

Things are good or bad to us, according to what we have been used to, and what we expect.—It is always darkest before the dawn.—These thoughts just came to us, as we contemplated that delicious "chicken and fixings" that adorned our plate last week. We are willing to let by-gones be by-gones, and just be grateful. Whoever was responsible, we thank you.

Special mention should be made of the information which President Joe gave us in his "near swan song" last week. Nobody has been brow-beaten this year about attendance; no long lectures have been delivered about "Attendance is the price of membership"; no strong-arm squads have been organized to take members to other cities to make up their attendance. And yet for eight of the past ten months, the Beaumont Rotary Club has been in the first ten in percentage of attendance among clubs in our group—those with memberships between 200 and 300. This speaks well for the interest of Beaumont Rotarians, and also speaks well for Joe's handling of the meetings; and for Pete McChesney and his program committees. This doesn't mean to take any credit from our most excellent Secretary, but the boys just won't come out if they think they are going to be bored to death by the so-called entertainment.

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Another announcement Joe made last week—and we hope nothing will interfere with its fulfillment—is that the air-conditioning equipment will be functioning in full force at today's meeting. Relying on Joe's promise, and on his statement that the program today will be an interesting one, we urge that everybody turn out and let's give Joe a real send-off on his last day as President of the Beaumont Rotary Club. He has worked hard and effectively; he has presided over our club with genial dignity; he has handled with real diplomacy and yet with admirable firmness some very difficult problems; and has given this Club one of its best years. Let's show our appreciation and make this meeting the biggest and best of the year.

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## *Slants at the Meeting*

"Ladies und Chentlemen: I haff been asked to introduce Congressman Chones, who vill speak to you today. I haff now done so, und he vill now do so." My father used to tell me that this introduction of Congressman Jones, by a leading Teutonic burgher of Washington County, was the model for program chairmen and masters of ceremony to follow, and it is respectfully commended to Rotarians, especially during this hot weather. It seems that somebody must have told the story to Carl Bingman, for he long ago divested himself of the mantle which goes with the title of Champion Long Distance Introducer—and perhaps our good friend, E. C., picked it up and found it to his liking. Perhaps he had not heard, as Frank King said in his talk, that when you are good you don't need any press agent.

And we'll say that Frank King was good. We Americans have come to have a very high respect for the Associated Press and to take almost as gospel any item which bears at its head the familiar words, "By Associated Press". We have not had as clear an understanding, perhaps, of its workings as Mr. King gave us, but our contacts with its representatives has always impressed us with fairness and the efficiency with which it gathers for us the news of the world. Mr. King has only recently returned from Europe, and his experiences "over there" have caused him to be gladder than ever that the United States of America is his home, and that the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans are as wide and as deep as they are. In striking words, comparing our situation with that

of people in Europe, he says that Americans are crying over the loss of three one-thousandths of an inch of the frosting off of their cake, while others are being deprived of bread.

Mr. King, now head of the Associated Press Bureau at Dallas, spent nearly 20 years in Europe, and has an intensely interesting fund of information and stories of conditions and people on that side of the Atlantic, with a pleasing personality and an unostentatious manner of presenting his ideas which, coupled with his good "newspaper style" of expression, make it possible to listen to him with enjoyment, even in hot weather. His thoughts about "Edward and Wally" and the Ipswich "divorce scandal"; his explanation of censorship, "enjoyed" by all European countries, but unable to keep the truth from American readers; his ideas concerning the improbability of an early general war (perhaps subject to change in the light of recent A. P. news)—all these were of great interest to us as citizens of this country. But of particular interest to us as Beaumonters was his mention of A. P. publicity of the remarkable safety record made by our city last year; and of particular interest to us as Rotarians was his comment on Maurice Duperry's address at the San Francisco convention and the influence of Rotary in international affairs. Let us hope that Beaumonters and Rotarians will continue to merit this commendation.

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## ROTARIES SNATCH GROCERIES FROM FIRE

### Flutch-the-Clutch Stings ABCs With Two-Bagger Cleaning Off The Bases

In one of the tightest games of the season, the Rotaries came from behind in the third to tap out the ABC Soupers, 6-4 in the second victory of the past week Monday night.

By far the high point of the game was the timely swat of *Flutch-the-Clutch* Graham in the 3rd inning with the bases loaded, a long beautiful liner right over third with a slight fade on the end that sent the Alphabet fielder into the trees groping. Graham, Jimmie Wilson, and Oxford again held out the hitting light for the rest of the boys. Walter Morris made a showing for his first appearance with the team and turned in an average of 1000%.

## R-BOYS UNRAVEL LIONS CLUB KITTENS

### Conquering Opening Game Jinx Rotaries Take Lions In Slug-fest, 9 - 5

With the jinx and pressure of the opening game far behind them, the Rotary team threw several clusters of bingles through the Lions Club last Wednesday night to take the game without a struggle, 9-5.

Pure as the driven snow, Arthur pitched with the effortless ease of Pluto-the-Pup. Dutton caught him like a cold. Hitting, though frequent and timely, was doubly effective with *Buster* Oxford clouting two in three and Jimmie Wilson two in four.

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## FLASH!!

With all the suave poise of long practice President Joe made an astounding announcement at last week's luncheon. The ease with which he made it probably accounts for the little notice it received by the vast majority of the members.

He blankly told the membership that he had asked for a full attendance but one other time since he became head-man in the lodge (you remember that was preceding that super-Christmas party!) . . . that he was again asking for a full turn-out at TODAY'S meeting. Your humble scribe rooted through the Secretary's office, put a ten-inch suction on President Joe, and finally riffled through Program-Pushing-Pete's schedules all in vain. The only trace of Pollyanna-like consolation to be found following that futile search was the solemn assurance that only THREE men *knew* what today's program was to be and that they themselves were sworn to secrecy!

That being the case, boys, although sorely tempted to dig down in the old backroom archives for a bit of blackmailing material to force out this bright bit of news, all I can do is tell you that there MUST be something on the ball at President Joe's swan-song luncheon today. If it is not a double-barrelled, fifteen-jeweled gigantic-super-colossal, somebody's certainly been pulling these weary, charley-horsed pinions!

. . . Eldo.