

another outstanding Rotary year, at the end of which there will be a demand for Benny to assume still higher responsibilities in Rotary.

ARTHUR HOLLY COMPTON'S TIME TABLE.

On a time scale of one year to represent a million years of development, Dr. Arthur Holly Compton, frequent contributor to THE ROTARIAN, shows the following, among many, representative steps in the advance of science and invention:

1. One year ago sticks and stones were used as tools and weapons.
 2. Last week, stones were shaped to meet special needs.
 3. Day before yesterday, simplified pictures were used as writing.
 4. Yesterday, the alphabet was invented.
 5. Last midnight, Rome fell, hiding values of civilized life for several hours.
 6. By 10 o'clock this morning, the first practical steamboat was being built.
 7. At 11 o'clock, Faraday's law of electromagnetism was formulated.
 8. By 11:30 o'clock, telegraphy, electric power, telephone, and electric lights had been invented and were in use.
 9. At 11:40 o'clock, X-ray was discovered, followed quickly by radium and wireless telegraphy.
 10. Fifteen minutes ago, the automobile came into use.
 11. Five minutes ago, air mail was first carried.
 12. One minute ago, the first world-wide short-wave broadcast occurred.
- Our life today differs from that of our grandfathers much more than did theirs from life 2,000 years ago.

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District Governor Wiley Johnson, of Houston, will pay our club his official visit at today's lucheon, and tonight at 7:00 will participate in the first Club Assembly of the new administration. President Benny Hughes, Secretary Irwin Feray, and Director W. Edgar Arthur attended the recent conference Wiley held in Houston for Presidents and Secretaries, and they are high in their praise of the way the new governor is taking hold, and the ability he is displaying. Wiley has been a Rotarian a long time, and has held many important positions in his own club. He probably has as wide an acquaintance among Rotarians of the 130th District as has any other man in the District, and this should go far toward assuring the success of his gubernatorial administration. We are looking forward to hearing his advice and admonitions to the Beaumont Rotary Club at noon today.

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The deep and sincere sympathy of the entire Rotary club goes out to Walter Gunn because of the death of his mother. The elder Mrs. Gunn was an ardent church member and active to the date of her death. Her beautiful life was a source of inspiration to all who knew her, and these join with the thousands of Walter's friends in mourning her passing.

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Slants at the Meeting

Harvey McMullen, as Matt Love called him in his introduction, blew into our midst with all the breeziness usually associated with the plains of West Texas, or the city of Chicago, and immediately won himself a place in the hearts of Beaumont Rotarians. Many of our members have been tagged by others with the title of "big shot" and have been accused of being "dignified business and professional men", but there is not a "stuffed shirt" in the bunch, and they do enjoy a man who can poke a little fun at the follies and foibles of his neighbor, and, incidentally, at his own. Matt's friend—and ours, too, since we heard him speak—may have once been the raw country boy described in those introductory remarks, but he's been around quite considerably since those days, and all the rough edges have been knocked off, and in coming in contact with the vicissitudes of life in many places, the country boy has acquired a polish that can only be described by the word so frequently used by the younger generation today: "smooth."

Mr. McMullen is the new Scout Executive for the Neches-Trinity Council, and he quite evidently intends to do a good job of "selling" that organization to the people of this area. Speaking to a group which in effect may be said to have fathered the Beaumont Council of Boy Scouts and which for many years attended to financing its activities, he was under no necessity of telling us that the Boy Scouts are a worthwhile organization. In fact, a considerable part of his address was taken up in commendation of the Beaumont Rotary Club for its early efforts at promotion of this activity. However, he pointed out that there is a great need of present, active, and continuous support by the leaders of the community of all organizations which are attempting to build and strengthen the character of our youth. As he looked around the Rose Room and noticed how the light was reflected from hundreds of bald pates, and observed the number of Old Grand-dads present, he must have concluded that there was not much chance

of recruiting Scout Masters from that bunch, and so he limited his appeal largely to one for service on troop committees, Boards of Review, Courts of Honor, and so on.

