The First 80 Years of the Rotary Club of Truro



A Brief History On the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Truro *February 23, 200*6

## PREFACE

It is important today, as we plan and complete our local, national and international, educational, humanitarian and cultural projects, to share our stories. By sharing our deeds - our stories- we strengthen Rotary. -- Edward "Eddie" Blender The Rotary Club of Edwards, Colorado, USA

In the spirit of service, it is important that organizations such as ours prepare and keep records of the significant and not so significant impacts we have had on our community, both locally and globally. The Rotary Club of Truro is part of the fabric of the community of Truro as well as the network of Rotary Clubs around the world. This brief history highlights just some of the people, events, activities, projects and accomplishments since the formation of our Club in 1926.

The Rotary Club of Truro is proud of its 80 year record of service and benevolence in the community and internationally. In addition to providing assistance to countless individuals with special needs for medical treatment or equipment over the years, the Club has continued to focus on the needs of children with disabilities. An example of this would be the decade's long support for Camp Tidnish where the Club has provided up to \$12,000 annually to enable 20 or more children with disabilities to attend summer camp as well as periodic contributions to maintain and improve camp facilities. To celebrate the centennial of Rotary International in 2005, the Club committed \$100,000 to the construction of the new Colchester Community Workshop, now known as Rotary House.

Internationally, the Club has contributed generously to the Polio Plus campaign of Rotary International to help eliminate polio and to many other projects around the world. We fully expect Rotary to serve a dynamic and vital function in both the local and international communities for many years to come.

On behalf of our communities and all members of Rotary, I want to thank Les Mosher and the members of his History Committee, particularly Jim Goit, for their excellent work in recording this short history of the Rotary Club of Truro. We commend it to your enjoyment and enlightenment.

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### In the Beginning, The 1920's

The Rotary Club of Truro, No. 2314, was first organized on February 23, 1926 with 16 charter members. The first officers elected were F. L. Lewis, President; A. R. Coffin, Vice Pres.; R. A. Mingie, Secretary and R. S. Boyd, Treasurer. Directors were E. G. Moxon, T. G. Taylor, and T. P. Bentley. The Charter was presented by Charlie Burchell of Halifax, 3rd Vice-Pres. of Rotary International. Many visiting Rotarians attended the Charter night from Moncton, Saint John, New Glasgow and Halifax. Wm. P. Webster of Halifax presented the Truro Club with a bronze gong and gavel. John C. Gass of Halifax was mainly responsible for bringing Rotary to Truro. At the end of the first Rotary year, membership of the Truro Club had increased to 32. New members in that first year included Senator Fred M. Blois, who was still a member in 1955.

The club meetings were held in the Scotia Hotel, which was first known as the Learment Hotel.

In the year that the Rotary Club of Truro was chartered, there were 2,396 Rotary Clubs in the world with an approximate membership of 120,000.

In July of 1926, the New Glasgow Club put on a Minstrel Show in Truro to help the fledgling Hub-Town Club raise funds to start Rotary projects in the community. The show was a great success and included a street parade to drum up interest.

Soon, the Club membership increased to 45 and remained near that number for many years. No major projects were taken up, but members took an active role individually in all community activities, such as the Town Council, Truro Electric Commission, Boy Scouts, Children's Aid, Board of Trade, Canadian Legion and many others.

## The 1930's

In 1930, just after the death of Rotarian Harry Wellard, the Club supplied the Wellard Memorial Shield for annual musical competition in the Truro schools. It was won the first year by Willow Street School.

Also, in 1930, the Club became actively interested in crippled children and made a complete survey and canvass in the town and county in the interest of a "Provincial Society for Crippled Children."

In the early days it was a constant problem to raise funds to support the many deserving community projects. Personal donations and the sponsoring of concerts and moving pictures were often used, but the crowning effort came in the spring of 1934, when the Club, after rehearsing all winter, put on its first Minstrel Show, running two nights to capacity houses in the old Graphic Theatre, with a 20-voice male chorus and a 12-piece orchestra. The second part of the programme was a concert with many Truro artists assisting.

During the early years many joint meetings and picnics were held with outside clubs including Amherst, Windsor, New Glasgow, Westville and Pictou. Also annual Curling Bonspiels were set up with the Pictou County Clubs. It was during these years that the Annual Curling Matches started with the Kiwanis Club of Truro for the Lord Depression Cup.

The Club also started to supply many thousands of bottles of milk in the schools.

