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Mr. John H. Andrews, President,  
Lawrence Rotary Club,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear President Andrews:

As chairman of the program committee for the present year I desire to make a report. Our purpose in arranging these programs was, first, to stimulate good fellowship among the members; secondly, to have the program entertaining; and third, to obtain speakers who would challenge the members or benefit them by their presence.

On July 7th we had the program, "Change Your Place at Each Course". When the members first sat down they had their cocktails and then after the cocktail each individual had to get up and change places, carrying his napkin and his glass with him. When the next course was finished this same procedure was followed. Then they changed again for the dessert. This type of program stimulated contact and conversation.

The North Carolina a cappella choir from Greenville, North Carolina, stopped at the Eldridge Hotel and we were pleased to have Lewis S. Bullock, the director of the choir, render Rotary Club one of the most entertaining fifteen minutes of music and song that they have enjoyed for years.

On July 14th the assembly of directors and committees took up the entire meeting time.

On July 21 we inaugurated a "How Come" program, thanks to the suggestion of Gerald Hesse. We wanted to know from each one of the members where they were born, what their father did, some incidents in their early school life, where they went to school, when and where they were married, and how come they are in the business or profession that they are now in; also how come they are in Lawrence and in the Rotary Club. We put the names of the members in a box and had a lottery, using the visiting Rotarians to draw the names. The first name spoke last, if there was any time left. The second name spoke secondly, and the third name drawn spoke first.

There was to be no preparation and the individual was to get on his feet as his name was called. This innovation caused quite a commotion in Rotary. We found some members hiking out as soon as their meal was finished. They got the buck. We soon discovered the identity of these members and put the pressure on them to prepare their talk so they would be ready to be called upon. This