

Dallas

By Samuel Rosinger

I love Dallas. Of all the cities of Texas she possesses that patrician spirit of dignity which is the hallmark of a metropolis that has long since outgrown the crudities of its boom days and is enjoying the even tenor of a steady and sturdy growth. She is altogether free of the upstart boastfulness of a mushroom town. She does not have to blow her horn. Her reputation rests on a firm foundation. Her standing in the family of distinguished cities is safe and secure.

In the North, Dallas is the only city that is consciously and unconsciously associated with the state of Texas. I heard scores of easterners who toured Texas express themselves in the significant phrase, "Dallas is a *real city*." They meant by the attribute "real," that there is naught that savors of bluff, sham or pretense about Dallas, but that she is sound and solid in appearance, as well as in substance and spirit.

And because of the spirit of aristocracy that animates her, Dallas does not care to be known as the largest, but as the finest city in Texas. She wants to be gauged by standards of culture and refinement, and not by the population figures of the census. She is possessed of that largeness of heart that refuses to gobble up the small independent townships surrounding her, or extend her city limits into the heart of the prairies for cheap publicity purposes. She has absorbed the honesty and integrity of the rugged farming population of the rich black lands, to whose energy and industry she owes her growth and prosperity.

May the stately metropolis of Texas continue to grow from strength to strength, and maintain her creditable position among the cities of our country.

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The Trek to Dallas

The Mecca of North Texas

(With apologies to Ft. Worth)

Starting at Beaumont, Tuesday,
10:00 a. m., March 6th, and
Ending in Dallas, safely we
hope, in time for

Beaumont

presenting the

Program

for

DALLAS ROTARY CLUB

Wednesday Noon

*In reciprocation of their
wonderful visit last Fall.*

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Slants at the Meeting

AFTER looking over Rotary programs for the past several years we are always interested in the psychological reactions of the members on entering the room and finding a coterie of girls present.

We have incurred malice, hatred and venom by some of our wise-cracks, sarcastic comments and irrelevant observations. But, on the other hand we have received the accolade of the appreciative in our endeavor to portray to you some of the shortcomings of the programs with the earnest desire for betterment.

With your auditory nerves attuned to the low rumbling sounds you could hear the stifled curses emitting from the various members today, as they entered, registering: "Just another dramatic skit."

Those efforts of ambitious teachers, fostered on the Rotary club, through a group of pseudo-thespians, are just as popular as South American bonds are to the investing public.

Today was the exception, for the playlet 'clicked' like grandmother's old clock on the mantel. We could even hear faint guffaws of the disgruntled as they permitted themselves to be transported in the land of risibility.

The Lamar College has always been generous in their contributions to the Rotary programs and Bing Bingman is entitled to the hair-lined soup bowl for his enthusiastic co-operation.

Just one criticism. Attaching no blame to the participants but piling anathema on the head of the program chairman, for if he had as much sense as that proverbial boot "emptier" he would know a person at one end of the room must enunciate properly and clearly to be heard. So why in hell didn't he inform the speakers.

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Believe It or Not . . .

Port Briefs and Facts Dallas Should Know

Do You Know--That . . .

1. The latest published Government statistics show that Port of Beaumont ranks the FIFTH PORT in the United States in tonnage and water borne commerce—exceeded only by the Ports of—New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Boston. (*Look It Up*).
2. This same report shows that the Port of Beaumont was one of Two ports in the United States showing a gain in business over the preceding year—the other port being our neighbor—Port Arthur. (*This too*).
3. The Port of Beaumont is the southwest terminus of more than 13,000 miles of inland waterways—the ONLY Texas port serving Dallas and its territory over the Intracoastal Canal and the National Inland Waterway System. The logical terminus for the proposed Trinity River Canal project. (*Reference—your map*).
4. Beaumont was built to serve the interior as a port and has a six way transportation system—Railways—Highways—Seaways—Airways—Pipe Lines, (The oil terminus for the East Texas Oil Fields) and is equipped with all modern facilities to serve the interior efficiently. (*Only one way to prove this*).
5. Dallas has every right and advantage to adopt the Port of Beaumont as HER PORT. (*Why Not?*)
6. Beaumont is a "BELIEVER" in Dallas. (*Hope it's mutual.*)

Rotarily yours,

"TED" DEZENDORF,
Port Director.

