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KIWANIS IN ACTION

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In January 1930, when Kiwanis was only fifteen years old, Roe Fulkerson, the beloved late scribe of the organization wrote a penetrating essay for The Kiwanis Magazine entitled "They Ought to Fix It" which could well serve as the credo for all service-minded groups. It is reprinted below.

I went to a district convention to make a speech. A fine lot of fellows met me at the train and gave me a true Kiwanis welcome. One tossed my bags into the back of his car and took me to the hotel which was convention headquarters.

It was quite a run from the station to the main section of the city. Speeding along at about thirty-five an hour the car hit a bad bump and my unprotected head hit the top of the car so hard I bit my tongue.

"Confound it!" exclaimed my host, driver and friend. "They ought to fix that place. It's been like that for six months! They ought to fix it!"

Arrived at the hotel the bell-hop took my bag and escorted me to my room. When he attempted to raise the window it stuck. He had a struggle—a twenty-five cent tip struggle—before he got it up.

"They ought to fix that!" he complained. "It's been like that ever since I've been here. They ought to fix it!"

I sat on the stage next day picking at my fingers and rubbing my chin, trying to look nonchalant and not nervous as I waited my turn to ooze eloquence from every pore and pimple. A Kiwanian came and sat down beside me.

"The acoustics of this municipal auditorium are bad. You will have to speak very loud," he explained. "They ought to fix it."

I began to smile at that town, at my town, at your town. Who is this invisible somebody who ought to fix everything? Who are "they," these people who ought to do so many wonderful things?

If the bachelor who brought me up from the train had gone to a dance at the country club where he had taken a beautiful girl out on the veranda and the moonlight had got tangled up in her fluffy hair and she had moved over close to him so her shoulder had touched his and he had looked down to find her big blue eyes looking up into his, he never would have said "They ought to kiss this girl! It's a shame to have her looking up expectantly like this. They ought to kiss her!"

As a Kiwanian, I'm sure that idea would never have come to him. He would have kissed her! His idea would have been "Here's an important job to do so I'll hop to it!"

If that bell-hop who carried my bag up to the room had seen a dollar in the hall as he went back to the elevator he never would have thought "They ought to fix that! Dollars should not be left laying around on the carpets that way! They ought to pick them up!"

Being a tip-hungry bell-hop he would have picked it up himself and there the matter would have ended.

My friend on the platform is a real estater—beg pardon—a realtor. If he knew of a man who had a lot to sell for four thousand dollars and knew another man who wanted to buy it for five thousand dollars he never would have thought, "They ought to buy that lot from that man and sell it to the fellow who wants it for a thousand dollars more." He would have bought and sold it again instantly, making it a personal matter doing the job himself.

But they would have done these acts because they are agreeable. Who should do all the disagreeable things? Who is this invisible somebody who ought to make it his business to right the world's wrongs, stop radios from playing after midnight, settle the parking problem, see that people obey the laws, stop pedestrians from carrying umbrellas under their arms with ferrules sticking out to jab you in the midriff?

I have a grasshopper mind, let's hop around a bit. At a banquet I heard a professional humorist tell twenty stories. Fred Parker and I agreed they were the oldest twenty stories Noah took into the ark. Yet with them he rocked the house and made a big hit.

It was encouraging because I go on telling my old stories. I've stopped trying to find new ones; people have never heard new stories before and don't bother when to laugh. Here is one of my oldest:

In the vineyard country of France a certain priest had served a little village for fifty years; he had christened, married and administered extreme unction for half a century. All the villagers loved him like a real father.

On his fiftieth anniversary they planned a big celebration in his honor. The program included a big fete after mass, to which, as a symbol of their love, they decided that each man would bring his finest bottle of wine. They would pour all these bottles into a large cask on the village green; by mingling the finest wines from their vineyards, they would symbolize their mingled love and affection.

The day came, the mass was said and on the village green they asked the good father to draw the first glass of wine. He turned the spigot, holding the glass, but only water came out! Each thrifty villager, thinking the others would bring wine, had brought his dark bottle filled with water!

Each thought the other would "fix it." None of them had any sense of personal responsibility, which is exactly what is wrong with my bachelor friend who drove me over that bump in the street, with my bell-hop who couldn't raise the window, with my realtor friend who deplored the bad acoustics of the auditorium.

It is the ambition of Kiwanis to be the invisible somebody who fixes crying needs! It is the aim of the organization to change the expression "They ought to fix it" to read "We ought to fix it," and then get at it.

As the weakest link fixes the strength of the entire chain, so does the efficiency of a Kiwanis club depend on the ability of each member to develop a sense of personal responsibility to the community in which he lives.

To change the initial pronoun of "They ought to fix it" to "We" the individual Kiwanian must think in terms of "I ought to fix it."

