

History of the Monticello Rotary Club

Rotary came to Monticello on December 26th, 1921, when the club held its first meeting in the S. M. Adamson home, then known as "Maples Inn", located just across the street north of the Public Library. The building still stands in the same location.

Monticello was the first small town to secure a Rotary Club. For some time a small group of Monticello business and professional men had been corresponding with Rotary International, then located in Chicago, to obtain a charter. These men were: Dr. T. M. Redmond, Fred J. Kay, J. J. Hayes and W. A. Beery. It was announced the Rotary Club's object was to encourage high ethical standards in business and professions and to develop an active interest in each Rotarian in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of the community. It was also an object of the organization to develop an interchange of ideas and business methods as a means of increasing the efficiency and usefulness of the individual members of the organization.

The Club's Charter was not presented until early in the spring of 1922. It was presented by Mr. Luther Brewer, District Governor, who was, at the time, owner of the Torch Press in Cedar Rapids. The Cedar Rapids Rotary Club was the sponsor of our club and records indicate that the presentation of Charter No. 1046 was a memorable occasion, which was attended by many Rotarians from Cedar Rapids. There were 17 Charter Members of the Monticello Rotary Club. They were:

Dr. A. M. Maurice - Dentist - Mayor - Jim's father
J. J. Hayes - Mortician - Marion Serbousek's father (County Nurse)
G. P. Rockstad - Manager West Side Lumber Yard
L. A. Iverson - Mortician - Business purchased by Cecil Goettsch
Fred J. Kay - Drug Store
Dr. T. M. Redmond - long time Physician (Physician of the Year)
W. A. Berry - Dry Goods Store where Schultz Bros. is now.
T. S. Lazell - Hardware store where White Pillars Furniture is now
J. T. Staff - Hotel where Post Office is now
F. A. Locher - Furniture Business
C. L. Van Meter - Operator of Greenhouse
V. L. Hanssen - Contractor
C. A. Doxsee - Publisher Monticello Express
P. W. Guilford - Operated Sweet Shop where Marv's Barbershop is now
R. C. Hoag - Hoag Duster Factory
Fred Stuhler - Shoe Business
John Liddy - Grocery Business with Emil Ricklefs

The following officers served the club during its early months. Fred Kay, President; W. A. Beery, Vice-President; Fred Stuhler, Secretary; Dr. T. M. Redmond, Treasurer; and L. A. Iverson, Sergeant-At-Arms. W. A. Berry was the first elected president of the organization the following Rotary Year.

By 1929 Monticello Rotary had added 36 members to the original 17 Charter Members bringing the total number of Rotarians, to that date, to 53. Over the years 12 of these had resigned.

In 1931, a big Anniversary observance was held. Bill Berry, Dr. T. M. Redmond, Louis Hoag, and Fred Stuhler, all charter members, gave the history of the Club, told of its accomplishments and the advantages of belonging to Rotary.

In 1931 some indications of Club activity may be seen from the fact that there were "Two Inter-City meetings, four ladies parties, eighteen outside speakers, with many guests and visiting speakers. In this year we were represented at all conferences and conventions, had 7 perfect attendance Rotarians (Including B. B. McLaughlin), revised the Boy Scout movement through efforts of T. E. Hamilton, held a Dinner Dance for our Rotary Anns and on June 29th adjourned a meeting because of the intense heat.

On November 7th, 1932, a political debate proved to be a "hair raiser". Two of the debaters accused each other of carrying concealed weapons. A frisking by Rotarians uncovered two 38-caliber guns, several knives and a razor. Before the debate began the two debaters fled the preparation room.

