

Looking Backward

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Whatever became of the "Thousand Club for Bonny Oaks"? Twenty-five years ago, shortly after the installation of the Rotary Club bulletin board at Eighth and Market Streets, the following message was displayed:

Children reflect the character of a community. Do you know that Bonny Oaks, the Hamilton County reform school, contains 180 boys and girls who look to the county for protection. Do you know these children will grow to be just the kind of adults that we, by our care, create out of their plastic minds? Do you know that rainy days find these children within bare walls of a bleak building without facilities for exercise or recreation?

Do you know that William B. Schwartz is organizing a club of a thousand members, pledged to contribute one dollar a year for five years to provide a gymnasium for these foster children of Hamilton County?

The Rotarians have enlisted. Will you? If so write or call on Will Schwartz and enroll. Thank you. Who will be next?

Back in 1917, as now, Will Schwartz was a loyal Rotarian. Since then the former "Duke of Dux," now a Pioneer Bank pillar, has grown a bit grayer in good citizenship and because of civic virtue and other requisites has been admitted into the Exclusive membership of the Chattanooga Half Century Club. If the "Thousand Club" for Bonny Oaks failed him in his youth, he can renew his charitable efforts in these more mature years, with the assurance that the Chattanooga Half Century Club will aid him in putting over the commendable Rotarian suggestion.