

Featuring Inter-American Relations

The Pan American Union has issued a series of 16-page booklets on the life, history, and customs of the Latin American countries, which have been received with interest by hundreds of teachers and introduced into classroom use throughout the United States. The Union now is preparing a second set of pamphlets and hopes to enlarge the series gradually on the basis of units dealing with the history, heroes, conquerors, native cultures, life and customs, science and nature, and international relations of the Latin American republics.

The first series of these booklets, which sell for five cents each, cover these subjects:

- The Pan American Union
- The Panama Canal
- The Snake Farm at Butantan
- Francisco Pizarro
- Cabeza de Vaca's Great Journey
- The Incas
- Jose de San Martin
- The Pan American Highway
- The Araucanians
- The Guano Islands of Peru

Rotary clubs which may be interested in using these booklets as a means of furthering the interest of young people of the U.S.A. in inter-American relations should contact the Pan American Union, Washington 6, D.C.

Conserve These "Vital Seven"

The "vital seven" resources—coal, oil, gas, electricity, water, communications and transportation—are, with manpower and materials, the basis for the tremendous amount of wartime production which the home-front must continue to supply. So great is the need for the general conservation of these resources that the U.S. Government is sponsoring a broad program calling for immediate, voluntary measures by the public and by industry to fight waste. Although the savings in a single household, commercial establishment or industrial plant may seem small, the possible aggregate savings nationally are tremendous. Just figure out what would be gained if every consumer of the "vital seven" cut down his use by 10 per cent.

Rotarians should need no urging to cooperate in this renewed conservation drive, both in their homes and in their businesses. Every bit saved helps toward winning the war.

Do you have a copy of "The Rotarian" or "Revista Rotaria" on display at the speaker's table at the first meeting each month following the arrival of the magazine?

Rotary in Action

Bergenfield, New Jersey, recently received a bequest of \$3,678 from a teacher of the local high school, to be applied to the club's student loan fund.

Davenport, Iowa, has an active scholarship fund of over \$10,000 which has helped nearly 100 young people through college.

Zebulon, North Carolina, is launching as a post-war project a plan for improving sweet potato growing through proper curing and grading.

Littleton, Colorado, Rotarians for more than a year, have met every Sunday for the purpose of collecting scrap metal and hauling it to a scrap collection depot.

Cranston, Rhode Island, sponsors city-wide collection of waste paper, rags, books and magazines.

Portsmouth, Ohio, obtained the names of a dozen hospitals which are caring for wounded war veterans and inquired relative to their needs for cards, games and puzzles. The response was good, and several hundred decks of cards, jig-saw puzzles and miscellaneous games were supplied.

Bradford, Pennsylvania, located a building, rent free, and plan to open it as a community center for youth, under the jurisdiction of the municipal playground. There will be a dance floor, ping pong tables, piano and pool tables. To initiate this project, a carnival was held, netting \$1,200. The borough council added \$1,000 and the school board a like amount. The center will be called the "Bee Hive" and Bradford Rotarians hope it will prove a popular young people's rendezvous.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Rotarians brought donations of salt codfish to a recent club meeting, as a result of which a full cask of this product was shipped to London for the Newfoundland boys in service on leave in London.

Warren, Pennsylvania, entertains the farmers of the county each year, and this year was delighted to have a record attendance of 198 farmer guests. Usually the farmers reciprocate with a "Farmer-Rotary" party.

This club has formed the Warren Council of Service Clubs to coordinate the efforts of all organizations and to prevent overlapping of work; the club cooperates with the county crippled children's committee and raises \$1,000 annually for crippled children work; it is very active in boy scout work, and the club's boys' welfare committee cooperates with the county judge in helping to provide guidance for boys who have been brought before him informally for warning.

Food Still Fights the War

The role of food in the fight for the world's freedom will not be over the minute shooting stops, but will continue through the period of rehabilitation. That means that right now—if we have not already started—we must be consciously careful of our food supply. Today that supply is greater than it has been in the years past, and Americans, as a whole, are eating more and better food. But we must remember that, though the supply is greater, the demands are greater, since there are armed forces to feed and a Lend-Lease policy to carry out.

Rotary clubs should give attention regularly to one of the various aspects of the food problem: to its supply, its conservation, the best ways to use it, and its basic importance in the war.

"For His Own Good"

After having been in Rotary under one classification for 25 years, I thought it only proper that some other younger man in the same classification be given an opportunity to enjoy Rotary. I feel, further, that it would put me in a better position to do constructive work without feeling that I was standing in the way of some other good man's advancement.

I have been very pleased with the results, and frankly, I feel that every good active Rotarian, who has served 25 years in Rotary or who has reached the age of 65 years, should for his own good, the good of his club, and for the benefit of others, change his membership to "Senior Active" . . .

It is my sincere hope that many of our good reliable stand-bys in Rotary will give consideration to the possibilities of "Senior Active Membership."

—Roy J. Weaver, Pueblo (Colo.)
Chairman, Permanent
R. I. Headquarters Committee

A Little Home Away from Home

"Rotary Clubs are all alike. Sit down at the table, close your eyes and listen, and they are identical—identical in fellowship, in gracious hospitality, in program and in purpose. Recently, on pass to Honolulu, I visited with the Rotary club and had the most wonderful heart-warming time. I registered in the usual fashion, bought a lunch ticket, had a fine meal, and enjoyed an excellent program. The conversation at my table was about business, the war, and all the other things we used to talk about in Houston. All in all, it was a little home away from home, and if Rotary had done nothing for me but this—given me an opportunity to make friends in distant surroundings—it would have been enough."

—excerpt from a letter from a Houston (Texas) Rotarian now in the Armed Services of the United States.