Acting Secretary Bill Berry declared in his minutes that 1933 was the most unusual year in history. In this Rotary-Year the Philippines were freed, there was world-wide depression, a hot November election, legalization of 3.2 beer, the start of the repeal of the 18th amendment, failure by foreign nations to pay their war debts, going off the gold standard by almost the entire world. These are just a few of the events causing this to be a year of uncertainty! In spite of all these "earth-shaking" events Monticello Rotary marched steadily forward with 21 members. Three Inter-City meetings were held, there were an amazing number (20) 100 percent meetings, and 10 members had perfect attendance and the Club held its first Bridge Party and Dance. Those having 100 percent attendance were: Iverson, Doxsee, Stuhler, Locher, Palmer, Grimes, McLaughlin, Balster and Berry. A resolution of Appreciation was presented the Monticello State Bank "for the able manner in which bank affairs have been conducted and services rendered to the community". Henry M. Carpenter accepted the resolution for the bank, which had remained firm and strong throughout the depression. One memorable evening in 1933 the Club entertained the famous Cherry Sisters who performed in their inimitable fashion.

Burt McLaughlin was president of the club during the 1933-34 Rotary Year. In 1934, the year of the Valentine massacre, the Tri-City Meeting with Anamosa and the Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Club had it's beginning in the form of a picnic at the Palisades Park near Mt. Vernon. On January 31st, Rotarian George Guyan, Postmaster and founder of the local George Washington Chapter of the Order of DeMolay, passed away. At the Anniversary Dinner in 1934 only five of the original 17 Charter members were still living.

A committee composed of Rotarians T. M. Redmond, Stead Carpenter and Harry Stuhler was named to promote a swimming pool in the city in 1935.

A Rotary Anniversary was observed in 1939 with John Locher presenting a history of the Club. Charles Doxsee gave the History of the Monticello Express, which except for Stuhlers Shoe Store is the oldest business in Monticello. James "Jim" Maurice was president of the Club which sponsored an Athletic Banquet which jointly honored the football teams of Monticello and Anamosa. Arch Grimes announced the first District High School Music Contest to be held here. Secretary in 1938-39 was Bill Shaffer. One of the entertainment features of the 1939-year was the appearance before the club of that famous team - Lum and Abner.

Ed Huibregtse was president in 1940-41 and Tom Hamilton, secretary. Monticello Rotary entertained Farmers in the area at a special meeting in 1941. This year they held a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and enjoyed their annual "Smelt Dinner" with the Community Club. The Commander of the C.C.C. Camp at Monticello was one of the speakers during the year. The camp was located in the Football Field - Swimming Pool area, which at one time was somewhat a swamp. It was in 1941 that President Arch Grimes asked Boyd Shannon to serve as Club Secretary, a post that he subsequently held for 29 years. Boyd replaced Jim Maurice who was leaving for military service. Boyd was inducted into the club by Dr. T. M. Redmond on August 4, 1941. During that year the world-famous Miler Glenn Cunningham spoke to the club.

At that time there were 29 members in the club and dues were \$10.00 per quarter. Goudy's Cafe was located in the building now occupied by the Gamble Store. Members held their regular meetings and were served in a room over the Cafe. Meals were 50 cents each, having originally been 40 cents. The club had moved to Goudy's May 7th, 1939 after 16 years of continuous meetings at Maples Inn owned by Mrs. S. M. Adamson. Chuck Cownie of Des Moines was District Governor and Monticello Rotary at this time was a part of District 132.

The records indicate that of the 29 members of the 1941-42 Club only seven still remain. They are: Leigh Clark, Ed Huibregtse, James Maurice, Burt McLaughlin, Dr. C. G. Thomas, Don Sutherland and Boyd Shannon. In 1942 the war freeze on auto sales was on. Monticello Rotary participated in Bond Drives, Scrap Drives and Red Cross Drives. Members served on the Ration Board. Others provided addressed envelopes to boys in the service. Rotary participated during this year, in an attendance contest with Marengo and there was talk of redistricting the 132nd District.

Mr. Goudy went out of business in late 1942 and the Methodist ladies served our first regular meal on December 28, 1942 in the Community Building. By 1943 we were well into World War II. Speakers for the year included Capt. Jim Maurice of the Engineers, Bob Hogan, Dick Cartano, George Doxsee, Lt. Max Palmer and Vernon Meier. Patriotic films were shown and a group of WACS appeared on one of our programs. George and Sig Guyan talked of "Readjustment Problems" and "Post-War Planning". Dr. DeShaw spoke on his visit to Camp Dodge. The club presented Arch Grimes, who was moving to Boone, with a

rocking chair. The club moved to sponsor the Boy Scouts with Carl Schneider in charge.

