

Captain Robert E. "Bob" Murphy Chosen Our President

John R. Wilson, who, when the board had organized, was reelected. The unanimous ballot of the board was cast for Captain Murphy for president, P. A. Meyer for vice president, and B. A. Green for treasurer, a post he has held almost without interruption from the date of the organization of the chamber of commerce, July 1920.

Judge Haussermann was reelected a vice president, and the same honor was conferred upon Captain Heath, retiring from the presidency, and Mr. Cotterman.

With the organization of the board of directors, Captain Heath ended his long and distinguished career as president of the chamber of commerce. He was elected its first president for the half-year period following organization in 1920, and reelected in 1921. Mr. Cotterman was president during 1922 and 1923, and Captain Heath during 1924, 1925, 1926, and 1927. He cast his vote this year with the rest, for Captain Murphy.

Like Captain Heath, Captain Murphy is an oldtimer. He came to the islands in 1900 with the quartermaster department and remained in that department until 1919, when he resigned his commission and took the management of the *Cablenews American*, a daily Manila newspaper, now the *Philippines Herald*. In 1920 the paper was sold. Captain Murphy went from newspaper life, where his former popularity had been enhanced, for he has always been prominent in the club and social life of the city, into the embroidery business. He became the head of the Art Embroidery company, now the Robert E. Murphy Embroidery company, manufacturing and exporting to the United States.

The embroidery business, the islands being justly famed for their fine hand-wrought embroideries, is one of the leading industries of the islands. It has, too, prospects of future expansion eclipsing its present prosperity. Popular, always ready to make personal sacrifices for the welfare of the community, Captain Murphy enters upon his duties as president of the chamber of commerce under most auspicious circumstances, harmony being attested by his unanimous election. He is a director of the Philippine Trust Company, a prosperous banking and trust corporation.

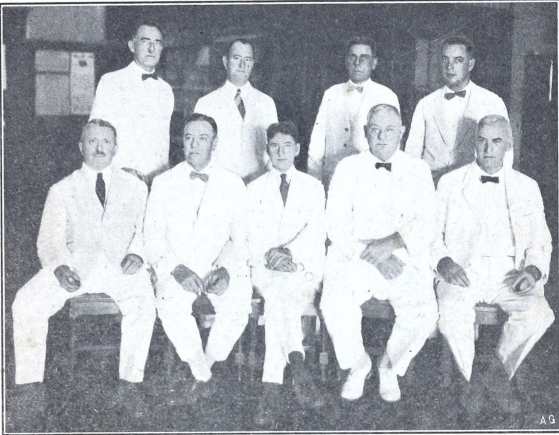
President Murphy is also the president of *Isuan Incorporated*, the company manufacturing the islands' famous mineral water and Isuan dry gingerale. Of the latter, 500 cases are now leaving Manila weekly, by the Dollar passenger freighters going to Seattle and San Francisco. This is just the beginning, however. The demand is increasing rapidly in response to the excellence of the product and the advertising undertaken by the Isuan company in America.

Walter Z. Smith, head of the telephone company, is already an acting director, Judge Haussermann being in the United States.

Captain Heath left Manila for a ten-month's visit to the United States February 11, resigning from his positions in the government corporations before leaving.

Both political parties, the Democratic and the Republican, have been invited to hold their conventions at the chamber of commerce.

The Board of Directors



Sitting, left to right: P. A. Meyer, imports-exports, cigar and cigarette manufacturing; Fred A. Leas, cattle, copra and coconut-oil manufacturing; Robert E. Murphy, embroidery, Isuan water, and banking; H. L. Heath, ranching, hemp exporting, cordage manufacturing; C. M. Cotterman, importing, Walk-Over shoes, acetylene manufacturing and welding, banking.

Standing, left to right: John R. Wilson (secretary), W. L. Applegate, stevedoring; B. A. Green, real estate, canning, sugar manufacturing; H. M. Cavender, general agent, the Robert Dollar Company.

Paul A. Meyer, W. L. Applegate, and B. A. Green were elected directors of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands for three-year terms at the eighth annual meeting held at the general offices of the chamber of commerce Saturday afternoon, January 28, the secretary casting the unanimous vote of the meeting when the three men were placed in nomination and, upon motion, nominations were closed. Precisely by like procedure, Walter Z. Smith, A. B. Cresap, R. S. Rogers, and J. L. Headington were elected alternate directors for terms of one year, to serve on the board of directors in the order which their names appear here, in the absence of directors from the islands.

As several of the directors have planned to be out of the islands most of this year, it is probable that before the close of the year all of the alternate directors will have served on the board

of directors. Senator Fairchild retired from the alternate directors' list, Mr. Headington was reelected, while Mr. Applegate, an alternate last year, is now a full-term director. S. F. Gaches, who, like Senator Fairchild, was a valuable member of the board of directors for many years, retired from the directorate with the close of the term. A. B. Cresap is the new alternate director. Directors Meyer and Green were reelected to succeed themselves.

Directors holding over are H. L. Heath, Fred A. Leas, John W. Haussermann, C. M. Cotterman, Robert E. Murphy, and H. M. Cavender.

The directors organized for business at the regular weekly meeting, Tuesday, January 31. With the same accord that had characterized the annual meeting of active members, officers were chosen for the current year. Those present are the directors shown above, and the secretary,

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