

## Magazine Committee in Rotary Clubs

The attention of all Rotary clubs is called to the following amendment to the recommended Rotary club by-laws which was made by the board of directors of R.I. at its January 1944, meeting:

The board amends the recommended Rotary club by-laws as follows:

a) by adding to the list of committees which appears in Section 1(b) of Article VII "magazine committee."

b) by adding to Section 2 of Article VIII a subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) *Magazine Committee.* This committee is to be comprised of the club president as ex officio member, three regular members of staggered appointment, each serving for three years, and, wherever feasible, the editor of the local club publication and a local newspaper or advertising member of the club. The duties of the committee are to include the stimulation of reader interest in "The Rotarian" and/or "Revista Rotaria"; sponsoring of a magazine week; arranging for brief monthly reviews of the magazines on regular club programs; encouraging use of the magazines in the induction of new members; providing a copy of one of the magazines for non-Rotarian speakers; securing fourth object and other special subscriptions for libraries, hospitals, schools and other reading rooms; the sending of news items, photographs, etc., to the editors of the magazines and in other ways making these magazines of service to the club members and non-Rotarians.

## Re-election to Office

In order to give more Rotarians the opportunity to serve their club as officers, it is the policy in Rotary that club officers should not be encouraged or expected to hold office for two successive years.

The board of R.I. is in agreement with this as a matter of general procedure. However, in view of the effect of the war on manpower in Rotary clubs, as well as in all walks of life, the board suggests that, where circumstances warrant, clubs may find it advantageous to elect an officer for a second and successive year or to re-elect, after an interim period, some former officer of the club.

## R. I. Director from Canada

Concurring in a recommendation of the Canadian advisory committee, the board of R.I. has amended paragraph 1 of the terms of reference of the committee by adding to it the following sentence:

The R.I. director from Canada shall be an ex officio member of the committee.

The terms of reference of the C.A.C. appear on pages 34 and 35 of the "Manual of Procedure" (Pamphlet 35—October, 1942, edition).

## Club Secretaries!

### Names of Individuals Required

The names of individuals who are to occupy rooms *must accompany all requisitions* for hotel accommodations at the 1944 international conference of R.I. to be held in Chicago, Ill., May 15th to 18th, 1944. Heretofore hotels would accept requisitions for a certain number of rooms for the members of a particular club. *They will not do so this year.*

To insure the reservation of rooms for the members of your club who are planning to attend the international conference, *be sure to indicate on the hotel requisition form the names of all persons who will occupy the space.*

### Be Represented — in Person or by Proxy

Since the by-laws of Rotary International provide that a quorum for a convention of R.I. shall consist of delegates from 25% of the member clubs, those clubs not planning to be represented at Chicago by personal delegates should arrange for their proxies to be in the hands of some Rotarian from within the district who will be present — perhaps the governor nominee or the outgoing governor or someone else who is known to be planning to attend.

### Another Honor for Charlie Burchell

Charles J. Burchell, long-time Rotarian and well-known to Rotarians in the U.S.A., Canada and Newfoundland, and Australia, has been appointed High Commissioner for Canada in the Union of South Africa. Charlie has served his government as High Commissioner to Australia and as High Commissioner for Canada, with headquarters in St. John's, Newfoundland. In announcing the new appointment, the "Ottawa Evening Citizen" said:

No better Canadian High Commissioner could be sent to South Africa, where Mr. Burchell will go at an early date. As a pioneer Rotarian, perhaps it is the Rotary spirit manifesting itself in work for which Mr. Burchell is peculiarly fitted.

Charlie has been a Rotarian since 1913. He has held membership in Rotary wherever he was stationed — in Halifax, Canada, Canberra, Australia, and St. John's, Newfoundland. He has served R.I. as a governor, committeeman, and as director and third vice-president. Our best wishes go with him in his new assignment.

## Calgary Boys Town Club

In 1939 the Rotary Club of Calgary, Alta., Canada, and several other service clubs, organized a Boys Town Club to serve the downtown congested area of Calgary. During the first summer 65 boys enrolled. Before the year was out the service clubs, other than the Rotary club, withdrew their support of this project, and the Rotary club decided to carry on alone.

Since that time Boys Town Club has grown in number and types of activities, and in membership. Now 200 boys of from nine to sixteen years of age, of many different nationalities, are members.

When the club outgrew its quarters, the Rotary club bought a building and converted it into a model club house with workshops, stage, lockers, showers, etc. Club activities are model aeroplane building, wood-working and belt braiding, swimming, gymnasium and physical training, hockey and soft-ball.

The boys manufacture toys, which are sold, part of the proceeds going to the boys, and part for the purchase of materials.

Many of Boys Town Club's best members are boys who have committed offenses against the law and have been in the juvenile court. The work of readjustment in many cases has been carried on through the Boys Town Club. Calgary Rotarians and law enforcement agencies believe that the fact that their city has a declining rate of juvenile delinquency, when statistics show a 50 per cent increase in delinquency in Canada, is significant evidence that the Boys Town Club is filling an urgent need.

### Director Nominee Robert J. Boyd

In News Letter No. 15, dated 4 February, 1944, data was published concerning the four Rotarians who have been nominated by the board of directors of R.I. to serve as directors of R.I. in 1944-45. The secretariat has now received up-to-date biographical information concerning Director Nominee Robert J. Boyd of Panama as follows:

His classification is "insurance"; he is president of Boyd Bros., Inc.; he has been a Rotarian for 20 years (holding membership from 1924 to 1929 in the Rotary Club of Cristobal, Canal Zone — Colon, Panama, and from 1929 to the present time in the Rotary Club of Panama City).

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