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Dear Fellow Rotarians:

In our Rotary program for Monday noon, which is our Recognition and Appreciation Day of Rotary and Rotarians, I am out-lining rather sketchily our procedure. Naturally it must be elastic to make it informal, and not to expose our purposes to A. J. and other Rotarians until the significance of the thing gradually seeps through.

This is the general procedure, although it is subject to change by President John. I have contacted each and every one of you and have asked that you contact your teammate in this work if a teammate is necessary. To make the things appear as informal as possible we thought it would be a good idea to have Ted, as soon as the meal is under way, arise and after seeking recognition from Chairman John to start on his story. Frankly, I do not know what his story is, but I know it will be good. We may want to use Penny Jones as the butt of the remarks, but eventually it will work out as orchids to A. J. They will expect this of Ted because in the two previous meetings Ted has done just this thing that we are suggesting now.

Then, after the effects of his remarks have ebbed and flowed, Robert McNair - and he is on his own to do as he pleases - will perhaps arise and say something like this, "President Joh, I am not entirely happy about the way Phog Allen has been conducting the programs this year. I know that he said Cliff Calvin had tried to get my friend, W.W. Davis, to speak, and he, Phog Allen, has alibied by saying he is going to get W. W., but you know, I like speeches with my meal. Phog waits until everybody is finished before he obtains his speaker. Now, here is what I would like to have - I'd like to have W. W. Davis give us a speech with our meal. What do you say?"

And of course President John will perhaps turn to me and I will say, "Go ahead and have speeches with your meals. It's O.K. by me. I just work here you know." And that is the cue for W. W. and he will have one of those choice tall tales that he always tells which he swears is absolutely true.