



## Ruritan Sunday

"Except for my family and church, Ruritan is most important to me."

This expression is heard frequently when Ruritans meet and reflects the kind of persons that make up the membership of Ruritan Clubs. Most are solid citizens with deep religious convictions.

When Ruritan started in Holland, Virginia on May 21, 1928, the leaders of that small community gathered with the hope that the fellowship at the monthly evening meal would lead to a spirit of goodwill between the "town folk" and the farmers; i.e. urban and rural.

The motto, "Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service" indicates a growth in the concept of the club purpose that caused its ideal to grow from the original fellowship to become the most active civic service organization in America in terms of service to the community.

Much of the community service provided by Ruritan Clubs during their history has benefited churches; particularly small and beginning churches.

It is appropriate, therefore, that this day of worship be designated as "Ruritan Sunday" in honor of these thousands of dedicated persons who have given of themselves to make the churches stronger and the communities better places in which to live and work.

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