

An Opportunity for Individual Service

The mustering out of members of the armed forces—both men and women—has given rise to serious problems in connection with their re-introduction and adjustment to civilian life. Not only is there the problem of providing jobs for them and, in so far as possible, jobs best suited to their capabilities, but also the more intangible and delicate problem of helping them become mentally adjusted to civilian life after the shattering experiences many of them have gone through in military service.

The aims and objects committee of R.I. has directed its attention to this situation. While recognizing that the governments of the various nations at war and different organizations within those countries are working to solve these problems, the committee sees in the situation an opportunity for Rotarians individually to render a tremendously worthwhile service.

Accordingly, the committee suggests to Rotary clubs that they see to it that their members are led to understand the problems involved and to realize that the solutions depend on active, personal, and individual interest and action by Rotarians.

Helping Their Neighbors

The work of the Rotary Clubs in Sweden centers around the theme of education and care of youth in Sweden and adjoining countries. Last year the clubs created a Norwegian Relief Committee within Rotary and from the district fund 3,000 Swedish crowns were given for this committee's work. Swedish Rotarians have done their share in caring for the 25,000 Finnish children who have been received in Swedish homes, and one Rotary club erected a home for sick Finnish children at a cost of 43,000 Swedish crowns.

Welcome to Dakar

The Rotary Club of Dakar, Senegal, French West Africa, has continued to meet regularly in spite of the ups and downs of life in that city during the past few years. The club wants it known that Rotarians or sons of Rotarians in the armed forces, who may be passing through Dakar, are always welcome at its meetings, which are held at 8:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the Hotel Metropole.

Postwar Committee in Rotary Clubs

The board of directors of R.I. considers it important that each Rotary club have a postwar committee and urges Rotary club officers to appoint such a committee.

Honor Flag—Re-employment

President Wheeler calls an interesting suggestion to the notice of club officers in those countries where it has been customary to display a flag or banner indicating how many employees of a concern are in the armed services. It is a suggestion offered by a Rotarian, who asked why it wouldn't be a useful and constructive thing for business concerns to display an "honor flag" on which would appear an indication of the number of returned servicemen and women employed by the concern. The thought, of course, is to emphasize in the minds of all the pride the concern may justifiably feel in having employed the greatest possible number of men and women released from the armed services.

President Wheeler suggests that there might be in this idea something which the community service or postwar committee of the Rotary Club might consider carefully and perhaps take up with the local Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, or other suitable agency.

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In Memoriam

We record with regret the passing of the following past international officers of Rotary International:

Arthur L. Bolton, Bendigo, Australia, who served as governor of the 65th district in 1936-37;

Charles K. Brown, Staunton, Va., U.S.A., who served as governor of the 56th district in 1931-32;

Cecil K. Buchanan, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, who served as governor of the 55th district in 1934-35 and 1935-36;

Andrew Home-Morton, London, England, who served as governor of the 24th district and as president of the British Association of Rotary Clubs in 1918-19;

George H. Jenkins, Amherst, Mass., U.S.A., who served as governor of the 199th district in 1942-43;

Wartime Tempo in New Milton

The Rotary Club of New Milton, England, has expressed appreciation for the publicity in News Letter No. 9 concerning its wartime activities but has pointed out that the club has done much more than indicated in the item.

Last summer the Rotarians combined with the local Home Guard Welfare Committee to run an August Bank Holiday fete on a 50/50 basis. The aim was to raise £250 each—the Rotary club to name a bed at the local hospital, and the Home Guard to assist the Merchants Navy Comforts Fund. The event proved even more successful than expected—and the total profit realized was £666—or £333 for each charity.

In December, the Rotarians organized a Peak Week, the proceeds to provide extra parcels for the prisoners of war from their borough (numbering about 80). £400 was realized from this effort. At the same time the club ran its annual Christmas charity appeal fund and collected £175, which was divided between the British Red Cross, the prisoners of war fund, their local borough prisoners of war fund, and eleven national charity funds.

For a club of 18 members (five of whom are in active service), the above activity constitutes a record in service to others during the year 1943.

"The Rotarian" for Soldiers and Sailors

The Rotary Club of Aruba, Netherlands, West Indies, is carrying on a campaign to secure subscriptions for both "The Rotarian" and "Revista Rotaria" to be sent to camps and ships for the use of soldiers and sailors. The club publication, "The Arrow" remarks that "we can select the camp or ship to receive our gifts or we can leave it to the magazine to choose the recipients. It is not necessary to belong to a Rotary club to receive the magazines."

President Charlie Wheeler expressed his hope that every reading room in every camp and on every ship should have one or both of the magazines in it regularly. "The coming Rotarians," he pointed out, "are in the armed forces now, and the more they learn about Rotary now, the stronger the Rotary clubs of tomorrow will be."

Price for either magazine is \$1.50 a year within the Americas, \$2.00 elsewhere. Why not a survey of the day rooms and reading rooms in the camps near you and see that they get "The Rotarian" and/or "Revista Rotaria." Orders should be sent to 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, 1, Illinois.