

ONLY YESTERDAY . . .

The Rotary Club yesterday agreed to back the organization of a full Boy Scout Council after hearing a talk by Stanley Harris, National Field Secretary. President Henry D. Keith appointed a committee to map the organization.—*Beaumont Enterprise*, Nov. 21, 1918.

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George Adams undoubtedly opened some eyes as to the multiplicity of services rendered by a Ship Chandler, covering almost every conceivable thing which might be needed by a ship, its officers and its crew, to keep everything operating satisfactorily on a voyage of several weeks. Norrie West elicited from George the information that he practices Rotary ideals in his dealings with Stewards and Masters, so that we know there is no padding of accounts, no rebates and side agreements, such as are described in certain stories of old time Ship Captains who have made themselves rich at the expense of their employers. It would be interesting, by the way, if George could some day bring us one of these Salty Seamen to give us some stories of adventure on the seven seas. One of the most interesting talks ever presented before this club was made by a Master whose ship had been attacked by a submarine, and we would all like to hear another such tale.

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A current advertisement for a great oil company represents a brawny workman as saying, "I'm glad my old man came to America." When we looked at this advertisement lately, we saw, not a brawny workman, but a brilliant lad, not yet 13 years old, who recently delighted this Rotary Club with his masterly rendition of two of his own compositions for the piano. We thought of this boy's grandfather, great musician and celebrated European Kantor, whose talents have been transmitted to young Louis Gordon, and whose very synagogue may have been destroyed in riotings and burnings which have just taken place in Europe, and we said to ourselves, "Yes, Louis, we are glad your father came to America. We are glad that America is to have the benefit of your talent and your brilliant personality. We are glad that you, in turn, are to have the benefit of living in a land where you will not be barred from attending school, where you will not be discriminated against because of your race or your religion, but will be accorded every opportunity to develop your abilities to the fullest possible extent, and will be judged according to your character and accomplishments rather than on whether your ancestors came from Asia Minor or Northern Europe. And God grant that you and all the rest of us may so highly appreciate these blessings, that we may close our ears to all propaganda which would have us change our American way of life, that we may be willing to die, if need be, to preserve the American heritage, which is yours as much as anybody's, of free speech, free press, individual liberty, and the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences."

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FARMER'S AND CATTLE MEN'S DAY

South Texas State Fair Grounds

12:00 o'clock noon

Don't say we didn't tell you! Don't go to the Rose Room expecting to find a Rotary meeting there today, but be at the Fair Grounds as close to noon as possible, to assist in making the occasion pleasant for our farmer and cattlemen friends. Willie Gilbert and his capable committee have planned a fine program, and there will be plenty of barbecue and all the trimmings. In the words of the immortal poet, "Come one, come all! Let joy be unrefined!"

Slants at the Meeting

My table companion at last week's luncheon was a former President of the Beaumont Rotary Club,—and one of the very best we have ever had—who commented, "All through my administration, I begged the program committees to put on a Vocational Service program, and they always said it was impossible to make such a program interesting. These boys today have shown that it can be done." And similar comment was heard on all sides. We know too little about the other fellow's business—about our own, too, for that matter—and when we can acquire this information in a painless manner, we owe a debt of gratitude to the fellows who provide it for us.

Nobody would wish to claim that George Adams, Raymond Galloway, and Frank White were great orators, but each one of them faced his microphone and gave the right answers to Norrie West's questions in a clear voice without the necessity of consulting any encyclopedia. And Norrie must have put in considerable work on preparing the interviews, since he probably knew beforehand as little about Ship Chandlery, Irrigating, and Blue Printing as the rest of us, and he could not have asked intelligent questions on these subjects without having acquired some information.

This was a program that would have gladdened the heart of Ed McFaddin, though it dealt almost wholly with the problem of customer relations in the three fields, omitting largely the competitor and employee relations. But what Ed would have liked particularly was the dignifying by each man of his occupation as an opportunity for service, and the high ideals each man held for himself and his business. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that few, if any other, visiting dignitaries ever made as lasting an impression on the Beaumont Rotary Club as this Hope-ful Arkansas lawyer who is this year's Chairman of Vocational Service for Rotary International. I feel sure that the spirit generated by his visit was at least partly responsible for the presentation of this program, and, indeed, Frank White specifically referred to Ed's address as his inspiration to carry Rotary Ideals into his business life. If Rotary International has any more like Ed McFaddin—and we know his kind are rare—we'd be mighty grateful for an opportunity to hear them.

A little consideration of the interviews will furnish further proof of the close inter-dependence of

all of us on each other. Raymond Galloway's irrigating system furnishes water for the raising of rice, and also for use of the refineries which make the gasoline used in harvesting and threshing the rice. The rice is processed in our local mills, and then Ship Chandler Geo. Adams gets to furnish not only this rice but many other supplies to ships which come here to transport rice, petroleum products, and other commodities; while the petroleum and irrigating industries both find Frank White's blue printing and photostatic reproductions an almost indispensable aid in their operations. This line of thought could be extended almost indefinitely, but these few ideas culled from these excellent interviews will serve to call attention to the importance of every man's job and the opportunity it gives him to serve humanity.

We register ROTARYGRAMS vote for another Vocational Service program soon.

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The latest list of newly admitted clubs, published in the November 11 issue of THE NEWS LETTER, furnishes striking proof that our organization is truly Rotary *International*. There are fifteen clubs on the list, seven of which are in the United States, and one each in Philippines, England, Scotland, New Zealand, Denmark, Bulgaria, France, and Czechoslovakia, the charter number of the latest one, at Buchanan, Virginia, being 4,873.

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Did anybody else notice the patriotic color scheme carried out by Frank White and his business? Frank's hair is red, his name is White, and his prints are blue. His firm name of White Blue Print Company" is almost worthy of a place in Ripley's Odditorium, alongside the statement that "Blackberries are red when they're green."

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Heartiest congratulations and highest commendation go to Keith Hotchkiss, General Chairman, and all of the other generals, colonels, majors, captains, and privates, who put over our Community Chest drive right on time. More money was needed this year than ever before, and many thought the task would be harder. But courageous, intelligent, inspirational leadership on the one hand, and whole-hearted co-operation and dogged determination on the other, proved a combination which could not be defeated; and this year it was not necessary to extend the campaign beyond the prescribed limits. Beaumont owes a real debt of gratitude to Keith and all his co-workers.