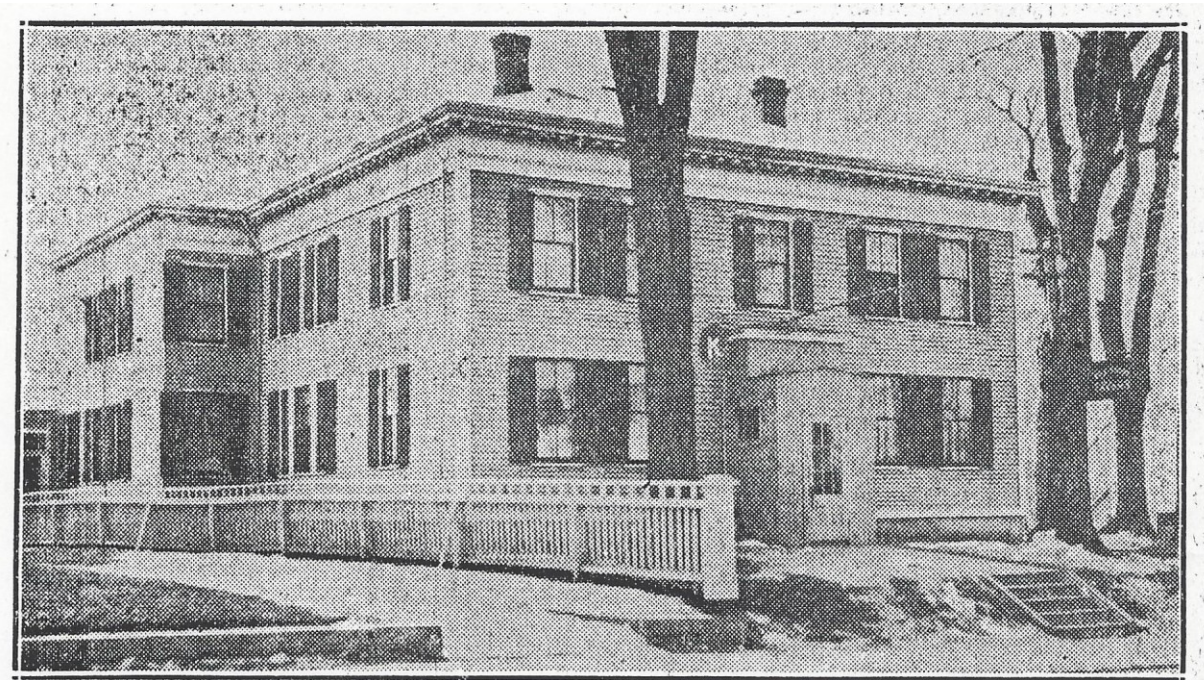


# Rotary Club of Westbrook-Gorham Celebrating 95 Years



