

## Recreation Center

As a result of initiative taken by the Rotary Club of Dallas Center, Iowa, a project for constructing quarters for the recreational center they inaugurated, has become an important item in the community's postwar Work Pile. The club reports \$7,000 in cash and \$22,000 in pledges already obtained for building the center as soon as labor and materials are available.

## In Lindsborg, Kansas —

—the survey questionnaire will be distributed and gathered by volunteer workers who will have the names of everyone in the city, so that no one will be omitted from the survey. The rural territory also will be covered. Information to local boys in the armed forces will be sent by letter with special provision for obtaining responses from them, so as to help the local committee estimate employment needs.

If the Work Pile which is developed appears insufficient, then, with the assistance of experts from the Kansas State Industrial Development Commission, plans will be worked out for increasing employment possibilities.

## In Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont.

—members of the Rotary club are almost 100% into the effort of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to make a fact-finding survey for postwar employment which may serve as a model for all Canadian communities. Householders, small merchants and farmers, as well as the large industrial concerns, will be contacted, so that a fairly accurate picture should result. The slogan for the survey is, "Give us the facts so we can help to provide the jobs."

## In Alpena, Michigan —

—the Rotary club called a meeting of representatives of all service clubs, fraternal organizations, Granges, veterans' organizations, Chamber of Commerce, and City and County officials, to discuss plans for assisting demobilized men and women to obtain employment when the war ceases. Results: the formation of the Alpena postwar planning committee with the membership of some 50, divided into over a dozen subcommittees. Work was begun at once to gather information and statistics through a Work Pile survey.

## Results in Savanna, Illinois

Here are a few final figures obtained through the Work Pile survey in Savanna, Illinois. Juniors and Seniors in high school made the canvass of the entire township.

### Construction and purchases planned:

#### URBAN (Pop. 5,130)

New homes..... 86	Telephone extensions .... 55
Outside painting .....362	Radios .....160
Inside decorating ...382	Pianos ..... 42
New plumbing or heating equipment .....152	Refrigerators ..190
Additions and improvements 203	Washing machines .....161
New curtains and draperies .....423	Ironers ..... 92
Vacuum cleaners .....177	Clocks .....162
	Toasters .....127
	Mixers .....109
	Electric heaters 34
	Electric fans.... 66
	Light fixtures..145

#### Automobile Items

Repair work....141	New cars .....236
Tires .....241	Radios (automobile) . 50

#### Yard and Garden Items

Hose .....133	Garden tools.... 93
Lawn mowers..120	

#### RURAL (Pop. 444)

New homes..... 11	Vacuum cleaners ..... 25
Outside painting ..... 65	Radios ..... 40
Inside decorating ... 55	Pianos ..... 9
New plumbing and heating equipment ... 27	Refrigerators... 25
Additions and improvements. 47	Washing machines ..... 41
Curtains and draperies ..... 63	Ironers ..... 17
Telephone extensions .... 11	Clocks .....36
	Toasters ..... 24
	Mixers ..... 22
	Electric heaters. 9
	Electric fans.... 18
	Light fixtures... 24

#### Automobile Items

Repair work.... 42	New cars..... 37
Tires ..... 48	Radios ..... 12

#### Garden and Yard Equipment

Hose ..... 15	Garden tools.... 14
Lawn mowers... 24	

#### Farm Equipment and Machinery

Fencing ..... 69	Fertilizers ..... 3
Machinery ..... 55	Landscaping ... 6
Equipment ..... 30	New buildings.. 27

The Rotary club of Savanna, Illinois, developed a unique plan for carrying out the survey among householders and farmers. With the backing of the Rotary and Lions clubs and the Chamber of Commerce, the Township High School coached students of social problems, economics, and United States history through special studies of commercial and public opinion surveys, and by reviewing various depression periods in the history of the U.S.A. and possible ways of avoiding one following the present war.

The junior and senior students were released from school one day to make the survey. The rural territory was handled through visits by those students who live in the country.

## Providing Leadership

Reports from all districts in Canada and the U.S.A. reveal how commonly Rotarians are chosen to formulate committees of the Chamber of Commerce or other bodies making Work Pile surveys. To illustrate: In district 107 (Los Angeles area) a report covering a few of the clubs shows:

—Rotary club committee selected by Chamber of Commerce to study probable sources of unemployment.

—Rotary club committee constitutes half of Chamber of Commerce committee for postwar employment plans.

—Rotary club committee represented on general committee of Chamber of Commerce for Work Pile.

—Half of the board of the Chamber are Rotarians leading Work Pile activity.

—All 9 members of the community Work Pile committee of the Chamber are Rotarians.

—Rotarian named general chairman of the community-wide committee to handle Work Pile survey.

## In Blytheville, Arkansas —

—the mailing of Work Pile questionnaires was preceded by a publicity program carried out by personal contact and by letter, in order to pave the way so as to get the most valuable answers to the questionnaire.

## In Gaffney, South Carolina —

—the Rotary club brought to its meeting for discussion of the Work Pile, the heads of the park commission, Lions club, the intercivic council, the Royal Arcanum, and the civilian defense organization. The visitors met afterward with the Rotary club board of directors, the high school principal, the farm agent, the college dean and other local leaders in the club, and appointed a community-wide committee of five to handle the Work Pile survey.

## In Keyser, West Virginia —

—the Rotary club appointed a special Work Pile committee which called a meeting of representatives of other civic groups and set up a definite organization on planning. Thus there came into being the "Upper Potomac Planning Commission," one of whose responsibilities is the creation of a Work Pile. Other citizens of the Upper Potomac area, both householders and businessmen, will be given an opportunity to participate in an effort to provide for private enterprise to absorb the greatest proportion of returning servicemen and disemployed war workers.