

I. D. Polk gave the invocation and Walter Fastings introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Guests last Wednesday were: Terrell Adkisson, Jr., Frank Hamauga, R. W. Coffin, Edmond LeBer, all of Beaumont; J. E. Arp, Lake Charles; C. J. Ferguson, Houston; Walter Hartz, New Orleans; and John Lee Smith, of Throckmorton.

Visiting Rotarians were: Rev. Hugh Kearns of Galveston; Major James, Port Arthur, and Earl Hankamer of Houston.

• *Rotarygrams* •

The District Assembly for the 130th District convenes at Port Arthur July 26, 27 and 28, with Monday the 27th the big day. Our club will put on the program for the model luncheon at the big new Pleasure Pier at noon Monday, under direction of our Inter-City Program Committee, Gene Thompson, Chairman. A particularly fine program has been arranged for this assembly, and President Kelsey is hoping that a great many Beaumont Rotarians and Rotary Ann's can be present for these important and interesting sessions. Sam Sharfstein will be in charge of registration for Beaumonters, and Elmon Doty will head the transportation committee. Cards will be at your tables next Wednesday for registration. The fee will be about \$2.00 which will cover all entertainment features except the meal at the big Monday night party. Port Arthur helped us with our conference; now let's turn out in force and help Port Arthur stage a top-notch District Assembly.

• *Rotarygrams* •

The Toronto convention of Rotary International was, from all accounts, an unqualified success, though necessarily attendance from countries not in the Western Hemisphere was curtailed.

Officers for the coming year are as follows:

President, Fernando Carbajal (Civil Engineering), Lima, Peru; First Vice President, J. Raymond Tiffany (Corporation Law Practice), Hoboken, N. J.; Second Vice President, C. J. Steiger (Overseas Trade), Zurich Switzerland; Third Vice President, Armando Hamel (Insurance Underwriting), Santiago, Chile.

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Philip C. Lovejoy, who has been Acting Secretary for some months, succeeds the much loved Ches Perry, as Secretary of Rotary International; while the veteran Rufus F. Chapin, who, I believe, is the only person to have held the post, remains as Treasurer.

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The Buffs and Exporters play a doubleheader this afternoon and all proceeds go to the Red Cross.

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Slants at the Meeting

The program last week was presented by the Vocational Service Committee; and Julius Feigelson and his committee called on Harry Marlow, Naval Architect at the Pennsylvania Shipyards, to talk on shipbuilding.

Mr. Average Citizen does not realize what a tremendous undertaking the building of a ship really is. Therefore, Harry's facts and figures were a revelation to most of us. Our speaker told us that there were more than a dozen C-1 type cargo vessels under construction at the Pennsylvania Yards at the present time. That the cost of one of the ships was \$2,500,000 and that the payroll on a single ship was some \$30,000 per week.

"Unlike a woman", said the speaker, "a ship must not be unpredictable. When we rig her we must know how the ship will perform under given conditions".

Harry pointed out the many opportunities the Sabine-Neches area has for industrial development in order to supply the shipyards with materials and services necessary to the building of ships. He said that the Gulf Coast was the logical place for shipbuilding after the war is over and well as for the duration".

We all know that Beaumont would have more industrial plants if we had enough fresh water to supply the mills. What! Not enough water? Well, we've had enough for a few days 'tis true. But we need the Rockland Dam to assure this section of enough fresh water to take care of new industries if we expect new industries to locate here. Let's get behind Barney Steinhagen and keep hollering 'till we get that Rockland Dam.

No, we didn't overlook the fact that Harry read his speech last week. But we know that Harry and the other architects, the engineers, and the layout men over at the shipyards are much too busy keeping work ahead of the men in the yards to take time out to learn speeches.

—Spencer

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