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New Membership Proposals

(Second Publication)

The following proposals have been approved by the Classification and Membership Committee and Board of Directors, unless WRITTEN, SIGNED objections are received by noon of Wednesday, December 20, 1950, these proposals will be voted upon by our membership:

WILLIAM S. POTTER, President, Tydings Co., 632 Grant St., "Radio Parts, Dist."; proposed by DOC BLAIR, ART KERR and WHITEY HOLT.

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DONALD A. STEWART, General Manager, WDTV, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., "Television Broadcasting"; proposed by HANK PEARSON, RAY TALBERT and TOM TROY.

Thought of the Week

"I early found out that when I worked for myself alone, myself alone worked for me, but when I worked for others also, others also worked for me."

—Benjamin Franklin

Forty Years of Rotary

(By BERT SMYERS, Historian)

December 2, 1910, was the date of birth of the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh. On that day Paul Harris arrived from Cleveland where he had organized a Club the previous day. Our own OSCAR TAYLOR presided at the meeting, which was attended by the following persons selected by Oscar (with the assistance of Ches Perry, R. I. Secretary);—Dr. Wm. H. Ewing, Wm. T. Lyon, G. W. C. Johnson, Herbert May, J. O. Crawford, H. F. Egle, G. W. Dickey, A. M. Acklin, Harry Herron, C. A. Blanchard and LOUIS A. GREEN, Oscar and Louis being the only ones in our present roster.

At this meeting OSCAR TAYLOR was elected president; EDWIN MAY was elected a member, and his brother Herbert did not become a member.

The application for the legal Charter of the Club (granted Sept. 14, 1912), bears the following 24 names, of which the first seven are in our present roster: OSCAR TAYLOR, LOUIS GREEN, EDWIN MAY, JAMES McCLURE, VAN REED, HARRY SCHMID, WILLIAM MEYER, William Ewing, J. O. Crawford, D. J. Brown, William Hamilton, David Farrar, Charles Bunting, William McNaughton, Wm. Duff, Wm. Hewitt, H. A. Persell, Stewart McFarland, L. C. Voss, George Duffus, Frank Georger, Robert Munroe, Tom Sheppard and Henry Willock.

Two interesting provisions of this Charter are:

"Said Corporation is not to maintain a Club-House, and is not to dispense intoxicating beverages in any manner."

"The yearly income of said Corporation, other than that derived from real estate, shall not exceed the sum of \$20,000.00."

Oscar Taylor, founder and first President of our Club, has a world record of attendance in Rotary:—forty years without missing a meeting.

We have had 44 presidents of our Club; seven — MAY, McFarland, SMITH, SMYERS, BENSON, Wilson and KNAPP — have served as Governor of our District; and one, TONY SMITH, has served as Director of Rotary International. Past President Arthur Pierce was known as the "Father of Classification", his outline having been adopted by R. I. Tony and Ned Lawrence presented suggestions which were adopted by R. I., establishing classes of membership.

Our club is "mother", "grandmother" or "great" to all of the Rotary Clubs in Western Pennsylvania.

Many of our members served with distinction in three wars, and others in "home-service". We recall particularly

the work of Joe Trees, Leo Altmayer and others in feeding and housing thousands of unfortunates.

Still fresh in our minds is the USO-Variety Club Canteen for Service-men, the idea of which originated with Governor KARL KNAPP, was designed by our architect ED LEE, now visiting us, and carried out by at least 25 other Rotarians, and Variety Club members.

Though publicity was avoided, the administration of the "Carpenter Fund" redounded to the credit of "B.K." ELIOTT and other members.

Our widely-known RODEO, a Club within the Club, was revived by LEIGH DeCOURSEY; requirement is attendance at 50 consecutive meetings.

But the outstanding accomplishment of our Club was the organization of The Boys' Club. This has been the salvation of thousands of boys of the "Strip" District brought into the "Club"; hundreds of these boys are given one or two weeks of recreation each year at the "farm" upon which our Club has recently erected a large administration building.

