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## Your Directors For 1955-56

Frank Betts	T. T. Hunt	C. S. Shoolroy
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The above twelve Rotarians, good and true, will form your next Rotary Club board of directors to take office July 1st. Together they represent approximately 131 years of Rotary service and are eminently qualified to guide Rotary's four lanes of service for Beaumont Rotary.

Frank Betts, former director, chairman of Student Loan Fund, and District Conference Treasurer; Harold Carpenter, present director, club secretary and District Conference Secretary; Don Evans, quarterly program chairman; John Gray, Past President, recent Golden Anniversary Banquet chairman, chairman of Intercity Activities, etc., etc., etc.; T. T. Hunt, present director, chairman of Community Service; Fred Hunter, former director, past chairman of Student Loan Fund, present sec.-treas. Student Loan Fund; Geo. B. Morgan, present president; Roy Nelson, former director; C. S. Shoolroy, present director, chairman of Vocational Service, Mr. Membership; Ewell Strong, former director, past secretary; W. F. Weed, quarterly program chairman; and Frank White, former director, chairman of Classification Committee.

During the holidays we lost another Rotary club sweetheart to James R. Old when **Carolyn Thomas** became Mrs. Old. Carolyn is the daughter of **George and Emma Thomas**; she is a graduate of Rice Institute and now teaching in Houston where her husband is medical student.

## Last Week

Invocation ..... Jim Weathers  
 Introductions ..... Charlie Blosser  
 Club Sweetheart ..... Gay Thames  
 Program Chairman ..... Leo Ney

Program Chairman Leo Ney introduced our speaker, Mr. Frank Adams, Commander of the local Naval Reserve and Assistant District Attorney of Jefferson County. Combining in his delivery the precise manner of the Naval Officer and the acuity of a trial lawyer, Mr. Adams spoke on two subjects. His first was **HOT CHECKS and FORGERIES**, an important subject to everyone since, in accordance with the alarming growth of this phase of crime, one might find himself either making, or receiving a **BAD CHECK** at most any time. Think of this — an 11% increase in the number arrested for this crime in 1953 alone! — 46% of whom were professionals, 54% only amateurs. How do they get away with it?

(A) Identification of payee is often overlooked; (B) The growing number of professionals in the field. These "pros" are always on the move, sometimes hitting only banks, sometimes two in the same day maybe 400 miles apart. One "pro" was "wanted" in 30 states! (C) Failure to report bad checks to proper authorities promptly. Many business men procrastinate indefinitely the notification of authorities; (D) Many victims are not interested in prosecuting "check artists", they merely desire their money back. What each of us should do to help curb these tremendous losses in business is to insist on positive identification of each person cashing a check. This should be done in four or five separate ways, and by cross-checking identification! Ask questions, oft-times leading ones (or misleading ones!) to try to catch the itinerant forger. Identification marks

should be put on every check cashed, including what the individual may have purchased with the check.

In conclusion, Mr. Adams explained briefly, the newly formed **Small Claims Court** — to assist people with claims over \$20 and under \$50. This court keeps court costs low on the recovery of **money**. If a claim is made for **Work or Labor** performed, it may be in amounts up to \$100, but the court is not open to claims for professional services rendered (All right boys, no comments!). Collections in this court have been far better than was anticipated.

It was good for us to meet and to hear Mr. Adams, whose informative talk will not soon be forgotten.

—Cooke Wilson

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## 100% Pins To Be Awarded

100% Attendance pins will be awarded Wednesday to 41 Rotarians who have not missed a meeting since January 1, 1954. Those who are 100% and received pins in July are in the July Class and will not receive their next pins until July. The 41 loyal Rotarians are:

6 Yrs.: B. K. Appleman; 5 yrs.: Jim Blackwood, John Huber, President Geo. Morgan; 4 Yrs.: Joe Fisher, Ralph Griffing, Red Mills, Pat Peyton, Floyd Pipkin, Elmer White; 3 Yrs.: Henry Brooks, Francis Dollinger, Walter Hoy, Leo Ney; Tonie Schmitt; 2 Yrs.: Geo. Booth, D. H. Brewster, Walter Brown, O. C. Honig, Abe Klein, Albert Klein, W. W. Leach, Frank McGonegel Ken Stevens, Bill Thames, Kyle Wheelus, Will Wilson; 1 Yr.: Ed Abell, Howard Dennis, Bill Havner, Paul Hilliard, Keith Hotchkiss, W. B. Johnson, Tom Lamb, Hugh Lynch, John Montgomery, J. T. Shelby, Leonard Toomim, H. L. Ward, Pat Wheat, Aubrey White.

### DELEGATES TO CHICAGO

In order that we may obtain a list of Rotarians from which our delegates to the R.I. Convention in Chicago, May 29, 20, 31, June 1-2, may be selected, please notify the Rotary Office if you CAN GO AND WANT TO GO to Chicago in May. Please do this at once. Election: February 9th.

Rotary's Golden Book: "Rotary: 50 YEARS OF SERVICE" may be ordered at \$3.00 per copy. Address: Rotary International, 1600 Ridge Ave., Evanston, Illinois.

Congratulations to **Dunny Woolford** upon his election as vice-president of the Texas Association of Chests-Funds & Councils.

## Pioneer Service Club

The founding of Rotary loosed an idea that was by no means confined to the club that Paul Harris and his associates evolved. It is still rampant and the vitality of it is to be found in the proliferation of comparable clubs. These offer a more eloquent tribute than will be written in words on Rotary's anniversary, and they signify not only the good job Rotary has done, but the importance of the idea which Rotary has by now become only a part.

—Charles W. Ferguson  
 Senior Editor, The Reader's Digest

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

**SOUTH PARK (Mon.):** Matt Racki, Tiny Coburn, Harold Arnold, Vernon Gonzales, Billy Bryant, C. J. Lockwood, Harold Carpenter, G. P. Vondersmith, Virden Mabry, Travis Brooks, Sam Sharfstein, Carl Levy, Bill Blieden, A. C. Townsend, Walt Voigtman, Kase Withers, John Huber.

**WEST END (Tues.):** O. V. Wesley, W. H. McMullen, Joe McClancy, H. V. Faber, Bill Havner, Homer Fort, Alex Broussard, Chas. Adkins, Roland Jones, Dick Brown, Bill Meatyard, Truman Beeson, Smyth Walden, Madison Wright, Rus Catalano, Geo. Gill, Bruce Stephenson, Harry Woodside, Keith Hotchkiss, John Montgomery, Henry Brooks, Bill Weed, H. L. Ward, Bruce Brewster, Rus Phelps, Kase Withers, Leonard Conrad, Elmer White.

### OTHERS

Frank Betts	Houston
Joe Ehrhart	Lake Charles
James Hagan	Mobile
Keith Hotchkiss	Park-Cities, Dallas
Irving Nathan	Port Arthur
W. C. Ross	Austin
Willis Thames	Chicago

### ATTENDANCE January 19, 1954

Active Membership .....	305
Members Present .....	277
Per Cent Attendance .....	90.82

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## PROGRAM FOR THIS WEEK

**"PARADE OF PROGRESS", EXHIBIT OF THE GENERAL MOTORS CORP., WILL BE PRESENTED BY JOHN E. RYAN, DIRECTOR.**

Program Committee: Ewell Strong, chairman; Johnny Southwell, vice chairman; J. B. Williamson, Irving Eisen, Smyth Walden, Carroll Ward, G. P. Williams and J. F. Roane.

**SPEAKER FOR FEB. 9: DUNCAN HINES, AUTHOR OF ADVENTURES IN GOOD EATING.**

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