

# Rotarians Ready For Chief's Trip

## International President Will Bring Thousands to Brawley

Rotary International President Arthur Lagueux's official visit to Brawley on Feb. 19 was definitely confirmed this noon in a phone call to President Leon Anderson at the local Rotary meeting.

The call came from the Chicago Rotary headquarters relayed through Bruce Watt, district governor of San Diego, and signified Lagueux's official okay.

Brawley's Rotary club is primed today to drop invitations into the mails to more than 60 Rotary clubs in Southern California, Arizona, and Mexico in anticipation of an official visit here by Arthur Lagueux, president of Rotary International.

Yesterday, the Rotary office in Chicago telephoned the club here confirming the date of February 19 for Lagueux's visit. Now Rotarians are awaiting confirmation by Lagueux, himself, before proceeding with plans for the occasion which is expected to bring more than 1000 civic and business leaders to Brawley.

Rotary officials here made it plain they don't consider the date signed and delivered until President Lagueux gives his okay.

If the visit does come off it will be the result of conversations between Brawley Rotarian Walter Burr and Lagueux at the Rotary International convention in Detroit last summer.

Because the international and desert atmosphere will be something new in the visits of the Rotary chief, a Canadian, tentative plans call for that motif on the day of the visit.

Rotarian E. Ted Kipf revealed this at the council meeting yesterday when he received permission of the city council to have a barbecue in the Plaza on the February 19 date.

He said plans would also call for Mexican dancers and singers throughout the town and that Lagueux would make his address at Palmer auditorium.

Council members were as enthusiastic as Rotarians about the expected visit and agreed with Kipf, who said:

"With more than a 1000 leading businessmen attending, this could be the largest and best vehicle of publicity the Valley has ever had." dent made an official appearance

Last night 15 representatives of Rotary clubs from Brawley, El

Centro, Calexico, Holtville, and Mexicali met to discuss the probable visit. While Brawley would be the host club, the Rotary District council would assist in coming the world's top Rotarians.

Mrs. Arthur Lagueux, wife of the Rotary international prexy, made many a Valley Rotarian blush with shame on her visit here Monday. Above and beyond being a charming and gracious lady, Mrs. Lagueux displayed a knowledge of Spanish that had Valley old-timers embarrassed at their own lack of fluency.

The Mexican delegation which greeted Mrs. Lagueux on her arrival at the hotel were in turn greeted in their own language with an ease which might have been born to her. Then, as though to demonstrate that she could do more than pass the time of day in Spanish, Mrs. Lagueux spoke to the Mexican contingent later from the stage of the Palmer auditorium for a couple of minutes, idiomatically and grammatically.

And don't ask Spurs how he knows the difference!