



# Rotarygrams

## Last Week

Invocation .....	Chick Dollinger
Club Sweetheart .....	Ann Gray
Introduction of Guests .....	George Hodgson
Program Chairman .....	Charlie Weinbaum, Jr.

International brotherhood in action, the sort of fraternity that the more enlightened segment of homo sapiens yearns for so desperately, was demonstrated before the Club Wednesday when a quartet of Texas Aggie students from four faraway countries told something of their impressions of our United States and briefly sketched certain past and present conditions in their own respective native lands.

This was an exchange program with Dr. C. C. Doak of the Bryan Rotary club, head of the biology department at A. & M., more or less directing the proceedings. He stated that there were 40,000 "foreign" students now enrolled in colleges in the United States, of whom about 200 are at College Station. Following Dr. Doak's remarks, in which he lauded the exchange student plan as tremendously conducive to better understanding among the countries involved, each of the four visiting students spoke for about five minutes each. They were:

Jelle de Boer, from the Netherlands, who came to the United States voluntarily, married an American girl and plans to become an American citizen for keeps;

Al Didi, from Cairo, Egypt, a government worker here on a fellowship who outlined the encouraging progress in education and a healthier economic system in his country, which traces its history back some 5,900 years;

Charles Wong, of Hankow, China, sent here by his father but thrown on his own after his freshman year when the bamboo curtain fell between him and the family banking connections — a student deeply interested in public health work;

## More Rotary Sons

Last Wednesday we were pleased to hear **George Hodgson** introduce nine sons of Rotarians who were our very welcome guests, many of them being home for the Christmas holidays. **George Morgan, Jr.**, of Shreveport was guest of our President; **Wes Callaway, Jr.**, son of Wes Callaway; **Geo. E. Bryant III**, guest of his father, Billy; **Jacki Paschetag**, guest of his father, John Paschetag; **Pat Wheat, Jr.**, A. & M. College, guest of his papa, Pat Wheat; **Beeman Strong**, University of Texas; son of Ewell and grandson of Judge Strong; **Ben Woodhead, Jr.**, Fort Bliss, son of Ben Woodhead; **Tanner Hunt**, University of Texas, guest of his father, T. T. Hunt; and **Billy Maness**, A. & M. College, guest of his father, Roy Maness.

## Honorary Member

Honorary membership and a citation for meritorious service in Rotary were conferred on Rotarian Tom Reed at our meeting on December 22nd. The announcement was made by President **George Morgan**. Tom has been a Rotarian cum laude since the year the club was organized in 1913. He was club president in 1916 and District Governor in 1918-19, and his son, Randy, was club president in 1950-51. We are proud to call him our Fellow-Rotarian.

Mabub Ali, from Pakistan, who traced the influence of Moslem and Hindoo religious forces in bringing that country into being — a country whose population has quintupled (if that word is in Webster) since it was established in two rather widely separated Indian localities a scant seven years ago.

Naturally enough, some of these young speakers are still wrestling with the problem of accent, but doubtless have made far more progress than would a typical Rotarian struggling with this obstacle in any of their native countries in the same length of time.

This program had a powerful impact, and enabled Louie Riegel to close out his tenure as quarterly program chairman with colors flying. It struck an encouraging keynote for the transition of the old year into the new.

—B. W.

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## In the News

Big news at Tyrrell Park golf course last week was Rotarian **Lum Edward's** hole-in-one on the 17th hole, and he was grinning in the photograph.

20 YEARS AGO: Announcement was made on December 27, 1934 of the promotion of **Geo. B. Morgan** to Assistant to the President of Gulf States Utilities Co. with headquarters in Beaumont.

**Keith and Lou Hotchkiss** have bought a home in Dallas, but will still call Beaumont home by commuting.

**Homer and Mrs. Fort** spent the holidays in Dallas as guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fort, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. **Orlo Bangs** spent Christmas vacation with their son, Edwin Bangs and his family in Decatur, Ga.

**Statements for dues** for the period, January 1, 1955 to July 1, 1955 are in the mail. Please watch for your new membership card which is enclosed therewith.

### STAMP COLLECTORS

A bulletin has been released by the U.S.A. Post Office Department that a special stamp is being designed to commemorate our Golden Anniversary in February. First day of sale will be announced later.

If you read a few weeks ago about the alliteration of **Bill Blieden**, Bowie Building, Beaumont, which was occurring on absentee cards rather often, you will appreciate the reply from Bill: Beaumont's Bowie Building Banishes Bill Blieden to New Neighborhood, Gaylynn Theatre Building; Critical (absentee) Cards Courteously Collected; Most Meetings Merrily Made-up. Page next year's president . . . Bill Blieden for Rotarygram's staff.

## ROAMIN' ROTARIANS -- They Didn't Forget

**SOUTH PARK:** Monday, Golden Arrow: J. B. Streater, Sam Myers, John Huber, Bruce Brewster, A. C. Townsend, Clark Phippen, Arch Stalons, Claude Hammond, Si Ivers, Irwin Feray, Lee Kyburz, Elmon Doty.

**WEST END:** Tuesday, Jim's Steak House: Bill Simonton, Keitch Hotchkiss, John Wheat, Gale Broce, Dick Brown, Raymond Hawa, Matt Racki, Ben Shipley, Charles Adkins, Elmer White, John Green, O. C. Honig, E. C. McKinzie, J. B. Kinsel, Cappy Rix, Marion Munro, Carl Levy, Eddie Mai, Elmon Doty, Ed Christman, Harry Woodside, Lawrence Gale, F. O. Dollinger, H. L. Ward, Leonard Conrad, Rus Catalano, Ralph Griffing.

### OTHERS

E. M. Curtis	Lafayette, Ind.
Vernon Guymon	Bethany, Mo.
Benny Hughes	Houston
Merle Kelly	Orange
C. J. Lockwood	Bryan
E. C. Rehtin	Curacao
A. C. Townsend	Port Arthur

### ATTENDANCE

December 22, 1954

Active Membership .....	305
Members Present .....	266
Per Cent Attendance .....	87.21

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## PROGRAM FOR THIS WEEK

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