# OUR ORIGINS

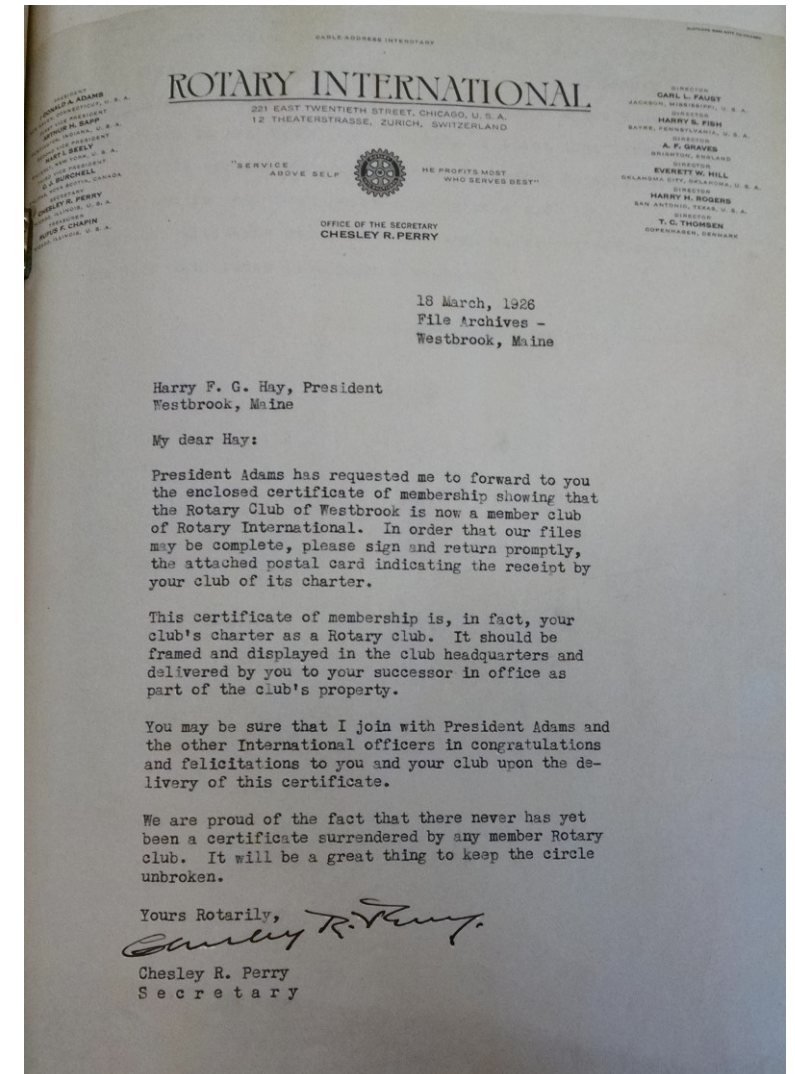
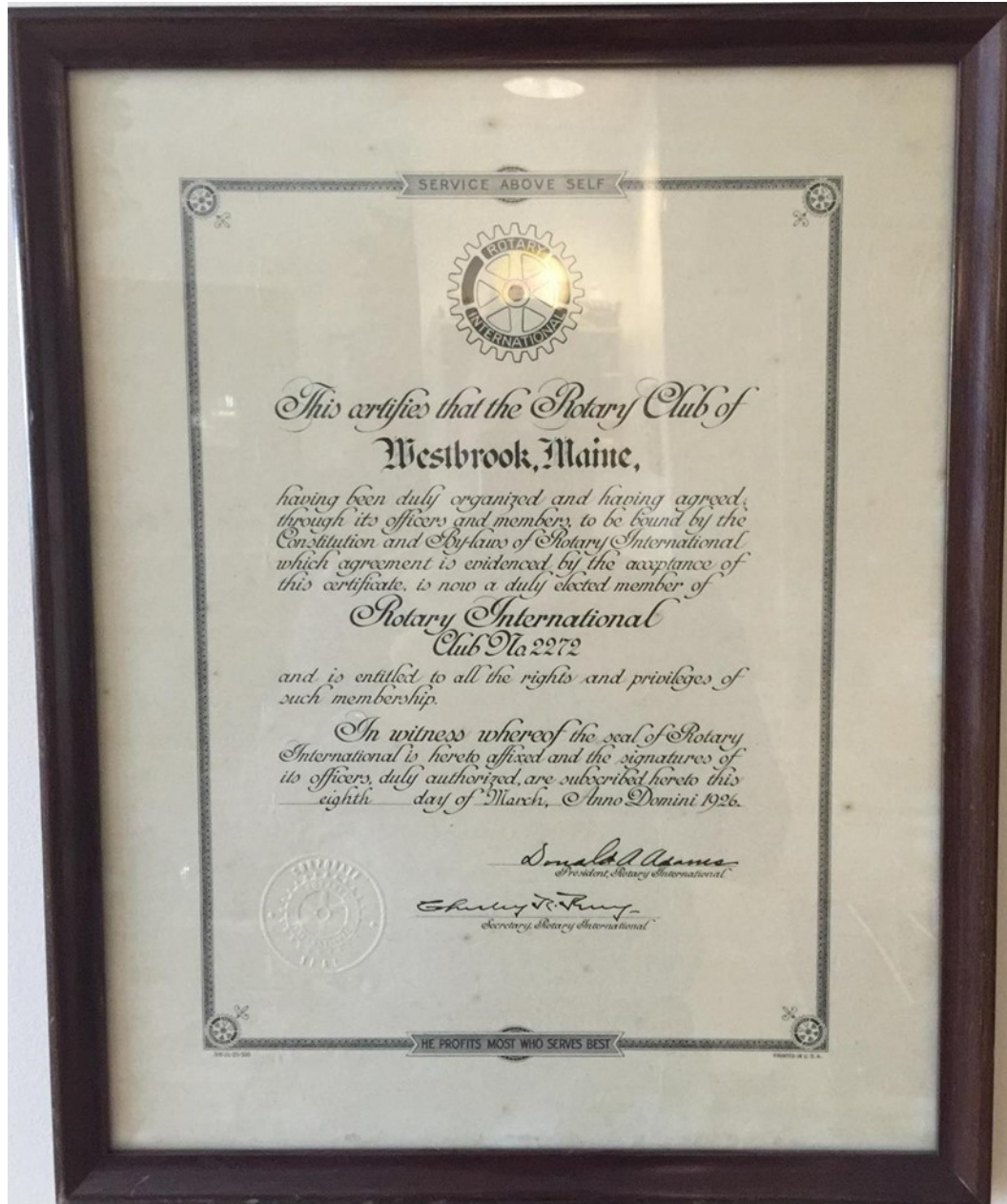


