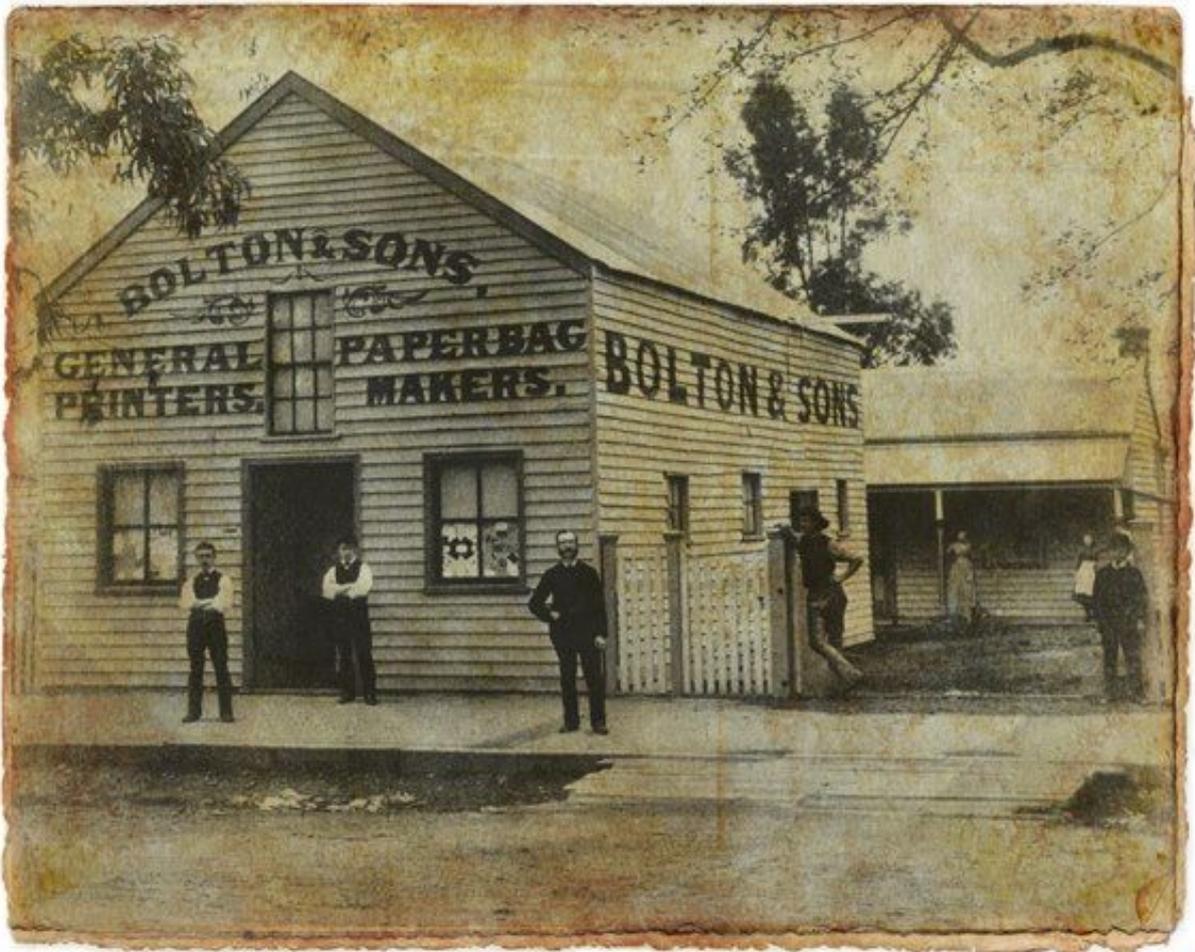


1933-1934 Arthur L. Bolton

In 1933, the most popular Australian movie was: The Squatter's Daughter. The most popular film overall was King Kong with Fay Raye and Robert Armstrong. The most popular song in 1933 was: Ethel Waters with Keep Raining All the Time.



In Bendigo, the President of the Rotary Club was Arthur L Bolton. President Bolton would go on to be our first District Governor from Bendigo in 1936/37.

Arthur, whose family began a printing company in Bendigo, also played a key role with the Advance Bendigo and North League. Arthur became their very first President with George Victor Lansell, undertaking the position of Vice-President.

The Board

There is very little original documentation in our history records of President Bolton's year, but we do know from Charles Alexander's History Report that at the time: W. R. McKie was Vice President, W. A. Draper the Treasurer, G. Eathorne the Secretary, Attendance Officer was A. M. Bush and there were 6 Directors (H. L. Catling, J.H.Tubb, J. Burgess, G. Fulton, M. Guidice and H. Stiles).



District Conference

The District Conference that year was in Mount Gambier. Given at the time there were only 43 members, it was a huge show of commitment from our Club that 12 of our members attended the Conference.

A report confirmed the 12 that did attend developed good friendships with other Rotarians which would improve important in the future.



Letters and Greetings

During the year, the Club received greetings from the Rotary Club of Southend-on-Sea (a coastal city in south-eastern Essex. It has the longest pleasure pier in the world).

Appropriately, at the time, President Bolton directed members to 'toast' the Rotary Club of Southend-on-Sea.

Also, a letter from the Rotary Club of Horsham was received, detailing how a new Rotary Club was formed in Warracknabeal.



Boys and Girls Week

Boys and Girls Week was another success. Groups of 15-20 scholars from Bendigo schools were supervised by Rotary members on inspections of local, industrial undertakings.

Mayor Bennet formally opened the Hobbies Exhibition.

VIP Talk

A highlight during the year was the visit to the Club by a Representative of Rotary International. Dr. Fong Foo Sec, a Scholar of the highest standing in China, visited the Club and spoke at a Club Meeting on March 9.

The District Governor, D.G. Pittard M.L.C, on his official visit on September 14, spoke about the Boston Conference he attended. Consequently, he informed members of Rotary International's guidelines with Club Management and the Policy of R.I was outlined.

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BENDIGO AND DISTRICT

Rotary President Entertained.

The Bendigo Rotary Club on Saturday night held a dinner in honour of Mr.

A. R. Bolton, who is the nominee for Governor of the 65th Rotary District, and

who will leave on the Mariposa shortly to attend the Rotary international Convention at Atlantic City.

Mr. Bolton, who is a past-president of the club, was presented with a rug by the president (Mr. E. Eathorne), while a presentation was also made to Miss Amy Bolton, who will accompany her father.

Mr. Bolton undertook to plant a tree in the garden of the residence of the first Rotary president, Mr. Paul Harris, in Chicago, which is known as the "garden of friendship."

NEW ROTARY GOVERNOR BACK FROM AMERICA

After attending an international assembly of Rotary at Buck Hills Falls, Pennsylvania, and a Rotary conference at Atlantic City, where he was elected governor of the 65th district of Rotary International, Mr. Arthur L. Bolton, of Bendigo, reached Fremantle today in the liner Ormonde.

Mr. Bolton, who spent some weeks in the United States, said that, generally speaking, Americans knew very little regarding Australia. This was mainly because the newspapers, with practically the only exception of the New York "Times," printed few items of other than local interest. However, Americans were anxious to learn more about Australia and had been most hospitable.

Rotary was thriving in all parts of the world, the latest figures showing that there were 4000 clubs and 170,000 members.

The new president of Rotary International was Mr. W. R. Manier, jun., a lawyer of Tennessee.

Mr. Bolton, who will succeed Mr. A. W. Short, of Adelaide, as governor of the 65th district, which embraces Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia, will disembark at Adelaide to attend a district conference to be held next week. He will assume his new office on October 1 and hopes to visit this State during the autumn.