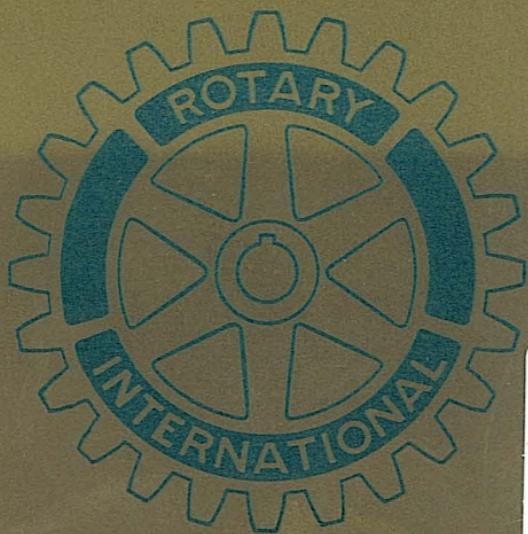


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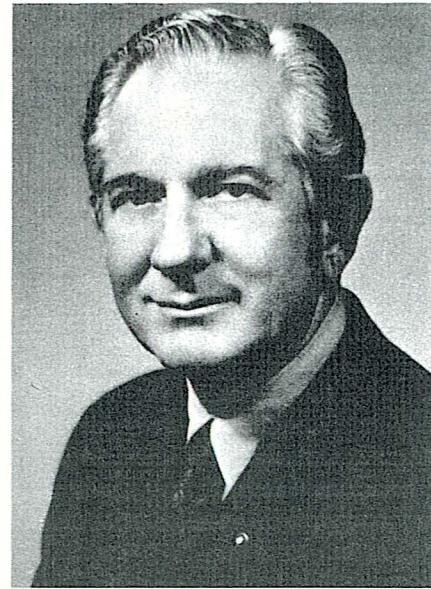
SONG – ROTARY

WELCOME OF GUESTS

SPEAKER – JAMES C. BOMAR

ADJOURNMENT

SPEAKER



MENU

APRIL 3 - MONDAY
7:00 P.M.

*Steamship Round of Beef
Country Ham
Chicken Tetrazzini*

*Buttered Broccoli Spears
Potatoes Au Gratin
Buttered Corn
Peas with Pearl Onions*

*Tossed Salad
Fruit Gelatin Salad*

Homemade Rolls

Coconut Layer Cake

James L. Bomar Jr. of Shelbyville, Tennessee, is the unanimous choice of the nominating committee for president of Rotary International in 1979-80. The committee made the nomination at its January meeting in Evanston.

Rotarian Bomar is a partner in the law firm of Bomar, Shofner, Bomar & Irion in Shelbyville. A native of Tennessee, he earned his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Cumberland University there and received an honorary LL.D. degree from Samford University in Alabama. A member of the Tennessee, American, and Federal Energy bar associations and the International Society of Barristers, Jim has served 18 years as a member of the Tennessee state legislature, including the positions of Speaker of the House and lieutenant governor.

A Rotarian since 1942, he is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Shelbyville. He has served Rotary International as district governor, committee member, director, and vice president.

Rotarian Bomar has been active in church and various other activities including American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts and several farm organizations. He is married to the former Elizabeth Dees. They have two sons, James L. Bomar III and Louis Wayne Bomar.

1977-1978 OFFICERS



Pictured left to right: Joe Exum, Nick Dunagan, Stan McMinn, Jimmy Harrison. Not Present, George Freeman, Tom Gallien.

PRESIDENT
Stan McMinn

VICE PRESIDENT
Tom Gallien

TREASURER
Jimmy Harrison

DIRECTOR
Nick Dunagan

SECRETARY
V. P. Beard

DIRECTOR
Joe Exum

DIRECTOR
George Freeman

HISTORY OF THE MARTIN ROTARY CLUB 1928-1978

Source materials: Club records, members' memories, Weakley County Press on microfilm at UTM Library.

BEGINNINGS

Dark clouds were collecting on the nation's economic horizon in 1928, the year that Rotary came to Martin. Nevertheless, the people of Martin were experiencing an upsurge of optimism and faith in the future. The grand New Williams Hotel had opened. The town's own George M. Brooks, first male child born in Martin, was elected its mayor. Its cigar factory was producing 85,000 cigars daily. Concrete highway ribbons were being laid north, east, and west from Martin that were going to pull the town out of the mud.

