

CENTENNIAL YEAR MARKED ROTARY CLUB BEING ORGANIZED

300 Rotarians And Anns Present For Founding Program

(Nov. 19, 1936)

Three hundred Rotarians and Rotary Anns were present at the Charter Night program and banquet of Mount Pulaski Rotary Club No. 4030 at the high school gymnasium Friday evening to participate in the charter presentation ceremonies.

The formation of a Rotary Club in this city was sponsored by the Lincoln Rotary and the meeting was in their charge.

The meeting which was attended by representatives of some 20 Rotary Clubs in central Illinois, was presided over very efficiently by Dr. W. D. Copeland, president of Lincoln college, a member of Lincoln Rotary Club and Past Governor of the 7th District.

John L. Gordon of Lincoln Rotary Club was one of the prime movers in getting the club organized.

CHARTER PRESENTED

The presentation of the charter granted by Rotary International was made by Governor Ray Graham of the 44th District, who has been very helpful in the founding and assisting the local club with its "baby steps". President Harry J. Wible of the local club, accepted the Charter No. 4030 on behalf of the Mount Pulaski Rotary organization.

Various clubs throughout the district presented the local club with valuable club equipment which was very much appreciated by the organization. The Lincoln club presented a Rotary Bell and Gavel, thru its president, Harold F. Trapp, Jr.; the Mason City club gave a set of song books; Rotarian Henson of Taylorville, presented them a clever pilot wheel in lieu of the regular Rotary emblem; a huge Rotary banner was given the club as a gift from the clubs of the district. The Delavan Club sent a beautiful basket of roses and white chrysanthemums.

Clubs represented at the banquet were: Springfield, Decatur, Clinton, Havana, Mason City, Delavan, Peoria, Pekin, Litchfield, Jacksonville, Pana, Farmington, Lincoln, Virden, Taylorville, Pontiac, Kankakee, Petersburg, Carlisle, Fairbury and Macomb.

PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MT. PULASKI

1936-1937—Harry J. Wible
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1938-1939—Keith Rothwell
1939-1940—Frank Talmage
1940-1941—Ennis A. Downing
1941-1942—Wilbert H. Schahl
1942-1943—William T. Myrick
1943-1944—H. Virgil Wynd
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1945-1946—Wilbur E. Stoll
1946-1947—A. W. Schaffnacker
1947-1948—H. H. Maddox
1948-1949—J. D. Bieseimer
1949-1950—Robert N. Hamm
1950-1951—Leland Simkins
1951-1952—Francis Myrick
1952-1953—Morrell T. Deibert
1953-1954—Ray O. Zumstein
1954-1955—Nicholas L. Hubbard
1955-1956—Gene C. Clear
1956-1957—George A. Volle
1957-1958—Joseph M. Doud
1958-1959—Eugene E. Downing
1959-1960—Wm. Joe Matthews
1960-1961—Robert S. Keck

The men who deserve the praise in the Rotary Club are not the presidents but the secretaries. The Mount Pulaski club has been very fortunate in having two exceptionally fine secretaries. Virgil Wynd was the first secretary from 1936 to 1941, when Walter Schaffer took over and has done a wonderful job. Dale Neaville is the 1961-62 president as of July 1.

ROTARY SPONSORED BOY SCOUT TROOP

(Dec. 3, 1936)

Boy Scouting in Mount Pulaski go under way in a fine manner at the noonday luncheon of the Rotary Club when Scout Executive E. A. Rowley and Eagle Scout Herbert Alexander of Lincoln, gave short talks on the value of Scout work, preceding the announcement of the new Scoutmaster for the local troop.

Rotary Took 40 Boys To St. Louis Ball Game

(Aug. 7, 1947)

Boys from Mount Pulaski were guests of the Mount Pulaski Rotary Club and other business men on the Emil Verban Night special which pulled out of Lincoln last Friday afternoon for one of the highlights in their young lives.

The Verban Night observance, in which Emil Verban, Logan county's star second baseman with the Philadelphia Nationals, was sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Mount Pulaski, Lincoln and Atlanta. Each man making the trip on the special train was required to take a boy, and could take an additional boy for \$5.00. The fact that 22 men from Mount Pulaski made the trip, and twice that many boys, is ample evidence of the popularity of the venture. Many of the extra boys were sent by Rotarians and others who could not make the trip.

Rotary Sponsors Five World-Known Speakers Here

(Oct. 13, 1938)

A member of the British Parliament, a woman journalist from Berlin, Germany, a former president of Columbian College of British Columbia, a world-traveler from Upper Montclair, N. J., and a lecturer on International Affairs from Stoke-on Trent, England, are five outstanding individuals in the world affairs of today who will appear on Friday evenings at the high school, starting October 21st.

These world-known figures are being brought to Mount Pulaski thru the sponsorship of the local Rotary Club with the cooperation of Rotary International which is sharing part of the burden of the cost in securing the speakers of this calibre in order that they can be brought to smaller communities.

The speakers will present facts that have to do with world issues, bringing to thoughtful citizens a knowledge of what is involved in International problems. When those attending the meetings of the institute realize that they are securing factual knowledge instead of propaganda, their viewpoint towards a better International understanding may be considerably altered.

The speakers are as follows: Alfred Edwards, M. P. London, author and lecturer; Eric I. Grimwade, Stoke-on-Trent, England, Journalist in Spanish Civil War; Dr. Wilford J. Spirrell, Victoria, B.C., Canada, President of Columbian College; Mrs. Margaret H. Kaiser, Berlin, Germany, Journalist.

LATE PRES. TAFT'S PHYSICIAN GUEST OF ROTARY CLUB

(Nov. 30, 1939)

Residents of Mt. Pulaski will have a rare treat offered them on Thursday, Dec. 7th, when Dr. Charles E. Barker, personal physician of the late President William Howard Taft, comes to the city for three speaking engagements.

Dr. Barker, who is coming to our city under the auspices of the local Rotary Club, will first appear before the student body at the high school. A dinner will be served at the Methodist Church in the evening at 6:30, in his honor, by the Rotary Club, to which other clubs in this section are to be invited. Then at 8 o'clock that evening, he will speak at a public meeting at the high school where no charge of admittance will be made.

Gene Manes was selected by the Boys Work committee which is headed by Dr. C. M. Merriman, to head the new troop to be formed here at once.



MOUNT PULASKI ROTARIANS AND BUSINESS MEN who took 40 boys to St. Louis, Mo. in 1947 on the train, to Emil Verban Night, as the star

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