

1,200 ROTARIANS MEET IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Richard Washburn Child to be
Principal Speaker at Big
Gathering**

Upward of 1,200 business and professional people, coming from thirty-three cities in northern Illinois will be guests in Evanston Monday and Tuesday, April 19 and 20, on the occasion of the meeting there of the 1926 Conference of the Fortieth District of Rotary clubs. Members of the Wilmette Rotary club are pledged to register 100 per cent attendance at the Conference. From early morning on Monday until late afternoon on Tuesday Evanston hotels and the Evanston Country club, headquarters of the Conference, will be teeming with the activities of delegates and other Rotary visitors. Plans have been completed for the most notable Rotary District Conference ever held in northern Illinois. It will be the first time that a north shore Rotary club has been called upon to be host to the Fortieth District clubs, and Evanston's first introduction to a convention of such ambitious proportions.

Register Monday Morning

Registration will begin early Monday morning at the Country club under the general supervision of Earl C. Iredale, general secretary of the Conference, and from that point the Conference will swing into action with District Governor Harry F. Kelly of Ottawa wielding the gavel, and addresses of welcome by Mayor Charles H. Bartlett and President Joseph Breese of the Evanston Rotary club, providing the introductory features.

Notable among the outstanding features of the Conference will be the address on Tuesday afternoon by Richard Washburn Child, former ambassador to Italy and one of America's foremost authors. Mr. Child is to speak of Rotary's part in the fostering of World Peace.

Another speaker of national prominence is Merle Thorpe, editor of The Nation's Business, well known journalist and authority on trade conditions throughout the country, especially from the Washington angle. Mr.

Thorpe's topic will be, "Let Washington Do It."

Other notable speakers will be Frank L. Mulholland, nationally known lawyer, of Toledo, O., and past president of Rotary International; Bishop James Wise, Episcopal bishop of Kansas; Will R. Manier, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., Carl Faust, special representative to the Conference for Rotary International, and other leaders in the world-wide Rotary Movement.

Aside from the Conference program, proper, the visiting Rotarians are promised a gala time, what with luncheons, theater parties for the women guests, a motor tour of the north shore for women, and the annual Governor's Banquet and Ball to be held Monday evening at the Edgewater Beach hotel.

Motor cars by the hundreds have been provided by Evanston, Wilmette and Winnetka Rotarians for the use of guests during the Conference days.

One of the unique features of the Conference will be a Club Presidents' and Secretaries' breakfast discussion at 7:30 a. m., Tuesday morning. These will be labeled "Rotary Car" and driven either by Rotarians themselves or chauffeurs retained for the two days.

All sessions of the Conference will be held in the Evanston Country club auditorium which, Conference officials declare, is admirably adapted for the purpose.

Chicago Rotarians, who hold their regular meeting at the Hotel Sherman Tuesday afternoon, are planning to attend the Tuesday afternoon session of the Conference in a body, special trains having been chartered to convey the contingent from the metropolis.

Music for the Conference sessions will be under the general supervision of Rollin Pease of the Evanston club, well known director of the Northwestern university Glee club and other singing groups on the north shore. Official pianist will be Milton Hosking, who is pianist for the Evanston Rotary club. Community singing is always one of the important features of a Rotary gathering whether local club District Conference or International Convention. Special music is to be provided by the Northwestern university glee club, the Kewanee Rotary quartet and the Morrisin, Ill., band.

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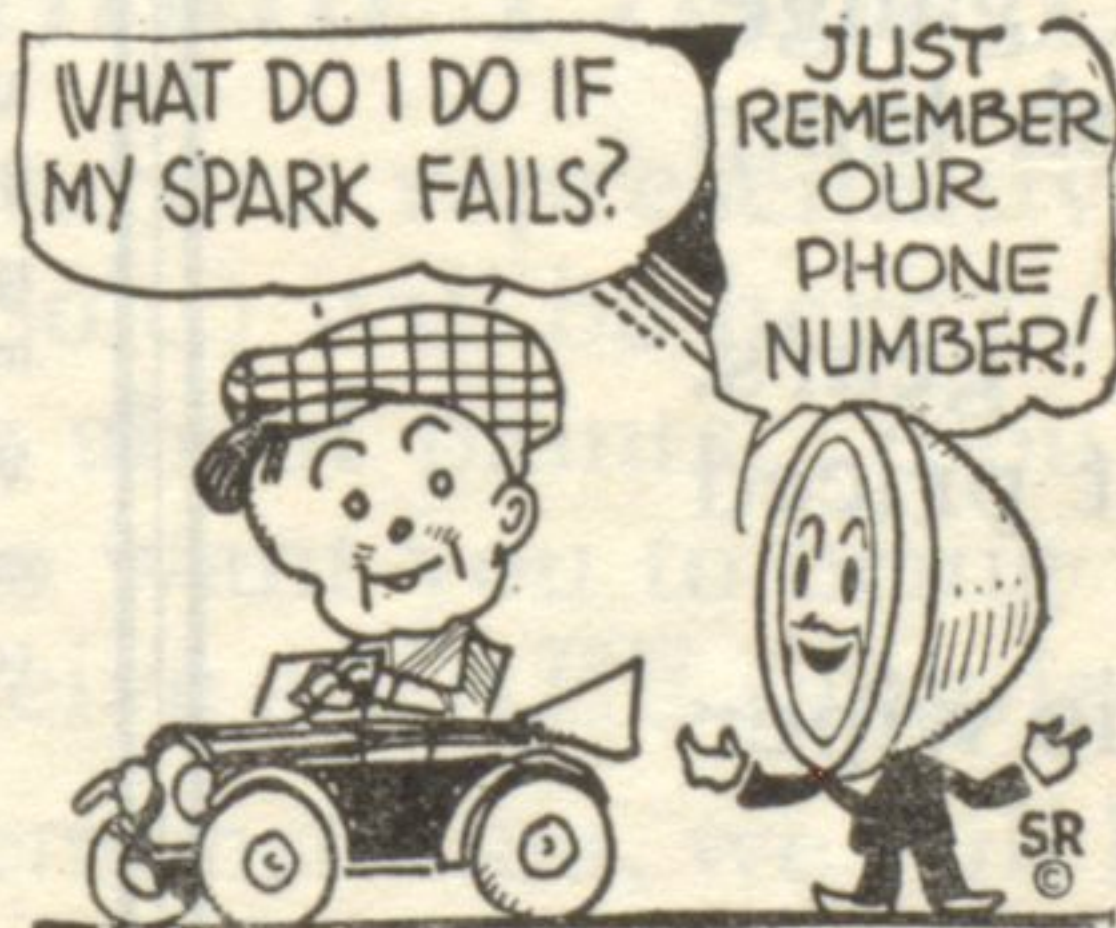
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