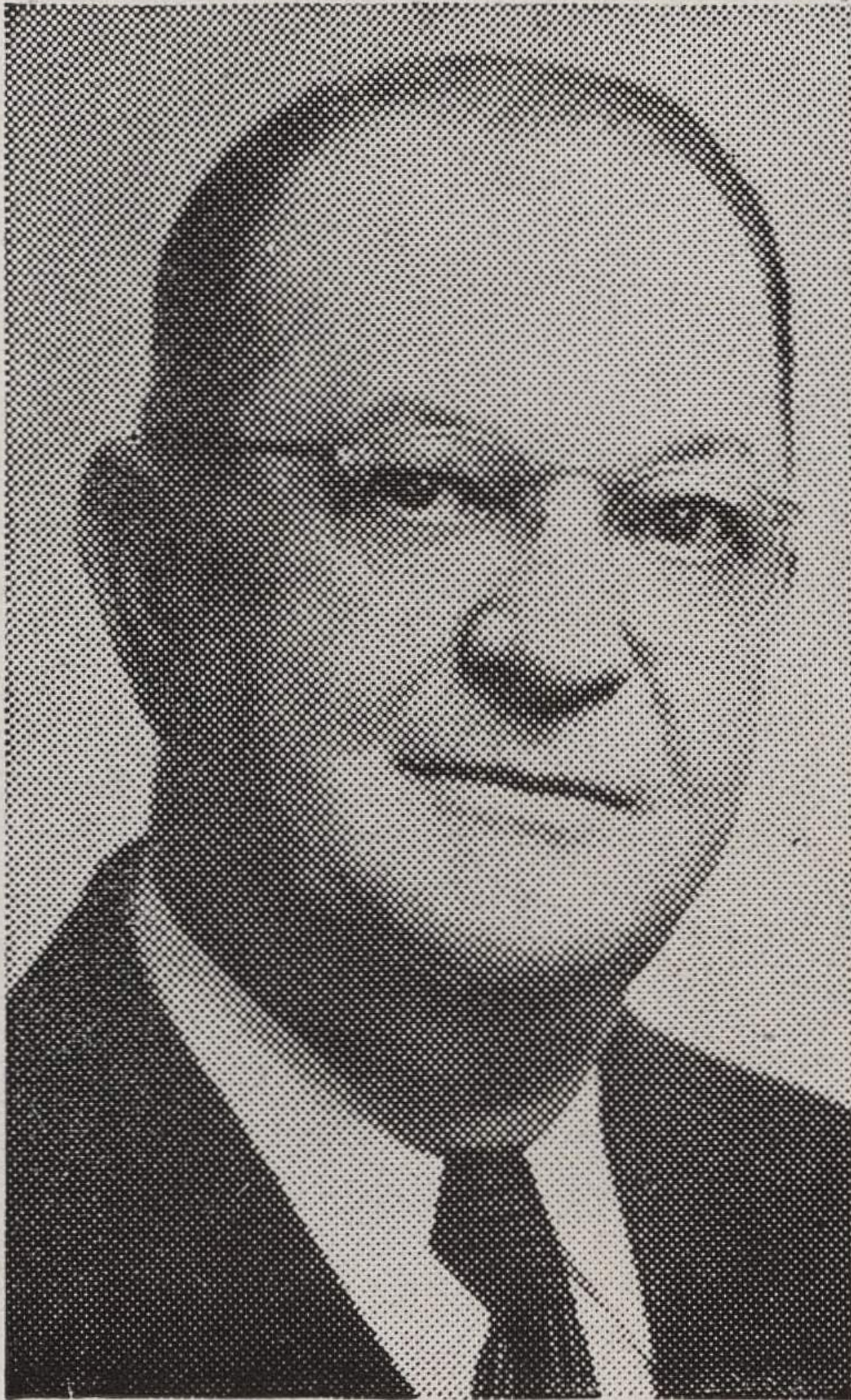
**L**OUIS J. ALBER, who speaks Sunday night, May 2nd, before this 123rd District Conference at the Topeka High School Auditorium is said to know more about Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, than any other American. Because of an accident which befell Churchill shortly after he arrived in the United States in 1931 for a lecture tour, Alber's association with him was more intimate and extended than ordinarily would have been the case.

Alber for many years managed Chautauqua and Lyceum bureau tours. He was managing the Churchill tour when the accident occurred and lived with Churchill for four months. He has managed some of the foremost platform speakers including William Jennings Bryan, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Woodrow Wilson, Will Rogers, Lowell Thomas, Prince William of Sweden and others.

Drawing upon the incidents of so close an association, Alber will present a colorful picture of the most interesting man in England and one of the outstanding British leaders of all time.