In 1944, John Locher reviewed the political situation and the Club ran an election pool. The club held a joint meeting with the Community Forum. Social Security and Unemployment Compensation were discussed. Glenn Hargrave read a letter on "Wage and Price Controls". The club conducted a clothing collection. Carl Schneider was the club's representative on a swimming pool committee. In the meantime our Scouts were being hauled to Mt. Vernon for use of the pool there. POW Camps also came under discussion. There was a coal shortage at the Community Building, which forced cancellation of one of the club's meetings.

The year 1945 brought Bob Savage into the club and Jim Maurice back from the service bringing the club's membership to 35. Jerry Pasker talked to the club and Ross Baty discussed the Fat Steer Show to be held in connection with the Jones County Fair. Guests of the club included Bob Mullen and his Sacred Heart Girls, who were being honored for State Tournament Participation; Grover Miede, Jones County 4-H Leader; and Prof. Don Hawkins of Lennox College. The atomic bomb was discussed, as was a permanent location for Rotary International. There was discussion of the new football field and track. Our local airport manager also spoke to the club. By 1945 meals had been raised to 60 cents and we had our first "5th Quarter" assessment.

The Silver Anniversary of the Monticello Rotary Club was observed on December 19, 1946. Guests at this delightful occasion included President and Mrs. James Killen and Secretary and Mrs. James Keever of the Cedar Rapids Club, 33 local Rotarians and their Rotary Anns. Three charter members were present. They were: C. A. Doxsee, Dr. T. M. Redmond and Fred Stuhler. This gala affair took place in the Community Building beginning with a 6:30 P.M. dinner. Don Sutherland, who was president, welcomed the group and then turned the meeting over to Si Locher who acted as Master of Ceremonies. Guests were seated at a large "U-shaped table lighted with tall red candles. A garland of Christmas green extended the length of the table and the place cards printed in silver displayed the Rotary Emblem and the words "25th Anniversary". In the center of the speaker's table was a colorful bouquet of chrysanthemums which carried congratulations from the Lions Club. Toastmaster Locher spoke briefly concerning Rotary Ideals. Mr. Killen and Mr. Keever gave brief talks. A three-tier anniversary cake was then placed on the speaker's table and each charter member carved a slice. Following this ceremony entertainers from WMT Radio presented a program on the stage which had a background of Christmas figures and two silver Christmas Trees. The roster of Monticello Rotarians in attendance included: Donald Allen, Ross Baty, Guy Bonwell, Eldon Brashaw, Halstead M. Carpenter, Leigh Clark, Charles A. Doxsee, Arch Edwards, Cecil Goettsch, T. E. Hamilton, Glenn Hargrave, George Harris, Ed Huibregtse, Wade Long, John J. Locher, Simon E. Locher, Max McCrabb, Burton B. McLaughlin, James Maurice, Robert Mullen, James W. Nelson, Dr. Tom Redmond, Dr. Robert Savage, Boyd Shannon, Arthur Skelley, Clayton A. Palmer, Robert Kopp, c. R. Stephen and Fred S. Stuhler.

In 1946 an unsuccessful attempt was made to move Rotary Headquarters from Chicago to Denver. Clarence Hosford and Bob Muller were inducted into the Club. Cecil Goettsch and Max McCrabb attended the Rotary International convention in San Francisco. Stead Carpenter discussed the expansion of the Fairgrounds.

Paul Harris, founder of Rotary died on February 14th, 1947 during Cecil Goettsch's term of office. This year, Monticello Rotary raised its dues from \$10 to \$15 per quarter. Louis Morf was inducted as a new member as was Jim Nelson. Harry Stuhler was welcomed back into the club. Joint meetings were held with Cascade and Anamosa in addition to our annual Tri-City Meeting with Anamosa and Mt. Vernon-Lisbon. Work began on the swimming pool and a Boy Scout Picnic was held.

