

The History New Jersey District Division 2

Clubs until the year of 1956



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**You may review the unique ways that your club served your
community and the children of the world until the year 1956.**

*** Winslow Club was Chartered in 1970.**

**I ask you to read what your club and other clubs in our Division
did in 'by gone days'. How can you incorporate these activities in
your clubs today? What new projects can you infuse into your
programs? I challenge you to work with your members and their
ideas in order to "Reveal your Growth Potential" by going
from good to GREAT!!!**

“Reveal Your Growth Potential”

Please remember International President Paul Palazzolo’s challenge in his **“Reveal Your Growth Potential”**.

In **October 2009 your club walked the talk** by deciding on a creative membership plan. You are S.M.A.R.T. because you set a goal and planned how to achieve recruiting new members.

In **January 2010 your club stayed flexible** by trying something new in your membership options.

In **May of 2010 your club will reach out** by restating that every member can make an impact with their own special skills and abilities. Everyone needs to step up and work together.

In **September 2010 we reveal our growth potential by keeping it in the family.** Does your club sponsor and work with: the BUG program, Terrific Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, or Aktion Club? If not, your club needs to find out how they can become involved. This plan for revealing your growth potential was given to each club in our division in October 2009 by Lt Governor, Joan. Paul is counting on us!!!

Club Presidents I hope that you will see some past activities in this booklet which you can reinstate today as part of your

“Reveal Your Growth Potential”

I know that your club can go from **Good to Great** once your Club makes the commitment to do it!

Yours in Service,



Joan Van Note

Lt Governor Division 2

NJ District 2009-2010

PREFACE

The first history of the New Jersey District, Kiwanis International embraced a ten-year period from July 21, 1916 to January 7, 1926. George R. Geiger, past District Governor, compiled the data for the history and also wrote the section concerning the beginnings of Kiwanis, including the annual District Conventions. Kiwanians are grateful to him for his work.

The second history published in 1946 was edited by the late Foster W. Loso, a past Lieutenant Governor and a member of the Elizabeth Kiwanis Club. All of the material which is still pertinent has been included in the present volume supplemented by statements and statistics made necessary by Kiwanis activities during the past ten years. The task of bringing the history up-to-date would have been impossible without the almost daily help of the District Secretary, F. Emery Stevens, but well worth the effort for me not only because of the knowledge gained concerning the New Jersey District and the International Conventions, but also about the activities of the constituent clubs. It is a fascinating story, largely of unselfish devotion to community service together with the practice by the individual members of better human relations as well as the several other "objects" of Kiwanis. As Loso so well expressed it in his preface; "May Kiwanis, as the years pass on, so deeply tinge the mind of man that—all men may recognize that he builds best who builds character—the basic object of Kiwanis."

Grateful appreciation is expressed to all who have assisted in the preparation of this history which is believed to be not only current interesting reading but also a very valuable document for posterity.

Chas. W. Hamilton, Editor

BLACKWOOD

FRANK BLOXHAM

Credit is due to Honorable E. Frank Pine for starting the service club interest in Blackwood. In the winter of 1928-29, he invited some representative citizens to be his guest at a dinner held in the Fire Hall. At this meeting the advantages of organizing a service club associated with one of the national organizations was discussed. Several clubs were contacted, but the plan of the Pitman Kiwanis Club was the most attractive; hence, it was invited to be our sponsoring club.

A tentative organization was started on April 12, 1929. During the next few months, inter-club meetings were held with Pitman, Woodbury, Paulsboro, Clayton, and Camden, and interesting programs helped to consolidate the interest of the local membership. Charter Night was held on September 12 at the Golf Club at Pitman. Lieutenant Governor Morton Haight presided. Governor Frederick M. Barnes presented the Charter. Thus a new club was formally started with 29 members.

Shortly after the club was organized, a ladies' auxiliary known as the "Sinawik Club" (Kiwanis spelled backwards) was formed of the wives of the members. This has not only promoted sociability but the Sinawik Club has also contributed largely toward the objectives of the work of the Underprivileged Child Committee.

In 1937 the club sponsored Troop No. 80, Boy Scouts of America, and then the Sinawik Club sponsored a Girl Scout Troop. These units have done fine work for the young people. Each year the Boy Scouts have had delegates at the annual sessions at Camp Minitik, on the Upper Delaware River. We have been very fortunate in our Scoutmasters; their training of the boys has been praiseworthy. Twenty-five former scouters served in the Armed Forces; two gave their lives. Further, the Scouts have aided the war work in various respects, by selling war bonds, conducting scrap, paper, and other drives.

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One of the International representatives some time ago advised that a small club usually was more successful if its efforts were concentrated along one or two objectives. Hence, the club has tried to make the boys and girls work, and the underprivileged child work its main aims. Funds have been raised, for these purposes, by card parties, minstrel shows, and shows in which children have been invited to take part. The club has also sponsored a series of rodeos, held on the farm of Louis Weber, Jr., adjoining the famed Buffalo Farm. From this feature, more than \$1,100 has been cleared, a substantial part of which has been invested in a lot and building now known as "Kiwanis Hall."

In 1935, two cottages at Ocean City were made available, a bus was engaged, food purchased, and a cook and monitors hired, all of which made possible a week at the seashore for 26 boys, and afterwards, 28 girls—many of whom had never seen the ocean before. Through names furnished by local physicians, teachers, the overseer of the poor, and other sources, Christmas gifts for the needy were given out by the hundreds, during the depression. For some of the members Christmas Eve became almost an all-night task of playing Santa Claus. More than one hundred tonsilectomy operations have been arranged through the efforts of the Sinawik Club, which provides transportation and pays the incidental costs.

Our members have been well represented in public affairs: two have served in the Assembly, one as a Sheriff, and one is now a coroner. Many have served as Township Committeemen, members of the Board of Education or of Borough Council. Two of our members were in the Armed Services; Captain Orie J. Pollock who was in the Army Air Force and Horace Easterday who served in the U. S. Navy. Fourteen of our members held key positions in the War Defense Council and many also served on the War Bond Drives.

We have greatly enjoyed the fellowship of our inter-club meetings. At times, we have entertained other clubs at the Red Dog Cabin on Weber's farm. The location, equipment, decorations, and special food which we are able to provide make these occasions very enjoyable. Although we never go as a club, nevertheless, most of the members have spent some very enjoyable annual week-ends at Dr. F. W. Plugge's summer home, at Sandy Gate, on the Pawtuxent River in Maryland.

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The club has been regularly represented at the New Jersey District meetings; delegates have attended the Kiwanis International Conventions at Atlantic City, Washington, Atlanta, and Cleveland. In 1945, the club was honored by having one of its members, Samuel P. Hagerman, elected as Lieutenant Governor of Division No. 3.

The Club has continued and expanded its Boys and Girls work by the sponsorship in 1953 of the Little League. When the need became evident that some place must be found for the boys as they outgrew the Little League the Club was instrumental in organizing the Babe Ruth League and finding sponsors for the teams. Members of the Club are most active in both of these Leagues and the program provides recreation and enjoyment for over 200 boys every night in the week and on Saturday afternoons during the season. The latest move in this work has been the purchase of a ten acre plot of land which we are currently developing into a ball field and recreational center for all boys and girls of the community with facilities for both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts which are also sponsored by the Club. Two years ago the Club took over the sponsorship of the Cub Scouts as a further activity of the Boys and Girls work Committee.

In 1954 the Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary with suitable celebrations. There is abounding interest in the work of Kiwanis and attendance at meetings is at an all time high.

No history of the Blackwood Club would be complete without a comment on the exceptional services contributed by "Lou" Joyce. He has been described as a "Minister Without Portfolio." Since 1929, he has furnished the weekly letter which often is outstanding in its originality and has also supervised the arrangements for the weekly programs.