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- ❑ December 24, 1925: 15 business & Professional men met at the Westbrook Tavern Hotel to consider forming a service club under the sponsorship of the Portland Rotary club.
- ❑ March 8, 1926: Charter for Club 2272 was issued by Rotary International
- ❑ April 6, 1926: 25 men became Rotarians at the Charter presentation and dinner at the Congress Square Hotel attended by 225 during which Governor Ralph Brewster spoke.



# Our Charter



# THE FIFTEEN FOUNDERS

Paul Smith .....	Hardware
Nels Nelson .....	Clothier
Henry S. Cobb .....	Printer
Wade L. Bridgham .....	Lawyer
Hale M. Dow .....	Florist
Harry F. G. Hay .....	Funeral Director
Frank A. Chase, Jr. ....	Coal
Paul Fraser .....	Recreation
Harry Higgins .....	Electric Transportation
James A. Lewis .....	Public Schools
Richard G. Raymond .....	Drugs
Carroll M. Richardson .....	Postal Service
Arthur G. Worthington .....	Newspaper
Edwin B. Carr .....	Boots and Shoes
Granville C. Shibles .....	Osteopathic Physician

# Our First President



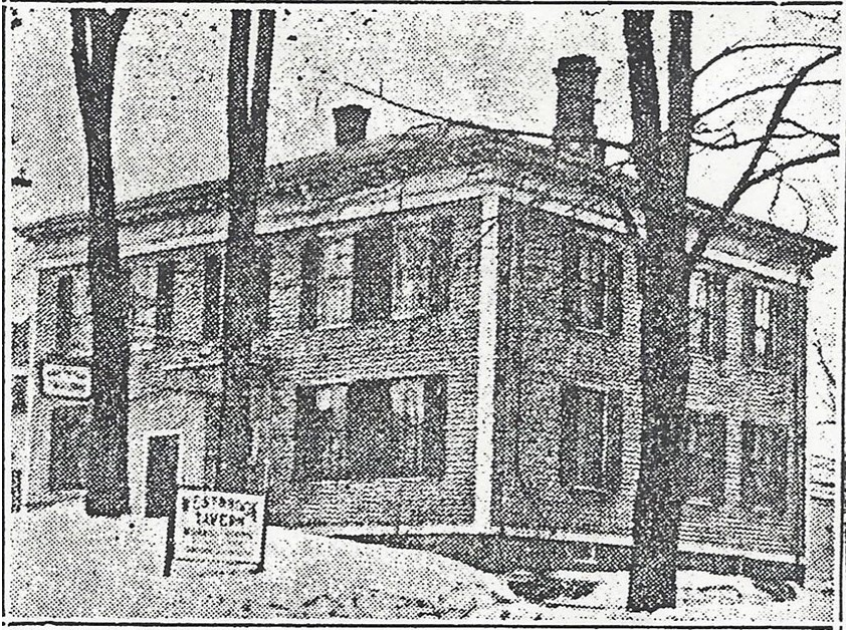
***Harry F G Hay - 11th  
Westbrook Mayor ca. 1917***