The club entertained the teachers in 1948 with Boyd Shannon as president. Lyle Quinn spoke to the club. Other speakers during 1948 were Chuck Worcester, popular WMT farm editor, and Paul Brechler, SUI Athletic Director who showed films of Iowa in the Rose Bowl. The Jones County Beef banquet was initiated. The club heard the History of the John McDonald Hospital.

District 132 was broken up in an East-West division in 1949 and we became a part of District 191. In this year Bud McNeill became a member. New Rotary road signs were erected. A lighted baseball field was discussed. Jerry Naylor spoke on "Civil Air Defense". Other speakers during the year included Dr. Hew Roberts of SUI, Dr. Paul Locher, Washington, D. C., Ed Beach of R.E.A. and Congressman Talle. Rotary Anns were entertained at a "Ladies Night". Bob Mullen was president during the 1949-50 Rotary Year.

In 1950, Bucky O'Connor, popular Hawkeye Basketball Coach spoke to the club at its annual Athletic Banquet. The Greater Monticello Committee (GMC) was considered. Merle Jacobsen, our fine scoutmaster resigned this year. David Hamilton told of the Korean War.

On March 19th, 1951, during Ray Adam's term of office, we moved from the Community Building to our present location in the St. Luke's Methodist Church. The Aims and Objects Program of Rotary was changed to the present Committee system. Ed Lyons of Dubuque (Mr. Rotary) addressed the Club. We engaged the Lions in a baseball game, bought War Bonds, sent representatives to GMC, entertained the teachers, discussed parking meters, set up a blood bank, heard Atty. Gen. Robert L. Larson, held an athletic banquet with Forrest Evashevski as speaker and heard Stuart Stuhler speak on "Red Cross" with Monticello being considered an evacuation center for Des Moines in case of atomic attack.

The year 1952 saw Royal Hunt, Andy Strittmatter and Jerry Naylor inducted into the club bringing our membership to 42. This year was the year of reclassification of all members. District 191 held a golf tourney in Cedar Rapids. Nine Monticello members participated. A Bloodmobile came to Monticello on Sept. 17, 1952. The club participated in a "Dairy Dinner". Al McNeill organized a baseball pool; Si

Locher, an election pool. We participated in the March of Dimes; and held a joint Rotary-Lions Athletic Banquet. Cliff Strawman, our State Representative, spoke to the club.

The Scout Cabin (Known as the Old Cass Cabin) was purchased in 1953 by the Boys Work Committee. Rotary raised \$769.00 and \$759.00 was raised outside of Rotary for the project. Clarence Hosford was president. Speakers at club activities included Dr. Marcus Bach, Chuck Worcester, and Lyle Quinn. The district golf tourney was held in Monticello. Membership increased to 49.

The year 1954 under Pres. Bud McNeill saw the formation of a Rotary Quartet which included Ray Adams, Joe Erler, Larry Heyerdahl, and Dick Long. Speakers during the year included: Adolph Rupp, Frank Carideo, Paul Weiler, Paul Knipe, Dean Morey, Rev. Kehren. There was a demonstration of the solar battery by Bell Telephone Company representatives.

In 1955 our dues were raised to \$20 per quarter. All Rotarians had their blood typed to participate in a "Walking Blood Bank". The club toured the new Carpenter School and heard a History of the Cuckler Building Company. Jerry Reichow spoke at the Athletic Banquet.

Dr. T. M. (Tom) Redmond was named Doctor of the Year in 1956. President was David Cuckler. The club entertained Eagle Scouts John Baty and John Fraser. Phog Allen spoke at the Athletic Banquet. Other speakers heard during the year were: Representative Russell Eldred; C. R. Gazette Frank Nye; City Manager John Behn and Coach Dean Nelson, our then new High School Coach.

In 1957 District 191 was realigned and we became a part of District 597. Joe Sage of Waterloo was the first District Governor of our new District 597. Ross Baty was our official representative to the Rotary International Convention at Lucerne, Switzerland. He was accompanied by his Rotary-Ann and his son, John. Rotarians Roy Miller and Max McCrabb and their Rotary Anns also attended. The Tri-City Party in 1957 was postponed because of the flu. Boyd Shannon discussed the "Proposed Community School District". Johnny Jones talked in favor of a "Teen-Age Driver's Club". The club during the year heard talks by Dist. Gov. Max Clark, Rev. John Willms, Dr. Dolan and Paul Jarman of Anamosa, J. E. Heiserman and Bill Corbin. Andy Strittmatter was president.

