

Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

I am penning these lines after I have taken bending exercises in the back patch by turning up the packed sod and giving the overgrown rose bushes a Spring trimming. While I was engaged in this work, the balmy sunshine radiating from a fleckless sky, penetrated to the very core of my being, and not only purified my system of toxins, but also cleansed my soul of all the pettiness which clings to mortals as barnacles adhere to the bottom of ships. When man attunes his soul to nature, the tiny orb of his existence sinks into insignificance. The creative force which awakens the earth from its wintry sleep, and adorns field and forest with beauty, overwhelms one with a sense of awe and wonder, and when I see a budding tree, or a shrub aflame with blooms, I hear the voice which spoke to Moses from the burning bush, "Take off thy shoes, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

Members of this Club who four years ago clamored for the recall of Senator Connally on account of his courage in disagreeing with Roosevelt, who was then accorded a homage second only to the Deity, owe him not only a humble apology, but a whole-hearted endorsement for his outspoken stand in opposition to the President's plan for judiciary reform. Those who have read Paul Mellon's prognosis of Roosevelt's future plans, know the direction in which he is steering the country. Wire or write Senator Connally and commend him for his sound judgment. This is not partisan politics, but pure patriotism.

There was a time when our earth was terrorized by huge monsters, mastadons and dinosaurs, whose vast bulk filled the animal kingdom with fear and trembling. These colossal creatures vanished, and their memory is preserved only in the reconstructed skeletons exhibited in our museums of natural history. The same inevitable fate will overtake the monster dictators of our day. For it will remain forever true that "He who lives by the sword, shall perish by the sword." Recently a European dictator offered mankind the olive branch of peace on the top of eight million bayonets. Long after the eight million bayonets will be consumed by rust, and the boastful dictator's empire covered with dust, the democracies of the earth, dedicated to the peaceful pursuit of life, will grow from strength to strength, and help to establish a civilization that will be free from the primeval curse of war.

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Slants at the Meeting

We have often heard of the Impromptu Programs, and most of them are just as deceptive as a lying philanderer, but last week was as near one as ever came to our notice.

Six men were to do the talking and the best we can ascertain is that not one of them had over 30 minutes time to collect a few thoughts about the approaching Conference.

Tom Reed, the past district Governor, was the lead-off man and he flung the facts in your face like a drunken mason would mortar on a brick. He told you what had been done 14 years ago when Beaumont carved a niche in the hall of fame for the unparalleled entertainment furnished the old 13th District. The munificent sum of some eighteen thousand "bucks" was subscribed with alacrity by members and citizens to establish Beaumont as an outstanding host.

Keith Hotchkiss, the general chairman, for the "skindig" touched on a few pertinent facts and figures that revealed the magnitude of the undertaking, and then the various vice-chairmen with as much modesty as consistent with clarity, unburdened themselves of some features that are most essential to the success of the meeting.

Despite our own participation (a minor one) the idea was gotten over to the membership with as little bluster and blunder as might be expected from a carefully planned campaign.

It does seem that this is Beaumont's opportunity to endear herself to the neighboring cities and towns north of here and to preserve that memory of her past greatness in the minds of East Texans.

Listen, let us disillusion you now, Beaumont is not going to pull one of those old stereotype Conferences, meeting around the corner in some basement of a church, serving a few luncheons at the "greasy spoon" or the "bucket-of-blood" restaurant and then assemble in an unprotected

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hall to be bored to death with a lot of tripe emanating from a garrulous discourses of platitudes.

There'll be zest, verve and virility . . . pulsating life, vibrant youth and emotional ecstasy . . . all woven into the general plan and calculated to enthuse, inspire and incite fellowship and friendship and maybe a little affection on the side. This is going to be the dog's bark with the bite left out, and you'll be proud of this old "diggings."

NOW when you are called upon to do, do it, cheerfully, agilely and quickly. Thanks.

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Lost Members

Recently four members of this club automatically lost their membership due to their failure to maintain their percentage.

The Board of Directors could not overlook this infraction of Rotary principles and practice.

The four have the right of asking privilege to come before the Board and justify their absence and request re-instatement.

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BOYS, we are in the BIG BRACKET, sitting on the Sixth rung: five from the top and four from the bottom. Let's move up?

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

Among the 32 Clubs which comprise Division "C," 200 to 299 members, the News Letter of R. I. shows the following standing of the 10 leading Clubs:

Fort Worth, Texas.....	261	96.30%
Albany, N. Y.....	204	93.01
Oakland, Calif.	246	92.97
San Diego, Calif.....	200	92.30
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	201	85.83
Beaumont, Texas.....	203	85.40
Springfield, Mass.	232	85.11
Vancouver, B. C.....	258	84.99
Sacramento, Calif.	206	84.57
Minneapolis, Minn.	289	83.25

There appears to be some uncertainty as to the method for selecting the district governor nominees for the new districts. In this connection, the resolution of the board provides as follows:

At each district conference of any heretofore existing district, which comprises all the clubs in one or more of the new districts hereby created, the delegates of the clubs from each such new district shall nominate the district governor-nominee for such new district. In the case of new districts hereby created, which are composed of clubs from two or more heretofore existing districts, such arrangements shall be made for the selection, either at district conferences of existing districts or otherwise, of district governors-nominee for such new districts as the president of Rotary International, after conferring with the incumbent governors concerned, shall prescribe.

In most of the new districts, all the clubs being placed therein are now in the same old districts, and their delegates will be attending the conference of their old districts. Hence, in each such case the district governor nominee will be selected at the district conference of the old district to which the clubs in the new district have heretofore belonged; and the clubs of the new district, voting separately at the district conference of their old district, will select the district governor nominee for the new district.

In some new districts most of the clubs are from an existing district. In each such case selection of the district governor nominee for the new district will likewise take place at the district conference of the old district which includes the great majority of the clubs in the new district with the right of the clubs which have been brought into the new district from some other district, to vote at such election through such delegates or proxies as they may send for that purpose.

In a few instances, where new districts will be composed of clubs which are now in several old districts, special plans for the nomination of the district governor are being worked out by consultation with the governors of the old districts concerned.

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