

*"Attendance is the Price of Membership"*

## Slants At The Meeting

"THE MAN WHO DIED AT 12 O'CLOCK." The mystery to us is he lived that long. He had a case of the hee-bee gee-bees with a cataleptic influence crossed up with the St. Vitus dance.

Maybe he hadn't renewed his permit from the Railroad commission of Texas. In this good old "Long Horn State they used to throw the bull from the bronco, now it's from the bench. We are now working on the FIVE MINUTE PLAN and mis-governed through injunction, commission or militia.

The skit was to impress the sud-sniffers and the liquor-lifters with the iniquity of their way, and judging from the satanic apparation the inebrite seemed to have a devil of a chance in a helluva way.

It was supposed to reveal what the "Noble Experiment" and the Wicked Sham committee failed to locate. Besides it was a fulfillment of the law of prophets that "no man shall drink his corn and eat it, too.'

From the "horrible example" we couldn't tell whether it was an advocate of, or opponet to, the penultimate amendment to your Uncle's constitution.

Naturally the elbow-benders will declare for better spirits and the cotton-spitters will clamor for total elimination thereby throwing the premises in a state of topsy turvy or vice versa with a bit of status quo.

Of course, if you devotees of Bacchus insist on dunking your grape concentrates in Neches River water as a mental assuage over the rough spots of the "depression" it's okay with us.

On the other hand, if you anti-fermenters believe agragrian relief should come through the devastation by grasshoppers and other scourges rather than through consumption of the "golden grain" in a spiritous manner, don't blame us for parched throats.

It's not our idea light wine and heavy beer will put to work one million men; it's our conviction it will get BUSY ten million people.

We know a couple of guys in this club who once was imposed upon by having a little red-eye in their water. Of course, they fought it just like a baby does its mother; but then fortitude can't hold out against convention.

The moral we deduct from this classic is every grand-daughter should guard against a loop-legged, piflicated, pie-eyed old whiskey-steeped sot as a parental root to the family tree.

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# ROTARYGRAMS OF BEAUMONT



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### Can He Do It?

Before we tell a man to do something we should first make sure that he is physically and economically able to do it.

If someone is drowning what is the sense of urging a young man who cannot swim to jump in and save him?

Many economic suggestions are equally futile. A large part of the advice offered to business men can be classified as nonsense.

The assumption of a considerable part of the population seems to be that business men could, if they wished, immediately establish a four-hour day, a minimum wage of \$10, and reduce rents to a maximum of \$30 a month for a family of five.

When a business man pleads that he is powerless to accomplish these wonders, he is accused of lacking a humanitarian ideal, just as the young man who could not swim might be called a coward.

The point is that the best of us are limited in the realization of our idealism by the actual conditions of our environment. We can do no more than general conditions will allow us to do. In economics, the penalty of undue idealism is bankruptcy. Those who cannot balance their books are eliminated.

This is not a plea for an end of criticism or for an armistice in the battle to improve standards. Only by reaching for a height we cannot quite touch do we improve our standards at all. As a result of criticism and the will to improve, the working day has been shortened, real wages have been increased, and adulteration, rebating, short-weight, and other sharp practices have been almost eliminated. Much remains to be done, but it can't all be done this year, or even in this generation.

—Rotarygrams—

### HOW GOOD ARE YOU?

"FEDERAL FUSES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS."

Now, count the F's in that sentence. Once only—don't go back and count them again. Elsewhere in Rotarygrams you'll find the answer, and it will tell you something about how good your brain is.

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**TRIBUTE TO MARS**

Figures compiled by the World Peace Foundation show that the European nations spent \$2,643,000,000 on arms during the last fiscal year.

Some of the "peaceable" nations spent enormous sums.

Great Britain spent \$465,000,000.

France, \$466,900,000.

Soviet Union, \$579,000,000.

Before we point the finger of scorn at these extravagant expenditures let us not forget that we non-militant citizens of the United States expended the sum of \$707,425,000 on arms last year.

—Rotarygrams—

**TOWNSEND HEADS CHEST**

Rotarian Alf Townsend has been chosen as General Chairman of the Community Chet Campaign. R. O. Dulaney is Chairman of the Campaign Committee. Other Rotarians who are members of this committee are Amon Carter, George Fairtrace, Al Lund, Harry Merfeld, O. K. Shannon and Bert Rose.

It should be noted in the budget of the various agencies who are beneficiaries that greater allotments have been made to those doing strictly relief work than in former years. The total sum being asked for this year is \$277,000.00.

—Rotarygrams—

There are six F's in the sentence you read. If you caught all six you're a genius.

**Rooting Out the Evil**

By Samuel Rosinger

I am weeding my garden, which has been considerably overgrown with rank grass during the Summer. Were my intentions merely to clean up the place, I would chop the weeds, scrape the ground and get rid of the wild growth in no time. Such superficial work, however, would be a pure waste of effort and energy. For the weeds would soon grow back, and, the roots strengthened by the chopping, they would be thicker and sturdier than ever. To get rid of the weeds, I must remove them by the roots. This is slow and painstaking work. I must spade deeply, shake off the upturned soil which clings to the root, and remove the root together with the rubbish I rake together.

I wish that we would apply this common sense method of gardening to the many evils which beset our society. Take, for instance, the crime wave, which is sweeping our country, leaving horror, shame and outrage in its wake. The fair name of this nation and its unsullied reputation is being hideously besmirched by the large number of dastardly crimes which are daily committed against life and property. Gangsters and racketeers terrorize our large cities with kidnappings, extortion and wholesale murders. The front page of the daily press is crowded with reports of homicides and high-jackings and acts of violence of the most revolting kind. Our government is strong enough to effectively stop this brazen flaunting of lawlessness. Organized society is powerful enough to prevent a small, depraved anti-social element from turning our country into a jungle. But, unfortunately, we resort merely to makeshifts and palliatives, and do not buckle down to the strenuous labor of removing the evil by the root.

The sorry spectacle enacted in the Chicago Federal Court, where a notorious gangster, who is a multi-murderer, is sentenced to the penitentiary, not for his bloody crimes, but for his evasion of the income tax, and has a penalty imposed upon him which makes the government a partner in his illicit traffic—is tragic enough to move blindfolded Justice to shed copious tears at this travesty.

Let us get down to the root of the evil. If the eighteenth amendment, instead of furthering temperance, breeds criminality, let us modify it. If our court procedure obstructs the meting out of swift punishment to the criminal—one of the greatest deterrents against crime—let us remove the stumbling block of technicalities with which venal lawyers hinder the administration of justice. Not subterfuges, but courageous and conscientious effort, based on deathless determination, will remove the crimson stain of crime from the escutcheon of our country.