The Rotary Convention at Los Angeles in 1922 provided the "idea" of youth-work and boys' clubs which was brought home to our Club by your Historian; he had been appointed for this service by our then President, Penn Spangler.

President "Spang" acted immediately by appointing this delegate as Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee, to organize a Boys' Club. We had to decline the appointment on account of change of position and unusual demands on our time. "Spang" then appointed John Acheson, with like result. These declinations were, perhaps, fortunate, for President Spang then procured an ideal organizer in the person of DAVE McCAHILL. It would be difficult to estimate the wonderful benefits brought about through the work of McCAHILL, Spangler, LODGE, HOPTON, HEP-PENSTALL, Trees, LEONARD, WEST and others, but above all, McCAHILL.

But the aim of Rotary is not so much to have Rotary Clubs sponsor special undertakings in the Community as a Club; it is, rather, to urge the individual Rotarian to practice the principles of Rotary in his business, and in his Community, by working with established organizations which have been formed, or may be forming, for worthy Community activities. In this our Rotarians have excelled; in every worth-while effort in our Community will be found Rotarians—and, generally, they will be found in the front ranks.

May the members of the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh continue to work with zeal, not only as individuals, but also as a club united in good undertakings.

**Congratulations to Our
Charter Members As We
Pass the Forty Year Mark!**



LOU GREEN



JACK HUGHES



JIM McCLURE



ED MAY



BILL MEYER



VAN REED



HARRY SCHMID



OSCAR TAYLOR

We are indeed quite fortunate to have so many of the original twenty-four charter members with us today on the occasion of our Fortieth Birthday!

Included in this group is our first president, OSCAR TAYLOR, who was the spark in the organization and founding of Club No. 20—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**THAT HE WHO RUNS MAY
READ**

No meeting at the Fort Pitt Hotel this week
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6 MEETING —
17th Floor, Ballroom, William Penn Hotel
12:00 Noon

"We'll be looking for you"

Fortieth Anniversary Luncheon
WITH
Rotary International President Arthur Lagueux
GUEST SPEAKER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1950

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ARTHUR LAGUEUX
Quebec City, Canada

President, Rotary International, 1950-51

Arthur Lagueux is President of the investment corporation of Lagueux and DesRochers in Quebec City, Canada. He was born at Tring Junction, Quebec, and was educated at St. Anne-de-la-Pocatiere College (Quebec) and at St. Anne's Academy in New York City.

Mr. Lagueux is President of Rotary International for 1950-51. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Quebec since 1934, is a Past President of that Club, and he has served Rotary International as Director, District Governor and as committee chairman and member.

Mr. Lagueux is President of the La Sarre Power Company in La Sarre, Quebec, and of the Financial Building in Quebec City. He is a Director of the Commonwealth International Corporation and of the Leverage Fund of Canada, Ltd. In Quebec City, he is Vice-President of the Bond Dealers Association and Chairman of the Re-establishment Credit Advisory Committee of the Canadian Department of Veterans Affairs. He is an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

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Hats Off to the Rotary Anns

Madge Schulten, President of the Rotary Anns, earned the cheers of every Pittsburgh Club member when she rallied her Telephone Committee last Tuesday to pass along the word that the November 29th Meeting had been cancelled.

When the Board of Directors acted to cancel this meeting, because of the snowbound condition of the city, newspapers and radio stations cooperated to publicize the decision, but to avoid inconvenience to any member who may have missed these public announcements, Wally's Rotary Ann Madge, volunteered to ask the Rotary Ann Telephone Committee to make individual calls to every club member. The twenty lovely Rotary Anns comprising this Committee accepted the rugged assignment with the result that only five members (who couldn't be reached), turned up at the Fort Pitt Hotel Wednesday noon. Congratulations to President Madge and her fine Committee. That is Rotary.

