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## ARTHUR McCASKILL ADMINISTRATION, 1950-51

*Arthur R. McCaskill, third president of North Fresno Rotary, was born in rural DeWitt County, Texas, January 13, 1900. Riding horseback 16 miles per day to a country school greatly influenced his decision that there must be some better way to get an education, so after six years Art became a world traveler via tramp steamers. While transporting military supplies to Europe in 1916, he lost two ships and finally joined the U.S. Army in January, 1917. Serving in France where he was twice wounded, he returned to the United States after the Armistice and was discharged in November, 1918. He resumed his international travel as a seaman until 1922 when he began his long association with the Dairy Industry by milking cows in Van Nuys, California. He joined Golden State Dairy in 1924 and was continuously employed at Golden State-Foremost until his retirement in 1962, serving for many years as District Manager for the six county San Joaquin Division. On August 18, 1928, he married Esther Kuhlman, and they have lived at 424 East Lansing since moving to Fresno in 1948. He is a member of the Masonic Order (Scottish Rite, Shrine), American Legion, Golden State Quarter Century Club. He helped organize the Better Business Bureau in Fresno and served as its president 1951-52. He is an ardent golfer at Fig Garden Golf Club, and also gardens as a hobby.*

In addition to Art McCaskill, the Board of Directors for North Fresno Rotary Club for 1950-51 were Earl Harnish (Vice-President), Ralph Cross (Aims and Objects), Hartt Porteous (Club Service), Hamilton Knott (Community Service), Robert Morrish (International Service). Ronald Iles was selected as Secretary, Ward Glazebrook re-elected as Treasurer, and Jack Clawson was continued as Sergeant-at-Arms until his resignation from the club in January, 1951. Ron Iles entered military service December 7, 1950 and was succeeded as Secretary by Norris Kilner.

Total budget for the year was \$3125 based upon dues of \$6 per quarter, fines of \$10 total during the year and a special birthday fine of \$5 for each member. Absences without makeup were assessed at \$1.50. The club bulletin was continued each week with Ham Knott as editor. Opening the year with 53 members, the club lost 12 during the year by resignation, but gained 13 (including Joe Weirick and Rodger Jensen).

During this year, North Fresno Rotary outfitted a Little League baseball team and continued its sponsorship under the direction of Earl Harnish. The club also supported many other community enterprises under the leadership of the Community Service Committee. Social affairs including Rotary wives were two dinner dances, Charter Night on October 12 and a party honoring the outgoing president on June 23.

The District Conference held in Stockton April 8-11 was attended by Arthur McCaskill, Hamilton Knott and Neil Haig. Ham Knott was the club's delegate to the Rotary International Convention in Atlantic City in May, 1951.

A unique and effective stimulation to regular attendance was arranged by securing a live duck, appropriately named Lucy, to be kept by any member who failed to make up a missed meeting. Lucy made her debut November 16, and disappeared while in custody of Clark Mosgrove the following March, a fact generally not known until after the president was served a special entree of roast duck at one regular meeting in March.