

"Attendance is the Price of Membership"

To Chester

By Samuel Rosinger

Our Club is to be congratulated on having chosen you to be at its helm for the ensuing year. Rotary is still a seaworthy craft that can brave the onslaughts of the lashing gale, and, I know, that you will not keep the good ship in the protected harbor of convention and complacency, but, in the spirit of high adventure, you will let it ride the foam-crested waves of contention and controversy. Rotary's ship has been sailing too long in the shallow and placid waters of Babbitry. It is high time that it cease hugging the coastline of safety and security, and risk the high seas of criticism within the ranks, and stiff opposition from without.

And, if anyone can lift Rotary from the rut of a stale luncheon club, with its hackneyed amateur vaudeville entertainment, to an organization that will stand for active civic righteousness and progressive thought, and that will help to create a broad and liberal public opinion, free from narrow prejudice on one hand, and from rabid radicalism on the other—it is you, who hate cant, abhor bunk and detest all that hypocrisy which hides under the cloak of respectability. Shoot mercilessly your barbed shafts of satire at that stiff dignity which conceit uses for disguise. Puncture with your sharp sallies of wit, bloated vanity. Rail with your humorous quips at the foibles of those deluded chaps who suffer from a superiority complex. Explode at the meetings a laughing gas bomb, rather than put members to sleep by generous doses of bromides.

Those who misjudge you by appearances, think you are a harlequin, full of fun and mischief, constitutionally incapable of serious thought and earnest enterprise. But those who penetrate beyond your clownish makeup, know that your rougish smile hides a keen intellect, a sympathetic heart, a generous disposition and a wideawake conscience, and that you are every inch a man, and not a monkey.

May your administration raise our club to unexcelled heights of achievement, and may you be accorded the undivided support of all those who love independence, individuality and frankness in public servants.

ROTARYGRAMS

OF BEAUMONT

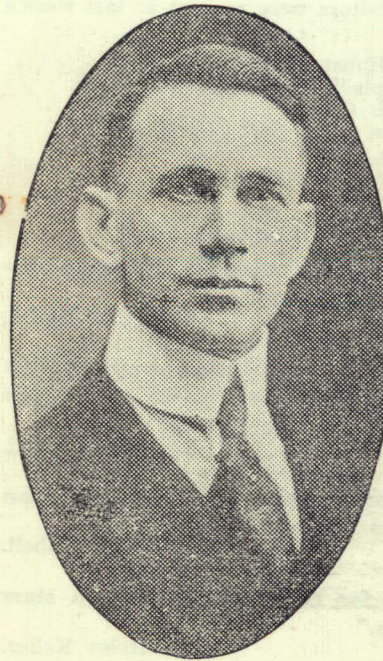


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Check New Prexy



Chester A. Easley will head the Rotary club during the coming year, succeeding Jim S. Edwards. He will assume his duties the first week in July. Chester was noncommittal yesterday when asked if he proposed to insert a heavy wine and light beer plank in his platform. The picture of Check, which appears on this page, was taken the year after the Johnstown flood.

Besides Mr. Easley, who is vice president of the club, other officers elected for the coming

year are: Tom P. Walker, vice president; I. J. Feray, secretary, and P. B. Doty, treasurer. Mr. Feray and Mr. Doty were re-elected.

Members of the new board of directors elected by the club about 10 days ago are: Mr. Easley, Mr. Walker, Mr. Feray, Mr. Doty, P. P. Butler, Ed Stedman, Jr., Mr. Edwards, R. B. Cousins, Beeman Strong and Burt Morrison.

OFFICERS

JIM EDWARDS President
CHESTER EASLEY Vice-President
IRWIN FERAY Secretary
P. B. DOTY Treasurer

DIRECTORS

JIM EDWARDS—J. S. Edwards & Co.
CHESTER EASLEY—Seaport Coal Co.
IRWIN FERAY—T. H. Mastin & Co.
SAM ROSINGER—Jewish Congregations.
MILLARD McMASTER—Petroleum Iron Works Co.
BARTOW COUSINS—San Jacinto Life Insurance Co.
KEITH HOTCHKISS—Pipkin & Brulin.
BARNEY STEINHAGEN—Steinhagen Rice Mill Co.
PERK BUTLER—American National Bank.
BEEMAN STRONG—Yount-Lee Oil Co.

Rotarygrams

ROTARY VISITORS

The following visitors were present at last week's meeting:

Glenn F. Russ, Houston, Texas.
Melvin G. Campbell, Dallas, Texas.
George Sonfield, City.
Walter S. Davis, New York, N. Y.
W. H. Peterson, Houston, Texas.
A. J. Wray, Houston, Texas.
Leon Sonfield, City.

Rotarygrams

"There is no machinery that can provide a substitute for a good neighbor."

—Prince of Wales.

"The people want peace and, therefore, they want disarmament; in Heaven's name, let them exert themselves and see that they get it."

—Lord Cecil.

"I found out many years ago that inspiration doesn't come when you wait for it."

—James Branch Cabell.

"It is as easy for the mind to think in stars as in cobblestones."

—Helen Keller.

"People don't exist for government. The government exists for the benefit of the people."

—"Alfalfa Bill" Murray.

"Do not become a musician unless you feel that you would literally die if you took up anything else, and even then have your doubts."

—Walter Damrosch.

Slants at the Meeting

That old Biblical axiom that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country and the truism that the best talent is in your home town never suffered an iota of stigma from last week's program.

Judge Sonfield the alert, willing and capable barrister plowed right down the middle of the furrow, trying neither to root up the tares nor cultivate the poppies. He is not of the ilk of pessimists or optimists.

He issued a lot of good sound advice after this country has been dragged through the mire of bureaucracy and the slime of hypocrisy, listening to false gods and betraying our fellow man.

The Judge said we had been following the golden calf; but we have been currying the bronze bull, also.

He painted a glorious picture of What We Had Left without revealing in the canvas the scars and the poorhouse.

That "pianola" introduction of Ross' kinder excited the risibilities of the rabble.

The snappy presentation of visiting guests and Rotarians by the inimitable Barney clicked just like maple on the cakes after listening to a lot of mouthings from adenoidal adults.

—Check.

Rotarygrams

"We lack in the unselfish, responsible devotion of men in the service of the common weal."

—Albert Einstein.

"Everywhere we find the individual trying to ape another rather than to express himself."

—Sir John Adamson.

"Thick skins generally go with thick heads."

—David Lloyd George.

"We now cramp into the experience of one week all that we used to get in a whole year."

—Sir Hugh Allen.