

District Governor's Monthly Letter

Christmas is a day of joy and gladness all over the world and in its spirit I send a message of hearty greetings to the Rotary Clubs of the District.

NEW YEAR—Our Rotary year is half over. Let us make plans for a happier and more prosperous second half of our Rotary year.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT, WATERTOWN, DEC. 28—President Arthur, at Cornwall gave us only a foretaste of the good things in store at Watertown, the official visit of Rotary International President Arthur Lagueux, to the U. S. Clubs in this District. Watertown is going all out to make this a memorable event. Individuals attending will find this event an outstanding milestone on their Rotary route.

PER CAPITA TAX is one of the routine January requirements. Hope this office gets a word of commendation for R. I. this time for prompt response.

CHARTER NIGHT AT CORNWALL—A wonderful party. President Arthur spoke on "Fellowship and Friendship" in Rotary.

CLUB BULLETINS—I would suggest a more universal exchange among ALL the clubs in the District.

MEMBERSHIP—President Arthur Lagueux suggests "A new member a month in each club." 16 new members have been added to the District Roster during November.

ATTENDANCE—High Five: Theresa, 97.72%; Adams, 90.77%; Verdun, 90.72%; Montreal West 88.95%; Alexandria Bay, 88.39%. Watertown, 87.23%.

A rabbit is a little animal that grows the fur other animals get credit for when it's made into a lady's coat.

Rotary Visitors Last Week

Frank Chapman, Public Service, Ogdensburg; Clint Maldoon, Farmer, Clayton; Carl Baich, Paper Supplies, Adams; Bill Eddy, Religion, Oswego.

Editorial

The observance of New Year's Day is marked by two peculiar customs. It is the one holiday when most of the celebrating is done the evening before, and it is the only national occasion for the universal making of good resolutions designed for personal improvement of the individual resolver. The custom of making new year resolutions is as old as the calendar. Its practice reveals the character of a man. An optimist always makes new year resolutions. The pessimist says its useless because such resolutions will only be broken and soon forgotten. The realist points out that good resolutions can and should be made any day.

It appears that New York New Year's Eve celebrations are getting bigger and bigger as the years come and go, while resolutions are growing fewer and fewer. Apparently the ranks of the optimists are thinning. Let us hope their places are being taken by the realists rather than the pessimists. We still believe that having one day set aside each year as a starting point for self improvement is a pretty good idea.

When a man feels that he has reached perfection, dry rot begins. But on the contrary, no man ever sinks so low but that he has a fighting chance to climb the road back. It is good for the soul and it is good discipline to pause once a year and take a self inventory. Generally speaking there are a number of qualities and practices which all of us could develop to a greater extent. We can resolve to criticise less and praise more. We can resolve to frown less and smile more. Above all let us resolve that during the year ahead we shall try to perform some deed that will be worthy of long remembrance.

ERNIE

Then chew it!
Tackle more than you can do.
Then do it!
Hitch your wagon to a star!
Then keep your seat, and there you are!

—Anon



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WATER WHEEL



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ROTARY CLUB, WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1950



Arthur Lagueux

Quebec City, Canada

President, Rotary International, 1950-51

Arthur Lagueux is President of the investment corporation of Lagueux and Des-Rochers in Quebec City, Canada. He was born at Tring Junction, Quebec, and was educated at St. Anne-de-la Pocatiere College (Quebec) and at St. Anne's Academy in New York City.

Mr. Lagueux is President of Rotary International for 1950-51. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Quebec since 1934, is a Past President of that Club, and he has served Rotary International as Director, District Governor and as committee chairman and member.

Mr. Lagueux is President of the La Sarre Power Company in La Sarre, Quebec, and of the Financial Building in Quebec City. He is a Director of the Commonwealth International Corporation and of the Lever-

age Fund of Canada, Ltd. in Quebec City, he is Vice President of the Bond Dealers Association and Chairman of the Re-establishment Credit Advisory Committee of the Canadian Department of Veterans Affairs. He is an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

Last Week

At the request of our Secretary, I am making this short and snappy. The program was one of the best we have had. "Mac" MacFARLANE and his talented daughter, Mrs. Dalgliesh, led the Club in singing a number of carols, and, in addition, she sang several solo numbers. She has a beautiful voice.

The court held session and Santa Claus sentenced a number of culprits a dollar each. When they put their mind to it, the court officials can do a good job in an entertaining manner.

Pres. SCOTTY introduced the Superintendents of St. Patrick's School and the Children's Home, who made appropriate remarks. Guests, etc., were introduced and the birthday boys got their cakes. The next meeting will be with the R. I. Rotary President, Dec. 28. Everyone should be there.