***Harry F G Hay - 1932***



# OUR MEETING PLACES



**Westbrook Tavern**  
**1926-1936**

**Dunn St Legion Hall**  
**1936-2002**



**WRVC**  
**2002-Present**



**Polynesian Village**  
**1970s**





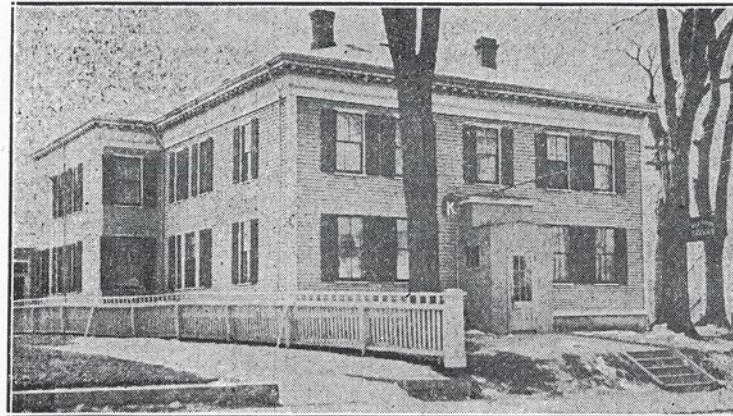
# Rotary in the News

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EVENING NEWS MAR. 9, 1928

## Westbrook Tavern Is Paper City's Only Hotel

*Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs Make It  
Headquarters for Their Meetings*

The House, One of the Oldest in the City, Was Originally the Residence  
Of the Late Alonzo Libby, Located on Main Street



By Staff Photographer, John A. Marshall

The Westbrook Tavern—Westbrook's only hotel—has been in existence, under its present name, for the past three years, and is presided over, as hosts, by Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Noyes.

The house itself is one of the oldest in the city, having been originally built over 80 years ago by Joseph Small, an old-time Westbrook contractor. For many years it was the property and residence of the late Alonzo Libby and, to old-time West-

brook people, is still spoken of as "the Libby house."

A fine structure of old-time style, the building has been reconstructed and renovated until today it is a commodious and comfortable tavern and provides real hospitality to those who seek its shelter.

Its proprietors make a specialty of special dinners for clubs and organizations and the standard of the tavern is well bespoken by the fact that both the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club make their headquarters there and avail themselves of its hospitality at their regular meetings.

