

## Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

In connection with the safety campaign that is being waged in our community, I want to appeal to the Safety Brigade to eliminate the menace to safety that arises from the wild chasing of ambulances of competing companies through our streets whenever an accident occurs. The city council of Hicktown would not tolerate such a hazardous nuisance, and, yet, our city authorities, notwithstanding that complaints have been lodged through the press many a time, suffer three, aye, even four ambulances to stage a free-for-all race in the streets when one amply answers the need. I would suggest that the mortuary companies take weekly turns, and thus not only effect a considerable saving to themselves, but also appreciably reduce the hazard to traffic. Should the companies not come to an agreement, let the Police Department maintain a small ambulance to handle accidents. An officer has to run to the scene of accidents anyhow, therefore, the police might as well take care of the whole emergency.

According to press reports, a shaft higher than the Washington Monument at the nation's capitol, will be erected on the San Jacinto Battlefield in commemoration of the Centennial of Texas independence. Of all the wanton waste of public money, memorial shafts are the most useless expenditures. The Pharaohs of Egypt and other tyrants of antiquity needed monuments of vanity in the form of pyramids and monoliths, for, otherwise, lacking true worth and merit, posterity would have consigned them to the grave of oblivion. But Washington, Sam Houston and other heroic sons of America, need no mute piles of granite to remember them by. They will live eternally in the pages of American history and in the sacred shrine of their countrymen's hearts. If a monument must be erected by all means, let it be an institution that will serve the living, a school, a hospital, a library, a museum, etc. A vigorous protest by the public ought to put a stop to the launching of such senseless projects.

As far as I am concerned, I consider even the conventional monuments at cemeteries, as outworn memorials. Planting a tree at the grave and marking it with a small bronze tablet is a far more appropriate monument than a block of granite. Bury me where birds will sing over my grave and where my mouldering bones will feed the roots of the tree that will shelter and shade the feathered tribe. When the race will grow up, it will establish cemeteries in the form of memorial groves and forests in place of granite monuments and mausoleums.

# ROTARYGRAMS

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## E. E. PLUMLY

In the death of E. E. Plumly the Rotary Club of Beaumont has lost one of its most valuable members. He will be greatly missed. No greater tribute can be paid to any man than to sincerely and honestly say that his death leaves a void in the ranks of an organization that can not be filled and that he will be missed.

Elmer Plumly has always been one of the most important members of the Beaumont Rotary Club. He has always responded promptly and enthusiastically to all activities and has been a mountain of strength to the Club. His wisdom and influence and personal endeavors have been freely given to the support of Rotary; he has always subscribed to its ethics in every way, and though never permitting his name to be used prominently and declining all ostentatious positions, nevertheless, he has always contributed in the fullest to every move or need for the betterment of the organization.

Elmer Plumly was always patient, kind and considerate with the membership and its problems and continually sought opportunities to be of service to others, putting that entirely above any personal advancement.

He will be missed.

The fact that he has always stood by ready to help, gladly throwing his time, talent and influence into the accomplishment of any meritorious thing the club might desire, makes his a place that can not be filled.

He will be missed.

J. S. E.

## Slants at the Meeting

Youth Movement was the program last week and the earnestness of Millard McMaster recommended itself to all.

Community Service assumes the responsibility and credit for this effort.

It came under the classification of edification rather than entertainment, whether you concur in the viewpoints or not.

Mr. Alexander, of Houston, district director of NYA, gave an analysis of this undertaking and some interesting data.

Hastings Harrison, our old friend from Tulsa (erstwhile Beaumont) seemed to be ill at ease in uncorking his well of enthusiasm for his many friends here. But once under way he just tore the "Christmas Tree" off and let her go.

We were interested in Hastings observations on the trend of the socio-politico aspects of the country at this time. He is firmly convinced the businessmen of the nation are the ones to correct the errors of our way.

Our president set out to revolutionize the social conditions of USA under the guidance of academicians, theorists and sophomores; next we find him addressing letters to the clergy for sagacity and wisdom; and finally we note the dear congress thwarting him in cherished aspirations.

We know darn well the country is hopelessly stymied, bunkered and trapped with no escape if it rests with the politicians to get her in the fairways. As to the efficacy of the businessmen's ministrations we don't know.

No doubt Youth Movement is a good thing and will help; however, we are convinced that the deplorable situation facing the youths of this land is resultant of the condition of our economic position. Correct the latter and the former will adjust itself.

We are not pessimists . . . we just don't know what the-el is wrong and if a lot of these flop-jawed orators had half as much sense as they have vanity a little light might be diffused on the subject.

The world seems to be waiting for the master mind to direct the old ship through this maelstrom. In Europe they are kicking the Jews out of Germany; in Africa, the niggers out of Ethiopia; in Asia, the Chinks out of Manchukuo and in America, hell out of everything. Whither goeth thou, mankind?

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## Scouting Rotary

By Walter Gunn

In celebrating this the 26th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout movement in America we would pay tribute to those public spirited citizens whose support and active cooperation have made possible the success of the movement. Ever since the organization of the first Troop in Beaumont leaders and individual members of the Beaumont Rotary Club have been responsible in a large way for the advancement of the Scouting program. Beaumont Rotary acted as sponsor and raised the finances necessary to the forming of the Beaumont Council in 1919, and carried it on until the organization of the Community Chest. At the present time we number in our Rotary membership many active Scouters and also many who had the privilege of being Boy Scouts themselves in the early days of the movement. Figures furnished by Phillip C. Lovejoy, first assistant secretary of Rotary international will give some idea of Rotary's service to Scouting in this country.

528 Clubs sponsor Boy Scout Troops, 184 Clubs contribute to Boy Scout budgets, 87 Clubs organized 87 local Councils, 177 Clubs sent less-chance boys to camp, 179 Clubs gave Scout camp buildings, cabins and etc. 48 Clubs bought and equipped camp sites.

1,203 Clubs gave \$638,415.00 in special gifts Boy Scout projects.

These above figures furnish but partial information as they were compiled only from data formally reported, however, it will give an idea of what Rotary thinks of Scouting.

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## Lufkin, February 17th

Next Monday a caravan headed by the district Governor, Keith Hotchkiss will make a trek to the fair city of the pines . . . yes, the corniferous bearing forests will give forth their best.

This party will leave about 4 P. M. in ample time to make the evening session, replete with entertainment, glamour and gaiety.

Ad Cutlip and his gang is awaiting you Beaumont members. Meet at Pipkin & Brulin's at 4 P. M. next Monday ready for road service and functional duties.