By 1958 Club Membership had increased to 51. Louis Morf was president. Ted Krouse was inducted. Bob Behrends and Paul Vanourny were honored as our newest Eagle Scouts. We had a demonstration of dial phones. Dr. Tom Redmond died and the club fittingly cancelled its meeting in his memory.

In 1959 Harry Stuhler gave a "History of the Jones County Fair". The Club honored Eagle Scouts Steve Balster, David Savage and Orvin Yeoman. Also honored were the High School Basketball Teams and the Sacred Heart Girls team for participation in State Tourneys. Jim Nelson was president in 1959. District Governor was Ben Phillips. Club membership soared to a record 56 members.

In 1960 Pres. Virgil Hunt engaged the club in a Club Cholesterol check. Bob Nance talked of the National Corn-Picking Contest to be held on Rotarian Bert Ballou's farm. Other speakers heard during the year included Rep. Russell Eldred on Reapportionment; Senator Elijah; Frank Nye; Dist. Gov. Kaster; Judy Sutherland; "Steamboat Bill" Peterson of SUI; Louis Toussaint of Haiti and Bert Ballou who spoke on "The Conant Report". This year we participated in a Rotary-Lions Olympics and a Rotary-Lions Liars Contest.

The year 1961 saw Dr. Robert Myers as president with 54 members. This year we spent \$100 for Scout Cabin repairs, held our annual family picnic, participated in the Tri-City Party, an election pool, a Rural Urban Banquet, our annual Christmas Party featuring the Vigortones quartet, the annual District Golf Tourney at Webster City, and a Dinner with the Scouts at the Scout Cabin. This year Rep. Russell Eldred died. Finn Skjaerlund was supported as our AFS Student from Denmark. The first Annual SUI Athletic Banquet was held at the Youth Center on Monday, March 19th, 1961.

In 1962-63 our president was Dr. Robert Savage. This year Ron Litherland, our High School Counselor joined the club. We held a joint meeting with Anamosa Rotary, designated "Partners in Progress", which was held in the Strawberry Hill School. John Savage was honored as our newest Eagle Scout. We toured the new High School Addition with Boyd Shannon and Ray Stumbaugh as guides. The TriCity Party was held here. This year we voted to share annually with the Lions Club the cost of an A.F.S. Student. The cost this year was \$350 per club. Our program this year included information on Telstar and The World's Fair at Seattle, and Life Support In Outer Space. We also heard Ford Roberts of WMT and Dr. Bealka of the Mental Health Institute in Independence.

During Roy Miller's year, 1963-64, we continued toward a fund to bring the Aquiar family from Cuba to the U. S. by way of Spain. Our District Governor was Eugene Garbee, president of the Upper Iowa University. During the year we honored J. J. Locher on completing 50 years of practice of law in Monticello. We also honored new Eagle Scouts Richard Krein and Mark Vanourny. We held all of our established parties and meetings and heard a number of interesting programs among which were: Ray and Izetta Stumbaugh outlining the Band trip to the World Fair in New York and Lynn Balster who told of her experiences in a Kibbutz in Israel. We entertained the Honor Society and advisor Ray Stumbaugh. At our Christmas Party we were entertained by the Y.M.C.A. Chorus and Bell Ringers from Des Moines.

In 1964-65 Royal Hunt was our president. Our District Governor was John McBurney. The price of our meals rose to \$1.25. John Locher read a resolution honoring Jerry Pasker, who was killed in a plane accident. A copy was sent to Mrs. Pasker on 27 July 1964. Our A.F.S. Student this year was Quan Tran of Vietnam. Under the A.F.S. Program we sent Cathy Hall from this country to Turkey where she spent a summer and reported back to us. We observed Rotary International's 60th Anniversary, won the Rotary-Lions Golf Tourney, participated

in the District Tourney, toured the Cuckler Company Plant, and held Teen-Hops to raise funds for our projects.