I live in this community. I am getting my living out of its citizens. I have my children in its free schools. I am getting my fire protection each night as I sleep. I get my family and my home protected by its police force. I get justice in its courts.

I owe something to this town. When I see some thing which I can do to make it a better town in which to live, it is my duty and the duty of my Kiwanis club to hop to it.

The invisible somebody is not They. It is I!

At the time Roe penned these words Kiwanis existed in 1876 communities with a total membership of 102,811 (summer convention figures for that year). At the present time Kiwanis exists in more than 5100 communities with a total membership of approximately 262,000. The following pages give a brief sampling of some of the activities of men who wear the K in the seven major areas of Kiwanis interest during 1962, men who feel "we ought to fix it."

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AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION

When a disastrous forest fire wiped out valuable acres of timber bordering their city, Kiwanians of Los Alamos, New Mexico, decided that action was imperative. Obtaining a commitment of ten thousand pine seedlings annually from the United States Forest Service, Kiwanians organized local youth groups like the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to assist and undertook the planting during the month of April, to become an annual event until the burned-off area is completely replanted.

Manson, Washington—Nearly 400 apple pickers were placed through the apple growers' labor office, which members helped set up.

Saint Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania—Experimental plantings of a variety of grasses, trees, and shrubbery were made on spill banks resulting from strip mining.

Tulelake, California—The club-sponsored Pheasant Hunting Club provides map, information, and hunting privileges for more than 10,000 acres of land.

Leavenworth, Kansas—A 1½-acre lake, to be used by senior citizens and children for fishing and ice skating, was completed on the grounds of the county home.

Chillicothe, Missouri—A director, camp equipment, and camp program were provided the junior conservation club sponsored by Kiwanis.

Terre Haute, Indiana—About 100 young men attended the 4-H training conference for junior leaders sponsored by the club; more than 1,000 4-Hers and parents were present at the 4-H Jamboree, also sponsored by the club.

Indiana, Pennsylvania—A bird feeder project resulted in the building and distributing of 175 feeders to children, shut-ins, and church groups.

Fort Walton Beach, Florida—The club began a six-year project of constructing an artificial fishing reef in the Gulf of Mexico from scrap metals.

Wise, Virginia—To beautify their county, Kiwanians procured and sold 6,000 pink dogwood and 350 flowering crab trees.

Timonium-Cockeysville, Maryland—A kiddie barnyard, stocked with young farm animals, was provided at the annual Eastern National Livestock Show.

Clubs of the New York District—More than \$4,000 was contributed to Heifer Project for the purchase of bred heifers to be shipped to Mexico as a People-to-People project.

Aurora, Colorado—After three years of work and an expenditure of \$12,000, the club turned the new Aurora Kiwanis Park over to the city.

Selkirk, Manitoba—The churchyard and cemetery at century-old St. Peter's church were restored.

Lincoln, Illinois—The club held its 25th annual 4-H Club achievement award dinner for leaders in the county.

Russellville, Arkansas—The Farm Family of the Year was sponsored in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service.

Anderson, South Carolina—An all-day agri-business tour of farms in the county attracted 160 businessmen, who were provided bus transportation and treated to a barbecue at the end of the day.

Franklin Township, New Jersey—Previously unused farm land adjoining a welfare housing project was developed into a vegetable garden for welfare families; one member did the plowing while the club provided the seed, plants, and fertilizer.

Lexington, North Carolina—Approximately 32,000 persons attend the annual Davidson County Agricultural Fair sponsored by the club.

Douglas, Georgia—Two club-owned tree planters were rented to farmers at a very nominal sum; many thousands of trees were planted as a result.

Rocky Butte, Portland, Oregon—Twelve truckloads of surplus fruit and vegetables, collected from growers, were delivered to missions and hospitals.

Covington, Ohio—As part of their Power Lawn Mower Safety Campaign, members distributed 5,000 placards urging observance of mower safety rules.

Billings, Montana—After years of work, the club turned over to the state the Plenty Coups Memorial Museum and a 160-acre ranch, commemorating a Crow Indian leader, once an honorary member of the Kiwanis club.

West Toronto, Ontario—Thirty members prepared ground and planted 15,000 Star of Bethlehem bulbs, purchased from Holland; a drug to be extracted from the bulbs will be used in cardiac research when the bulbs are dug.

South Central Seattle, Washington—More than \$1,000 of club funds were used in furnishing equipment for and sponsoring a 4-H club for retarded children at the state school.

Litchfield, Illinois—A Kiwanis safety inspection team visited the farms of the area, inspected machinery, and showed rural residents how to reduce farm accidents.

PUBLIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS

After 382 automobile accidents claiming fourteen lives over a period of twenty years at a dangerous intersection of two major highways, Kiwanians at Filer, Idaho, decided something must be done. Once they had studied the site and taken action photographs to prove their case, members of the club met with Idaho state highway officials and traffic engineers. From the joint study new safety measures were introduced with the result that not a single accident has occurred since at the once lethal intersection.

Detroit-Evergreen, Michigan—An artificial kidney was presented to the children's hospital for use in the treatment of nephrosis.

Galax, Virginia—The construction of a 14' x 18' classroom doubled the community's capacity for training handicapped and retarded children.

Nutana, Saskatchewan—After an evening of sleighing, skating, and munching real "Buffalo Burgers," a crowd of 10,000 watched 20,000 discarded Christmas trees go up in flames in the city's first Fire Festival, sponsored by the Kiwanis club.

Griffin, Georgia—Twenty-seven blind bowlers participated in the Blind Bowling League sponsored by the Kiwanis club with Key Club assistance.

West Saint Paul, Minnesota—Ninety per cent of the total population of the city received Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine through the clinics coordinated by the Kiwanis club with the assistance of Key Clubbers.

Miller, South Dakota—The club raised the entire \$140,000 needed to provide a home for the aged in the community.

Westmount, Oshawa, Ontario—Twelve blood donor clinics resulted in the collection of 5,680 pints of blood during the year.

Woburn, Massachusetts—Through the club's hospital equipment program, 37 hospital beds, 36 wheelchairs, 25 pairs of crutches, and 17 pieces of other equipment were made available to citizens needing them.

Anna, Illinois—The industrial corporation received a club donation of \$1,000 to assist in obtaining needed industry in the community.

College Station, Texas—More than a hundred students submitted entries in the club's "Why I Am Proud to Be an American" essay contest.

8 East Kildonan, Manitoba—A total of 12,756 per-

sons received tuberculin skin tests as a result of a campaign coordinated by the Kiwanis club.

Auburn-Lewiston, Maine—An initial payment of \$1,900 made possible the establishment of a heart catheterization clinic in the hospital.

Boonton, New Jersey—The club's free ambulance service for a population of 25,000 responded to 818 calls involving 15,295 miles of travel.

South Denver, Colorado—"Operation Night Light," encouraging citizens to leave their porch lights on during darkness, resulted in the illumination of 15,000 homes in the club area and the adoption of the project by the district.

Oswego, New York—An 88-page illustrated guide to the city, "Visit Historic Oswego," was written, published, and distributed by the club.

Maple Ridge, Haney, British Columbia—The club-sponsored Hydroplane Regatta, organized to arouse interest in the holiday facilities of the area, attracted 15,000 people.

Moncton, New Brunswick—An average of 700 children a day used the new \$70,000 swimming pool constructed with funds collected and contributed by club members.

Magog, Quebec—Each pensioner in the home for the aging received a specially printed bilingual birthday card from the Kiwanis club.

Saint John's, Newfoundland—After successfully sponsoring a summer musical festival for ten years, the club initiated a series of concerts during the December-March season so that the community could enjoy the artists in the winter months as well.

Northwest Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—Twenty young men from African and Asian nations were welcomed as "special members" of the club during their enrollment in four-month FAA airport administration courses in the city.

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania—Two hundred wheel chairs were made available to those who needed them; eleven were sent overseas as a People-to-People project.

Pompano Beach-North Broward, Florida—More than \$5,000, realized from a benefit golf match, was turned over to Project HOPE, which provides medical training to doctors and nurses in underdeveloped countries.

Hobbs, New Mexico—The club donated the flag, flagpole, and bronze plaque for the new city park and arranged the flag-raising ceremonial.

SUPPORT OF CHURCHES IN THEIR SPIRITUAL AIMS

When a local drive to raise two thousand dollars for creating a prayer room at the hospital sputtered and the small amount raised was about to be refunded, Kiwanians at Richmond, Missouri, took over the campaign, re-vamped the publicity, and within three weeks had succeeded in over-subscribing the fund so that a room for meditation and prayer for the bereft and the families of the grievously ill can now provide spiritual solace.

Chesterfield, Virginia—Large-print Bibles were purchased and distributed to hospitalized veterans and other shut-ins.

Antelope Valley, Los Angeles County, California—A Kiwanis Chapel for all faiths was completed at the district hospital.

Clinton, Iowa—Hundreds of children submitted Christmas posters, and eighty families entered the Christmas Home Lighting Contest in the club's annual Christmas city project.

Greensburg, Indiana—Twenty-one churches were served by the Kiwanis-created bureau for providing lay speakers and song leaders in three counties.

Windom, Minnesota—Twenty-two high school students submitted essays on the theme "The Evils of Alcohol," and \$250 was awarded the winners.

Capital City, Baton Rouge, Louisiana—A Religious Recognition Award was made monthly to a citizen of the community; in all, 168 men and women were nominated.

