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HAIL AND FAREWELL!

ARTHUR AND CHRISTINE LAGUEUX

The ancient Romans had an expression to describe an experience which was most delightful but lasted all too short a time. It was "Ave Atque Vale." Translated into English it meant "Hail and Farewell".

This expression just about fits our experience on Friday, December 8, when we were honored by the visit of Rotary's First Couple, Christine and Arthur Lagueux, the President of Rotary International.

From the time we met them at the Charlotte Municipal Airport at 4 P.M. on Friday until we bade them "au revoir" in front of the Hotel Hickory at 11 P.M. as they got into the car to return to Charlotte, all of us were captivated by their charm, their graciousness, their genuine humanity and friendliness. Here, we all said to each other, is Rotary's spirit at its finest.

Christine and Arthur Lagueux: you did us a great honor and, although you expect no compensation for it, we do pledge you an even greater loyalty to Rotary and the ideals which you so graciously exemplify!

We want to express a word of thanks to PDG Everett Baerman and the Rotarians in the Charlotte and Dilworth Clubs who rolled out the finest welcoming carpet imaginable.

As Christine and Arthur left the plane at the Charlotte airport, 80 voices of the Rotary-sponsored Charlotte Boys' Choir began to sing "God Save the King" and then "Carolina in the Morning."

When the choir had finished one of the choir boys, dressed in full cowboy regalia, rode up on his pony and presented to President Arthur the good wishes of the boys and an engraved program which was dedicated to Christine and Arthur Lagueux.

Young Cathy Gilchrist, daughter of Pat Gilchrist, president of the Charlotte club, presented a white orchid to Christine Lagueux. Arthur received also a silver Boys' Choir Recording from Pat and a Certificate of Merit from Bill Mitchell, vice president of the Dilworth club.

Christine and Arthur Lagueux then met all the members of the welcoming group which included present and past officers of R.I.

After pictures were taken by a battery of newspaper photographers and the reporters had had a chat with Arthur, Les Moody, president of the Hickory club and his Rotary Ann Frances, your governor and his Rotary Ann Betty took Christine and Arthur to Hickory for the large Inter City Meeting which opened at 7:15 P.M. in the dining hall of Lenoir Rhyne college.

The dining hall was literally bulging at the seams when Christine and Arthur Lagueux were ushered to their seats at the head table. 410 Rotarians and their wives from the two Carolinas, Tennessee and Virginia occupied every available chair which could be squeezed into the spacious dining hall of the college.

After the proper preliminaries were completed, President Arthur was introduced and addressed the large audience. Every word of his was attentively followed by the listeners. Every word of his address was full of wisdom and Rotary idealism and philosophy.

Naturally it is impossible to quote even a small part in this account, but one or two thoughts he expressed can be mentioned.

Said President Arthur: "This thing which we call Rotary is a timely organization. It responds to today's needs. It does not have a rigid, limited program which would confine it, or become obsolete, with the ever changing pattern of world affairs. Rotary's program can be expressed in one word - Service!...Into a world hardened by centuries

of selfish practices, Rotary comes with the simple but vital principle of service. A principle as intangible as the atom - but also as powerful.

To a sophisticated world, Rotary says with emphasis and without shame: Here is our business code and our business faith - 'He Profits Most Who Serves Best.'

Following the address of President Arthur, which brought him an enthusiastic ovation, PDG Macon Williams of Lenoir presented a large framed portrait of Paul Harris to Arthur as a gift from District 280 and Archie Shuford, past president of the Hickory club, gave on behalf of the host club a large water color which showed a cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina.

During the dinner all present and past officers of R.I. were introduced by Buzz Tennent of Asheville, himself Past District Governor, Past Director of R.I., Past First Vice President of R.I. and the present Chairman of the Aims and Objects Committee of R.I. The following officers were recognized:

Present R.I. Officers: Curtis Smith-deal, Governor of District 281, and Margaret of High Point, N.C.; H. B. Spruill, Governor of District 278, and Nancy of Windsor, N.C.; Howard McGinnis, Governor of District 279, and Nellie of Greenville, N.C.; F. Dwight McDonald, Governor of District 237, and Bernice of Knoxville, Tenn.; Walter Nau, Governor of District 280, and Betty of Hickory, N.C.

Past Officers of R.I.: David Clark, Charlotte, District Governor and Director of R.I.; Hansel Eckman and Rotary Ann Mary Ella of Pulaski, Va., District Governor; Heyward Mahon, Jr., and Rotary Ann Elizabeth of Greenville, S. C., District Governor; C. W. Phillips and Rotary Ann of Greensboro, N. C. District Governor; John Arrington, Jr., and Rotary Ann of Spartanburg, S.C., District Governor;

George Ivey and Rotary Ann of Charlotte, N.C., District Governor; Cleveland Thayer and Rotary Ann of Asheboro, N.C., District Governor; Mack Hatch and Rotary Ann of Charlotte, N.C., District Governor; W.B. Kiker and Rotary Ann Blannie of Reidsville, N.C., District Governor;

Hawley Cobb and Rotary Ann Vivid of Wadesboro, N.C., District Governor; Holt McPherson of Shelby, N.C., District Governor; J.D. Ross, Jr., and Rotary Ann Ruth of Asheboro, N.C., District Governor;

Ike Baily and Rotary Ann Ida of Raleigh, N.C., District Governor; John Brookshire of Spartanburg, S.C., District Governor; Macon Williams and Rotary Ann Onetia of Lenoir, N.C., District Governor; Everett Bierman of Charlotte, N.C., District Governor; John Hamilton and Rotary Ann of Chester, S.C., District Governor; Jason Deyton and Rotary Ann Nelle of Spruce Pine, N.C., District Governor; and William Harden of Salisbury, N.C., District Governor.

Les Moody, president of the Hickory club, was Toastmaster and did a good job at presiding.

Glenn Frye of Hickory gave the Word of Welcome and the Response was made by Pat Gilchrist of Charlotte.

Governor Walter Nau introduced President Arthur. Cecil Hefner of Lincolnton led in prayer and Albert Hewitt of Marion led the large group in the singing of our beloved Rotary songs. Mrs. Mary McFarland of Hickory accompanied on the piano.

James Shuford did himself honor with his edition of the Hickory Rotary Spoke.

And we ought not to fail to mention that Mrs. W.P. Deaton, dietitian of Lenoir Rhyne college, served a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings including old-fashioned chess pie a la mode for dessert.

Our thanks go lastly to the college for making its facilities available for the entertaining of this greatest Rotary meeting in the history of the Hickory club which this year is celebrating its 30th birthday.

So we also say to all our visitors from far and near, "Hail and Farewell!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO HIGHLANDS

At the close of the Inter-District Meeting in Hickory The President of the Highlands club, Edward Potts, handed your governor a check for \$160 made out to The Rotary Foundation and said "this donation makes our club an Honor Club in support of the Foundation."

Congratulations to all you Rotarians in Highlands. May your deed be an incentive to the others who are still short of their goal.

A WORLD WITHOUT FRONTIERS

"When Plato founded the first university in Athens over 2000 years ago he envisioned a frontierless world where brotherly love and the common quest for truth, goodness and beauty must unite all men. Modern man has found no panacea, no quick, easy path toward that goal. But at least on the