

His S. S. SKIPPER set-up there has been accorded national honors by a major manufacturer of men's sports attire.

Fletcher is a virulent, violent and most efficient golfer having some difficulty finding just enough time to properly take care of his hobby. He continues to amaze both his cohorts and the grandstand by his stellar performances behind the plate on the Rotary Softball Team, here he is known as "Fletch-the-Catch". In the summers as the one-man crew of the Chris-Craft cruiser *Jeanne* he does everything from act as oiler and engine-man to Chief Skipper of the good ship on its many trips to the 18-mile lighthouse. In his remaining leisure time, he takes care of his dogs at his home in Caldwell. He lives there with his parents and sister, Jeanne.

Fletcher joined the Club on April 6th, 1938, under the Classification "Department Stores" as 2nd Active to his father.

We are mighty glad to have you with us, Fletcher!

. . . Eldo.

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## ROTARIES SQUEEZE PURE OIL PEPPERS

Fletch-the-Catch's Homer Plus Bingo

Bryant's Triple Wins, 6-5.

Manager "Maggie" McGee had just reason to beam with all the benevolence of the proverbial Mother Carey as his crew waded through a tough game last Thursday against the Pure Oil Peppers, 6-5.

After a ringing circuit clout by Graham had the tallies even 5-5, Jimmy Wilson ran out a baffling bunt to be followed by a hefty three-bagger by "Bingo" Bryant to bring in the winning goal. As to be expected, Snow Arthur served up his usual brand of sizzling twisters.

Rained out Monday night against the Penn Shippers, the Cogwheelers take on Lions Club Cats tonight, a grudge match, 6:45 at the Fairgrounds.

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### MAGGIE'S CREW LEADING PENNANT RACE

With only the opening-day loser chalked up against an otherwise spotless escutcheon, the Rotary squad is now tied with Y. M. H. A. team for first place in their League:

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Rotary	3	1	.750	Lions	1	2	.333
Y. M. H. A.	3	1	.750	A. B. C.	1	2	.333
Penn Shipyard	2	2	.500	Pure Oil	1	3	.250

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## Slants at the Meeting

There were many acute attacks of nostalgia in the Rose Room last Wednesday, as grave and reverend business and professional men had their thoughts turned to days of barefoot boyhood down on the farm, pockets full of angle worms, strings, marbles and other things—but especially the treasured "French harp" on which one could give that perfect imitation of Old 97 puffing up the grade and whistling for the crossing at the edge of town. Miss Marjorie Gough's "Harmonica Ragamuffins" really gave a creditable performance, and sure 'nuf went to town on "The Dipsy Doodle", but it would not have mattered much how they played, as most of their audience were lost in the haze of delightful memories.

Since it was National Music Week, and since Joe Evans was chairman of the Program Committee, it was natural to expect a musical program, and a good one. Joe seemed determined to prove that there is not anything sissy about playing the piano, and, indeed, it is hard to see how a feminine hand could have put as much vigor and sonority, and at the same time as much grace and technical dexterity into the playing of the difficult Malaguena as did Abraham Sacker. And Louis Gordon proved his versatility and thorough musicianship by capably performing one of his own compositions, The Minuet, on the piano, and then joining the harmonica boys in their swing session. Louis must not be more than 11 or 12 years old, and has certainly a great musical future.

The feminine part of the program was well taken care of also. Helen Markley, winner in her class

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in the recent State contests, charmed with her rendition of the well-known violin classic, the "Meditation" from Thais; while Alice Rush, contralto, and Carolyn Bell, soprano, also State contest winners, delighted with all their solos. Quite a panegyric might be written for this column on the indomitable spirit of American Youth, using these two young ladies as bright and shining examples. As we sat under the spell of their voices and personalities, our thoughts were going back to the day when all of Beaumont was saddened by news of the disastrous automobile wreck near Palestine, in which one sweet and beautiful High School girl lost her life, and these two, among others, were so severely injured that it was thought they would never walk again. They fought courageously and cheerfully for months against great odds, and were able this year to go in and win the honors which they would have won at that time but for the disaster. All honor to them, and thanks to Joe Evans for bringing them to us at this time.

... Bill.

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Our talent scout made a real discovery for us while we were in San Antonio week before last, diligently engaged in reporting the proceedings of the Texas State Dental Society. Judging by his article about the previous week's program, he has got plenty on the ball. Thanks, Spencer. We'll be calling on you again.

... Bill.



--Eldo

## FLETCHER

Charles Fletcher Graham III

—Department Stores 2nd A.

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Born in Beaumont on Wednesday morning, the 25th of March, 1914, Fletcher was the first child of Rotarian Will Graham.

His early years were spent in the usual routine of Averill School, followed by Dick Dowling Junior High and later Beaumont High School. He graduated from B. H. S. in June 1931, having been a member of the school's memorable tennis team of that year.

Agreeing with his father that a bit of seasoning would be in order before entering college, he entered Culver Military Academy in Indiana in September, 1931. Two years in the "West Point of prep schools" at Culver broadened Fletcher in every way. He graduated from Culver in June, 1933.

He entered the University of Texas in the fall of 1933 and, with the advantage of his preparatory work in Indiana, completed his Pre-Law courses in two years. Entering the Law School in 1935, he was in his second year of law in 1937 when he decided that he had had a sufficiency of Blackstonian principles, as far as being a successful merchandiser went, and entered the department store business with his father here in Beaumont.

Since being at the White House he has been put in charge of the Men's Sport Department and has done a remarkable job of promotional remodeling.