

Results of Brainerd's Survey

Post-war employment possibilities in Brainerd, Minnesota, as revealed by the Work Pile survey in that community promise to be adequate. The 401 stores, shops, and offices doing business in April, 1944, were employing 3,527 people—slightly more than for years previously. Their expected requirements estimated on the basis of a community-wide Work Pile survey for the period immediately following the close of the war total 4,599. That's an increase of better than 23% over present employment figures.

Three More Jobs per Concern

Early returns from a survey among retail stores and offices in High Point, North Carolina, reveal an average of close to three additional employees contemplated for the immediate post-war period. That is three more jobs over and above those now filled. Furthermore, this figure does not take into consideration labor involved in close to \$2,000,000 worth of property repairs and improvements planned by the 272 concerns thus far reporting.

A "Tributary"

From a past president of the Rotary Club of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, Rotarian R. Van der Bie, comes the following suggestion:

I would like to propose a new office in every Rotary club. Namely, a "Tributary"—an appointed member whose duty it shall be to pay the club's tribute to an individual or group upon the completion of an outstanding service. It may be a tribute to a Rotarian who has become a past service member, or to a group which has accomplished something worthwhile in community affairs. The recognition would emphasize the spirit and function of Rotary. I know of no other tribute which would be more appreciated than that coming from one's own fellows and club.

A new officer in a Rotary club can be provided only by an enactment passed at a convention of Rotary International to amend the club constitution which is prescribed for the use of Rotary clubs. There is however no good reason why any Rotary club to which Rotarian Van der Bie's idea appeals should not name some member informally to be a "Tributary."

ROTARIANS IN CHUNGKING, CHINA, have stuck by their guns throughout the hundreds of attacks. We are inspired by the ideals of Rotary and, determined that Rotary shall not die in Free China, we are planning to carry on and to establish new Rotary Clubs in other parts of the country.

—George Fitch, Past President,
Rotary Club of Chungking, China

Rotary—Here and There

Minden, Nevada, has secured the establishment of an air cadet training school at Minden, and has "adopted" the students. The club entertains an entire detachment of cadets at a meeting every two or three weeks. It has provided a recreation hall for the cadets, where dances are held, it furnishes 35 current magazines weekly, and provides a band for "retreat" service.

Another activity of this club is the operation of a canteen for forest fire fighters.

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Montmagny, Quebec, Canada, a club of 16 members, organized last year, is busily engaged in service for its community. By payment of entry fees for all the poor children of Montmagny, the club arranged for the children to enjoy a slide and toboggan this past winter.

The Rotarians are engaged in a paper recuperation campaign. Proceeds from the sale of a carload of collected waste paper have been turned over to the club's crippled children committee, which is planning to send two children to Montreal for examination and treatment.

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Colorado Springs, Colorado, Rotarians cooperated with other agencies in providing private hospital trains for the use of the armed forces by the purchase of bonds during a specified period. The cars, costing \$13,500, are named for the civilian group raising the necessary amount. When the idea was presented to the Rotary club, the necessary \$13,500 was subscribed in a few minutes. A similar sum was provided by a member of the club who had agreed to match the club's subscription.

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Scarsdale, New York, Rotarian dentists provide free dentistry for the families of all servicemen in town. Members, by assignment, serve as orderlies and as male nurses' aides in the men's wards of the hospital.

The club maintains a War Bond booth, and over half of the War Bonds sold in Scarsdale have been sold there by the wives of Rotarians.

Twice a month the club's youth service committee bring to Scarsdale 50 service men from service centers in New York City. The men are entertained at Rotarians' homes, at a dance on Saturday night, and returned on Sunday to New York. The wives of Rotarians write letters to the mothers of all service men entertained.

Teen-Age Clubs a New Youth Service

One of the best youth service activities developed during the past year has been the "teen-age club."

These clubs provide a new approach to the old problem of what wholesome social activity teen-age boys and girls can have in their spare time.

Here youth has its own "club-rooms." Boys and girls come together for dancing, for refreshing drinks and sandwiches, and for games, under sympathetic and tactful adult supervision.

The "clubs" are managed by the boy and girl members themselves and are proving to be a decided factor in the control of delinquency.

Rotary clubs interested in this timely youth service project can secure details on organization and management of teen-age clubs, together with examples of successful organizations, by writing to the Secretariat requesting No. 686, "Clubs for Teen-Age Youth." This youth-service paper is available without cost.

Food for Thought

In a letter to his fellow Rotarians of Seneca Falls, New York, Captain E. J. Bove, on active duty in India, wrote:

What is going to happen to the world when fighting has abated? What is to be written into the peace treaty? We soldiers cannot forget that the lives of many of our fathers were sacrificed to the same cause twenty odd years ago. We are willing to go through the hell of war, but as long as this sojourn in Hades has been forced upon us, why can't we make it the last time for mankind? . . .

What can Rotarians do about it? You can go about the job of acquainting yourselves with as many of the minutiae of the problem as possible. As Rotarians, you already know many of them. However, you must know more so that you can exercise your privileges of being a citizen of a democracy in an intelligent manner and help to decide where the United States fits in an intelligent peace.

Through the radio and press, when the opportunity presents, we know that you at home are already giving much consideration to the solution of these problems which are bothering us. . . .

Willingly we make the sacrifice needed for victory and consider our army life FINE. In return, we ask that you prepare yourselves to produce a sound, intelligent answer to the question—whither America at the peace table?

The Aim of Rotary

The Rotary movement really has but one object—the acceptance by everyone of the ideal of service which is thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others in every human activity.