During the ensuing years the club has been ably led by the following: *Presidents*—1929, J. Fred Crane; 1930, Louis C. Joyce, Jr.; 1931, Fred W. Luckenbach and Andrew O. Parks; 1932, Dr. Fred W. Plugge; 1933, Albert Stanbach; 1934, Roy Degan; 1935, John Heller; 1936, Robert W. Worrell; 1937, Harry J. Mercer; 1938, Charles W. McCann; 1939, Orie J. Pollock; 1940, Samuel P. Hagerman; 1941, Edward C. Gardner; 1942, George J. Jordan; 1943, Harry J. Mendenhall; 1944, Al-

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fred I. Haines; 1945, Albert E. Weber; 1946, Harry Pollock; 1947, Eugene C. Lambert and Jack Hopkins; 1948, Jack Hopkins and Harry Ward; 1949, Frank Pine; 1950, Wilson Thorn; 1951, Milton Murdoch; 1952, Louis C. Joyce, Jr.; 1953, Joseph Arnold; 1954, Myron Thorn; 1955, Ed. Kennedy.

Secretaries—Louis C. Joyce, Jr., William W. Witmer, Frank Bel-sito, Sr., Dr. Fred W. Plugge, Andrew O. Parks, Charles W. McCann, Benjamin F. Hinkle and Frank Bloxham. *Treasurers*—Harry J. Mercer and William L. Smith.

Officers for 1956 are: James H. Thompson, Jr., President; Thomas H. Jackson, Treasurer; and Rev. Frank Bloxham, Secretary.

BRIDGETON

STANTON C. JOHNSON

The first Kiwanis meeting held in Bridgeton was a luncheon meeting of the Atlantic City Club members in the Laurel Hotel in the late summer of 1921, but the earliest record preserved of a meeting held by the Bridgeton Club is dated November 24, 1922. Weekly luncheons were held in the Commercial Hotel and a drive for membership was started. Before the dawn of the new year a sufficient number of recruits had been secured to petition for a charter. With the Atlantic City Club as the sponsor, the Charter was presented to President Dr. W. Leslie Cornwell by Lieutenant Governor William S. Emley on January 24, 1923, and the Bridgeton Kiwanis Club became a part of the great Kiwanis International.

A severe blow fell upon the club during 1924 when our Immediate Past President, Dr. W. Leslie Cornwell, died suddenly. The club to this point was almost entirely of his handiwork and he had unquestionably given his all for his Kiwanis Club and was thus highly respected by this and neighboring clubs. The following year a Memorial Fund, known as the "Dr. W. Leslie Cornwell Memorial," was established and \$2,400 was soon raised by voluntary contributions from club members. This has been added to from year to year until now the fund totals over \$7,500. It is used to assist needy and deserving students who find it necessary to obtain financial assistance to complete their college education. In 20 years over thirty students have received aid from the fund.

Club activities have been many and varied, among the first the establishment of a Dental Clinic in the public schools in 1924, all expenses for its establishment being raised from club members. It was fully equipped and operated for a year by the club and then the Board of Education, seeing its full value, took it over and has operated it since.

2) The formation and operation of a Kiwanis Junior Baseball League for boys between the ages of 10 and 16 in 1928 and again in 1929. Uniforms for all teams, equipment, and operating

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expenses were provided by the club at a cost of \$500. There were six teams and 125 boys participated. Sixty games were scheduled and played each season. Each team had an adult coach and advisor, and to develop their responsibility, the boys were required to sign contracts and a boy was selected by the members of each team to represent them on the advisory board of the league, which body formulated rules and regulations and settled all disputes.

3) The establishment and building of a camp site for the Girl Scouts in 1933.

4) The establishment of an "Eye Clinic" in 1934 which has continued in operation ever since, supplying examinations, treatments, and glasses free to underprivileged children.

5) The building of a sun porch addition to the children's ward of the Bridgeton Hospital in 1935 to be used by underprivileged children patients.

6) The planting of a pink dogwood tree in the City Park as a living memorial for each deceased club member.

During 1941 we had twelve meetings broadcast over radio station WSNJ. These meetings were in a series, one each month, arranged by Lieutenant Governor "Tom" L. Husseilton, on the subject of "The American Way". Many complimentary comments were received from the people of the community who listened in each month.

During 1942 audiometer tests were provided in the public schools to over 1,200 pupils.

The 20th Anniversary of the club was fittingly celebrated in 1943. A non-sectarian Community Religious War Service Meeting of Prayer for the men in the Armed Forces was held on Armistice Day evening with an audience of over 500.

During 1944 five basketball backboards were erected in each ward of the city for the use of the children of the community. Members of the club sold War Bonds during the 4th and 5th War Bond Drives totaling \$211,192.75. About 125 radio headphones were presented to the England General Hospital in Atlantic City for the use of wounded men.

In 1945 the club conducted a clothing collection drive during which over 21 tons of clothing was collected for distribution in European countries.

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During all these years the club has also instituted and is carrying on the following annual activities:

Christmas party for underprivileged children

Summer outing at seashore for underprivileged children

Summer picnic outing in City Park for underprivileged children

Entertaining High School football and basketball teams

Sponsoring "Essay Contest" in High School

Presenting silver medals to two highest Honor Students of Graduating class of the High School.

"Farmers Night", at which farmers are entertained as guests of the club

Sending Boy Scouts to summer camp

Presenting a minstrel show with club members as cast.

Supporting the Girl Scout troops

Backing the 4-H Club program

Our 32 years of existence show an enviable record of achievements. Starting with a membership of 53, we have steadily increased to the present enrollment of 84, including 13 charter members. We have had three members serve the District as Lieutenant Governors: Russell S. Henderson during 1930, Dr. Joseph M. Musiano during 1944 and 1945, and Francis F. Gaskill during 1951 and 1952. We have established a record of having had one or more delegates present at every International Convention since receiving our Charter. We were awarded the District Achievement Award in 1942 and received First Honorable Mention in 1943 and 1944.

Our records disclose abundant war work activities, including full co-operation in all community war drives, blood donor service, financial assistance to various war agencies, aid of various kinds to service men, service on Civilian Defense and Rationing Boards, and Post-war Planning.

Our activities have always included generous and willing help, both financially and with personal service, to the Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, and the American Red Cross.

We have on numerous occasions initiated and participated in religious movements and support of the churches in their spiritual aims.

Upon reflection, however, we feel that we have merely laid the

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foundation upon which will rise a stronger structure for greater achievement for the common interest.

| <i>Presidents</i> | <i>Year</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Dr. W. Leslie Cornwell | 1923 |
| Ralph C. Riggins | 1924 |
| Francis A. Stanger, Jr. | 1925 |
| Dr. Herbert H. Wilson | 1926 |
| Stanton C. Johnson | 1927 |
| Russell S. Henderson | 1928 |
| Ralph E. Jerrell | 1929 |
| Harvey K. Garrison | 1930 |
| Albert E. Heal | 1931 |
| Dr. John C. Loper | 1932 |
| Lester R. Smalley | 1933 |
| Henry M. Loveland | 1934 |
| Francis A. Raymaley | 1935 |
| J. Ralph Custer | 1936 |
| Benjamin F. Lee | 1937 |
| Douglas V. Aitken | 1938 |
| Dr. Earl C. Lyon | 1939 |
| Rudolph W. Anderson | 1940 |
| Wilbert M. Davis | 1941 |
| Dr. Joseph M. Musiano | 1942 |
| William W. Johnson | 1943 |
| J. Everett Bowen | 1944 |
| Russell Wilson | 1945 |
| George E. Haney | 1946 |
| Edgar R. Tice | 1947 |
| Francis F. Gaskill | 1948 |
| Claude C. Couch | 1949 |
| W. Floyd Dill | 1950 |
| Donald C. Hart | 1951 |
| E. Morgan Maxwell | 1952 |
| Harry W. Baitinger, Jr. | 1953 |
| William H. Middleton | 1954 |
| Kenneth E. Pickett | 1955 |
| Bert B. Sheppard | 1956 |

Edgar R. Tice, Treasurer and Stanton C. Johnson, Secretary have held these offices many, many years.

