

Goose Creek he continued the good work. He soon became Deacon of the Church there and one of the civic leaders of the Tri-City area, in other words, even before joining our Club he had put "Service above Self".

Last July the Josey-Miller Company moved him to their head offices here in Beaumont and made him Vice-President of the organization in charge of all their subsidiary stores organized as the Jo-Mil Stores, Inc. in Liberty, Hull, Vinton, Jennings, Conroe, and Crowley. His official office is here in Beaumont but naturally most of his working time is spent as a semi-official Ambassador of Good Will to these outlying territories.

He married Miss Frankie Perry in Vinton on March the 15th, 1922, and now has three husky sons William Edward, 9 years old, Ronald Lee, 4 years old and Gayle Eugene, 9 months old. However, to see these boys one would immediately be calling them Billy, Ronnie and Gene and hope to be treated as one of the gang. They live out near the Voth Road just past Lucas Drive in a veritable woodland paradise for raising healthy young boys. Of course, "Bimbo" the police dog puppy (seen above with T. W.) finds the place rather more to his liking than the bustling city streets.

T. W. has a fascinating hobby right there at home with such a lusty "gang" to keep him busy playing, yet his real relaxation comes with his brother-in-law Athan Perry, (Mayor of Vinton) in taking time off camping on the Sabine River and fishing among the many spots in this section.

He joined our Club on August 11th, 1937.

We are glad to have you with us, T. W.!

. . . Eldo.

● Rotarygrams ●

The following nominees have been approved by the Board of Directors for membership in our Club:

Al Graham—Women's Ready-to-Wear.

Sam Savage—Groceries, Retailing.

Dick Sanders—Oil Refining Engineer.

W. W. Leach—2nd Active to John Newton, Oil Refining.

The usual ten day period will be allowed for membership approval.

# ROTARYGRAMS

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## Slants at the Meeting

"Understanding", like Charity, begins at home, and nothing could have been more appropriate as a prelude to our "Institute of International Understanding" than the presence, at this meeting, of the representatives of the other Civic Clubs of Beaumont. Nor could a better choice have been made than that of Charlie Weinbaum to present these distinguished guests. In fact, all the choices made in the planning of this meeting were "right down the alley" as far as we were concerned: Perk Butler to welcome the regular guests and visiting Rotarians, J. Walter Mills to make the announcement about the Mexican Drum and Bugle Corps, Marjorie Gough to assist the fellowship committee, Tom Reed to introduce the speaker.

And what a speaker! Dr. Allen D. Albert had his audience with him from the time he started until his concluding prayer that we might have the wisdom and the vision to "enable America to accept and fulfill her responsibility as the hope of the whole world—and if she cannot do it, God help the world." With a liberal admixture of humorous stories, each of which illustrated a point, he sketched for the visitors the ideals of Rotary, with its four main objects of Vocational Service, Club Service, Community Service, and International Service, and then showed us all conclusively (if we had ever doubted it) why International Understanding is vital to Americans today. The speaker proved that it was possible for every one to be for his own country, as was the Irishman of his story, and yet realize the interdependence of all nations. No one could doubt Allen D. Albert's thor-

ough Americanism who saw him at the very outset of his address bow his head and pray that "I may live up to the great opportunities of my citizenship in the most favored of all the lands." Yet no one could hear him through without being convinced that now, as perhaps never before, Americans should learn all they can about conditions in other lands and should endeavor to understand the forces which are at work in the world.

Limitations of space make it impossible to give even a brief review of the many points driven home by Dr. Albert in this remarkable address, but it must be said that if the speaker on tonight's session of the "Institute of International Understanding", Dr. Richard Hertz, comes anywhere near to measuring up to Dr. Albert's recommendation of him, there is no Rotarian who can afford to miss hearing him.

. . . Bill Campbell.

● *Rotarygrams* ●

Pete McChesney and a few other Knights of the Round Table are wondering whether Joe Clemmons and Charlie Weinbaum know just what it takes to make a club "civic". When Charlie announced that we had present representatives of "All the Civic Clubs of Beaumont", there was not a mention made of these Knights in Shining Armor, and they are asking, "How come?" Perhaps the obvious answer will suggest itself to them.

● *Rotarygrams* ●

To use Tom Walker's apt expression, the Beaumont Rotary Club is entitled to do a little "modest bragging", following Dr. Albert's appearance as the first speaker on its Institute of International Understanding. Not only did Dr. Albert address our meeting at noon, but he completely captivated the students at Lamar College and South Park High School; he fairly stole the show at the Y. M. C. A. membership banquet with a seven or eight minute speech that electrified his hearers; and, of course, the lecture at the City Auditorium furnished a glorious climax to his day of usefulness to our community.

● *Rotarygrams* ●

From Oswego, Kansas, by way of San Antonio's WHEEL O FORTUNE, comes the following:

"Mayor W. A. Blair passed a petition at a Rotary Club meeting and asked each signer to contribute a dime. The result—a page of names and a handful of dimes. Praising the philanthropy of his fellow Rotarians, he read the wording of the petition, which sought funds for the 'widow of the Unknown Soldier.'"



--Eldo

## T. W.

Thurston Willard Lyons — Feed and Grain Retailing

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Born in Orange County, Texas, near Vidor on Friday, August the 8th, 1902, T. W. had barely started to the little red schoolhouse nearby when his family moved to Vinton, La., where the cane grew fatter and the rice grew thicker.

T. W. also grew rapidly although he was soon fed up with the life of farming and, staging a one-man revolt against the humdrum life of the soil, went to work for Wiley Culpepper at the Vinton Grain Company in the fall of 1916 even before finishing his high school course. In 1924, Culpepper left Vinton to open another store in Lake Charles and made T. W. manager of the Vinton Grain Company where he continued to forge ahead in the rough-and-tumble grain and feed business until in June 1929 Culpepper, who by this time had joined forces with the Josey-Miller Company of Beaumont, made him Vice-President of the Goose Creek Grain Company, a newly acquired subsidiary.

While in Vinton, T. W. had become one of the civic leaders of the town and had been ordained a Deacon of the Baptist Church and upon moving to