

In Memoriam

Willard G. Lovell

I was attached to Willard G. Lovell by that elemental bond of sympathy which kindred souls weave on the loom of their hearts. I admired in him the intrepid pioneer, who blazes a way in the trackless wilderness and causes the barren desert to bloom. I appreciated his high spirit of adventure, his indomitable courage, his unconquerable will and, above all, his rugged independence, which saturated every fiber of his tall, sturdy frame.

In our parasitic age, when every idler thinks the world owes him a living, and when dependence on the dole has become a national disease, Willard G. Lovell's arduous career assumes more than an individual significance. Lovell's Lake, the creation of Willard's adamant will power, is a perennial monument to the dignity of self-reliant manhood and to that indefatigable toil and industry which leans not on outside help, but achieves success by its own strength and energy.

However, I loved Willard not only as a rugged pioneer and pathfinder, but also as the grand old man whose weather-beaten face was always wreathed in a smile, and in whose mild blue eyes there was the twinkle of a mischievous young boy. His strenuous life may have horned his hands, but never hardened his heart, which beat with warm love and sympathy for his fellowmen. His regular attendance at the meetings of the Rotary Club for over two decades, notwithstanding his distant, out-of-town residence, speaks eloquently of his high sense of duty, which rose above convenience and selfish considerations. His life was a source of happiness to his helpmate, a fountain of inspiration to his friends, and a wellspring of blessing to humanity.

To his valiant widow I convey the sincere condolences of the Rotary Club, accompanied by the prayer that the dear Lord may bind up her wounds and pour his balm of comfort upon her bleeding heart.

Samuel Rosinger.

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Slants at the Meeting

Some of you members that are inoculated with the virus of superstition may look askance at the 13th, but boy! she was a gala day for the Rotary Club . . . Last Wednesday week, the 13th, produced 500 at the Farmers and Cattlemen's Day.

This was the biggest turnout the annual barbecue ever had and did our rural guests enjoy the hospitality? They voraciously devoured the food and avidly assimilated the entertainment.

Man's primitive instinct, curiosity, asserted itself and we observed some of the visitors entranced at the legerdemain, trying to outguess the magician. Crab eyes and nervous twitching were in evidence.

Some of the committee needed more time and less stage-fright. One of them went off and others went out and we were made the goat. We felt as silly as the grin on an idiot's face and knew as little about the program as you do about the monetary system. But anyway the program was a good one and if the guests didn't enjoy it we are a bunch of monkeys.

It looks like the permanency of this event is assured and to us it seems the best gesture Rotary has made to the non-member and particularly to the boys from the hinterland. We are in a quandary as to who will claim this program . . . International Service can qualify if some of the guests hailed from Hardin County; Community Service must be recognized if a mingling of sectional interests are interpreted as such; and finally Vocational Service will come into its own if we can demonstrate the fine art of "bull-sliding" to the cattlemen.

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A Chronicle

The earliest known physician was In-hotep, who lived about 2900 B. C. But Hippocrates, 460 B. C., is justly known as the Father of Medicine. Only about fifty years ago the first disease germ was discovered. Soon came knowledge of other germs and of methods to combat them. Rapidly there followed the discovery of perfection of vaccines, serums, sterilization, successful surgery, x-rays, new drugs, gland products, vitamins, and physical healing agents. These, together with pure food, milk, and water have almost eliminated severe plagues and epidemics from most civilized countries. At one time in Europe, smallpox was universal and plagues decimated the population. In 1665 only one agent of the government of Charles II dared remain in London, on account of plague. Modern civilization and its progress is based, and dependent upon medical progress. The latter results only from the collaboration of physicians in the laboratories, at the bedside, and in the operating room.

In these days of scientific medicine, many laboratory tests are performed as an aid to physical diagnosis. The pathologist, at the request of the family physician, makes the various laboratory examinations that are so often necessary in the accurate diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of disease.

Seab J. Lewis.

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When you see a friend slipping away from you, drop whatever you are doing and bring him back, for friendship is the one thing that you cannot afford to do without.—David Grayson.

Polymerization, A Recent Development in Refining

Carl Dickens

The increased demand for high anti-knock gasoline has stimulated research to produce more of this product. Recent developments in a process called "Polymerization", which converts gas to gasoline, assure an increase in the production of cracked gasoline of the order of ten to twenty-five percent.

Cracking ordinarily produces a large amount of gas which is at present being burned as fuel. If this gas is subjected to high pressure and temperature a rearrangement of the particles within the gas itself takes place with the formation of gasoline. Gasoline produced by this method is of high anti-knock value. It has been estimated that from the natural gas produced in the United States in one year it would be possible to recover 110,000,000 barrels of this polymerized gasoline which is one fourth of all the gasoline used in this country in one year.

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A Momentous Question

We have been asked several times to give expression to our views on "The South Texas State Fair" i. e. whether it should be continued.

This editor is not opposed to controversial matters pertaining to civic affairs, but on the contrary is imbued with the idea they should be "aired" for the betterment of the community . . . a fine service to be rendered by Rotary.

If some of you deep thinkers, or loose talkers, want to give vent to your opinion, in a constructive manner and terse language, we would accord you the privilege in these pages. 250 to 300 words ought to suffice to state concisely the reason WHY.

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"Lotsa Fun"

This is the title of a book coming off the press in the next few days by our good friend Jack Dionne, the inimitable story-teller who has contributed as much as any member or guest in dissipating gloom and stepping-up your amperage.

We are glad to be given the opportunity to ballyhoo this new creation and if it will bring as many belly-rattles as CULLUD FUN did it will find a place in our library of humor. Quoting:

"Nearly 300 the grandest stories ever told. Nigger stories, Scandinavian, French, Scotch, English, Italian, Hebrew, Indian, Drunk, Political, Rural, Mountain, Goofy, Stammering and other successful stories told by Jack Dionne. What a Gift' Whata World of Laughs."