

# 200 ROTARIANS FEAST, SING AND PLEDGE FEALTY

## "Smiles" Breaks Forth as Bare-foot Dancers Trip Among Visiting Delegates.

Amid singing and cheering, 200 St. Louis county Rotarians vowed eternal filiation to each other in rousing terms at their first get-together banquet at the Spalding hotel last night. To the spirited tunes of "Tipperary," "Margie" and "Smiles," the Duluthians, aided by eight sparkling young ladies, serenaded the visiting Rotarians from the range in bright home-made numbers. With plaintive notes and eyes that expressed longing the fascinating young ladies made a decided hit with the guests of the Zenith city, singing to them, "Virginia, you're like a brother to us," and "Eveleth, it's sure joy to entertain you."

As the delegations from Virginia and Eveleth concluded their talks on the progress of Rotary in their communities, their hosts greeted them with cheers and applause. Range members of the "wheel of progress" in turn promised to do their utmost to bring the 1922 district convention of Rotary clubs to Duluth. They also declared they would do their utmost to have a 100-per-cent representation from the range at the district convention of Rotarians at Fargo, March 28 and 29. The banquet started at 7 o'clock and concluded after four hours crammed with interest.

### Lights Out.

The banquet hall was darkened as the dinner was concluded. When the lights were turned on, the spectacle presented to the Rotarians brought an outburst of cheering and applauding. Pretty Mable Klososky, as the "spirit of Rotary" sat on a throne, while from the two side entrances tripped two barefoot interpretative dancers, Misses Edith Berry and Helen Morton, who performed to tantalizing strains of Helmer's orchestra.

Dr. R. A. Kent, superintendent of schools and former president of the Lawrence, Kans., Rotary club, pointed out that, although Rotary had accomplished a great deal of good during its 16 years of existence, in the future Rotary should give attention to solving America's problems. He declared these were: The largest portion of crime in the United States of any country in Europe; underpaid school teachers; one-fourth of the men called to arms were illiterate; one-third of those called to arms were physically unfit; and that 75 per cent of the school children of America have some physical ailment.

### Talks on Progress.

The progress of the Virginia club was related by Aleck Reed, president of that organization, and the Eveleth club by James Gibbing, who spoke in behalf of President Cam Hartness, who was unable to attend the meeting. William N. Ryerson, president of the Duluth club, presided at the meeting and later introduced Oscar Bjorge, chairman of the arrangements committee for the trip to Fargo.

Mr. Bjorge announced that at least 200 from Duluth and the range will attend the Fargo meeting. Frank McRoberts of the Fargo Rotary club urged attendance at the convention and pointed out the centers of attraction in Fargo, in moving pictures of the city. Fred Lester urged attendance at the Hibbing carnival, which begins today and will last until Sunday night. He said Saturday afternoon would be given over to a Duluth celebration.

### What the Spokes Mean.

Joe Smith, Charles Ramshaw, William B. Prior and Clyde Kelly told of what Rotary means, explaining what each spoke of the wheel means, at the request of Miss Solosky. Between addresses, the "Rotarees" of the club, as the young ladies have been called since their "adoption," sang. They were: Misses Mabel Solosky, Edith Berry, Helen Morton, Elizabeth Donovan, Margaret Wahlgren, Lillian Bergstrom, Winifred Currier, Laura MacFarland and Myrna Newell.

Bert Ferguson led the singing and was in general charge of the entertainment. Edward Duffield of the Virginia club sang several solos. "Extras" of the "Gimlet," the publication of the Duluth Rotary club, were distributed to the members.