

Speakers and Films on Latin America

Any Rotary club in the U.S.A. which is interested in having a speaker on Latin American subjects should communicate with the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D.C. This bureau maintains a list of more than 1,500 speakers on such subjects as the Americas and the war, Latin American art, literature, science, politics, music, good neighbor policy; general inter-American relations, etc.

The bureau asks that any club desiring a speaker be as definite as possible in describing the type of speaker wanted. Biographical sketches of a number of speakers for you to choose from, together with information re their topics, fees, and availability, will be sent free, upon request. After the choice is made, communication can be carried on directly between the club and the speaker. The fees are nominal—in some cases there is no charge.

The bureau also invites Rotary clubs to use films on Latin American subjects. There are some fifty 16mm. sound films available at 100 depositories throughout the U.S.A. These films must be run on a projector equipped for silent films only. A small service fee is charged by many of the depositories. Users are also expected to pay transportation costs.

Clubs should apply to the nearest Inter-American Center for the loan of one of these films. If a club cannot locate one of these centers, it should write to the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Commerce Bldg., Washington D.C.

Pan American Day—April 14th this year—would be a particularly appropriate occasion for a Rotary club to have a speaker on Latin America or to show a movie about their Latin American neighbors.

Boys and Girls Week Material

A limited supply of this material is still available to clubs without charge. Write for the "Advance Herald," an attractive poster-folder, and the Manual of Suggestions, which gives detailed information for carrying out the day-by-day programs.

Classifications

Each classification term used by a Rotary club should describe his service offered, not a position held.

Thousands More Student Nurses Needed

The recent announcement of some reduction in the *quota of graduate nurses* required for the Army Nurse Corps between now and July 1, 1944, (Navy Nurse Corps quota remains the same), should not be confused with the needs of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. It does not affect the national student nurse quota because:

1. Civilian nursing needs are increasingly acute;
2. The quota has been set as low as 65,000 new students only because educational facilities are not available to accommodate the 115,000 actually needed.
3. Military needs may be altered as the war progresses.

The National Nursing Council maintains a current record of nursing school vacancies throughout the country. This information is sent to State Nursing Councils at frequent intervals. Names of desirable applicants should be referred at once to State Nursing Councils or to Box 88, New York City (National Nursing Council for War Service) for placement in other localities.

Rotary clubs in the U.S.A. are requested to publicize the urgent need for more student nurses and to encourage qualified girls to look into the course and, if possible, to register for it.

Attention Club Secretaries In:

Bermuda
Canada
Newfoundland
United States

A card entitled "1944 Official Directory Data" has been sent to all club secretaries in the countries listed above.

In order that up-to-date information about every Rotary club may be included in the 1944-45 Official Directory, it is essential that each club secretary fill in this card and return it to this office immediately upon the election of the 1944-45 club officers.

If the filled-in card is returned promptly, it will not only facilitate the editing of the Directory, but also will enable the secretariat to forward, at the earliest date possible, the letter of greeting and helpful material which it sends to the newly-elected officers.

Mother's Day

Last year the Rotarians of Lititz, Penna., held an unusual Mother's Day celebration when they entertained their mothers at their regular Rotary luncheon. Of the thirteen mothers who attended, three were eighty-four years old, and two were blind, but all enjoyed the occasion immensely. Three mothers and their sons were seated at each table and the program was dedicated to mothers the world over, and particularly to those mothers of "our soldier boys."

In an address eulogizing all mothers, one of the members of the club said:

It has been computed that in 30 years of work for the average farm mother, she has served 450,000 meals; baked 5,000 cakes and 8,000 pies; has grown 1,400 bushels of vegetables; and has raised 7,660 chickens, scrubbed 178,000 articles of laundry; put in 36,000 hours of sweeping, washing and scrubbing. At accepted prices for this work, she should have received \$200,000! . . .

Our mothers have turned this world over to us. We are proud of our modern age with all of its advancement in science. However, with the present condition of things we are going to have to admit that we must turn to the faith of our mothers and find a happy medium between that which we call old-fashioned faith and our modern age.

Other Rotary clubs may want to follow the innovation of the Rotary Club of Lititz in holding a Mother's Day in Rotary during the week preceding or following Mother's Day which this year falls on May 14th.

Cooperating on the Work Pile

Community-wide cooperation is to be sought in handling the Work Pile project, but experience shows that oftentimes a survey among householders, merchants, farmers, etc., is not a part of the program of the other local bodies. It remains for the Rotary club to "sell" the idea of such a survey in order to build a real Work Pile. Many Rotary clubs in all types of towns and cities have sold the idea and have thus assured a backlog of jobs to bridge over the reconversion period.

100%

Our apologies to the Rotary Clubs of Mountainair, New Mexico, and Shelburne, Ont., Canada, which were omitted from the February attendance report. They should have been listed with 100% attendance.