

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB  
President Tom Batson's Year  
1950-51

Rotarians of San Marino elected Thomas Batson as President. Immediately the price of lunches was increased from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Attendance reached a new high of 94.74%. Membership for the year ended at 57 Rotarians.

Two outstanding events concerned the club this year. Edd Norwood, as member of the club had been chosen District Governor, and the establishment of the Rancho Los Amigos project, near the city of Paramount. All members of the club were concerned with this project, but the names of three seem to stand out in the project: Elder Morgan, Ted Daniell, and John McDonald. When the club started this project, it was showing free films given by Standard Oil and other companies; but it was felt that these were not of sufficient interest, and the Board of Directors were asked to finance other films. The Board of Directors approved expenditure of \$500 per year. This was insufficient; the needed difference was contributed by individual members. These films were then taken to Rancho Los Amigos every Tuesday afternoon between 4 and 6 o'clock to be shown to patients in the polio convalescence wards. Projection equipment was furnished by John McDonald, and Elder Morgan was in charge of the programming of the various members who made the trip.

Films were chosen by a committee of hospital patients. On some occasions, the films were left at the hospital and shown three nights a week, thus each patient could view the film. The program was eventually formalized by renting reasonably new pictures from a Hollywood distributor, and the County of Los Angeles eventually bought their own projectors; therefore, members of the San Marino Rotary Club did not have to go to Rancho Los Amigos in person.

Ted Daniell, who is not now a member of our club, personally contributed substantially to this project.

This was the year that our local editor and publisher, Herb McCormick, brought fame to San Marino. Mac was the recipient of the First Award for "General Excellence" among the 160 weeklies in the State, awarded by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Paul Lowry, Jr. spent the war years navigating the huge B-29 Bombers for the U.S. Army Air Force. Dr. John Snyder took two tours of duty with the Navy.

A change was made in the format of the ROTOSCOPE from two pages to one. Other highlights of the year were: Ed Daniel's fine job of writing the ROTOSCOPE, the participation of a bowling team in the Rotary Bowling League; baseball and golf; and a fine club assembly held at the home of Mayor Clark Bell.

The final high point of the year was the District Conference held at the Huntington Hotel, Pasadena, in May. Governor Edd Norwood presided, and did his usual terrific job. President Tom had the pleasure of presenting Governor Edd with his Past District Governor's Pin at the last luncheon. Members new to the club this year were: Paul Kent, Daryl Ward, Bob Evans, Paul Lowry, Hal Loynd, Dr. John Haigh, Bill McClellan, and Cal Goodrich.

Tom is a great fishing enthusiast. It's rumored he would give up anything to go fishing or hunting. He loves cold roast.



Tom Batson



The Crocketeers