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30th Year Observed By Albany Rotarians

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Albany Rotary club, 68th cog in some 5,000 affiliated organizations all over the world, completed its 30th cycle as the first service club in Albany at a largely-attended and enthusiastic meeting yesterday noon at the Ten Eyck hotel. Many visiting Rotarians from out of town clubs augmented the attendance and were welcomed by charter member "Tom" McMahon.

President "Bert" Oliver, following the invocation by "Charlie" De Rouville, turned the meeting over to First Vice President "Ben" Smith and "Charlie" Winchester welcomed the new member, Victor Van Andenhord. An historical resume of Old Albany of 30 years ago was given by Past President "Ben," followed by the favorite Rotary song, "On the Road to Mandalay," sung by the unofficial song leader of the Albany group, George D. Elwell.

TRIBUTE TO TREMAINE

Due to war conditions, the Rotary club inaugurated a new idea in the serving of the lunch — could it have been at the instigation of "Oscar" of the Waldorf, a charter member?—in which the diners "circled" around the serving table, acting as their own waiters.

"Ben" Smith paid tribute to "Jack" Tremain for his untiring efforts as secretary of the Albany club since he took over the office at the death of the first secretary, George De Rouville. "Lou" Hyatt was presented with a "pioneer" card, signifying 20 years' continuous membership with the club.

The Albany Rotary was organized April 15, 1913, by a small group gathered at the office of Cotrell and Leonard. There were present Gardner C. Leonad, Oscar F. Kinney, Charles C. DeRouville, Ben V. Smith, Charles M. Winchester, Thomas J. McMahon and George De Rouville. With the exception of Mr. Leonard and George De Rouville, each charter member of the club, properly boutonniereed with a red carnation, occupied a seat at the head table.

BATES SPEAKER

Speaker for the day was "George" Bates, who told what Rotary had accomplished in the past in establishing an era of peace, friendship and good will prior to World War 1, and urged members to greater efforts along the same lines, calling attention to the great opportunity International Rotary faces in post-war negotiations.

Floyd Walter, pianist of the club, played a series of Strauss waltzes during the dinner, popular at the time the Albany group was organized and furnished the accompaniments for "George" Elwell's solo. We should qualify the foregoing report of the meeting and the use of quotes around the Christian names of those noted by calling attention to the cardinal rule of Rotary: "Always address a member by his first name, under penalty of a drastic fine." "When in

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