

## Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

LOST: a pointer pup of civic breed and booster pedigree. Answers to the name BEAUMONT FORWARD MOVEMENT. Reported to have been seen walking toward Pt. Arthur, Lake Charles, Houston, Corpus Christi. Return to owner, Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, and receive reward.

Fourth Street, one of our much traveled thoroughfares, has from Pecos to College neither sidewalks, nor shoulders, nor drainage. Pedestrians clutter the road, and considering the heavy traffic that moves on this street, it is just a question of time before some unfortunate human will be caught in a jam and be sacrificed to the city's negligence in not enabling pedestrians to walk on dry shoulders instead of having to wade in a sea of mud. Drainage in Beaumont in general is in a very deplorable condition. With the marvels of modern engineering, sections of the city ought not to be under water every heavy rainfall. This is of greater importance than putting down new curbs or fixing up gaps in the pavement.

The fifty million dollar art collection donated by Andrew Mellon to the American people, is an invaluable gift, and its influence on the development of art in America, both in appreciation as well as in execution, is incalculable. Yet in a way, this vast collection reminds one of the pyramids of the Pharaohs, built with the blood sweat of millions of slaves. Had Andrew Mellon spent his fifty million dollars on raising the standard of living of the thousands of laborers employed in his mills and mines, the chances are, he would have better served even the cause of art, not to speak of humanity, than by sweating these millions out of the toiling masses and investing them into this collection. Creating conditions of general welfare under which art may flourish, is far more desirable than piling up a collection of paintings. Giving one poor child an opportunity to develop his artistic genius may enrich the world with works equal, if not superior, to any that may be found in this or other collections. Investments in man bring richer returns even than in masterpieces.

# ROTARYGRAMS OF BEAUMONT



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### Slants at the Meeting

We have been trying to figure out whether Milard's predilection for that Italian program last week was the result of a gastronomic upset of macaroni or of a haunting desire for a journey to the Lido or Venetian moonlight.

Maybe he had been dreaming of the halcyon days when the Rotary Club entertained the teachers and nothing but Italian love-songs would appease that amatory emotion.

Too, he got as near the SOUL as possible . . . He had a mender of soles singing "Sole Mio", and for a while he had us longing for the blue of the Italian skies and the savor of succulent salame.

Many a man has been forced to paddle his gondola without the accompanying strains from melodious concertinas. So we doff our hat to Mac and his love-songs.

We were deeply impressed with Sunny Jim's laconic observation that we should give flowers to the living, but our Secretary goes him one further and says "as well as the dead."

At first we didn't know whether this was an International Program under the veil vermicelli or Community Service under Chest Champions.

Jim as usual delivered himself of some very laudatory words and whether you believe in setting your candle on top of a hill or hiding it under a bushel the accord indicated approval.

Recently officers and Committee chairmen, of this club, engaged in heated disputations as to whether or not, and how far, Rotary should go in revealing its charities and virtues to the public, recalling that perhaps, at one time, a little too zealous exploitation had been the motif for a vindictive attack by a famous novelist. Personally we like a little ballahoo when it doesn't smack of adulation or servility.

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*Have copy in*

## Rap Prather

While his sun was yet in its zenith the storm clouds came and sunset embraced him.

Rap had been a Rotarian for more than 20 years . . . his attendance good, his willingness known and his friends legion. He had served as secretary of the Club and also as director at one time.

While of a retiring nature and modest habits, Rap never failed to serve to the best of his ability and with an eagerness characteristic of a good Rotarian.

It seems the Angel of Death has passed our way often the last 12 months and while these lines are being penned another member is perilously near The Great Divide. So let us take stock of the good we may do, and the sunshine we may bring, others.

—R—

### NEW MEMBER

O. L. Caywood—Classification, Port Director.

—R—

## Alright! Alright!

Greetings and Salutations from the old scribe who often criticizes and sometimes cauterizes the participants and programs not through a spirit of bitterness but through a desire for betterment.

And now men and members, as we break into '37 like a dirty story on sensitive ears, let us throw the hatchet in the ash can and not in our brother's neck. After all his cuticle may be as susceptible as ours.

We have eschewed those inane resolutions that so frequently break out on our members like splotches from urticaria and try to let common sense govern us during the semesters of this New Year, toward our fellowman.

A good inoculation of the doctrine of ROTARY into your moral fibre will bear prolific fruit during 1937, both for you and for the Club. A kind word, a square deal, a hand shake, a little recognition . . . these are the things that will transform the club from a mediocre to a perfect status.

200 men meeting week after week and each imbued with the idea of understanding and helping his fellow member will surely produce beneficent results. Lets experiment in this man-culture during the year 1937!

And too, remember while we helped to make the welkin ring and spirits disappear on December the 31st and you may have been as cock-eyed as an alley cat with eight of his nine lives booted out, the New Year's advent would have been just as certain and therefore your duty remains the same.

So let us drink a toast to Beaumont Club and her Conference in 1937, the best year for the 48th District.  
—Ed.

## Student Loan Report

January 2, 1937.

Perkins P. Butler, Esq.,

Chairman, Student Loan Fund Foundation of  
the Rotary Club of Beaumont, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to engagement, we have audited the accounts of Student Loan Fund Foundation of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, and present this report thereon. Although the present audit embraced the period from July 5, 1935, to June 30, 1936, it supplements our previous audits covering the period from date Fund commenced, November 3, 1924, and this report covers the entire period from November 3, 1924 to June 30, 1936, to afford a better picture of the operation of the Fund.

The Fund was originally created by contributions of \$11,551.50, being \$4,600.00 contributed by the Rotary Club of Beaumont, and \$6,951.50 contributed by Rotarians and their friends. This original amount had been increased to June 30, 1936, by earnings of \$860.69, being \$871.91 of interest collected, less expenses of \$11.22, consisting of \$10.00 paid for filing charter, and \$1.22 of Federal tax on checks. At June 30, 1936, the Fund was invested as follows:

Notes of students.....	\$12,265.07
Less interest included in notes but not collected .....	1,833.20
Cash invested in students' notes at June 30, 1936.....	\$10,431.87
Cash on deposit American National Bank of Beaumont.....	1,980.32
Total of fund (original contributions plus earnings) .....	\$12,412.19

The Student Loan Fund Foundation of the Rotary Club of Beaumont has made 104 loans to 61 students, aggregating \$19,819.84. Of this amount, \$9,387.97 has been repaid at June 30, 1936, leaving a balance of \$10,431.87, to which accrued interest of \$1,833.20 has been added, making face value of notes at that date \$12,265.07, which is owing by forty-two students, nineteen students having fully repaid their notes to the Fund.

All notes were examined and found to be in order. Only one account, amounting to \$439.87, appears to be doubtful. Collections have shown much improvement since our former examination.

Yours very truly,

PHELPS, MASCHKE & RICHARDSON

By N. O. Richardson.