CLAYTON

CARL F. DUBOIS, AND CLEVE FETZER

The birthplace of the Clayton Kiwanis Club could really be claimed as Silver Lake. In the summer of 1924, Hugo Kind, member of the Hammonton Kiwanis Club, was summering at the lake, and it was through his enthusiasm that he interested a number of outstanding men in Clayton in Kiwanis. This small group of men interested enough businessmen in Clayton to have a sufficient number to form a club.

These men met with the Hammonton Club on numerous occasions and discussed the workings of Kiwanis. The matter was taken up with the District Governor, Dr. William Carrington, who presented the application of the Clayton Club to Kiwanis International. Kiwanis International informed Dr. Carrington, however, that Clayton was not large enough to support a club and, therefore, refused to grant a Charter. Dr. Carrington, nevertheless, interested in the enthusiasm that these men showed, took the request to the International Convention and presented it in detail. On his return, he notified Clayton that it would be granted a Charter.

On April 15, 1925, the Charter was presented, one of the outstanding affairs held in Clayton to date. There were over 300 guests present and fourteen clubs represented. The club comprised of forty members elected D. L. Silver, President; Mulford F. Crane, Vice-President; Chester N. Steelman, Secretary, and James A. McWilliams, Treasurer. New Jersey District Governor, Dr. William Carrington, presented the Charter to the President of the club. He stated at that time, "Clayton is the smallest community in North America to have a Kiwanis Club."

Through the following years, the Clayton Kiwanis Club has accomplished a great deal for the community. They first sponsored the paving of the Delsea Drive and then sponsored the building of the high school. All through the depression their work for the underprivileged child was of great benefit to the community. Dur-

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ing this time they not only took care of the children, but the needy in the community as well.

When the war started the members took upon themselves the sponsoring of all the Red Cross Drives, War Bond Drives, and various other campaigns in connection with the war effort; and they made the community of Clayton the first town in the county to reach its quota.

Our most important activities recently concern the Clayton Youth Center. Our club supplied ninety-five percent of the funds. about seventy-five percent of the labor for construction of the building, and have, as a continuing project, supplied the necessary labor to maintain the property. Also members and their wives have continually performed chaperone duties for youth groups.

Other activities include the organization of the Newfield Kiwanis Club, the Woodstown Kiwanis Club and the Clayton High School Key Club.

Each succeeding year of the existence of the Clayton Kiwanis Club presents greater opportunities for community service. As these conditions arise, the Clayton Club is proving through its years of experience that it is able to cope with these problems as only a true Kiwanis Club can.

Officers :

| <i>Year</i> | <i>President</i> | <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1925 | D. L. Silver | Chester N. Steelman | James A. McWilliams |
| 1926 | Mulford Crane | Medwin Matthews | Robert S. Page |
| 1927 | Walter DuBois | Medwin Matthews | |
| 1928 | E. C. Coleman | Wilbur Frey | |
| 1929 | J. F. MacKay | Wilbur Frey | G. Carlton Brown |
| 1930 | Neal Newell | Thomas J. Fry | G. Carlton Brown |
| 1931 | W. Corbett Fisler | Thomas J. Fry | G. Carlton Brown |
| 1932 | Orville Downs | J. Arthur Donahue | G. Carlton Brown |
| 1933 | Morris Brumberg | James A. Donahue | G. Carlton Brown |
| 1934 | Worthy Hitt | James A. Donahue | G. Carlton Brown |
| 1935 | George B. Turner | James A. Donahue | G. Carlton Brown |
| 1936 | J. Milton Davidson | James A. Donahue | Thomas J. Fry |
| 1937 | George Streitz | James A. Donahue | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1938 | William C. Barclay | James A. Donahue | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1939 | R. L. Davidson | James A. Donahue | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1940 | Frank Cassaday | James A. Donahue | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1941 | Norman T. Whittendale | James A. Donahue | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1942 | Melvin B. Goodwin | James A. Donahue | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1943 | Carl F. DuBois | James A. Donahue | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1944 | Sereno F. Alling | James A. Donahue | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1945 | Ralph W. Schultheis | James A. Donahue | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1946 | Wm. Curtis Angle | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| 1947 | F. Paulin Campbell | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. MacKay |
| | | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. MacKay |

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| 1948 | Samuel A. Silver | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. Mackay |
| 1949 | Chas. E. Hauck | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. Mackay |
| 1950 | Robert I. Weir | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. Mackay |
| 1951 | John G. Reutter | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. Mackay |
| 1952 | George L. Temple | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. Mackay |
| 1953 | G. Earl Lacy | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. Mackay |
| 1954 | Elmer J. Ivers | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. Mackay |
| 1955 | Cleve Fetzer | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. Mackay |
| 1956 | Frank C. Myers | N. T. Whittendale | Dr. John F. Mackay |

HAMMONTON

FRANK R. RUBBA

Kiwanis International first came into being in Hammonton on March 21, 1922. It was on that date that five Atlantic City Kiwanians, headed by Dr. Wm. J. Carrington, met with a group of civic minded Hammontonians at the Jackson House. As a result of this meeting, on March 28th, 1922 the first Kiwanis meeting was held under the temporary presidency of Herbert C. Doughty, who later rose to Governorship of the Ohio District. It was Doughty and Clarence Littlefield who sparked the effort and the club was completed on April 11th, with a membership of fifty-two, and on June 14, 1922, the charter was granted. Lt. Governor William S. Emley of the Atlantic City Club and a large delegation from that club, our sponsors, were present, as well as a group from the neighboring Burlington Club. We will be forever indebted to the Atlantic City club for their fine cooperation in introducing Kiwanis to our community. Our first president was Samuel B. Anderson, who passed away on August 21st, 1923 while conducting a luncheon meeting of our club.

Since its inception, our club has led our local organizations in community service, civic and fraternal betterment, and we ever strive to live up to our motto "We Build." Among our achievements has been Go-To-Church Movements, Underprivileged Work, Boy Scout, and Little Big League assistance. It was Hammonton Kiwanis initiated the drive in the Little League Boys Team, sponsoring the first team and providing uniforms and equipment for the boys. Since that time, we have annually provided a fund for the continuation of this fine work, and some of our members take active part in the League.

We have also provided many pairs of glasses, needed dental work and numerous tonsilectomies for the underprivileged. Each Christmas we have a kiddies party, with gifts, entertainment, a turkey dinner and always Santa Claus in the person of a Kiwanian. In addition we visit our community's three nursing homes with

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gifts for the old folks who are so grateful for this little gesture of kindness. We provide food baskets at holiday time for those who do not have the means to help themselves.

We are proud of our sponsorship of the Vineland Club in 1923, and of Clayton in 1925, thus furthering the cause of Kiwanis in our district.

In 1947, under the energetic leadership of resident John L. Capelli, the first Key Club in Hammonton was formed, and has grown continually. From this club has come District Key Club Governors, Lt. Governors, District Secretaries, International Trustees, and even an International Vice President. We are ever mindful that from the Key Club of today, comes the Kiwanian of tomorrow.

The Hammonton Club has furnished two District Lt. Governors, Chas. M. Phillips in 1935 and John L. Capelli in 1949 and 1950.