In the summer of 1934 Rotary opened a supervised swimming pool, near the Salmon River Bridge, and supplied tents and other equipment. This was arranged by a committee that was headed by B. C. Holder.

In the early thirties, annual club events included the entertaining of County Council and from these stemmed the Rural-Urban meetings which were held annually, and, sometimes twice annually for many years afterward. A Rural-Urban meeting was a regular meeting of the Club held in a rural community, to which were invited male residents of the surrounding area, about equal in number to the Club membership. Rural-Urban meetings were held in Stewiacke, Middle Stewiacke, Upper Stewiacke, Brookfield, Old Barns, Clifton, Great Village, Bass River, Debert, Valley, and Tatamagouche.

In 1936 Rotary Welcome Signs were first erected at the entrances to Truro. These continue to be maintained and renewed as required.

Many hundreds of pairs of glasses were supplied to needy school children on the recommendation of the School Nurse.

In 1936 the Club decided to make crippled children's work a major project, and a complete survey was made of the town and county to find every case of a crippled child. This resulted in a clinic being held the following year at Colchester Hospital conducted by Dr. Tom Acker, of Halifax, to which 30 youngsters were brought in from the area for examination. This, in turn, resulted in many recommendations by Dr. Acker for surgical operations or other corrective treatments. Many of these were needy cases where the Club could help with transportation, medical, hospital and surgical fees.

At that time, 12 individual Rotarians volunteered to sponsor a child, to follow their cases through, and to see that they received all of the assistance required. From this time on, crippled children's work continued to be the major focus of the Club.

In 1938, the Club set up the first library in Colchester Hospital with 200 books for the use of patients. This library was maintained by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hospital who replenished and added to the supply of books on behalf of the Club.

#### The 1940's

During the war years, 1939-45, the Club took an active part in many services for military personal temporarily stationed in the area; one service being the provision of entertainment for patients at the Debert Military Hospital. The expenses for these endeavours were covered by holding a "Gosh Auction" in the Club each week. Previous to 1948 many methods had been used to raise funds for the many Community Service projects of the Club. For years, personal donations sponsoring of theatricals and movies were the normal methods used and it was always a problem in ways and means to meet the club needs and obligations.

Late in 1947 when word was received that a radio station, CKCL, was to be established in Truro, the Rotary Club made an early application for an annual Radio Auction. This was authorized and the first Rotary Radio Auction was held on April 20th and 21st, 1948. Ward Murdock was named Auction Chairman with strong committee participation. Many months of hard work were put into planning and organizing for this venture. It was very successful, with every Rotarian taking an active part. The Club realized a net return of \$4,316.00 for its underprivileged children's work.

Besides crippled children's work, the club found time for other youth work. In February 1949, the club underwrote the first Radio School Quiz Contest over CKCL which was afterwards entitled "Schools in Action" and which was carried on for 10 years.

Also, during 1949, a boat load of supplies was being assembled by Rotarians to aid orphaned children of France. To this project, the Truro Club gave outstanding support, which resulted in \$3200 in food and 18 bales of clothing going forward from District 192, all arranged under the direction of District Governor Laurie Ells of Kentville.

#### The 1950's

In July 1950, the Club was advised to prepare for an official visit from the President of Rotary International. The Club was asked to arrange a joint meeting in Truro for all Rotary Clubs from Amherst east to Antigonish. This was done and on July 28<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Arthur Legueux, of Quebec City, and his wife, visited the Club meeting and were feted at a joint dinner at the Scotia Hotel on the Esplanade. They were accompanied by District Governor Ed Ford of Halifax, a former member of the Truro Club. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Lorne MacDougall, president for that year.

In 1951, when the "Adventure in Citizenship" was inaugurated by the Ottawa Rotary Club, the Truro Club was invited to send a selected high school student on the "Adventure" with the local Club providing transportation and other out-of-pocket expenses. The Club continued to send a student on the "Adventure" each year afterward, offering the trip, in turn, to each of the high schools in the area..

In 1956 the Club was granted a franchise by the Nova Scotia Society for the Care of Crippled Children to conduct an annual sale of Easter Seals. Half of the net proceeds of the Seals' sale was retained by the Club and had to be used exclusively for crippled children's work. The other half was remitted to the Society for its program in the province.

In 1959, Club member Dr. George Smith was elected Governor for Rotary District 782, at that time covering the Atlantic Provinces. This was the first time the Club had had a District Governor.

