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## Interview of Roy C. Coffee

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**I. Ancestral Heritage**

- A. Place and Date of Birth
- B. Parental Background - Economic and Religious
- C. Parental Philosophy of Life
- D. Size of Family

**II. Early Childhood and Teen Age**

- A. Recollections of Early Life
- B. Educational Opportunities
- C. Work Experience
- D. Development of Life Philosophy

**III. Early Adulthood**

- A. Higher Education
  - 1. Undergraduate - North Texas State, 1918
  - 2. LL.B. - University of Texas, 1922
- B. Marriage and Children

**IV. Professional Life**

- A. Texas House of Representatives, 1920-24
  - 1. Make up of House -- Personalities
  - 2. Recollections of Experiences
- B. Admission to Texas Bar, 1922
- C. Assistant District Attorney, Decatur, 1922-24

**D. General Attorney, Lone Star Gas Company**

1. Assistant 1925-35

2. General 1935-44

**E. Member, Firm Allen and Coffee, 1944-49**

**V. Mayoralty of University Park, 1950-70**

**A. Location and Composition**

**B. Running for Office**

**C. Political Philosophy**

**D. Problems and Achievements**

**E. Changes Over the Decades**

**F. Honors and Awards**

**G. Greatest Satisfaction**

**VI. Business Ventures**

**A. Economic Philosophy**

**B. Directorships**

1. Bowser, Inc.

2. Landa Oil Company

3. Allied Bankers Life Insurance Company

4. Hilco Investment, Inc.

5. Tilco Investments, Inc.

6. ASG Industries (Kingsport, Tennessee)

**VII. Civic, Religious and Educational Involvement**

**A. Dallas Lions Club (President, 1939-40)**

**B. Knife and Fork Club**

**C. Church of Christ**

D. Trustee, Abilene Christian

E. Honorary Trustee, CCS

**VIII. Personal Life**

A. Family Today

B. Hobbies and Entertainment

C. Basic Principles of Life

D. Surveying the Future

E. Advice to Youth

F. Greatest Satisfaction