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THE GOLD COAST

Harold Cooper, son-in-law of Warren Montgomery and nephew of Dudley Montgomery, who is at present visiting in Madison, is going to talk to the Rotary Club Thursday on "The Gold Coast" in Africa.

Mr. Cooper, an Englishman, after completing his education at Cambridge came to America and earned a degree at Yale before returning to England and accepting a government position in the Colonial Service. He has been stationed on "The Gold Coast" for several years and has a most interesting story to tell of that far away country. You'll enjoy it.

THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

All hats off to John St John, Billy Huels, Bob Nickles, Bill Walker and Yutch Welton, the committee which had complete charge of the arrangements for the Silver Anniversary dinner held last Thursday evening at the Hotel Loraine. We have never heard of a finer, more unique program for an anniversary meeting than those fellows arranged. It took weeks of planning but no detail was overlooked.

The party, the largest ever held by the Club, was in honor of the "Class of 1913", the fellows, then young men, who grasped the Rotary idea and ideals and who builded well the foundation of the Club of today. They richly deserve every honor that can be bestowed upon them. It was their party and everyone present was delighted to see those twelve pioneer members and their ladies enjoy themselves.

Space will not permit an adequate description of the program. The members of the Class of 1913 with their ladies sat at a table directly in front of the speakers' platform. Directly behind them at six round tables were the Past District Governors and Past Presidents and their ladies, while extended across the hall were long tables.

As the members and guests entered the Crystal ball room they found a sixteen page anniversary program at each plate. The tables were tastefully decorated with spring flowers contributed by Fred and Karl Rentschler, while the head table was banked with palms. Each member had been presented with a box as he called for his button. At the close of the dinner, John St John asked each to open his box and place the candle on the cake inside. As the candles were lighted John Felsher lighted the 25 candles on the gigantic 4-story birthday cake in the center of the room. The room lights were then turned off and twenty-five 12-inch stars on the ceiling began to twinkle—a beautiful sight.

Seated at the head table were President Louie Gardner, Chairman John St John, Governor Oscar Stotzer, Charles G. Campbell, Past International Director Bud Jackson, Rev. Ed Kennedy, who pronounced the invocation, Secretary Paul Hunter and their ladies, and President Emeritus Paul P. Harris of Rotary International.

After singing America and the invocation, President Gardner welcomed into membership Ralph Ammon, Ben Anderson, Frank Davies, Maurice Park and Len Trachte and then presented the members of the Class of 1913 with silver badges and Louis Hirsig with a gold life membership card for his outstanding attendance record. Greetings and congratulations from other Clubs and Rotarians were read by the Secretary.

Charles G. Campbell, who although not at that time a Rotarian, but later a member of Old Number One in Chicago and now of Kewaunee, Wis., briefly told of selling the Rotary idea to Bob Nickles while here on a business trip in the early spring of 1913.

With John St John, presiding, and Billy Huels as Father Time, the early history of the Club was presented in a most unique manner. Then the Class of 1913 reenacted a meeting of 25 years ago. Trumpeters sounded and a "Parade of years" was started. A son or daughter of a Rotarian, who was born during the year they represented, marched in, each carrying a banner giving the year represented, the President at that time and an outstanding event during his administration.

LEST WE FORGET

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

F. William (Billy) Huels, March 29.
Daniel H. (Dan) Otis, March 30.
Ralph E. Ammon, March 31.
Raymond F. (Ray) Dvorak, March 31.
Byron H. (By) Stebbins, March 31.
James R. (Jim) Law, April 1.
Howard F. Weiss, April 1.
Emmert L. (Bill) Wingert, April 2.

Hal Thorkelson, former member, talked to the Club on the Rockefeller General Education Board and its functions. Charley Campbell told of selling Rotary to Bob Nickles twenty years before.

Billy Devine, Fay Elwell, Grover Neff and Will Renk were elected Directors at the annual meeting. Fred Rentschler was admitted to membership.

The tenth anniversary of the organization of the Club was celebrated, with the members admitted each year sitting together with their President.

George Hambrecht spoke on the Industrial Commission—Factory Inspection and Workmen's Compensation.

Fourteen attended the second meeting of the Club and nine new members were elected. A committee on permanent organization was appointed.

E. J. L. Cotton, Acoustical Engineering,
Hinckley, England.
Paul P. Harris, Rotary International,
Chicago.
Art Lueck, Law, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Clint Karstaedt, Newspapers, Beloit,
Wis.
Fred Stare, Vegetable Canning, Colum-
bus, Wis.
Charley Campbell, Furniture Mfg., Ke-
waunee, Wis.
E. J. Parma, Laboratory Furniture, Ke-
waunee, Wis.
Oscar Stotzer, Monuments, Milwaukee,
Wis.
Jim Crouch, Books, Waukesha, Wis.
Fred Strong, Canned Food Mfg., Wau-
kesha, Wis.
Charley Pendock, Gas Engines, Mfg.,
West Allis, Wis.