In June 1959, after meeting at the Scotia Hotel for 33 years, the dining room was closed and the club commenced meeting in the White Spot Restaurant on Walker Street until December 1960. At that point the meetings moved to Bennie's Restaurant on Prince Street. Up until then Club luncheon meetings had been held on Fridays, but in the changing times a growing number of members began finding it difficult to make their attendance on Fridays and it became the desire the Club to change the meeting day to Monday. Because another service club already had use of the available accommodation at Bennie's on Mondays, the Club looked for other quarters and eventually moved to the Stonehouse restaurant.

In 1959 the Club contributed \$2,300 to erect a steel wire fence around the Victoria Park swimming pool, a \$50,000 project headed by the Kinsmen Club of Truro.

### The 1960's

An attendance contest was held for six months in 1960 between the Truro Club and the Rotary Club of Streater, Illinois. The Club winning the contest was to make a donation of \$2.00 per member to the Rotary Foundation fund. This was not only to stimulate attendance, but to be an expression of international goodwill as well as boost the Foundation fund.

In 1961 the Club took on the sponsorship of midget and minor football, out-fitting teams with uniforms and putting up a trophy - the Rotary Bowl - for annual competition. This program continued under Club sponsorship and in the 1975 season provided a well supervised sport program for 125 boys.

In May 1962, with the assistance of the Truro Police and RCMP, the first Teenage Safe-Driving Rodeo was held in Victoria Park under Club auspices and 29 boys participated. This was carried on by the Club each year until 1965 when it was taken over by the newly-formed Truro Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of their national projects.

Each year the Club sponsored an entrant in the "Queen Marigold" contest and entertained at a luncheon the contestants in the "Miss Nova Scotia" contest of the NS Provincial Exhibition.

In 1964 the Club obligated itself to a contribution of \$5,000 towards the cost of the Legion Memorial Stadium.

In 1966, the Club was instrumental in forming the Colchester County Services Council for the purposes of listing all the various organizations doing community work and making a directory for reference purposes to avoid duplication.

A contribution of \$300 was made in 1965 to St. Alphonsus Boys' School in Keereoung, Darjelling, India.

In November 1966 the Club voted a contribution of \$2,500 towards the capital cost of the Centennial Memorial Library, a \$350,000 project. A room was furnished in the new Colchester Hospital in 1965.

For many years, as part of its international service program, the Club entertained at least one luncheon meeting, students from foreign countries attending the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

In 1965, the year of "Matched Districts", the Truro Club was matched with the Rotary Club of Skovde, Sweden. An exchange of films, tapes, and correspondence was carried on during the year, and a great deal of interest in Sweden was created. Nova Scotia tartan ties were sent to each member of the Skovde Club and in exchange each member of the Truro Club received a miniature model of the international symbolic horse of Sweden.

To help to the people of Northern Thailand, the Club members participated in a contribution to a flood control project in that country on a District basis by being content for a period of time with "austerity" luncheon fare at below regular cost - the differential between the cost and the regular price going to the Thai project. It also sent \$1,350 for a flood control dam to be erected on behalf of the Club and to bear the Club name. The dam was dedicated April 25, 1969. Each dam was to control 7,000 acres on which lived 1,900 families and 12,000 people. This idea originated with the Rotary Club of Southeast Bangkok.

The Club was pleased with the selection of the Club's candidate, Stephen Burns of Truro, who had applied for a Rotary Foundation Scholarship to look after expenses of one year of University study in Australia. He proved to be an excellent ambassador for Truro and Canada during his travels in Australia. The Club assessed each of its members \$1.00 annually to help build up the Foundation fund.

## The 1970's

In 1971 the Club was honored with the election of Walter P. Mosher to the position of District Governor.

In 1972, the Club adopted a foster daughter, Jumirah, in Central Java, Indonesia through the Foster Parents Plan.

Through the years, from 1938 to 1971, twice-yearly clinics were held at Colchester Hospital, under the joint auspices of the Club and the Nova Scotia Society for the Care of Crippled Children, for the examination of crippled children of the area and prescription of treatment for their physical defects, by a team of specialists from the former Children's Hospital in Halifax. Since 1971, because this service was being provided by other means, the Club provided clinics for children with speech and hearing defects. The clinics reached a peak attendance in 1971 when 105 children were examined at the spring clinic.

Continuing the project started in the 1930's, the Club paid the camp fees for needy crippled children from the Truro area and contributed to the cost of equipment for the Camp as well. In 1974-75, some \$12,000 was spent by the Club on all phases of crippled children's work. In addition the Club maintained a bank of wheelchairs, walkers, commode chairs, canes, crutches, and hospital beds for loan to members of the community.

