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A. R. LANG ADMINISTRATION, 1955-56

Albert Ray Lang, eighth president of North Fresno Rotary, was born in York County, Nebraska on October 31, 1885. He attended Nebraska Wesleyan University (A.B. 1909), University of Nebraska (MA. 1912), Stanford University (Ph.D. 1924). He married Nina Manota Perry on July 20, 1913 (deceased 1941). After teaching in several high schools, colleges and universities, he came to FSU in 1927 to head the department of education. He also served as Executive Dean and as acting president (1948), and upon his retirement in 1955 was awarded the honorary title of Executive Dean Emeritus. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Phi, Blue Key, Masons (York Rite, Shriner). He was author and co-author of several books in the field of education widely used as text books in leading colleges and universities. Dr. Lang was listed in "Who's Who in America", and "Who's Who in Education". He traveled widely in all parts of the world and was an ardent hobbyist in fishing, golf, ceramics and photography. He was a Charter Member of North Fresno Rotary and attended the 50th Anniversary Rotary International Convention in Chicago in 1955. As the District Governor's special representative he organized the Kerman Rotary Club in 1957. Affectionately known as "AR" to fellow Rotarians, Dr. Lang enjoyed a long and eventful life until his death in 1971.

Other members of the 1955-56 Board of Directors for North Fresno Rotary included Pete Wight (Club Service), Joe Dale, Jr. (Vocational Service), Harry Lee (Community Service), Roy Spence (International Service), with William Mosgrove, Hans Sumpf, and Harold Thomas. Galen Hartwich was Vice-President, Robert M. Warner, Secretary, and Besley Lewis as Treasurer. Rodger B. Jensen served as Sergeant-at-Arms and Clark Mosgrove was editor of the Club Bulletin.

The year began with an active membership of 75. With deletions of 5 due to resignation and the addition of 12 new members, the year ended with a total of 82. Income for the year was estimated at \$7,525 but a modest budget of \$6,720 was adopted. Contributions to numerous charitable endeavors were continued and \$300 was added to the Neil Haig, Jr. Scholarship as an emergency fund for students.

Rotary Playland, completing its first full year, sold over 860,000 tickets and \$15,000 of its original notes were retired, with an additional \$10,000 scheduled for redemption by June 30.

The new East Fresno Rotary Club began regular meetings under the direction of Gordon Reynolds and Hamilton Knott. North Fresno Rotary subsidized the organizational expense amounting to \$245, and spent \$25 for a gift of equipment for the new club.

A total of 17 perfect attendance meetings during the year brought the average attendance to 97.7%, slightly better than the district average of 95.7%. However, North Fresno Rotary lost in an attendance contest with West Fresno Rotary and donated \$100 to their scholarship fund. Club Bylaws were revised for the first time to designate the 4th Thursday in January as the official annual meeting of the club.

Special social and club fellowship activities included the Bass Lake Assembly October 8 – 10, Charter Night at Sunnyside Country Club November 19, Children's Christmas Party at the Hacienda December 22, Ladies Day February 2, Rotaryanne Potluck February 18, Fellowship Barbecue May 10, and the Demotion Party at Fort Washington Country Club June 28.