**March 9, 1928**  
**Evening News**



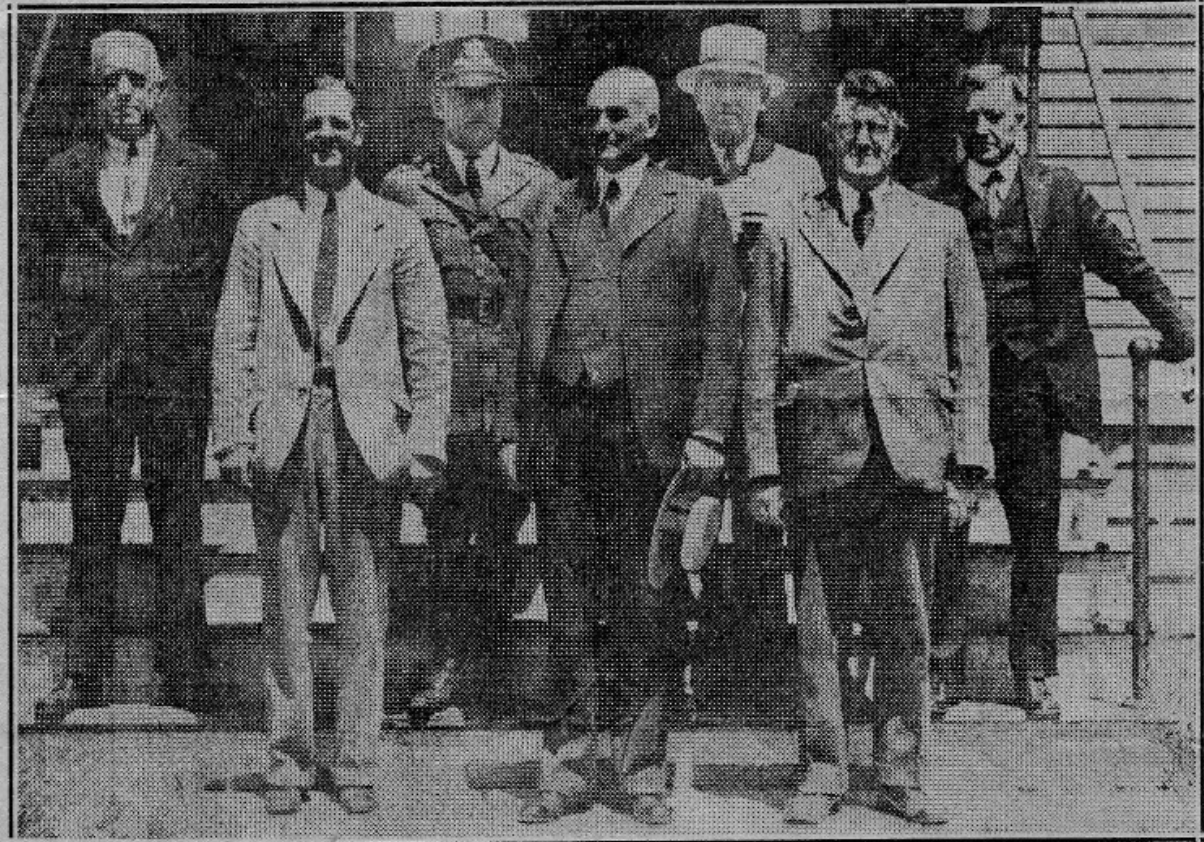
# Rotary in the News

**July 1932**

*Newly Elected Officers  
Portland Sunday Telegram*

Portland Sunday Telegram And Sunday Press Herald—Portland,

## Newly Elected Officers Of Westbrook Rotary Club



By Staff Photographer

Front Row, left to right—Wade L. Bridgham, secretary; Almon N. Waterhouse, president; Harry W. Grant, vice president.

Back Row—Arthur W. Ricker, treasurer; Dr. Granville C. Shibles, director; Henry S. Cobb, director; Rufus K. Jordan, immediate past president.



# Rotary in the News

## 1959

**20 Year Perfect Attendance  
Stephen Freeman**



A 20-year perfect attendance award was made last week to Stephen Freeman at a Rotary Club luncheon. Participating in the ceremonies were other members who have been similarly honored in past. From left to right, Clarence Emery, who has a 21 year attendance record; Arthur Andrew, 25 years; Freeman; Howard Stevens, Rotary president, shown making the award; Ferdinand Hawkes, 22 years; Dr. Granville Shibbes, 33 years. Not in the picture are Harry Hay, 31 years, and John Hay, 26 years. Freeman, a Senior Active member, joined the club in 1959. (Photo by Del Cargill)



# Rotary in the News

## June 1964

*Exchange Student*



Miss Dagmar Schaffler, Austrian exchange student at Westbrook High, is presented with a miniature inscribed silver plate to add to her charm bracelet by Westbrook Rotary President Clyde Esty. Miss Schaffler, who has been in the states almost 10 months, will leave for her home in Graz in July. The presentation was made at a luncheon held in her honor June 9 and was accompanied by a small Rotary Banner.



