

## Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

The hypnotic spell of gold is a primeval curse of mankind. The yellow metal has lured more humans to death and destruction than any other temptation. Its lust has polluted virtue, corrupted honor and despoiled character. No chains have enslaved man more than the fetters forged of gold. Therefore, the breakdown of the gold standard as a concomitant of the world wide economic upheaval, may mean a marked blessing to mankind. It may bring about the release of the race from the bane of gold. The withdrawal of gold from circulation and its replacement by paper currency, the value of which depends on the confidence of the public, may teach us the incontrovertible truth that faith in the justice of God and trust in the integrity of man, and not a mountain heap of gold, are the bedrock foundations upon which the safety and security of society rests. I hope that the gold locked up in the Treasury at Washington, will never be released, but kept there as a relic of our barbarism and as a monument marking the release of mankind from the curse of gold.

Thank Heaven, democracy is again showing some feeble signs of life in Washington, and Congress is once more asserting its rights, and wrangles over a bill submitted by the administration, and even musters enough courage to oppose or defeat it. Such a procedure was regarded but a couple of years ago, as high treason. If I have to choose between dictatorship and depression, I unhesitatingly choose the latter as the lesser of the two evils. Congress is really conferring a blessing upon the President by curbing his powers and keeping him within the boundaries wisely set for him by the Constitution.

No ballyhoo of civic meetings and press publicity will put over the government's efforts to induce home-owners to do any extensive repairing on their dwellings at the high rate of interest that prevails on loans at present. No man who has a sense of responsibility and good common sense, will assume a debt of nine or ten percent interest, unless forced by some inescapable emergency. Lowering the interest rate will give home repairing a quicker spurt than the biggest avalanche of inspired propaganda.

# ROTARYGRAMS

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### *Slants at the Houston Meeting*

Looking at a program through refractory rays or another man's bifocals we need the prophetic vision that the Scotch poet petitioned for . . . that "gif to gif" us to see ourselves as others see us.

You can take it from this dumb observer, unless we were suffering from astigmatism, that the show went off with a bang like a Salvation Army drum and that when we left we were standing as firm as a bill collector on a door mat.

A four ring circus, with two masters of ceremonies and a troupe of 22 was the entourage from the Beaumont Rotary Club and they were disporting their talent like bathing girls do theirs on coral reefs (or do they do that on coral reefs?)

The first number was a song and dance, "Past, Present and Future". The audience couldn't see any Future to the singer and was willing to let him Pass but they couldn't see enough of the Present despite the diaphanous aspect of things.

Number two was an address by our imminent Steve King who not only touched on Houston but kinder romped on her for attracting so many good Beaumonters into her confines. He praised Houston for her progress and the perpetuation of that courageous spirit of the immortal Houston.

Then came Hiram Walker & Co.—we mean Tom—flinging sweet discords at us faster than Republican objections at Democratic measures. Tom was in rare adenoidal pitch and professor Josef was tickling the ivories with no reluctance.

The fourth number was ROTARY, a dance, by our own Jane Lugenbuhl and that was the climatic attainment, flushing the cheeks of anaemics, pausing the chatter of disrespectfults and setting old men's minds to reminiscent moods.

Nobody clung to our neck proffering a residential visa but Miss Herle and Miss Lugenbuhl were offered the hospitality of the bayou port and all the acclaim of the Houston Rotary Club.

We want to toss a little flower to Charlie Terrell . . . . The best conducted meeting we have ever seen. No waste, no haste but good taste. As a presiding officer he's IT with an "H" in front.

We were glad to meet you and greet you Houston. Come see us. —Check.

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## Rotary Birthday Party

February 20, 1935

Beaumont and Port Arthur, Hosts to

AN INTER-CITY OF 8 CLUBS

This is a special APPEAL to the apathetic and phlegmatic who are too sluggish to engage in any diversions more strenuous than listening; so come out and you can sit on your royal prerogative, be as dumb as an oyster and look as wise as an owl.

The old stereotype form of speech-making and dancing is taboo. There will be a glorious welcome and a delectable meal in the Rose Room of the Hotel and a "snappy" program at the Jefferson Theatre beginning exactly at 8:30 P. M. in conjunction with the Jefferson's efforts.

The dinner will begin at 7 P. M. and NOT 7:01 P. M. Liberty, Dayton, Hull, Vinton, Orange, Lake Charles, Port Arthur and Beaumont. Rotaryans will accompany their husbands.

Please make your reservation with the Hotel Beaumont NOT later than the 19th at noon.

There will be NO noon meeting Wednesday the 20th.

*The Committee.*

## J. Cooke Wilson

The acquisition of another member to the House of immortals was accomplished January 29th, 1935, when the Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution conferring the greatest gift within its power on Cooke, making him an honorary member.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Beaumont Rotary Club, Section 9, Article III, gives these qualifications for Honorary Membership:

"Any adult male person who has distinguished himself by some meritorious service and who resides within the territorial limits of this Club: Honorary membership is the highest mark of distinction that a Rotary Club can confer."

Sensing the great service in various capacities that Cooke Wilson has performed for this Club the Board of Directors is manifesting its appreciation by enrolling his name among the "MERITORIOUS".

Cooke has been a member of the Beaumont Rotary Club for 22 years, served as its president in 1919-20, one of the organizers of the Council of Boy Scouts, a ceaseless worker for the Student Loan Fund and Chairman of its Committee for a number of years, and an outstanding worker for civic improvements and Rotary activities.

In honoring Cooke we have honored ourselves; and feel sure no one is more worthy than he to grace that coterie of the SELECT.

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## Governor Hawkins

It looks now like you are going to be treated with the presence of our big, handsome Dick Hawkins, February 20th, at the Inter-City meeting.

We feel a tinge of regret over the Governor's visit to us recently, but tradition had decreed that this Club accord the Community Chest its room and co-operation in that humanitarian effort of theirs, and the unfortunate thing was the dates fell together.

We hope Dick will bring along the ruler of his household and you members have the opportunity to greet them both.

A little closer contact with our governor will rebound to our credit, and we are looking forward with pleasure to the arrival of our leader from May's Hair.