Jackson, Tennessee—During November and December, prayer mats and table tents were distributed to restaurants, and movie trailers shown in theaters as part of the Religion in American Life Program.

Brookfield, Wisconsin—More than 100,000 toys were collected, renovated, and distributed to some 50,000 children throughout Wisconsin in cooperation with Disabled American Veterans.

Red Jacket, West Virginia—\$3000 and 1600 man hours went into the renovation of the community church basement.

Ridgewood, New Jersey—During Holy Week, a communion breakfast open to men of all service clubs and churches attracted 260 men.

Fredonia, Kansas—Worship services were held each Sunday evening for inmates of the county jail, with representatives of six churches participating.

Washington, North Carolina—Junior high school students prepared essays on "What My Religion Means to Me," which were printed on the front page of the local newspaper daily for two weeks.

Coos Bay, Oregon—The Salvation Army received 6,500 cans of food collected by Kiwanians and Key Clubbers for distribution to needy families.

Waupun, Wisconsin—About 1800 people viewed the film, "Treasures in Heaven," purchased by the Kiwanis club and shown in every church in the city.

Sandy Springs, Georgia—A gift of \$8,000 from the club's Foundation for the Deaf made possible the establishment of a church and the employment of a minister for 550 deaf mutes in metropolitan Atlanta.

Oak Park, Michigan—Each newcomer to the city receives a letter from the club, welcoming him to the city and inviting him to attend one of the houses of worship listed in an enclosed directory.

Town and Country, Marion, Ohio—Members collected 12,000 magazines and 300 books and delivered them to cell block reading rooms in a correctional institution.

Port Angeles, Washington—Six large passenger buses were maintained and operated for taking children to Sunday School and summer camps.

Upper Snake River, Idaho Falls, Idaho—Eight prizes were awarded to winners of the club's Easter poster contest on the theme: "Why I Should Attend the Church of My Choice."

Ile Jesus, Quebec—More than 2500 boxes of food were collected and turned over to needy families in Montreal.

Midvale, Utah—The club provided the hall, robes, and technical facilities for the eighth annual Easter cantata, conducted and directed by a member.

Hixson, Tennessee—Fifteen softball teams were organized into church leagues in order to increase fellowship among members of various churches.

Dixie, Louisville, Kentucky—The eighth annual Easter sunrise service, attended by 500 and broadcast by radio, was sponsored.

Blenheim, Ontario—A \$235 bursary was presented to a student minister to enable him to continue his education; members assisted the local clergy in serving communion to shut-ins.

Coffeyville, Kansas—Members cleaned, decorated, and shingled a chapel at a nearby youth camp.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2,662	Farm-City Week observances in clubs
17,648	Agriculture and conservation projects sponsored
4,874	Senior citizens projects sponsored
1,197	National Public Works Week observances in clubs
12,248	Projects encouraging attendance at religious services
90,470	Kiwanians serving on local boards
33,418	Kiwanians teaching religious education classes
741,127	"Prayer Before Meals" table tents distributed
46,364	Spot announcements on spiritual life made
7,411	Lay ministers provided for churches
3,441,860	Trees planted

NATIONAL SERVICE

2,160	Clubs engaged in Ballot Battalion effort
24,763	Kiwanians assisting in the Ballot Battalion
6,252	Safety projects sponsored
3,767	Projects promoting International goodwill sponsored
21,355	Kiwanians holding public office
\$118,406,755	Raised by Kiwanians in campaigns such as March of Dimes, Community Chest, etc.

YOUTH SERVICE

2,233	Kids' Day observances by clubs
\$1,340,341	Raised for youth work on Kids' Day
1,819,722	Children entertained on Kids' Day
2,820,977	Children assisted in health problems and needs
20,051	Projects sponsored in support of established youth organizations
14,130	Projects sponsored affording career counseling
172,904	Youth recognized by clubs for special achievement
15,531	Scholarships and loans awarded
326,668	Children provided with food, clothing, etc.
580,314	Quarts of milk given to school children
976,844	Vocational guidance aids furnished
4,543,738	Youth served through recreational projects
573,463	Members of farm youth organizations aided
\$1,345,657	Granted or loaned to students

BOYS AND GIRLS WORK

Six years of intensive planning plus 2700 man-hours of work by their own members came to a happy culmination for Kiwanians of San Carlos, California, when they opened the new ten thousand dollar addition to their Scout building, originally constructed by the club in 1953. The building has become a veritable youth center, going far beyond mere Scout purposes. No use fee is ever charged, and the verified average of young people who use the building each month exceeds 1800.

New Town, North Dakota—Eighty-seven students in grades 9-12 submitted essays in the contest on "What Can New Town Do to Be a Better Place in Which to Live."

