

sion. He arrived in time to get into the fracas at Chateau Thiery where the situation became pretty thick for a while. Remaining in France until after the Armistice was signed he returned to this country early in 1918 as a Captain in the Field Artillery and was assigned to Texas A. & M. College as an instructor in Military Science & Tactics. It was while in Bryan, that he met Miss Pauline Seale whom he later married on the 14th of April, 1920, but we are getting ahead of the story.

Resigning his position at A. & M. in August, 1919, Winthrop came to Beaumont to work for the Magnolia Petroleum Company as Assistant Chief Chemist, under the then Chief Chemist, John Newton. He has been here ever since with regular promotions until last December he was made Assistant General Manager of Refineries. He joined the Club on February 23rd, 1938.

Winthrop has never ridden any hobby of the stamp-collecting, hunting-and-fishing sort having always mentally pigeon-holed such off-hand business until a more leisurely time. He has recently taken up golf and, much to his surprise found it plenty tough but the more fascinating for its complexities. He lives at 2395 Laurel Avenue.

We are glad to have you with us, Winthrop!

.. Eldo.

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ROTARIES ROUT ROISTEROUS SHIPPERS

Victor Vindicated by Vigorous Snag

Blain's Bingle Brings Back Bacon

With pre-season form far in front of our fondest fancies, the Club's Softball future zoomed as the Cogwheelers scored a decisive rout of the Pennys Shippers, 7-6 last Thursday afternoon.

Our man Victor Boutroue shown the brighter as the heckling grew louder from his business cohorts and baseball rivals. In the thick of it, he speared a sizzling liner deep in right field with a one-hand finesse that had the opposition rubbing their optics in gawking amazement.

Trailing along on the short end of the score towards the twilight innings with two hopefuls on base, Beetlebrow Blain bonged a bingle between bases bringing both runs into the platter that effectually put the game on ice.

The official League games begin on next Monday, the 11th. *Remember that rooting never lost a game yet!*

.. Eldo.

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Slants at the Meeting

To comment intelligently on five speeches in the space allotted to this article, would require even more ability than that required to cover adequately within the limits of a Rotary Club program the "Major Problems and Major Needs of Jefferson County"—a task which Chairman E. C. Davis and his intrepid assistants boldly undertook. "E. C." disproved at the outset a lack of frankness once impliedly attributed to his profession by one of our substitute slanters, for he stated in advance that the program was not designed as entertainment. Be that as it may, each of the talks was provocative of thought and the thanks of the club go to Alton Gautreau, for his talk On the highway needs of the county; to Caldwell McFaddin for pointing out the inadequacy of present drainage; to Jim McNeill for his presentation of the case for a mid-county airport; to Jim Edwards for his plea for economy in government; and to Governor Francis Dunn for his spirited and eloquent plea for harmony. Any one of the topics would have furnished more than enough material for a whole program, but it is helpful to get a comprehensive picture of the situation, and we congratulate E. C. on his idea and on his choice of speakers.

We had quite a variety of attitudes toward the use of the microphone, too. Roland Jones, you know,

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is exempt from having to speak from behind that contraption, and his introduction of guests from the floor meets with our approval—the exception that proves the rule. Caldwell McFaddin pulled the mike up by its roots and carried it around with him, thereby assuring that all could hear his whispers. And Francis Dunn, putting into practice the maxims he used to try to instill into his pupils in Public Speaking, discarded the amplifier altogether and projected his voice and his personality throughout the Rose Room, in such fashion as to impress on us all the beauties of county-wide harmony and his sincerity and disinterestedness in advocating it.

We can't resist taking advantage of this opportunity to point out that the Rotarians of the 130th District will certainly be making no mistake in electing as their District Governor a man who will bring to the office the many fine qualities of head and heart which are crowded into the large and handsome frame of this same Francis Dunn.

. . . Bill.

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Nominations Today!

At each place today at the Luncheon will be a complete roster of the Club membership. It is to be used as a ballot, upon which to mark the names of the twenty men each of whom you would like to nominate for the Board of Directors. Look it over carefully, fellows, and everybody be there to vote. *The success of the Club depends on YOUR vote!*



--Eldo

WINTHROP

Winthrop Worcester Leach — Oil Refining (2nd A)

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It was in Newtonville, the night of the 24th of June, 1891, following one of the coldest winters in the history of Massachusetts, that the Albert E. Leach family welcomed the birth of their son, Winthrop. Mr. Leach at that time was an outstanding scientist and a leader of the then-unheard-of Pure Food Law advocates.

Moving to Denver in the summer of 1908, Winthrop continued high school there, graduating from East Denver High in June, 1909. By this time his father's intensive devotion to the growing science of chemistry had borne fruit, his having written several well-known treatises on the subject. Young Winthrop became as interested as his father and, upon entering the University of Colorado in the fall of 1909, he took up a course in Chemical Engineering. Incidentally, he joined the *Pi Delta Theta* Fraternity in 1909 and has continued an active member.

Graduating from the University in June 1913, he went to work in the laboratory of the American Smelting & Refining Co. at their Pueblo smelters. In the summer of 1917, following this country's entrance into the World War, he left Pueblo to join the Army, being sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, in their first school for Officers. Commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery he was immediately dispatched overseas for active duty with the 70th Divi-