In 1974 the Club provided a grant of \$600 towards the capital cost of the Brookfield Sportsplex and over three years, commencing in 1975, contributed \$3,000 towards the cost of the Centennial Swimming Pool. The money was earmarked for certain items of equipment for the pool, such as a Hoyer lift for paraplegics using the facility, and other such aids to the physically handicapped.

In July 1975 the Club moved its meetings for a fourth time from the Stonehouse restaurant to the Abenaki Motor Inn.

For many years, the Club annually contributed \$300 for treats for needy families at Christmas time, and in 1975 provided some furniture for a new home for a burned out family. The Club grossed \$7,187 from the annual sale of Easter Seals in 1975.

The Club's contribution to Truro's Centennial year program in 1975 was a boys and girls marching band, organized and trained by Club member Ron MacKay. The band cost the Club \$3,131 to launch.

Other community organizations partly financed by the Club were the Truro Diabetic Association, in appreciation of its work for diabetic children, the Truro Head Start School and the Colchester Community Day Care Center.

Beginning in the mid 1970's, the Club provided financial assistance for a Truro university student to go on a Crossroads International cultural exchange trip to a foreign country as well as for the exchange of a high school student from Truro to study in a foreign country for one year. It also supported an international student who would be a guest in Truro and attend our schools.

During 1975 the Club was host to an overnight stop in Truro of a study group of business and professional men from the United Kingdom as an international service project.

On February 20, 1976, there were 16,696 Rotary Clubs in 151 countries around the world with an estimated membership of 785.000.

## The 1980's

In the early 1980's, the Club moved from the Abenaki Motor Inn to the Glengarry Motel on Willow Street.

Truro Club member Mr. Les Topshee was made District Governor for the 1985-1986 year. Also that year, a very successful District Conference was hosted by the Truro Club. It was chaired by Lorne Nicholson.

Fund raising and the amount of dues paid by Club members were issues during the 80's. There was a need to improve the balance in the Club account and as a consequence a major rummage sale was held as a one time effort to raise funds. The membership dues were increased in the late '80's to help maintain the balance thereafter.

The Truro Rotary club supported the St. Kitts Rotary Club in 1980 with a contribution of \$1000.

The Truro club joined other organizations and made a contribution of \$1,500 to the Italian Earthquake Relief Fund in 1980.

The Club also contributed \$7,500 to Ronald McDonald House in Halifax in 1983/84 and \$3,000 to Camp Tidnish in 1984 to assist with a building addition

In 1982 and again in 1983, the Club supported the Adventures in Industrialization program in a significant way. Based on the Adventures in Citizenship model that had been operating for some time, this program was designed to introduce young people to the industrial sector of the economy and encourage entrepreneurship. After two years, participation in the program was discontinued.

Between 1982 and 1986, the Club paid a portion of the salary for a Speech Therapist to operate in the area and help children with speech problems.

In response to appeals for financial assistance, the Club made contributions of \$20,000 to the Colchester Regional Hospital expansion project between 1987 and 1989 and \$5000 to the Isaac Walton Killam Hospital campaign in 1989.

The Rural-Urban meetings that had begun in the early 1930s had begun to fade in the 1980's as communications and travel became much easier. By the end of the decade interest had diminished to the point that it was discontinued all-together in the early 1990's.

## The 1990's

The relationship between the Truro Rotary Club and the Colchester Community Workshop began in 1989-90 with the first donation to that organization. Over the years following the Club became more involved in supporting the Workshop in its day to day work of supporting mentally challenged community members.

After many years as a radio auction, the Club incorporated cable TV broadcast into the auction format in 1992. The two formats ran together for that year and then TV only afterwards. The new form of the auction also changed to run over two days rather than three as it had previously. In 1993 the Auction netted over \$28,000 to be used for club activates. A permanent home for the Auction was found at the Truro Golf Club.

The club received a Presidential Citation from Rotary International in 1995-96 for excellent committee work. In that year a float was created and entered in the Truro Christmas Parade. This was the first time in about fifteen years the Club had done this. Many members attended.

Membership was an ongoing issue during the 90's with the danger of more members leaving than joining. Several initiatives were begun including the "fireside chat" to orient new members to the club and increase retention.

The times were changing for Rotary clubs during the 1990's and women were first accepted for club membership. The first female member of the Truro Club was Barbara Schofield who joined in 1990. In 1996, Joanna Christianson was the first member of the Truro Rotary Club to give birth (to James Tiberius Christianson). Barbara Goit became the first female president of the Truro Club for the1998-99 year. Since these pioneers, women have become fully integrated into all aspects of club service.

