

## "Brief Facts About Rotary"

Club secretaries are familiar with the little folder entitled "Brief Facts About Rotary." These are useful to hand to newly elected members, to non-Rotarian guests of the club and occasionally to others in the club's community.

Club secretaries may wish to request a small supply of these to have on hand for the foregoing purposes. Large quantities should not be ordered because new editions are brought out several times each Rotary year containing up-to-date data and, after July 1, the names of new officers. Requests may be sent to Rotary International, 35 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Illinois.

## Swedish Clubs Work for International Understanding

Swedish Rotarians are giving thought to ways of increasing friendship among Rotarians in the northern countries and eventually among the people generally. As a starter, the district has created a fund which will provide annually funds for two or three students from other northern countries who are studying in Sweden. Another plan under discussion concerns the establishment in Swedish universities of four professorships in the Finnish language. A third project has to do with facilitating the recognition of academic degrees in other countries, so that students from one country may readily transfer to a university in another.

## The Hand of Welcome

The Rotary Club of Bromsgrove, England, recently received the following appreciative letter from the officer commanding an American medical unit:

The time has come when our unit moves elsewhere. It is with a great deal of regret that we leave this community. We have been happy here, and in no small measure has the Rotary club contributed to that happiness. It certainly has extended the hand of welcome and friendship, and we do appreciate it. You have been more than kind, and although war does not permit us to live as closely and as intimately with our fellowmen as we might wish, it has permitted us to know that the Bromsgrove Rotarians are 100 per cent and indeed we will not forget it.

## Hospitality in Iceland

Some time ago the Rotary Club of Reykjavik, Iceland, held its second "Fathers and Daughters" meeting, at which 35 daughters of Rotarians were present.

## Paul's Birthday

Birthday greetings to Paul P. Harris, Founder of Rotary, on his 76th birthday, which occurs on April 19, 1944.

## Today's Service Story

Do you remember the story about the lady in Denver, Colo., U.S.A., who sent R.I. her check for \$50.00 and asked that it be forwarded to the Rotary Club of Calcutta to help in that club's famine relief work?

That story so impressed the Rotarians of Cleburne, Texas, that they decided to raise money for the same purpose. The club held a "sacrificial luncheon," the ingredients for which were furnished by six members of the club and the wife of the club's president. The members paid \$1.50 for this luncheon instead of the usual 75c. In addition an auction was held. In all \$75.00 was raised and forwarded to the central office of the secretariat, which arranged with the branch office of R.I. at Bombay to send rupees equivalent to \$75.00 in U.S. currency to the Rotary Club of Calcutta to be used in its relief work.

Again we are impressed with the fact that one never knows how wide is the sphere of influence of a good deed.



## Rotarians in Education

As men and women are discharged from military service (and many are already being discharged every week) it will become increasingly important to help those who did not finish their educational preparation for careers before being inducted into service to pick up the plans which were interrupted. In other cases men and women may need help in revising their educational plans due either to their experiences in the service or to handicaps resulting from their service.

The Postwar Committee of R.I. urges Rotarians with classifications in the field of education to offer their services to committees in their respective localities which are assisting the returned soldiers in adjusting themselves to the postwar period. This is certainly a very practical opportunity for helpful service to young people.

Lord Wavell, on his recent tour through Calcutta to examine for himself the conditions there, found the first body of men he came in contact with that was organizing the distribution of food to the famine-stricken was the Rotary Club of Calcutta.

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## 1944 Council on Legislation

The council on legislation, held as a part of the 1944 convention of R.I., is called to meet at 2:00 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, May 18, 1944, in the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.

The membership of the council on legislation as known to the secretary of R.I. at this time is as follows:

The District Governors of R.I., except in those districts where the governor has designated a member of a Rotary club in his district to serve in his place, namely:

### District 39

Alberto Cordovez, Guayaquil, Ecuador

### District 116

N. B. Williams, Regina, Sask., Canada

### District 153

J. King Harness, Detroit, Michigan

The President of R.I.B.I., and one representative of the clubs in each of the districts in Great Britain and Ireland.

The Chairman of the Canadian Advisory Committee, and the Chairman of the South American Committee of Collaboration Among Rotary Clubs.

The President of R.I., the other members of the R.I. board of directors, and the secretary of R.I.

Six representatives at large and not more than three representatives of non-districted clubs, to be appointed by President Wheeler with the approval of the board of directors at its May, 1944, meeting.

## South African Rotarians Aid Public Health

The establishment of a vegetable market, through which the native population buys produce at cost, is the latest in a long series of steps contributing to public welfare, taken as the direct result of action by the Rotary Club of Germiston, South Africa.

In 1934 a dental service was initiated for indigent school children, who were treated by local dentists in their own offices. Then came the establishment of a dental clinic, and a few years later, a polyclinic, which includes, in addition to a dental clinic, all the other clinics and sub-departments of a well organized health department.

Through a similar polyclinic established for the native population, it was discovered that the natives' resistance to disease was extremely low. On the initiative of the Rotary club, a milk shop was established, where the natives now buy, at cost, 400 gallons of milk daily.

Then followed the establishment of a free soup kitchen which serves more than 30,000 people annually.

The remarkable work accomplished in Germiston, through the efforts of the Rotary club, has earned the recognition and praise of governmental and municipal authorities throughout South Africa.