

Rotary in Action—Worldwide

THE following examples of Rotary club activities indicate that the same community needs exist the world over. Club officers, read some of these items to your members at your club meeting. Make them aware of the importance and accomplishments of Rotary and proud that they are a part of an organization which is daily contributing to the betterment of more than 5,000 communities in over 50 countries and other geographical regions throughout the world.

Asansol, India, experimented in producing a cheap, nourishing and palatable gruel which could be served to the hungry in Asansol. A satisfactory gruel, containing from 400 to 500 calories to a pound and a half of gruel, made of rice and other local ingredients, was produced and served mostly to children and old people, at a feeding center established by the Rotary club. Following the successful operation of this center, a second gruel distributing center in the city was opened, where 75 persons were fed on the first day. Students assisted the Rotarians in this work.

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Jackson, Michigan, surveyed the city recently at a cost of \$500, to determine the extent of child delinquency; it owns and is improving a children's playground; it has an active crippled children's program; it sponsors a boy scout troop, and invites foreign college students to spend the holidays in the homes of Rotarians.

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Jerusalem, Haifa, and Jaffa—Tel-Aviv, Palestine, Rotarians, in a joint meeting, established a General Council for the Welfare of Children and Young People in Palestine. The proposals for the council were framed by two Rotarians—the Government Adviser on Social Welfare, and a member of the Social Service Department of the Jewish Community Council in Jerusalem.

The Rotary Club of Jerusalem is cooperating with the Food Council for Palestine, and it is expected that the Jaffa—Tel-Aviv Club will soon be included in this cooperative effort. Plans are being made for restaurants to provide for inter-communal feeding.

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Mansourah, Egypt, has been doing excellent work in providing friendly service to the R.A.F. camp near by. Games have been given to the men and many have been entertained in the homes of Mansourah Rotarians.

This club conducts a weekly luncheon for some 120 poor children. Two or more members of the club are always present to supervise this luncheon. The food is prepared and served by the wives of the Rotarians.

Oil City, Pennsylvania, entertains two high school seniors for four meetings in succession and asks them to give their opinion of Rotary at the final meeting. In the past this club has paid \$10.00 monthly for the care of a child in a crippled children's home in Pittsburgh. The club has not been able to find a local child to send to this institution this year but has offered to contribute the usual amount each month, if the institution will select a child needing this care.

Oil City Rotarians are studying a plan to re-forest a hillside overlooking the town and a plan for a community wood lot. Working through the Y.M.C.A., the club is endeavoring to combat juvenile delinquency by means of dances for youth and low cost memberships in the Y.M.C.A.

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Nilgiris, India, conceived the idea of providing a nursery for the children of coolie women who are away all day at their work. The club decided to put up a building adjoining the child welfare center, the cost to be met by the club. The scheme was readily sanctioned by the Municipal Commissioner and the project is now in process.

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Aurora, Illinois, finding that there is no great demand on its student loan fund, because of the war, has enlarged the scope of the fund so that it will provide money for all worthy purposes such as student loans, Y.M.C.A., Boy Scouts, Community Chest, etc. The fund is maintained by the collection of loans previously made by the fund, by fines and birthday contributions of Aurora Rotarians, and other means.

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Meadville, Pennsylvania, has bought several sets of young pigs and distributed them to boy and girl members of 4-H clubs in the county. These selected youngsters are to raise and care for the pigs until they are ready for market. Then the Rotary club is to get the proceeds of one pig, the parent who supplied the feed, is to get the proceeds of the second pig, and the boy or girl who cared for the pigs is to get the proceeds of the third pig.

Capetown, South Africa, through its bursary scheme, is supporting more young people than ever before at a number of different schools scattered throughout the peninsula.

This club believes that it has a record which cannot be equaled by any other Rotary club in the world in that three of its members were elected to Parliament at the same time.

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St. Louis, Missouri, since July, 1942, has invested \$22,735 in training 89 nurses as its major contribution to the war effort.

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Assuit, Egypt, has been entertaining many military men at its luncheons. These men have also been entertained in large numbers in the homes of Rotarians.

The club has been working on local health and social conditions. Free milk has been provided for 200 babies in the American Hospital. Free water facilities have been doubled in the poor sections of the city.

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New Westminster, B.C., Canada, maintains a splendid children's camp. 173 children attended the camp for two weeks and the total gain in their weight was over 1,000 pounds!

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Skegness, England, Rotarians are busy these days helping to wipe out the local hospital debt of some £4,000. The community effort is headed by a member of the Rotary club and in eight weeks his fellow Rotarians have helped raise £2,000 by arranging auction sales, bridge drives, dances and other entertainments.

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Lucknow, India, is active in a variety of community and war services, among them:

- initiating a subscription list for the Bengal Relief Fund;
- taking over the work of distribution of grain in the city;
- extending the work of Beggar Relief and Rural Uplift;

- inviting absentee Rotarians and new Rotarians every fortnight to an "at home" as a means of maintaining fellowship and attendance;

- entertaining visiting American and other Allied officers and men in Indian homes. (Several members have agreed to receive groups of 10 "foreign" men into their homes and introduce them to Indian life and customs.)

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Kingman, Arizona, sold more than \$100,000 in war bonds at a barbecue dinner, where the cost of admission was the purchase of a war bond.