

It Is An Honor To Have President Of Rotary Here

The visit of the president of Rotary International to Markdale is worthy of more than the reporting of the meeting in our news columns. This year the president is a Canadian, from Quebec City, and his name is Arthur Lagueux. In the notes we published in The Standard last week, readers would learn that he is a very busy man outside of Rotary.

As president of Rotary International, Mr. Lagueux is the head of more than 340,000 Rotarians, in more than 7,100 clubs, and these are situated in 83 countries. During his presidential year, he will visit many of these countries, as well as large centres throughout Canada and the United States.

It is indeed an honor to Markdale to have the president come to our community. The fact that he would change his itinerary to include a community of less than 1,000 people shows the bigness and the spirit of Rotary. It also shows that in Markdale there is a Rotary Club that is aggressive enough to merit the president of the international organization making a visit to it.

The particular event for which the president came to Markdale was the presentation of a charter to the new Rotary Club at Chatsworth, which is under the sponsorship of the Markdale Rotarians. However, the citizens of Markdale and the district know the local club as an organization which has done and is doing many things for the betterment of the community and for the boys and girls whose start in life has been handicapped.

One of the Objects of Rotary is to encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service. In the gathering here in Markdale on Wednesday evening of Rotarians from many centres, with their international president as the guest of honor, we think the meaning of this fourth in the list of Rotary Objects has been well exemplified in a very tangible way.

ROTARY PRESIDENT PRESENTS CHARTER

The potential influence of Rotary has been extended and fortified by this new club, said Arthur Lagueux of Quebec City, the president of Rotary International, as he addressed more than 300 Rotarians in the Markdale armory on Wednesday evening and presented the charter to the new Chatsworth club, which was sponsored by the Markdale club.

Rotarians were present from Ayrton, Clifford, Durham, Forest, Hanover, Hepworth-Shallow Lake, Listowel, Meaford (the club that sponsored the Markdale club in 1938), Mildmay, Owen Sound, Paisley, Port Elgin, Southampton, Stratford, Tara-Allenford, Thornbury-Clarksburg, Walkerton, Warton, Imlay, Mich., Barrie, Bolton, Brampton, Gravenhurst, Orangeville, Orillia, Toronto, Whitby, Port Hope, Guelph, St. Marys, Winnipeg, and Chatham.

The armory entrance was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves. The banquet hall had a canopy of streamers in the Rotary colors of blue and gold. Evergreens surrounded the walls. At the head table there was a background of flags, and a sign with "Welcome President Arthur" in large letters. The flags of the United Nations were on the table.

The Rotary Annes of Markdale and Chatsworth served a roast turkey dinner, prepared by Rotarian John Lloyd, at prettily arranged tables.

The King and the President of the United States were toasted after the singing of the respective national anthems. Grace was offered by Canon R. S. Jones.

President W. M. Sutton of Markdale presided. Songs were sung under the leadership of Fred Johnson of Owen Sound, with W. A. Morris, also of that city, at the piano.

The Rotarians were welcomed by President Sutton and Reeve J. A. Hamilton.

Rev. Walter M. Lee, the special representative of the district governor to the Chatsworth club, then took over as master of ceremonies.

Head-table guests were introduced as follows: Gordon Macdonald, Chatsworth; Reeve J. A. Hamilton; Art. Ferguson, Gravenhurst, governor of Muskoka District; John Gooch, Toronto, past district governor; Mel. Peacock, Meaford, past district governor; J. E. Leonard, secretary of the Chatsworth club; Rev. Mr. Lee, secretary of the Markdale club; Dr. Nelson H. Cathcart, Davison, Mich., the district governor; W. M. Sutton, president of the Markdale club; Dr. H. E. Mountain, president of the Chatsworth club; G. A. Beaton, past district governor; Canon R. S. Jones; F. D. Sawyer, charter president of the Markdale club; John T. Hemstock, Chatsworth; W. E. Fisher, vice-president of the Markdale club; International President Arthur Lagueux, and John Thomson, Owen Sound, past district governor.

The international president told the new club not to hesitate to lean heavily upon the 12 years' experience of its sponsoring club—Markdale.

He said he would not try to analyze

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Rotary—"but one thing you know and I know is that Rotary holds the heart of men fast."

If men sing songs together and laugh together, it is easier for them to get acquainted, Mr. Lagueux said. Stating that the fellowship of Rotary unlocks the treasure house of friendship, he told the Rotarians that the same thing makes Rotary fellowshipship in Chatsworth, Glasgow, or Tokyo.

"We are part of an organization that offers us, through fellowship, glorious opportunities," he said. The purpose of Rotary, he explained, is to make each member a better man because he is a Rotarian, and to seek that which is good in all men.

