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## NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT INSTALLED

Mr. G. L. Gibbs was installed as the new president of Uxbridge Rotary Club at Thursday's luncheon by the retiring president, Mr. John D. Suter.

Mr. Suter said he cherished the fellowship of the club and hoped he had maintained its sense of happiness during his year of office.

The new president, he said, had been a member since 1935 serving on the Community and International Committees, had been the secretary of the latter for the past two years and a member of the Council since 1946.

Before the war he served with the Royal Observer Corps, was commissioned from the ranks in the R.A.F., had been associated with the Chamber of Trade and a member of its Executive since demobilisation. He had a good record of service to the community.

## NO SINECURE

Mr. C. E. King, J.P. (founder president) congratulated Mr. Gibbs on his appointment; the presidency was no sinecure but from his record Mr. Gibbs showed that he had the incentive to occupy the position of greatest responsibility and privilege to any club in Rotary.

Having known him personally almost since he was born and being aware of the apprenticeship he had gone through in various stages of public life, he was certain that his year of office would be successful.

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One of the reasons for the spirit was that they were lucky in having with them still so many of their founder members. They had also grown slowly and picked with care and their members proved that was a wise policy.

With the smaller club each member shouldered a heavier responsibility. It would be a bad thing if, as he had noticed in other clubs, theirs grew to the size where the majority sat back and were content to watch the few run it.

For future discussions he suggested Vocational Service might tackle the deterioration in business practice brought about by the shortages of various commodities, commercial probity to-day not being what he thought it was ten years ago. Community service might discuss juvenile delinquency; there were a fearful lot of youngsters going from bad to worse since the war.