Truro, Nova Scotia—More than 2,500 students from nine schools participated in the club's 21st annual public speaking contest; certificates of merit were presented to 79 semi-finalists, with cash awards going to the finalists.

Moultrie, Georgia—A Kiwanis exhibit of artwork produced by students in grades 1-12 was held in the courthouse lobby and awards made to winners.

Kamiakin, Yakima, Washington—Thirty-six girls from high school history classes were escorted on an "American History Tour" to the state capital and the Seattle World's Fair.

Edgewater, Baton Rouge, Louisiana—Members obtained from the FBI and distributed to elementary schools 30,000 posters warning children against molesters.

Whitehaven, Tennessee—Safety patrols were equipped and periodically inspected at 17 schools.

Culpeper, Virginia—Around 17,000 children from 32 schools attended the club's Kids' Day Space Show which ran for eight days in a community of 2400 people.

Kansas City, Missouri—Twenty-one boys, classified as potential school dropouts, met with Kiwanians two nights each week for study-recreation periods and counseling.

Parsons, Kansas—When Kiwanians stocked the local swimming pool with rainbow trout for Kids' Day, 2100 youngsters fished and caught 500 before the senior citizens took their turn.

Ferndale, Michigan—A complete lapidary shop, including \$2,500 worth of gem-cutting equipment,

was set up at a home for wards of the court.

Cocoa, Florida—Seventeen Ecuadorean high school students were guests of the club as part of "Operation Amigo," sponsored by the club in cooperation with the Key Club and other service organizations.

Hillcrest, San Diego, California—More than 4,500 children were entertained with a full day at the San Diego zoo.

Montpelier, Vermont—\$1200 was spent in providing medical and dental services for underprivileged children.

Alliance, Nebraska—The club provided 600 lunches for high school band members invited to attend a concert by the U.S. Air Force Band.

Cumberland, Maryland—For the 23rd year, the club provided a camping experience for 50 underprivileged boys and girls.

Amsterdam, New York—Eighteen members worked five days to paint and decorate rooms in the local YMCA.

Chicopee, Massachusetts—A ton of candy, collected by 9,000 children in the "Share the Loot" program, was distributed to schools for retarded children, orphanages, children's hospitals, and the Salvation Army.

Bend, Oregon, and Penticton, British Columbia—During one week, four American high school students and four Canadian students were exchanged for one week of classes in order to increase international understanding.

North Star, Anchorage, Alaska—Members provided materials and labor for the erection of a woven-wire fence around the play area at Alaska Native Service Hospital.

Akron, Ohio—The Florence Crittenton Home, the only club-owned home for unwed mothers in the United States, has a value of \$125,000 and has been operated by the club for 36 years.

Uptown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—A program of varied events at the Uptown Kiwanis Youth Center attracted 69,000 youth and 25,000 adult participants.

Lethbridge, Alberta—A 55-member boys and girls brass band was sponsored by the club.

Tijuana, Baja California—More than a thousand food and clothing gifts were made to children at Christmas; 528 children were registered for sponsored Little League teams.

CIRCLE K CLUBS

Utilizing their knowledge and skill in electronics, Circle K men of the Ward School of Electronics at the University of Hartford, Connecticut—the Kiwanis-sponsored college service club now existent on nearly five hundred North American campuses with a membership of approximately ten thousand—took over the job of refurbishing and making workable old and discarded television sets with the result that more than seventy such sets were donated to orphanages, children's hospitals, and schools for the disabled, truly an instance of "fixing it."

Brescia College (Kentucky)—A twenty-eight page college directory was prepared, listing all faculty and students; the cost was underwritten by selling advertisements to local merchants.

University of San Diego (California)—In cooperation with their sponsoring Kiwanis club, the Circle K men collected more than six hundred pounds of clothing, one hundred pounds of food, and one hundred dollars for needy children of La Casa de Cuna Mission, Tijuana, Mexico.

University of Maine—Posters and information on local churches were prominently displayed on the campus during the Go-to-Church campaign sponsored by the club.

Quincy College (Illinois)—Sixty-nine service projects were sponsored during one school semester, including blood reserve drives, Get-Out-the-Vote campaigns, campus beautification programs, and the showing of educational films for college students.

University of Alabama—Members worked with the student government association in setting up voting booths and tallying the count in the student government election.

Concord College (West Virginia)—Members assisted the administration in the registration of the new second semester students and served as guides for these students.

University of Western Ontario—Children from local orphanages were entertained on a well-planned football outing and picnic.

University of Delaware—Members planned, promoted, and completely controlled High School Senior Day in the fall and High School Junior Day in the spring.

State Teachers College (Maryland)—An impressive set of historical books on the American West was

presented to the college library at a cost of nearly four hundred dollars.

