



In the face of the gravest emergencies the Rotary clubs overseas continue to carry on. The Rotary Club of **Madras, India**, supplies cigarettes to troops passing through the city, and Rotarians of **Nelson, New Zealand**, present farewell gifts to service men and nurses proceeding overseas. The members of the **Bendigo, Australia**, club donate weekly to a fund which is used to provide comforts for prisoners of war. The Rotary Club of **Nairobi, Kenya**, has sent parcels of tea, sugar, and coffee to 18 clubs in England for distribution to needy air raid victims.

Undoubtedly, Rotarians find greater opportunities for service during an emergency than at any other time.

Voices from the Dog House

An attendance contest, which resulted in two months of almost perfect attendance, came to a most unusual conclusion recently at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Leaside, Ontario, Canada. The meeting place was partitioned off and one end of the room was made to look like a dog house. In the dog house the members of the losing team enjoyed (?) a luncheon of beans. Afterwards, they were required to speak to the club on the subject of attendance.

We wonder if the same club members will be in the dog house again after the next attendance contest in the Leaside club. What do you think?

Compulsory Attendance? No—Not in Rotary

Looking through our exchanges the other day, we noticed the following item in the *Silver Falls Rotarian*, publication of the Rotary Club of Silverton, Oregon. We think it "hits the spot." Read it and see if you don't agree with us.

"From time to time we hear of the compulsory attendance rule in Rotary. There is no such thing. No Rotarian is compelled to attend the meeting of his club. He has obligated himself to do so. And if he doesn't, he is liable to lose his membership."

"No one is forced to go to his Rotary club meetings at the point of a bayonet, or be dragged there with a rope. Members voluntarily and mutually agree to meet together every week. There is a rule, however, which eliminates from membership the man who does not fulfill his attendance obligation."

Opportunity to Serve

To serve on the juries in the courts of our land is one of the privileges of citizenship, and unless prevented by sickness or engaged in some character of work that exempts a person from this service, all Rotarians should gladly perform this duty when called upon. Rotarians can be found taking an active part in all civic endeavors, and service on the juries of our country is one of our most patriotic duties. — *The Gateway Gear*, Laredo, Texas.

"With your help each meeting can be made better than the previous one," says the club bulletin from Cleveland, Mississippi. Let's all of us keep this in mind.

The Way Rotary Works

(The sixth of a series of articles describing the organization and administration of Rotary International.)

Member Clubs and Rotarians

Rotary International, as an organization, is merely the composite of the more than 5,000 Rotary clubs in approximately 60 different countries. It is the clubs that are the members of Rotary International. The individual Rotarians are not members of Rotary International, but of their respective Rotary clubs. The individual Rotarians, and consequently the clubs, are held together by mutual understanding and friendship and by an acceptance of the service ideal and the Objects of Rotary.

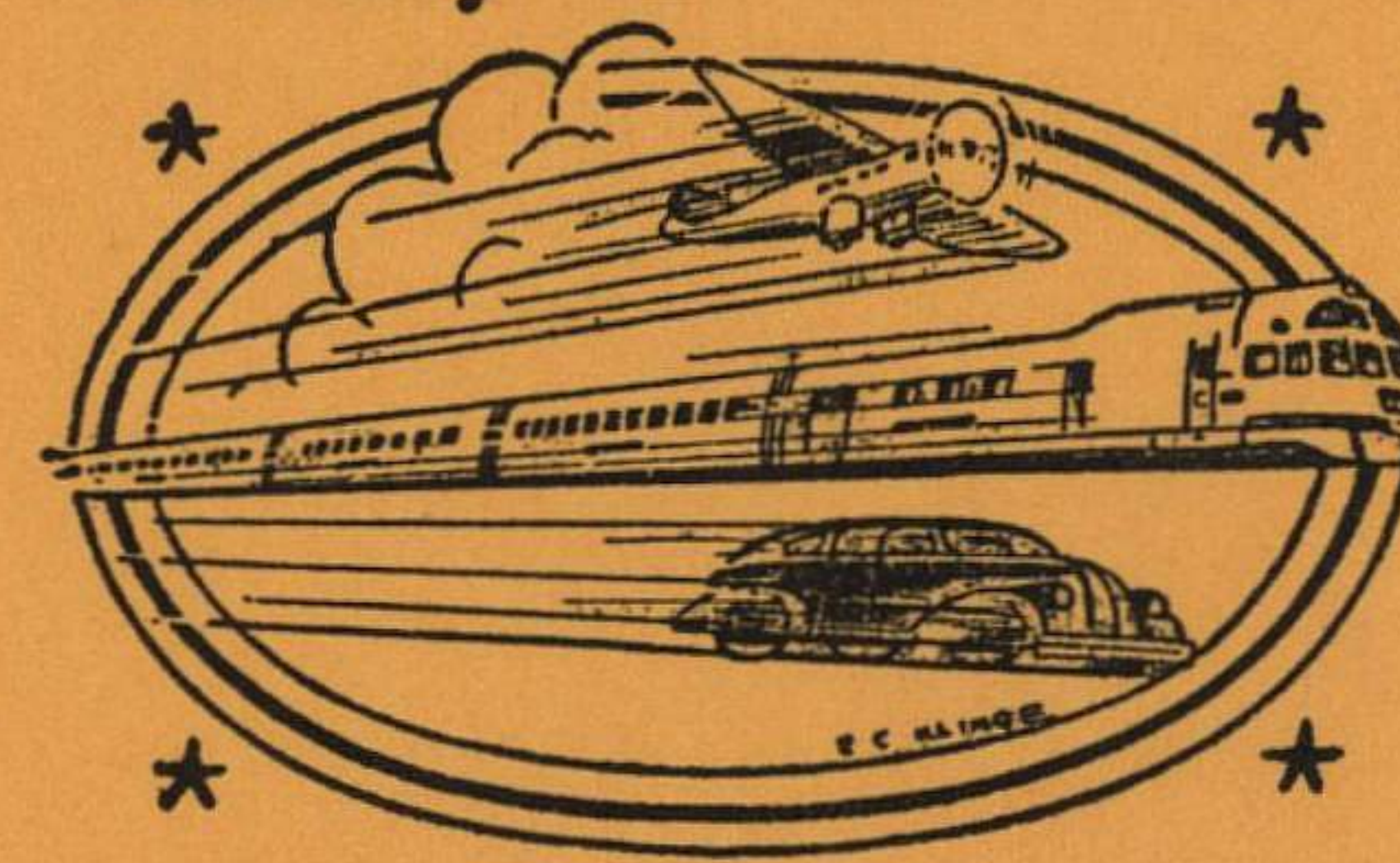
This union of clubs, known as Rotary International (with its convention, board of directors, officers, committees, etc.), exists for the purpose of encouraging, promoting, extending, and supervising Rotary throughout the world, and also to coordinate and generally direct the activities of the united clubs or certain groups of them.

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REMEMBER—

Unless you are present 60% of the meeting time, you are not entitled to credit for your attendance.

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