Alber has known every President since Teddy Roosevelt, as well as many persons who classify as great or near great. This acquaintance gives him a fine background for the presentation of the man who held England together through the trying hours of the Battle of Britain and the outstanding world figure of this period. Title of Alber's lecture is "CHURCHILL, THE IRRESISTIBLE."





**CARTHELL ROBBINS**

Stuttgart, Arkansas

A lumber dealer, active in Rotary for 18 years, he is Past President, Past District Governor and has served on many Rotary International Committees. For the past two years he has been a Director of Rotary International.



**DR. KENNETH M. McFARLAND**

Superintendent Topeka Schools

Recently came to Topeka from Coffeyville. Was a speaker at the International Convention at Denver and has many calls from surrounding states to talk to Rotary Conferences. You will be interested in hearing him and becoming better acquainted with this outstanding school director.

He will discuss the "Responsibilities That Accompany Leadership."

## *Ladies' Special Entertainment*

Sunday afternoon the Ladies will have the opportunity to go to the Air Base, or play bridge, or attend one of the movies.

Monday morning, special trips or shopping.





**GOVERNOR ANDREW F. SCHOEPPPEL**

Monday Evening Banquet

Governor Schoepfel is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Ness City, Kansas.

Today, as our Kansas Leader, he will discuss "Rotary's Place in the Post-War World."



**MAYOR FRANK J. WARREN**

*A Royal Welcome  
to Topeka*

**Home of the Topeka Air Base and  
World's Largest Air Supply Depot**

## *Golf*

Golf Tournament will be held Sunday afternoon at the Topeka Country Club. Arrangements to play can be made at the Registration Desk in the lobby of Hotel Jayhawk, or by mail in advance. Address communication to Kenneth Alexander, 107 West 10th Street, Topeka.





**DR. BRYAN STOFFER**

Our Toastmaster

Dr. Stoffer is President of Washburn Municipal University and has had a wonderful experience as President of an American College at Delhi, India, and later of Doan College, Crete, Nebraska.



**DEAN IRA PRATT**

Dean of Fine Arts and Director of Music at  
Washburn Municipal University

He is an inspiring musician and you will enjoy singing under his leadership.

## *Hotel Accommodations*

Topeka Rotarians guarantee you a place to stay if we are advised that you are coming. Notify the Conference Secretary or write direct to J. Clyde Fink, Paymaster, Santa Fe Railway, Topeka.





# **Sunday Afternoon Trip to Air Base**

**2:00 to 5:00 P. M.**

**A specially conducted tour of the Topeka Air  
Base and Topeka Air Forces Supply  
Depot**

In order to make this tour possible Topeka Rotarians are purchasing War Bonds and procuring the tickets for you. It is a distinct privilege to be able to visit these Army projects. The Supply Depot will be the largest in the world when completed.





P.S.

President John and his Ann, Catherine, have said that they always attend these District Conferences of Rotary, and do not want to miss this one. They say they derive more pleasure and benefit from these conferences than almost any other side of Rotary, renewing old acquaintances and making new friends.

F.C.A.