Indiana University—The university administration was assisted in planning and carrying out a successful high school principals' conference and freshmen orientation program on campus.

Ohio Wesleyan University—More than two hundred workers were recruited to make a door-to-door canvass of the city on a Sunday during the United Appeal Campaign.

Jacksonville State College (Alabama)—An American flag was presented to the campus and its daily display supervised.

West Georgia College—Information booths were provided for incoming students at the beginning of each semester.

Auburn University (Alabama)—Monthly support for a Mexican orphan was provided.

Little Rock University (Arkansas)—Members served as ushers for college lectures presented by the university library.

Del Mar College (Texas)—Circle K men cleaned up the college parking lot and painted parking lot stripes as a service to the college administration.

University of Southern Mississippi—Members assisted in Religious Emphasis Week on campus.

Junior College of Broward County (Florida)—A second hand book store, a clearing house for several thousand dollars worth of college textbooks, was operated for the benefit of the student body.

South Georgia College—Welcome road signs were erected in cooperation with the sponsoring Kiwanis club and college officials.

Idaho State College—Clothes were collected for the Idaho Boys Ranch.

Anderson College (Indiana)—Concession stands were stocked and manned for the Kiwanis travel and adventure series.

Clarinda Community College (Iowa)—Two fifty-dollar scholarships were awarded to two outstanding Circle K members each semester.

University of South Carolina—Members served as supervisors for the University Y.M.C.A. Camp.

Huron College (South Dakota)—A successful clean-up day was sponsored on campus.

Odessa College (Texas)—Announcers for all home basketball games were provided.

KEY CLUBS

Casting about for a Christmas project for the Kansas City Recreational Center for the Blind, Key Clubbers of Shawnee Mission (Kansas) East High School—typical of the nearly 65,000 young men in approximately 2500 high schools of North America in this Kiwanis-sponsored service group—found their answer in a hobby magazine. Using their own manpower, they devised more than one hundred checker boards for the sightless, employing insets on the surface to hold the checkers, which obviously had to be made in two shapes for the blind players.

Prescott, Arizona—Key Clubbers at St. Joseph Academy sold soap to help finance a photographic dark room, enabling them to develop films not only for the club and the school but also for the district Key Club publication.

North Bay, Ontario—Organizing their student body into collection groups helped the Chippewa Key Club collect 13,000 empty bottles for a total refund of \$350, which was used to support the school's two refugee students.

Dallas, Texas—To promote interest in sports, Key Clubbers of Woodrow Wilson High School sponsored an unusual contest preceding each major sports event. From the three upper grades a number—usually seven—of students were designated as Mystery Wildcats (the school mascot); anyone identifying such a person correctly with the proper question received a ticket to the game, courtesy of the Key Club.

Swoyerville, Pennsylvania—When time for the annual heart fund drive approached, members of the Key Club organized the available manpower into teams and made a complete canvass of the city.

Kalispell, Montana—When word went that the Salvation Army might have to leave the city for lack of funds, Key Clubbers of Flathead County High School organized a door-to-door campaign which raised more than \$1,000. Said the Army head, "They were simply superb."

Knoxville, Tennessee—Because of increased enrollment in Fulton High School, Key Clubbers there took on the job of registering all cars; those not properly registered were forbidden to park in the school's lot. Registration makes it easy to locate students in event of any emergency.

Covina, California—On the basis of a poll taken among juniors and seniors at West Covina High

School, Key Clubbers secured experts from the twenty top professional and occupational fields to come to a vocational forum.

Boise, Idaho—In order to promote leadership at the individual level, Key Clubbers of the Borah High School sponsored a leadership banquet and workshop for representative students.

Decatur, Georgia—Key Clubbers of Gordon High School recognized the need for a special vocational guidance reading room and did something about it; they took an unused store room, cleaned and waxed the floors, repaired the lights, bought four new tables, and supplied the room with pamphlets, catalogues, and a bulletin board.

Natchez, Mississippi—When a sudden release of chlorine threatened the population, Key Clubbers of Cathedral High School answered the call of community officials to unpack 40,000 gas masks and stood by to assist until the danger had passed.

Shelton, Connecticut—Having a good time and still being of service, the members of the Shelton High School recently raised \$150 at a "Kick-off" Dance in the school gym. Proceeds were earmarked for the building fund of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies.

Bardstown, Kentucky—When Key Clubbers presented the International Theme and Objectives before the entire student body, they found an appropriate way to underscore the presentation: through long distance telephone and amplifier placed on the stage, the President of Key Club International spoke to the assembly, pointing out the threat to American youth from totalitarian ideologies.

Hattiesburg, Mississippi—In order to provide funds for needy families in the community, Key Club members at Forrest County Agricultural High School conducted all sales of concessions at the home basketball games.

