

In anticipation of Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1942; 67 years ago. At the October 8th Rotary meeting, it was announced that President "Jack" Butterfield had appointed Roy Denny as Chairman of the Rotary-for-Super-Scrap-Drive Committee. Since keys were made of nickel and brass and other metals essential for war, they were quite valuable. At the following October 15 meeting, "key man" Denny appeared wrapped in a flock of chains, but managed to untangle himself. He made it clear he had a sock full of keys and wanted more. The October 8 meeting is of particular interest to revisit given the current state of our national and world economies. The day's speaker was the Honorable Milbank McFie, and his topic was "The World's Safest Place to Put Your Money." Where was that safest place? War bonds, of course. In McFie's address, facts and figures flowed. Average sales per month were \$728 million, and 14% of war expenditures were derived from war bond sales. He also noted various available bond series ("E", "F" and "G") and emphasized the yields; 2.9% and 2.5%. This solid talk was immediately followed by a "closing" appeal to Club 33 Rotarians by Phil Gildred, resulting in (quote) "about \$150,000 smacklers pledged." And that's your Club 33 History Minute.