Officers:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>President</i> | <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1922-1923 | Samuel B. Anderson | Albert L. Jackson | Clarence I. Littlefield |
| 1923-1924 | Laton M. Parkhurst | Dr. Clifford J. Wass | Clarence I. Littlefield |
| 1925 | H. Otis Packard | Dr. Clifford J. Wass | Clarence I. Littlefield |
| 1926 | John G. Galigne | Dr. Clifford J. Wass | Clarence I. Littlefield |
| 1927 | *Edward A. Cordery | †William A. Roemer | Clarence I. Littlefield |
| 1928 | W. Richard Seeley | ‡Albert L. Jackson | Clarence I. Littlefield |
| 1929 | Dr. Jacob A. Waas | Albert L. Jackson | Clarence I. Littlefield |
| 1930 | George M. Leach | Albert L. Jackson | Yale Stockwell |
| 1931 | **Clarence I. Littlefield | Albert L. Jackson | Carl Monastra |
| 1932 | Edward A. Cordery | Albert L. Jackson | Carl Monastra |
| 1933 | William Doerfel and Robert Picken | Albert L. Jackson | Carl Monastra |
| 1934 | Chas. M. Phillips | Albert L. Jackson | Walter B. Kohl |
| 1935 | Hubert H. Smith | Albert L. Jackson | Walter B. Kohl |
| 1936 | William H. Bernshouse | Albert L. Jackson | Walter B. Kohl |
| 1937 | ***Thomas B. Ake | Wm. H. Bernshouse | Wm. H. Bernshouse |
| 1938 | Carl Monastra | Wm. H. Bernshouse | Wm. H. Bernshouse |
| 1939 | Eaton K. Goldthwaite | Wm. H. Bernshouse | Wm. H. Bernshouse |
| 1940 | Dr. Russell R. Rubba | Wm. H. Bernshouse | Wm. H. Bernshouse |
| 1941 | Alexander Brownlee | Wm. H. Bernshouse | Wm. H. Bernshouse |
| 1942 | William H. Farrar | Wm. H. Bernshouse | Wm. H. Bernshouse |
| 1943 | Lee Littlefield | Wm. H. Bernshouse | Wm. H. Bernshouse |
| 1944 | Wesley E. Vaughn | William H. Farrar | William H. Farrar |
| 1945 | Charles Bancheri | William H. Farrar | William H. Farrar |
| 1946 | Aurelio Continisio | William H. Farrar | William H. Farrar |
| 1947 | John L. Capelli | William H. Farrar | William H. Farrar |
| 1948 | Anthony F. Macrie | William H. Farrar | William H. Farrar |
| 1949 | Callum B. Anderson and Clarence J. Herman | William H. Farrar | William H. Farrar |

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| 1950 | Clarence J. Herman | William H. Farrar | William H. Farrar |
| 1951 | Frank R. Rubba | William H. Farrar | Willard B. Austin |
| 1952 | Frank J. Bruno | William H. Farrar | Willard B. Austin |
| 1953 | Dr. Anthony P. Ingemi | William H. Farrar | Willard B. Austin |
| 1954 | Emmett F. Bugey | William H. Farrar | Willard B. Austin |
| 1955 | Robert J. Schenk | William H. Farrar | Willard B. Austin |
| 1956 | Anthony C. Berenato | William H. Farrar | Willard B. Austin |
| | *Edward A. Cordery | 32 years perfect attendance | |
| | **Clarence I. Littlefield | 29 years perfect attendance | |
| | ***Thomas B. Ake | 22 years perfect attendance | |
| | †January to June only | ‡Began July 1, 1927 | |

MILLVILLE

WILL T. BINGHAM

The Millville Kiwanis Club was started February 1, 1923, by the Atlantic City Club. A number of businessmen, headed by Wilbert Bivins, E. C. Morrison, Dr. A. J. Mander, Will T. Bingham, and Wilbert Goodwin, assisted C. J. Wratten, Field Representative from the International Office, in the preliminary work. The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 20, 1923, and the by-laws of the new club were approved by International on the 26th. The original officers were: Wilbert Bivins, President; E. C. Morrison, Vice-President; Will T. Bingham, District Trustee; Wilbert Goodwin, Secretary; and Dr. A. J. Mander, Treasurer. The charter membership consisted of 51 members. The Charter was presented on June 20, 1923, by Lieutenant Governor William S. Emley.

The first activity of the club was work with the City Commission to secure the early construction and paving of the Delsea Drive entering the city and also other side roads. In November the club sponsored a "Buy a Book Week" for juvenile books for the Millville Library. Twenty-six new members were secured before the end of the year, making a total of 77.

1924—Inasmuch as the 1923 officers had served only for a part of the year they were re-elected for 1924, with the exception that Harold Headley became the new Secretary. The "Buy a Book Week" resulted in securing 700 new books for the library. Will Bingham was elected Lieutenant Governor at the Atlantic City Convention.

1925—An activity for this year was the sponsoring of a Monster Business Show which was attended by 14,000 people and \$1,800 was cleared. About \$1,000 of this amount paid the pledge the club had made to the Millville Hospital. The regular weekly luncheon was held on the floor of the Show and was attended by representatives from all the South Jersey clubs. More than anything else, this Show established the Millville Club as one of the

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leading organizations in the community.

1926—An outstanding activity of our Athletic Committee was the formation of a Kiwanis Boys' Baseball League. To pay an additional pledge to the Millville Hospital we put on a Kiwanis Circus with our own tent on the main street of our city with twenty circus acts, mostly professional. We held our regular weekly luncheon in the circus tent with many visiting Kiwanians from South Jersey. Will T. Bingham was elected District Governor at the Trenton Convention.

1927—The entire club attended the installation of Will Bingham as District Governor at the Camden meeting. We sponsored and raised \$2,500 for the Boy Scouts.

1928—We entered the ten weeks' attendance contest and won the District Award with one hundred per cent attendance. We repeated our Monster Business Show, this time with greater success; it was the biggest event ever held in our city, clearing about \$3,000. We inaugurated and sponsored the Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest, awarding money prizes for the best display, which attracted much favorable comment all over South Jersey. This contest continued for many years.

1929—The outstanding activity for this year was the securing of a better relationship among our merchants. Hard feeling had developed because of one group's having the exclusive use of trading stamps while others were not able to obtain them. Our special committee was instrumental in having the stamps abolished, the two groups were brought together, and the Merchants Association, a city-wide organization, was formed.

1930—To raise funds for assisting students through school and college, the home talent show, "My Home Town," was written and directed by Will Bingham. One hundred and twenty of the city's best amateurs had parts, including a large number of club members. Our Millville Kiwanis Quartette which has become famous at all Kiwanis gatherings was sent by the club to the Atlantic City International Convention with our club accompanist where it proved to be the outstanding musical organization present.

1931—The outstanding activities were the raising of \$2,000 for the Organized Charities of the city and the hiring at club expense of a Director to establish organized play at the Children's

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Playground. The club was appointed by the Mayor to organize a Welfare Drive for raising funds for the unemployed in the city. Its goal of \$15,000 was oversubscribed.

1932—Our Kiwanis Quartette having become much in demand, the club appropriated funds for sending the quartette to the International Convention at Detroit. Eighteen members attended the Convention.

1933—As this was the depth of the depression, the loss of members became a problem; our big job was to hold the line. To this end we arranged a big booster meeting in the gymnasium of the Millville High School with a luncheon attendance of 338 Kiwanians and visiting guests and prospective new members. After the luncheon, the auditorium of the High School was thrown open to the general public and an audience of over 1,000 heard Lowell Thomas' address.

1934—We continue sponsoring the Christmas Lighting Contest, the club providing money prizes for the winners.

1935—A donkey baseball game was put on to raise funds to pay our pledge to the Millville Hospital. Will Bingham was appointed Program Chairman of the International Convention at San Antonio, Texas.

1936—The club sponsored the Kiwanis Safety Patrol for traffic safety at corners near the school. Our Kiwanis Quartette was sent to the International Convention at Washington, D. C., where it made a big hit.

1937—The club sent the entire Safety Patrol of seventy-two members to Washington, D. C., with club members as chaperones, to attend the AAA Traffic Convention. We sponsored the Red Cross Roll Call with our Secretary acting as Chairman. George Borneman of our club was elected Lieutenant Governor.

1938—As a reward for their continued good work, we sent the Safety Patrol to Washington, a practice followed for several years.

1939—National Air Observance Week was arranged and a plane made available to the public for the entire day for short hops. This went a long way to make our city more air-minded.

1940—We repeated a Monster Business Show for four days

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with over one hundred exhibitors, a big boost to our city's merchants. Our profits were about \$1,500.

1941—We conducted the Easter Egg Hunt with prizes given by the merchants and money gifts by the club. The event was town talk and was such a convincing success that it will be one of our continuing activities.

1942—This being a war year our activities were greatly reduced, but centered on all phases of war work, all our members being placed on some committee working to win the war.