Rotary, Mr. Lagueux said in closing, is a chain around the world whose every link is translating ideals into action.

The international president presented charter number 7,606 to Dr. Mountain, president of the Chatsworth club.

Visiting club members were introduced in groups. An Owen Sound trombone quartet played several selections. International President Lagueux was introduced by District Governor Dr. Cathcart, who was introduced by Past District Governor Peacock. Mr. Lagueux was thanked for his address and for coming to Markdale by Past District Governor Beaton, who said it was "a momentous occasion," also that the international president was in Alaska last week. Past District Governor Thomson of Owen Sound, who also expressed thanks, presented the international president with an oil painting, portraying a district scene.

District Governor Ferguson, from Gravenhurst, conveyed greetings to the guest of honor in French.

Dr. Mountain, after accepting the charter, also tendered thanks to C. S. Ballard of Toronto, of the Gruen Watch Company, for the gift of a \$100 Gruen watch.

Rev. Mr. Lee tendered appreciation to Art. Norris for his help in organizing the new club.

The officers and members of the new club were introduced by Dr. Mountain. They are as follows: President, Dr. H. E. Mountain; vice-president, Alfred Down; secretary, Joseph E. Leonard; treasurer, J. Hunter Macdonald; directors, John T. Hemstock, John F. Hopkins, William R. Galbraith, Loowies deHaas; sergeant-at-arms, Gordon C. Macdonald; members, John C. Bell, William Dosman, John C. Dudgeon, Wrightson K. Foster, George Howey, Jack W. Jordison, Harvey Minke, Walter Nicholson, Harry Roblin, Willett J. Snell, Henry Stephens, Charles Taylor, Cecil S. Weeden, Edward E. Wellington.

Many gifts of club equipment were presented to the new club by the visiting clubs. From St. Marys, the new club received a Union Jack and staff, and from Flint, Mich., it received the American flag. On behalf of the Markdale club, Mr. Sawyer presented a table gong. The gavel was presented to Dr. Mountain by President Sutton.

Appreciation was voiced for all the gifts by Dr. Mountain, Mr. Leonard, and Mr. Hemstock. Appreciation was tendered to the Rotary Annes by Gordon C. Macdonald of Chatsworth, and the program was closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

- 1) Display of club charter surrounded by pictures of the charter members. In this exhibit might be included old newspaper clippings which help tell the story of the club's organization and its charter meeting.
- 2) Display of pictures of past presidents of the club. With these might be other pictures and newspaper clippings telling of the outstanding club activities during each year of the club's existence.
- 3) A display might include pictures of certain community projects the club has successfully sponsored throughout the years.
- 4) Chart of club's growth. In addition to showing the annual increase (or decrease) in club membership, this chart might also record the year-to-year attendance records of the members.
- 5) A chart showing where the club members came from. A map might show, by use of colored pins, the birthplace of each member.
- 6) A display showing the internationality of Rotary. This might be a world map with the countries in which there are Rotary clubs shaded or indicated with tiny flags or colored pins.
- 7) A classification exhibit based on the club's list of filled and unfilled classifications. Each filled classification is indicated by a sample of the product or service rendered by the man holding the classification.
- 8) A display of the Objects of Rotary, with, perhaps, a short history of how they developed. (Paper No. 107 "Objects of Rotary -- Historical Outline," gives this information.) (See Special Section on Silver Anniversaries for Suggestions for "Historical Exhibit".)

ROTARY'S ONWARD MARCH *

A part of the anniversary program might be devoted to a dramatization of certain important episodes in the history of the club. This could be arranged and staged through the medium of a tableau, a play-

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let, or a "broadcast." The latter could be presented with a cast reading their parts from a manuscript before a microphone located outside the club meeting room. The program would be amplified to that room through the hotel's loud-speaking system. The local broadcasting station might be willing to cooperate by having its announcers participate in this part of the program, and the sketch produced in the station's studio.

SOUVENIR BOOKLET

Your directors might like to give consideration to the production of a historical souvenir in the form of a booklet. This should be issued with careful attention to details so as to insure its being kept by the members as a valuable memento of the occasion.

Such a booklet could contain among other features:

- 1) program for the meeting itself;
- 2) page devoted to photographs of the past presidents of the club, with terms of office given;
- 3) page devoted to the club officers for the current year;
- 4) photograph (s) of the man (men) responsible for the founding of the club;
- 5) photograph of the club's charter;
- 6) historical sketch of the club which might be arranged under the following heads;
 - a) Prologue
 - b) In the Beginning
 - c) Growing Pains (explaining some of the hardships experienced during the early years of the club)
 - d) Men Working Ahead (covering the important activities and projects of the club, with special attention given to unusual activities, and those responsible for its success)