# **Club Project**

## **Patriots Day**

### **Road Race**

#### **Since 1948**



**1952**

**2016**



# Club Project Westbrook Little League

1955

1969

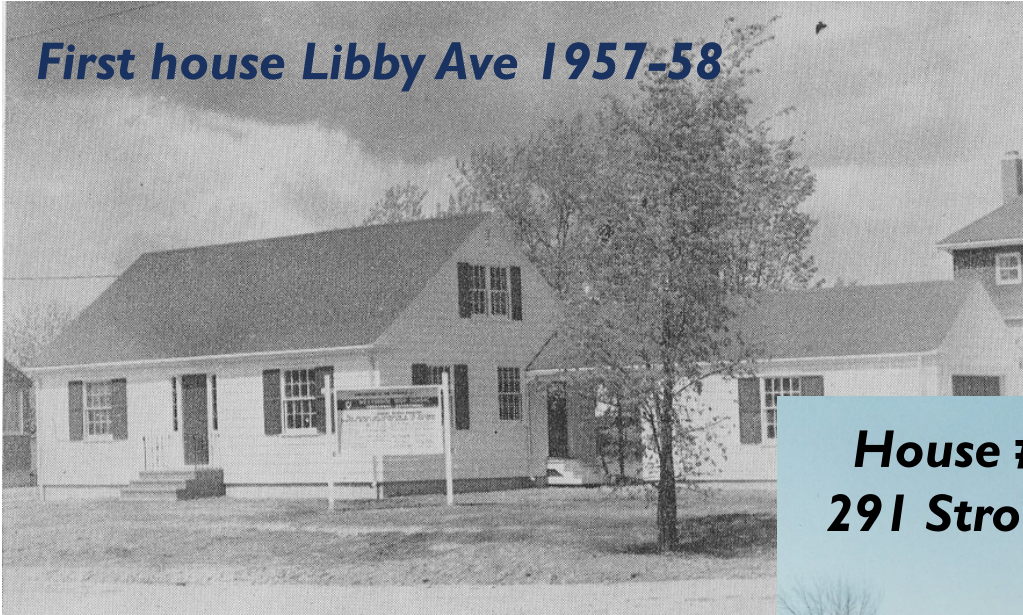
1986





# **Club Project House Project Since 1957**

**First house Libby Ave 1957-58**



**House #14 1971 180 Marrett St**



**House # 45 2020  
33 Declaration Dr**



**House # 34 1999  
291 Stroudwater St**





# CLUB EVOLUTION

1928



1970

2016





# 1975 Club Directory



HENRY W. SAUNDERS  
WIFE'S NAME - MARJORIE  
SAUNDERS BROTHERS  
150 MARRETT ST. WESTBROOK  
TELEPHONE 854-8107

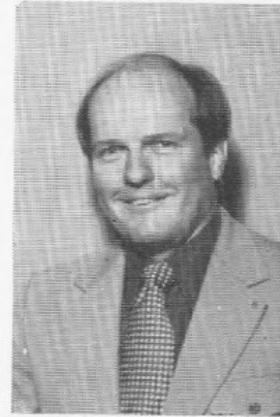
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**Passed 2//24/21**

**48 year**  
**member!!**

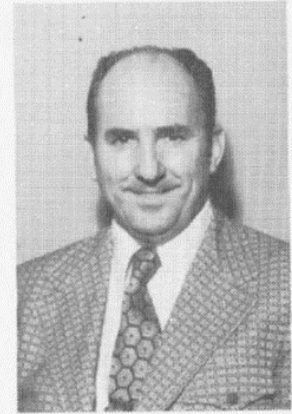


RICHARD (DICK) P. LABRECQUE  
WIFE'S NAME - MARY LOU  
ENVIRONMENTAL - S. D. WARREN  
RFD #2, HEARTHSIDE, NO. WINDHAM  
TELEPHONE 892-2136

**48 year member**  
**Passed 2/13/21**



WILLIAM (BILL) W. GOWEN  
WIFE'S NAME - CAROL  
GOWEN PROFESSIONAL ASSOC. (C.P.A.)  
840 MAIN STREET, WESTBROOK  
TELEPHONE 856-6366



T. NELSON (NELS) HARMON  
WIFE'S NAME - BETTY  
ROWE FORD SALES  
BAY VIEW EXTENSION, SCARBOROUGH  
TELEPHONE 883-6481

**53 year member**  
**Passed 10/21/20**

# WHAT IS IN A NAME?

- ❑ Founded in 1925, as Westbrook Rotary Club. Chartered 1926.
- ❑ Members from surrounding towns like Windham, Gorham & Scarborough were added as members within that first couple of years.
- ❑ In 1983, Windham formed their own club, sponsored by Westbrook
- ❑ In January 1990, we changed our name to Westbrook-Gorham to better reflect the communities that we serve.



