

The Service Clubs:

KIWANIS GOES GARDENING

One of the prime requisites of Freeport is landscaping; greenery to transform the glare of bare coral into the cool lushness of lawn-carpeted oases.

To this end the Kiwanis Club of Freeport has dedicated itself.

Still meeting unofficially at the Go-Go Room of the popular Island House until its Charter Night this Fall, the Kiwanis Club comprises an energetic and public-spirited group of the city's businessmen.

This summer there were well over fifty members of which more than forty had proved actively interested in its projects.

And the main project is prettying-up the natural aspects of the city.

Kiwanis has agreed first to undertake the landscaping of the broad sweep of boulevard seen by all visitors — The Mall, from the airport to already beautifully-landscaped Ranfurly Circus.

At a recent meeting, a sit-down dinner, members of the service club were advised that the Grand Bahama Port Authority was pleased at their initiative and public spirit and that the Port Authority would assist as much as possible in their program.

At time of writing well over fifty prominent Freeport businessmen had joined the club and of those over forty had proved very active.

Commenting on Kiwanis' city beautification program, one member said the club will assist and prevail upon homeowners to improve their properties.

"We want to start a give-away nursery," said First Vice President Archie Fields.

"Today the average Joe has decided that this is going to be his home. This to me is a sign of stability direly needed in this community."

Formerly with the Grand Bahama Development Company as a senior executive and now President of International Realty, a leading firm in the Grand Bahama city, Mr. Fields is one of those people who some time ago

picked on Freeport as a permanent home and recently Mrs. Fields gave birth to their first child.

Public Relations and Publicity Chairman B. C. Rolfe Jr., an associate of Freeport Realty, Ltd., is working on the staging of a spectacular air show at Freeport International Airport.

The crack air team "The Blue Angels", who made such a successful showing at Nassau a few months back, are being invited to do their acrobatics and several other attractions are being suggested by Mr. Rolfe.

"Acrobatics, sky divers, clown act, airplane rides, air craft display and model airplane contest are possible attractions," he said.

Entire participation of club members could be achieved according to Mr. Rolfe. The air show is tentatively scheduled for this Fall.

President of Kiwanis is Ernie Skog, camera shop owner and a former Kiwanian in the States.

The program committee, headed by B. E. Paxton, maintains a busy pace and talks given by speakers fit in nicely with the objectives of the club, more often than not.

In one recent case, prominent English architect and landscape artist Derek Lovejoy, on a visit through Freeport, urged Kiwanians on in their beautification program and warned that their city could become a "shantytown" if neglected.

"Increasing affluence in a community often breeds chaos and this is particularly evident in the country areas surrounding Freeport which are gradually developing into one great dump for the discarded motor vehicle. The cans and bottles and rubbish of modern living is also leaving its mark and forms an increasing problem that must be tackled now to halt further decline,



—Roy Newbold, Jr.
KIWANIAN ERNIE SKOG

let alone improve the appearance of the island . . ."

He said Freeport could become one of the gems of the Caribbean if approached with the right attitude.

He drew attention to the difficulty England is having in protecting and refurbishing her coastline for the general public and said great emphasis should be put, he suggested, on protection of Grand Bahama's oceanfront.

Pools of water and tinkling fountains, a variety in colour, texture and pattern of paving to provide contrasts, and the planting of shade trees and shrubs to "soften vast areas of bricks and mortar", were among the amenities he recommended to enhance the appearance of the city.

Kiwanis, which listened to Mr. Lovejoy's talk and watched his slides intently, already has committed itself to the improvement of streets by tree planting and landscaping.

And with the "Esprit" evidenced by its members spreading throughout the community, Freeport, Grand Bahama, is going to be a very worthwhile place to visit from aesthetic as well as business points of view.

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