

Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

If you want to get into the good graces of old-fashioned folks, sing the praises of the worthless antiques with which their homes are cluttered up. If your eyes alight on a chair or table or bedstead that look as if they had come out of Noah's Ark, say casually, "They don't make furniture like this these days," and you will have won the undying friendship of Mr. and Mrs. Old Fogey. Or, if you see their 1924 model bus polished up as if it had come straight from the factory, listen to the heaving of the four cylinder motor and remark, "They may streamline the cars these days, but they don't equip them with motors like this." No flattering uncton could be pleasanter to the proud possessor of such junk than your endorsement of their conservative tastes and habits.

Man is a conservative creature, if not by nature, then by inertia. Reform involves a change, and, unless man is reasonably sure that the change would be to his decided advantage, he prefers the status quo. It is only the idealist that is anxious to experiment and set out upon uncharted seas in the hope of discovering new worlds. The average man becomes a creature of habit and routine and convention, and his homely philosophy is "let well enough alone." It is only in great emergencies, when, as a measure of despair, he is open to a change, often even of a revolutionary type; but, as soon as the crisis is over, he reverts to his old ways and prefers a bird in the hand to two in the bush. The grave mistake the present administration is making is its determined effort to foist upon the people emergency measures as a permanent policy. The American people cannot swallow such a large dose of reform as the government tries to force down its throat, and it will rebel against it at the polls in no uncertain terms.

However, important as is the course which the government will take in one direction or the other, and far-reaching as the effect of the verdict of the Supreme Court on the New Deal will be, the fate of the individual citizen in the course of 1936 or any other year rests neither on the turn which politics will take, nor on the decisions which judicial bodies will hand down, but on his own firm resolution to live in peace with his neighbor, to look upon life as a proposition of give and take, and to seek and find his happiness in working for the attainment of a worthwhile goal in life.

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Slants at the Meeting

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY: To corral the loose ends of a prevalent idea, tie them into a linguistic knot and present them as a symmetrical whole and a thing of beauty to an audience, was the magical trick of Walter Jenkins.

That captivating speech of Walter's proclaiming the inevitable superiority of Beaumont Rotary Club's programs sat just as pretty with the members as grandmother does on a downy divan.

From the time of entrance to the time of departure the two hours was an interlude of ejaculations of AH's and OH's, registering the emotional approval of the vast audience.

The glamorous stage setting was enough to intrigue the most callous but enlivened with a hidden chorus singing Christmas carols and adorned with six beautiful young girls bearing baskets of violets, was, indeed, a picture to entrance and fascinate.

The toy band awakened in the hearts of every parent a desire to seize and kiss them as they stood in their childlike simplicity doing their bit to foster the spirit of cheerfulness and forgiveness.

The distribution of presents was an innovation and was enhanced by the six lovely little tots as donors.

The group of young girls arrayed in Christmas attire bearing each lady present a beautiful corsage of violets was a distinctive feature of the program.

A Toast to Rotary, by Rotaryann Lorene Bingham, was received with enthusiastic accord and acted as a prelude to a drama.

Mrs. Milam's ensemble of talent was at its best and discoursed sweet music during the meal.

And so 've take off our hats to Eddie Stedman, the serious-minded lad, and his cohorts, for this wonderful program, and to the ever-popular favorite Walter Jenkins and his gang (of beauty) that contributed so much to the musical numbers.

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A Few Pertinent Observations

By An Impertinent Reporter

Harry Longe bears the unique distinction of issuing the cleverest Christmas cards extant.

Marshall Muse, our honorary, is entitled to the crystallized clabber for operating the longest municipal bus-line in the world . . . we saw one the other day, reading: "To Amarillo".

We never realized until the other day the capacious gulch athwart Hap Faber's face when he almost swallowed the "mike" in his introduction of guests. A splendid voice from so tremendous an aperture.

Keith Hotchkiss, our Governor, was recently honored in Dallas as perhaps no other district official. A dance and general reception was accorded him by that club.

Dr. Arthur Sheldon, a very prominent and early Rotarian, died during Christmas week in Mission, Texas. Dr. Sheldon was the author of the International's slogan, "He profits most who serves best."

Now that a lot of you fellers have concocted a bunch of lies in the form of New Year's Resolutions (and broken 'em) and that we have lived despite the Democratic New Deal Administration, The League of Notions and the Beaumont Charter Committee, we wish every dadgum one of you a little more money and a little more happiness during '36 than you were able to eke out in the past dozen months.—Editor.

A Bachelor's Viewpoint

Wether to dress up or not is a debatable question in some families. But I have set views on it that I admit may be influenced by the business I am engaged in; or it may be that I am engaged in this business because of my views. As you have already guessed, I believe in dressing up. From my long experience selling women clothes, hats and accessories, I feel convinced that dressing up is worth while. It makes a woman feel her best when she is smartly clad. It improves her health; as a tonic, there is nothing better. It raises her morale, giving her a bright outlook on life. It makes her disposition sunny.

As for the effect on the man paying the bills, it stimulates him, too. It makes him ambitious to earn more, to keep up the pace the wife sets. It encourages him to go out socially with the best people, thereby improving his status in the community, and adding to his worth-while friends.

These are some of my reasons for favoring dressing up among the fair sex; you know the other one!

Joe Rosenthal.

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Insurance, a Protection, Not an Investment

Occasionally an assured is reluctant to renew his automobile insurance for the reason he has had no claim under expiring policy and looks upon premium paid as being a loss. When such statement is made it is generally an easy matter to convince the assured he has the wrong slant on the object of insurance.

It is my opinion that every type of automobile that operates on the streets and highways should be required to carry public liability and property damage insurance. It too frequently happens that dilapidated trucks and passenger cars, not equipped with tail lights or brakes are responsible for serious accidents and the owner has no insurance. The most the damaged party could recover through suit would be an empty judgment. An accident of this character is simply a case of "hard luck" for the injured party. Compulsory insurance to the extent of public liability and property damage should be required.

Drivers' license should have tendency to reduce accidents, as it would be impossible for careless driver to continue to obtain license.

Official figures just released state auto fatalities for year Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Five to be Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred.

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