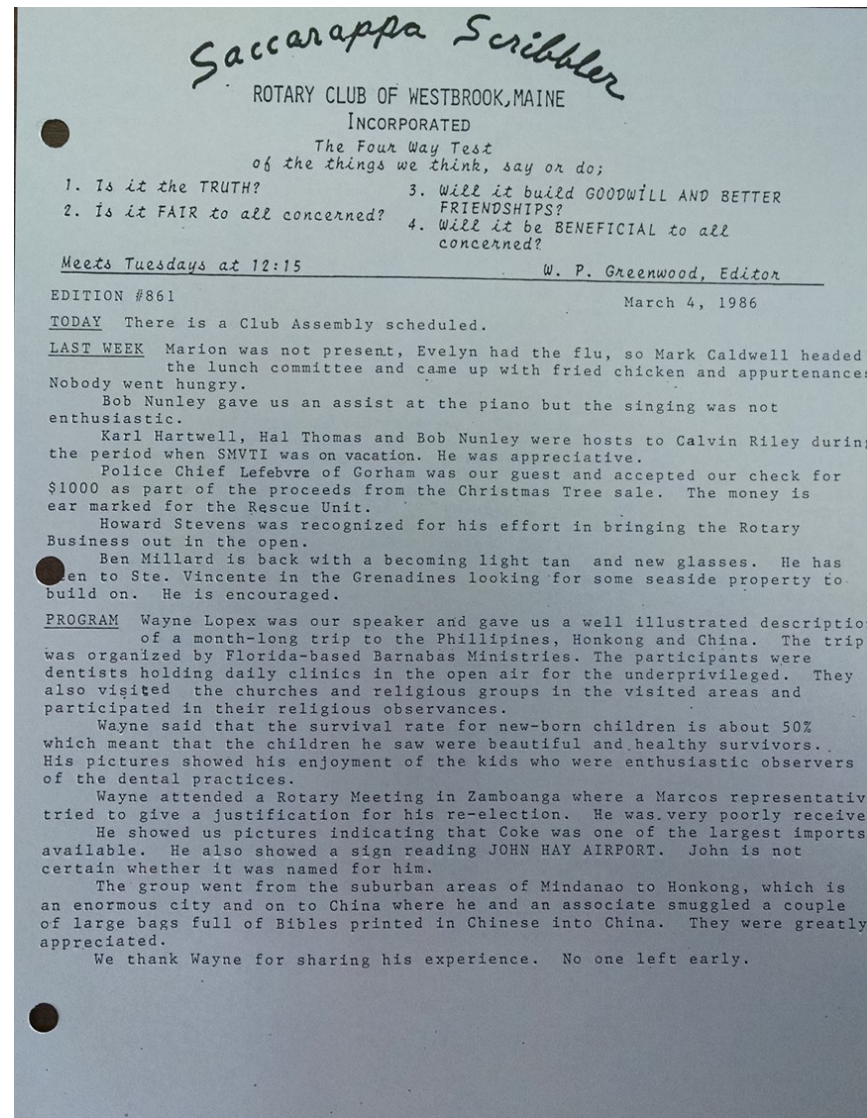
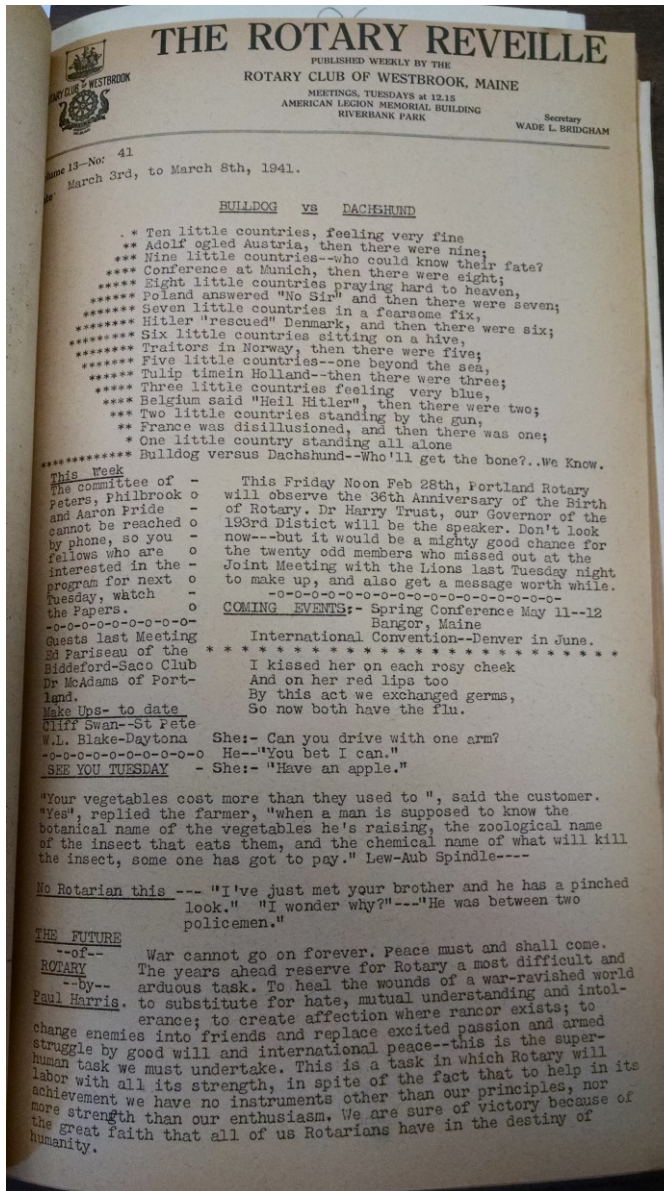
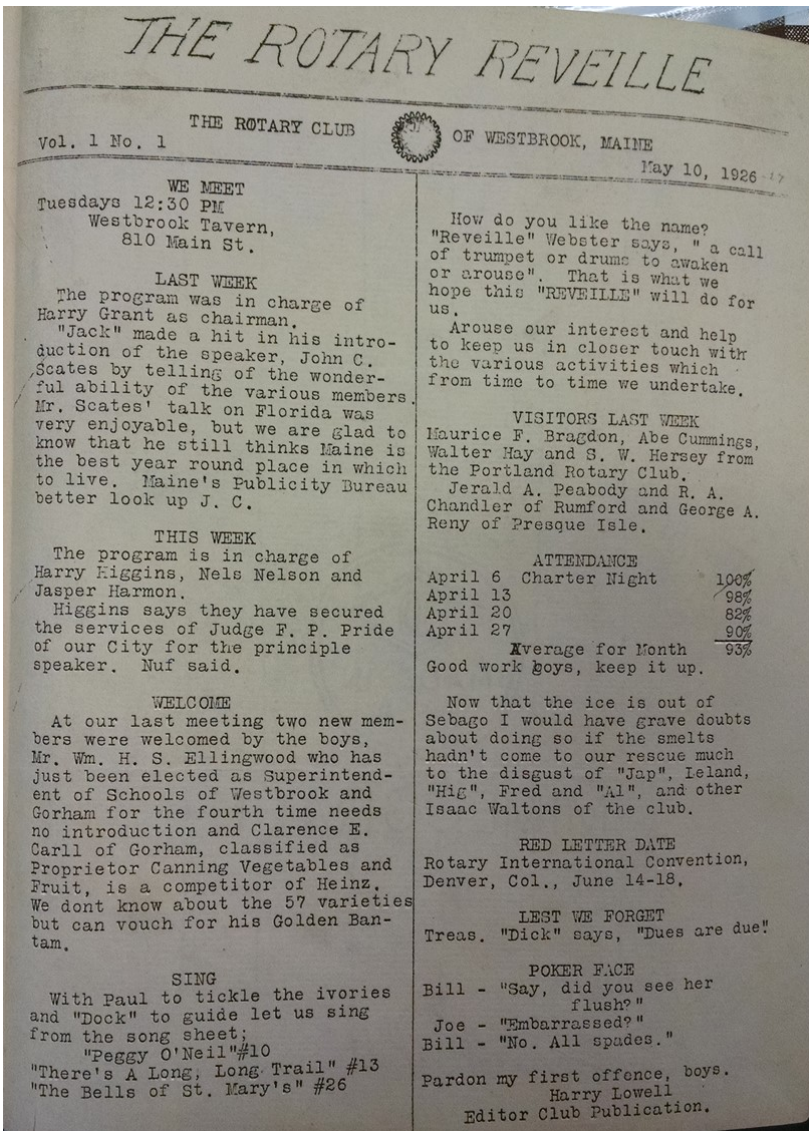
# OUR NEWSLETTER