Pet Milk Company came to Martin that year. The Jersey cow was being acclaimed Queen to replace Queen Nancy Hall (a sweet potato). Weakley County was to become the "land of milk and money". A branch of the University of Tennessee was beginning its first year under the leadership of Rotarian Porter Claxton. Its basketball team, coached by Rotarian Kirk Grantham, had just won the Mississippi Valley championship having defeated Murray Teachers in the semifinals and, in the finals, West Tennessee Teachers of Memphis. This same year the citizens of Martin were about to encounter for the first time the spreading yo-yo craze, talking pictures, and dial telephones.

Such were the times when Rotary was born in Martin. The father of the new Club was Vasser Summerville of the nearby Paris club. He made contact first with a Martin friend, John M. Martin. Later, fifteen selected citizens met in the offices of lawyer Walter Harper the middle of February to organize. On April 17, 1928, the Club's charter was presented by District Governor Jim Casey of Nashville. The new club's number was 2788. There are 18,000 now.

CHARTER MEMBERS

The fifteen charter members were:

Walter Harper, President
T. L. Bearce, Vice-President
A. B. Adams, Secretary
John M. Martin, Treasurer
L. E. Taylor, Sgt.-at-Arms
F. J. Duke, Director
Karl Warren, Director
W. M. Wells
P. M. Fitts
Dr. R. M. Little
J. E. Jenkins
A. S. Johnston
George M. Brooks
E. M. Burge
L. F. Hicks



D. W. HARPER

John M. Martin, who passed away recently (1974), was the last surviving charter member. The son of another, Karl Warren, is a present member.

PAST-PRESIDENTS

The history of Martin Rotary has been its record of effective service to the community, continuous from its modest beginning in 1928 to the present. Important to the making of this record - its history - is the inspiring leadership of outstanding business and professional men who served as its officers down through the years. The following list of the past-presidents provides in effect an outline, or resumé, of the history of the Martin club. Each man furnished during his term as President his own brand of Rotary, a fresh and different interpretation of the Club motto: "Service Above Self".

1928-29 **Walter Harper**
1929-30 **William Powell**
1930-31 **William Powell**
1931-32 **William Powell**
1932-33 **Dr. R.M. Little (5 mo.)**
Clay Hardeman

1933-34 **Clay Hardeman**
1934-35 **Hubert Cherry**
1935-36 **Rev. Nolan Stigler**
1936-37 **Joe Brown**
1937-38 **Clay Hardeman**
1938-39 **Buddy Pearson**

1939-40 **Dr. Madison Buckley**
1940-41 **Gene Stanford**
1941-42 **John Gardner, Jr.**
1942-43 **Joe Black Hayes**
1943-44 **Viron Beard**
1944-45 **Roy Baker**
1945-46 **Draper Overall**
1946-47 **Neil Bowden**
1947-48 **Bud Pritchett**
1948-49 **Wayne Tansil**
1949-50 **Wade Freeman**
1950-51 **Vodrie Richardson**
1951-52 **James Tice**
1952-53 **David Thompson (4 mo.)**
Frank Dodd
1953-54 **Robert Harrison**
1954-55 **Norman Campbell**
1955-56 **Dan Rowlett**
1956-57 **James Wright**
1957-58 **Paul Meek**

1958-59 **Harold Brundige**
1959-60 **Clint Wash**
1960-61 **Leonard Miles**
1961-62 **Brooks Crockett**
1962-63 **Duke Drumm**
1963-64 **P. L. Summers**
1964-65 **Bob Glisson**
1965-66 **Cecil Powell**
1966-67 **Max King**
1967-68 **Lloyd King**
1968-69 **Charles Hyde**
1969-70 **David Murphy**
1970-71 **Robert Carroll**
1971-72 **William Baker**
1972-73 **Kenneth Stanley**
1973-74 **Ulon Argo**
1974-75 **David Pritchard**
1975-76 **Larry Alexander**
1976-77 **George Freeman**
1977-78 **Stan McMinn**

