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100% Attendance

When the 100% attenders were listed in Rotarygrams last week there were several repercussions as usual: First, **Billy Bryant** is a 100% for the past year, and that is most important, because he had won his pin year before last, but lost out due to illness. Then **Charlie Goebels** called to ask if we had forgotten **Lee Griffin** and him. They came into the club February 3, 1954, and the pins were to have been presented on the very day their 100% was effective. Actually, the January class is from and to January, but without doubt Charlie and Lee have earned their pins.

Last Week

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| Invocation | Smythe Walden |
| Introduction of Guests | Johnny Williamson |
| Club Sweetheart | Connie Rienstra |
| Program Chairman | Ewell Strong |
| Introduction of Speaker | Fuzzy Roane |



Ben Woodhead
Reviewer

The story of the General Motors Parade of Progress — what it is, what its objectives are, how it operates — was told to the club last week by John E. Ryan of San Antonio, personable director of the project, who was himself a Beaumonter some years ago. A short film showing highlights of the big exposition that attracted thousands of visitors to the Lamar Tech campus last Thursday through Monday served as a stimulating preview for the actual event.

To cap the climax, one of Mr. Ryan's assistants produced a huge blob of synthetic rubber in about three minutes' working time, simply by combining a couple of unpronounceable chemicals in soda pop bottle and shaking same until the desired reaction took place. This was not part of the film; it was a "live" demonstration that left the brothers asking one another: "My, my, what WILL they think of next?"

Perhaps the most significant part of Mr. Ryan's remarks dealt with the role of youth in the development of many ultra-modern scientific wonder gadgets. The Parade of Progress itself is primarily manned by young college grads of the upper I.Q. brackets, — who, however, are not above doubling in brass when it comes to driving trucks and putting up the

District Conference Chairman Pat Peyton held a meeting of conference workers Friday afternoon and received reports showing that all plans have been made for the event February 27, 28 and March 1. Pat stated he expected almost 700 people, Rotarians and their wives to register. Beaumont Rotarians are hosts and it is hoped they will support the conference with a big attendance.

PT. NECHES TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Port Neches Rotary Club will **not** hold its meeting on Tuesday, February 22, but instead will meet on Wednesday, February 23 due to a holiday on which the cafeteria will be closed. This meeting will be the 102nd meeting held by our baby club, and Bill Hoffman reports they had four 100% meetings in January.

streamlined Big Top whenever the project pitches camp.

The speaker expressed the hope that in Beaumont and elsewhere the marvels displayed in this scientific show of shows might kindle an unquenchable spark of ambition in the breast of some local moppet, and set him a-dreaming — the kind of dreaming that is a necessary prelude to the thought, the effort and the action that makes life more pleasant for mankind. May this hope be realized! — B.W.

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Provisions For 1955-56

Beaumont Rotarians welcomed with hearty applause the announcement at meeting last Wednesday that **Ewell Strong**, past club vice president and secretary and a second generation Rotarian, has been elected President of the Beaumont Rotary Club, taking office July 1, 1955.

The announcement was made by present President George B. Morgan who reminded members that he (George) has five months remaining in this Rotary year and doesn't want any President-Elect breathing down his neck. President George also announced that **Frank White** was chosen Vice President; **Harold Carpenter**, re-elected Secretary; and **Frank Betts**, Treasurer.

President-Elect Ewell made a brief acceptance talk thanking the members for the confidence shown and promising with their assistance to do all in his power to make 1955-56 a good year.

The Rotary roster shows that Ewell became a member in 1949; however, that is only a part of the story. He was first elected April 18, 1936 and remained in the club long enough to become a director before moving from the city. He and his family returned to Beaumont in 1949 and Ewell has been busy with Rotary jobs ever since.

It is a happy choice and Rotarygrams staff wishes the new officers and board everything good. Ewell, Frank White as vice president and Harold Carpenter as secretary are, according to our by-laws, **automatic delegates** to the R.I. Convention in Chicago in May. Three other delegates and six alternates will be elected at the meeting **Wednesday, February 9th**.

MAKING UP IN HOUSTON

The South Houston Club now meets in the new Municipal Airport Terminal on Thursdays at 12:15; Dewey Stringer, president. Downtown Houston, 15 minutes ride over the Freeway; ample parking.

The Abilene, Texas Rotary Club has a unique Golden Anniversary Project. A two-week tour of the capitals of Europe by 60 to 65 members by air. Accompanying them will be the 40-piece McMurry College Band. Members believe that their journey will contribute to international understanding and good will. They plan to leave March 19.

Attention **Ray Lighthall** and **Ed Christman** and all other stamp collectors: the United States will print an 8c overseas stamp marked Golden Jubilee, Rotary International, 1905-1955. We know you will want to add this momentous stamp to your collection.

ROAMIN' ROTARIANS -- They Didn't Forget

SOUTH PARK (Mon.): Harold Arnold, Hugh Kelley, Homer Fort, Dick Jenkins, John Huber, Billy Bryant, H. L. Ward, John Montgomery, Carroll Ward, Geo. Booth, Vernon Guymon, Clark Phippen, W. W. Thames, Wayne Guest, A. C. Townsend, Geo. Fecel, Matt Racki, Ben Shipley, Griff Oates, Monroe Vivion, Claude Hammond, Geo. Murphy, Dale Kelly, Tiny Coburn.

WEST END (Tues.) L. D. Gale, Arch Stalon, C. S. Shoolroy, Smyth Walden, Jay Dietzer, Bill Ott, Elmer White, Dick Carey, Ray Harben, Harry Woodside, Pat Peyton, Jr., Pat Peyton, Ed Stedman, Jr., Truman Beeson, Elmon Doty, Willis Thames, Lee Kyburz, Bill Blieden, W. G. Wallace.

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PROGRAM FOR THIS WEEK

DUNCAN HINES, FAMOUS NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND UNUSUAL FOODS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM, WILL BE OUR SPEAKER IN COLLABORATION WITH ROTARIAN BOB SCHIEBLE.

Program Committee: Geo. Schaumburg, Chairman, Wes Callaway, Vice Chairman, B. K. Appleman, E. M. Curtis, Ben Shipley, Chester Weber.

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