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DR. CHARLES A. LEECH, M.D.

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COSMO-BETHEL PARK SHELTERS

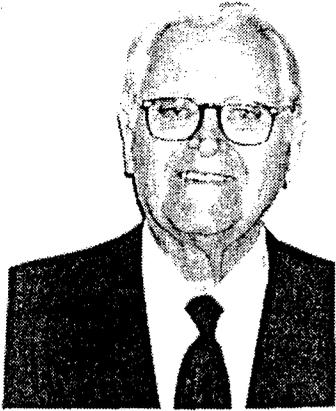
Cosmo-Bethel Park

August 28, 1997

5:30 p.m.

Columbia, Missouri





**Dr. Charles A. Leech,
Charter Member of the
Cosmopolitan
International Luncheon
Club**

Dr. Leech graduated from medical school in 1936. He and his wife, Mable, have been married since June 25, 1939. They have 3 daughters, 1 son, and 9 grandchildren.

Dr. Leech was assigned to the Medical Detachment of the 128th Battalion (US Army). He was stationed in Ft. Jackson and sent overseas in 1942. He was first sent to England, then North Africa and finally to Sicily and Italy. He returned home in November, 1945.

Dr. Leech spent 46 years in the medical profession. He was the attending physician at the birth of some 4,000 children.

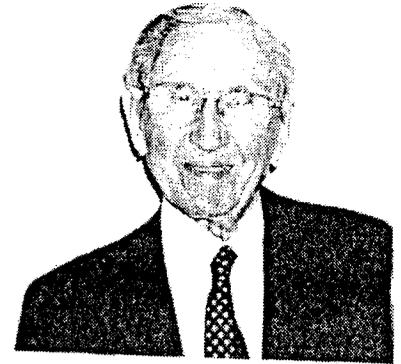
Dr. Leech was president of the Luncheon Club in 1957. He served as editor of the Luncheon Club Bulletin from 1966 to 1980 and from 1984 to 1986. He has served as Sergeant at Arms for a great many years. He has served on the Board of Managers, as well as most of the other committees over the years. "Choppy" has maintained perfect attendance for 49 years.

COLUMBIA COSMOPOLITAN LUNCHEON CLUB

Fifty years ago, 53 residents with philanthropic sentiments wanting to give something back to the community founded the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club. Since then, the Cosmopolitan Club has provided services to the community with a long list of accomplishments in Columbia that include recreational facilities.

The majority of projects have been in the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area, but a few years ago focus turned to Cosmo-Bethel Park providing for development in this park. The Cosmos built a beautiful playground and small shelter which was dedicated in October of 1989, have planted numerous trees, and assisted in construction of the playing field, in addition to monetary support.

**Clarence Riechmann, Charter member of
the Cosmopolitan International Luncheon
Club**



Clarence and Marguerite were married on June 14, 1934. They have one daughter, 2 granddaughters, 4 great-granddaughters and 2 great-grandsons.

Clarence started work at the Exchange National Bank, now the First National Bank, on March 4, 1929, doing odd jobs, then became a bookkeeper, then a teller, during the 1940's he was the assistant cashier and then became a vice president. He retired from the bank on April 1, 1979, as Senior Vice President.

Clarence served as Club Treasurer from 1947 to 1985. Clarence looked after our club's financial interest when we did not have much of a bank balance. We were usually operating on borrowed money, and/or trust from our creditors and Clarence's promise that they would be paid. When a club member pledged funds to complete a project, Clarence always saw that everyone was repaid and that all Cosmo bills were paid. After we started Bingo, he was there every Wednesday evening serving as banker.

Clarence is an Honorary Past President of the Luncheon Club and has maintained perfect attendance for 44 years.

Clarence is present at all of our luncheon meetings, serving as cashier.

J.W. Ficklin

Charter Member of the Cosmopolitan International Luncheon Club

J.W. was born at Thomas Hill, Missouri, and moved to Columbia in 1926. He attended the University of Missouri in 1926-28, and married Fannie Hollis in 1928.

J.W. became associated with the Standard Oil Company in California in 1931. He returned to Columbia in 1939 and was with the Standard Oil Company here until 1942.

J.W. enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942, became impatient waiting for active duty orders and switched to the U.S. Maritime Service, where he held the rank of Captain, and as personnel Manager was in charge of 35,000 seamen and 123 ships. J.W. was discharged in July, 1945; returned to Columbia and entered into the retail grocer business.

J.W. was the proprietor of two stores, Ficklin's Super Market and the IGA Thrift Mart.

He and his wife traveled extensively, especially on Cosmo business. They attended Cosmo conventions all over the country and in Mexico.

J.W. passed away in the late 1980's.