Twenty of the above past-presidents remain members of the Martin Club; eighteen are deceased. Bill Powell served three consecutive terms; Clay Hardeman was President twice plus the last half of Dr. Little's term. Bud Pritchett and Norman Campbell are the only ones to be elected District Governor. Viron Beard has the longest stretch of perfect attendance, 35 years. Gene Stanford has been member of the local club longest, 43 years. Most popular among past-presidents have been the retail business man and the college professor. There have been 9 retailers, 6 college professors, 5 distributors of electricity, 4 manufacturers, 4 college administrators, 2 school superintendents, 2 lawyers, 2 doctors, 2 telephone managers, a radio station manager, a banker, a florist, and an army officer.

CLUB ROTARYANNES

In the early years the Martin Rotarians invited to their meetings an attractive and talented young lady by the name of Ruth Morgan who became the Club's first Rotaryanne. She not only played the piano, she was great help to the officers as typist, hostess, record keeper and program planner. She attended conferences districtwide in her quasi-official position. A handsome UTJC football player finally alienated Ruth's strong affection for Rotary.

For most of the next 40 years each Club president selected a special Rotarianne. Many were daughters of Rotarians. Her presence at Club meetings added charm; she played the piano while Rotarians ate; and, (it has been admitted) her presence perhaps improved greatly the literary level of the jokes and stories told.

CLUB SECRETARIES

Lending essential support to these past-presidents and furnishing continuity to Rotary affairs were the Club Secretary and Club Treasurer. These men gave unselfishly of their time and talent, some serving year after year. Of the early secretaries, Granville Parker made a lasting imprint. He was a dedicated Rotarian and a source of information and encouragement to the new members as they tried to practice the principles of Rotary. He was the only secretary to carry at the same time the duties of Treasurer, which he did for four years. Other men in the early life of the Club who did this important work were Forest Duke, Ben Dodd, Gene Stanford, Vodrie Richardson, and Joe Brown —all helping to keep Rotary going in Martin during the trying times of the Great Depression and World War II.

In the period from World War II to the present, two men stood out as Club secretaries: Norman Campbell and Wade Freeman. Norman began the bulletin, S-A-S News (SAS stands for "Service Above Self"). He developed effective records and was an able right arm for the three Presidents with whom he worked. Wade Freeman was so successful a secretary, he got elected to the job 20 times. His long service provided consistency and expertness to the Club's activities. Wade knew Rotary. He lived Rotary. His warm, friendly, handwritten notes spread the spirit of his Rotary to many, both in and out of the organization. His untimely death brought a great loss to the Rotarians and to the community he served so well so long.

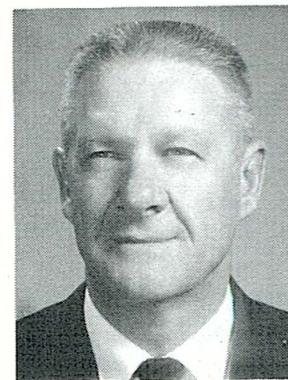
Other Secretaries helping during these latter years included David Allen, Brooks Crockett, Ed Eller, Bob Owens, and presently, Viron Beard. David excelled in selling Rotary, bringing into the Club many new members.

CLUB TREASURERS

The Club had many dedicated men handling the important job of Treasurer. John M. Martin set the tone for responsible accountability during the first five years, followed by Granville Parker and Bill Eakin, serving 12 and 9 years respectively. More recently, Neil Bowden and Jim Bell White had long and effective

service. Other members serving as Treasurer for shorter periods were Wilson Vaughn, Leonard Arnn, Gene Stanford, Ralph Rogers, Charles Griffin, and Stan McMinn.

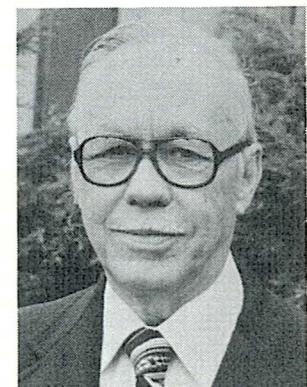
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



BUD PRITCHETT

Nashville to finish the job with a rare bit of old-fashioned politicking. Bud's year of district leadership, 1956-57, emphasized the theme: "Each Rotarian a Friend to Youth". This theme of service to youth was actually the emphasis in the life of Governor Bud himself, and in the program of his local club as well. Near the end of his official year, Bud presided over a very successful District Conference held in Martin on the Junior College campus.

