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## SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Anything that provides useful educational and re-Anything that provides useful educational and yelcreational activity for one person or an entire community
should be the kind of a think fine in the propertiation.
There is an institution in Birmingham that is known as the
Community House, founded for the specific purpose, ye
are told, of enrithing the minds of the boys and girls of
our town. It also serves the needs of the adults who take
advantage of its offerings. This Community House has
just passed through its first year, it has been supported
by the labors of a few people. The time has arrived
when the entire community is asked to pledge its support
to the carrying out of another year of its life. There are
full two ways to look upon the proposition of supporting
such, an institution: First, would Birmingham be better
off without its Community House, or, second, is not Birmingham better off because of this Community House? If
you are certain that our churches, schools, libraries, fraternal orders, etc. are a splendid thing in this town,
then you must be equally impressed with fine spirit of the
Community House project.

## THOUGHTS ARE LIKE TREES.

A good many years ago God, dispenser of All good things on earth, caud of the seed of a Redwood tree to be planted near Portland, Oregon. Recently this tree, grown to full manhood, was felled. When finally hauled away from a saw mill, it was found that this one-tree had yielded enough lumber to build fifty ordinary five-room bungalows. Allowing but four people to a family, this one tree alone has proved itself capable of proviiting shelter for 200 human beings. Thoughts, those little seeds that God sometimes plants in the minds of his children, often prove a haven of shelter to millions of people! But, perhaps sometimes plants in the minds of his children, other hydro-a haven of shelter to millions of people. But, perhaps like the great Redwood, each thought must be beaten against by the storm and tempest of life and its erring conventions, with the thinker struck downly by the stem and often uncombattable realities of life, before the real value of it is applied to civilization.

### SO MUCH FOR DESTRUCTION

Last Saturday, March 29, the House of Representa-tives at Washington, D. C., passed a bill authorizing the tives at Washington, D. C., passed a bill authorizing the 1924-25 war department appropriation bill carrying a total of \$832,724,993.00. All of this morey will be used for nothing but the creation and carrying out of various agencies for the destruction of mankind. Isn't that sweet of so-called modern civilization? Of course in a convention of the control of the course of the control of the course of the agencies for the destruction of mankind. Inn't that sweet of so-called modern civilization? Of course, in arcountry as large as the United States, that only means about three dollars for every man, woman and child to donate. If the same amount of money was used for educational purposes wouldn't it be splendid? But let's be optimistic; if each succeeding generation becomes a fittle less selfish, within a few centuries school buildings, art galleries and public libraries may become more profair. Then boys and girls will become better men and women.

## IT IS OUR GOVERNMENT.

A man or a woman has but one life to live while on this earth. The sum total of what he on she amounts to is shown in the kind of life that is led; in the number of friends, not dollars; little acts of kindness count more on friends, not dollars; little acts of kindness count more some men's millions. We who live far removed from Washington, D. C., and who watch the daily reports, concerning what the men in control of our nation are doing or have done, need not worry about the jultimate outcome. The Investigation now going on is merely necessary because we, as citizens of the United States, need to be awakened to our laxity in public fifting. The majority will always rule—if they attend affairs. The majority will always rule—if they attend the polls. Let us be constantly reminded that it is OUR government; it is, after all, just what WE make it.

## FINDING CONTENTMENT

Nearly everyday there appears upon our village atreets a new face, one that we've never seen before; as the days roll along we see the face again and again and finally come to realize that the face belongs to a new resident of Birmingham. Somehow-or other the face seems to wear a look of contentment; the owner of it seems to have found in Birmingham a "certain something" that was not obtainable in Detroit, or whatever place he came from. This is a truly wonderful thing. There IS something that stamps Birmingham out from the rest of its neighboring commultities; it is perhaps as undefinable as life itself, but, whatever it is, it should be safeguarded as a most precious possession.

## LOCAL LITERARY TALENT.

That there is a good deal of literary talent in Birmingham and vicinity is evidenced from the number of manuscripts received by the Eccentric from time to time. Last week we published two poems, one by Mrs. Beatrice McDonald, who lives southwest of Birmingham, and another from Grace Kneekand Eldred, of Glenrock, Wyoning. Both are regular subscribers to the Eccentric. This newspaper is pleased to receive contributions and will be equally bleased to publish them.

Nearly a year ago the people of this school district were bld by the school board that a plan was being evolved to purchase a number of sites upon which buulidings might be erected; the object being to get the land now walle the price was low. To date nothing has been made known of the plan, which is a good one. Certainly the taxpayers will welcome any plan which shows good business judgement.

## I WANT TO LIVE

I want to live in such a way
That when I'm dead someone will say,
"He was a frield to me in need,"
And call to mind some kindly deed
That's been my privilege to do,
While in this world I'm passing through

I want to live a life so square; And treat my fellowman so fair. That all will be constrained to see The Golden Rule fulfilled in me. And may each kindly, generous dees Some sin-sack soul to Jesus lead.

I want to live and bear in mind
The record I should leave behind.
That every act of mine may prove.
The merits of my Saviour's love.
Then all the praise to Christ I'll give.
For it's for Him I want to live.

—George W. Lehman, Pentiac, Mich.

### WHEN LEAVES ARE BROWN (By Beatrice McDonald)

When leaves are brown and falling down,
And winter's drawing nigh;
Of summer days and bluebird lays
I think, and heave a sigh.

The ice and snow will come I know With cold and blustering winds, But what care I for darkening sky, Behind my close drawn blinds.

The sun and rain I'll know again.
I'll see the birds and flowers,
As with a book in cozy nook
I while the winter hours.

## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Geaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

\*Sam, M. Crumb is soon to go on the road with a wagon loaded with Yankee Notions

An ode upon that fresh and un-common subject "Beautiful Spring" appears in another column from the ready pen of our valued subscriber, A. H. Leet, of Franklin.

A. H. Leet, of Franklin.

Otto Berger and George S. Lee
of Franklin eirsgeed in a little politicial argument on Monday last and in
the interchange of compliments inticidental to such conversation Ottocalled George A last as the English
anguage would permit. Otto thereupon got in a right hander on
George's jaw and which seant him
first to the grass and subsequently
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ranto and Otto was arrested by D. S.
Beattle and pleading guilty was fined
\$10.

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About 11:30 Tuesday night to crew on the electric line returning from Pontiac discovered a fipe and hastened in the direction of the blaze.

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Tom Hanna is home but everybody mourns because he didn't bring his Klondike hair with him. Tom's Klondike whiskers fell to John M. Rainey our tonsorial artist, who is going to make a 60 pound hair mattress from them.

Miss Lena Hough, of Lapeer and the Misses Bertha Hough and Zoe Smith of Ypsilanti Mr. and Mrs. Escar Hough.

FIRST STATE BANK OF BOYAL OAK, MICHIGAN.

GEORGE A. DONDERO, Attorney for First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan. Dated, March 15, 1924.

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terior finish of anything they have ever seen. If is without doubt the most elaborately finished of any mer-cantile house in Oakland county.

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