

midst of life, we are in death". Of 211 persons whose names appear on that roster there are 34 who we know have passed to the Great Beyond. Besides these, there are many others who have moved away from Beaumont and with whom we have lost touch. Some of these may be gone, too. But it sort of makes one stop and ponder things a little bit, when he realizes that, of that group of active, busy, useful and happy business and professional men, one sixth have gone to their reward in eight years' time.

• *Rotarygrams* •

Comment was made last week concerning the absence of visiting Rotarians. We covered considerably more territory this week, having two from Port Arthur, and one each from Greenville, Houston, and Longview, besides a number of non-Rotarian guests. And Hap Faber, as usual, made each one feel as though he had received an individual welcome. We have attended Rotary clubs in other cities where, of course, visitors were introduced; but it was done in such a perfunctory manner that one got the impression it was a task to be finished with as little trouble as possible; but when Hap welcomes them, brother, they done been welcomed!

• *Rotarygrams* •

We quote from R. I. THE NEWS LETTER:

WHAT IS ROTARY?—Rotary is an ideal—the ideal of service—the ideal of thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others. Rotary is a fellowship of men who subscribe to this ideal. Rotary is the application of this ideal in personal contacts, in business contacts, in community contacts, and in international contacts. Most people have their own definite ideas as to what is good. They place Rotary in the category of what is good. Then some people proceed to reason that Rotary must be everything else which they think is good. In doing so they err. Things are not necessarily the same thing because they have some point of similarity. Rotary does not necessarily conform to what somebody thinks it must be or do. Rotary is unique in many ways. Rotary has its program, is traveling its road. Is Rotary only an ideal? Perhaps so. Without an ideal, without vision, the people perish. Rotary is a program of practical idealism—of ideals put into practice by Rotary clubs and Rotarians who decide for themselves how to accomplish their Rotary objectives. Hence, many suggestions that Rotary do this or that and many invitations to unite in this or that program are declined.

# ROTARYGRAMS

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## *Slants at the Meeting*

The editors of this pamphlet of bad taste and misinformation (if we may boldly borrow Bill B. Beaumont's terminology) are a little bit worried this morning. We've been going blithely along, writing whatever came into our collective heads, assuming that nobody ever reads ROTARYGRAMS anyway; and here President Kyle gets up in open meeting and says that he didn't know of a certain happening "until I read it in the ROTARYGRAMS." Evidently, we'll have to be a little more careful in the future.

However, any club that can put up with a quartet composed of three bassos and one surprised and embarrassed honoree (even though accompanied by a great pianist), will probably be able to withstand anything that can be ground out of this typewriter. Personally, I would never have suspected that Irwin Feray was 75 years old, if Keith Hotchkiss hadn't given it away in the beginning of his talk to the new Rotarians. Or did he say 55? At any rate, Irwin has the wisdom, the knowledge of Rotary, the understanding of the workings of a Rotary club—particularly this club—which most of us could not acquire in a hundred years, combined with the energy, enthusiasm, the activity of a youngster of 25. Long may he wave!

Keith Hotchkiss was the man chosen to welcome six new members and give them their initial glimpse into the workings of Rotary. A booklet published by Rotary International is entitled "Rotary in 47 Minutes", and was the result of much study and careful condensation. That booklet is intended only to furnish basis for further study, for one cannot learn the whole of Rotary in 47 times 47 minutes. Keith had four minutes in which to attempt to open the eyes of the neophytes, and he did a good job of it. They will be asked to attend a dinner meeting before long, at which further instruction and inspiration

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will be given them. Meanwhile, be on the lookout for the distinctively colored "pink" badges which mark these "blessed events" and make a point of becoming better acquainted with them. These men are Dr. F. Peel Allison, 2d Active, Internal Medicine; Vernon C. Ambler, Paper Bags Manufacturing; Rezin D. McClaren, Crude Oil Purchasing; Cecil Collins, Public School Buildings Superintendent; Collins Leyden, 2d Active, Carbonated Beverages Bottling; and Leo C. Singleton, Electrical Supplies Retailing.

Skipper Bingman broke all known records by introducing the program and introducing each of three speakers, while consuming only about three minutes of their collective time. Education is a subject very near to the hearts of all Rotarians—witness our Student Loan Fund and Back-to-the-School Movement, and the symposium in the September ROTARIAN magazine on this very subject—and we were particularly well pleased to have the aims and objects of the schools presented to us at the beginning of the school year. Intelligent cooperation of parents is a thing greatly desired by all public school people, though ignorant interference by the same parents is probably what they dread most. Every one present was made more capable of this intelligent cooperation by hearing the aims of the elementary schools expounded by Mr. R. W. Gary, principal of Edwards School; those of the Junior High Schools by Mr. Newman Smith, principal of David Crockett Junior High School; and those of the High Schools by Mr. Z. A. Williamson, principal of South Park High School. One who has not been in touch with schools in recent years cannot realize how much progress has been made in fitting the child into life situations and making him a better and more useful citizen. All of the speakers were interesting but Mr. Williamson seemed to have struck a particularly responsive chord in the hearts of Rotarians in his plea for the teaching of patriotism in the schools. We don't have space for a resume of these talks, but Kyle summed up the judgment of the club when he told Skipper, "That was a good program, if I do say so."

... Bill.

"Rotary is not merely a state of mind. He who serves must act. Rotarians, through all their daily business, social, and civic contacts, are endeavoring to reconcile the conflict between the desire for profit for one's self and the obligation to serve others. They think of service before self because that is the right thing to do. They believe also that 'He profits most who serves best.' \* \* Rotary does not concern itself with a Rotarian's religion or politics. Rotary expects him to be faithful to his religion and loyal in his citizenship."

#### —BRIEF FACTS ABOUT ROTARY.

##### • Rotarygrams •

From time to time attention is called in the ROTARIAN to father-son combinations in various Rotary Clubs of the United States. "If I'm wrong, sue me", but it is believed that we have at least as many such combinations in the Beaumont Rotary Club as will be found anywhere. Witness the following which I recall off-hand: George Adams and George. Jr.; John Dollinger and "Chick"; Matthew R. Dutton and Matt, Jr. Jim Edwards and Lum; Will Graham and Fletcher III; Tom Reed and Randolph; Dr. D. Stuart Wier and Dr. Stuart T. Wier; Cooke Wilson and Waldo. That makes seven pairs, and ought to be enough to take all the tricks in the game. Have we any more? And does any other club have more than we do?

##### • Rotarygrams •

In May, 1930, the Beaumont Rotary Club, published a very attractive little book called "Who's Who and Why of Beaumont Rotary", containing pictures of all presidents of the club up to that time, with a brief history of each administration, and also containing a good deal of pertinent information about Rotary International and a complete roster of the members of the Beaumont Rotary Club at that time. Marshall Muse was chairman of the committee which compiled the data, and the resulting booklet was a welcome addition to every member's collection of "Rotariana". We are wondering if the time is not ripe for a new edition, to bring history down to date, and also if it could not be arranged in some manner to have the information concerning the present members made a little fuller than in the book referred to—perhaps even a small likeness of each Rotarian, together with a very brief biography, his birthday, and the names of his wife and children (if any). Of course, such things cost money, and it might be that each man might be asked to pay a very small sum, to pay for photograph and cut and a copy of the booklet. But I believe every member would be glad to bear this expense, if necessary. I know I would not take a good deal for my copy of the 1930 issue.

... Bill.

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A glance at the roster of the 1930 club will immediately bring home to any thoughtful person who was a member at that time the idea that "In the