

March 1, 1922, to April 30, 1923
Second Year

President	George W. Corbin
Vice President	G. Harry Whiteman
Secretary	D.F. (Deak) Fisher
Apple Seed Editor	G. Harry Whiteman



George W. Corbin

Attendance	92.49%
New Members	9
Members lost	6
Members end of year	58

The record is not clear as to just when the first club year ended and the second started but it seems to indicate it was March 1, 1922. The record is clear that the second year ended on April 30, 1923.

Wenatchee Rotary led the District for the year 1922/23 in attendance with a record of 92.49%. We had five meetings with 100% attendance.

We passed a special assessment on each member of \$3.00 to cover the cost of an advertising campaign for the "Back to School Movement". Twenty-three boys who had attended school last year failed to return this fall. Their names were given to a special committee to contact and attempt to change their minds. Several boys reported for school as a result of this effort and some others agreed to go back after apple harvest. By November 9th, nine more had reported to school.

The Rotary Convention in Los Angeles adopted more stringent attendance rules, which made it more difficult for our members who miss a meeting. With no other clubs in Wenatchee the nearest club was at Ellensburg. Another new rule adopted at the Los Angeles Convention required a member to devote at least 60% of his business life to the business of the classification he holds. This caused several of our members to have to surrender their membership.

Inadequate dues of \$20 per year caused the need of a special assessment of \$5.00 per member to cover operating expenses. District Governor Lamb recommend that the dues be increased. They were, to \$30 per year, at the November 16 meeting. This was also a 100% attendance meeting made pos-

sible by five of our members driving over to Ellensburg to make up their missed meeting.

Rotarian N. I. Newbauer was recognized by the club the week of August 17 on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of his store. John Gellatly presented him with a basket of flowers.

A carload of apples was sent by the Rotary Club to the Boys Industrial School at Centralia and also the Girls Industrial School at Grand Mound.

On December 7th Hal Sylvester was mad permanent Editor of the Apple Seed and the club's regular meeting place was changed from Peter Pan Restaurant to the Elks dining room.

At the January 11 meeting the club agreed to sponsor the medical expenses of a two-year-old girl who has club feet. The club paid the hospital expense and two members, Joe F. Patrick and R. T. Congdon donated the medical and surgical care.

At various meetings in May and June several of our members spoke on the application of the principles of Rotary, particularly in the field of Business Ethics. Also discussed was a close working relationship with the Lions Club in dealing with boys work, camps, and support of the Boy Scouts.

Club History Chairman, Fred Crollard, asked all members to report service in the community so that it could be included in the club's history. The following is reported "with some hesitancy" from Crollard's committee:

During the year 1921, industry and agriculture in the United States was "in the dumps". The Congress of the United States ordered the Interstate Commerce Commission to hold hearings at which any industry could appear, present its case, and plead for reduced transportation costs. It was a question whether the Northwest Apple Industry should take advantage of this opportunity. We were enjoying a very profitable year. As later developed, the apple crop of that 1921 year brought the apple growers of the Wenatchee District sixteen and one half million dollars f.o.b. shipping point of which four and

one-half million dollars was profit. Should we present a case and ask for relief?

It was finally decided that the Wenatchee Valley Traffic Association would send two men to Washington, D.C., a freight rate expert and an apple grower, to consult with its attorney there, after which the decision would be made. It was assumed that if a case was prepared and presented, it would be prepared and presented by the freight rate expert, and that the apple grower, after a nice trip and vacation, would be home in ten days.

The Washington, D.C. attorney recommended that the industry prepare and present its case. He said to the freight rate expert, "You go home," and so the responsibility of representing the Northwest Apple Industry fell to apple grower, Rotarian O. B. Shay. As soon as the decision was made to present a case, all the other apple growing districts of the Northwest sent telegrams authorizing Shay to also speak for their districts.

When Shay took the witness stand before the Interstate Commerce Commission early in February, 1922, to present the case he had prepared, he spoke for 53% of the 1921 commercial apple crop of the United States, which 53% of that crop brought the growers thereof f.o.b. shipping point about forty-five million dollars.

The effort was partially successful in that a reduction was made but not as much as was asked for. Where Shay had left Wenatchee EXPECTING to be home in not more than ten days, he was gone from home just forty days.

May 1, 1923, to April 30, 1924

Third Year

President	G. Harry Whiteman
Vice President	A. N. Corbin
Secretary	Ralph Hodge
Apple Seed Editor	Hal Sylvester
District Governor	Mils Higley

Attendance	No Record
New Members	5
Members end of year	Members lost, 1 62



Harry Whiteman

Early this year publication of the Apple Seed was discontinued. The minutes disclose the young club was experiencing se-

vere "growing pains." Program changes, presidential admonitions, "closed" business meetings and arbitration committees indicate that things were happening.

Boys work was a major project of the club including Back to School campaigns, securing after-school work for needy boys, maintaining a "revolving fund" from which to loan money to send worthy boys for college. Special efforts were directed to the Scouts and Y.M.C.A. "Shine" Shiner was appointed as Rotary's representative to a community-wide Boys' Work Committee to help correlate community efforts on Boys' work.

Crippled children was also a concern of the Club. A little girl was helped to walk and another aided in her struggle with cancer.

The club entered a Rotary float in the annual Apple Blossom Festival Parade for which members were assessed \$1.50 each.

Early in the club year a special meeting was held at Monitor where each member took a guest. It was very successful. Another successful meeting was held in the fall honoring the teachers of the community. 166 guests were present.

Dignitaries visiting the club during the year included District Governor Mils Higley in September, and International Vice-President, C. W. McCulloch, in May. Others from far-away places were James Gibson of Liverpool and Ernest Simons of Glasgow.

The club Secretary was granted a salary of \$25 per month. Initiation fee accumulation of \$700 was placed in a savings account.

Homer Barnhart, our club song leader, represented the club at the Rotary International Convention in St. Louis and was married while on the trip East. At the first club meeting following his return he was given a rousing reception.

There comes to memory an outstanding program during this, or perhaps a previous, year. Another club asked our club to put on a program. Rotarian Hal Sylvester wrote a play, the theme being that of Fruit Growing, our main industry. Various Wenatchee Rotarians acted in the numerous parts, the lead being played by Wellington Pegg. The program received much favorable comment and publicity.