Eric Paul Mahlendorf served as President of the Derby-Shelton Rotary Cub for 1953-1954. At the time he was a Salesman for Socony-Vacuum Oil Company. (* See author's note below.) He was born on December 16, 1901 in Broad Brook, a village within the town of East Windsor, Connecticut. His parents, Emil and Susan Mahlendorf came to this area from the Free State of Saxony which became a part of Germany at the end of World War I. Eric and his wife resided in Hamden where he passed away on November 7, 1960 at the age of 58.

*Socony was an acronym for Standard Oil Company of New York which later changed its name to Mobil and then merged with Exxon to create ExxonMobil, a giant in the world's energy market.