

Let There Be Light

By Samuel Rosinger

Beaumont has already been steeped in Egyptian darkness for five months, and now the municipal authorities hold out the dismal prospect of continuing to keep the city in that somber state of deep mourning for a year or longer. And this, in the face of the mighty effort our valiant President is putting forth to pull the country out of the gloom of depression and start it on the bright path of progress and prosperity. The hyper-conservative conduct of our city government is surely out of accord with the feverish activities of the federal government to restore this nation to normal conditions, and bring about not only the revival of its commerce and industry, but also the recovery of its buoyant spirit, optimistic outlook and unbounded faith in its glorious future.

There was a time when the baneful slogan "balance the budget" swept the country like a conflagration, and city and state governments and public and private institutions commenced to cut their expenditures blindly, to effect a mechanical balancing of the budget. Our energetic President has rightly thrown into discard this cautious measure of hide-bound conservatism, and obtained authority from Congress to spend vast sums on every worthy project calculated to benefit the nation and promote its welfare and happiness. Our city authorities, however, are still bent upon retrenchment and not restoration, upon reduction and not recovery, upon cutting and not construction. Such a false economy is certainly a poor backing of the national recovery act, and is a heavy handicap to the emergence of our city from the dumps of the depression and the slough of stagnation. It ill becomes a city to ask for federal aid to eliminate dangerous curves on its viaduct that is too stingy to lessen the danger of those curves by the installation of a few electric lights.

Keeping the city in darkness, is a gross injustice to those public-spirited citizens who paid their taxes not only promptly, but, in many instances, even ahead of time. They are entitled to this indispensable service that contributes so much to the safety and security of life and property in our city. I urge the Y. M. B. L. to persist in their most laudable effort to bring about the lighting up of our streets. As far as I can feel the pulse of the public, I know that it beats in full harmony with their endeavor. Let our fair city discard her widow's weeds. Let her radiate with the brightness of a new era of prosperity that is as sure to come as day follows night. Let there be light.

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A Word About Our Speaker

Beaumont Rotarians are due for another treat today when Arthur B. Mayhew appears as guest speaker at the regular noon day luncheon. Mr. Mayhew who hails from Uvalde, Texas, is a director of Rotary International and has back of him a record of achievement in our organization. He has been a familiar figure at both state and international Rotary conferences for the past ten years. Mr. Mayhew organized the Uvalde Rotary club in 1922 and served as the club's first president. During the following three years he organized clubs at Sabinal, Carrizo Springs and Crystal City. He served as governor of the Forty seventh district in 1928-29 and delivered charters to Rotary clubs at Junction, Hallettsville, Goose Creek and Goliad. He was given recognition on the international board in 1930 when he was made a member of the classification committee and a member of the international club service committee. Born in Wellington, Kansas, in 1879, he has spent most of his life in Texas. His classification is "lumber retailing." President Hotchkiss, who met Mr. Mayhew at the Boston conference, declares he is a forceful speaker with a magnetic personality.

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ABSENTEES

Missing Last Three Meetings:

A. J. Coburn, C. W. Duperier, T. F. Rothwell.

Missing Past Two Meetings:

Will Johnson, Tim Whitehurst, Chas. Walden, Joe Clemmons.

Facts About Texas

Texas has twenty-four industries with annual production in excess of \$10,000,000 and sixty-two with annual production in excess of \$1,000,000 each.

New breweries are projected at Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Beaumont, Houston and Galveston in anticipation of the legalizing of 3.2 beer in Texas after the election of Aug. 26.

Texas portland cement plants increased their production for May, 1933, by 60 per cent over that of May, 1932, according to reports to the University Bureau of Business Research.

Total income for Texas for 1933 is now estimated at \$2,000,000,000 by Stuart McGregor, industrial editor of the Dallas News, with \$1,400,000,000 of it to come during the remaining six months of the year.

Of the 100,072,476 pounds of carbon black exported from the United States last year, Texas accounted for 80,000,000 pounds as well as 80 per cent of the domestic production of that important commodity. The bulk of Texas production came from the Panhandle gas fields.

One hundred and fifty-one new Texas corporations were chartered during May, an increase of 23 per cent over the total of April, according to the University Bureau of Business Research. Twenty-two of the new corporations were for manufacturing purposes.

The new Dodge-Lackey Geography ranks the Magic Valley of Texas with California and Florida in the production of citrus fruits, commenting also on Texas peaches, which have, it says, gained an international reputation. It also mentions the fact that Texas produces about half the pecans grown in the United States.

Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know. It means teaching them to behave as they do not behave. It is not teaching the youth the shapes of letters and the tricks of numbers, and then leaving them to turn their arithmetic to roguery, and the literature to lust. It means, on the contrary, training them into the perfect exercise and kingly continence of their bodies and souls. It is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done by kindness, by watching, by warning, by precept, and by praise, but above all—by example.—John Ruskin.

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Slants At The Meeting

Recalling our journalistic course from Woolworth's to hew to the line of veracity, there isn't much you can say about last week's program save a word of commendation.

We must admit the physiognomy of the penologist, Lee Simmons, bearing a close resemblance to that of one William Hart, certainly belied his ability as a speaker.

With retiring modesty and self-effacement the gentleman enlightened us with some amazing facts about the rapid progress of the penal system of the state of Texas within the last three years.

In fact the man painted such a glowing picture of the farm products, their appetizing appeal, together with the lure of the sanitary environment of the Huntsville hotel that I feel some of you unwary lads might seek a domicile therein.

The reduction of the bacon and lard bill in the past three years is an evidence of what can be accomplished with a few swine, (no reference to inmates). However, the 'pork-barrel in the government is the thing that got us where we AIN'T.

And, too, when they turn out thirty-five thousand pairs of "kicks" that's bound to be regarded as rehabilitation of soles, if not of men.

Despite the fact Lee has made old Huntsville a mighty likely place you fellers better watch your step and don't get PEN-alized.

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If you succeed in life, you must do it in spite of the efforts of others to pull you down. There is nothing in the idea that people are willing to help those who help themselves. People are willing to help a man who can't help himself, but as soon as a man is able to help himself, and does it, they join in making his life as uncomfortable as possible.—E. W. Howe.