

Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

I have been in intimate touch with the schools of our city for the past twenty years. The supervision of the education of my four children brought me in close contact with every branch of the system. Also, as the spiritual leader of a congregation that stresses education as the paramount concern of man, I enter into the lives of hundreds of parents who take a vital interest in the education of their children. Therefore, in claiming that our school system is as efficient and has as high a scholastic rating as any in its class in the state, I know that I voice not only my personal opinion, but also the conviction of a large cross-section of intelligent parents of the community. Every member of the staff of consecrated teachers employed in our schools, deserves unstinted credit for his or her share in this achievement. Yet, without the expert knowledge and conscientious labors of the superintendent, such an accomplishment would be impossible. I want to congratulate Mike Moore on his eighteen years of distinguished service at the helm of our schools. To him goes credit for the modernization of our schools, both, in the method of instruction as well as physical equipment. May he continue to carry on his responsible work in the knowledge that the community at large is behind him, and is deeply appreciative of his services.

Whether the bonus will be a bane or a boon to business, will depend entirely upon the use to which the beneficiaries will put it. If the money will be judiciously spent, it will quicken business and stimulate industry. But, if the billions will be frittered away in a spree of foolish spending, the bonus will prove merely another futile attempt to fill up the bottomless sack of the depression with governmental dole. Life insurance companies ought to instruct their agents to waylay every veteran entitled to a bonus, and induce him, if possible, to invest a part of his money in the most sensible saving ever devised by human ingenuity, a life insurance policy.

Our club makes very generous use of the service which the large number of artistically gifted men and women who compose our home talent, give most graciously and without compensation. Without the help of these people of exceptional endowment, our programs would be dry and stale and often even stupid. They lend the spice of variety and the flavor of mirth and gaiety to the heavy fare which the committees dish up. Were the club to pay for these entertainments, it would suffer from chronic bankruptcy. It would be a fine gesture of appreciation on the part of the club to invite the ensemble of these artists once a year, and ask the bachelor members of our club to provide a program for them.

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Slants at the Meeting

Lincoln was the subject discussed by a visitor and who sought to disclose a different angle on the influences in the great emancipator's life.

Illinois as the West and Kentucky and Tennessee as the South were merged for the purposes of making the Southwest's Influence on the life of Lincoln.

Geographically speaking the gentleman is all wet, that is, from the present generation. Perhaps Kentucky, the border state, and Illinois at that time, might, by a stretch of the imagination, be regarded as the Southwest.

Anyway we will not haggle over these details if you are reconciled to them; but we must say that the lecture in itself was disappointing to us.

The genealogical tree rather than the offspring, came in for most of the attention, and while we admire a good background that was NOT the subject.

The speaker was rather resentful of the tradition and glamour that has enveloped some of our national characters, and particularly this one, as unworthy of credence.

Confidentially we have always entertained a sneaking idea that about five-fourths of the tradition, romance and heroism emanating around the person of many historical characters ought to be debunked and progeny set right.

The innate tendency for mankind to resort to hyperbole in the earlier days wouldn't seem any less to us at this time where man has just gotten down to plain lying.

With due respect to our guest speaker we understand that he had several other lectures on Lincoln and which we think would have reacted better on this club.

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Trivia, Inertia and Ort.

In this club you will find a man who is so modest and shy that he even blushes when spoken to, yet is a successful business man and conducts a splendid business.

“You got a good looking hat, Bill.”

“Yeah. Bought it five years ago, had it cleaned three times, changed it twice in restaurants, once at a Rotary club . . . and it’s still as good as new.”

Houston Rotary Bulletin, January 21st, bears a likeness of our old friend Chas. Shoolroy and giving a thorough biographical sketch. An interesting recital of Charles early struggles in oh-10, also the rapid development of his business since his advent in Houston.

One of the finest types of unselfishness is exemplified in the life of a Beaumont Rotarian . . . his hobby is doing good for others, and all the Student Loan Fund, Back-to-school movement and special donations for helping boys perhaps would not equal 5 per cent of his contributions.

The Beaumont Rotary Club has about 7 men capable of introducing visitors without the aid of the “mike”, that can be heard distinctly in all

quarters of the room. Roland Jones is four of them, so we award him the mullified enunciator.

Bill Campbell inadvertently unearthed a poisoned thorn in his reference to Lincoln and the South during the Civil War. Bitterness and hatred should die and remain dead.

Lufkin Rotary Club is throwing the big fit February 17th and extends an invitation to all Beaumont Rotarians; especially those who overlooked something last April. This is a night function,—evening to the elite—and a little dress-up would be appropriate.

Marshall the conference city for early May, held out alluring promises over her aquatic sports and the serene beauty of her lakes, during the contest last year at Lufkin. It seems now the DAM thing has never been built so they will substitute foot-races instead.

J. Fuzzy, the heavy VICE-prexy, with the Barrymorean contour, is doing a good job during the absence of Bill Graham. Seriousness is manifest in each utterance of our presiding officer . . . Charlie Terrell hasn’t explained to him about “unlaxing” yet.

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ANTICIPATE TROUBLE

An old saying: “I am an old man, and have many troubles, most of which never happened.”

The inference from this is that it doesn’t pay to worry about your troubles.

But the reason why most of our troubles never happen is because we do worry about them “Sorry” is probably not the right word. “Think” or “study” would be better.

“Worry” about your troubles before they happen, and they won’t happen.

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What you don’t find in the newspapers is adequately reported to your wife by her hairdresser.