

FORMATION OF NORTH FRESNO ROTARY CLUB

On April 30, 1948, the Rotary Club of Fresno voted to sponsor a new club in north Fresno, and appointed Past President Harry Mitchell to head a Committee to carry out the project. By May 19, 1948, Dr. Mitchell was able to report to District Governor Kelly that 20 leading business and professional men located in the proposed territory had expressed a desire to become charter members of a new Rotary Club.

Fresno Rotary Club voted to relinquish area for the formation of the new club from Belmont Ave. north to the San Joaquin River. (This, a few years later, was changed to from Divisadero north, and subsequently territory was relinquished by North Fresno Rotary for the formation of East Fresno Rotary in 1956, and Kerman Rotary in 1957, leaving the present territory for North Fresno Rotary from Divisadero north to the San Joaquin River, and from Blackstone west to Dickinson Ave.)

By mid-July, the nucleus Charter Group had grown to 31 and met for the first time at the home of Dr. Harry Mitchell on July 29. At this meeting, the prospective members each paid a \$10 membership fee and elected officers and directors for the provisional club. The Charter Member list consisted of the following:

Arthur Bennett, Commercial Printing
Carl H. Blohm, Children's Wear
MacRae Chandler, Appliances Retail
H.V. (Jack) Clawson, Boat Mfg.
Byron Colvin, Jewelry Retail
Ralph Cross, Men's Wear Retail
Eugene A. Egan, Dean Agriculture FSC
Robert L. Forkner, Fig Grower
Earl Gearhart, Music Store Retail
Ward W. Glazebrook, Banking
Norman Gross, Shoes Retail
Lawrence Hamilton, Concrete Products
Earl Harnish, Cotton Grower
Bill Hill, Groceries Retail
Dr. Everett Keyes, Dentistry
Hamilton Knott, Lumber Retail

Jean Lamoure, Cleaning & Dyeing
Albert R. Lang, Dean, Prof. Ed. FSC
Karl Lewis, Fire Insurance
Joseph A. Logan, Physician
Arthur R. McCaskill, Milk Whsle.
Carroll M. Moon, Christianity Prot.
William Mosgrove, Real Estate
John A. Potter, Liquid Fertilizer
Harold G. Rhodes, Variety Stores
Ralph Rogers, Building Construction
Oliver A. Tornell, Service Stations
R. W. Turpin, New Furniture Retail
Jack Warren, Drugs Retail
George W. Walder, Nurseries
Earl H. Wight, Educ-College FSC

Earl Wight was elected as president of the proposed charter Rotary group, with Lawrence Hamilton, secretary and the following on the Board of Directors: Dr. Everett Keyes, Karl Lewis, Jack Warren, Ward Glazebrook, and Robert Forkner.

On October 5, 1948, Rotary International acknowledged admission of North Fresno Rotary and the Charter was formally presented November 18th to the new club which became #7070 in Rotary International and the 58th in District 106.