

vidual Rotary club has autonomy in the selection of such community service activities as appeal to it and are suited to its community. But no club should allow itself to become so involved in any community activity that it forgets or neglects the other objects of Rotary. The well balanced Rotary program should be kept always in mind.

### Other Community Agencies

In the average community will always be found some of the following agencies: churches, parochial schools, and church societies; Sunday schools; evening or special schools; fraternal bodies; a chamber of commerce, commercial club or businessmen's association; charitable organizations, humane societies, women's clubs; an advertising club, better business bureau, creditmen's association, real estate board, automobile club; trade groups, labor groups, farm bureaus; and various other educational, patriotic, and historical societies. Although organized for a specific purpose, most of them also undertake some activity for the betterment of the community.

In addition to all these, there are the city officers, county officers, and state (or provincial) and federal agencies at work in the community. Many of these officers or agencies are keenly interested in opportunities to improve the civic conditions of the community.

One of the greatest opportunities before the Rotary club is that of helping to establish the right relationships between these many agencies and particularly between those who direct policies so that all may work with a common purpose.

### The Community Service Council

Sometimes this can best be accomplished through the formation of a community service council on which it will be desirable for Rotarians to serve and in which it will be possible to coordinate, and in many instances to combine, community efforts.

It is in this service that the Rotary club frequently does its best work. Many communities find themselves burdened with a host of semi-charitable organizations. Because of a lack of close cooperation, many of these organizations duplicate each other's activities and there is no one group strong enough to persuade each organization to select the field best suited for its endeavors and to leave the other fields to other specialized organizations.

The Rotary club, representing as it does a cross section of the business and professional life of the city, is in a position to endeavor to persuade such organizations to confine their efforts within such bounds as will avoid duplication and be most effective. An example of this has been the insistence in many localities upon the establishment of a Community Charitable Fund or Federated Charities Budget, in which all charitable organizations of the city are brought together for fund raising purposes and placed under the supervision of a joint budget commission, representing the chief contributors to the fund and general civic organizations.

### An Example

The general survey may have indicated that many boys in the community