

Tom Walker or Kelsey Lamb to lead us and Joe Evans to play the piano for us, this club would soon establish a nation-wide reputation for singing. Comes now the information that this great family newspaper was a little behind the times, since 250 copies of the book have been ordered and are probably on hand by this time. Tom Walker will not be here today, but will probably be on hand to initiate us into the mysteries of Rotary Club singing next week. Meanwhile, here is an extract from the preface to the song book, which you might be thinking over. It might make you more ready to cooperate:

"Rotary club singing is not designed especially for the soloist nor the musically talented. It is for everybody, the good voice, the average voice, the unclassified voice, and the man who freely admits he has only one note in his voice. The important thing to remember is that club singing is definitely one place on the program where, week in and week out, all can take part. It should strengthen the feeling of cooperation that exists in every club, and it should establish a cordial, friendly atmosphere of good fellowship."

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We live and learn. If we don't learn, we don't live very long or very well. At any rate, we have learned that there is no such thing as an ex-Aggie. One may be an ex-student of Texas A. & M. College; perhaps one might even—though from what I've heard since last week's *Rotarygrams* came out, I'm inclined to doubt it—be an Aggie Ex. But an ex-Aggie? Never! Once an Aggie, always an Aggie! When the old rocking chair has got them, and their backs are bent with the weight of years, when their joints creak and pop so loudly that it sounds like infantry fire when they move,—nay, when they're laid in their graves and covered with the good rich earth of Texas, they'll still be Aggies. And more power to 'em say I. That's the spirit that has made the school what it is today. And that spirit of loyalty carries over into their civic and community life and makes them real citizens, of whom we may be proud.

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"Sedentary work", said the college professor, "tends to lessen the endurance".

"In other words", the student butted in, "the more one sits, the less one can stand."

"Exactly", retorted the professor, "and if one lies a great deal one's standing is lost completely."—The Rotary Fellow.

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Sam Rosinger, for the Sick Committee, brings the cheering news that Arthur Kauffman is greatly improved in health, and would welcome communications and good wishes from his fellow Rotarians. The Rabbi seems to be functioning mighty well as a Sick Committee, since he succeeds in keeping us all well. We'll be watching to see what success he has had during this near-zero weather.

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Slants at the Meeting

Beaumont apparently owes a greater debt than most of us had realized to C. W. Kellogg, who appeared before our club last Wednesday. Mr. Kellogg, it seems, was the man who was sent down here about umpteen years ago to look us over and say whether Beaumont and vicinity offered a promising field for investment by Stone & Webster, whose first report was favorable but not believed, but who finally put us across in his second favorable report, and this became indirectly responsible for giving us a long succession of such fine citizens as Ed Emerson, Alfred Townsend, Ben Williams, Pete McChesney, George (B) Morgan, Tom Walker, Charlie Terrell, Hap Faber and a host of others.

As such a benefactor of our city and our club, he was probably entitled to closer attention than he got. But he can't claim that "his best friend wouldn't tell him", for by his own confession Tom Walker told him the traditional and habitual attitude of Beaumont Rotarians to an address which is read. In the words of the popular song, "Confucius say, Speech read make Rotarian see red." One could almost see the curtain of inattention as it fell between the audience and the speaker when he announced that the rest of his address was to be presented directly from his manuscript. Those of us who followed the address were given an insight into why utility companies are so careful about picking a place in which to invest, and why, after picking one, they stick with it, even through years when the profit is small or none at all. This business requires eight times as heavy investment as the average business, and the investment is in such large units of plant and material that it is impossible to pick it up and move it hither and yon to meet the fluctuations of local business conditions.

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Having picked a locality and made its investment, the wisely administered utility company selects its employees, from operating head down, from men who will put forth strenuous individual and collective efforts for the development of the community and who will gain for themselves and their company the good will of their fellow citizens. This, as Mr. Kellogg pointed out, has been the steadfast policy of the Stone & Webster organization in this vicinity, and furnishes a part of the explanation for the fine influence on our community life which has been exerted by the men above named and others who have been sent here by this organization.

It was indeed good to see Barney Steinhagen back in our midst, and to hear that he is in good health and spirits. And it was fine to see that we had two of our Charter Members in attendance at the meeting, one of whom (Jim Edwards) did a whale of a fine job of introducing our guests. Jim has a voice of unusually rich and mellow quality, which any presidential candidate might well envy him, and a pleasant and gracious manner of dispensing real Southern hospitality which assures a guests that he is truly welcome.

. . . Bill Campbell.

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This is National Social Hygiene Week, an event sponsored by a number of health-conscious organizations in our nation in an effort to focus the attention of our citizens on the seriousness and, at the same time, the hopefulness of the situation in this country with reference to venereal diseases. Behind a cover of darkness, prudery, and unwillingness to face the facts, these diseases have flourished and taken a heavy toll in wrecked lives and broken homes. This campaign is a continuing one, designed to call attention to the terrible dangers and the fearful ravages of these diseases when ignored, and to the fact that they can be cured and their incidence greatly reduced by bringing the intelligence and innate fineness of character of the American people to bear upon the present ugly situation.

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NEW MEMBERS

The Board of Directors at their last meeting elected the following to membership:

C. S. Shoolroy, "Cash Register Retailing," reinstated to membership.

F. L. Colvin, "Railway Executive," second active to G. P. Williams.

Joe Perl, "Crockery and Glassware," second active to his father, L. Perl.

Dick Carey, "Rental Proprietary."

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We have been built up to a big let-down, so to speak. For months and months we have been reading in our Rotary literature about Brazil and the beautiful

city of Rio de Janerio, where the 1940 convention of Rotary International was to be held. Note the tense of that "was". For the current issue of the *Newsletter* contains the information that the Board of Directors, with the consent (and apparently at the request) of the Brazilian Rotarians, has decided not to hold this year's convention at Rio. It seems that the war situation has become much worse than any one anticipated, and it is feared that many would not care to run the risk of meeting up with a German submarine on a trip through the waters where the Graf Spee so recently operated. This would apply to Rotarians from the United States, as well as to those in Europe, and many of the latter, of course, could not come in any event. While the *Newsletter* does not carry the information, it is our understanding that the decision has been reached to have this year's convention at Havana, and to use the same ships which had already been chartered for the Rio trip.

In this connection comes also the information that the big exposition building in Toronto, in which the 1941 convention was to be held, has been taken over by the Government for use in some war activity, and since it seems unlikely that this situation will be ended by June 1941, Toronto has asked to be relieved of the responsibility of that convention, and the Board has acted accordingly. Denver now seems likely as the choice for the 1941 convention city, while Rio has asked for and been promised the 1942 convention.

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A "YOU-AND-I" CLUB

Rotary is a "You-and-I" club. It isn't one of those organizations where someone else is supposed to do all the things that are to be done. It's the combination of what you and I do that makes the club a success, spreads the ideals of Rotary and makes the movement grow. If you haven't done your assignment and I, too, have fallen down on my part, it shows a weak spot which is going to be noticed. No great catastrophe will happen, of course, to the world at large by our falling down. Quite likely there are those in the city who wouldn't miss the Rotary Club if it closed up tomorrow. But how about you and me? Wouldn't we miss it? Of course we would. We miss the meetings that are cancelled. That's all the more reason why each individual member should give serious thought to any assignment, no matter how humble, and make so much of it that even the most inactive member in the club will wake up, begin to move around in his seat and note that something is happening.—*Savannah Rotary.*

• Rotarygrams •

We wrote an article last week about the new Rotary song books which have just been published, but there wasn't room for it and it had to be cut out. In that article, we suggested the purchase of a supply of these new books, and expressed the belief that with