

Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

I am a plain preacher who does not count among his meager equipment familiarity with the mysteries of high finance. Yet, my good common sense tells me that, in these lean days, financial institutions will pursue a far wiser policy by building up the good will of the public than re-inforcing their, anyhow, reasonably strong reserves. Over-conservatism in business is as harmful as reckless extravagance. Ever sound business has an intangible, and, yet, a most valuable asset, consisting of the good will of the public. This good will cannot be bought with money, but must be built up by courtesy, accommodation and service. The welfare of the strongest business establishment depends primarily not on its bulging reserves, but on the good will of the public. Institutions that serve the public will prosper and endure, while those that ignore the welfare of the public will go under, no matter how huge their reserves may be. The law of retribution is inexorable. It can no more be escaped than the effects of gravitation.

The state of Louisiana has taken a progressive step in the direction of democracy by abolishing the antiquated poll tax. We hope the Lone Star state will imitate her neighbor, and remove within her confines this useless and meaningless restriction upon universal franchise. The franchise is a privilege which the Constitution bestows upon every adult citizen of the United States of good moral character, without distinction of sex, creed or color, and to bar from the polls any one entitled to cast his ballot, by arbitrary enactments, smacks of despotism and not democracy.

If I were a business man, not only would I give my employees a vacation with full pay, but would also insist, wherever possible, upon their spending it away from home. To be released for a while from the deadening routine of the daily grind, is the best tonic to restore one's energy and vitality. And to gaze upon new scenery and move in a new environment, remakes and reshapes a person spiritually, so that when the employee returns from his vacation, he can set himself to his task with fresh vigor and zeal and more than make up for the lost time. It pays to be good and kind and considerate to your co-workers in business. Your outlay is paid back with compound interest in unflagging loyalty and unselfish service.

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Slants at the Meeting

Being ensconced in office and enrolled in Detroit are two different things, and if our prexy gives as good an account of his stewardship in the former as he has of his activities in the latter we will "string along" with that guy.

Charlie Terrible slipped into office just like a synchro-meshed gear into high and speed suffered no more interference than a Republican would in finding fault with a Democrat.

Keith's administration rang off with a bang and Charlie's banged on with a ring and for the next 50 weeks we feel like the spider that got caught in the fly-paper, we may not like it but we will stick to it.

As a retaliatory slap for peeping into the prexy's past we are sentenced, with providential benignity, to contribute an article each week for the next year to this Rag of Reason.

You wouldn't have to look at this retribution with an astigmatic defect to see that the penalty might be a boomerang to slap you in the face like dirty linen on a clothes line.

Of course, had our prexy been born on a fire escape we could have given him a romantic twist but having arrived in a corn-field we had to give him a bucolic touch.

Sam has smeared Charlie over with a coating that we couldn't even tarnish; he's got him on a pedal that would make a flag pole sitter look like an underground worker, and we are content to sit on the edges and hold to the strap as we go around the corner.

Charlie displayed remarkable acumen in relating only three important things while in Detroit and these were participated in by one Barney Steinie, the witness; and as to the creditability of that party that rests with you.

As spontaneity is the essence of humor Keith "pulled" a good one when he naively noted, commending Mess. Pruitt & Crager, that he "closely followed" the doctors, and he might graciously have admitted "buried all doubts" of their inabilities.

Anyway the new administration has brought 'early closing' so I'll stop.

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**BEAUMONT ROTARY CLUB
 INCOME AND EXPENSES**

For the Year Ended June 30, 1934

INCOME—

Dues Collected—
 Delinquent Dues.....\$ 60.00
 Current Dues 4,162.00
 Dues Paid
 in Advance 74.00 \$4,296.00
 Received from
 Initiation Fees 675.00
 Interest Received—
 Liberty Bond 14.00
 Gross Income \$4,985.00

EXPENSES—

Re-Budget—

Weekly Programs.....\$1,038.99
 Rotarygrams 551.20
 Secretary's Salary 720.00
 Stationery & Printing..... 155.17
 Postage 55.00
 Telegrams & Telephone..... 3.95
 Flowers 69.25
 "Back to School"..... 531.97
 Delegates to International
 Convention 200.00
 Delegates to Dist. Conference 150.00
 Delegates to President &
 Secretary Meeting 50.00
 Re-capita Texas District
 Conference 181.00
 Gifts 25.00
 Dues—Rotary International.. 1,002.00
 Miscellaneous 346.45

Total Expense..... \$5,079.98
 Deficit for the Year..... \$ 94.98

CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

From July 1, 1933 to June 30, 1934

Total Receipts for the year.....\$5,070.30
 To Balance July 1, 1933..... 1,860.76
 Total Receipts & Opening
 Balance \$6,931.06
DISBURSEMENTS—
 For the year..... 5,315.62
 By Balance June 30, 1934..... \$1,615.44

To Balance July 1, 1934.

Treasurer's Acct. (First
 National Bank)\$1,444.94
 In Secretary's Office..... 170.50

Total Cash on hand

July 1, 1934 1,615.44

Reconciliation with Treasurer

Bank Statement
 June 30, 1934.....\$1,456.94
 Less Checks Outstanding—
 No. 2519 \$7.00
 No. 2858 Miss Fannie
 McMunn 5.00 12.00

Cash Book Balance

June 30, 1934..... 1,444.94

MEMBERSHIP

Members July 1, 1933..... 168
 Less Resignations,
 Dropped, etc..... 11
 "Passed Away"..... 2 13
 New Members and
 Members reinstated, 37
 Total Membership June 30,
 1934 192

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION—

Your Secretary I. J. Feray, should be congratulated. He stands 100 percent in collection of dues; Not a delinquent member on the roll.

L. L. Donnelly, Accountant.