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Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

Well, it seems, it is easier to put politics in our schools than take it out of them. It is deeply to be regretted that the loyalty of the student body to a teacher is being turned into political capital, and used as a crusade against city officials, who have no connection or control whatsoever over the School Board. And while I am on this painful subject, I might as well suggest that the School Board Employment Committee be altogether abolished, for, surely, its members are not qualified to pass on the scholastic or pedagogic merits of a teacher. However, if men of ability and education retire from the School Board on the plea of being too occupied with their business or profession, then, naturally, the Board will consist of men unfit to discharge the duties and responsibilities that devolves upon them.

The so-called luncheon clubs have been drawing so heavily on the talents of local artists without any remuneration that it is about time that they stop this parasitic practice, and do something for the artists as an expression of their appreciation. I would suggest these clubs unite in an effort to establish a scholarship fund for aiding indigent local artists to develop their talent. If the singers and musicians and dancers would go on a strike, most of these civic organizations would be mighty hard put to get up programs that would not cause their members to fall asleep. Luncheon clubs constantly prate of service. Let them apply the ideal of service first and foremost to those who serve them freely and generously at all seasons.

A quaint farmer attained nation-wide notoriety by preaching his funeral sermon at the age of eight eight. Many a man, who passes as wiser than this rustic, preaches his funeral sermon at a much earlier age. Everyone who has attained that blighting self sufficiency which kills his ambition and arrests his growth, has bidden farewell to life, and is merely a walking skeleton that might as well fold up in a coffin as strut in the streets. Life is growth, and not in externals, but in the development of heart and mind. Whenever aspiration to improve has come to a standstill, life's heart has beaten its last.

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Slants at the Meeting

Whenever Father Kirwin talks to the Beaumont Club and someone says it was 'A wonderful address', that's prosaic; but if the good reverend would get up and read a long-winded, ambiguous document on some hypothetical question we could, at least, say that was unusual and it WOULD be.

Well, we've had 'em from everywhere . . . Timbuctoo to Kalamazoo and God Knows Who . . . but there is no speaker yet to appear on the dais of the Beaumont Rotary Club with the appeal that Father Jim Kirwin has.

WAR the most stupid and damnable thing that ever got into the mind of man was the topic discussed . . . the cause and effect . . . the idea and the fact.

TOLERANCE was stressed in this discourse, a thing that could be universally practiced to the great good of the world and the lack of which is one of the underlying elements that contribute to WAR.

In the analysis of some we might be in the category of Pacifism, but only a d— fool believes a dead belligerent is better than a live pacifist.

This world will never reach its fullest development until WAR has been abandoned. In fact, the existence of WAR is an awful indictment that the intellectual attainment of the human race to say nothing of a stigma cast on its moral aspect.

This, like the former address, can be regarded as an International Program and one worthy of the best attention of any club. And whether some religious fanatic would regard this as fitting from a minister of the Christian faith doesn't concern us at all because it was one of the best expositions of the greed and hate of man that conspire to cause WAR, we've ever heard.

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Our Scholastic Eczema

Now aren't we the big bunch of untethered jack-asses roaming in the wilderness?

The cultural-political atmosphere of Beaumont rankles in our nasal passages like obnoxious effluvia arising from a garbage dump.

The old adage 'If you lie down with dogs you get fleas on you' still holds true. We, the citizens, have been keeping bad company.

The street corners, parking-lots and sewers are full of comments, gibes and ridicule revealing the temper of the people, such as:

(Ironically . . . a simile) "As popular as a school trustee of Beaumont". "And little children shall mis-lead them".

"We would rather be a groundhog trying to forecast the weather than be an alderman trying to select a school trustee."

"Comparisons may be odious" but so is the situation, and if it's true the elected is no better than the electing then we, the people had better better our ways.

—R—

Houston, Thursday the 20th

Every member of this club is invited to be present at their noon day meeting to participate in an Inter-City gathering; particularly for those new clubs entering the 47-B.

A large delegation from Beaumont will be evidence of our filial devotion to the club responsible for our advent in Rotary, back in 1913.

Besides at our present rate of growth we will soon be on the same basis as Houston. We have equaled or passed San Antonio, Texas, now in membership.

Next Week

We never like to forecast 'coming events'. In fact, the program chairman is durn reluctant to ever impart to us the information necessary for such.

By some quirk of chance we know what is in the brewing and if this materializes you should be present to participate in the "festivities".

Too, this is no ruse to stimulate attendance but a warning that your absence might cause you regret. So, be there.

—R—

Echoes from the Conference

Dick Richardson, Secretary, Port Arthur:

"Those who attended the sessions at Beaumont were not disappointed. The boys at the North-end of the County gave us all and more than we expected, and this conference will go down in Rotary history as the greatest ever held. Perhaps in the future some club will be ambitious enough to try to eclipse it, but what a job that will be. Our congratulations to the Beaumont fellows and thanks for a wonderful time."

Walter Daniel, Tyler, Texas:

"We were entertained in Beaumont just as the King and Queen are being entertained yesterday and to-day. I couldn't begin to tell you all about it in a few words. The Beaumont Rotarians are the most hospitable people imaginable . . . the whole town was opened to us. Did not even have to pay for over-parking . . . even the Chief of Police knew us. The Circus at the Fairgrounds Monday night was an outstanding Casa Manana production. It was astounding how local talent could produce such. The yacht trip was a wonderful climax that would be hard to beat . . . 3 yachts and everything you could expect.

RotaryAnn Fenn, Tyler, Texas:

"We enjoyed every session of the conference and received much more knowledge of Rotary and its meaning than we had before. Karl Barfield was the most interesting and we enjoyed Bishop Quin very much."