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Chairman

THE BOYS WORK COMMITTEE

(Usually a Subcommittee of the Community Service Committee)

The boys work committee is composed of a chairman who is a member of the community service committee, and such other members as the needs of the local club may require. In a small club it may consist of but one member, whereas in a large club it may have several.

The boys work committee acquaints itself, through surveys and by other means, with the needs of the boy life of the community, recommends such action as it believes may promote the development of boys into good citizens, and carries out such boys work as the club may authorize.

As guides for the boys work committee Rotary International has published two pamphlets, (No. 18, "Boys Work by Rotary Clubs," and No. 41, "Rural Youth"). Copies of these pamphlets should be found in the club secretary's office. He can get additional copies, if desired, from the secretariat.

Pamphlet No. 43, "What a Man Can Do for a Boy." Single copies, gratis—25c for ten copies. It contains suggestions for boys work by individual Rotarians throughout the year.

Pamphlet No. 44, "Boys and Girls Week—Manual of Suggestions." Gratis. It tells how to organize this event and outlines activities to consider.

For the assistance of this committee Rotary International prepares a number of suggestions, or program outlines, based on successful programs in Rotary clubs, and on addresses and articles in the field of boys work. This material may be obtained by addressing the secretariat of Rotary International.

Boys Work Activities

There are many activities through which Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians can help boys to help themselves. If the committee does not have an up-to-date survey of boy life in the community, arrangements should be made at the beginning of the year for such a survey so that definite needs may be ascertained and plans laid and steps taken for doing something concrete to meet these needs. This information is desirable whether the club functions as a unit or through its individual members.

Suggestions for making a survey will be found in the boys work pamphlet already mentioned (No. 18).

Upon request from the secretariat the committee can obtain a convenient check-list of over 250 actual boys work and youth service activities that have been reported recently by Rotary clubs. This list will assist a committee in selecting appropriate local activities.

Boys Work Agencies

In practically every community there are agencies (such as Boy Scouts, Y.M.C.A., and many others) that are devoting all or most of their effort to boys work. In almost every instance these organizations could be even more effective if they had whole-hearted community support for their activities.

Where these agencies exist the Rotary club may wish to devote a considerable part of its boys work effort in the direction of close cooperation with these other organizations. At any rate the Rotary club should avoid initiating an activity which will be substantially a duplication of the service to boys which