Committees on Education & Public Service

The movement within the Blue Lodges to further the cause of education and public service to the community is definitely gaining momentum. It is the desire of the Grand Master that ultimately there will be one hundred percent participation by the Committees on Education and Public Service among the Lodges in this jurisdiction.

From Nueva Vizcaya Lodge No. 144. Santiago G. Biayaua, P.M., has the following to relate in connection with his committee on Community Projects. The community school building located in Nalubbunan, Solano, needed hollow blocks-for a foundation. Bro. Frederick Legare has contributed one hundred, and the Lodge hopes to be able to complete the project.

At the suggestion of Bro. Emilio Tumaneng, the Lodge is considering the purchase of 30 Webster's Intermediate Dictionaries costing P180.-00. These will be distributed among the schools in the area.

Bro. Tumaneng also proposed the purchase of 40 sanitary cement toilets costing P160.00 to be provided within the community where proper sanitary conditions are now lacking.

Bro. Francisco Tubban proposed they should allocate P100,00 for the purchase of breeding pigs. Under the guidance of the Lodge the pigs would be loaned to local farmers to help improve their stock through scientific breeding.

It was suggested by Wor. Bro. Santiago G. Bayaua that the Lodge establish a scholarship for four students attending the Nueva Vizcaya National Agricultural School located in Bayombong. These scholarships, to commence June, 1963, would cover the cost of tuition and matriculation fees amounting to a total of \$88.00.

From M.W. Bro. Taylor, District Deputy Grand Master, Masonic District No. 20, comes the following message:

"We have purchased two TV sets (used) for the needy wards at Guam Memorial Hospital. A table and 8 chairs were made by No. 123 and painted by No. 44 for the ward at Guam Memorial Hospital. Two book cases were donated and we repaired a coffee maker for Guam Rehabilitation Workshop.

"A washing machine was obtained for the Brodie School for Retarded children. We are repairing two efectric lamps for the Hospital and looking for two efectric fans for the Workshop. A toy box I had made to deposit donated toys for the Children's Ward is almost full. Finally, we have tentative plans for distributing food baskess to the needy at Thankseying.

"All of the foregoing is being done without fanfare."

The two above cited examples represent true Masonic charity. In the future this column will report on the further progress of our brethren as they continue to implement the plans and suggestions through the body of their Committees of Education and Public Service.