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AT HICKORY

Over 400 Rotarians and guests from four states gathered in Hickory, N. C., last Friday night to hear Arthur Lagueux, president of Rotary International, address an inter-city Rotary meeting sponsored by the Hickory Rotary Club.

Among the distinguished guests were many present and past officers of R. I. including seven governors and more than a score of past district governors.

Les Moody, president of the Hickory Rotary Club, presided. Walter Nau, governor of the 280th district and a resident of Hickory, introduced the president.

Buzz Tennent, past vice president, R. I., presented the other distinguished guests.

Macon Williams, past district governor, Lenoir, N. C., presented the president with a portrait of Founder Paul P. Harris. It was a gift from the district. The Hickory Rotary Club also presented the president with a gift. The Paul Harris portrait was done by Pop Culberston of the Asheville Club.

States represented were North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. The affair was held in the main dining room of the Lenoir Rhyne College. More than 100 applications for tickets had to be returned.

Attending from Asheville were: Bill and Betty Pritchard, Buzz and Jess Tennent, Chan and Dorothy Gordon, Arthur and Kathryn Northen, Clyde Blair and Lovell Smith.

President Lagueux made a stirring address that seemed to please everyone. It brought a standing ovation at the close. Mrs. Lagueux accompanied the president to Hickory.

The president flew from New York to Charlotte where he was met by a large delegation from the Charlotte Rotary Club. The Charlotte Rotary boys' choir performed for him at the airport.

PROGRAM TODAY

Mr. William P. Hodges
of the Imperial Life Ins. Co.
Subject:
National Service Life Insurance
Introduced by
Mr. Hilliard Greene

LAST WEEK

Dr. L. Nelson Bell did a magnificent job last Thursday, in giving us some of the most concrete facts regarding the situation in China and Korea, he having spent 25 years over there as a Medical Missionary.

There was no doubt that Dr. Bell spoke from the heart and from first hand experience. The picture he painted of the conditions over there, and the gross blunders which we, these United States have made, and more especially in the State Department in Washington, together with the Political influences, seemingly, has all but lost to us that great influence, which up to a few years ago was all ours.

Dr. Bell pointed out how the Chinese people, who have so recently come out of the feudal system, have all but produced a democracy, saying that the trouble today is with the few leaders in control, and not with the real Chinese people.

Dr. Bell's thought and suggestion is to defend Formosa at all costs, and help the National Government to make a landing in Southern China of at least a million troops (Chinese), and that in his opinion the population would immediately come over to the Nationalistic side and soon overthrow the Communist overlords.

Truly an inspirational talk, and the applause should indicate to Dr. Bell how well the Club understood and sympathized with his thoughts.

Dr. Stanley Atkins did a splendid job of presenting Dr. Bell.

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BUT WHAT CAN ROTARY DO IN A CONFUSED WORLD WHERE THE FORCES OF EVIL ARE ON THE MARCH?

ROTARY can do more than it has ever done before.

It can redouble its efforts to forge new links in the chain of goodwill encircling the world.

It can offset the tearing down process of evil forces by building faster and more effectively temples and towers of confidence and trust among men.

It can strive harder than ever to quicken the pulsing hearts of men of goodwill everywhere to the end that peace may return to the world.

BUT HOW CAN ROTARY DO THESE THINGS IN THE FACE OF ADVANCING EVIL?

YOU, my fellow Rotarian, and 343,000 like you throughout the world, *ARE* Rotary. When you speak and act each day in your community, Rotary is speaking and acting.

When you stand for something in your community, Rotary stands for something.

When you believe in peace there is peace in *your* heart.

When you become a part of the process of building up—you can not be a part of the process of tearing down. When you do something constructive, Rotary is doing something constructive.

When you definitely stand for something you are getting somewhere—Rotary is getting somewhere—the world is getting somewhere.

AN AMERICAN

Better Enabeling, in cooperation with the Magazine Publishers of America, recently published an ad which shows an Indian greeting Pilgrims as they land on Plymouth Rock. The Redskin is expositulating, "Ugh . . . foreigners."

The ad goes on to say: "Ever since the Pilgrims landed, there have been those who called others 'foreigners.' Come to think of it, we're all foreigners, aren't we? Some of our families have been here longer than others—but at one time they, too, were foreigners.

"We're all foreigners, more or less, but far more important—all Americans. So let's not think of others in terms of where their ancestors came from, or which church they go to. Let's think of everyone as individuals—as Americans.

"Here are three ways each of us can help to keep the United States of America united:

1. Accept—or reject—people on their individual worth.
2. Don't listen to, or speed, rumors against a race, religion, or a class.
3. Speak up, wherever we are, against prejudice, and work for understanding.

"Remember—THAT'S BEING AN AMERICAN."

—From *The Rotator* of Abilene, Texas.

THE ROTARIAN IS—

A mind—through which service thinks.
A heart—through which service loves.
A voice—through which service speaks.
A hand—through which service helps.
A personality—in which service is above self.

—Bulletin *Ballston Spa*, N. Y. Club.

ONE-SECOND SERMONS

The real wealth in the world is created by those who say, "What can I do to improve the situation?" and not "What can I do to profit by it?"

Many people shove and bluster through life, following the theory of the man who believes he doesn't need driving manners if his truck is big enough.

There's a saying that bears repeating: "If a care is too small to prompt a prayer, it is much too small to be a burden."

Where there is righteousness in the heart, there is warmth in the character. Where there is warmth in the character, there is harmony in the home.

He who believes is strong; he who lacks faith is weak.

—*Gadsden Rotary News*.

—Via *Ex-Weekly Letter*, Augusta.