

has to have steady, dependable players. And, with all due respect to the brilliant "managers" our club has had, a great percentage of their success is due to the presence on their team of a large number of these steady players.

#### A ROTARY "BLOODING"

A new and praiseworthy way of spending the half hour or so before the club weekly lunch has made the Rotary Club of Belfast, Ireland, for a time a center of attention in that city.

Following an appeal to the members of the club to help in the Belfast campaign for blood donors, 22 Rotarians came at the appointed time to be tested by the staff of the Institute of Pathology. The testing and "typing" took place in the Rotary room at the Grand Central Hotel, and previously members of the public had been invited to cooperate in this Rotary "bleeding"; 14 members of the public also presented themselves. The ceremony did not take long, two minutes for each person, and about a teaspoonful of blood was taken from each.

At the subsequent lunch meeting Rotarian Ernest Rea, secretary of the community service committee, thanked the members for their help and told them that the organizers of the city's Blood Transfusion Service were very grateful for their ready response. By their help some 40 people had been added to the list of blood donors in one half hour.

—*The News Letter*

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The Board of Directors announce the election to membership in the Beaumont Rotary club—subject to the usual period of ten days for any possible protests—of the following:

Charles D. Smith, 2d Active to Albert Boyd, Classification, "Civil Law Practice."

Raymond Alford, Classification, "High School Football Coach."

Luther Carter, Classification, "Life Insurance Agent."

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#### THE LAST WORD

Have you ever given consideration to the outstanding peculiarity of the double postal card issued by Uncle Sam?

The original message card bears the likeness of George Washington in the upper right hand corner, while the "reply card" carries the portrait of his good wife, Martha. Despite the passage of 141 years, Martha has the last word to this very day!

—*Christian Science Monitor.*

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### *Slants at the Meeting*

Varying somewhat from the usual technique, Lum Edwards informed a startled Rotary club last Wednesday that the members of the program committee had not worked hard to produce the program, but that all the long hours of tedious effort had been expended by the committee chairman, Harvey Steinhagen. Apparently all this toil and trouble was more than the chairman could stand, for that worthy was reported as out of town—we presume resting from his strenuous labors.

We cannot say that our ideas on the subject of advertising before a Rotary club have changed. We still don't like it. Perhaps, like Col. McCann, who said he represented nobody but himself, I'd better abandon that editorial "we", and say I still don't like it. And I still think there are lots of better program material for a Rotary club than any but the best of moving pictures. Certainly every representative in Beaumont of a large corporation has readily available to him a film graphically portraying the patriotism of his organization and the value of its product to national defense, and every such representative in the Rotary club was doubtless twisting in his seat and saying to himself, "If this company can do this, why can't my company do it next week?" I must say, however, that the narrator, who carried the running story in connection with last week's film, certainly did a good job for the first half of the film, where he was describing vividly—and I do mean vividly—the horrors of war, and impressing upon us the necessity of preparing ourselves so that we may be able to keep those horrors from our doors. I was really sorry that I did not have a lighted pencil so that I could take down some of those striking remarks. One that stuck in memory was his description of war-ridden Europe as a place where the dead sleep above the ground and

the living sleep beneath it. And the comments were full of other expressions almost as striking.

Col. J. R. McCann, of course, is no stranger to Beaumonters. He has lived and worked among us and held an honored place as a private citizen, though always retaining an interest in the problems of national defense. And now that his country has decided to make a fuller use of his ability in the military field, it is indeed fitting that he be stationed here where he has already established the necessary contacts. Col. McCann, in a brief and very forceful address—emphasizing that he was not speaking the official views of anyone but himself—called on us for national unity, complete cooperation with our Federal Government, and a conscientious and painstaking observance of the laws of the land. To the query, "What can I as an individual do to promote national defense?" the colonel replies, "For the present, the best thing you can do is to be simply a loyal, patriotic, law abiding citizen. If enough of us will do that, we need have no fear of Hitler or any other earthly power."

—Bill Campbell

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### BRIEFS ABOUT CLUBS

The Uvalde, Texas, club is actively participating in a local hot lunch project whereby several hundred under privileged school children receive proper food during the noon hour.

Out of a total membership of 123 in the Rotary Club of Halifax, Nova Scotia, 102 have already held positions as officers or committee chairmen in the club. I believe Beaumont would make a pretty good showing on such a check-up.

The Rotary Club of Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania, has had a monthly attendance average of 100% since February, 1935. Hasn't Liberty, Texas, beat this?

I believe I mentioned this before, but the Miami, Florida, club recently entertained 260 visitors at a luncheon meeting. These visitors came from 30 states, Canada, and China.

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President John has proved to everybody concerned that it is not necessary to call on a preacher to return thanks for our food. Every one of us in these trying times is instinctively turning his thoughts to a Higher Power, like the little boy we heard of the other day, who concluded his prayer in this fashion: "And please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're sunk." It is a fine thing John is doing in giving this opportunity of thanksgiving to laymen young and old, and it is heartening to all of us that youngsters like Spike Shepherd willingly undertakes the job.

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We were glad to welcome last Wednesday a new member in the person of W. B. Johnson, under the

classification of "Oil Refinery Purchasing Agent." We'll almost be willing to guarantee that John and Doc and some of the other Magnolia boys will see that W. B. gets a thorough initiation — perhaps a strenuous ride on the Rotary goat, who has long been conspicuous by reason of his absence.

• Rotarygrams •

An innovation in District 187 has been developed by the Rotary Club of Richmond, Virginia, the oldest club in the district, in the form of a "salute" once a month to other clubs in the district.

At the first meeting in each month a member of the District Contacts Committee of the Richmond club prepares a comprehensive story on a selected club nearby. He garners such information as is pertinent to that club and develops it in his own best style. The committee then invites all members of the honored club to the meeting at which the "salute" is to be "fired" and at an appropriate place on the program the visiting members are called to the head table.

The committee member then tells the story of Rotary and its development in the club selected, pointing out some of its outstanding accomplishments. He then tells something of the town or city in which the club is located, describes certain personalities in the club, giving credit to those who have worked for its success, and closes with good wishes of the host club for the continued good service of the club in Rotary.

This strikes us as a fine gesture of interclub friendship which can be developed by any Rotary club.

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The strength of a Rotary Club is not to be gauged by the comparatively few men who fill its top offices and occupy the places in the lime light. Take the double-basses and 'cellos out of a symphony orchestra, take the basses and altos out of a choir, and you will find that what you have left sounds pretty thin. Just so, the fellows who make Rotary what it is are the fellows who come to the meetings week after week, live their Rotary philosophy in their daily business and community life, and do without grumbling the Rotary tasks which are assigned to them. And so we were glad that President John took occasion last week to mention, in calling on Spencer Blain to introduce the guests and visiting Rotarians, that Spencer has a 100% attendance record in Rotary for the past seven years. Incidentally, we discover that all but two or three of the meetings he has attended have been right here in our Beaumont club. A good manager is a fine asset for a baseball team, but the manager