This year Dale Greenawald, High School Principal, brought and honored outstanding seniors from Monticello and Sacred Heart High Schools. Among these were: Paul Wilcox, Paul Specht, Dick Wahl, Rob Hosford, and Dan Hinrichs from Monticello High School and Bob Hines, Bernard Featherstone, and Bernard Luensman from Sacred Heart High School. We conducted all of our usual Rotary activities and heard many interesting programs. Speakers included: Warren Haugh, George Darrington and Bill Dutcher of WMT, Sue Schneider of the Iowa Highlanders, Ann Brainerd, Cecil Reed, and Dr. Caraway. At one of our meetings we sampled some of the artificial meats provided by Raymond E. Adams.

In 1965-66 our dues were raised to \$25.00 per quarter. We initiated a Rotary Bulletin with Dale Greenawald as editor, a job he still holds. Our club also started an Interact Club on November 8, 1965, with the club's first installation being held in connection with a Regular Rotary Meeting. During the year we had representatives at the Denver Convention and President Les Balster attended the Atlantic City Convention. We held our usual Rotary affairs. The Tri-City Party was held here, we entertained the Football Team, we held the Rotary-Lions Party with Dr. William Maucker as speaker, we helped sponsor the Athletic Banquet, and held our Annual Christmas Party. We also held a family picnic. During the year J. J. Locher, our oldest living Rotarian was hospitalized and Jerry Naylor was downed in a plane accident in Mexico. Boyd Shannon was presented with a black onyx desk set with an inscription honoring him for 25 years of faithful service as Secretary of the Monticello Rotary Club. Our District Governor was Elmer Lindhart. Jane Sara was our popular A.F.S. student. One of our programs featured an amplified phone call to Col. C. J. Matthiessen at NORAD Headquarters. We toured the Franklin Company and each Rotarian received a small inscribed bar as a souvenir. We heard talks by David Bruka, Phillip Cadeaux, Bill Schwartz, Ann Ellsworth, Gene Pratt, Nancy Deischer, Dr. Myers and Rep. David Stanley

During Jack Knopp's administration of 1966-67 we held the Rotary District Assembly at the Heights. Jim Walmsley, District Governor and Governor-Elect Boyd Shannon were both present and we had a grand day. During the year Peter Clark of Burrowford, England, a Technical Training Scholar visited the club. Dr. Hosford was named president of the Alumni Association. The club gave Interact \$497 for its help with ticket sales to the Travel and Adventure Series. This year we attended the Tri-City Party in Mt. Vernon and saw the play "Say Darling". Cornell president Christ-Janer was with us. The Rotary-Lions Program was on Hawaii. Films were shown of the Monticello and Anamosa Centennials by Glenn Lambert.

Jerry Naylor was president during the 1967-68 Rotary Year. His year began with a Fireside Meeting at his home in Scotch Grove. This was Rotary International's 50th year - Our Golden Anniversary and was an eventful year. Boyd Shannon was District Governor - Monticello's first. Boyd took a lot of ribbing following a Honda accident in which he suffered a broken leg. However, he had an excellent year as the head-man of District 597. During the year the usual Rotary

