



H. Carl Spitler



Kiwanis Club of Petoskey Petoskey, Michigan

DR. H. CARL SPITLER

Dr. Spitler often speaks fondly of his coming to Petoskey. The year was 1921 and he had just accepted the principalship at Petoskey High School - sight unseen!

As it turned out, Dr. Spitler liked what he saw. He liked it so much he dedicated 37 years of his life to education in Petoskey - over 35 years as Superintendent of Schools. During his professional life in Petoskey, Dr. Spitler served two years as high school principal before succeeding Mr. Park Lantz as Superintendent of Schools. Under Dr. Spitler's tutelage, the school district was enlarged to include Bear Creek and parts of Springvale and Melrose Townships. In addition, Central, Lincoln, and Sheridan schools were constructed. Curtis Field, the Agriculture Building, and the Middle School gymnasium were also constructed largely through the efforts initiated by Dr. Spitler.

Dr. Spitler received his Master's from the University of Michigan, and took additional graduate work at the University of Chicago and Columbia University. In 1957, he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Central Michigan University.

Prior to retiring (January 1, 1959), Dr. Spitler was instrumental in organizing North Central Michigan College. Later, he served as a legislative delegate to Michigan's Constitutional Convention and as an administrative assistant in the state Senate.

Dr. Spitler's Kiwanis affiliation began shortly after his arrival in Petoskey. He was one of fifty Charter Members when the Kiwanis Club of Petoskey was formed in the summer of 1922. Through the years, Dr. Spitler has served his club and community well. He was elected Club President in 1925 and served as the Division's Lieutenant Governor in 1935. In 1963, Dr. Spitler was called upon to be Club Secretary and served in that capacity through 1966.

The achievements listed above are but a small portion of the accomplishments of Dr. H. Carl Spitler. In recognition of his achievements, the Petoskey School District has honored him by naming their newly erected Administration Building the Dr. H. Carl Spitler Administration Building.

It is with great pride and pleasure that the Kiwanis Club of Petoskey hereby bestows the honor of the Distinguished Kiwanian Award on Dr. H. Carl Spitler - a loving husband, a devoted father, a dedicated leader in his profession, a truly Distinguished Kiwanian.