

Three new members, elected by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Tuesday August 28th, were announced last Wednesday by President Benny—with the usual proviso that any member who desires to do so may file protest within ten days from that date. These three are:

Wilson B. Garrett, classification Area Housing Management Supervision. "W. B." is manager of the Multimax Village housing project.

William H. McMullen, classification Scout Executive. "Bill" as Emmett Sampson calls him, or "Harvey" if you accept Matt Love's nomenclature, was a Rotarian in another city some years ago, and knows what it is all about.

Zack A. Williamson, 2d Active to Skipper Bingman, under the classification Educating—Public Schools, Supervising. Zack is principal of South Park High School, very active in Hi-Y work, and should make a great contribution to our youth service work.

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THE STRIPPED GEARS FIXER SAYS:

It's a poor joke when—

- Someone blushes with embarrassment;
- Someone's feelings are hurt;
- Something sacred is made to appear commonplace;
- It is directed against the infirmities of someone;
- It is uttered in a bitter spirit;
- Everyone cannot join in the laughter.

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Governor Wylie Johnson has been kind enough to send me a copy of his "Monthly Letter" under the date of August 20th. He says it looks like the lid is off for a big District Conference in 1946, and, inasmuch as Galveston had extensive plans made for the 1945 conference, the present plan is to carry on with the Galveston Club, provided their red points hold out. We'll all join Wylie in his hope that the red points will be in the same waste-paper basket with the gas ration coupons before spring of 1946.

The letter shows the district attendance average as 86.70% for the month of July, and Beaumont fell rather badly below average, with a figure of 84.96%. There were no 100% clubs, though Columbus had four 100% meetings, and Liberty and Hallettsville three each. It is no consolation to us to read that Houston only showed 80.85% and that Orange showed 81.98%, and Port Arthur was even lower. Lufkin, with 95.77%, should furnish us with the inspiration to do at least a little better.

Wylie also informs us that R. I. President Tom Warren has promised a trip to the 130th District later in the year, and this really gives us something to look forward to.

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## *Slants at the Meeting*

Last week's program was right in line with the announced policy of Rotary that public affairs and controversial subjects may be discussed before Rotary clubs but no corporate action should be taken thereon. As a matter of fact, it may seem to many of us that there is nothing controversial about the proposal to erect what we have come to know as "The Rockland Dam", because we are so fully convinced of the benefits that will accrue to our section from its construction; but if you were present at the hearing on this subject held before the United States Engineer, or if you read those full page "ads" in the Beaumont papers, emanating from certain interests "up the country", you will realize that there is at least some opposition.

Hon. E. W. Easterling, who is the guiding legal light for the Lower Neches Valley Authority (our own "Little TVA"), gave us a very interesting and enlightening outline of the nature, authority, and purposes of that organization. It is one of the districts created under the authority of a Constitutional amendment passed in 1917, authorizing the creation of Conservation and Reclamation Districts, empowered with the duty and jurisdiction to control, impound and utilize the waters of the State for beneficial purposes, hydro-electric power, flood control, water supply, irrigation, domestic and municipal use. For those of us who have lived here more than a few years it is hardly necessary to have it called to our attention that our summers are long, hot, and dry, and that many times salt water from the Gulf has come up to the intake of our municipal water supply and to those of the irrigation companies supplying water for our important rice growing industry. Nobody who was here at the time will ever forget the summer of 1925, when it was necessary for a dam to be put across the Neches River below our city pumping plant, and the District Court took charge of the situation, appointed a