Functions were observed, starting with the Annual Family Picnic in July and including a dinner for teachers at the Youth Center with Rex Conn as speaker, the Travel and Adventures Series, Tri-City Party, Rotary-Lions Party, Athletic Banquet, District Assembly at Manchester, and our annual World Series pool. New members welcomed into the club were: Paul Elmegreen, Glenn Bender, Louis Freese, Gus Norlin, John Giegerich, Roy Goughnour, Larry Robertson and Harold White, bringing our membership to 52 plus four honorary members. Raymond E. Adams rejoined the club after a long absence due to his duties as our Scoutmaster. Boyd Shannon was honored at a District Forum in Cedar Rapids with a Governor's Banquet. Les Balster presided over the first District Interact Conference in Waterloo and Ray Kleinow attended the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City. Interact took a trip to Toluca, Mexico with sponsors Les Balster and Jack Knopp. We attended the Leadership Forum in Waterloo on October 6th. We contributed \$147.50 toward tornado relief at Charles City and Oelwein and held Teen Hops, which netted \$85.00 toward club expenses. On June 2nd we held a Fly-in Breakfast at the Airport. Harry Stuhler and Rex Ricklefs were hospitalized for a time. Dick Long moved to Denver and Dale Greenawald filled out Dick's year as Secretary. Glenn Bender moved to Cedar Rapids. In April we welcomed the Study Exchange Team from Australia under their leader Harold Funnell. Arvin Woeste became our Scoutmaster, replacing Bill Beyer. Michael McNeill was our A.F.S. Student abroad to Switzerland. Programs heard included Prof. Kanopa who talked on Business Conditions in Monticello; Rigo Bert Arecess, telling of Castro's Cuba; Suzy Menoz and Cecilia Perej, Exchange Students; David Balster; Ray Kleinow on Laser and many others. A special entertainment was the UNI chorus featuring, Sheri Greenawald.

In the 1968-69 Rotary Year two of our oldest and most revered Rotarians passed away. They were J. J. Locher and Fred Stuhler. President Kleinow inaugurated an A.F.S. Birthday Fund which requires each Rotarian on his birthday to contribute 5 cents for each year of age to the A.F.S. Fund. This year we collected \$174 for Tornado Relief. Keith Lubbock spoke on Civil Defense. We took part in an Inter-City meeting at Manchester, entertained the TriCity Party with Dist. Gov. Leo Schule and speaker, visited the Bell Telephone Company and the Underground AT & T installation 6 miles northeast of town, held a Christmas Party, a Rotary-Lions Party and an Athletic Banquet. Programs included: A tour of Energy, Films of Russia with Dr. Senft, talks by Warden Haugh, Senator Mills, Ed Rustio, Cty. Atty. Story, Virgil Oakman of Collins Radio, Jack Knopp speaking on Indian Bluffs, Arch Edwards on Computerized Retailing, Leigh Clark on the Old Cars, Bob Patten on the Public Library, Mrs. Eugene Rees, Michiko Yamaguchi from Dubuque University, Fred Lutti, our A.F.S. Student, Harvey Gilbertson on World Hunger plus many others including Max Specht on Europe. This year Bob Mullen's girls team won 19 straights, Jim Nelson was elected G.M.C. President; Dale Greenawald wrote a History of the Monticello Schools, Downtown Storefront Rejuvenation was promoted, we attended the District Leadership Forum and Assembly at Independence and the District Conference at Mason City and were entertained by the Shannon School Chorus.

