



Rotary International President Arthur Lagueux is seen placing a wreath at the National War Memorial yesterday.

Rotary President Visits Camp; Addresses Banquet

Continuing his tour of St. John's yesterday afternoon, Rotary International President Arthur Lagueux spent nearly two hours with forty happy children in a terrestrial summer heaven.

That was his visit to the Sunshine Camp, which is sponsored by the St. John's Rotary Club for underprivileged and sick children.

After lunch at Murray's Pond clubhouse, Mr. Lagueux was escorted to the camp by President Ray Gushue, Vice-President Frank O'Leary, and on hand to greet him on his arrival were J. M. Herder, J. Cocker, C. R. Bell, F. Martin and T. S. A. Freeman.

The first point of interest at the camp was the swimming pool which is set well back in the trees in a delightfully secluded spot.

Mr. Lagueux watched as the kiddies disported themselves in the pool, chatted, joked and laughed with them, and cheered their efforts to make their first stroke.

Next the party toured the camp playground and then Mr. Lagueux was taken to the camp headquarters around which the entire operation of this Rotary project in St. John's centres.

This project, sponsored by Rotary but actually kept up by the public's interest each year in the Sunshine Camp Radio Auction, left Mr. Lagueux "deeply moved", he said later.

Each year six groups of children, numbering in all 180, are given a completely free two weeks' vacation that is the "time of their lives."

The groups consist of thirty boys or thirty girls, with six contingents being taken to the camp from the time it opens during the last week of June until it closes in late summer.

In addition, there is the Hickman Memorial Wing, donated by Mrs. A. E. Hickman and family in memory of the late Rotarian A. E. Hickman, which was completed six years ago and is set aside entirely for crippled, ill and convalescing children.

Each of the ten children in this category who visit the camp each year and remain throughout the entire season, have either spent a long time in bed or are facing such a period, and what it means to them to be able to spend such a part of their confinement amidst the delights of the Sunshine Camp cannot be calculated.

Competent leadership and attention is provided for all the Sunshine children by the two registered nurses who are provided each year by the Department of Health.



The Grounds of Government House will be open to the public on Sunday, August 6th, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., weather permitting.

Children under 15 years must be accompanied by adults.

Mount Cashel Band will play during the afternoon.

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the camp supervisors and the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides who generously take time out from their own summer holidays to lead the children in sport and other pastimes.

Viewing all these things, and the real, personal interest taken by the Rotarians in their little charges, Mr. Lagueux spoke with feeling of his admiration for the St. John's Club.

The Old Colony Club was last night the scene of a reception for Rotary International President Arthur Lagueux, who is the first president of Rotary ever to visit St. John's. This followed a tour of various points around the city, such as Bowring Park, City Hall, the War Memorial, where he laid a wreath, Murray's Pond, where he had lunch, and the Sunshine Camp.

At the reception, Lady Outerbridge presented Mr. Lagueux with a Silver Caribou. After that His Honor Sir Leonard Outerbridge gave Mrs. Lagueux a sealskin hand bag and hat to match.

The International President then gave an address. He urged the Rotarians to spread their principles among the people of the world. He said that he must visit 46 countries within the next year, and there he will tell of the good work being done by St. John's Rotary Club.