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ROTARY HISTORY

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convention adopted as one of its objects: "To promote progressive and honorable business methods, Rotarians, assisting in their trade and professional organizations, influenced the drawing-up and helped to put into effect several hundred codes of fair practice throughout the countries of the world.

"Some think that this has been perhaps, Rotary's most outstanding contribution to social progress. It still offers unsurpassed opportunities everywhere. As you know, the objects of Rotary numbered six when the revised constitution of the Charlottetown Club was adopted in 1928. There had been seven, but these have been condensed to the four, with which you are all familiar.

"The third stage in the development of Rotary could be named 'Rotary World Wide'. We mentioned that very early in its history it spread to the British Commonwealth of Nations. It also reached several of the United States dependencies. Following the close of World War I in 1918, with the formation of the League of Nations, the spirit of Rotary that inspired fellowship and friendship, was contagious.

"Rotary spread to South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the islands of the Pacific. This brings us quite naturally to our fourth object: 'The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace to a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.' It was Rotarian Donald A. MacRae, a Charlottetown boy, then a member of the Halifax Rotary Club and Governor of this district, who wrote this object for Rotary, and for others of good will.

District Organization "From this very brief outline of Rotary International, let us turn to review Rotary in District No. 102. The first club No. 81, was formed in Halifax in 1913. It was followed by Saint John, No. 126 in 1914, and Charlottetown, No. 333, in 1917. The area assigned to our Rotary District No. 1 was the Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland and that part of Quebec east

of the 68th Meridian. Rotarian John Gass was the first Governor (1918-1919). There were at that time only twenty-five Rotary districts. At the Local Governors' Convention, 1922, the Rotary districts were re-arranged, and the above area was numbered District No. 32. At that time there was a total of only 39 Rotary districts. A further re-distribution of world-wide Rotary Clubs into 200 districts in 1933, gave us our present Rotary International District No. 102, by adding to the area the counties of Washington and Aroostook in Maine. There are ten Rotary districts, with clubs in both the United States and Canada; but ours also include the ancient colony of Newfoundland, and their club No. 1047 (1921) has made a number of outstanding contributions in the development of Rotary.

"For instance, the St. John's Club formed groups that met weekly within their club, instead of dividing the city into component parts, each with a Rotary Club of its own. These groups are known as: 'Originals', 'Bulldozers', 'Lion Tamers', 'Killikare Kamp' and the 'Husky Boys'. These groups were formed to study Rotary ideals, and eventually each undertook certain definite community projects. They have made an outstanding success of their group meetings in different parts of the city, but all meet together at the Newfoundland Hotel on each Thursday at 1.10 p.m. for their club meeting. This group system might not work in large cities, but will probably be adopted by some cities with a population about the same as St. John's. Many original contributions have been made by other clubs in our district, these have been published in 'The Rotarian'.

Local Organization "What of our own Rotary Club? Its organization and development were so well reviewed by Rotarian Reg. Rogers before this club on November 10, 1942, and the address published in 'The Guardian' of that date that I shall only refer to a few items. Like the original club in Chicago, there were 'four lonesome men', Harry Tidmarsh, H. M. VanBuskirk, Allan Stewart and Walter Grant. Harry was the prime mover, who gathered information and brought back from the Halifax Rotary Club, not only enthusiasm and information, but two very outstanding pioneers in Maritime Rotary: Dr. Donald A. MacRae, then District Governor, and Charlie Burchell, K.C., Past District Governor. These men addressed an informal dinner party at the Kory Corner Tea Rooms on the evening of September 6, 1917. A temporary association was formed and application made for a Rotary Club charter.

"The following week a second meeting was held, the membership committee had two additional names to add to the original list. The constitution and by-laws as recommended by International Rotary were adopted. The following officers were elected: W. H. Tidmarsh, President; H. M. VanBuskirk, Vice-President; W. S. Grant, Secretary; W. A. Stewart, Treasurer; J. R. Burnett, A. A. Pomeroy and J. O. Hyndman, Directors; J. E. McLarty, Sergeant-at-Arms. Other Charter members were: Dr. A. B. Reid, E. G. Saunders, Arch. Irwin, F. T. Wallis, J. A. Clark, C. H. Chandler, G. S. Inman, Dr. I. J. Yeo, J. A. Webster, R. H. Jenkins, C. H. Black, A. W. Hyndman and F. J. Nash. The first midday luncheon was held on September 20, and on November 8, with 14 visiting members from the Halifax club, including District Governor Don MacRae and Prof. H. L. Stewart, the Charter of this Rotary Club, No. 333, was duly presented and the third club in the district was well and truly started.

