fully selected, representative professional and business executives into a club for mutual cooperation and service to the community. The first club — called the Co-Operative Club — officially came into being in Kansas City, Missouri on April 11, 1912. Soon after, clubs were formed at Topeka, Kansas; St. Joseph, Missouri; Manhattan, Kansas and the other neighboring cities. The first national convention was held in Kansas City in 1921. The name was changed to SERTOMA International in 1950.

**Future Programs**

A Youth Employment Service which has been heralded in newspapers and national magazines as a program run by youth for the benefit of youth, places the young people in contact with the business world at no expense to either. This youth learns the value of a dollar.

In one city, 850 youngsters earned over $76,000 in one year's time in part-time work of their choice. It is a proven fact, juvenile delinquency is reduced when the youths are occupied either with work or recreation.

Equally important is the fact that youth creates a work record and gains an appreciation of industry's requirements. Both lessons are invaluable when the youth applies for permanent work.

This program is still in the planning stage for Lafayette but it is hoped that it will be a working one by this summer. It is also hoped that a “Service to Mankind” award can be made annually to some deserving person in the community.

**Raising Funds**

The local club raises funds each year by sponsoring the Lafayette “Slow Pitch” softball tournament. This tournament decides the city championship between the three Lafayette adult leagues. The three leagues involved are the American, National and Employees which are comprised of adult Lafayette citizens who like to play softball just for the fun of it.

The project has enjoyed success for three years and is eagerly looked forward to by local softball fans.

**School Safety Program**

Local Sertomians each year sponsor three weeks of instruction in which school bus “flag boys” are indoctrinated in basic safety courses in first aid.

Four boys from each bus are picked by the bus driver to receive the course. No boy can act as “flag boy” without first receiving this instruction. The classes are held in late August just prior to opening of the fall school term. Last year a total of 91 boys took the course.

**Fishing Rodeo**

The local club has taken part in the annual Youth Fishing Rodeo which is put on by the Lafayette City Play Ground and Park Commission at Girard Park. The Rodeo has proved to be a tremendous success.

**Declaration of Independence**

Each year the local chapter distributes copies of the Declaration of Independence to 7th grade students in the Lafayette Public and Parochial schools. The pamphlets are distributed at the 7th grade level as the students get their first lessons in American History about this time.

**Sertoma Club**

New, Active In Community

In December of 1959, twenty Lafayette men banded together to form a local chapter of SERTOMA International and in the three short years since its inception, participated in many worthwhile projects. Service to mankind, the most important objective of this club is planned to fit the needs of the community. In this particular case, it’s Lafayette. SERTOMA, which stands for Service To Mankind, was started by a Kansas City physician, George W. Smith, who first conceived the idea of forming care-