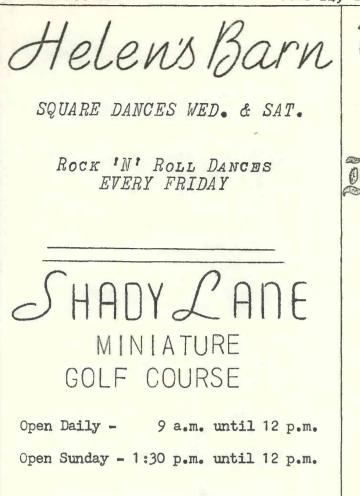
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ROTARY ENJOYS COL. IVINS RECOLLECTIONS OF "IKE"

Some 50 local Rotarians, visiting Rotarians and guests were privileged to hear Col. Charles F. Ivins, U.S.A. (retired) of Flat Mountain and Homestead, Florida, tell of experiences in Panama in 1923 - 24 when he served in the 42nd Infantry at Camp Gaillard, Panama, of which Major Dwight D. Eisenhower was executive officer to the Brigade Commander, General Fox Conner.

Brigade Commander, General Fox Conner. The first meeting with Eisenhower was at a bridge table at the Officers' Club shortly after arrival in Panama. The then Lieutenant Ivins held a succession of powerful hands the entire evening and not only soundly trounced the Major, who fancied himself to be something of a bridge expert but won high score for the whole party.

Of particular interest was a discussion of possible means of defense of the Panama Canal from invasion by the Japanese. Apparently the professional military men were convinced that there would be a World War II and that Japan would be our enemy, despite the fact that at that time Congress was reducing the size of our armed forces and scrapping ships and weapons.

Next Tuesday District Governor Jesse Chapman of Asheville will make his official visit to the Highlands Club. All members are requested to attend the Club Assembly which will be

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held in the Fellowship Hall of the Episcopal Church, at 11:15 a.m. All Committee reports will be discussed at this time, and several important items of business will be on the agenda.

Dr. Chapman has been a member of the Asheville Rotary Club since 1956, served as President in 1961. In addition he is an active member of numerous medical societies, conducts an active practice in thoracic surgery, is on the staff of 4 Asheville hospitals and teaches a Sunday School class of High School seniors at the Baptist Church.

C OF C MEETING

There will be a very important meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday, July 28th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Conference Room above the Chamber of Commerce office. Everyone is invited, and all members are urged to attend.