The weekly newsletter has changed over the years.

- ☐ The Rotary Reveille was first published on May 10, 1926
- ☐ Sometime before 1967, the name changed to the Saccarappa Scribbler
- ☐ The name changed again to the Presumpscot Scribbler sometime after 1991
- ☐ Early newsletters were a single typed page featuring notes from the previous week's speaker, announcement of the upcoming program, **monthly average attendance**, poems, cartoons, reports, "red letter" dates", count of guests and visiting Rotarians, and the like, depending upon activities that week. Complete member lists were included periodically.
- ☐ The Scribbler moved to email prior to 2007 (as a file attachment) and finally to Club Runner in 2014



# Newsletters at Westbrook Historical Society



# DOCUMENTING OUR HISTORY

Westbrook-Historical Society – The perfect place to store and share

- ☐ Photos and Photo Albums
- ☐ Scrap books and clippings
- ☐ Reveilles and Scribblers
- ☐ Insignia & Banners
- ☐ Paper records
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Other memorabilia





# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

- ☐ Patriots' Day Road Race since 1948
- ☐ Rotary-WRVC House Project since 1957
- ☐ Scholarships & Toolships for WHS, GHS, WRVC
- ☐ RYLA, Interact at GHS & WHS
- ☐ MPTC & ICCC
- ☐ Community Food Pantries, Locker Project, School Food Pantries
- ☐ Literacy Projects
- ☐ Water Projects in Guatemala
- ☐ Polio Plus
- ☐ Matching \$50 donations to multiple organizations
- ☐ Matching up to \$100 donations to The Rotary Foundation