1943—In lieu of the usual Washington trip for our Safety Patrol, which was suspended due to war conditions, each boy was presented with \$5 in War Stamps. Our new activity was the sponsoring of daily milk for the children of the schools; nineteen thousand bottles were served.

1944—We continued our distribution of milk to the schools. Our participation in all forms of war work was our chief activity. The club bought \$80,000 in the War Bond Drives, enough to buy a tank. We repeated the Easter Egg Hunt which has become a tradition for the club. The club furnished an Audiometer to the Millville Schools.

A continuation of the history of the Millville Club shows that from 1945 to the present writing in 1955 we have continued all our worthwhile activities, the big one of course, is our sending the Safety Patrol Boys to Washington, D. C. the expense now running over \$900., being nearly double the cost in previous years. Besides giving these boys the entertaining and educational trip to the Capital of our country, there has not been a serious traffic accident of any kind due to their careful guidance and training. Where else could money be spent for any better purpose?

Many clubs do not have the advantage of being near water; but we are fortunate in having the Maurice River flow through our city so in this year we organized a troop of the SCOUT SEA SHIP — Explorer No. 1, which is steadily developing into a worthwhile activity.

Officers:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>President</i> | <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1923 | Wilbert L. Bivins | Wilbert R. Goodwin | Amos. J. Mander |
| 1924 | Wilbert L. Bivins | Harold Headley | Emil J. Fath |
| 1925 | Carlton S. Hughes | Howard H. Melvin | Emil J. Fath |

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| 1926 | Rev. Fredk. W. Friday | Harry R. Waltman | Emil J. Fath |
| 1927 | John S. Horton | Harry R. Waltman | Emil J. Fath |
| 1928 | George Borneman | Harry R. Waltman | Emil J. Fath |
| 1929 | J. Ward Krause | Harry R. Waltman | Emil J. Fath |
| 1930 | Clarence H. Reeves | D. Joseph Novaria | Emil J. Fath |
| 1931 | Howard H. Melvin | D. Joseph Novaria | Emil J. Fath |
| 1932 | J. Roy Oliver | Harry R. Waltman | Emil J. Fath |
| 1933 | Wallace Fithian | Victor Nicklas | Emil J. Fath |
| 1934 | J. Roy Oliver | Ralph H. Lee | Emil J. Fath |
| 1935 | George Borneman | Ralph H. Lee | Emil J. Fath |
| 1936 | Russell S. Carew | Ralph H. Lee | Emil J. Fath |
| 1937 | Wyllie G. Pate | Richard N. Chubb | Emil J. Fath |
| 1938 | Charles W. Munich | Richard N. Chubb | Emil J. Fath |
| 1939 | Will T. Bingham | Richard N. Chubb | Emil J. Fath |
| 1940 | Earl M. Wescoat | Richard N. Chubb | Emil J. Fath |
| 1941 | Ned Rogovoy | Richard N. Chubb | Emil J. Fath |
| 1942 | Carl H. Johnson | Richard N. Chubb | Emil J. Fath |
| 1943 | Harold A. Vanaman | Richard N. Chubb | Emil J. Fath |
| 1944 | Benj. H. Corson | Richard N. Chubb | Gilbert DeHuff |
| 1945 | G. Edward McComsey | Richard N. Chubb | Gilbert DeHuff |
| 1946 | Kenneth C. Lyon | Richard N. Chubb | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1947 | Harry P. Cox, Jr. | Richard N. Chubb | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1948 | Rev. Tom Goslin | Charles M. Howell | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1949 | Daniel Fenton | John L. McDonnell | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1950 | Dr. Jos. L. Schultz | John J. Dowling, Jr. | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1951 | John L. McDonnell | Albert R. Waltman | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1952 | Benj. Rocap | Albert R. Waltman | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1953 | John J. Dowling, Jr. | James Evergetis | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1954 | Dr. Robert L. Jenks | Charles L. Silvius | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1955 | Dr. Sol M. Gerson | Charles L. Silvius | H. Naylor Wright |
| 1956 | Claude Reed | Charles L. Silvius | H. Naylor Wright |

PITMAN

SAMUEL E. WITCHELL

GENESIS

The Pitman Kiwanis Club was conceived in the late months of 1924, experienced a period of normal gestation and was born in the office of Morton C. Haight on January 5, 1925. If the sire was the Woodbury Kiwanis Club, then the dam was the community spirit of Pitman. Attendants at the nativity rites were Russell E. Atkinson, a brother of the president of the parent club, Morton C. Haight, Clinton M. Kandle, Dr. E. D. Blackman, Dr. M. F. Lummis and Dr. I. W. Knight. Their fellow-members of the new club subsequently made these men the president, vice president, treasurer, district trustee and secretary, respectively.

On March 16, 1925, in the Hotel Pitman (where the club still meets and greets on Thursdays at 6:30 P. M.), the Charter was officially presented by Dr. William Carrington, District Governor, and the young colt was ready to prepare for the races. Since then, many ribbons have been won by this thoroughbred and the men of the club have had reason to "feel their oats". It is no exaggeration to say, in the middle of our mixed metaphors, that membership in the organization has come to be thought of as synonymous with high community spirit.

NUMBERS

The Pitman club maintains a membership of around seventy and has always sought the distinction of being an active club—with every member a contributing, working agent for Kiwanis. The projects of the club are conceived and furthered each year with one eye on the Objectives and the other eye on the Objects of Kiwanis International. Banners for activity in our division were thus earned in the years 1928, 1932, 1942, 1950, and 1953. Only a small portion of our activities can be noted in the space allotted to this limited survey.

THE ACTS

Our club has always held uppermost in our interests the wel-

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fare of the youth of our community. We therefore have emphasized *Boys and Girls Work* projects and have given devoted, dedicated efforts to serving *the Underprivileged Children* of the town. A few representative and illustrative activities are:

1. We have been the sponsors of both Girl Scouts and Boy Scout Troops.
2. A club-sponsored regional basketball tournament has become an annual affair with the high schools of this area. The net receipts are distributed among the Kiwanis clubs participating and are used for underprivileged children funds.
3. We sponsor a boy representative to Boys State.
4. The club provides an annual entertainment at the local theatre, using much local talent—for the benefit of boys-and-girls work.
5. An audiometer was purchased for use in the public schools of the area in and around Pitman. Diagnosis of hearing difficulties in children has been facilitated.
6. Money is provided for a milk fund to assure that all children who need their mid-day milk and whose parents cannot provide it are given this benefit.
7. Each year the underprivileged children of the community gather with the children of Kiwanians for a big Christmas party—complete with gifts, professional entertainment, refreshments and, of course, Santa.
8. A book could be written on the medical care provided by the club. Tonsilectomies, eye examinations, operations, medicine prescribed but too expensive for poor families—all have been given. Two hospital beds, three wheel chairs, two pairs of crutches, a walker, etc., are in almost constant use by some family in the community. No child known by the club to be in need of medical care is allowed to be neglected.
9. The club is especially proud of a project began in 1949 and now in full-blown use. On the local Alcyon Lake a swimming beach was built and completely furnished by the club. Life guards are paid and all conveniences are afforded from funds raised annually by the club in a special drive

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- which is enthusiastically supported by the entire community.
10. Vocational guidance is not neglected. Each year the club sponsors a career conference at the local high school. Throughout the year the members of the club and other men and women in the community make themselves available as specialists for counseling any young person who is interested in vocations they represent. A list of such specialists is furnished by the club to the guidance director in the high school.
 11. Our local key club has given us great satisfaction. This group of boys has been so outstanding that they have already produced, in six years of activity, two district governors, an international trustee and many other district office-holders. One member of the club has always assured the Key Club's representation at both district and national conventions. The boys have many projects on their campus, but none is more significant than their awarding of a \$100 scholarship to a member of the senior class who will attend the neighboring State Teachers College at Glassboro.
 12. The men of the club furnish a scholarship similar to that described above.

