



The death of Rotarian Charles P. Eastham on January 31, 1926, came as a great surprise after an illness of a few days.

Charley, as he was affectionately known, lived in Beaumont for twenty years prior to his death and bore a splendid reputation in business circles. He was quiet, retiring and unassuming, yet of a friendly nature and truly devoted to his friends. He was a loyal Rotarian, and in his business and private life in a very high degree exemplified the principles of Rotary. He was a devoted husband, loving with great intensity his home and the wife presiding over and adorning the home.

He will be missed from among us. We will miss his smile, word of cheer and hearty hand-clasp. His life unpretentious was yet profitable, in that he served well in the business, social and domestic circles.

To his surviving wife and brothers and sisters, we extend condolence and heartfelt sympathy in this their dark hour, and can only hope that the consciousness that his life was well lived will bring to them a sweet resignation in his death.

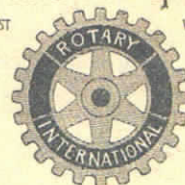
Respectfully submitted,

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ENTERTAINMENT FOR TODAY

Group No. 7, Lenoir Josey, Chairman
Anniversary Week of Rotary International

FOR NEXT WEEK
March 3, 1926

Board of Directors' Day
Business Methods Committee

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

By Bill Campbell

Full to the brim with good things was last week's meeting, from beginning to end. To begin with, the first thing that greeted one's eyes upon his entering the dining room was Ben Jackson's mammoth road map, showing all Rotarians just how easily and quickly they may reach Tyler. Then President Bill announced the personnel of his "On to Tyler" Committee, who are to see that Beaumont has a 100 per cent attendance at the District Conference in that city on April 8th and 9th. That committee is composed of Leo Ney, Ben Jackson and Roy Tompkins, and Bill called on Leo to make a speech about the conference. As usual, Leo put it across, and left us all with a strong desire to attend that conference.

Bill announced that each and every one of the new members, or the newest members, must have his picture taken by Bernard Way during the following week—and he followed the example of the Texas Legislature, and tacked on a penalty for violation of his law, each one who attends the meeting today without having obeyed this edict, gets fined \$5.00, and the full power and authority of the law will be invoked to collect the fine.

Eugene McDonald, in behalf of the Athletic Council of the Beaumont High School, appealed to Rotarians to support the play, "The Spirit of Argonne," which is being presented by that Council in an effort to raise money to pay off the deficit occasioned by the arbitrary ruling by the Interscholastic League in keeping Beaumont out of the championship football game.

The entertainment for the day was in the capable hands of Charlie Ledwidge, who never fails to present a worthwhile and enjoyable program. This time Charlie scored a literal ten-strike, for he had Dr. George W. Truett, Baptist minister from Dallas, to address the club for the full time allowed for the program. Dr. Truett, needless to state, has been in the city for a week, conducting a revival meeting at the First Baptist Church, and it was indeed fitting that we have such a distinguished visitor in our city to address our club. Not to have done so, would have been like going to Buffalo and not seeing Niagara Falls. Charlie made one of the neatest little speeches of introduction you ever heard, and then for the rest of the period every Rotarian was held spell-bound under the eloquence of Dr. Truett.

The speaker highly praised the spirit, motto, and ideals of the Rotary Clubs, and showed that he is thoroughly familiar with the Rotary movement. He said that Rotary and other clubs of a similar nature were a constant public protest against selfishness in public and private life, and that they emphasized the importance of a man's doing his duty under all circumstances and in all relations of life. He said that we are in the midst of a period of

WHAT PRICE MEMBERSHIP

Some of you may have seen "What Price Glory," with its dramatic presentation of an idea; it might be helpful to have "What Price Membership" presented in the same dramatic fashion. (Here is a suggestion for Group 3 to us in their next histrionic flight). We can only give it to you in a prosaic manner.

It is an old, old story, like that of attending church. We are told that "Attendance is the Price of Membership." That hardly exhausts the value of membership and is an undervaluation of the cost of membership. That is a good thing, for we prize lightly the things that cost us little.

"Cost" might suggest an outlay of money, but in Rotary the financial cost is the least cost. Attendance, "the price of membership", represents a comparatively small outlay of money; it calls for an expenditure of interest and a contribution of talent. It means also a giving out of one's personality and sympathy and friendship.

There is another price of membership, one which is more important than mere attendance at meetings—"Responsibility is the higher price of membership." Election to membership in Rotary is not on a parity with election to some social club; a man is not chosen because of his social graces or social standing or because he is an attractive personality. His choice rests not upon the sort of man he is, but upon the fact that he is a representative man. He represents some line of business or professional life the best in his business or profession.

There is implied and expressed in every election to Rotary a handsome compliment, one which a man may well cherish. There is involved also a high responsibility, that of representing a class or section of business life. That calls for the very best there is in a man; he is representative.

One angle of this subject is not often touched upon. While a man may seem to the club to be the outstanding man in his line, no man necessarily exhausts the range of choice, and many good men are kept out of Rotary who would be a credit to the organization. It behooves every member therefore to justify the choice of the club, and his peculiar responsibility is that he truly and thoroughly represents his classification. "What Price Membership?"

It might not be a bad idea to have members stand re-election after three or four years. A man who has become stagnated in Rotary ought not to continue; it is not fair to Rotary or to the splendid men in his classification who are kept out by his usurping the place.

—Rotarygrams—

AS UNDERSTOOD

Stranger—I represent a society for the suppression of profanity. I want to take profanity entirely out of your life and—

Jones: Hey, mother! Here's a man who wants to buy our car!—Fetter Clippings.