

## Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

Now that our county has gone "legally" wet, I am willing to join any temperance society composed of responsible and representative men, for the purpose of educating the public, and especially the youth of our community, in the moderate use of alcoholic beverages. Let decent folks create a strong sentiment against excessive drinking, and exclude offenders from the circle of respectable society. Let them establish social clubs of wholesome moral atmosphere to replace the night clubs of questionable repute. Let them bring pressure upon the authorities to clear the highways of drunken drivers. By such and similar sensible methods, I am convinced, that the public can gradually be taught to assume a sane attitude towards liquor, and use it as a stimulant and not as a stupefier of the senses.

The T. B. Association of Beaumont is engaged in a highly constructive health work that is intimately bound up with the welfare of our community. It not only aids in the recovery of victims of tuberculosis, but it also takes effective measures for the prevention of the dreaded disease among school children. The organization deserves your undivided support, and if you have not yet mailed your check in response to its appeal, do so at your earliest convenience.

I am happy to be one of those who have called down upon themselves the ire of War Secretary Dern because of their opposition to military training in colleges. The purpose of our schools and colleges is to prepare our youth for the peaceful pursuit of life, and not to make them adjuncts of the government's military machine. Our colleges lay more than enough stress on athletics and physical education, and there is no need to further divert attention from their studies by training them to do goose-stepping and mechanical regimentation. If the government needs more military schools, let it establish them through Congressional authorization, but let it not divert our colleges from their educational aims and purposes and convert them into miniature West Points. All lovers of peace, as well as opponents to governmental meddling in state affairs, will be gratified to know, that Secretary Dern's effort to introduce military training in the University of Texas, met with such a storm of protests from ministerial associations and peace societies, no less than the faculty and the student body, that the Board of Regents definitely turned its thumbs down on this unwarranted interference of the War Secretary with educational institutions maintained by the state.

# ROTARYGRAMS

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### Slants at the Meeting

Cognizant of that old axiom "There is two sides to every question" leaves us in doubt about the Dallas Club's reaction to her visit down here.

We will never know whether it was 'the night before' or 'the day after' that impressed the visitors.

Wrist agility, bibulous adeptness and gastronomic nimbleness characterized some of the individual members in the evening's entertainment.

The majority of vocations represented in the group was "TRANSPORTATION" and it was the irony of fate that the d— bus was routed 40 miles out of the way and then got h— knocked out of 'em.

These annual treks between the two big clubs of the 48th are a fine expression of good will and a welding of friendship.

There is no man in the district as beloved as old Walter Kinsberry and his very presence radiates an atmosphere of friendliness.

Bentley Young, the Dallas president, bore a message of cheer and best wishes from his club.

Bob Poole could have come down by himself and sang "Wagon Wheel" and got by with a splendid program. Bob's more than a favorite, he's a regular guy that stands ace high.

Pop Jackson, the speaker of the day, with his homely philosophy and humor, is a new-comer to us, and Dallas didn't go awry when they made the selection.

"The Little Things of Life" that gave us a kick was timely and salutary. Some of the sour-face, austere type need to have their risibilities excited, now and then.

Pop's mannerisms were provocative of laughter and dove-tailed in with his selection of stories. The spontaneity of his humor impressed itself on the audience and added to their enjoyment.

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## Your Chamber of Commerce

The modern Chamber of Commerce is the central business and service headquarters for the entire Community. The Chamber of Commerce today, as typified by your Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, deals carefully in verified facts and observes the strictest confidence in its dealings with industrial and business prospects; also in securing information and rendering service to local institutions of every character.

Your Chamber of Commerce has widely diversified activities as represented in more than a score of active committees. There are always opportunities for service in connection with the varied programs of your Chamber of Commerce for every public-spirited citizen.

The Chamber of Commerce does not enter into political or factional controversies but endeavors to advance only those programs which are of interest to the civic, commercial or industrial welfare of the community as a whole.

Our Rotary Club is composed of men selected for their character, interest and outstanding ability to represent their classifications in Rotary and, in turn represent Rotary to their respective classifications; acting on the basic motto 'He profits most who serves best'. Therefore, one of the first sure identification marks of a real Rotarian is his active paying membership in his Chamber of Commerce which has been consistently advocated by Rotary International throughout the years.

Ray Gill.

## Economic Loss By Fire

(A contribution by Chas. Smelker, recently appearing in an Insurance Journal.)

What happens when fire destroys a building? Too often men see only the obvious thing and say the owner will rebuild with his insurance settlement, or that he is "out of luck" because he carried insufficient insurance or none at all.

But those who delve below the surface will see what actually takes place. They will appreciate that the materials in the structure are destroyed for all time and that their value is, in truth, gone. They will realize that this represents an economic loss to the nation and when they are told that the total material destroyed by fire annually has averaged almost a half billion dollars for the past ten years, they will appreciate that this cannot go on indefinitely without impairing America's resources.

Those who look with discerning eyes will see even more than this. They will recognize the economic waste of time lost and of unemployment, if the building was used for industrial purposes. They will see, too, the loss to associated and dependent industries.

From the more personal side, they will realize that the tax revenue from the building is lost and must be distributed among other citizens. Likewise, they will see that the cost of the fire must be included in the insurance charge to all policyholders. Thus the hand of fire extracts dollars from the pocketbooks of every citizen in the community when property is destroyed.

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## The Vicissitudess of Life

(Copied from Rotagraph, Ft. Worth)

Here is a letter one Oklahoma man who moved to Texas wrote back to an old friend: "Well, since I sold the little farm in Arkansas, I have prospered. You know we always lived in the one room shack, but I came to East Texas and bought a farm and pretty soon I leased it to an oil company and was sure lucky. They hit a big oil field on the place and now I have a big house in Alto. It has six rooms. There is one room that we do nothing but eat in; there is one that we just sit in; two rooms that we don't do anything but sleep in; one room that we don't do anything but cook in; and there is one that is white and has a place that you can wash all over, and over in the corner is a place that you can wash your hands and face in, and over in the other corner there is a place that you can wash your feet in. When we moved there were two lids on this, but we have taken them off. We are using one of them for a dough board, and we have framed grandpa's picture with the other one."

—Author Unknown.