Only our most outstanding activities are noted above. It should be evident that a club with this type of interest must be a club with leadership. It is not surprising that we have produced a District Governor and three Lieutenant Governors—to say nothing of many committee chairmen and committee members for the district.

Our club has always emphasized citizenship and community spirit. Many years ago we started to choose an outstanding citizen, at irregular intervals, to whom the club would award a gift of \$100 and a certificate of achievement. In recent years a handsome framed scroll is awarded whenever it is felt by a special committee that a citizen has made unusual contributions to the life of the community. These awards have been highly cherished and considered to be among the greatest honors that can come to any citizen of the town.

Like many other clubs, we have furnished transportation to

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the polls on election day for those who need it. Such service comes always after much encouragement by the club to the voters to use their franchise.

... OF THE APOSTLES

The club looks with gratitude to the Woodbury club which fathered us and to the Blackwood club, our son "in whom we are well pleased". Ours has been a distinguished existence in the town of Pitman and the roster of outstanding business and professional men listed below as officers of the club have had reason to receive a "well done" from the community. These are the men who have led us as "WE BUILD" in Pitman:

Officers:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>President</i> | <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1925 | Morton C. Haight | Dr. I. W. Knight | E. D. Blackman |
| 1926 | Marshall F. Lummis | | |
| 1927 | Dr. James L. Gray | Earl S. Newkirk | |
| 1928 | E. H. Baugenberger | Melvin C. Webb | |
| 1929 | Henry J. Mockett | Melvin C. Webb | |
| 1930 | Earl S. Newkirk | Fred E. Swartz | Marshall J. Smith |
| | | Sylvanus Doughty | |
| 1931 | Harold H. Beebe | Sylvanus Doughty | Roland Esbjornson |
| 1932 | Benjamin W. Roberts | Sylvanus Doughty | Fred D. Rice |
| 1933 | Joseph H. Nickell | Frank O. Hancock | Curus C. Biechler |
| | | Sylvanus Doughty | |
| 1934 | Ralph S. Smith | Sylvanus Doughty | Elmer R. Moore |
| 1935 | Fred E. Swartz | Sylvanus Doughty | Jack Scull |
| 1936 | Roland Esbjornson | Sylvanus Doughty | Morton C. Haight |
| 1937 | Sylvanus Doughty | Frank O. Hancock | Morton C. Haight |
| | | Jason F. Lummis | |
| 1938 | Frank H. Darlington | Jason F. Lummis | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1939 | Melborone H. Beebe | Jason F. Lummis | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1940 | Dr. Henry R. Powell | Frank O. Hancock | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1941 | Edwin M. Keough | Frank O. Hancock | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1942 | Vernon Giberson | Frank O. Hancock | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1943 | Ralph Wilkins | Frank O. Hancock | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1944 | Harry D. Uhl | Frank O. Hancock | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1945 | John F. Albers | Melborone H. Beebe | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1946 | L. Arthur Walton | Frank O. Hancock | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1947 | Dr. Robert Powell | Frank O. Hancock | Henry E. Usinger |
| 1948 | Joseph T. Wilson, Jr. | Frank O. Hancock | Clinton M. Kandle, Jr. |
| 1949 | Peter McEvoy | Frank O. Hancock | Clinton M. Kandle, Jr. |
| 1950 | Samuel E. Witchell | Frank O. Hancock | Clinton M. Kandle, Jr. |
| 1951 | Paul J. McQuade | Frank O. Hancock | Clinton M. Kandle, Jr. |
| 1952 | S. Ephraim Burkett | Frank O. Hancock | Clinton M. Kandle, Jr. |
| 1953 | John R. Robbins | Frank O. Hancock | Clinton M. Kandle, Jr. |
| 1954 | John S. Stratton | Frank O. Hancock | R. Ernest Leland |
| 1955 | Dr. Edward D. Blackman, Jr. | Frank O. Hancock | R. Ernest Leland |
| 1956 | Clinton M. Kandle, Jr. | Frank O. Hancock | R. Ernest Leland |

VINELAND

J. RUSSELL WINSLOW, BURNETTE W. DOWLER, AND
SOLVE F. FALSETTA

The Vineland Kiwanis Club received its Charter on June 29, 1923. This new club was sponsored by the Hammonton Kiwanis Club, and the Charter presentation was held in the Elks' Home, with a membership of fifty-five. The officers for the first year were: E. C. Reber, President; "Ed" Charlesworth, Vice-President; Alfred Chalmers, District Trustee; "Al" Williams, Secretary; G. William Beck, Treasurer.

This club, since its inception, has made its presence in the community felt by a continuous program of help for underprivileged children. In its earliest years, the club clothed and rendered aid in various ways to a child who was orphaned by a railroad accident and who was confined to the hospital for many months. A very special project which has been carried on from the early years of the club, starting about 1928, was the furnishing of eye examinations and glasses for needy school children, and this is still an active project.

The following is a list of some of the other activities of the club:

In 1928 the club advocated and worked for the elimination of dangerous railroad crossings and raised \$400 for the underprivileged child fund by giving a play.

In 1929 and 1930 under the auspices of Kiwanis and Rotary, the Bucknell Glee Club performed in Vineland, thereby raising a considerable amount for underprivileged work.

In 1929 Kiwanis sponsored free dental work for needy school children. Club member, Dr. William Mennies, donated his services for one day each week.

In 1932 the club gave a picnic for children at Parvins Park.

From 1933 to 1938 the club was rather inactive, due to the depression and loss of members. During this period, the club sponsored the raising of funds for emergency relief. Ted Lenore, Mrs.

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Lenore, and her mother, Mrs. Rich, carried on the relief work on a voluntary basis for several months until the ERA and NRA took over the entire relief project. The club also sponsored public Christmas parties for needy children and collected toys which were reconditioned by the Boy Scouts and distributed by club members.

In 1938 the club ran a very successful Horse Show which raised a substantial sum for the Underprivileged Child Fund. The show was repeated in 1939.

In 1938 the club sponsored a talk by General Smedley Butler at the High School, for the benefit of the Underprivileged Child Fund.

In 1938 and 1939 the club held bicycle races and gave prizes for the boys and girls.

In 1940 the club sponsored a wrestling show, which netted about \$500 profit to the club.

In 1941 the club conducted audiometer tests for all school children in this district. Our 3,600 boys and girls were examined and 289 were found deficient in hearing. Special attention was given to those found needing it most, by a representative of the New Jersey School for the Deaf, and the final report indicated that much was accomplished.

In 1941 we cooperated in the first air-spotting test, and in 1942 club members were very active in the air-spotting program. The club actively cooperated in the civilian defense program by throwing meetings open to speakers and the public. The club has always been very active in all charitable causes, furnishing relief to needy cases, medical and dental care and hospitalization when needed.

Selectees were entertained by Club meetings. Christmas gifts were sent to club members in the Armed Forces.

This club was honored in 1941 by having one of our most outstanding members, Dr. Lawrence R. Winchell, elected Lieutenant Governor and in 1944 he was elected Governor of the New Jersey District.

In 1943 the club sponsored the premier of "This is the Army," turning over \$1,000 to the Army Emergency Relief.

During the war years individual members bought Defense and War Bonds. Sales made by the club in 1943 and 1944 amounted to \$420,000. Furniture, radios, many miscellaneous items, and cash

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was donated to the hospitals and recreation rooms of the armed forces in South Jersey. More than \$200 was donated to the American Legion Cigarette Fund. About \$700 was raised by the club for the Red Cross Ditty Bag Fund.

The club contributed substantially to the American Red Cross, the National War Fund, Community Services Organization, the March of Dimes, Y. M. C. A., and Boy Scouts.

In 1944, Vineland Kiwanians collected \$600.50 from a group of Vineland professional and business men to finance a Christmas party and entertainment for the disabled battle casualties at the Thomas M. England General Army Hospital in Atlantic City. We also gave Award Certificates and cash to outstanding Grammar School graduates of Vineland.

Later activities included:

The usual eye care program which constituted a major undertaking.

