

Rotary Has 5,441 Clubs, Clark Says

Today there are 5,441 Rotary clubs in 69 nations and provinces, with a total membership of 217,200, David H. Clark, of Oxford, reported in a talk on "Rotary International" at a meeting of the local club last night.

"Rotary lives up to its motto, 'Service above self' through four objects: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; high ethical standards in business and professions; the application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life; the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service," he stated.

Mr. Clark gave a history of Rotary, bringing its activities up to the present day. "Demonstrating to the world the working of the Golden Rule is the ideal of Rotary," he said and concluded his talk with a poem by Edgar Guest, expressing the spirit of Rotary.

William Bailey was in charge of the program and President R. C. Gary presided. Guests were Robert E. Smith, of Charlotte, with Dr. A. D. Gregg; Commander William Brewer with C. P. Sellars; John Bailey with William Bailey.

TOP MEN IN POSTWAR ARMY AIR FORCE SET-UP



MAJ. GEN. E. R. QUESADA LT. GEN. G. E. STRATEMEYER GEN. GEORGE C. KENNEY

FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT of a 400,000-strong peacetime air force, and announcement that the new organization will include three major combat commands and five supporting commands, Army Air Force chief Gen. Carl A. Spaatz named the men to command the three major groups. They are pictured above (l. to r.): Maj. Gen. E. R. Quesada, Tactical Air Command at Langley Field, Va.; Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, Air Defense Command, with headquarters at Mitchel Field, N. Y.; and Gen. George C. Kenney, Strategic Command, with headquarters at Andrews Field, Md. (International)

Seven Point Mental Care Plan Given

Charlotte, March 20.—A seven-point program for care and treatment of the feeble-minded citizens of this State was advocated in a report issued today by the North Carolina Mental Hygiene Society at its headquarters here.

Most of these objectives, the report said, were recommended in a report made by Dr. Maurice H. Greenhill of Duke University. Although North Carolina has in the last two years "made great progress in bettering the condition of its insane citizens, little note has been taken of a problem just as large, just as confused, just as important to the mental health of the State—the care and treatment of the feeble-minded," said the report.

The seven-point program said the State is lacking either completely or partly in:

1. Early identification of the children needing care;
2. central registration of all known cases;
3. educational facilities in public school systems and institutions;
4. protection, especially during the formative years;
5. adequate facilities for segregating those incapable of living at home;
6. Supervision of the 93 percent or more at large in communities and paroled from institutions; and
7. public information.

STENOGRAPHERS AND TYPISTS ARE WANTED

Stenographers and typists now have the opportunity to qualify for probationary civil service appointments and a classified status, according to Civil Service Commission announcement. Salaries for typists begin at \$1,500 annually and stenographers at \$1,704, the announcement says. Applications must be received in the Fourth U. S. Civil Service regional office in Winston-Salem not later than March 26 and full details may be had by those interested from Miss Sally B. Garlick, local secretary for Civil Service, at the post office in Henderson.

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Firearms Must Be Registered

The Durham office of the Federal Alcohol Tax Unit appended today to returning ex-service men and officers who have shotguns or rifles with barrels less than 12 inches long, any weapon other than pistol or revolver, that can be concealed on the person, any machine gun or any firearm with muffler or silencer, to register such weapons with that unit. This includes all trophies of war falling into any of the categories listed.

J. R. Brandon, ATU agent, on a visit to Henderson, said that in recent days seven persons have reported to him and registered weapons, as required by Federal law. However, he said that many returning service men may not be aware of that Federal requirement and therefore he made public the announcement concerning the registration. Those wishing to contact the Durham ATU agent may telephone either N-7261, the office of the Durham County ABC police, or Brandon's home telephone N-4023, in Durham.

A 22-caliber rifle does not have to be registered unless its barrel is shorter than 16 inches.

A definition of machine guns, includes machine pistols and machine rifles which will fire more than one shot with a single pull of the trigger, pistols or revolvers with stocks or detachable stocks, and automatic pistols that may be converted to full automatic by any mechanical adjustment.

Brandon explained that the registration is not an attempt to deprive veterans of war trophies but rather an effort to prevent the deadly weapons from falling into the hands of criminals. Registration is under the National Firearms Act, which deals with the transfer of certain types of firearms, imposes a \$200 tax in connection with such a transfer, and provides a fine of up to \$2,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both, for failing to register the firearms or transferring any without paying the transfer tax.

S.A.L. Plans New Signals

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—Receivers of the Seaboard Air Line Railway company told the Interstate Commerce Commission today that installations of modern block signal systems over 1,373 miles of track would cost \$10,000,000.

The railroad's statement was made in a brief answering the commission's order to show why the carrier should not revise its existing block signal systems on all lines where a speed of 50 miles or more is authorized.

The road mileage affected by the commission's show cause order totaled 1,373.8. The carrier said that from 1941 through 1945 it installed automatic block signals on 285.4 miles of road and 331.8 miles of track. It added that this increased the 549.4 miles of road and 574 miles of track previously protected by automatic block signals by 51.8 per cent and 57.3 per cent, respectively.

The carrier suggested that the three lines which should first be equipped are in this order:

1. Between Hamlet, N. C. and Savannah, Ga. by way of Columbia, S. C., a distance of 240.1 miles.
2. Between Coleman, Fla., and Miami, Fla., 274 miles.
3. Between Coleman, Fla., and Tallahassee, Fla., 66.5 miles.

The carrier asked that the commission, in issuing an order in the case, set to "alleviate so far as possible the financial burden" upon the railroad and "assure time essential to secure critical materials and to expand and train construction and maintenance forces in an orderly and efficient manner."

In Germany U. S. cigarettes are selling for \$200 a carton. That breaks down to about five bucks a puff.

With the Sick

In Oxford Hospital. Mrs. E. C. Hunt, Jr., is a patient at the Grayville county hospital. She is reported to be improving satisfactorily following a major operation.

Reported Improving. Mrs. Grover Grissom was reported improving satisfactorily at Maria Parham hospital, where she underwent a major operation yesterday.

Sister Gary Here Friday. Sister Gary, of Raleigh, and her congregation will hold a service at Davis Chapel church, colored, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today.

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