

## BARNEY STEINHAGEN

By Samuel Rosinger

HE is still the unspoiled country boy in spirit. His simplicity, frankness and artlessness reflect the open spaces of the rural landscape. His naturalness, his freedom from that pretense which the phrase "putting on airs" describes, reminds one of the virgin countryside. But above all, his broad smile and the glint of humor in his eye, reveal the clear laughing skies that once looked down benignly, in all their unobstructed expanse, upon the village urchin, and left their indelible impress upon him in a happy disposition and a pleasing personality.

This country boy, however, was a dreamer. He was not satisfied with the languid-lazy life, known as rustication, which affords one peace without the victory of achievement. Therefore at the zenith of his youth he moved to a community that had in it the making of a city, and there he threw himself feverishly into the thick of that battle of life which is waged under the stress of keen competition. The dreamer, however, was never lost in the rising business man. Even as Joseph of old, he made his life principle the motto, "I seek my brethren." He valued friendship above finance, manhood above material acquisition, public weal above private wealth. And therefore when our city was on the threshold of a new era; when a new form of government was to be tested, the success of which depended not so much on ability, as application and integrity and devotion and self-sacrifice—Barney Steinhagen became the unanimous choice of the business element to head the ticket of the city administration. That he had dedicated himself heart and soul to his honorary office, that he had been a whole-time mayor at a paltry salary, and that, in consequence, he had grossly neglected his own business, is well-known to his friends and associates.

His defeat at the polls for a second term, that was solely due to his resolute refusal to join a movement of racial and religious bigotry, was a blessing in disguise for him; for he could have ill-afforded to neglect his affairs for the pressure of public business for two more years. Barney, however, is an incurable public servant. His political set-back did not in the least phase him or sour his disposition. He has been serving his community in one capacity or another uninterruptedly.

The presidency of the Rotary Club, which he has filled with distinction for the past year, is a time-consuming and thought-provoking office. It takes a great deal of effort to prevent an organization of this kind from falling into the rut of monotony. In addition to this exacting service, he is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Traffic Committee. Our city's wealth consists of men of his unflagging devotion to the public cause. His noble example is bound to inspire others with the laudable ambition of imitation and emulation.

# ROTARYGRAMS OF BEAUMONT



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### The District Conference

MANY Rotarians and Rotary Anns from the local club will attend the 48th District Conference of Rotarians to be at Marshall, April 28th and 29th.

The Conference will be formally opened at 10:00 a. m. April 28th, with Hal Winsborough, president of the Marshall Club, presiding. Following which the introduction of District Governor and presentation of gavel from Sam Houston Oak Tree. (General Houston spoke under this tree in 1849.) Many prominent personages in Rotary will appear on the program including Lutzer Stark, C. C. Seeleman, A. W. Birdwell, Henry W. Stilwell, Bruce Coles, Thos. S. Reed, Jr., Dr. R. E. Vinson, John V. Singleton, Lester W. Dawley, Harry H. Rogers, Wm. Saenger, Walter E. Kingsbury, Roy Ronald, Director of Rotary International, and Sam Whitley, Governor of 48th District. Howard Hill of Marshall will be the pianist.

Beginning at 5:00 p. m. Monday afternoon, the following entertainment will be offered to those attending the Conference: Informal entertainment honoring Rotary Anns, Marshall Country Club; Governor's ball, Roof Garden of Hotel Marshall; Musical concert, city auditorium.

The Rotary Club and City of Marshall are making great preparations to entertain the delegates, and all who attend the Conference will be impressed by the beauty of the city among the pines.

—Rotarygrams—

### FULL OF HOPS

A prominent New Yorker of the past century was reported to have made this critical comment to his son:

"You remind me, Steve, of a grasshopper that sits for hours on the top of a mullein stalk, sunning himself and swaying idly in the breeze, and then makes a terrific leap off into space, without the slightest idea of where the hell he's going to land."

"Attendance is the Price of Membership"

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ATTENDANCE RECORD, BEAUMONT  
ROTARY CLUB

Attendance Record, 4-9-30.....79.31  
 Attendance Record, 4-16-30.....80.20

ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE

G. T. Adams, A. I. Brainard, J. T. Booth, Hy  
 Blieden, Joe Clemmons, D. W. Davis, W. C. Gilbert,  
 E. W. Gildart, Alfred Jones, A. J. Kaulbach, W. W.  
 Kyle, Frank Lombardo, George D. Switzer, L. W.  
 Stolz, R. E. Smith, Dr. S. T. Wier.

ABSENT WITH EXCUSE

Joe Brussard, A. Babin, J. D. Birdwell, A. J.  
 Coburn, L. B. Cohen, J. S. Edwards, E. V. Folsom,  
 L. Galewsky, A. M. Kaufman, R. L. Kennedy, V.  
 L. Keith, Charles Ledwidge, Kelsey Lamb, Curtis  
 Plumly, Ed Stedman, Sr., N. S. Storter, Harry  
 Shepherd, Wm. Saenger, W. C. Tyrrell, J. C. Wil-  
 son, Wm. Wahrmond, Ben Woodhead, Tom P.  
 Walker, G. P. Williams.

Rotarygrams

NEW DIRECTORS

Rotarians selected their board of directors for  
 the coming year at the meeting Wednesday. There  
 are:

B. A. Steinhagen  
 P. P. Butler  
 I. J. Feray  
 Sam Rosinger  
 M. W. McMaster X  
 C. S. Dickens  
 C. A. Easley  
 Ed Stedman, Jr.  
 P. B. Doty  
 Harry Longe

From the above list officers will be named during  
 the week.

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

That Mexican Trip

FROM the border down it is one filling station  
 after another, and the funny thing is I put oil  
 in my car once.

After the Chamber of Commerce at Laredo issues  
 you a permit and it is verified across the river, and  
 with the old Lizzie bonded for return you are on  
 your way.

The first stop in this oasis is presided over by  
 a former Beaumonter whose familiar features are  
 reflected in a highly polished mahogany slab. He  
 dispenses that thirst allaying fluid so soothing to  
 the palate.

Down the road about 10 miles you are inspected  
 again and gratuities are just as essential as oxygen  
 in your lungs. Florida may have her Royal palms  
 but Mexico has her outstretched ones.

If the Mexican people stand for the naked truth,  
 their children are abusing the privilege.

They must feed cactus to the cows to put a punch  
 in the milk.

The hostelry, La Gran Ancira, where we were  
 domiciled had "suffered the slings and arrows of  
 outrageous fortune". In other words it had re-  
 ceived a few hostile thrusts from the revolutionists  
 which marred its aspect.

They claimed the revolutionists stabled their  
 horses in the marble patio. I believe they went  
 further and left one in my bed.

The streets of Monterrey are narrow and one  
 way, like some people's mental attributes.

Not infrequently you find five or six of those  
 fountains of inspiration ensconced in a block. Four  
 was usually enough so that you would not be par-  
 tial to either side of the parallelogram.

Saddle mountain, the pride of Monterrey's scenic  
 beauty, looked like a safe place to park the Prince  
 of Wales Royal seat.

The road is good, the climate cool and the eleva-  
 tion high. According to my recollection of biblical  
 lore the Lord showed Moses the promised land, and  
 I have told you something of the land of promises.  
 And oh boy! what promises . . . interesting if  
 not sincere.

The slightest expression of admiration for any-  
 thing is immediately offered you by the owner. But,  
 then that is just a custom and courtesy; not a gift  
 or guarantee. Kinder like our "bull", it doesn't  
 mean anything.

This excursion is recommended for a week-end; a  
 strong thirst; and a good capacity. —C. E.