The Club hosted four International Exchange students during the 1990's. These high school students lived with club members families in the area while attending school. They were Owen Wollaston (New Zealand) in 1990, Ben Berkhert (Germany) in 1996-97, Violette Walter (France) 1997-98 and Maite Fantini (Italy), 1998-1999.

The Club has been organizing a Rotary Youth Leadership Conference every April since 1997. The one-day event is directed mainly at grade 11 high school students from the five surrounding high schools. The purpose of the Conference is to bring about a better understanding of the principles and qualities of leadership.

## The 2000's

Beginning in 2000 the Club began sending one student who has attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference, to the World Affairs Seminar at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater Campus.

The Club hosted a group Study Exchange from France in 1999, Georgia in the Southern US in 2000 and Western Australia in 2002.

The first husband and wife club members began with Sharon Quinlan joining her husband Kevin as a member in 2002.

Fund raising activities by the Truro Club took a great leap forward with the launch of the advertising yearbook in 2003. The total net proceeds from the yearbook and auction for 2005 were \$67,165, which was a new record for the Truro Club.

During the years 2003/04 and 2004/05, Rotarians from the Truro club personally donated over \$11,000 to the Polio Plus campaign.

The Club sponsored local University student/aspiring teacher Krista McCallum on a teaching internship to Australia for 6 weeks in the spring of 2005.

The Club entered the information age in this decade. The weekly newsletter and meeting report, *the Spokesman*, was distributed by e-mail in 2001and the Club's first website was developed by students of the Truro Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College in 2004. The annual Rotary Auction converted from manual to electronic bid entry for the 2003 auction and auction goods were listed on the website for the first time in 2005.

In 2002, Rotary International challenged each of the 31,000 Clubs worldwide to choose a "Centennial Project" to commemorate the 100 birthday of Rotary on February 23rd, 2005. The Truro Rotary Club over-reached this

challenge by providing a \$100,000 cash pledge and a \$100,000 "in-kind" donation in support of a new building for the Colchester Community Workshops. The Community Workshop building project evolved over a four year period as members of the Colchester Community Workshops Foundation worked diligently to raise sufficient funds to help build the facility. The new 20,000-square-foot, \$2 million building, located on Arthur Street, was completed in 2005 and named 'Rotary House'. The facilities allowed the workshop to double their client base from 50 to 100. The Truro Club continues to support the Colchester Community Workshop through ongoing fund raising.

The Centennial Committee, chaired by Ernie Bradley also planned a special Centennial Charter Night Celebration that was held on Wed., Feb. 23, 2005 at the Best Western Glengarry motel. Tom Stanfield, CEO of Stanfield's, was the guest speaker. Charter Night was the culmination of the Centennial year celebrations and was used as an opportunity to showcase the club's Centennial project.

The Club hosted a delegation of scientists and government officials from North Korea on April 14-15, 2005. This study trip had been arranged by a Canadian Rotarian and managed in Nova Scotia by Dr. Robert Prang of the Kentville Rotary Club. The team spent the day touring Rotary House and the NSAC. A supper was held in their honour giving many members of the Club the opportunity to interact with them.

In August 2005, the Club voted to support the capital campaign for a new Hospital for Colchester East Hants with a contribution of \$150,000 to be given over 5 years.

The Club hosted a District Leadership workshop in Truro held October 22, 2005. The gathering brought together Rotarians from around Atlantic Canada and the state of Maine to learn more about Rotary and develop future leaders of the organization.

In 2005, the Centennial year for Rotary International, there were approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 167 countries. The Truro Club membership stood at 64 in February 2006.

On February 20th, 2006, the Club celebrated its 80th birthday of supporting children and families in need, both locally and around the world

This summation of the history was compiled from the work of Ward Murdock during the 50<sup>th</sup> Year of Rotary, (29<sup>th</sup> Year of the Truro Club) published in 1955 and the work of R. Trueman MacIntosh, Club Historian, for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Truro Rotary Club of Truro, April 1976. Additional material was added for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2006 by Jim Goit with the help of the history committee and many club members.