Rotary Activities "The club has taken its full share in the Rotary work of our district. It has supplied one-eighth of the District Governors since the formation of the district 33 years ago. The four governors were: the late Judge George S. Inman, 1919-1920, Walter S. Grant 1922-23, Percy Turner 1933-36, and J. A. Clark, 1939-40. Three district conferences were held in Charlottetown in 1919, 1939, and 1941. The fourth will be held here this summer, and we have a very high present to live up to. The Rotarians of the district expect great things from Charlottetown, and we cannot afford to disappoint them.

"There have been many changes in the membership of our club, as you have noted in the two group photos that were circulated. We start with 21 charter members, Alan and I are still here. In 1919 the club numbered 58 members, eleven are still with us. In 1939 we had 61 members, 34 of these are now members and may be here today. The club for many years maintained a membership of about 60; it has recently grown until it takes the accommodation of the 'Charlottetown' Hotel.

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BEAU

By Mrs. Harry Pugh Smith CHAPTER XXV

Like most husbands, although Carolyn mentioned her plans from time to time. Beau did not realize what the party was all about until it was upon him. So on the appointed evening when he arrived home to find the caterer in possession and the rugs taken up in the sun parlor and a long table set at the end of the dining room with silver chafing dishes and dozens of plates and glasses and monogrammed napkins sent over from the Scott mansion for the occasion. Beau felt as if he had been stabbed in the back.

"For the love of Pete" he protested. "What kind of shindig is this? I supposed we were having a few friends in to eat hot dogs or what have you? I didn't know we were throwing an orgy. Great Scott! what is all this going to cost?"

Carolyn was worried over the flowers. They looked as if they might wilt. "It isn't going to cost you anything," she snapped. "Mother's giving me a check for everything."

"I wish to heavens she'd keep her long nose out my affairs," cried Beau angrily.

Privately Carolyn felt the same, but blood is not water. "It seems to me Mother has been pretty considerate of you," she said icily.

"Meaning she asked your father to raise my salary?" demanded Beau, turning red. "I've been waiting to have that thrown up to me."

"Must you wear a chip on your shoulder?" asked Carolyn irritably. "I wasn't throwing anything up to you. Though I do think it's unfair you prejudiced you are about Mother. She has done a lot for us. I don't remember your mother doing as much."

Beau glared at her. "We'll leave my mother out of this."

"That ought to work both ways," snapped Carolyn. "You can't expect me to take slurs at mine without retaliating."

"All right," said Beau grimly. "your mother's wonderful. Of course, you are both doing your best to make a gigolo out of me, but I strive to please."

He walked into the bedroom and slammed the door behind him. He whistled in his bath. It had a delectable sound. When he was dressed he looked handsome. The Carolyn had never seen him, but she did not fancy the glint in his black eyes. She felt apprehensive. Getting into her evening dress, her fingers seemed all thumbs. She had a feeling that Beau might walk out and leave the party flat, or insult the guests. She need not have worried. Beau was the hit of the evening.

He danced with all the girls. He flattered them outrageously, especially Vingie Wright who all but photos that were circulated. We start with 21 charter members, Alan and I are still here. In 1919 the club numbered 58 members, eleven are still with us. In 1939 we had 61 members, 34 of these are now members and may be here today. The club for many years maintained a membership of about 60; it has recently grown until it takes the accommodation of the 'Charlottetown' Hotel.

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climbed into his hair. He slapped the man on the back and urged them to have more highballs. He told stories that were slightly off color and everybody howled with mirth. He borrowed a banjo from one of the orchestra boys and sang a lot of blues songs which brought down the house. He drank with this one and the one. He was gay and entertaining and a little drunk, and Carolyn's friends were crazy about him.

