

Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

The motor cops who cruise over the city, could render good service by reporting to the health department the presence in the streets of dead dogs and cats, killed by automobiles. The carcasses of these animals often attain a state of decomposition that makes the pedestrians wish they were equipped with gas masks. Similarly, the glass shattered in automobile collisions and strewn all over the streets, could also be reported to the street cleaning department before the sharp slivers cut into casings, or are ground by traffic into fine powder and sucked into the lungs. Naturally, Mr. John Citizen could also report these nuisances to the authorities pro bono publico. Let all of us work together towards promoting the cleanliness and healthfulness of our beloved city.

The Port Arthur road, especially the Beaumont-Nederland section, is so badly cut up that it actually invites accidents. Not only is the road so narrow that cars almost shave each other in passing, but its shoulders are so ground up that motorists have to be warned of the danger by "soft shoulders" signs. These signs do not absolve the highway department from a moral liability for casualties. Inasmuch as it will take, at least, a year before the new road is open, the public's safety ought to be protected in the meantime, by keeping this much-travelled road in good repair and providing it with wide, hard shoulders that will greatly lessen the hazards of traffic.

The courts are unjustifiably lenient in sentencing drunk drivers. While I was in San Francisco, the city was covered with large posters bearing the legend "death rides with a drunk driver." An inebriate driver is more dangerous than the boldest holdup man, for the latter, as a rule, takes only one's money, while the former cripples one's body and cuts off one's life. The suspension of sentence in the case of a sot-slayer is frustration of justice. A couple of years behind the bars would sober up these bibulous drivers.

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Slants at the Meeting

We wouldn't say that El Senor Josef, the old maestro, is an exception but he is one of the few that always "puts-over" a good program.

Without affectation or pretense Joe swings into his lines with ease and grace. No effort at oratory, no attempts at bon mots, he enlightens with a clear distinct voice the purpose of the entertainment.

Joe is a master technician and when he parks that pudgy personality of his in front of a Steinway those ivory keys get ready to unlock sweet harmonies.

Young Halbouty that played such intriguing melodies is one of the most popular artists that comes before the club. He seems to infuse warmth in his music that belies the mechanical so often prevalent in artists.

Tom Walker is just as apt to become a crooner as we are a high priest in the Sanhedrin.

Because he was put in front of a "mike" his conscience seemed to convict him of effeminacy and we ourselves recognize it as a rebuke to his great volume.

Unless there are a lot of liars in the club and Tom would accede to their wishes he would be singing every week for his praise was piling up against our ear-drums like sand dunes in the West.

We were amazed at the club's reaction to the highflung didactics of Mike Moore. Only a few short months ago when the world was wallowing in the slough of despond did we hear the outcry against higher education.

Perhaps its true our aesthetic and emotional natures need to be educated or stimulated to attain loftier peaks. Anyway Mike sprayed us with a convincing verbiage that got better reception than might be expected.

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Workmen's Compensation Insurance

by R. M. Chatham

One of the first pieces of social legislation was for the adoption of a method by which a more humanitarian and prompt way of compensating injured employees for injuries suffered in the course of employment, regardless of whether the employer or employee was negligent.

Previous to the enactment of these laws, it was necessary for the injured employee to prove negligence on the employer's part before he could collect damages for his injuries. On the other hand, if negligence was shown, then the employee was apt to collect damages out of proportion to the injuries received. Workmen's Compensation Laws were designed to compensate injured employees on account of impaired or reduced earning capacity resulting from injuries suffered in the course of employment. They were designed to make more uniform the scale of compensation in the case of accidental injury or death and not leave the estimate of damage to juries.

The economic principle involved in the passage of the Workmen's Compensation Laws was to pass on to the consuming public, as a production expense, the cost of injuries suffered by workmen, and not place the entire burden of accidental injuries on a few employers. The Compensation laws contemplate protection for both the employers and employees by making the cost to the employer definite and fixed, and at the same time giving the injured employee immediate relief when needed most.

Odds With No Ends or Peeps Without Purposes

We hate to flatter you guys, but of late we have heard many compliments on the virility, aggressiveness and activity of Beaumont Rotary Club.

We doubt if there is another club in the U. S. in a city the size of Beaumont that's as large. We hope this laudation leads you to do better and more of it.

In deference to Cooke Wilson whose generosity has provided us with an excellent amplifier don't you think we ought to yield to common sense and have the guests introduced thru the "mike".

A cue on talking through this electrical device; DON'T try to wedge your "fly-trap" into its very vitals but stand a respectful distance as though your halitosis were offensive to its olfactory nerves.

The ROTARYGRAM would like to have every member that has come into the club since January 1st, 1935 and NOT had his picture in the SHEET, go to Artercraft Studios, over the Royal Palm, get "mugged" in your most grinning manner and it won't cost you one sou.

We are anxious to complete the photographic roster of this club and your co-operation is asked, so please go up to Artercraft and tell them you are a Rotarian and get shot.

We want to remind you of the numerous articles appearing in this publication from various members . . . all worth while (we mean the articles). Last week there were three splendid efforts, informative of vocations and what they stood for.

Don't be silly, you don't have to be versed in belles-lettres or endowed with literary genius to write for this weekly, we abhor verbosity, loquacity and circumlocution as you have no doubt noted our succinctness and terseness. Therefore, fly at us with some brain-child indicative of your occupation. . . . Thanks.