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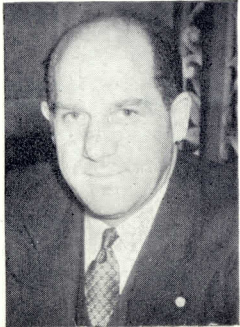
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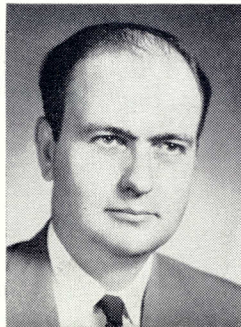
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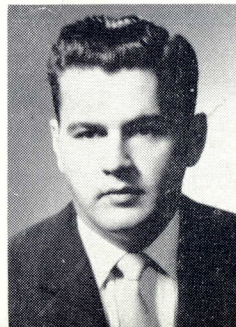
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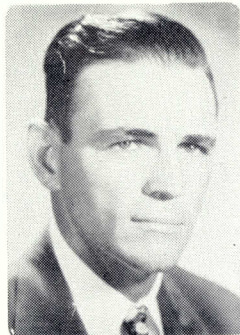
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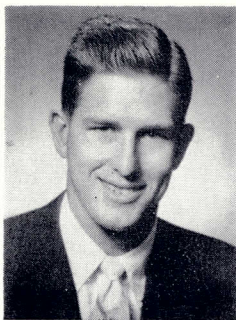
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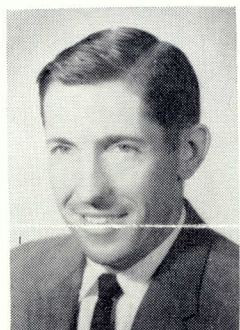
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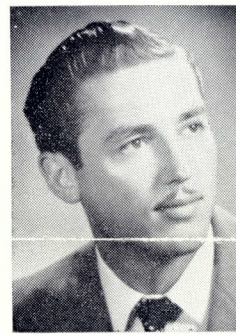
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**E. Harvey Steinhagen, Jr.**



**Peter Wells**

**BEST WISHES TO NEW DIRECTORS FOR 1963-64**

## Program For This Week

**HERBERT WILSON OF NACOGDOCHES, PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY INNS, WHICH OPERATES HOTEL BEAUMONT, SPEAKER.**

On this, the first Wednesday in the new Rotary year Roy Nelson, Club President for 1963-64, will preside for the first time, and the speaker of the day will be Herbert Wilson of Nacogdoches, President of Community Inns, which began operation of Hotel Beaumont about a month ago. As an integral part of Downtown Beaumont, Hotel Beaumont is a cherished Hub of local activities, and Mr. Wilson is expected to tell us about plans for it in the future

as the new Rotary administration and the new hotel operation go into action.

Program Committee: Ike Neumann, chairman; Bob Akers, vice chairman; Terrell Adkisson, Don Cornell, Lum Edwards, Jr., and George Fecl.

**ABSENTEES: June 12:** Adkins, Akers, Archer, Babcock, Baker, Callaway, Jr. (2), Carter, Casey, Cranston, Duncan, Duren, Easterling (2), Eastham, Irving Eisen (2), Ellis, Calloway (3), Geis, Gary, Gordon (2), Gray, Griffin, Hardy (2), Hopp, Si Ivers, Jenkins (2), Jerry Johnson, Johnston, Jerry Klein, Kolter, Bob Lee, McGinley (2), Lewis, Lockwood, Maloney (2), Mitchell, Jack Neil, Pigford, Pontious, Ramsey, John Rienstra, (2), C. Robinson, Schaumburg, Sory, Steinheimer, Strong, Tohline, Weyrich, Walley, Wells, John Wheat, Paul Williamson.

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**Wednesday, July 3, 1963**

**Today** is the 100th anniversary of Pickett's brave charge at the Battle of Gettysburg. At 1 p.m. that day, a century ago, the Confederate artillery opened up and an hour later thousands of courageous boys in gray advanced toward the Union line. We should pause to remember the Americans of both forces who that day died fighting for the right as they saw the right.

**Tomorrow** is the commonly accepted day for celebrating the signing of our immortal Declaration of Independence. Truthfully, the story of the signing is a complex and fascinating one. On June 7, 1776 Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a resolution to the 2nd Continental Congress sitting in Philadelphia, "That these united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states."

John Adams of Massachusetts seconded.

After three days debate the matter was postponed for three weeks.

On July 1 and 2 debate continued and the resolution finally passed.

On July 3 and 4, Congress went to work on the Declaration of Independence which had previously been prepared by a committee of five with 33 year old Thomas Jefferson as the writer. Late on the 4th, the vote for the Declaration was recorded affirmatively. Only John Hancock, the presiding officer, and Charles Thompson, the secretary, signed.

On July 19, 1776, Congress ordered the Declaration to be engrossed, and it was ready to be signed on August 2.

The 56 signers were defying the most powerful nation on earth. They knew the terrific adventure that they were engaged in. The concluding words . . . **"we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor"**, were no mere rhetoric.

—Lee Griffin

**Swan Song**

Invocation	Frank Betts
Introductions	Lee Griffin
Sweetheart	Betty Wells

Citing love, courage and integrity as the basic principles of human understanding that never change, Peter Wells summed up his "Credo — or I Believe" in a scholarly farewell address to end his year as president of the club last week, that brought a standing ovation.

All these things, he said, are embodied in Rotary. "We call it the four-way-test", he said of integrity. Rotary's motto, "Service above Self," was seen as covering love for fellow man and the courage to take action for the general good even though it may not be to personal interest.

The retiring president expressed thanks to his board and committeemen for help during the year, and said that though he had accepted the post reluctantly, he also relinquished it reluctantly, "as we always relinquish the things we love."

Peter presented the gavel to incoming president Roy Nelson, and in turn was given a diamond past president's pin and scroll of appreciation as a token of esteem and affection. A gift also was made to Rotary Ann Betty Wells, who was thanked for her interest in Rotary and for her forbearance.

**YOUR ROTARY INVESTMENT:** Your dividends come through fellowship and acquaintance, regular attendance at weekly meetings, and the application of Rotary ideals to your everyday business and professional life. Good returns from your investment in Rotary depend on YOU alone.

—Cog, Newark

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