

tion for the rights of the other parties concerned. As a State, we probably could not secure admission to Rotary, but I am sure you will have no objection to our borrowing of your ideals for use in such cases as these.

One final thought might be expressed as worthy of your consideration. It seems particularly appropriate to make mention here at Gettysburg that ours is a government "of the people, for the people and by the people." That carries with it a responsibility to the citizen that he take an interest in his government. Public affairs will be conducted just as efficiently and just as conscientiously as the people demand. If you participate in the functioning of government, even by counsel and advice, you are helping to make your government "of the people."

When, in this day, democracies are being put to the acid test, it is imperative that representative business and professional men unselfishly take part in the affairs of their governments. Sound business policies must be insisted upon; sane and tested practices must be relied upon rather than theories; experience, intelligence and patriotism must be maintained as our foundation stones, as we reassert in the words first heard at Gettysburg that this government "shall not perish from the earth!"

DEDICATION OF DENTON ARMORY

May 30, 1939

Denton, Maryland

MANY reasons combine to cause me much satisfaction and pleasure in participating in these dedicatory exercises. This armory and the splendid body of men it will accomodate, for years to come, are valued additions to the personnel and physical equipment of our State's forces. As your Governor, I say with justifiable pride, that Maryland is proud to include in her military system this very modern armory and the civic-minded citizens for whom it was constructed.

In gathering here today, to add a new link to our State's military chain, we are not indifferent to what is transpiring in other parts of the world. Everywhere, as we learn daily, nations are working feverishly to strengthen their armed might, and to build up their military equipment according to the latest modern standards. Hardly a day passes but that there are reported new appropriations, new legislation by our representatives in Washington, looking towards the betterment of our navy, our air forces or some phase of military preparedness.

Assembled here as we are today, in quiet and peace, without any of the feverish urge that prompts the activities of practically every country in Europe, it may be a little difficult for some to realize fully the seriousness of conditions in the world today. It is incumbent upon us, nevertheless, if we would be spared the fate that has overtaken other nations, that once also considered themselves safe, to give more than a passing thought to the significance of what we are doing here today, and of its relation to what is happening throughout the rest of the world. These dedicatory exercises held during a period