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The Fighting Heart

Or

"Phog" Allen Is In No Fog



F.C. PHOG ALLEN

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Verne Brooks had the honor (and honor it was) of introducing Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, coach of the University of Kansas, senior state university, located at Lawrence. Verne referred to the coach as a maker of champions and told us that Allen was a former Rotari-

an of 18 years' experience. Halfway through Phog Allen's talk, it was easy to see how he built the astounding record of 22 conference championships in his 29 years of coaching, and more recently to tie for the Big Six with Oklahoma and Missouri, and then win the Western N. C. A. A. championship last winter.

If you ever wondered where Forrest got the name "Phog," let us explain. We wondered about it years ago when his name first became prominent in the Kansas City newspapers, and they always used this monniker. It seems that Allen used a megaphone to call orders to his boys, and his voice came through pretty loudly, so much so that one of the reporters said it was like a fog-horn. Another bright fellow changed it to "Phog Allen."

Phog took the floor at 12:55, and after a couple of remarks told a story of Germany, which was not only original but could easily have been true. We will repeat it as accurately as possible. "Two German soldiers were traveling in their country when suddenly a peasant's shepherd dog ran out in the road, and they hit the dog and it was killed. Said Adolph, the higher ranking one, "Hermann, you go inside, tell the farmer we accidentally killed his animal, and offer to pay for it." Hermann climbed down,

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1940

HOTEL LASSEN 12:15 p. m.

SPEAKER—HON. PAYNE H. RATNER, Governor of the State of Kansas.

This talk will be broadcast over KFBI and affiliated stations in Kansas.

went inside, and was gone several minutes. When he returned to the car he was carrying all manner of foodstuffs over his arms, in baskets, and around his neck, literally loaded down with "precious" food. Adolph sharply remonstrated at this. "Shame, Herman, to take the poor farmer's savings, and after killing his dog besides. Your head I should punch in." Then Herman made answer, "Let me explain, let me explain. When I got inside, a wedding party was in progress, and they were making merry. I raised my arm in the regular salute, saying 'Heil Hitler, the dog is dead.' And they loaded me down

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WHY ATTEND ROTARY?

Attendance is the key to opportunity. Rotary, if I understand it correctly, is an inspiration. If it fails in being such, and if I am lukewarm in my interest, then I don't understand Rotary. As a speaker at Hays said, "Rotary is not a book to be read, but it is a life to be led." How can I better understand Rotary—by being present and getting what Rotary offers me—food for the body—facts for the mind—uplift for the soul. Are you getting it? Come and get it.

Harry Stanley.

"The Air War"

Being a resume of the war, as reported officially in the London Rotarian for March 30, 1940.

Remarks by Wm. Courtenay, Esq. M. A. R. Ae S.

THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR BY THE ALLIES

An authoritative discussion by the Air Correspondent of The Evening Standard.

"Before I deal with the actual work of the Royal Air Force at war, I would like to stress the importance of never losing sight of the fact that our air activity must be related to the general strategy of the Allies. If German raiders achieve a sporadic success here or make a spectacular forage elsewhere, it is obviously foolish that we should be dragooned by ill-informed opinion into throwing overboard that carefully considered, long studied strategy, for the sake of some speedy spectacular but ill-timed action.

"It is said that whereas Germany's air activities over these islands are part of a carefully thought out plan, ours are merely occasionally retaliative action which follow her and in which the enemy appears to have the lead. Nothing could be more shallow or falla-

clous. "The Allies have taken the offensive at sea from the first day of the war. Day and night, without spectacular appeal but with remorseless and inexorable pressure, the ships of H. M. Fleet, and those of our gallant and glorious ally, France, have blockaded Germany. Every German air raid on Britain has been nothing but a weak and ineffectual attempt to reply to our blockade. Every air attack on our shipping round the coast is the measure of her impotent reply. Every air raid on Scapa or elsewhere is Germany's effort to follow the Allies and to strike in reply to this relentless and remorseless pressure. When viewed in this light it will be seen that it is the Allies who have taken the initiative and the enemy who has been compelled to pursue a frantic search for a means of finding the answer to our method of waging war.

"I do not pretend to know what is the strategy of the Allied High Command, but of this we may be sure. The Cabinets of England, and of France, have sought the highest, most skilled, and most experienced scientific advice from their military, naval and air officers. Strategy based on that advice should not be lightly set aside, because the enemy with commendable cunning and clever organization succeeds in accomplishing an air raid which achieves no worth-while results.

"If we recall the last conflict it will be remembered that it took us all of the first two years of that war to raise, recruit, train, equip and transport an army to France, of a size

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