

Slants at the Meeting

One of the most cocksure program chairman in this old club is Lawrence Galewsky and he has the obsession that we are laying for him to cauterize some abortive effort of his group.

This is a natural inference from a few of the gibes he has shot at us and maybe we wouldn't be averse to detaching about four yards of his epidermis over an inane, mawkish attempt.

BUT, we must admit that this Lawrence is justified in his pride for he has never yet failed to produce a "corking" good program and last week's was right up to the apex of perfection.

The program was a satire, replete with all the elements of wit, ridicule and sarcasm. It was a take-off on human weaknesses; as well as a darn good lesson in SAFETY.

When that big Jew, Walter Mayer unfolded out of that indented sardine can like a jack-knife from a boy's pocket the house was convulsed with laughter and it was a fitting prelude to the drama that followed.

The court scene presented many ludicrous phases, especially the banter between the Judge and Walter Mayer, the defendant. Eddie and Merry also proved an abundance of human selfishness in their efforts to escape punishment.

The whole set-up to reveal the abuse of laws and the cunning efforts to shift the blame for infractions did not go amiss.

The mayor Pete made an impassioned appeal to the members to cooperate in the enforcement of the traffic ordinances and stay the hand of death that strikes at the highways.

The appalling carnage resulting from the operation of automobiles in the year 1935 has staggered the nation and awakened it to determined effort.

Caldwell McFaddin made so darn much noise in speaking we couldn't hear what he said but we acquiesce in his views on voting and throwing "the rascals" out. The interlude in his "address" was well timed to permit a reversal of opinion and his appeal was well received.

A snappy, novel program, we say, that proves our contention there are still many delightful ideas awaiting to be converted into entertainment and educational benefits. Thanks for one of our best.

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ROTARYGRAMS

OF BEAUMONT



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To-day is

National Youth Administration Program

under the supervision of

Community Service Committee

with the following invited guests:

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Tulsa, Okla.

W. O. ALEXANDER
District Director, NYA
Houston, Texas

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
State Administrator, NYA
Austin, Texas

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District Director, NYA
Beaumont, Texas

Together with all six of the advisory Board of Jefferson County and officers of other character building institutions of the city.

cases and at the same time has contributed toward character development. A child can not develop traits of independence, cooperation, interest, and appreciation without materials with which to work. The school principals have stated that if it were not for the help given through this fund there are certain students who would not be in school as they or their parents are too proud to ask for charity. By furnishing materials in a quiet way, leaving it entirely to the discretion of the principals, there is no embarrassment on the part of the child. It adds to his morale, giving him more pride, makes him more independent, and he does not feel that he is being deprived of things which more fortunate children enjoy.

With the money at hand which is furnished by the Rotary Club many needs which require instant, direct attention, those which the ordinary relief organizations would delay due to necessary investigation, are taken care of immediately in such a manner as to avoid hurting the child's sensibilities or developing an inferiority complex.

It is our aim to help the child become conscious of his own individuality and to develop those characteristics which will make of him a better citizen without making him conscious of his poverty.

The Rotary Club has not chosen to give publicity to this Back-To-School movement but rather to conform with the idea of rendering effective service to the children without danger of their being reminded that they are Rotary Club "Charity Cases", or of being placed under obligation to anyone. It is our desire to gain our objective without stressing our own benevolence.

—R—

The Student Loan Fund

By Perk Butler

Creation of Fund: The principal of the fund at July 5, 1935 was \$12,116.68 and was created (1) by donation of Rotary Club of Beaumont, \$4,600.00; (2) donations of Rotarians and friends, \$6,951.50; and (3) accumulated earnings of \$565.18. At July 5, 1935, the fund was invested as follows:

Notes of Students.....	\$12,291.80	
Less—Loans authorized but not advanced	\$ 90.00	
—Interest included in face of notes.....	1,662.17	1,752.17
Cash investment in student's Notes....	\$10,539.63	
Cash—American National Bank of Beaumont.....	\$ 984.78	
—First National Bank of Beaumont	592.27	1,577.05
Total of Fund—July 5, 1935....		\$12,116.68

Contributions to the Fund prior to October 6,

1933, amounting to \$6,946.50, are shown in our report of October 1933. Since that time a \$5.00 contribution from Ivan Singleton one of the students aided by the Fund, is recorded under date of December 2, 1933.