Following a rainy Fireside Meeting at Boyd Shannon's Cabin, Dale Greenawald took over as president in 1969-70. This, like many of our others, was an extremely busy year. Paul Barger was District Governor and Boyd Shannon, our Secretary. During the year Harry Stuhler died and Boyd Shannon retired as Supt. of Schools after 40 years of service to Monticello. In April the club sponsored "Boyd Shannon Day" attended by a host of friends including Leo Grether, I.H.S.M.A., Bernie Saggau, I.H.S.A.A., Congressman Culver, Rep. Miller and Arch Grimes. Boyd Shannon, J. J. Locher and Stead Carpenter were elected to the Monticello Express Hall of Fame. We held an Interact Initiation and Interact took a trip to Boston. We also viewed an Interact Installation. We held a Family Picnic, Teacher's night, Rotary-Lions Party, Tri-City Meeting at Mt. Vernon where we saw "The Devil's Advocate", Inter-City Meeting with Manchester as our guests and with Jim Walmsley and two members of the Australian Study Team as our speakers, a Christmas Party and many other affairs. John Messerli, our new Supt. of Schools visited the club. We again sponsored a Travel & Adventure Series and helped sponsor the Annual Athletic Banquet for S.U.I. and local athletic squads. Cecil Goettsch was Chmn. of the affair which feted the Big Ten Champs and Coach Ralph Miller, winners of 14 straight in the Big Ten. The affair drew 1200 fans. We attended WMT Sports Night honoring Tait Cummins. We also attended Independence's 50th anniversary party and the District Assembly in Charles City where Boyd Shannon and Dale Greenawald served as Group Leaders. Les Balster, chaired the District Interact Conference at Waterloo. Our Interact Team took 2nd place in the Chicago Interact Basketball Tourney. We heard a Multi-Media presentation by H. S. Literature Students. New members added during the year were Harlan Hawker, Lynn Smith, Martin Wade and Arnold Seitz bringing membership to 52. We heard talks by Rep. Roy Miller, Judge J. E. Heiserman, Laurel Pennock, John Clausia, Mrs. Gilbertson, Steve Zumbach, Dr. Weland, Dr. and Selma DeShaw, Russell Newlin, Bill Corbin (Civil War), Pete Bryant, Kent Knopp (Philmont), Mike Dirks, Al Erdahl, Ed Huibregtse (Europe), J. Logan Caine (Storefronts), Ted Krouse, (A History of Cucklers) Mohammed Baskers, our A.F .S. student from Morocco, and members of the Manchester Toastmasters. We had a Financial Quiz by Jim Maurice and wrote a letter to Gov. Ray deploring the situation at the University of Iowa. Dr. Hosford was elected to the School Board and Bob Peck, president of GMC. Bob Mullen's Jane Intlekofer was "Cover Girl" on the Iowa Girls High School State Tourney Program. We participated in the District Golf Tourney.

1970-71 H. M. "Johnny" Jones completed his year in the presidency just last June and an interesting year it proved to be. William E. Welk was president of Rotary International and Clayton Christensen, District Governor of District 597. Keith Lubbock took over as Club Secretary and Arnold Seitz as Sgt-at-Arms. We began the year with 50 members and dues were still \$25.00 per quarter. John Giegerich was elected to the Board of Directors, Louis Freese was elected Vice-President. During the year we held the usual Rotary functions - the annual family picnic, the Tri-City Party at Anamosa, the Christmas Party, the Joint Rotary/Lions Party, the party for New Teachers, the Travel & Adventure Series. We also entertained the Japanese Study Team at a picnic in the Youth Center. We also helped sponsor Dr. DeShaw Night. During the year we lost Rotarian Martin Wade who moved to

California. On the other hand we gained 6 new members including John Messerli, Willis Longer, Lou Holley, Lowell Smith, Norval Clemons and Jack Spargur. We continued to support the A.F.S. Program but also participated in a new program known as Youth For Understanding (Y.F.U.) Kerstin Ronnblom of Sweden was our A.F.S. Student and Monica Haker of Germany our Y.F.U. Student. We also sponsored Interact. We obtained a new Scoutmaster - Jim Althouse of the Cuckler organization, a former Eagle Scout. During the year we had some fine programs. The included David Greska, District Scout Executive; Dick Schultz, SUI Head Basketball Coach; Glenn Maas of the Bell Telephone Company; Lt. Col. Jim Matthiessen; Arch Edwards; Patrolman Gene Koble; Lynn Smith; Ross Reinheimer and Oakdale Panel; Robert Meyer; Senator Clifton Lamborn; Cliff Wears; Gary Palmer; Bob Savage; Howard Skelley's; Leigh Clark; John Messerli; Monica Haker; Kerstin Ronnblom; Ray Petrazelka; Kent Knopp; Bill Jansen; our Gov's Representative; Esther Gilbertson and students; "Cowboy" Charlie Hunt; Leo Waggoner; Mike Dirks of the Philadelphia Eagles; Herbert Nichols of the Bell Telephone Co. in New York; Bob Shimanek; Andy Strittmatter; Rev. Benjamin Wild; Jim Maurice. We collected money for disaster victims in Chile and Southern U.S. Direct Dialing was announced for February by Rotarian Kleinow.

Rotarians Max McCrabb and Arch Edwards toured Australia and New Zealand. Rex Ricklefs was named an Honorary Member of Rotary.

And now we are well into our anniversary year - fifty years beyond our humble beginning on December 26, 1921.