Tallahassee, Florida—A classic example of the Key Club spirit and will to help others is the work accomplished for mentally retarded and physically handicapped children by members of Leon High School. Upon hearing of the many needs of the Prince Murat School for Handicapped, the Key Club collected and presented 300 books to the library, distributed a number of indoor games for use on rainy days, and donated \$100 to school authorities for use in improving the program.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

That thorny problem of life—the teenage drop-out—was met head on by Kiwanians in Wilmington, Delaware, when they, after careful study of the local situation, organized groups of a dozen boys each for a thirty-hour training course to develop their skills. Then the Kiwanians obtained jobs for the youths utilizing those skills and kept a constant check on each boy for two months to make sure he was adjusting well to his work. From the first seventy-two boys taking the course, sixty-nine have been placed in permanent full-time positions.

Burlington, North Carolina—\$2700 was added to the club's loan fund for college students, bringing year-end fund assets to \$11,800.

Columbiana, Ohio—Fourteen top high school honor students were dinner guests and received gold recognition pins.

Azusa, California—The club's \$500 scholarship, granted annually to a foreign student at the local college, was awarded to a young man from Jamaica.

Hopewell, Virginia—Twenty-two schools had representatives in the regional science fair; 700 exhibits were viewed by 4500 persons.

Mid-City, New Orleans, Louisiana—More than 8,000 books were collected and donated to the public library during a year-long club campaign.

Elmont, New York—Fourteen children participated in the club's exceptional children's project, which has merited a \$25,000 research grant from the National Institute of Mental Health; the club continues to supply lunches, arrange field trips, and supply special equipment for this project, originated by a club member.

Northgate, Seattle, Washington—Four scholarships were awarded: one to the most promising citizen, one for scholastic achievement, one for fine arts, and one non-college scholarship for trade or professional training.

Hawthorne, New Jersey—A \$300 scholarship was awarded a high school girl who plans to enter a nursing career—an annual project of the club.

Richmond, Indiana—A series of programs on careers was developed by the club and presented weekly over the local radio station.

West Rochester, Minnesota—Each month a high school student, selected by the faculty, was honored as the student-of-the-month; one of these received a \$300 scholarship.

Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois—The Northtown Vocational Council, initiated by the club, screened and tested 250 boys, arranged for their training, and found jobs for 140 of those who completed the course.

Yellowtail, Hardin, Montana—The community was without a local newspaper until high school journalism students working with club members adapted the Kiwanis club bulletin to a community newspaper and distributed it free to residents.

Darien, Connecticut—All new public school teachers were welcomed and entertained at the annual "Apple for the Teacher" dinner.

Warrensville Heights, Ohio—A concession stand was provided at the local swimming pool as a source of income and means of rehabilitation for those who had been treated for mental illness.

Erie, Pennsylvania—A thousand students took part in the "Day at Work with a Kiwanian" program, now in its thirteenth year.

Raton, New Mexico—Forty-two persons completed the Dale Carnegie course in public speaking, sponsored by the club.

Marshall, Texas—Employment for 129 youths was found in the Kiwanis "Hire-A-Youth" program.

Logan, Utah—After circulating career-preference questionnaires to all high school juniors, Kiwanians escorted students on one-day visits with representatives of forty-one professions and businesses.

Hamilton-Westdale, Ontario—The fourteenth annual music festival, lasting eight full days, attracted 2600 entrants; \$3000 was awarded in scholarships.

Whitewater, Wisconsin—Clubs of the division brought a hundred high school students to the city for a teacher recruitment clinic and a tour of the state college campus.

North Omaha, Nebraska—The club assisted in the establishment of Haven Academy for emotionally disturbed children, now supported by all five Omaha clubs.

Plymouth, Massachusetts—Funds were provided for sending from five to ten high school seniors each month on industrial and educational tours to help with career choices.

