

Rotarygrams



J. Wood Fain Next District Governor

J. Wood Fain, Past President of the Woodville Rotary Club, was chosen by delegates to the district conference to be our next District Governor, taking office July 1, 1955, and Beaumont Rotarians join the Woodville Rotarians in congratulations to Wood.

The Woodville Club has been very close always to the Beaumont club which sponsored its organization in 1939. Rarely does a Wednesday pass without a group of Woodvillites present at our meeting. Wood has many friends in Beaumont and on several occasions was guest speaker at our meetings. As you know, his classification in Rotary is Theatres.

Last Week

Invocation	Chas. Wyatt-Brown
Introduction of Guests	Harold Arnold
Sweetheart	Alexandria Wyatt-Brown
Introduction of Speaker	Fred W. Hunter

Dr. W. R. White, President of Baylor University, speaking under the sponsorship of the Texas Bureau for Economic Understanding, delivered an outstanding address on the subject of "The Economic Systems of the World Today". It was a calm speech. It wasn't frightening. It was just one of those speeches that came from a voice of authority and from one whose feet were on a solid foundation. Usually when speakers take the opportunity to speak on a comparison of the Communist Way and the American Way, they have a tendency to point up such weaknesses in our American System that we somehow or other go away with some doubts ourselves. We would dare say that this was not true with any Rotarian who listened to this address, for Dr. White pictured them any weaknesses of the Communistic System and very forcefully told of the strength of our own American Way.

There was no point of compromise on the part of this speaker. Can we co-exist and get along with Communists and Communism? Emphatically NO says Dr. White. This point of view was truly refreshing and differs greatly with many leaders who maneuver themselves around to say that 'maybe the Communistic system has something to offer our own'.

On what shall the American people place their hopes?

1. A return to the basic foundation of our Democracy—a sweeping religious revival.
2. Our Capitalistic system which has a conscience. The right kind of a capitalistic system **will** take care of the needs of individuals. It feels the trusteeship of every citizen on a voluntary basis.

We commend the group of citizens making up the Bureau of Economic Understanding for the valuable work they are doing in promoting the American Way

Special Guests Last Week

Roy Nelson and Frank Betts, both members of the board of directors of the Texas Bureau for Economic Understanding invited the following to Rotary luncheon last Wednesday to hear an address by Dr. W. R. White, President of Baylor University: Clarke A. Mathews, superintendent, Nederland Independent School District; Buck Smith, James H. McNeill and Kelly Whitley, Nederland; D. T. Craver, superintendent, Port Neches Independent School District; W. C. Hollis and Chester McKennon, Port Neches; Z. T. Fortescue, superintendent and A. E. Patterson, business manager, Port Arthur Independent School District.

Others were: James Redman, President and Dr. Joe Stoelge, member, Beaumont School board, guests of Fred Hunter; Howard Hicks, guest of Chick Dollinger; C. J. Arved, New Orleans and Morris Watson, guests of Smythe Shepherd; D. H. Murphy, St. Jo, Mo., guest of Gene Vanhoozer; Cecil Atwater, Ducksbury, Mass., guest of Fred Neumann; Harvey Barton, Beaumont, guest of Brack George.

Bob Doyle, a member of our club for the past four years under the classification of Accounting Machines Retailing, has been transferred to San Antonio. We are sorry to lose Bob, but wish him and his family much happiness in San Antonio.

of Life. Speeches like this tend to bring us to the full realization of the strength of our free-way of life and our free-enterprise economic system.

We could not have had a more appropriate Texas Independence Day Program.

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Benny and Lily Hughes attended the Golden Anniversary Banquet of Rotary International in Chicago on February 23, 1955, 50 years to the day from the organization date in 1905. They heard U. S. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield and Nobel Prize Winner Arthur Compton address Rotarians from the four corners of the world, and **Lily** was one of the first to receive a cancelled U.S.A. Rotary commemorative stamp from the special postal station set up in the Hotel Sherman where the dinner was held.

Bob Hope's tribute to Rotary's Golden Anniversary last Wednesday night on TV came as a surprise when he began singing his closing number, and recited the object and ideals of Rotary like a veteran Rotarian.

Rotary's Golden Book commemorating 50 years of Rotary is popularly termed the "Golden Book." Its title is "Rotary: Fifty Years of Service." We have a limited supply in the Rotary office for purchase at \$2.75.

John Fernon opened his new office at 232 Crockett with an open house last Saturday.

Thank you, **Lee Kyburz**, for the cards on which was lettered the Rotary statistics used so effectively for the Pageant at the District Conference.

We are truly impressed with the writings of **Rotary Ann Mildred Mabry** (Virden) as she tours far away lands by air.

More than 9,000 reservations have been received from Rotarians and their families from all over the world who are planning to attend Rotary's historic Golden Anniversary Convention in Chicago, March 29 through June 2.

Rotarian **Erwin Singleton** sends along an interesting calendar of events with his monthly letters: March is Red Cross Fund Month; March 5-13, National 4-H Club Week; March 6-12, Girl Scout Week; March 20-26, National Wild Life Week, and Spring begins March 21st.

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE: **Baytown** Rotary Club announces a new meeting place of which they are very proud: The Tower Restaurant, Decker Drive about one mile west of traffic circle on West Texas Ave. Join them on Wednesday at 12:15 if you are in that area.

ROAMIN' ROTARIANS -- They Didn't Forget

ATTENDANCE
 February 23, 1955

Active Membership.....	305
Members Present.....	287
Per Cent Attendance.....	94.10

SOUTH Park: Arch Stalons, Lock Lockwood, John Huber, Joe Ehrhart, Madison Wright, C. J. Holloway, Carl Levy, Bill Blieden, Hugh Kelley.

WEST END: Jim Weathers, Ralph Griffing, John Rienstra, Steve King, Bruce Stephenson, Geo. Gill, Rus Catalano, John Montgomery, Bill Schmidt, Ray Harben, Bob Doyle, Homer Fort, Monroe Vivion, Ed Stedman, Jr., Bill Ott, Lee Kyburz, Bill Blieden, Ernest Kinsel, Joe Bob Kinsel, Harry Woodside, Dale Kelly, Walter Brown.

Wayne Brown	Port Neches
Howard Dennis	Port Arthur
Geo. Duncan	Kansas City, Kan.
Roland Jones	Las Vegas, N.M.
Merle Kelly	Port Arthur
Eddie Mai	Alexandria, La.
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PROGRAM FOR THIS WEEK

HAROLD HAMLIN, OWNER OF THE MARJA BRASSIERE CO., INC., OF JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS, WILL SPEAK ON "EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS". YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING AN EMPLOYEE. PLEASE RETURN RESERVATION CARD SENT TO YOU.

Program Committee: Charlie Schoolroy, Chairman of Vocational Service; Sam Myers, Chairman of Program Committee; Tonie Schmitt, vice chairman, Billy Bryant, Harry Marlow and Red Villiva.

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