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DR. P. D. HILTY
The passing of Dr. Peter D. Hilty has left a breach in the life of Birmingham that will be hard to fill.

Eleven years of association with our neighbors leaves a mark on the social structure in which one lives. One is either loved and respected, or disliked and neglected. Dr. Hilty was among the former. Wherever he went, he always had a warm smile of greeting and a hand to be offered.

OUR BRAIN-FACTORIES
Birmingham has often boasted that it has no manufacturing industries within its confines. The huge eruptions of smoke that make unclean the air wherever factories abound find no entrance in our Village. The noise and din that accompanies the work of industrial machinery is no part of this thriving community, we are told.

Yet, there is in Birmingham one of the greatest factories that civilization ever erected upon solid earth—we refer to our educational system, our public schools. For Birmingham and the rest of this school district is earnestly engaged in the manufacture of THOUGHT.

And the process of brain development goes on in our local schools nine months each year. The largest single item of cost to local taxpayers is for the education of our children. It is a most worthy cause. No right-thinking citizen will begrudge the money that he or she pays into the public coffers for the advancement of THOUGHT and the development of an individual's BRAIN!

The kind of education our children get is the only thing that insures them of a decent livelihood through the balance of their lives. It is also the only assurance that the world will become a better place in which to live. For society is represented by the kind of thinking that takes place within the brains of its component parts. Never, never object to contribute to educational expenses, rather make a personal sacrifice to enrich mankind through scholastic means.

SOMETHING NEEDED
Again we want to remind the people of Birmingham—more especially the merchants—that we ought to have within our midst a Chamber of Commerce. As far as we can find out, the only thing that is wanted to do a real estate deal. And they haven't done anything for months that called for the chronicling of it in this paper.

There are untold things of public benefit that could be accomplished by a Chamber of Commerce in Birmingham. Almost everybody will admit this fact. Such a body need not become a political faction to stand behind any project for the betterment of the Village—it must not enter into any of the squabbles that naturally attend local government, or else it will cease to be a potent part of the community's life-blood. This has been shown by past experiences.

Royal Oak, our neighbor, has a Chamber of Commerce, and it is working wonders in the growth of that municipality. It extolls the virtues of Royal Oak in the metropolitan papers, thereby attracting Detroiters to take up residence there. It speaks with authority the sentiments of Royal Oakers on questions that arise at the close of their way. It is Royal Oak's organized voice—and its shouts are heard above the comparative whispers of any Birmingham citizen's views.

Some time in the near future a meeting of Birmingham merchants and private citizens will be called to form a local Chamber of Commerce, which will be well attended and the hearty support of everybody given it. A new heating system has been recommended by the State Safety Department to be installed in the Baldwin Public Library. After this has been installed, why would it not be a good thing to plan something along the new system?

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Been in swimmin' this season? Don't forget to try the water in our little Shattuck Lake, on West Maple avenue. "Little Shattuck," Detroit's first elephant, was shipped by train to Detroit by boat. We wonder if the people of New York state are in favor of a pound or a weight tax—for elephants do tie the scales at more than a pound a day.

is clipped short when they get his so that we can see just what kind of "bump" he received in early childhood. June 15 was the day that all good citizens of the United States should have paid the second installment of their contribution towards past and future wars—namely, the god, Mars, is certainly on good terms with the people of this world.

We recommend that all admirers of Lincoln see John Drinkwater's play, "Abraham Lincoln," if they ever get a chance. It is the simplest and the most powerful of the great Emancipator, and depicts faithfully the character of a real Christian. "Jimmy" Lynch, attorney for the Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners, recently said that Wood, who will be widowed by 1924. We hope Mr. Lynch proves as good a speaker as he is an after dinner speaker.

Now that Detroit has its new baby elephant, some enterprising individual ought to buy the peanut stand right next to Sheba's quarters and sell each stick for a nickel.

Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, Democratic senator from Michigan, last week declared that he thought Henry Ford would run for Harding's job on an independent ticket. He is trying to know a little about what he says for publication. Anyway, here's hoping Henry accept the nomination and rides to the White House in 1925 in one of his well-known flyovers.

Detroit safe robbers stole a safe there last week and, after breaking it open, found \$200,000. We would suggest that they get a job in the building trades—they could make more with less work, probably.

Twenty years ago last Saturday the Ford Motor Co. was organized with a capital of \$100,000.00, only \$28,000.00 of which was paid in. Today Henry Ford is considered the richest man in the world. It is a long way from chief engineer of a Detroit Edison Co. station to the office of Chief Executive of the United States—almost as far as rail-splitting—but, you know, you never can tell where you're going in a Ford!

Which makes us wonder if, should Mr. Ford be elected to the Presidency, will he use a Fordson tractor to plow up the White House garden?

Another New York brokerage house has failed, with liabilities placed at eleven million dollars. While our dear legislators are attempting to preserve home industry by imposing a protective tariff, why can't they also try to retain the wealth they already have within our boundaries by passing laws that relate to stocks and bonds? Which goes to show that there are still millions of dollars of our money that are hoarded merely because they are printed with a little decorative design or other glittering art.

When our readers get out their garden hose these days, they should attempt to renew the life in their "back yard farms," they can still thank Mr. Walton for the small quantity of water that flows through the nozzle.

Chairman A. D. Lasker of the United States Shipping Board, wanted to know how many citizens of this country would be disappointed when the remodeled Leviathan puts out to sea on her trial trip. All of which goes to show that Mr. Lasker, as a shipping man, ought to be informed that government business, should be run at a profit—not at a loss. If Mr. Lasker had recently completed a great factory, would he run it for a week or more without thought of profit, just to show his directors that gears meshed correctly and pulleys ran true?

Two years ago the people of Birmingham were assessed a share of the cost of paving Southfield avenue. Many unfair assessments were made in this Village. The Oakland County Road Commission promised to re-assess the Village more equitably. Has anybody been asking more about the matter? Which shows that some public officials have a poor memory—not to mention a mighty poor set of brains.

Now that the residents of Eco City are aware that they need a few public improvements which they never get without concerted organization, they can easily see why taxes are levied. The Village Manager, in his recent annual report, recommended that the water rate not paid by citizens of Birmingham was a good deal less than the actual cost of pumping. Which proves that they were "padding" themselves by not raising the rate of water to an amount that will make the water works a self-supporting. The people will probably thank the Village Commission to adjust this matter.

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Present: Hon. Ross Hockley, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Dunlap, Deceased.

It is Ordered that four months from the date hereof be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made by the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Charles Edwin Jones and South S. Jones, the undersigned, of Pontiac, Michigan, to First National Bank of Birmingham, Michigan.

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