

II. EVERETT KEYES ADMINISTRATION, 1949-1950

Dr. Everett Keyes, second president of North Fresno Rotary, was born September 28, 1910. He attended Fresno elementary and high schools and was graduated from Fresno State University in 1933. He entered the University of California College of Dentistry where he received his D.D.S. in 1937. While attending Fresno State University he was an outstanding athlete in track (discus, shot put, high jump) and football (established Pacific Coast Intercollegiate punting record). He was a member of Sigma Alpha Chi, the Key, Epsilon Alpha (UC), Omicron Xi Upsilon (UC), and Delta Sigma Delta (UC). On December 25, 1933, he married Mildred Van Buren (who died May 30, 1974). They had two children, a daughter Jo Anne (Mrs. Clinton Thaxter), and Van Glenn. Dr. Keyes, a practicing dentist in Fresno since 1937, holds memberships in American Dental Society, California State Dental Association, Fresno Madera Dental Society (President 1941-42 and 1947-48), UC Dental Alumni Association (Vice-President 1951), FSC Alumni Association (Bd. Drs. 1950-52), Sunnyside Country Club (Bd. Drs. 1950-52), and Masonic Order (Scottish Rite, Shrine). He was a captain in the USA Air Force in which he served 1942-46. During 1949 to 1954 he served as a Fresno City Police Commissioner. His hobbies are golf, woodworking, jewelry making and hunting.

The Board of Directors of North Fresno Rotary for 1949-1950, in addition to Dr. Everett Keyes, consisted of Robert Forkner, Vice-Pres.; Larry Hamilton, Secretary; Ward Glazebrook, Treasurer; Karl Lewis; Art McCaskill; Earl Harnish; and John Potter. Jack Clawson was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. On August 4, 1949, Byron Colvin was elected a member of the Board of Directors to succeed John Potter who had resigned from the club.

Ham Porteous was selected as Chairman of Club Service; Karl Lewis, Vocational Service; Bill Hill, Community Service; Robert Forkner, International Service.

The budget for the year was set at \$2,842 from income of \$6 quarterly dues, fines of \$10 per member for the year, and \$5 for birthdays. Absences without make-up were assessed at \$2.50, and membership dues for ministers were reduced to half the regular amount. The first issue of the North Fresno Rotary Bulletin appeared November 21, 1949, and has been published each week since that date. Actual installation of "Protect our Children" signs was begun under the direction of Jack Clawson, and many letters of appreciation were received from the residents of the Fig-Garden area, along with several requests for additional signs.

The year began with an active membership of 43. Nineteen new members were added (including Dick Kennedy, Clark Mosgrove and Hans Sumpf) and with a loss of nine by resignation the year ended with 53. Dr. Harry Mitchell, Chairman of the Fresno Rotary Club committee to form North Fresno Rotary, was elected to Honorary Membership.

With the increased membership and many make-ups from Fresno Rotary each week it became necessary to make arrangements for a larger meeting place. Accordingly, the El Rancho Motel on Highway 99 and Olive Avenue was selected, and the move was made effective May 25, 1950.

North Fresno Rotary made an appeal to Fresno Rotary for additional territory from which to secure members, and effective June 14, 1950, it was agreed to extend the southern boundary of North Fresno Rotary to Divisadero Street.