

Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

The unanimity of the Supreme Court in deciding the N. R. A. as unconstitutional should silence all harsh criticism levelled against that body by hot-headed liberals and laborites. The progressive element has a far stronger representation on the supreme bench than the conservative, yet force of logic and intellectual honesty constrained it to admit that the Constitution cannot be bartered away for any utopian scheme, no matter how well intentioned. America, as long as she remains a democracy, must be governed by persuasion and not force. To restore N. R. A. by constitutional amendment would be a fatal blunder. The country would not stand for such concentration of power in the Federal government, and an attempt in that direction would bring about the repudiation of the Roosevelt administration and the rejection of the Democratic party by the electorate.

The momentous decision of the Supreme Court, however, has put the business men of America to a severe test and trial. Business men protested vehemently against government interference and chafed under administrative regulations. Now, that the legal restraint has been removed and freedom of action been restored, the crucial question is, what will the business men do with it? Will they return to cut-throat competition and the law of the jungle, or will they conduct business and industry on a co-operative basis for the benefit of all and not the profit of the few? If the business element will rise to the height of its opportunity, and demonstrate the ability of democracy to govern itself by self-assumed regulations and voluntary control, America will continue to remain the land of the free. But, if the spirit of greed and rapacity will stifle in our business men the sense of fair play and the spirit of humanitarianism, America will have its inevitable choice between execrable Fascism and abominable Communism. Heaven forbid us from either of these tyrannies and despotisms.

I do not know of a more valuable and indispensable asset that man can possess than tact. Tact helps us more in establishing and maintaining friendly relations with our fellowmen than any other endowment I know of. Tact is naught but proper consideration for the feeling of others. The man of tact imitates the methods of the artistic painter, who does not give a photographic reproduction of his object, be it a portrait or a landscape, but depicts the beautiful features and omits the ungainly sights. So also in our relationship to our fellowmen, let us search for the good and pleasing qualities in them, and shut our eyes to their failings. Tact is an open sesame to human hearts. Pray Heaven for the gift, and if your prayer is granted, cultivate it and employ its unfeeling charm in all your dealings with your neighbor.

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Slants at the Meeting

If we delivered ourselves of a caustic tirade on the asininity of foreign missions the advocates of this movement would say in justified complacency that 'the old scribe is just getting goofier every day.'

Besides some smart Alecs that are familiar with the tenets of ROTARY would remind us that sectarian matters discussed at the meetings re-act on them like hair shirts in the Summer time.

Others would sit innocuously by manifesting the same emotion as a razor-back hog would over the reading of the decalogue and profit as much.

Now we are vitally interested in Mexico and particularly with its historical background, revealing the vicissitudes thru which this nation has passed in the last 400 years.

It presents a picture of great contrast to that of our own nation and from which ethnologists might deduce amazing conclusions and without even touching on its religious aspects.

The speaker last week also recalled the ungenerous award of nature to this land of romance and mystery; citing the deserts, the mountains and the untillable lands of the jungles and marshes which has kept its people from attaining an agrarian supremacy.

This "Rag of Reason" endeavors to maintain its standard of Rotary doctrine by holding aloof from the intangling compromises of controversy about other nations' state and church.

It has been 18 years since your Uncle allowed a lot of diplomatic sharks to inveigle him into one of the most damnable holocausts that ever blighted this old world and if we haven't sufficient intelligence after that experience to keep our fly-trap out of other nations affairs we ought to dedicate ourselves to the standard of the cock-roach.

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Hail the Secretary

Honoring those to whom honor belongs is rendering service, and rendering service is ROTARY.

Our Sec. has just been honored, indirectly if you please; but he is prouder than if honor had been thrust upon him personally.

The Sec. bears the distinction of having two sons, Irwin and Dan, honored by the Beaumont High school this year. These sons were chosen as two of the favorites from the entire senior class.

The remarkable thing about these two boys is that everything they do they do together. They got their eagle scout honors together, their classes have been together and now they graduate together, all despite a variance in ages of two years.

Pride swelleth the father muchly and he is happy beyond the wildest dreams of personal aggrandizement. We not only rejoice with father but we are happy for the boys.

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Rotarian Easley:

"President Hill has requested me to advise you that he has appointed you an assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for service at the 26th Annual Rotary Convention to be held in Mexico, D. F. June 17-21, 1935."

Signed CHESLEY R. PERRY,
Sec. Rotary International.

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Baseball Results

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Rotary 4 — Reed Co. 3

Batteries: Arthur and Oxford.

Best game yet. Oxford breaks 3 to 3 tie in last inning by planting a three bagger down first base line to score Murphy. Come out and see the game with Metzgers Friday at 6 P. M.

Active Member



The wan blond, the subject of this sketch, is an Oh-ten boy, having unset the serenity of a peaceful evening in the wet Fall of 1902, at Springfield, Ohio.

His complete nomen is Edgar Walter Arthur, affectionately known as "Snow" and we are undecided whether this sobriquet is attributable to his low temperature or his highly blanched epidermis.

"Snow" became a Rotarian in July, 1931 and was a kinder passive, or at least an inactive member until the Summer of 1933 when he was made chairman of the Membership Committee.

At the advent of his chairmanship talent began to ooze out of the boy like fusel oil from a keg of corn and he has made the most vigorous campaigns for members this Club ever experienced.

During Keith Hotchkiss' administration he was responsible for 27 acquisitions and up to date in Uncle Charley's regime he has annexed 13. He has tabulated data on the eligibility of every prospect in the community. He is a keen observer of characteristics and a mere glance at the genus homo will convince him whether the subject should be enrolled.

He is the proud possessor of two children, a boy and girl, and under the direct hegemony of wife "Carter" whose name is Jennie, and his residence is at 2200 Pecos Blvd.

Incidentally he is the "mainspring" of the Soft Ball team and their star pitcher. His reputation is founded on those "out-shoots" of his that always come in and he is never too hoarse or weak to shout for "dear old Rotary".