

Perhaps "our public" will remember that he read in these columns some weeks ago a reference to the pamphlet "Brief Facts About Rotary", and a suggestion that Irwin would probably be willing to send in a request for a supply if a sufficient number of us indicated a desire to have them. We found that Irwin was, as usual, at least one step ahead of us. He had already written to the Chicago office for 250 copies of this pamphlet, and when you receive your bill for your dues at the end of this month, you will find a copy of this informative booklet enclosed. You are urged not to toss this in the waste basket, but to read it over, and then put it in your pocket where you can readily refer to it. Probably some program chairman will arrange a quiz on it before very long, or perhaps you may be called on by the president to give the four objects of Rotary. Whether you are ever thus called on or not, every one of us should have at least as much knowledge of Rotary as is contained in this pamphlet—and when we get that much knowledge, we will undoubtedly have a craving for more.

• *Rotarygrams* •


In case you were too busily engaged in enjoying the excellent cigars which were passed out last week, and did not hear the announcement concerning their donor, let us inform you that Hubert Oxford is the proud papa who was responsible for your smokes. Doubtless there were some in the room who remembered when another Hubert Oxford, than whom there has never been a better loved Rotarian, passed out cigars in celebration of the arrival of this very youngster. Hubert is carrying on the tradition of universal friendship and popularity which was instituted by his beloved father, and we hope that he will still be a member of the Beaumont Rotary Club when this newest bearer of the name becomes one of us.

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Rotary principles and Rotary terminology are becoming widely known. For instance, did you see Pres Doty's ad for his bank, in which he quotes approvingly the motto, "He profits most who serves best"? That probably is the best known of the enunciations of Rotary principles, but he whose knowledge of Rotary goes no further than that, has only a meager understanding of its meaning.

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Slants at the Meeting

Governor Francis Dunn more than lived up to the publicity which this sheet, acting as self-appointed "public relations counsel", had given him. Particularly gratifying to this old crusader was the fact that he placed himself firmly behind the microphone and, thus entrenched, was enabled to shoot his words with utmost clarity to every nook and cranny of our commodious convening place. Francis is a lawyer and a former teacher of public speaking, and his experience, his size, his looks, and his voice all combine to give him an impressive presence. He could have dispensed with the artificial amplification and still have made himself heard throughout the room, but the higher-ups are supposed to set the example which the lower-downs should follow, and we thank Francis for his example. It will make it easier for us to keep our recalcitrants in line.

It would have been a pity if lack of amplification or any other factor had caused any Rotarian to miss a single sentence of the Governor's address, for it was undoubtedly one of the best Rotary talks that has ever been made before our club. Specific advice as to what this club should do to make itself a better club and pointing out in what respects it has failed to live up to the highest measure of its responsibility—these were properly attended to in the meeting with the "Club Assembly" (directors and committee chairmen) before the general meeting was held. The object of this talk was principally inspiration, and this the Governor gave us in ample quantities. Surely, there was no one present who did not leave the

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meeting with a resolve to make of himself a better individual Rotarian, and to practice more effectively the third object of Rotary:

"The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life."

Francis joins with president George Hager and other leaders of Rotary International in placing the emphasis this year on the individual Rotarian and his attitude toward and activities in his own club and his own community. In other words, he wants us to apply to ourselves the question:

"What kind of a club would Rotary be, if every member was just like me?"

And he adds his fine baritone to Ed McFaddin's tenor and my bass, to make a harmonious trio in advocating that the individual improve himself as a Rotarian by studying the literature of Rotary, or, as Ed put it, learn a little something about it".

The genial Governor, who says that by the end of his term he will be the richest man in the 130th District because of the friendships he will have made, said nothing with which we could not agree and much which we enthusiastically endorse, organizing his remarks around a plea that the individual Rotarian might give a satisfactory answer to the question "What is Rotary?", by doing three things: (1) Study the literature of Rotary; (2) Do his part toward achieving the goal of Rotary; (3) Give effect to the four objects of Rotary.

We have always enjoyed having Francis with us, and we hope to have him address us many times in the future, even after the old gentleman with the scythe shall have terminated his tenure as Governor.

... Bill.

Governor Dunn spoke with appreciation of the fact that several of the Port Arthur Rotarians accompanied him on his official visits to clubs in this vicinity. We are always particularly glad to welcome members of the Port Arthur Rotary Club, and Jack Stone, Ted Srygley, Alton Gautreau, Chas. Kainer, and W. M. Brent, we hope were made to feel as much at home as though they were in their own club. Personally, we thought Hap did an unusually good job of welcoming these fellows and our other guests, including Rotarians from Goose Creek, Houston (2), and Galveston.

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In spite of the fact that the October number of the ROTARIAN has reached our hands, we cannot refrain from commenting once more on the September issue. One of the most intensely practical articles we have read in many a moon, while being at the same time inspirational in the extreme, is William Moulton Marsden's article entitled, "You Might As Well Enjoy It". This contains an absolutely sure-fire recipe for avoiding boredom, and, like Francis Dunn and George Hager, places the responsibility on the individual—on you, if you please, and your attitude. As Bud Fisher says, "If I'm wrong, sue me", but I believe you'll get real benefit from reading this article. Another article which may have come too late for many of us, but which could well be called to the attention of every young person with his career ahead of him, is Walter Pitkin's "The Mathematics of Versatility", showing how a boy with three skills has seven times as great a chance of getting a job as the one-skill boy. I don't know whether this club is seeing that the ROTARIAN comes regularly to the Tyrrell Library and the libraries of our high schools. If not, here is a Community Service which would not cost a great deal but which would be of extreme value to our young people. Of particular importance to them would be the frequent debates on subjects of current interest, wherein outstanding authorities cite the arguments pro and con.

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Governor Allred invited President Kyle Wheelus to attend the Texas Water Resources Conference in Austin today, or to send a representative from this club. If Kyle had had the whole State of Texas from which to pick a representative to such a conference, there would have been but one answer to his problem. Yes, you guessed it; and Barney Steinhagen will be in Austin today, tomorrow, and Friday to give the conferees the benefit of his information and experience, and to see that this section is well represented.