Receipts & Disbursements of the fund for the entire period—to July 5, 1935—are shown in the following tabulation:

Receipts:

Rotary Club contribution.....	\$ 4,600.00
Individual contributions	6,951.50
Collections of principal of loans.....	7,840.21
Collections of interest on loans.....	576.40

Total receipts.....\$19,968.11

Disbursements:

Loans to students.....	\$17,794.50
Insurance paid for students	585.34
Fee for filing charter.....	10.00
Federal tax on checks.....	1.22

Total disbursements \$18,391.06

Balance:

American National Bank..	\$ 984.78
First National Bank.....	592.27
	\$ 1,577.05

Income is taken into account only when collected. A reserve is carried for uncollected portion of interest added to notes upon renewals. The income and expenses during the entire fund are undernoted:

Income:

Interest—actually collected\$ 576.40

Expenses:

Charter filing fee.....	\$ 10.00	
Federal Tax on Checks.....	1.22	11.22

Net Earnings.....\$ 565.18

In addition to the above, I would state that the Fund is operated by a Committee appointed from time to time by the Rotary President. The present Committee is composed of the following:

Tom Smelker	Carl Bingman
Leo Ney	Perk Butler
Eugene McDonald	

In addition to the information contained in the Auditor's Report, it would be interesting to know that the Fund has loaned a total of \$18,379.84 to fifty-four students to aid in their schooling. Ninety-two loans have been made, two or more loans being made to some students. The average has been \$340.36 per student and \$199.78 per loan. At the present time we have twelve students that are being helped financially through the present school year.

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N. Y. A.

This is an effort on the part of the Government to do something for YOUTH, and it is meeting with hearty cooperation throughout the land.

Today's program is sponsored by the Rotary Club for the purpose of creating in the minds of our members the necessity for aiding YOUTH in its struggle to get a foothold.

Beaumont Rotary Club does not expect to engage directly in YOUTH work but it does hope to instill into the minds of its members the responsibility each owe to the cause.

A kind word, a good deed here and there to some boy or girl will be a tremendous bulwark against the "red" tide that might come our way.

The Youth of the land are the Assets of the Nation.

Back-to-School Movement, an article by Carl Dickens, the general chairman of this Club work, will reveal to you some interesting data.

Student Loan Fund . . . Also in this issue you will find a resume of the work carried on by the club to aid boys.

Rotary does its charity in unostentatious ways; preferring the conscienceness of well-doing to vain-glorious publicity.

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Back-To-School Movement

By Carl Dickens

Last year \$500.00 was spent by the Rotary Club in carrying out the Back-to-School movement, and to date this school year over \$200.00 has already been used for the promotion of moral and social development of underprivileged children. There are an average of three hundred children in the schools of Beaumont who receive aid each month from this fund which is used for the purchase of clothing and supplies which the children work with, such as pencils, paper, work books, art supplies, etc.

The causes for which this money has been used were urgent and afforded immediate relief to worthy

Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

For the past decade or so, maudlin sentimental writers have dished up to the public much unsavory mess about flaming and revolting youth that discards conventional sex morality and regards self expression, which is merely another name for self indulgence, as its highest ideal. I consider this phase of the youth problem the least to worry about. Nature breaks the shackles of Winter and is aflame with riotous colors at Springtime. Were young men to pass through the budding period of life with the drabness of their sap-less elders, the race would be swiftly heading toward extinction. Civilization with its artificial standards could never solve the sex problem satisfactorily, and our chaotic age in which everything seems to be topsy turvy, surely, lacks understanding to tackle such a vital proposition.

I see the youth problem with all its tragic implications ghastly revealed in the information released by Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins, according to which since 1929 over three million boys and girls have reached working age only to find no occupation, and have had to enter the federal relief system. The net annual increase in employable boys and girls since 1929 has been 500,000 a year. These boys and girls arriving at working age, know nothing, but relief. In addition to these three million young folks on relief, there are two million young men and women who have no jobs, and have to live on the earnings of their relations.

I do not know of a more vital humanitarian problem this nation is confronted with than this vast and rapidly growing army of young men and women condemned to enforced idleness, or to boondoggling for dole.

The discontent and resentment rankling in the breasts of these helpless victims of the sins of society, may not break out in the consuming flame of open revolt. Yet, I know that were I one of them, the alluring promises of the wildest Utopia and radical propaganda would be sweet music to my ears. This problem cannot be solved by the bungling bureaucracy of the government. The business men of each community will have to solve their share of the problem. Creating conditions under which this vast horde of young people will find steady and suitable employment, is of greater importance than paying the farmer a processing tax or giving war veterans baby bonds. The five millions of unemployed youth constitute the foundation of this nation, and if we build our democracy on shifting sands instead of bedrock, one does not have to stretch his imagination to see what devastating effect the tug of a whirlwind would have upon it.