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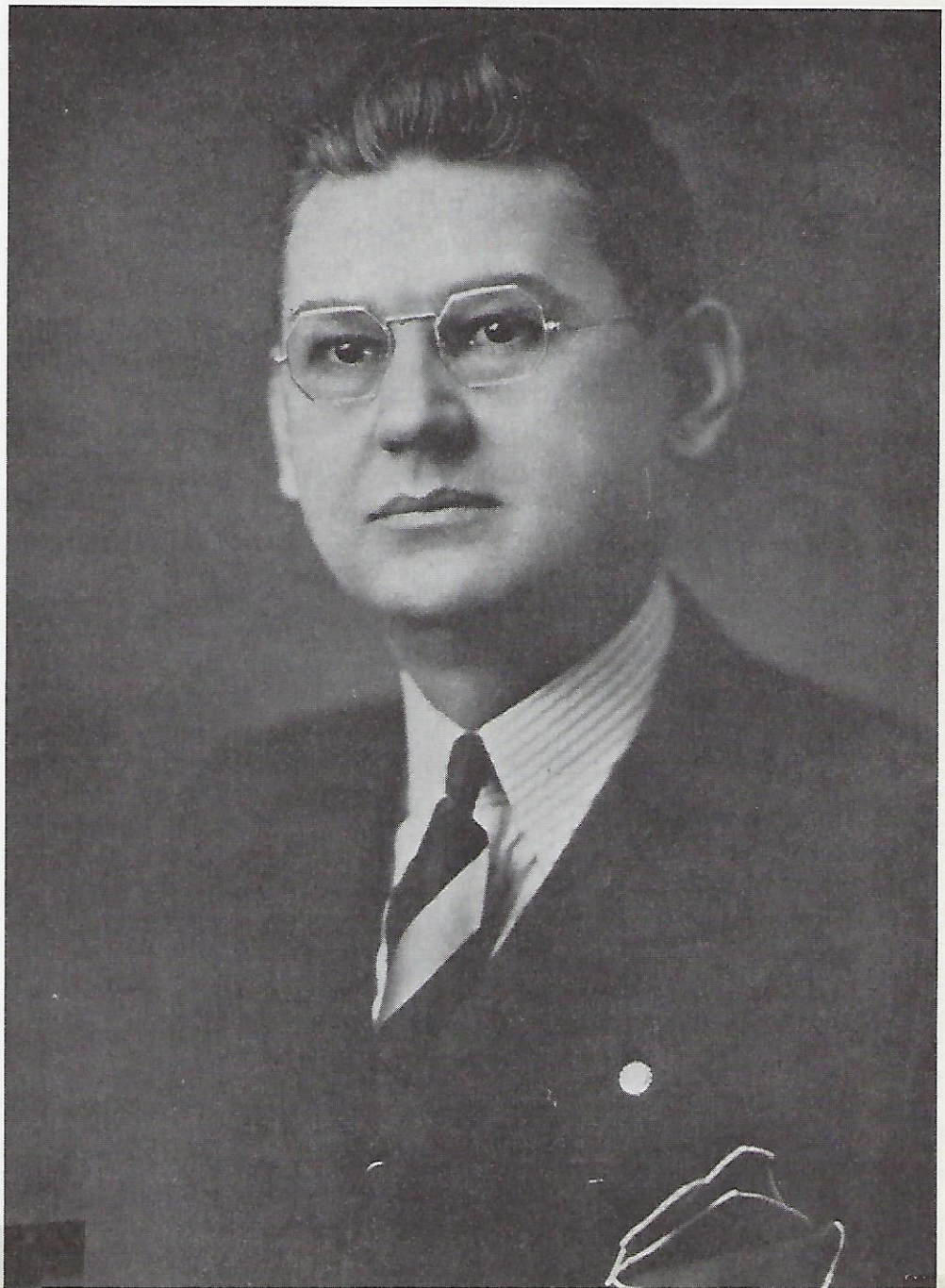
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This man was truly the first Kiwanian and it all started on August 1, 1914 when Allen S. Browne, a professional organizer, approached Joe Prance to form a fraternal club. This effort resulted in the chartering of the "Kiwaniis Club" on January 16, 1915.

Joe Prance was a charter member and member of the club's first Board of Directors. He continued active service in the club and was elected president in 1930, Governor of the Michigan District in 1935 and he was appointed Chairman of the International Attendance Committee in 1935.

In 1935, Joe Prance organized and directed the one-day picnic outings to Belle Isle. During the first four years of the Joe Prance outing, 18,000 underprivileged children participated.

This project, so well begun, continues today as a program of the Detroit Metropolitan Kiwanis Council and provides for outings at Rouge Park for underprivileged children.

Joe Prance was a native Detroitier who began an apprenticeship as a tailor at the age of 14. He established his own tailoring firm in 1905 at the age of 24. He became a recognized leader in his field and was president of the Merchants' Tailoring Association of Detroit in 1939.

He married Maude Chandler in 1898 when he was 17 years old. Three children blessed this union which was terminated by Maude's death in 1923. Joe remarried in 1929 to Ruth Seville.

The spirit of this great Kiwanian, the First of the Number One Club, will live on in Kiwanis history and tradition for as long as Kiwanis continues to serve underprivileged children.

Detroit Kiwanis Club No. 1 proudly salutes Joseph G. Prance as one of her Distinguished Kiwanians.