


The Beaumont Rotary Club and the entire city of Beaumont have suffered an inestimable loss in the passing of Charlie Walden. Volumes could be written concerning his contributions to the civic and community life of our town, but I can't write them today. I can't even think of them. Somebody has said, "What you are speaks so loud that I can't hear what you say," and to this writer what Charlie Walden was looms so large that today I cannot even see his accomplishments in the business and civic field, great and important though I know them to be. I can only think of him as the man who was President of the Rotary Club when I was privileged to become a member, the man whose friendship has meant so much to me and countless others throughout the succeeding years. The spotless character of this good man, the genial tolerance and democratic attitude which he displayed toward his fellows, the warmth of his heart, which was big enough to encompass a love for all mankind—these were qualities which endeared him to all, whether in the Rotary Club or out. Perhaps as typical of his life as any other act of his, is the fact that during his administration as President of this club he inaugurated the "Back to School Movement", which has continued to this good day as an invaluable aid to needy school children and one of the finest activities engaged in by our club. The fortitude with which Charlie bore the burdens of suffering and failing health, and still maintained the ability to smile and the desire to help others get the most out of life, will always be a source of inspiration to those of us who have watched his courageous fight. Ill, indeed, can we afford to lose such men as Charlie Walden. It behooves us, who are left behind, to show our love and admiration for him, by emulating in our lives, and particularly in our Rotary activities, the virtues of which he was so shining an example. Thus shall his memory ever be undimmed and his spirit continue to lend us encouragement in our efforts to give effect to the ideals of Rotary.

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Slants at the Meeting

"Bing" Bingman was shedding bitter tears after the conclusion of the meeting, grieving over having let Si Ivers reach into his bailiwick and come up with a program which is liable to be the one which will keep this same "Bing" from receiving the diamond-studded Rotary pin for producing the best program for this semester. But the sunshine of his smile was making a rainbow through his tears, for he was undoubtedly proud of the way that Miss Arnett and the Lamar College Curtain Club had held the interest and won the approval of perhaps as critical an audience as can be found in our city.

Beaumont is peculiarly fortunate in having in her midst such an institution as Lamar College, and particularly so when the direction of its department of Dramatic Arts is in such capable hands as those of Miss Arnett. Year after year her Curtain Club performers are playing a more and more important part in the fields of culture, entertainment and enlightenment in this vicinity, and they have earned the everlasting gratitude and wholehearted support of all our citizens.

The program presented last week was in commemoration of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, and consisted of a panoramic pageant depicting the history of the nation which owes its existence to the daring and determination of the great Genoese. Thanks to the recently developed acoustic properties of the Rose Room, and to the excellent voice and splendid enunciation of the narrator (Miss Virginia Moon), Rotarians were able to get the full benefit of a beautifully written story and to appreciate and understand the significance of the tableaux which illustrated the successive stages of the development of American history.

Approximately twenty five or thirty of Lamar's fine young people participated in this pageant, to all of whom, as well as to Miss Arnett, and to her assistant, Karl von Leuwen, are due the thanks of the Rotary Club. It would not be possible to single out for special mention any particular person or section of the pageant as excelling the others, for the excellence was general, as was indicated by the reception accorded the entire presentation. The concluding prayer of the narrator found echo in every heart as the members rose and stood at attention while the young people followed from the hall the Lone Star flag and the Stars and Stripes:

"God give us Tolerance! God give us love! God give us peace."

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Service is thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others.

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Don't blame Si Ivers if he suddenly starts to talking about "fake reverses" in the midst of a discussion of better heating, or mutters something like "Third down and two yards to go" when you inquire the price of a good range. You see, he's living in a football atmosphere these days with the twins, James and John both on Buddy Savage's Royal Purple squad, and their big brother, Wayne, the starting full back at Lamar. Of course, Dick is a little young for strenuous competition yet, but they do say he can talk a better game than either of his brothers.

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ISN'T THIS WHAT CLUB SERVICE MEANS?

Club service is the first of the four lanes of service which parallel the four objects of Rotary.

Club service comprises those things that a Rotarian does to help make successful the administration of his Rotary club. A Rotarian serves his club by

- being present at its meetings,
- participating in their fellowship,
- taking part in their programs,
- assisting in welcoming new members,
- servicing on committees,
- servicing as an officer,
- paying his dues,
- representing the club in activities which while not performed within club meetings are not classified under any of the other three "services", such as:
 - informing non-Rotarians as to the objects of Rotary,
 - speaking at other Rotary clubs,
 - attending inter-city meetings,
 - attending district assemblies or district conferences, or regional conferences, or international conventions,
 - representing his club in the organizing of new Rotary clubs.

—The News Letter, Oct. 7, 1938.

The following interesting observations appeared in the July monthly letter of Governor Adrian M. News of District 172:

"A Rotarian does not know how to say 'no' when asked to do a bit of Rotary work. The fact that a man has accepted membership in a Rotary club indicates that he is willing and ready to do his share of work. . . . He is ready for his job, and the more jobs he takes, the happier he is in each succeeding job, and the better he does his work."

These sentiments have a familiar ring in the ears of Beaumont Rotarians, for our leaders have been preaching the same doctrine for years, and even our newest members are putting it into practice.

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Elsewhere in this periodical will be found a reference to certain activities of Lamar College, and we wish to say once more that the establishment of this college in our town has been of untold value to its citizens. It has enabled us to give our children two years of college education in an institution which is recognized as the best of its kind in the State. It has enabled us to keep our children under our own roofs and where they can receive parental counsel during their formative years, while at the same time they are receiving a training which, in the opinion of many, better fits them for their final two years of college than would be obtained by going direct to the larger college. It has been the means of furnishing higher education to many who would otherwise not have been able to obtain it. It has meant the spending of thousands of additional dollars with the merchants of Beaumont, and (unimportant as it may seem to some) has meant the saving of thousands of dollars to the families of its students.

Such an institution deserves our fullest support and cooperation. Therefore, we insert here our boost for the football game to be played tomorrow, Thursday, night at Lamar Stadium, between John Gray's brave boys and the Bearcats from Sam Houston State Teachers' College of Huntsville. This team beat Texas A. & I. last week end, and looms as a likely contender for the championship of the Texas Conference. Yet those who saw the Cardinals in their battle against the behemoths of St. Edward's College will tell you that the Red Birds don't back up for any of them. "The bigger they are, the harder they fall," and any true lover of football will more than get his money's worth at this game. John Gray has a way of getting the most out of his men, and with some of the breaks going their way, they are liable to upset the proud pedagogues from Penitentiary City. A coach who urges his men to put their education ahead of football; who would rather make a real man out of a boy than to win a game; whose personality and knowledge of the game inspires light-weight, green boys and molds them into a hard-fighting, clean-thinking, sportsman-like football team—such a coach and such a team deserve our support. Let's go to the game!