Bud's leadership ability had been demonstrated to the members of Martin Rotary during his term as President. Norman Campbell, then Secretary, summed up the highlights of that year with superlatives as follows: "Scout hut brought to completion in IC Park... active Scout program sponsored... two bang-up horse shows... a highly successful Beauty Revue... and outstanding Rural-Urban Day, featuring an all-day farm and pasture tour with about 500 present... the President's Award for outstanding achievement in International Service... \$10 per member contributed to Rotary Foundation for college students abroad... a high school senior



NORMAN CAMPBELL



Front Row: (Left to Right) D. Crawley, D. Finch, V. Beard, L. Williamson, D. Pritchard, D. Wright, L. Campbell, L. Bates, W. Snyder, R. Duncan. Second Row: R. Benderman, J. Corbett, F. Hatler, S. McMinn, P. Moore, B. Edman, H. Wilson, B. Beard, L. Collier, D. McGehee, H. Smith. Third Row: D. Murphy, T. Copeland, T. Gallien, H. Johns, A. Pendergrass, D. Drumm, J. Tice, N. Dunagan, L. King, B. Newby, L. Miles, H. Hutson, T. Hughes. Fourth Row: M. Maloan, K. Warren, C. Bell, C. Savage, F. Vowell, J. Bucy, C. Griffin, B. Williams,

R. Rogers, W. Caudle, J. Harrison. Fifth Row: J. Veciana, T. Bryant, J. Exum, J. Brundige, H. Brundige, D. Davis, J. Graves, W. Kaler, C. Callis, E. Jones, J. Davis. Not Pictured: L. Alexander, U. Argo, R. Conley, D. Dodson, J. Eisterhold, G. Freeman, R. Glasgow, R. Guthrie, L. McGehee, J. Overall, J. Pace, K. Stanley, D. Stone, A. Strawbridge, J. Tuck, W. Washburn, T. Youngblood, B. Baker, N. Campbell, B. Carroll, J. McCauley, B. Pritchett, G. Stanford, P. Summers, D. Murphy, A. Sparks.

our Junior Rotarian each month... a delegate sponsored to Boys State... generous sums raised to help crippled children, and the crippled adults hospital... Pioneer Day honoring oldtimers... two enjoyable Ladies Nights... seven 100% meetings... 16 members with 100% attendance."

Veteran members have felt that Bud's Year was Martin Rotary's finest. It continues to serve as a pattern for new presidents to pursue. Rotary remains No. 1 with Bud. He has not missed a Rotary meeting in 31 years.

Norman Campbell is the second member of Martin Rotary Club to be selected to serve as District Governor. His term begins July 1, 1978.

MEETING PLACES

The Martin Rotary Club first met at the Martin Bakery but shortly moved to the renovated Parkview Hotel where it continued to meet until 1941 when food rationing caused the hotel to discontinue serving. The Club moved to the Williams Hotel and enjoyed the extra room but at times some meals failed to materialize. After the war the Rotarians returned to the Parkview for awhile, then in 1946 meetings began at the Strata Club (the converted hanger of Gill-Dove Airways on the Sharon highway) with lots of room and a stage, good food, but sometimes no heat. In 1951, the new Gateway Restaurant on the Fulton highway opened, and Rotary meetings were moved back to town and the members enjoyed for the next 20 years its convenient location, good food, and good meeting place. In 1972 it closed, forcing the Club to temporary service at the University Center and finally to a temporary location at the Methodist Youth Center with meals catered. In 1975, the Club moved to the Red Lantern on the Dresden Highway. The Red Lantern became the Colonial House and later the Coach House, ceasing operations with the 1977 year end. The University Center again became the temporary meeting place since no other food service establishment in Martin is large enough.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Special to Rotary are its attendance requirements and its classification of membership. Regular attendance is required, but makeups at other Rotary Clubs are permitted. Membership is composed usually of one representative from each business or

profession in the community providing in effect a two-way channel of communication: community-to-Club meeting; Club-meeting-back-to-the-community; and thus helping spread Rotary's influence to member and community alike.

