

spent at Lamar College before going to work for the Jefferson Securities Co. as a solicitor. Today he is Assistant Manager of the company handling a large part of their automobile financing, with his older brother, Jimmy.

Walter lives at 2525 Calder Avenue with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Morris, two brothers, Jimmy 24, and David, 20, and his two sisters, Joan 18, and Martha Jane, 9. He joined the Club on February 2nd, 1938, as 2nd Active to his brother, Jimmy.

We are glad to have you with us, Walter!

... Eldo.

● Rotarygrams ●

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Having been called together for a pre-season organization meeting by Co-chairmen John Reinstra and Snow Arthur, seventeen thirsty aspirants for the 1938 Rotary Softball Team met in the Mezzanine Dining Room of Hotel Beaumont last Monday night. Plans were promulgated, well-stirred and added-to by 7:30, when dinner was served to keep the outfield from going into action right then and there.

Aside from a cinch championship team this year, the line-up remains more or less the same as last year with the addition of blazing uniforms to add to the *esprit de corps* and the luxury of a non-playing manager. To make good the championship prospects, however, the team needs at least a half dozen more to come out with the squad to be sure of no short-handed games as were suffered last year.

Let's get out and make it a real team!

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From Rotary International NEWS LETTER we clip:

"The board of directors has appointed Rotarian Walter R. Jenkins of the Rotary Club of Houston, Texas, U. S. A., to be the song leader for the 1938 international assembly, and the convention committee has appointed Rotarian Arthur A. Shank of the Rotary Club of Glendale, California, U. S. A., to be song leader for the 1938 (San Francisco) convention".

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Slants at the Meeting

It didn't seem possible that that bunch of young fellows at the center table could be the so-called "old boys" in whose honor this 25th birthday party was given, but there is no denying the records, and the records show that Marshall Muse and Jim Edwards were charter members and that Gus Babin, Tom Booth, Melzo Burge, Joe Clemmons, Pres Doty, Irwin Feray, Herman Philipson, Tom Reed, Bill Saenger, Sam Solinsky, Barney Steinhagen, Alex Szafir, Charlie Walden, and Cooke Wilson all joined during the first year of the Beaumont Rotary Club, 1913. All honor to these men who have for twenty-five years remained true to the ideals of Rotary and have given of themselves unselfishly in service to their fellows.

Charlie Terrell and his committee really functioned, and must have had plentiful cooperation from everyone. The entire meeting, from the beginning of the meal to Charlie's concluding announcement was entertaining, interesting, and enjoyable. The mere presence of our Rotaryans adds so much of brightness and beauty to our gathering that a mere scribe is tempted to rush in with unsolicited advice and suggest that they be asked to have charge of a program at one of our noon luncheons.

Walter Jenkins, of course, is always welcome at any Rotary function. He shares with Joe Evans the distinction of being able to put over a full musical program which the fellows really enjoy—a tribute to the personality of these fine musicians, and per-

haps, to a latent ability on our part to appreciate something good when properly presented. To Walter, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Abner Lewis, Jr., and Mr. Herbert Roloff, their accompanist, our sincere gratitude.

The committee also "made a hole in one", as far as satisfying the boys was concerned, in getting Ed Barcus as the principal speaker. Here is a preacher who is entirely sincere in his preaching of the simple faith of our fathers, yet who does not carry with him a long face or a scowling countenance. He gets a real kick out of life and helps others to live right by the power of the example of a really human, understanding man. He left big in the minds and hearts of all his hearers the thought that we all owe it to ourselves, to Rotary International, and to the world to give ourselves fully to Vocational Service and International Service, as well as to the other phases of Rotary activity.

And "Old Man" Tom Walker, as far as this writer is concerned, practically stole the show with his short address preliminary to the presentation of the scrolls to our 25-year members. Tom has evidently been doing some thinking and studying about Rotary, for he embodied in about a dozen sentences a clearer enunciation of the philosophy and ideals of Rotary than many an imported speaker has been able to bring us in an hour's address. Wonder if Tom wouldn't write us an article of similar import for this sheet!

... Bill.

● *Rotarygrams* ●

We do not usually give advance information of programs because there is too much chance for something to go wrong with the plans, but, inasmuch as the announcement was made at the party last week, we feel privileged to call your attention to the fact that Dr. Sam Thompson, of Kerrville, is to be the speaker today. Dr. Thompson is one of the most distinguished physicians in Texas, widely known and loved, and his message should be of interest to all.

● *Rotarygrams* ●

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, Rev. J. W. Mills was elected to membership, classification, Protestant Churches.

William R. Thames was elected 2nd Active to Dennis Glass, classification, Drugs, Retailing.

Fletcher Graham, III was elected 2nd Active to Will Graham, classification, Department Stores, Retailing.

Spencer Blain, classification transferred, 2nd Active to Lum Edwards, classification, Real Estate Agency.

The usual period is allowed for approval of the membership.



--Eldo

WALTER

Walter Wilhoit Morris — Automobile Financing

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On Monday night, the 15th of November, 1915, Mr. Morris paused near the door to his coal shed to wonder, over the third scuffle, just why it had to be so unusually cold on that particular night. It was near midnight when he rejoined the small group of anxious faces in the living room just in time to be congratulated upon the arrival of his second son, Walter. Mr. Morris was back in his office in the Old Crosby Hotel the next morning as City Passenger Agent for the K. C. S. Railroad, with that benevolent look of a new father on his face utterly disregarding the bitter cold snap outside.

Walter attended Averill school and later Dick Dowling Junior High School, taking an early interest in football. In Beaumont High School he was one of the most active players on the scrub team, playing in several of the Conference games but just missed his letter. Before High School he was most active in the Boy Scouts in Beaumont, being one of the small group to attend the International Jamboree in England in the summer of 1929, under the leadership of Harry Jirou.

In 1930 he matriculated at the University of Southern California which he attended for two years taking a straight academic course. His third year was