

he moved to Trinity proper for 4 years, then to Rosebud for one year, then spent two years in the town of Wills Point. From Wills Point he was sent to Nacogdoches where he was among many of his boyhood friends and spent a delightful four years as preacher before being elected Presiding Elder of the Timpson District (which included Nacogdoches) for four years in 1914.

In 1918, he was sent to St. Paul's Church in Houston for four years. After being sent to Beaumont in 1921, the four-year-change-requirement of the church was repealed and, at the insistence of his congregation, he remained in Beaumont for six years. During this period, Walter joined the Beaumont Rotary Club under the guidance of President Walter Crawford in 1923. He was forced to resign from the Club when assigned to Houston as Presiding Elder of the Houston District in 1924. Returning to Beaumont in 1931, he has been at the First Methodist Church here for the past seven years.

Walter lives with his wife and daughter at 2140 Victoria Street. He has two sons, Vernor and Hillis, both of whom are in business in other cities.

His most beloved hobby is a direct result of his early training in East Texas, that of quail hunting. According to a most reliable source, we are told that Walter Mills would go barefoot and hungry before he would turn his favorite pointer out of his personal kennel. His only complaint being that the quail season is far too short to work in the hunting he would like to have. Of course, he is a ready customer on a potential fishing trip but that rates not one-two-three to his quail-hunting.

Walter re-joined the Club on April 5th, 1938, his classification having become vacant when Tom Minyard was elected to the classification "Past Service".

We are mighty glad to have you back with us, Walter!

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BASE-BALL FLASH!


After waiting some hour or so for the usual opening ceremonial speeches punctuated with flashbulbs and municipal big-shots, the Official Soft-Ball League opener saw the Cogwheelers lose a tightly fought track meet to the Lions Club Cats 14-13, Monday night at the Fairgrounds.

Stage fright plus over-zealous trying-too-hard by both teams produced a game fraught with errors and hits galore. A full fifteen-man turnout for the Rotaries saw "Fletch-the-Catch" Graham stand out behind the plate on the defensive and "Moose" Murphy thrilling the stands with consistent hits for 1000%!

Thursday night at 8 the Rotaries tie into Sam Savage's ABCs!

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Slants at the Meeting

As very frequently happens nowadays, the youngest person on the program was the one who sent the boys away singing her praises. Miss Louise Held was introduced as a "farm girl", and immediately demonstrated that the farm girl of today is not a backward, backwoods person, but one who is up-to-date, progressive, wide awake, and interested in all that goes on in the world. Her exposition of the work of the 4-H Clubs was an eye opener to all of us, and her poise before the microphone and a Rose Room full of strange business men, was little short of amazing. Charlie Babcock thought she was going to run over the time, and slipped a note under her eyes, warning her to stop by 1:30; but the young lady had her talk nicely timed and calmly went on to her planned conclusion. Truly, any organization which can do the work which Miss Held described, and which she exemplified in this appearance before the Rotary Club, is deserving of all the cooperation and support we can give it.

All Texas knows that the 21st of April is Aggie day, just as the 2nd of March belongs to the Longhorns, and so it was entirely fitting that Ernest Jackson and Charlie Babcock should have combined their forces to present to us this all-Aggie program. It did look as though Ernest and Charlie should have called on Father Kearns to help them balance their end of the platform against Major Hopkins and Colonel Ike Ashburn,—both of whom have demonstrated that they are big men in other ways than in displacement. Colonel Ashburn, as usual with him,

placed his message before the group in a very attractive and interesting fashion, and it is to be regretted that we do not have room for a resume of his talk. Col. Ike is a believer in Texas, a believer in the rugged American self reliance which characterized our forefathers; but, above all, he is a believer in Texas A. & M. College and its students and faculty. Many of us had not realized that this institution's 5200 students make it one of the largest boys' schools in the world, if not actually the largest; and its reputation and standing, and the finished product that it turns out, are such that an unregenerated Longhorn of the bitter olden days can hold his head higher and expand his chest a little more with pride that this is a TEXAS institution. And while finished product, as judged by the ex-students who were liberally sprinkled through the audience on this occasion, is of the highest quality, no one could see and listen to young Herbert Peavy without being convinced that the present crop of Aggies is the equal of any who have gone before.

We were again reminded of how much we miss Check Easley when President Joe read the note thanking the club for an Easter plant sent him. Nobody misses him more than the staff of ROTARY-GRAMS, and nobody realizes Check's genius more than does this scribe when he sits and stares at a piece of blank paper in the typewriter and tries to figure out something interesting to say about a Rotary meeting. Check did it every week for years, with never a dull or an uninteresting column. And if you've never tried it, let me assure you that that is a real achievement.

. . . Bill.

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The head lines in Thursday's Beaumont JOURNAL should have read, "Success as Pinch Hitter Lands Regular job in Cleanup Slur". We have long accorded Kyle Wheelus the palm as the best pinch hitter in Rotary. He has performed every task there is to be performed in this Rotary Club, always with credit to himself and to the Club, often stepping in at the last minute without time for adequate preparation, and he has earned the gratitude, the friendship, and the admiration of every Beaumont Rotarian. No member of this Club has a clearer understanding of the needs of Rotary in Beaumont; nor is there one more devoted to the ideals of Rotary, or better fitted by training, experience, and ability to lead this club at this particular time. We congratulate Kyle on his election to the Presidency of the Beaumont Rotary Club, and we congratulate the club on securing his services.



--Eldo

WALTER

James Walter Mills — Protestant Churches

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Born up in the red-land piney woods of East Texas, north of Nacogdoches, on Monday, the 15th of February, 1875, Walter Mills learned at an early age the uncertainties of being the son of a Methodist circuit-riding preacher. It was the hard and fast rule that the preachers changed circuits every four years, and change they did.

From Nacogdoches, to Timpson, to Center, to Henderson, with young Walter taking his schooling as he found it, yet getting it as he went. From the Gregg County schools he entered Southwestern University at Georgetown in 1894. At the end of his second year, he transferred to the State Teachers' College at Huntsville where he graduated in June, 1896.

With his new teaching certificate, Walter snapped up a job in West Texas in Mills County for a year until offered a much better position in Orange. On the strength of this he married a girl who graduated in the same class with him at Huntsville, Miss Kate Vernor, of Lampasas, on the 8th of June, 1897. After a year at Orange, Walter felt the call of the ministry and joined the Methodist Conference.

His first appointment was a rough-and-tough saw-mill circuit centering around Groveton, Texas, in Trinity County. Following the 4-year-change rule