The Martin Club, starting with the 15 charter members, by 1930 had almost doubled in size, 28, but the Great Depression of the Thirties reduced the number, and World War II forced members to leave for military service or work in war plants. In 1944 the membership reached its low point of 14, and there was serious talk of disbanding. President Viron Beard was successful in bringing the Club through these difficult times.

Growth picked up rapidly during Bud Pritchett's presidency in 1948, and with a vigorous assist from Secretary David Allen the Club grew to a high of 49 in 1951. In the years following, membership fluctuated between 45 and 55, peaking at 60 under Duke Drumm's presidency, then gradually reaching 70 members in 1974 under President Ulon Argo's prodding.

Since attendance is considered important and necessary in the "give" and "take" of Rotary membership, it is not surprising to find four of the present members of the Club holding perfect attendance records of 25 years or more: Viron Beard with 35; Norman Campbell, 32; Bud Pritchett, 21 and Gene Stanford, 27. The untimely death of Secretary Wade Freeman terminated his perfect record at 27 years. Bob Harrison managed an unbroken string of over 1200 weekly meetings before missing.

For years the Club used a buddy system for each to encourage the other's attendance. The Club received the District Governor's attendance trophy for the best record in the District three years, during the presidencies of David Murphy, Bob Carroll, and Ken Stanley.

ACTIVITIES

In the early days of Martin Rotary there existed in the town a very active Chamber of Commerce to which many of the Rotarians belonged. The Rotarian, therefore, did much of his community service through his Chamber membership. From his Rotary membership he more likely gained a greater emphasis on fellowship and programs of inspiration.

Much later, when the Chamber of Commerce became county-wide, the Rotary Club became more interested and active in community projects and in wider service beyond the city limits. Such a trend began under Bud Pritchett's leadership after World War II,

gained acceleration during President Duke Drumm's term of office (1962-63) and continued strong with succeeding presidents.

EARLY ACTIVITIES

As early as 1930-31 the Rotarians, led by Bill Powell, an English professor, at the Jr. College established a student loan fund, supported a city library, aided the local school band, and started the Junior Rotarian project in which selected students from high school and junior college attended Rotary meetings. During this time the Club helped with the soup kitchen set up on Lindell Street to feed the hungry unemployed victims of the deepening economic depression. The Junior Rotarian project was popular with most succeeding presidents and served toward bridging the generation gap. The student loan fund was used by more than 25 students; one borrower is a present member of the Club. With the coming of large University and federal loan funds, demands for the Rotary fund ceased. In 1973 the account was transferred to a fund for Rotary scholarships.

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

To support Rotary's many community programs, mostly dealing with youth activities, the club used various fund-raising ideas. Dues and gifts from members usually filled the needs in the early years. After World War II, community drives and projects with entertainment to sell provided most of the needed funds. Club fines brought in some funds, and fun as well. Members were fined for having birthdays, marriages, children, new cars, newspaper publicity, tardiness and other "misdemeanors" as assessed by the Sgt.-at-Arms.

Drives — For many years Rotary sponsored various community-wide drives for Boy Scout council funds, Crippled Adult Hospital at Memphis (1933-72), Easter Seals (Crippled children), and the UTM Stadium fund. In one Boy Scout drive led by Frank Prins Jr., it was so successful, reported Bob Harrison, president at the time, that considerable difficulty was met trying to allot all the funds. Granville Parker, Dr. M. H. Buckley, Jim Crutcher, Hal Ramer, O. A. Marrs, Wade Freeman, and David Murphy are the names of some of the Rotarians most active in the drives for both crippled adults and crippled children. In recent years federal and state funding has replaced this Rotary effort. Duke Drumm led the tremendous UTM Stadium drive that netted over \$145,000 for a stadium for use by local college and high school teams.

Entertainment — Many excellent entertainment projects were sponsored to raise funds. The most successful perhaps was the Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians concert in October of 1963 when P. L. Summers was Club President. UTM's new fieldhouse was filled, and the funds obtained helped the stadium drive and made a good start on the Rotary Park. The following year Wayne King and his Orchestra were brought to Martin, and later, Jan Garber's Orchestra. As fund raisers the latter two did not prove too successful.