The President and Directors initiated and organized a united service council in the City of Vineland, so that the various service clubs would not perform overlapping functions.

Another major program was aiding the Y.M.C.A. Playground facilities, entertainments and the underwriting of deficits in the budget were afforded. A Christmas party for 100 retarded children was given, four congenital birth injured children received hospital care.

The club sponsored and furnished a program and refreshments for a Father and Son Boy Scouts nite. We aided in evacuation, housing and feeding of flood victims; clothing many. We sponsored a Sea Scout Troop.

In 1951 our Past President, Roland Potter, received the annual Chamber of Commerce Merit Award as "Mr. Vineland". We arranged church services for migrant workers held in their own foreign tongues. We sponsored a South Jersey Concert Orchestra.

Awards were made in 1952 for scholarships to local elementary graduates.

Honorable mention was received in 1953 for our achievement report. We supported legislation to establish a Poultry Research Department at Rutgers University. Sponsored a Little League Baseball Team and assisted in building their park and manned the

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refreshments stand. The Kiwanis float received first prize in the Mardi Gras parade in this and the following year.

Our Club received first place in Club Ranking in 1954. A Speech Clinic was sponsored. Prayer cards were furnished for all public dining rooms.

Officers :

| <i>Year</i> | <i>President</i> | <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1924 | "Ed" Charlesworth | Franklin Lamb | G. William Beck |
| 1925 | G. William Beck ¹ | Allison G. Carney | Stuart Taylor |
| 1926 | Alfred Chalmers | A. G. Carney | Stuart Taylor |
| 1927 | J. B. Wainwright | Chester Loper | David Rosenthal |
| 1928 | M. V. McDonald | Chester Loper | Belford Saul |
| 1929 | Ralph Kocher | Chester Loper | Belford Saul |
| 1930 | Ralph Fox | J. Lewis Hadsell | Belford Saul |
| 1931 | Allan Dudley | J. Lewis Hadsell | J. Reisenwitz |
| 1932 | Ted Lenore | J. Lewis Hadsell | J. Reisenwitz |
| 1933 | Stuart Taylor | J. Lewis Hadsell | J. Reisenwitz |
| 1934 | John Weed | J. Lewis Hadsell | J. Reisenwitz |
| 1935 | Rowland Potter | J. Lewis Hadsell | B. W. Dowler |
| 1936 | J. Reisenwitz | J. Lewis Hadsell | B. W. Dowler |
| 1937 | Frank Merithew | J. Lewis Hadsell | B. W. Dowler |
| 1938 | John Milstead | J. Lewis Hadsell | B. W. Dowler |
| 1939 | Dr. William Mennies ² | J. Lewis Hadsell | B. W. Dowler |
| 1940 | Dr. Lawrence R. Winchell | J. Lewis Hadsell | B. W. Dowler |
| 1941 | Dr. J. Thomas McIntire | J. Lewis Hadsell | B. W. Dowler |
| 1942 | Nicholas Caterina | J. Lewis Hadsell | B. W. Dowler |
| 1943 | Willis Sutter | J. Lewis Hadsell | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1944 | Dr. Raymond Charlson | J. Lewis Hadsell | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1945 | Michael S. Dresser | Willis Sutter | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1946 | Robert T. Lewis | Willis Sutter | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1947 | Hugo H. Fenili | Albert Hickman | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1948 | Hugo H. Fenili | Albert Hickman | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1949 | Sam Sabul | Albert Hickman | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1950 | William Crossley | Albert Hickman | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1951 | John Martinelli | Albert Hickman | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1952 | John D'Ippolito | Albert Hickman | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1953 | Albert Stubee | Lawrence P. Schenck | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1954 | Daniel F. Graham | Lawrence P. Schenck | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1955 | Solve F. Falsetta | Lawrence P. Schenck | Charles L. Figarole |
| 1956 | Lawrence Chatas | Paul A. Casacci | Salvatore Castaldi |

1. On September 29, 1925 the club had the misfortune of losing their well-liked President by death; the Vice-President, Alfred Chalmers, was advanced to the Presidency and Harry Benson was elected Vice-President.

2. On March 31, 1939 the club again had the misfortune of losing their very popular President, Dr. William Mennies, by death. Dr. Lawrence R. Winchell served as president for the rest of the year and also for the next year.

WOODBURY

WM. HAROLD NICHOLSON

BEGINNING

While Charles D. Meredith was attending a meeting with insurance men in Atlantic City in September 1922, he saw several men wearing Kiwanis lapel buttons. He made inquiry about the organization, and then decided it was just the kind of a service club needed in Woodbury; and upon further inquiry was directed to get in touch with the Field Representative of New Jersey.

PREPARATION

During the next nine months there were several meetings held in the Metropolitan Insurance office in Woodbury with Field Representative Clayton C. Wratten, C. D. Meredith, Dr. David R. Brewer and Albert E. Heal present. On June 7th and 14th, 1923, these same men with Woodburn J. Sayre added, held the first luncheons at Hotel Paul. Then each week, at either Hotel Paul or Newton Hotel, were added Woodbury's prominent citizens, until within a few weeks neither hotel could accommodate the swelling ranks, when we were granted the privilege of meeting at the Woodbury Country Club.

ORGANIZATION

The Kiwanis Club of Woodbury, with fifty members, was permanently organized September 6, 1923, with Camden serving as the sponsoring club.

FIRST OFFICERS

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| President | Charles D. Meredith |
| Vice-President | Scott G. Atkinson |
| District-trustee | Edward J. Crist |
| Secretary | Rev. Woodburn J. Sayre |
| Treasurer | Dr. I. Warner Knight |
| Directors: | Dr. David R. Brewer, Edward |
| D. Saint, Dr. Harvey D. | Brown, Harry M. Brodwater, |
| Isaac D. Sayre, W. Rutledge | Greer, H. Paul Livermore |

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The first set of officers served until the end of 1924 with the exception of Dr. Knight who moved to Pitman and I. D. Sayre was elected in his place, and Dr. D. R. Brewer was elected District-trustee.

Until the office of District-trustee was abolished in 1933, the following also served that high office: John D. Filer, Charles K. Lacy, Eugene L. Horan, Jr., Dr. J. Harris Underwood, Harry E. Wilson, W. Elmer Haines, Dr. Elwood E. Downs, Carl H. Johnson.

CHARTER NIGHT

Our club, with fifty-four members, received its charter from Kiwanis International, November 15, 1923. District Governor George R. Geiger presided and made a wonderful address. He was accompanied by Lieut.-Governors Arnold Rippe and William J. Carrington who also spoke briefly. We received the flag from Wildwood as the club organized just previous to ours. There were 190 members and delegates of other clubs present at the Country Club for Charter Night. Kiwanis banner still in use in 1955 presented to club in 1923 by Isaac D. Sayre.

EARLY ACTIVITIES

The earliest service by our club was to conduct an entertainment whereby five-hundred dollars was raised toward purchase of ambulance; we assisted Boy Scouts to raise several hundred dollars; we gave many underprivileged children very fine Christmas seasons; we installed a new radio for an injured boy who was to be an invalid until his death; we helped countless other children to receive aid from physicians, surgeons and specialists. We sponsored new Kiwanis clubs at Paulsboro, Pitman, and Swedesboro.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS

We can best sum up achievement by relating our club activity in war and peace, depression and recovery years.

Woodbury being astride many transportation arteries, we worked to eliminate traffic bottlenecks; conducted historical bus-tours for school children; installed chair and dental-clinic at Central School; air-conditioned children's ward, gave beds, wheel-chair and laboratory equipment to hospitals; gave Delco lighting-sets and permanent tent-house to YMCA camp; sponsored several scout troops, organized and equipped high school band; conducted play-

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ground programs, sponsored new citizens through naturalization courts.

Woodbury witnessed a brightening of social activities through Kiwanis stage shows, lectures, concerts, dances, athletic contests, Gloucester County Progress Expositions, Historical Pageants, horseshows, soap-box-derbys, marble-championships, parades, beauty contests, forums, baton-twirling-contests, straw-rides, Kiwanis-Farmers-Outings, picnics.