### **District Governors From the Truro Club**

Les Topshee	1985-86
Donald Hughes Smith	1979-80
Walter Mosher	1971-72
Dr. George Smith	1959-60

## 4 Avenues of Service Award

Les Topshee	2006
Donald (Bun) Hay	2005
Grant Langford	2004
Jim Cameron	2003
Dr. Herb McRae	2002

#### **Paul Harris Fellows**

**Richard Bowness** Ernest Bradley James Cameron Douglas Carter Lloyd Coady John Coupar Richard Cox Elmer Doyle John Glassev Bernie Goodman Donald Hay William Hay Charles Hill Alton Hollis Terrence Honey **Rick Johnson R H Jones** Grant Langford Marjorie Lewis Herb MacRae Alexander MacCalder R. Lorne MacDougall Robert MacLellan

Roderick MacLennan Charles MacQuarrie **Ryland Marshall** Lorne McSween Leslie Mosher Walter Mosher John Murphy Lorne Nicholson Eric Pauley Stuart Rath Walter Redden Stuart Reid Alden Roberts John Short D. Brenton Smith C.H. Sproule Tom Stanfield Leslie Topshee C Leroy Trites Clvde Weldin Ambri White J. Robert Winters

### Presidents of the Rotary Club of Truro 1926-2006

2004-2005 – Wayne Gillis 2003-2004 – Marilyn Brown 2002-2003 – Mike Topley 2001-2002 – Rick Johnson 2000-2001 – Richard Bowness 1999-2000 – Larry Beazley 1998-1999 – Barbara L. Goit 1997-1998 – Ernie Bradley 1996-1997 – Harvey MacArthur 1995-1996 – Phil Cole 1994-1995 – J. Robert Winters 1993-1994 – Clyde Weldin 1992-1993 – Grant Langford 1991-1992 – Bob MacLellan 1990-1991 – Terry Honey
1989-1990 – Walter Redden 1988-1989 – Les Mosher 1987-1988 – Lorne M. Nicholson 1986-1987 – E. John Short 1985-1986 – Rick N. Cox
1984-1985 – Angus N. Gillis 1983-1984 – Heath MacPhail 1982-1983 – Vince Baird 1981-1982 – D. Brenton Smith 1980-1981 – Jim L. Cameron
1979-1981 – Jin L. Cameron 1979-1980 – Malcolm F. Estey 1978-1979 – Dr. Herb R. MacRae 1977-1978 – Rylie L. Marshall 1976-1977 – Donald O. Hughes 1975-1976 – Lorne S. McSween
1974-1975 – Clifton H. Sproule 1973-1974 – Eric W. Pauley 1972-1973 – Ambrie A. White 1971-1972 – Bernie M. Goodman
1970-1971 – Donald G. Courtney 1969-1970 – Jamie F. Cooper 1968-1969 – Walter P. Mosher 1967-1968 – Everett M. Barkhouse 1966-1967 – Henry W. Crowell 1965-1966 – J. Arthur Manning

1964-1965 – R. Trueman MacIntosh 1963-1964 - Donald H. MacDonald 1962-1963 - Dr. Terry J. Hanrahan 1961-1962 - Robert H. Jones 1960-1961 – John M. Murphy 1959-1960 - Les J. Topshee 1958-1959 - Harry H. Bartlett 1957-1958 - Walter K. Sharpe 1956-1957 – Dr. Gordon R. Smith 1955-1956 - Frank E. Yould 1954-1955 - Art D. Nelson 1953-1954 - Dr. D. Scott McCurdy 1952-1953 - Hector N. Munroe 1951-1952 - Harold I. Cornell 1950-1951 - R. Lorne MacDougall 1949-1950 - Colin K. Munroe 1948-1949 - Ken M. Lewis 1947-1948 – Russ H. Davison 1946-1947 - Fred S. Layton 1945-1946 - Doug Baker 1944-1945 - Walter H. Crocker 1943-1944 – Jack G. Glassey 1942-1943 - C. Elmer. Doyle 1941-1942 - Preston J. Wilcox 1940-1941 - Lou M. Christie 1939-1940 – William (Bill) B. Murphy 1938-1939 - Jim F. Pirie 1937-1938 - Fred M. Blois 1936-1937 – R. B. (Byron) MacLennan 1935-1936 – R. B. Ward Murdock 1934-1935 - Ed G. McCullough 1933-1934 - Robert A. Mingie 1932-1933 - Dr. D. G. Davis 1931-1932 - Charles, O, Dovle 1930-1931 - H. F. Daniel 1929-1930 - Harold F. Bethel 1928-1929 - T. Percy Bentlev 1927-1928 – A. R. Coffin 1926-1927 - Frank L. Lewis