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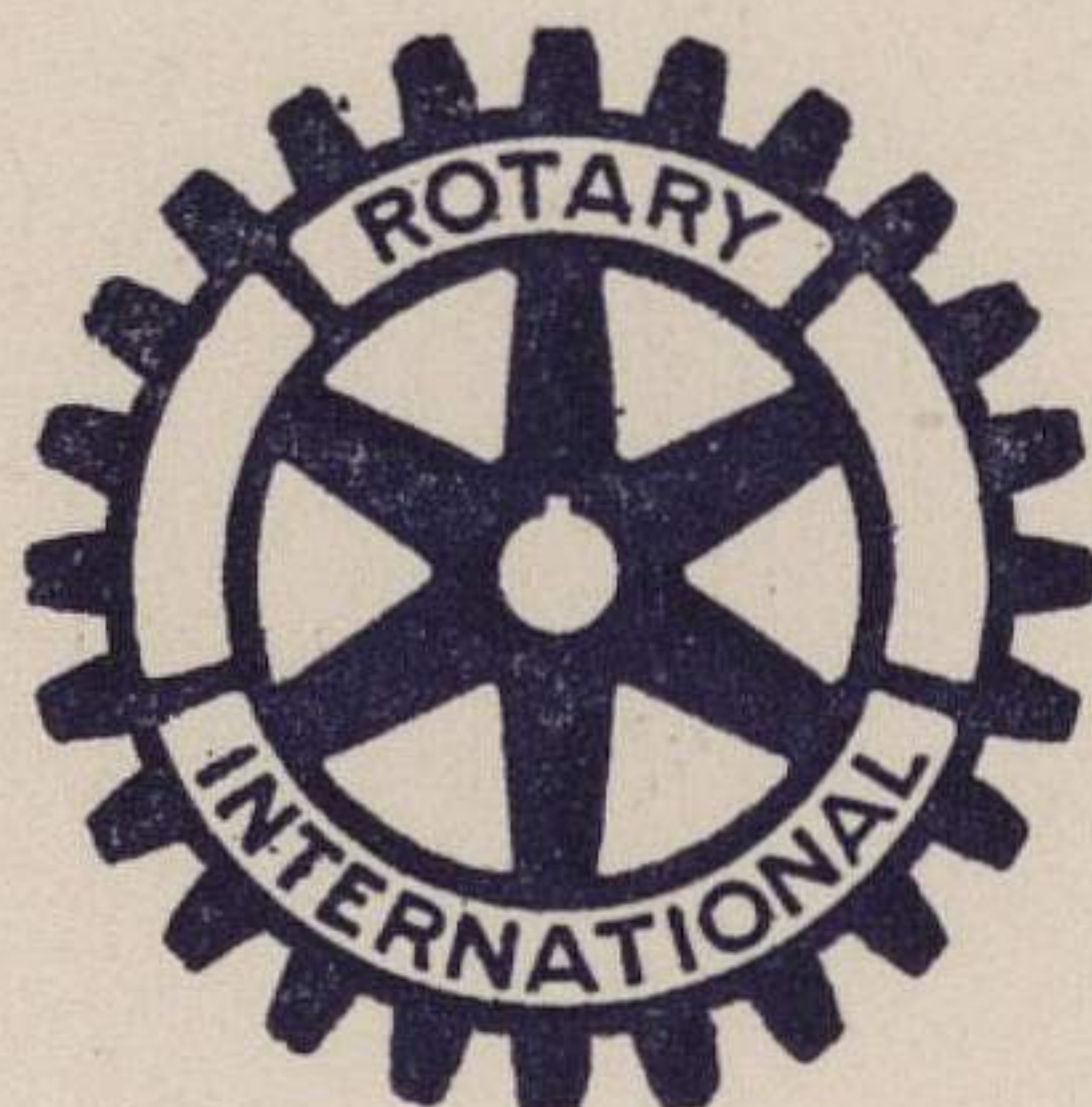
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Publicity Chairman

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of  
LAWRENCE ROTARY CLUB

Allen, Ferrest

Allen, Reger

Aszman, Theodore H.

Ayers, Solen G.

Banks, Frank E.

Brand, John W.

Bratten, Verl

Brune, Eugene

Bruner, Van K.

Burcham, Riley

Charlton, Glenn E.

Cotton, Corlett J.

Davidson, K. Wayne

Davis, Robert McN.

Davis, W. W.

Dedds, Caryl J.

Delan, H. X.

Edmends, Norman

Ellsworth, Fred

Funk, Talmadge D.

Gette, Mike

Graber, Ralph

Hanna, Hevey J.

Hedrick, George

Hesse, Gerald C.

Hill, Justin D.

Horkmans, David M.

Hough, Cecil T.

Hungerford, H. B.

Hurwitz, Simon W.

Keeler, Walter J.

Kleez, Karl

Malott, Deane W.

McClure, R. W.

McGinnis, Father Francis

McMerris, Lt. Col. W. L.

Meade, I. J.

Lt. Randolph Neil

Ober, H. B.

O'Neil, Father Cowell

Ousdahl, Elmer

Parker, Thomas B

Quakenbush, Will H.

Quigley, Joe

Ramsey, J. Clifton

Rankin, R. C.

Rible, U. Floyd

Rice, Raymond E.

Russell, Charles B.

Schwahn, Stanley E.

Simons, Delph

Simons, W. C.

Skie, John

Smallwood, W. F.



Stephenson, Eugene A.

Varnum, Walter H.

Ward, Ralph

Weaver, A. B.

Wiley, Russell L.

Williams, Roger M.

Winter, M. S.

Young, E. W.

Honorary Members

Col. Karl F. Baldwin

Hon. Hugh Means

Dr. Frank Herron Smith

Hon. Walter G. Thiele

In Military Service

Andrews, John T.

Armel, Lyle O.

Jones, H. Penfield

Powell, Lyle S.

Smith, George B.

Wherry, Neal M.

Resigned (Or Lost By Death)

Anderson, A. J.

Buhl, A. H.

Calvin, Clifton

Dusenbury, James J.

Foulke, Geo. R.

Gaston, E. Thayer

Gibbon, Lyle

Hurt, Victor C.

Jakesky, J. J.

Jones, J. Frank

Reeves, Ray M.

Shackley, Wray A.

Stutz, John G.

Zimmerman, Richard