

A propos Ed McFaddin's suggestion that we learn a little something about Rotary during this coming year, about the quickest and easiest way to get a little information on the subject is to possess yourself of the little two-by-four pamphlet "Brief Facts About Rotary", the last edition being issued in July of this year. This contains a very brief statement of the philosophy and principles of Rotary; the functions of the Rotary Club and its relationship to Rotary International; the four objects of Rotary and the Administrative Procedure of the organization from the local club up to the International Convention; a brief history of the origin and Growth of Rotary; a list of the countries where it is active, and a directory of the International officers. The whole pamphlet can be read in ten minutes, and then can be carried in your wallet for ready reference. The July 28th issue of "The News Letter" states that a supply will be sent to any club, gratis, upon request to any office of the secretariat, and if enough of us express a desire to have one, I'm sure that Irwin will make the request for a consignment of these pamphlets.

• *Rotarygrams* •

Don't fail to read "Propaganda for Goose and Gander," in the September ROTARIAN. It is by Clyde R. Miller, Secretary of the Institute for Propaganda Analysis, and gives some good points for us to use in meeting the flood of propaganda which is overwhelming us from all sides. Also of particular interest to Texas Rotarians, is the article, "What's the Ginner's Share?", appearing on page 7, since it is by Alston Clapp, Sr., of the Houston Club.

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Evidently Ed McFaddin thought the Rotarians of Beaumont were a more trusting and credulous bunch than those of Port Arthur. All he did was to tell us that Hope, Arkansas, grows the biggest watermelons in the world, but he took to Port Arthur one of those monsters which evidently was too big even for Francis Dunn's capacity. The papers say it weighed slightly less than two hundred pounds and was sufficient to serve the entire membership of the club plus guests. Personally, I believe I'd rather have the reputation of being a "doubting Thomas", if said reputation would produce such luscious proof.

• *Rotarygrams* •

We did not have quite fifty visitors at our meeting as we had anticipated, but we did have an unusually large number, both of Rotarians and non-Rotarians. We recall Rotarians from Orange, Liberty, Port Arthur, Houston, Austin, and Pensacola. There may have been others we do not now recall, but they were all welcome, and all heard a fine Rotary talk and received a fine Rotary welcome from Hap Faber.

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Slants at the Meeting

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick", said a very wise man, and so it is well that Hope, Arkansas, did not defer sending us her most distinguished citizen. Ed McFaddin certainly lived up to all his advance notices, and, without oratorical flourish or Ciceronian peroration, kept this audience of plain business and professional men keenly interested from start to finish. What is more important, he left them thinking about what he had said and with a determination in the heart of probably every one of them to be a better Rotarian and, hence, a better man.

Ed evidently believes that the way to accomplish anything is to start from where you are, using what you have, for he emphasized at the outset the very thing which every one of us has found outstanding about our membership in Rotary—which is fellowship. The first Rotary Club was the outgrowth of a desire for fellowship, and that is a feature of it in which even the most superficial Rotarian cannot avoid participation. This self-styled "country lawyer" is himself a well-rounded Rotarian, with active experience in practically every phase of activity of the local club and the international organization, who this year is heading up the Committee on Vocational Service for Rotary International—and, by the way, I understand he was asked to accept this post largely because of the interest he manifested in that phase of the work following our Galveston conference, when he sent Bill Saenger's address to the Central Office. Beginning with Fellowship, Ed quickly showed us how the other phases of Rotary service develop natu-

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rally from the exercise of this function. Not in the manner of a teacher instructing a group of school boys, nor yet in the manner of a lecturer, filled with the idea of his own wisdom and trying to uplift the ignorant boys from the back woods, but in the manner of a business man in conference with fellow business men and discussing with them matters in which he happens to have had a little more experience than they, did Ed McFaddin bring to us the message of Rotary.

Not a one of us but had reason to pause and search his own heart when he said, "Every lawyer in Hope, Arkansas, will judge Rotary by the way Ed McFaddin carries on. If they say that there is nothing to this thing called Rotary, then they are in effect saying that 'Ed McFaddin hasn't proved himself to be any finer man by reason of Rotary than the rest of us have without Rotary.'" We are all familiar, of course, with the saying that each of us is an ambassador from Rotary to his own profession or business, but Ed made this a little more vivid for each one of us, made it a little more personal and individual. And every serious-minded Rotarian who heard him must still be pondering his statement that we are fighting the battle of the capitalistic system, and that the only way to save that system is to put the Golden Rule into it.

Yet, with all the good things that Ed gave us in his all-too-brief talk concerning the duties and privileges of a Rotarian, the piece of advice he gave which struck this scribe as being perhaps the most needed in this particular club was this: If you want to be a really effective member of Rotary, try to learn a little something about it.

. . . Bill.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have been admitted to membership in our club by the Board of Directors:

Dr. F. Peel Allison; Classification: Internal Medicine, (2nd A) to Dr. L. T. Fruit.

Victor C. Ambler; Classification: Paper Bags Manufacturing.

R. B. McClaran; Classification: Crude Oil Purchasing.

The usual ten days allowed for membership approval.

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Sam Rosinger informed us at last week's meeting that this Wednesday, September 7th, he and his International Service Committee (I believe he is the whole committee) will have charge of the program. And Sam says that, instead of having one Chinaman without a queue to read something you cannot understand, he will have four handsome Rotarians and ten beautiful daughters of Rotarians, none of whom will read anything, but all of whom will have their proper cues and will "speak not read" in due and proper order. We have had previous experience with Sam's programs, particularly with his original skits, and feel that we can assure any Rotarian that it will be worth his while to change any plans which would call for his being absent from this meeting.

• Rotarygrams •

Read ROTARYGRAMS and be informed. Ed McFaddin read to us last week a part of the inaugural message of President George Hager, and it is truly a worthwhile message. But weeks ago it was reproduced in full in this sheet. The September issue of the ROTARIAN has recently come to hand, and on page 46 we find an account of the "Round-table Forum" broadcast from Chicago by six members of the Board of Directors of Rotary International at the conclusion of the recent meeting of the Board in Chicago. Our news-hawk happened to be listening in the night of this broadcast, and reported it in the next issue of this great family journal. If we could think of anything else that would indicate just how good we think we are, we wouldn't hesitate to mention it. But these two items are all that occur to us right now.

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The loss of Curtis Fuller is indeed a heavy one, not only for the Rotary Club, but for the entire community. Kyle appointed Alfred Jones, Molly Hampil, and Pres Doty to prepare resolutions concerning this beloved Rotarian, and theirs will be a sad task and yet an easy one, for it certainly will be no hard job to think up good things to say about Curtis. The difficulty will come in restraining themselves to the comparatively small compass of the usual scroll.