"No wonder, you've been stinky with him" they teased her. Carolyn's head was aching. She felt as if she were in a revolving door which was going around too fast. Beau danced with her twice, but she could not make it noticeable that he was avoiding her, but he held her as if she were stuffed with wet sawdust. She thought the guests would never go. They hung around long after what seemed a reasonable time to Carolyn. The orchestra had been hired until one, but Beau paid them to stay on another hour.

"Why not?" he drawled, producing a roll of greenbacks. "There's more where this came from. The party's at Carolyn's mother."

Carolyn flushed. She had never seen Beau under the influence of liquor before, and it shocked her. It was all right for other men. Peyton Hurst, for instance, got a little maudlin and Carolyn thought he was funny. It was not funny when Beau draped a spray of gladioli about his waist and did a Hula dance with Vingie. The crowd roared with laughter but Carolyn saw red.

"Was it necessary to turn my party into a drunken brawl?" she demanded when she and Beau were alone together.

Beau shrugged his shoulders. "You've always wanted a lounge lizard for a husband, you and your mother," he said. "I am to give you your money's worth."

Carolyn burst into tears. "How can you be so hateful?" she cried. Beau yawned. "If I don't do society you're sore. If I do, you're sore. So what?"

Marriage is queer, thought Carolyn during the following month. It was never stationary. One climbed the heights and experienced ecstasy. Then one fell into dreadful sloughs. She and Beau had been through successive upheavals when they almost hated each other. Sometimes it was her fault, sometimes his. They emerged and were more in love with each other than ever. Then all at once they were at daggers' points again.

They went out every night. Having discovered Beau, Carolyn's set proceeded to make a lion of him. They inundated Carolyn with invitations. She would have given anything to refuse, but there was Vingie. Everybody was gossiping about Vingie and Beau, though no one said anything to Carolyn. They merely looked at her pityingly, and Carolyn could have died of humiliation. So she set her teeth and accepted every invitation to prove she did not care, though she did care horribly.

She thought Beau was drinking too much. She knew they were spending more than they should. But Beau no longer worried about expenses. He did not appear to worry about anything. He took up golf and played at the country club almost every afternoon. He and Carolyn went out every night, or had some of the crowd in.

He ceased spending a lot of time in his private office staring at four walls. George Webster no longer had to manufacture work for Beau to do. At the end of the month they owed twice as much as his salary. Beau accepted an advance from his father-in-law without a murmur. Neither did he make any objection when, determined not to be outdone by Vingie Wright, Carolyn bought a raft of smart new clothes and charged them to her mother's account.

Carolyn had urged Beau to take precisely that attitude about money. She had been convinced that it was stupid of him to rebel at accepting financial aid from her family. Yet when he did so, she could not deny a measure of contempt for him. She realized she was being illogical, nevertheless she resented his attitude. It was too much as if she had bought and paid for him. She felt constrained to speak to Beau. "Mother thinks we are spending too much," she said.

"Isn't that too bad?" drawled Beau. "If you're acting like this to spite me, Beau," said Carolyn in a stinging voice. "you're succeeding."

Beau seemed genuinely taken aback. "I'm not trying to spite anybody. I'm just finding out that it's fun to have a fling. I never had one, you know, till now. Believe you me, I didn't realize how much can get by a feller. Ready?" he asked when he had gulped down his highball.

Carolyn's lips quivered. He seemed always in a hurry to go somewhere else when they were alone. "Yes," said Carolyn stiffly. "I'm ready."

"All right!" exclaimed Beau. "I'm 'raring to go.'" He and Vingie were the life of the party that night. They disappeared once and were gone for three dances. Vingie airily explained when they returned that Beau had discovered he needed a fresh handkerchief. Everybody carefully did not look at Carolyn. She felt as if a needle had transfixed her heart. It had never entered the realm of the possible, so far as she was concerned, that Beau could be untrue to her. Yet everybody knew Vingie's reputation. Carolyn could not draw an even breath.

Going home that night Carolyn was on the verge of hysterics. She thought she would have to come out and ask Beau if he was having an affair with Vingie.

"Did you bring that woman here?" she demanded when they reached home.

"Sure," said Beau lazily. "Why not?"

"Into my house!" (To Be Continued)

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