The Boy Scouts wear uniforms which resemble the uniforms of military units, and their training program involves often a pretty rigid discipline, but their aim is the development in our boys of those characteristics of mind, heart, and body which will make them good citizens of our democracy, and in no sense is theirs a militaristic organization. It was heartening, therefore, to this writer, in spite of the loud outcry being heard at this time for compulsory peace time military training, to hear Mr. McMullen express the hope that the time will never come when the military leaders will take over the "raising" of American youth. If that time comes, he says, we will have wars from now on. Hitler took charge of raising the German youth, and many an American boy sleeps the eternal sleep in the fields of Europe today because of the militaristic training those German boys got. I know, and Mr. McMullen knows, that there are two sides to this question, but I'm sure he will share with me the hope that we will wait until we have peace before we commit ourselves to a peace-time draft of our boys.

—Bill Campbell

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The program for the meeting of June 27th was under the auspices of the Youth Service Committee, and Chairman Bob Gary gave a very inspiring and informative report of the activities of that committee during the past year. Other members of that committee are Dutch Lorbeer, vice-chairman, and Odie Minatra, C. J. Lockwood, Artie Pollock, Fletcher Graham, Newman Smith, Matt Love, and Father Michalka. The invocation was pronounced by Odie Minatra. John Fontaine presented the service men present, and Lockwood introduced the visiting Rotarians and civilian guests of members. Noteworthy among the visiting Rotarians was Francis Dunn, now of Houston, but formerly a member of the Port Arthur club, and Governor of Rotary District No. 130 in 1939.

Club Sweetheart for the day was Miss Beverly Faber, daughter of Hap Faber, who has done such a fine job this past year as chairman of the Club Service Committee.

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Two new members were introduced to the club at our last meeting. Haskell Porter's goat-rider was Jack Allen, Superintendent of the Pure Oil Company's refinery at "Jack's Bluff", Classification Oil Refinery Superintendent; while Ed Carrington presented J. E. Miller, Classification "Synthetic Rubber Manufacturing."

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An interesting linguistic document of this war, as reported by the journal, *American Speech*, is the response written by Mae West to an alert publicity representative of the RAF who suggested to the actress that her name might yet get into the dictionary to confound subsequent generations, in view of the fact that the inflatable rubber life-belt, much favored by airmen, is

known (for reasons which we need not develop), as a "Mae West". "I've been in *Who's Who*", wrote Miss West, in the course of an engaging missive, "and I know what's what, but this will be the first time I ever made the dictionary."

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Homer Fort's reputation as a speaker on Rotary spread rapidly after his recent talk to our club, and the Lufkin Rotary Club asked him to come up and make the principal address at their first meeting of the new Rotary year. Homer was accompanied to Lufkin by a member of his official board, Preston Beverly Dory, and from reports brought back by Pres, it is evident that our preacher's laurels have not faded, and his talk was received with enthusiastic acclaim. Indeed, Pres assures us that there was considerably less "fading" of any kind than occurred on another trip to Lufkin by Beaumont Rotarians not so long ago.

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The king is dead. Long live the king! Today marks the ending of Winthrop Leach's administration as President of the Beaumont Rotary Club, and the beginning of the administration of Benny Hughes. In spite of war time conditions, shortages, and the confusion and uncertainty attending all business and community activity, *Rotarygrams* feels that this past year, under the able leadership of Winthrop and his Board of Directors, with the able assistance of a number of outstanding committee chairmen, has been one of the best years Rotary has had in Beaumont since your editor's name was sneaked past the "secret committee" some 21 years ago. "Flop" programs were few and far between, and every committee functioned with near 100% efficiency. Whether by Winthrop's design or otherwise I do not know, but to my mind the distinctive emphasis has been this year on Vocational Service, the real heart and soul of Rotary, which has been pretty much neglected in the past. Undoubtedly, no small part of the credit for this emphasis, and the remarkable programs exemplifying this "object of Rotary", must go to a Vocational Service Committee headed by a man who, at the outset, confessed that he did not know much about it, but who read everything put out by R. I. on the subject, got himself thoroughly on fire about it, applied his native good sense and his long-time use of Rotary principles in his own business life, and really put the second object of Rotary on the Beaumont Rotary map.

The destinies of the club for the coming year are in capable hands. Benny Hughes has distinguished himself by making an outstanding success in every Rotary assignment which has been given him. He is a student of Rotary; he knows and understands the principles on which it is based; he knows how it works and what makes the wheels go round; he is a true; executive he gets things done with a minimum of shouting and tumult; he has the God-given faculty of being able to secure cooperation; everybody likes him; everybody wants him to succeed; and everybody is going to help him. I am on his Board of Directors and was not on Winthrop's, so I can say that to that extent at least the new board is not as strong as the old one. But with Benny's inspiring leadership I believe we will have