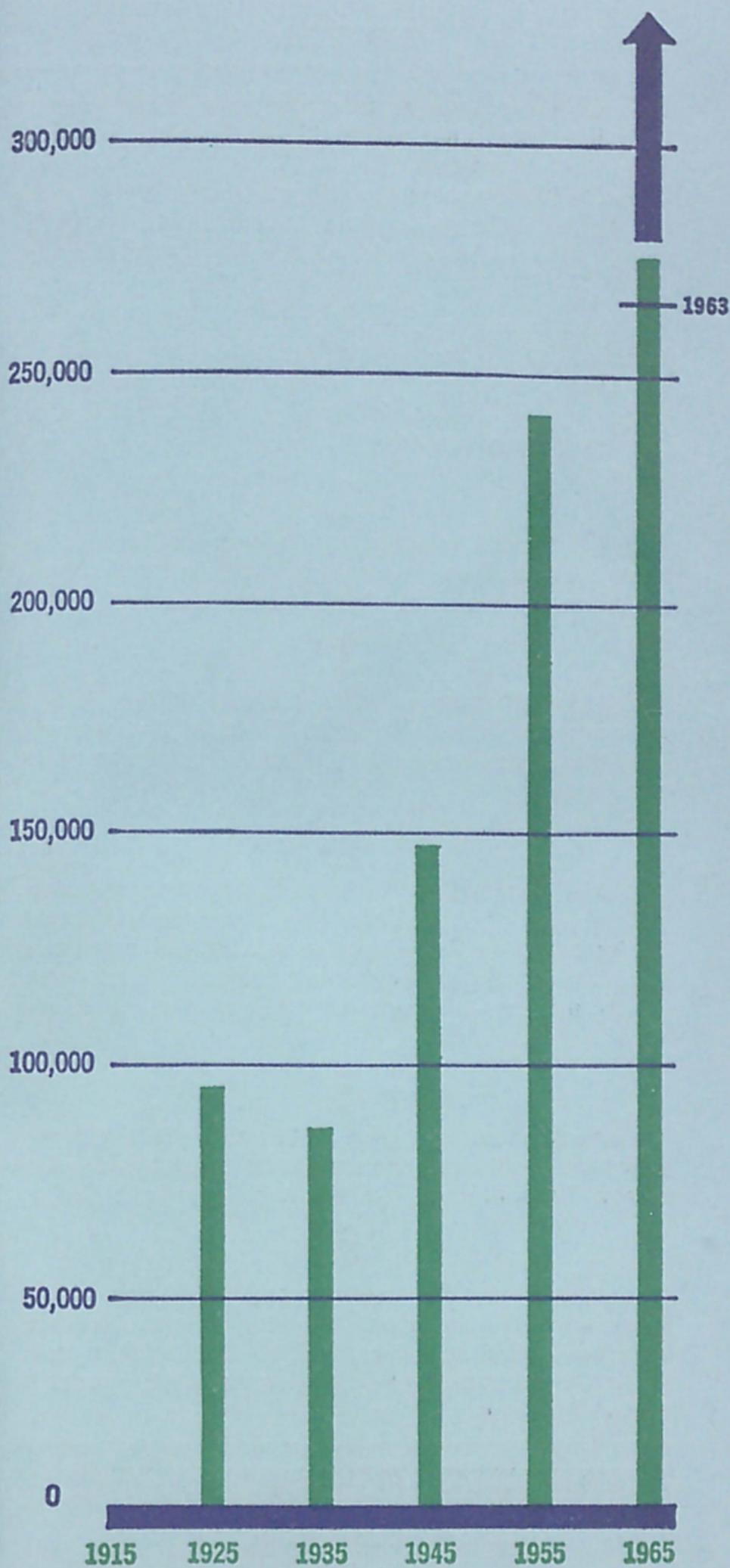
Cheyenne, Wyoming—Three senior high schools use the career guidance questionnaires and counseling service coordinated by the club.

Sheffield, Alabama—Personal and vocational testing materials were provided the student counselor at the high school.

THE NEED GETS BIGGER

Kiwanis has grown with the times. Except for the Depression years, each decade has witnessed vigorous upward thrust, all the more remarkable because Kiwanis attracts and holds only those who feel "we ought to fix it."

When delegates meet at the Golden Anniversary Convention in 1965, they will be representing 275,000 Kiwanians. If Kiwanis is to maintain and improve its position as a constructive force in tomorrow's society, future growth must match or surpass that of the past.



I AM A CITIZEN

My country relies upon me to preserve and defend it against forces that threaten my government, my churches, my schools, my way of life, my very being.

Born in freedom, believing in freedom, mine is the infinite duty to live as a good citizen, as a man who serves his country. This is the code by which I will use my freedom.

1

Public service will be my chief business. Apathy is a habit that becomes a disease from which the citizen dies and the nation falls. I will not be indifferent to the public needs of my community and my country.

2

Integrity, character, principle, and vigilance are the price that freedom exacts. These I owe to the land in which I live. I will not compromise with what I know to be wrong.

3

I will keep faith with my fellow citizens. I will be loyal to my fellow men, to my faith, to my ideals, to the values that must characterize and guide my behavior, to my community, to my nation.

4

Leadership emanates from a creative, intelligent, and understanding spirit. I will give and follow sound leadership. Without leadership at every level—in schools and colleges, in shops and markets, in temples and churches, in government and its agencies—I become the easy victim of evil or alien force.

5

The education and instruction of its citizens is a task of a democracy. I will constantly seek better understanding of my country, its institutions, and the world in which I live.

6

The weapons of faith, courage, and intelligence are my armor; my trust is in God. With a sense of conviction in my cause and dedication to the principles which made my country free, I will never forget that I am and will function as responsible citizen.

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