THE MISS MARTIN BEAUTY PAGEANT

Since its beginning in 1948, the Beauty Revue has furnished a good show and provided funds from the sale of program advertisement to use on other projects. The Miss Martins selected have ably represented their city, and several have taken additional honors, including Carolyn Milton and Janiece Crockett (Mrs. Bob Peeler) as Strawberry Festival Queens. Here is a list of the Miss Martins:

1948 — Jacqueline Glass	1963 — Brenda Wheat
1949 — Jackie Jackson	1964 — Linda Neese
1950 — Carolyn Milton	1965 — Cindy Vincent
1951 — Shirley Milton	1966 — Barbara Davis
1952 — Helen Lamb	1967 — Gloria Lykins
1953 — Virene Beard	1968 — Bonnie Scates
1954 — Janiece Crockett	1969 — Lisa Lundy/Jane Dodd
1955 — J. L. Prins	1970 — Denise Mays
1956 — Ruby Phillips	1971 — Pam Boyte
1957 — Nancy Knott	1972 — Julia White
1958 — Shirley Grooms	1973 — Martha White
1959 — Mary Elder Hicks	1974 — Carol Cochran
1960 — Norma Tuck	1975 — Seena Davidson
1961 — Linda Overall	1976 — Patti Pate
1962 — Cheryl Warmath	1977 — Janice Adams

HORSE SHOWS

From 1947 to 1950 the Club sponsored four Horse Shows on Harmon Field. Viron Beard and Milburn Gardner among other Rotarians were most active in directing the shows. The horse shows received good support and interest but a lack of an adequate ring for showing discouraged continuation of the project.

BENEFIT BASKETBALL GAMES

For several years benefit basketball games between Rotary and other civic groups proved popular and brought in some funds. They were lots of fun for the spectators but rather tough on some of the older participants whose muscles were soft and breath was short.

HAM BREAKFAST

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas each year the Rotarians look forward to serving Ham Breakfast ticket holders country ham, scrambled eggs, hot biscuits, grits, and molasses, during a 7-hour long breakfast period. It has been a well-patronized annual event since its beginning by Cecil Powell in 1963.

To raise funds Rotarians also have sold fruit cakes and other merchandise. They operated a concession stand at the County Fair for several years, and at the ball field during the summer recreation program for many years beginning in 1952.

THE PIG

In the early years the idea of fining members was frowned upon. More recently with tactful handling by skilled Sgts.-at-Arms considerable funds have been generated, fines being levied for having birthdays (\$1), advertising at meetings (\$1 to \$5), being late or leaving early (10¢) and for other "crimes and misdemeanors" as determined by the Sgt. at Arms. For a number of years this job was expertly done by "lawman" Archie Rainey. The fines are placed in a glass pig, and when the pig is fat it is sacrificed for what has accumulated inside.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Besides the fund-raising activities, there were those other projects supported by the funds raised. Perhaps it has been noted already that Martin Rotary from the very beginning has emphasized service to youth. The list of such projects sponsored or supported over the years is almost endless: student loans, library, band, Junior Rotarian, scholarship awards, Boy Scouts, Scout Hut, Boys State, Girls State, 4-H delegates, Allied Youth, Vocational Guidance Days, Crippled Children, youth playground, Little League baseball, exchange students, Rotary Foundation. Support for many of these continue to be given. Some, like the Scout Hut, blossomed and died.

THE SCOUT HUT

The Scout Hut was originally a Red Cross building at Camp Tyson near Paris. Under President Neil Bowden's leadership the Rotarians in 1947 with crowbars, hammers and trucks moved the building to the I. C. Park, where it later was re-erected and equipped for use by Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. In time it became also a popular place for hoboes and vandals. Scout meetings were then moved to the Methodist Youth Center and the building torn down.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE DAYS

When Jim Tice was President (1951-52) the Club sponsored, with the help of the Weakley County School Principals, its first Vocational Guidance Day, bringing to Martin the high school seniors of the county for counseling by representatives of various occupations and colleges. This day was an annual event for a number of years until the schools began to employ regular counselors.

