

## Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

I would suggest to the inventor of the park-o-meter to use his genius for contriving a breathe-o-meter, and charge a nickel, every thirty minutes, for the air a human inhales. After disposing of this contraption to rapacious municipalities, let him produce the crowning invention of the age, the live-o-meter, which would tax a person for the coveted privilege of being alive, from the cradle to the grave. Speaking in all seriousness, the country has gone tax mad. We suffer from the debilitating disease of tax-mania. Federal, state, county and municipal heads works overtime in devising new taxes. Economy, retrenchment, efficiency never enter the mind of our quadruple government. I am violently opposed to strikes, yet I am willing not only to join, but even lead a strike against all new taxes, especially the painless ones. Next to tyranny, tax is the most hated word in my dictionary, for tax is the means where-by governments choke freedom and chain humanity.

In the state of Louisiana, wherever the highway or byway is intersected by a switch or railroad track, there stands an ugly signpost, large enough to serve as a gallows, bearing the legend: "Stop, Louisiana Law." I have yet to see a motorist stop before these silly posts. A sensible driver will, naturally, slow down when approaching a railroad crossing, but will pay no attention to a law which promotes no safety, and causes unnecessary interruption and delay. As futile as these ungainly signposts, is the irrational regulation of the liquor traffic recently enacted by our state legislation. Restricting the sale of liquor to packages, far from promoting temperance, will increase drinking in automobiles, a far more dangerous locality than the open saloon. It is such senseless legislation that makes of Americans a nation of law-breakers, and lowers even in the eyes of decent folks, respect before the law.

The Mariposa viaduct, even though improved somewhat since it has been widened, is still uncomfortably narrow for the heavy flow of traffic that rolls over it, without a line in the center to guide motorists. To mark that line with paint, is a waste of time and effort, as, in a day or two, it is entirely obliterated. A narrow ridge made out of red colored concrete would permanently remedy the situation.

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### *Slants at the Meeting*

The rah rah boys and the sunkist gals under the direction of Charles 'Wine Balm' stepped up the amperage of the old club last week.

Many manual demonstrations and vocal chord exhibitions were in evidence and hilarity popped out like fire-crackers on the 4th.

Even professor Mac waxed warm in his admonitions to care and cheer in the high school safari to waterloo.

There is something in the din of youth that bolsters up the spirit of all except the moribund.

And if you can't "take" this raucous exhibition it's just another manifestation that senility is creeping up on your front steps.

However, we must confess that the blare of that band was just about as soothing to our jittery nerves as a bunch of wild cats would be tied to our shirt tail.

As for Charlie, we want to praise him as an entertainer and prod him as a prognosticator. Israel never had any prophet like him. As a predictor of results this guy is just as warm as a frozen pump handle and as accurate as a blunder. Check.

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### *Dallas Day*

Tomorrow our big brother from the North, Dallas, will entertain you.

Those of you who were present last year when this fine bunch of Rotarians called will surely be on hand.

Bring a guest and show him what the spirit of Rotary has done for inter-city affiliation.

A fine gesture of friendliness. A bond of affection.

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### A Toast To Our Host Cooke

It's something to squat your anatomy down in front of turkey and cranberries under ordinary conditions, but when the sting of price has been removed it merges into that delightful sensation of "gastronomic exhilaration".

Beyond the maudlin saving of six-bits we sense a fine spirit of generosity and a token of good will from our esteemed host and past president, Cooke. So hats off and best wishes for your new manager, Tom Shumate, the honoree.—Ed.

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### An Expression of Appreciation (ANNUAL BARBECUE)

Beaumont, Texas, November 29, 1935.

Rotary Club,  
625 Orleans,  
Beaumont, Texas.  
Gentlemen:

As one of Jefferson County's cattle men I very much desire to express my appreciation and thanks for the courtesy and good time which you gave us recently at your club.

I enjoyed the speeches and good fellowship, and such meetings are bound to bring a closer union and a better understanding between all good citizens who should have at heart the welfare of our county. Again I thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Ivy Janes.

—R—

### Business and Radio Schools

There is no type of education that can be secured in so short a time at so little a cost that will give greater returns on the investment of time and

money than a business or radio training. Young people who are trained in business and radio are indispensable.

Approximately two million women in the United States working in offices constitute a larger number than in any other occupation except domestic service. A comparative number of young men are also employed in such occupations.

Radio now offers a much greater opportunity for future employment. A private business and radio school must maintain its advancement on its own merits and the success of its graduates. As a result, private business and radio training institutions serve business and commerce to an advantage.

A survey recently made shows that 90 per cent of the graduates of private business schools accept positions within thirty days after graduation. Graduates of private business schools do not belong to the ten million that are now looking for jobs. Today, private schools training for business and radio offer the shortest and quickest route to employment.

A. B. Chenier.

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### Youth Service Opportunity

#### AT LEAST GIVE THEM A HEARING

A Mother writes:

May I make a plea for the hundreds of high school boys seeking employment, and beg whoever has the interviewing of them just to listen to them? You may be very busy and inclined to feel and act abruptly, but the feeling of not being listened to is killing the ambition these young boys have in the job of applying for work.

Only mothers know the job of bolstering up daily discouragement, when boys set out on their daily round, to have it knocked down by a wave of a hand and "nothing today".

I told my boy when he left this morning, "You have a good education and appearance; don't be afraid to ask".

And he said, "I'm not afraid, mom, to ask, if they'd only listen to me".

So, will you busy men help with the task of building up the morale of the business men of tomorrow who are job seekers of today, and give the boys a hearing? If you can't give them jobs, at least listen to their request; don't damn their ambition with indifference or impatience. What does it matter if you forget him when he's left the room? He feels he amounts to something and has encouragement to try the next place.

"A MOTHER"

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Michigan, U. S. A.)