In depression years we provided relief-gardens, college-tuitional-aid, Kiwanians took U. P. families into their homes; provided clothing and footwear; established Kiwanis-milk fund; distributed food and fuel to needy; provided rent-mortgage-insurance relief.

During war years we aided clothing and scrap drives, war-bond sales, victory-gardens; gifts to inductees, provided farm-help; entertained service personnel.

Recently we built an \$18,000 gift residence for a double-amputee veteran; promoted reorganization of public library; gave testimonial dinners to outstanding citizens and humanitarians; gave a new heating-system-furnace plus a new duplicating machine to Woodbury YMCA; gave a new Suction Machine to The Underwood Hospital; we maintain a house and several acres of ground for summer use of boy scouts; we give thousands of baby chicks each year to 4-H clubs; conduct annual Christmas entertainment for hundreds of children. In an unusual activity we conducted 10 little blind girls to a Charter Night Meeting and gave 1,500 chickens to their school for the blind.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The work of our club goes on. We hope Kiwanis may continue to serve and grow until the end of time, for as long as there is need for civic and human service, need for the friendly association and brotherhood of man.

Our reward is a child's happiness and laughter, a convalescent's smile, a youth's straightforwardness, a family's regained confidence, a community's lifted vision.

Officers:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>President</i> | <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1923 | | | |
| 1924 | Charles D. Meredith | Woodburn J. Sayre | Dr. I. Warner Knight |
| 1925 | Scott G. Atkinson | Wilson I. Nicholson | Isaac D. Sayre |
| 1926 | Dr. David R. Brewer | Wilson I. Nicholson | Isaac D. Sayre |

NEW JERSEY KIWANIS DISTRICT

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|------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1927 | Earle R. Seaman | H. George Kerby | Isaac D. Sayre |
| 1928 | Clinton G. Knisell | H. George Kerby | Isaac D. Sayre |
| 1929 | Eugene L. Horan, Jr. | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1930 | Dr. J. Harris Underwood | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1931 | Harry E. Wilson | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1932 | W. Elmer Haines | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1933 | Carl H. Johnson | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1934 | Dr. Elwood E. Downs | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1935 | Clarence W. Chaddock | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1936 | Charles T. DeHart | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1937 | J. Frank Wilson | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1938 | J. Russell Butler | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1939 | E. Milton Hannold | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1940 | Harry L. Stearns | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1941 | Douglas A. Evans | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1942 | George E. Lamb | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1943 | Norris A. Denny | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1944 | Dr. J. Claude Foster | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1945 | Roland E. McMahon | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1946 | William F. Gerrow | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1947 | Montague White | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1948 | Alfred E. Hill | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1949 | Herman C. Demme, Sr. | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1950 | Wm. Harold Nicholson | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1951 | Franklin S. Lewis | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1952 | J. Byron Evaul | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1953 | J. Orris Sowers | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1954 | Warren J. McClain | H. George Kerby | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1955 | Howard G. Wagner | W. Harold Nicholson | Frank T. Eastlack |
| 1956 | H. George Kerby | W. Harold Nicholson | Frank T. Eastlack |

WOODSTOWN

JOHN D. ELLIOTT

On November 1, 1948 The Kiwanis Club of Woodstown held its Organization Meeting at the Caldwell House with 49 prospective members signing up. Ed Keough, Past Governor, who at that time was Lieutenant Governor of Division #2, presided over the meeting. The Clayton Club was our sponsor and their Sponsoring Committee was composed of members: Frank Myers, Norman Whittendale, George VanZant, and Charles Fricke worked hard along with Past Governor Ed., making our organization possible. From our group Wallace S. MacFarland, Alvin I. Haines, Leroy Lovegrove, Jr., Jack Worthington, Carlton C. Hackett, George P. Hess, and John D. Elliott, were the work horses.

The following Officers and Directors were elected at this Organization Meeting:

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| President | John D. Elliott |
| 1st Vice President | Wallace S. MacFarland |
| 2nd Vice President | Carlton C. Hackett |
| Secretary | Leroy Lovegrove, Jr. |
| Treasurer | Alvin L. Haines |
| Directors: | Jack Worthington, Lewis K. Horner, Samuel E. Eichmann, Charles H. Davidson, John W. Weatherby, Earl G. Borton, Warren Hitchner, Harry Riley |

On January 27, 1949, at Oscar's Hut in Clayton, N J.. the Club received its Charter from Past Governor F. Edwin Reiber. Lieutenant Governor John L. Capelli was the Presiding Officer and Governor, Frank A. Koch, Jr., and many other District Officers participated. There were over 300 members, guests and visiting Kiwanians present.

The Club was honored by having its Charter President, John

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D. Elliott, elected Lieutenant Governor of Division #2 in 1953 and 1954.

In June 1950 the Club organized and sponsored the Kiwanis Club of Salem. Our Club was the first Kiwanis Club in Salem County and the Salem Club the second, the only two Kiwanis Clubs in the County to date.

Our Club started and installed the town Christmas lighting of streets in December 1949. Money was raised with the help of merchants and the people of the town.

Beginning in December 1948 our club has sponsored an annual Xmas Party in the local theatre for children of the Community. The attendance is over 600 for this affair annually.

The Club started a Junior Baseball League in May 1949 and has kept it going every season since. Over sixty boys between the ages of 9 to 14 participate in this most wonderful project every year. Many thanks go to Hop Geohegan and Cooke Hackett for their untiring efforts with this activity. At the end of the baseball season a banquet is given for the boys and their parents.

The Club has done much for the local Athletic Field such as installing electricity and water and maintaining them.

For the past four years our Club has sponsored "Youth Day" at which time elections are held in High School for all the offices of the town's government and those elected by the pupils, officiate for one day.

Every year since 1951 our Club has sent underprivileged boys to Pine Camp in Ocean County.

Since 1951 our Club has had an annual minstrel show for two nights in the local theatre. All monies go to Underprivileged Child, and Boys and Girls work. This same show is put on every year for the County Poor Home. Our beloved, Edward K. Wiest, who has passed on to the great beyond, was responsible for these minstrel shows.

Our Club sponsors the Teen-age Canteen in the local High School every school term. Our Fellow-Kiwanians and their wives, work, support, and attend these Canteens.

Every year since 1951 the boys and girls of our community are taken to the Phillies Ball Park to see the big league games.

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The members use their own automobiles to take these 80-100 children.

We select the "Outstanding Citizen of The Year" in our community each year and honor him or her at our annual meeting. This person is presented with a beautiful plaque. We owe many thanks to Charles Smith for creating this fine project.

Our Club each year is responsible for the collections for "The March of Dimes" in our community. We have done a tremendous job here and our collections have increased each year.

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| 1952 | Charles Biernbaum | Robert A. Gamble | Alvin L. Haines |
| 1953 | Henry B. Geoghegan | Robert A. Gamble | Samuel E. Eichmann |
| 1954 | Thomas W. Davis | Robert A. Gamble | Samuel E. Eichmann |
| 1955 | Leroy Lovegrove, Jr. | Dale M. Griffin | Samuel E. Eichmann |
| 1956 | Carroll L. Pettit, Jr. | Dale M. Griffin | Samuel E. Eichmann |

Editorial Note:

Here endeth the History of Kiwanis in the New Jersey District up to 1956. Accomplishments and achievements of the future rests entirely upon the shoulders of every one of the more than five thousand active members in our 138 clubs. It is with much confidence we predict many years of continued community service the like of which we have been and always will be extremely proud.

Please note that in spite of repeated requests, many "deadlines," and the efforts of the District officers including the Lieutenant Governors, several clubs did not send in writeups. Therefore such clubs have been brought up to date by the editor. In the case of new clubs material was obtained from the files of the District Secretary, F. Emery Stevens. Officers for these clubs have been secured from the Annual Installation of Officers programs for the intervening years since 1946, the publication date of the last History.

Charles W. Hamilton

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