ROTARY PARK

Perhaps Rotary Park is the Club's outstanding youth project, a suitable symbol of the strong interest Martin Rotarians have in serving the youth of the community. It represents a major commitment of Rotary funds, interest, and work by many members. It is a fitting project to bear the name of Rotary.

The Park grew out of earlier efforts of the Club to provide a summer recreation program for youth at Harmon Field, beginning about 1951. Fred Hatler, Cleo Dawson, and President Frank Dodd were among the members active in this project. Finally, the big push for the Park came with President Duke Drumm's administration (1962-63) and continued without letup through succeeding terms of P. L. Summers, Bob Glisson, Cecil Powell, Max King, Lloyd King, David Murphy and others. Guy Lombardo's concert in 1963 provided starting funds. The Club borrowed additional money to hurry the project along. The Rotary Park continues to be one of the big items in the Club budget.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Club combined its interest in youth with its interest in world understanding to bring to Martin outstanding young people from other countries. In 1961 under President Leonard Miles, and

with the help of the Methodist Church, the Rotarians brought Gebhard Schweigler from Germany under the International Christian Youth Exchange program. In 1962, a student from Brazil, Valerie de Deus, was hosted through the American Field Service program. Next year, a third student was Thorborg Remdahl from Sweden, again under ICYE. These three lived a year with Rotary families (Gene Stanford, Jim Tice, Norman Campbell) while attending Martin High School. Also, in 1963 a busload (38) of AFS exchange students from 20 countries spent a weekend in Martin, guests in the homes of Rotarians. In 1967 President Lloyd King led the Club in entertaining a group of young business men from Australia under the Rotary Foundation to study economic conditions in this area.

ROTARY AND UTM

From its beginning Martin Rotary has maintained a close working relationship with the branch of the University of Tennessee at Martin. The two grew up together, each helping the other. The College provided able men for Club leadership, an endless wealth of good club programs, and support for mutual efforts, especially in the fields of culture, ethics, and youth work.

Bill Powell, Junior College English professor, as Rotary President from 1929-32, helped greatly in the development of the Club in its early years. Much of what he started continued for many years. Under Clay Hardeman, the Club helped fight efforts by the state legislature to abolish the struggling Junior College. Later, in 1949 President Wayne Tansil, then a Martin merchant, organized a drive that finally gained senior college status for the institution. A big Junior College Appreciation Meeting greatly impressed UT President Brehm with the area's interest in the expansion of the local branch. A member of the Union City Rotary Club, Charlie Tomerlin, helped spearhead the drive and worked so closely and strenuously with the Martin Rotarians that they made him the Club's first and only honorary vice-president. Charlie said he liked to attend at Martin as much as he did his home club.

Duke Drumm and a lot of Martin Rotarians led the Pacer Stadium drive which raised \$145,000 for the concrete stands and lighting.

PIONEER DAY

Original with the Martin Club was its Pioneer Day project which honored the men of the community 80 years of age or older. The

first was held in 1934. It was the idea of Joe Brown, theatre manager and later Club Secretary and President. About 10 to 15 of the octogenarians attended. The largest number was 21, in 1938 and 1941, including several in their 90's. Many clubs throughout the country copied the idea.

RURAL-URBAN DAY

For years Rural-Urban Day was a popular project. Farmers and business men were brought together to discuss mutual problems and means of better cooperation. Some of the events were held in various rural communities, some at Rotary meetings. The Day is no longer sponsored, perhaps because it has now become difficult to distinguish farmer from business man.

SOME OTHER ACTIVITIES

Among other projects, the Club provided funds to equip a room at Volunteer Hospital. Its members were active in the city's Centennial celebration in 1972, and entered a Rotary float in the parade.

In 1955-56, the Martin Rotarians sponsored and organized a new Rotary Club in Milan.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

The Club has made sufficient additional contributions to the Rotary Foundation to qualify two members, Bud Pritchett and Viron P. Beard as Paul Harris Fellows.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Martin Rotary Club over the years, from its beginning in 1928 to the present, has tried to achieve the object of Rotary: "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, especially to foster

"1) The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

"2) High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

"3) The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to

his personal, business, and community life;

"4) The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service."

Others must decide how successful Martin Rotary has been in gaining its objective. The above history should at least show it tried.



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