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The Travelers

Coral Gables, Fla., GALSTER, Dec. 8; Brunswick, Ga., DECKER, Winter Park, Fla., STOCKER, Adams, SARGENT, READY, FREDENBURG, Dec. 11; New Smyrna Beach, Fla., BIGGERS, Dec. 12; Clearwater, Fla., ENGESSER, Cornwall, Ont., BOYSEN, Dec. 31; Miami, Fla., GALSTER, NEW YORK, MURPHY, Dec. 14; St. Petersburg, Fla., MILLER, Dec. 15; Carthage, Bond, PELLETIER, POLHEMUS, Dec. 19.

Guest of Honor

ARTHUR LAGUEUX, President Rotary International

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Personal

We all regret learning of the serious illness of Past President SETH JONES, who was stricken with a heart attack on Friday, Dec. 15. He is now resting at the House of Good Samaritan and is not allowed to see callers.

We sympathize with HAROLD NILES in the death of his father.

It was good to see JOHN CHARLEBOIS back with us after a six months illness. Last Wednesday was the first meeting by JOHN since May 31.

We were glad to see JOE TAGGART out again after a three weeks absence.

The tour to Mexico conducted by HART SEELY leaves Syracuse Feb. 4 at 6:42 p. m. and returns Feb. 23 at 11:13 a. m. The itinery looks wonderful—2 days at Mardi Gras at New Orleans—9 days in and around Mexico City—cost, \$635 to \$762 per person. The Secretary has sample folders. Write HART SEELY, Waverly, N.Y., if you are interested.

Membership Proposal

CHARLES A. EDWARDS

President, Empsall Drug Co., Inc.
Retail Drugs

Proposed by Al Santway

Any correspondence concerning the above should reach the Secretary within ten (10) days.

Radio really started in the Garden of Eden when a rib was taken from Adam to make the first loud-speaker.

Program Time Schedule

- 6:10 Dining room open
6:28 America
O Canada
Invocation, Rev. Harold Johns
6:30 Dinner service and fellowship
7:40 "Everybody Sing," led by Gilbert Macfarlane with Charles Reilly at the piano
8:00 Welcome by Clarence E. Scott, President Watertown Rotary Club
8:02 Introduction of guests of honor and presentation of visiting clubs by Past District Governor Harry J. Yoder
8:10 Musical selections—
Miss Lucille Rouchaud, soprano
Accompanist, Mrs. Orrell York
8:25 Introduction of Arthur Lagueux, President Rotary International, by District Governor Ralph Wiber
9:30 Appreciation and presentation of District gift by Past District Governor Raymond Brunet
Star-Spangled Banner
God Save the King

Bill—"Is it possible for a woman to keep a secret?"

Jim—"Oh, yes. My wife and I were engaged several weeks before she said anything to me about it."

Our Attendance Last Week

Present, 147; made up, 3; excused, 4; unexcused, 25; total, 179; 83.79%. Made up: BOND, DECKER, MILLER. Excused: S. JONES, SCHMID, O. SEVERENCE, WINDER. Unexcused: BENTS, BROOKS, CONDE, FLYNN, HARRIS, HYDE, W. JONES, LABDON, MacADAM, MARTIN, PERCY, SELLERS, SHARP, SICKLES, STEVENS, SWITZER, TAYLOR, TOLBERT, WAIT, WHITE, BIGGERS, ENGESSER, GALSTER, NILES, STOCKER.

The following name has been dropped from the records due to non-attendance and loss of classification: Floyd C. Ellis.

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FRESH SHRIMP AND CRABMEAT COCKTAIL
CELERY HEARTS ROSE RADISHES MIXED OLIVES
CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP, RITZ CROUTONS
ROAST PRIME RIBS OF BEEF AU JUS
ASSORTED ROLLS
AU GRATIN POTATOES
MIXED GREEN VEGETABLES
HEARTS OF LETTUCE WITH ROQUEFORT CHEESE DRESSING
FRESH STRAWBERRY SUNDAE WITH INDIVIDUAL ROTARY CAKE
COFFEE
AFTER DINNER MINTS

Gratuity not included in the price of the dinner ticket

Let Us Sing

AMERICA

(Key of F)

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrims' pride!
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let freedom ring!

O CANADA!

(Key of E Flat)

O Canada! Our home, our native land,
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free;
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

Chorus:

O Canada! glorious and free!
We stand on guard, we stand on guard
for thee.
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER (Key of A Flat)

O say! can you see, by the dawn's early
light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's
last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro'
the perilous fight, (over) . . .

O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so
gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs
bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was
still there.

Oh say, does that Star-spangled Banner
yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of
the brave?

GOD SAVE THE KING (Key of F)

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,

God save the King;

Send him victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us,

God save the King.