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Pittsburgh's Past Presidents

(By BERT SMYERS, Rotary Rhymester)

We write about those aging gents
We designate "Past Presidents".
Our Rotary Wheel now whirls so fast—
Each cog a prexy, now or past,—
Vice-Presidents are scarcely seen—
(They are the spaces in between).
Of course, we'd mention Oscar first,
For he the Rotary infant nursed—
In fact through him it had its birth
And ever since has shown its worth.
Exactly forty years, they say,
Missed Oscar not a single day!
The next four—William Hamilton,
With Farrar, Flagg and Sheppard gone
Unto their Heavenly Resting-Place
For having served and "run their race".
And then we'd mention Edwin May—
A traveling Rotary sage, we'd say.
George Duffus and McFarland, Stew—
To their reward they have gone, too.
One Elliott, in politics
Without the politicians' tricks,
In Rotary great service did
Which was from all the public hid.
"Long Charlie" Lehman, "Charger" fine,
Doth place new members right in line.
"R. I. Director" on his name
Just adds to Tony Smith's great fame.
Our Eddie Keck made Irish "spaitsch"
On "Pittsburgh"—don't forget the "h"!
Judge Thompson, most loved President,
Who came, served Rotary, and went!
Came visionary John F. Lent—
Life then and now in "Traffic" spent.
Penn Spangler was from Somerset—
As "Orator" remembered yet;
At his behest McCahill, Dave,
Did organize a Club to save
"Strip District" boys from running
wild—

Thus serves each parent and each child.
Then came he of this Doggerel—
Well, Jerry Wolk just thinks it swell,
But Dobbie Dobson, by and large,
Says "Better our new members charge".
Our Patent Lawyer, Lawrence, Ned,
Has all the Rotary By-Laws read.
Ed Johnson served and passed away;
Brownell is in New York to stay.
Fitzgerald, Tom, of "Lumber-Load",
Still keeps the street-cars on the road.
Bob Wilson, real Lumber-man,
Made sash and doors, but ran his span.
Ed Lee was born in old Vermont—
The state Paul Harris used to haunt;
In winter Ed's in Florida,
But stopping here with us to-day.
Stan Ashe, though Penn State was his
yen,
Has just retired from our State-Pen.
Once Delegate to Rotarie,
Dan Felix took to bed at sea;
Bill Bradford had Dan's place to fill—
And thus new honors came to Bill.
"The tallest story-teller grown"—
Thus Farmer Bayard is now well known.
That pest DeCoursey could well boast—

For Rotary he does the most.
Rotarians all are classified
By system of Art Pierce, who died.
Floyd Rose! Great salesman of fine
steel—

His late demise we deeply feel.
Then Andy Benson, great Boy Scout,
Served well as president—no doubt!
And then came Weldin, sober Arch,
Who kept us all upon the march.
This kindly, courteous Dodge, forsooth
He's still quite gullible—a youth!
Paul Houston! Yellow Cab he ran—
Now caters to the inner-man.
Paul Bradley built his business up—
Then sold, and needs no "dog and cup".
In Education—Personnel
Carl Coler scapes Korean Hell.
Past-Master of the "Impromptu"—
That's Denny Shaler, through and
through!
Insurance, politics and biz—
Ray Tucker was, and is, a whiz.
Waddill, 'way up in Dentist line—
His genial nature serves him fine.
Most we can say of our "Yunts" Volk:
"Knows more 'bout sports than com-
mon folk".
Go-getter Karl—he runs the show;
Now Governor—but watch him go!
Ad Leonard flew on highest wings—
To him we looked for greatest things.
John Crawford next—Ambitious John—
Knapp's present job has eyes upon.
Of all the Presidents now "Past",
Our Robert Cochrane is the last.
This brings us to the present time—
George Dennison—so let us try 'im;
So far our Denny stands the test:
He profits most who serves the best.

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