

Kiwianians Establish Club In Far Off Nassau, Bahamas

The Kiwanis Club of Nassau, Bahamas, the first to be established outside continental North America in the State of Hawaii) was chartered Saturday evening, February 9, in impressive ceremonies at the Nassau Beach Hotel. Inauguration on the chartering was received here by Walter Gale, President of the Kiwanis Club of Farmington.

About three hundred people attended the affair which saw the charter presented by Franklin W. Summerhayes, Grandfather, Immediate Past Governor of the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime Kiwanis District (sponsors of the new Kiwanis Club of Nassau). The charter was received by the Honorable Asa H. Pritchard, President of the Nassau Club. Pritchard is a retired speaker of the Honorable House of Assembly of the Bahamas.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER was Merle H. Tucker of Gallup, New Mexico, President of Kiwanis International. Said Tucker: "Through international extension, it is the privilege of Kiwanis to assist in its small way towards the solution of the greater problems of mankind brought about by the collisions, the differences in opinion, and the stresses and strains of a truly international world in the making. May our philosophy," he added, "which we firmly believe is the right philosophy, multiplied a thousand-fold by the efforts of men like yourselves in countries throughout the world, may that philosophy contribute materially toward a better life for all in the years that lie ahead."

Tucker was commenting on the current program of Kiwanis International extension which began less than a year ago with the chartering of the Kiwanis Club of Tijuana, Mexico - first club outside Canada and the United States since Kiwanis International was organized in 1915. The Kiwanis Club of Nassau is the second in the program.

It was organized on December 13 shortly before the historic Macmillan-Kennedy conference at Nassau. Present for the conference was Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, a long-time Kiwanian himself. Addressing the new club, which he visited during the period, he said, "This organization in our two countries (Canada and the United States), 250,000 strong, has built for a closeness in friendship based on knowledge, not sentiment; based on a common recognition of the principles of freedom and their application."

OFFICERS OF THE new Kiwanis club, whose charter membership numbers sixty Nassau business and professional leaders, were installed during the program by Mel R. Osborne, Toronto, Ontario, a Vice-President of Kiwanis International.

Ceremonial gifts were presented by Kiwanis officials representing various geographical areas of the big international organization. A Sterling Hall in Bradenton, Florida, a Past Governor of the Florida Kiwanis District, presented an American flag; Harold G. Shipp, Toronto, Ontario, a Past President of the Kiwanis Council of Metropolitan Toronto, presented a lantern; Gordon Chapman of Toronto, a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of The Kings, Toronto, presented a Union Jack.

The benediction was pronounced by The Reverend Arthur Steed, B.A., B.D., minister of Humber Valley United Church, Islington, Ontario.

E. D. Kyle, Toronto, Ontario, Past President of the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime Kiwanis District, was general chairman for the affair.

IN ADDITION TO the members, their wives and guests from the new Nassau club, one hundred Kiwanians attended from Florida, and gifts from various towns in the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime Kiwanis District.

Other Kiwanis dignitaries on hand included Edward B. Moylan, Miami, Florida, Treasurer of Kiwanis International; Dr. R. Glenn Reed, Jr., Marietta, Georgia, and W. Clark Glass, Louisville, Kentucky, Trustees; and Don H. Murdoch, Whyte, Manitoba, Past President.

Farmington School Children To Receive TB Skin Check

All of Farmington's school children will be given tuberculosis tests beginning March 18, 1963, and continuing through April 11, 1963.

The testing in Farmington is part of a county wide program which will cover 11,000 school children in the Oak Park, Oxford, Clarkston, Brandon, Dublin, South Lyon, Bloomfield, Birmingham, Southfield, Farmington and Madison school districts.

Health officials are stepping up their efforts to wipe out tuberculosis in Michigan. Since 1957 over 102,000 school children in Oakland County have been given tuberculin skin tests. In the 1961-1962 school year over 40,000 children were tested.

THE GOAL IS to find those persons with tuberculin skin test reactions and get them under treatment. New drugs and improved treatment procedures have led some experts to believe that tuberculosis can be stamped out. In November of 1959 the Arden County Conference, a national meeting of experts on tuberculosis, formulated plans to eradicate rather than control tuberculosis.

In spite of this optimistic goal, tuberculosis is very much with us. Last year, 132 new active cases of tuberculosis were found in Oakland County.

The most encouraging development in this struggle to conquer tuberculosis is the sharp decline in inactive cases found. As late as 1959, 594 inactive cases of tuberculosis were found in Oakland County while only 129 inactive cases were found in 1961—this figure is important because these inactive cases represent the reservoir of tuberculosis in Oakland County. Any new infections of tuberculosis will spring from inactive cases.

A TESTING TEAM of trained technicians will give the tests. Prior to the scheduled testing date consent cards will be sent home with each child. Only those children who present a signed consent card to the school will be tested. Children who were positive reactors in previous programs to the merit roll at Missouri Military Academy Mexico, for his superior scholastic work during the fifth grading period.

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Parents are urged to help in this fight against tuberculosis by making sure their children are tested.

Star-Liters Dance Planned

The Northwest Star-Liters of the Northwest YWCA, 23940 Grand River, are inviting all single men and women aged 23 years and up to their orchestra dance, "Potomac Promenade" on Friday, February 22nd at 9 p.m. to midnight. An evening of dancing to the swinging music of Bill Mathers and his orchestra are the order of the evening. Mixers, fun and refreshments will just be the perfect trimmings to this entertaining and interesting event.

The Northwest Star-Liters also invite all single adults to their various activities each Friday evening from 8 p.m. to midnight at the NW YWCA. Monthly bulletins of activities may be mailed to the perfect trimmings to this entertaining and interesting event.

Workshop Held for Teachers Of Handicapped in Farmington

Dressed in work clothes and carrying their lunches local teachers of the mentally handicapped spent Saturday, February 16, learning and doing craft work at the County Board of Education offices in Pontiac.

Donald Place and Miss Jean Lukens, County consultants for the mentally handicapped, announced that the crafts demonstrated included aluminum and copper tooling, copper enameling, candle making, work with tile, wood sticks, leather, mosaic stone, and marble jewelry.

Lunchtime was used as a discussion period. Place said, "In the afternoon session the teachers spent three hours actively hammering, gluing, enameling, and grouting. Useful or decorative objects they learned to make will become a part of the craft curriculum for the mentally handicapped."

"CRAFT WORK requires ability to read directions, to make measurements and calculations," Miss Lukens said. "These skills plus training in physical coordination and ability to work together, must be emphasized in helping mentally handicapped children achieve independence."

At Martin, consultant for a craft supply company, and teachers with special skills will serve as resource people for the crafts mentioned as well as knitting, tin craft, asphalt tile, ceramics and rug hooking.

If Michigan's revised constitution receives more "yes" votes than "no" votes on April 1, 1963, it will become effective on Jan. 1, 1964.

Seaport Discussion

Mystic Seaport, a 19th century Connecticut waterfront village, will be discussed in the third of the current series of Henry Ford Museum Antiques Lectures Friday, Feb. 22, at 8:30 p.m. in the museum theater.

Scholastic Work Rated Superior

Cadet Johnson McDowell of Farmington has been named to the merit roll at Missouri Military Academy Mexico, for his superior scholastic work during the fifth grading period.

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