Mar. 9—Lange at Guatemala City,
Guatemala.
Mar. 14—Murphy at Wausau, Wis.
Mar. 16—Ralph Jones at Selma, Calif.
Mar. 17—Campbell at Miami, Fla.
Doudna at Wisconsin Rapids,
Wis.
Ott at Miami, Fla.
Phillips at West Allis, Wis.
Vogts at Miami, Fla.
Mar. 21—Campbell at Miami Beach, Fla.
Feldman at Miami Beach, Fla.
Jackson at Watertown, Wis.
Ott at Miami Beach, Fla.
Rosenberry at Watertown, Wis.
Mar. 22—Frank at Chicago, Ill.
Mar. 23—Douglas at Columbus, Wis.
W. W. Marling at Washing-
ton, D. C.
Otis at Tulsa, Okla.
Mar. 24—Oscar at Kansas City, Mo.
Vogts at Miami, Fla.

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They ranged from Stanley Otis born in 1913 to Rosetta Mackin, born in 1937. They were in order from 1913: Stanley Otis, Eleanore Edwards, Barbara Dudley, Margaret Rowlands, Harold Helstrom, Lucia Law, Martha Gardner, Joe Bradley, Jack Gibson, Betty Jean Smith, Tom Jones, Lucy Elwell, B'Ann Blied, Jack Fitzgerald, Mary Lou Koch, Nora Ellen Haley, John Stephan, Jr., Susan Anderson, Douglas Koepcke, Robert Stephan, Arlene Schmiede, Thomas Hughes, and Rosetta Mackin, while Lorraine Fessenden Miller, Ruth Welton, Ann Koch, Virginia Blied and Jacqueline Hughes assisted as nurses, etc.

Paul Harris, introduced by District Governor Oscar Stotzer, gave an interesting although brief address. He said he had tried to send more foreign Rotarians to visit Madison than any other city because it was such an ideal American city and one of the best Clubs in any city of our size in all Rotary.

Rotary, he said, must have been born under a lucky star. The early members probably got more out of their membership than we do today. There were "Doubting Thomases" in the early days and the real expansion of Rotary started in 1913, about the time the Madison Club was organized.

In the last few years as President Emeritus he has visited every continent and many of the islands as an ambassador of good will and said he has not found a bad country, but had been told in several places that America was the most hated nation on earth. We are too prone to see evil in others but not

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"In the twenty years that have passed, the Rotarians have done more than justify the name of these early promoters. They not only made a name for themselves in civic affairs, but they have made a name for their state, and for the nation, by their national movement of character."

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JUST BETWEEN US

Dr. and Mrs. Allert Lange returned last week from their delightful trip to Guatemala.

Bob Buerki had to attend a meeting in New York last Thursday and missed the anniversary dinner.

Frank Doyle and wife are expected home the last of this week from their trip to Southern California.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Elsom returned last week from Alabama where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ott flew back from Florida last week because of the sudden death of Mrs. Ott's mother.

Merle Way was called to Iowa Thursday to attend a funeral and missed the big party.

The Program committee met last Wednesday to arrange the programs for the next quarter.

Emil Frautschi's committee on Rotary Interpretation met yesterday with a group of new members.

Greg Buenzli of the Banking Commission, has been appointed active Director of the Securities Division.

While visiting his daughter last week Steve Oscar kept up his Rotary attendance at Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marling were to have returned home yesterday from their trip to South America.

The Officers and Directors will meet in regular semi-monthly session next Monday evening.

Judge Rosenberry gave an address on the Constitution before the Watertown Rotary Club last Monday. Bud Jackson accompanied him to Watertown.

Emil Frautschi's committee on Rotary interpretation met Monday with a group of new members, when the aims, objects and history of Rotary were explained.

A card was received last week stating that George Crownhart attended a meeting of Rotarians on board the Queen Mary on March 11.

The unusual spring weather in March compelled Bill Gorman to hasten to the McKay Nurseries at Waterloo two weeks earlier than ever before.

The Nominating committee will make its report Thursday, nominating eight members for the Board of Directors, four of whom will be elected on April 28.

Ed Douglas, Sig Prager and Newt Sisk, who are on leaves of absence, were all able to get home to attend the anniversary dinner.

Bill Marling and wife have just returned from an extended motor trip to New Orleans, Florida and up the east coast to Richmond and Washington.

A supply of the Silver Anniversary programs with envelopes for mailing will be found at the Rotary office for any who wish to send them away.

Ed Doudna gave the address at the tenth anniversary of the Whitewater Kiwanis Club last Tuesday and Wednesday talked to the Rotary Club at Wisconsin Rapids.

William F. Ashe of Kaukauna, who was just appointed Director of the new state Department of Commerce, has been an active Rotarian for years and is a wonderfully fine man.

With the International and Anniversary dinners over the next big event in Rotary is the District Conference at Beaver Dam on May 5. Plan now to attend.

Dan Otis attended Rotary in Tulsa last week. Dan joined Rotary in 1934 and has 100 percent attendance, although more than half of the time has attended other Rotary Clubs.

Ray Dvorak attended the National convention of Band Directors in St. Louis last week. He was on the program so missed the anniversary party Thursday evening.

Chev SeCheverell, former District Governor and the member of our Club who was the first to join Rotary (Superior 1912), came home from Detroit last Thursday for the 25th anniversary dinner.

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in ourselves, he said. Japan, he said, is trying to establish a "Monroe Doctrine" in the orient.

He spoke briefly of Rotary in different countries and cities. The Rotary Club of Cairo has sixteen races, twelve languages and eight religions represented. Singapore is probably the most cosmopolitan Club with twenty-eight races represented.

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