A Rotary Program

THRU the din of incongruous noises and stifling air we hear a few vigorous raps that unnerve the nervous. The president is now calling for attention thru a wheezy old mike that emits faint sounds like freshly broken eggs in a hot frying pan.

Mr. N. Art Iculate is the gentleman selected to introduce the guests and his gutturals prevent anybody from hearing all the names, and who is so ill at ease your sympathetic nature is over-worked.

The program chairman then comes along with that trite old alibi that he did not get the information, until that morning, that he was to put on some entertainment.

The first number is a quartet of school boys, whose tonal inflections range all the way from croaking frogs to coyotes and carry about as much harmony as a riveting machine. Sure, they are members' children.

Second number you are presented with a sextette of young girls in a tap dance and who are as much out of step as a communist is with our government. All you get is exercise on your ear drums.

Then some bird is allowed a two-minute announcement, calculated to be of benefit to the club but solely for the purpose of commercializing his own occupation.

Next we have a violin solo by Miss Bertha Brusky, who is announced as a virtuoso about to upset the musical world with her technique. She is the daughter of our good Rotarian Hans Hurry-on who has more pride than judgment. You then wonder how an instrument could be immortalized by Stradivarius that was capable of such raucous sounds.

Finally the speaker of the day is introduced and he issues enough platitudes to carry you into old age and thru dotage. He harps on that old familiar subject of fundamentals of our constitution; our ancestral wisdom as a heritage and the inevitable trend of modern youth to go to hell in a hand basket. He usually has long hair and a bad breath. After hearing it you wonder what in hell it's all about.

About that time a fat woman steps on your toe, trying to pass, awakens you and you realize the feature picture is over and you are then glad. What a dream!

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Facts About Texas

Texas produces one-third of the American cotton crop, but accounts for only one-thirty-third of its cotton textile production. Half the population of Texas is interested directly or indirectly in the production of cotton; only 5,700 are employed in transforming it into cloths.

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Texas purchases the output of 17,500 workers in furniture factories. Texas furniture factories in 1931 employed 2,200 of them. In other words Texas furniture buyers are keeping busy in other States 16,300 workers whose annual wages total more than \$26,000,000. Texas has a wide variety of hardwoods suitable for furniture making.

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Texas leads in the production of hides, but has no sizeable commercial tanneries. Texas boot and shoe makers and belting manufacturers are forced to import practically every foot of leather they use, often from the hides of Texas killed cattle that are shipped out to be tanned and shipped back to be made up into finished products. Texas annually buys in other States more than \$55,000,000 worth of boots and shoes. (Texas' first shoe factory began operation in 1931 and is producing shoes that compare advantageously with the best shoes made in the East).

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Of the total U. S. production of 785,159,000 barrels in 1932, Texas accounted for 312,478,000 barrels. The East Texas field alone produced 121,449,000 barrels under strict proration.—Progressive Texans.

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On to Dallas---with . . .

Sam O'Baugh, Pass Agent; Roy Kennedy, Oil Well Sup. Dist.; J. V. Brock, Loans; Ben Shipley, Highway Engineer; Ted Dezendorf, Port Director; Perk Butler, Trust Officer; Fred Jones, Newspaper; Barney Steinhagen, Rice Milling; Tom Walker, City Rwy.; Lewis Mathes, Elect. Mach. Dist.; Fuzzy Roane, Trucks Retail; Check Easley, Coal Dist.; Charlie Terrell, Elect. L. & P. Ser.; Harry Longe, Coffee Roasting; Irvin Feray, Florist; Alex Szafir, Office Eq. Retail; Kelsey Lamb, Printing; Chas. Babcock, Accident Ins.; Chas. Weinbaum, Appraisal Service; W. B. Donnell, Hdw. Retail; Sam Solinsky, Trades Assn.; Jerome Terry, Auto Retail; Keith Hotchkiss, Funeral Service; Morris McGee, Telegraph Service; Geo. Murphy, Referee Bankruptcy.