

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB

President Thomas M. Hammond's Year
1940-41

The April 18, 1940 ROTOSCOPE relates this item under Coming Events: "Saturday Evening, July 6, Hotel Huntington Installation Night for the club's new officers. Committee in charge, Barney Barnett, Jim Cassidy, Clarence Fetterman."

July 6, 1940 arrived and at the Installation Night, came the long anticipated finale to John Barton's administration, and Coronation Night for the new president, Tom Hammond. It was rumored that some of the members did not remember the events of this event.

President Tom set July 27 for his first club assembly at Eaton's Cafe. The club assembly was a huge success. The year's plan and objectives were outlined. Vocational Service, the keystone of Rotary, will provide the foundation for our labors; improvement in all phases of Vocational Service is our objective.

To better acquaint the community with San Marino Rotary, the club held a Bar-B-Q and a picnic on the recreation grounds of Huntington School on the evening of August 29. The boys of the Rotary Scout Troop and their fathers were guests of the club.

San Marino Rotary sponsored a monster golf tournament and jamboree held at Altadena Golf Club on Thursday, October 24th. Guy Lauderbaugh and Committee were in charge of arrangements.

President Tom had many requests for his speech "Gold in Kentucky." Edwin "Ed" C. Hyde became the thirty first member of the club. His classification was Art Metal Work.

During Tom's year, the club sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 4. President Tom not only encouraged the boys to be better scouts, but gave many talks during the year.

Badminton and golf were the main recreational activities of the club. It seems that Guy Lauderbaugh always served the wrong court and Elmer Neher lost his money when he bet on the outcome of the badminton games. In February, the club joined with other clubs for a good will tour of Mexico. The trip included 3,300 miles to and from Mexico City by air, 700 miles in side trips by auto, covering historic and prehistoric points of interest in Southern Mexico, and meetings with the Rotary Clubs of Mexico City and Cuernavaca. The entire cost, including hotels, etc., was \$250.00 per person.

Frank Collins agreed to print the ROTOSCOPE at the reasonable figure of \$1.50 per week. To pay for the printing, a resolution was passed to assess each member in alphabetical rotation for one issue of the ROTOSCOPE. Thus, a member would pay \$1.50 every 32nd issue.

Ham Stevens was selected as a delegate to attend the Rotary International Convention in Denver. San Marino Rotarians were proud of the part their members played at the fourth annual conference of District 107 held at the

Huntington Hotel. Governor Jim Ingham gave signal honor to San Marino Rotary for their part in the conference.

The last meeting of the old Board of Directors, presided by President Tom Hammond, was held at Tom's home Monday evening, June 2. President Tom was to go on an extended business trip in June and, therefore, would miss the last three club meetings of his presidency.

At the last meeting of President Tom Hammond's Rotary year, Guy Lauderbaugh commented: "We wish to most sincerely give to Tom Hammond our thanks and full appreciation of his masterful and proficient conducting of our affairs and our meetings for the past year. At all times, he had complete control of any situation - a combined atmosphere of dignity and good fellowship and the high ideals of Rotary."



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