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INCREASING LAND VALUES.

Toiling year after year in an often vain effort to grasp from the soil a livelihood, generations of families have plowed and harrowed the land of Oakland county. Hardy pioneers they were, these first settlers who disputed with Chief Pontiac and his tribe right of possession to local lands. Less than a generation ago Birmingham was a scattered "four corners," Royal Oak was merely a tree; Ferndale was a swamp; and now we witness the Alladinlike building of homes and the miracle of a 200 foot pave-ment on Woodward avenue. All because a handful of men, dating with Trevithick back in 1797, had an idea that a self-propelled vehicle was a possible mechanical contrivance, and the choosing of Detroit as the automobile center of the world. Wouldn't old Pontiac turn over in his grave if he knew that his old stamping-ground was selling at \$1,000.00 per acre?

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life. We have preached Brotherhood for centuries; we now need to find a material basis for brotherhood. Government must be made the organ of Fraternity—a working-form for comrade-love. Think on this; work for this.—Edwin Markham.

THE ABUNDANCE OF LIFE.

Life is, perhaps, the most abundant manifestation on this whirling molecule. Animal and plant life are the two kinds that interest us most. An individual's life is, sad to relate, of chief value to himself aione; society still clings to the selfishness that is misinterpreted as self-preservation. In the course of an average life, one has the chance of making many REAL FRIENDS. Ever attend a funeral and realize that but so few of the earth's populace agreed anough for the decreased to witness the last a funeral and realize that but so few of the earth's populace cared enough for the deceased to witness the last rites? Ever get to a strange city and, when purchasing souvenir postcards, have to scratch your head several times in an effort to recall the names of even two dozen people to whom you'd fike to write? A broader perspective on life will give us more out of it. Life abounds everywhere; the hovel houses its haggard souls; the mansion its be-jewelled immates; the conservatory blooms with rare flowers, while opt in the woods, uncared for by man; beneath a rotten log are worms and magnets and a few. beneath a rotten log, are worms and maggots, and a few feet away nod violets and forget-me-nots. Each a form

When I would beget content and increased confidence in the power and wisdom and providence of Almighty God, I will walk the meadows by some gliding stream, and there contemplate the lilies that take no care, and those very many other little living creatures that are not only created, but fed (man knows not how) by the of the God of Nature, and therefore trust in Him,-Izaak Walton.

BE A "KNOOSTER".

This is a lately discovered, though long-pedigreed American who fills the place of "happy-medium" between the chronic knocker and the chronic booster, both of whom are too one-sided to maintain any equilibrium. The chronic knocker is the spirit of the stormy and dismal night, and the chronic booster is always seeing sunshine and blue skies. The "knooster" loves the sunlight but

and blue skies. The "knooster" loves the sunlight put sees the possibility of rain.

In other words: the "knooster" is the thoughtful man. He doesn't object to the crowd having a good time but he thinks it ought to know when to stop its revelry and go to bed. The chronic booster is always upholding the crowd. The the latest proposition and urging on the crowd. The chronic knocker, with a brow of gloom, is just naturally everse to anything that might make the world more beau-

For instance, when Mary, the familiar flapper, wants to see a movie, we put the question to dad (that is, we ought to).

Dad Knocker says, "No! Absolutely not! Who Dad Knocker says, "No! Absolutely not: wind-were heard of such a disgraceful thing! Girls, these days, haven't any morals at all! What's the world coming to! You stay at home like your mother does and be decent!" Dad Booster says, "Sure! Go shead! Have a good time! Do anything you like! We're only kids once. Go

time! Do anything you like! We're only kids once. Go on and enjoy yourself!"

Dad Knooster says, "Well, what kind of a picture is it? Is it something you want to see very much? Let's see the paper. Looks like it might be a pretty good show, although movies aren't all that they should be. Who are you going with? The Smith boy. Hm-m. Well, what do you think, mother? Shall we let her go?"

These are merely samples of an attitude of mind, not formulas for good conduct. The same men are often knockers at home and boosters abroad. It is the attitude of thoughtfulness that should be our ideal in every walk of life. Not what I want, nor what the world wants; but what is the wisest thing, the JUST thing. Lets's be "knockers!"

There must be something even glorious in a fraternity moves the mind and soul of men to set about the busi-of building a new edifice to house its membership an institution as the local Knights of Pythias lodge merits the best that any individual or group of individuals can give it. May the autumn leaves of 1924 fall happily upon the roof of the new K. of P. Castle.

Her Highness—The Queen of May



MY ROSES THREE By BEATRICE MCDONALD

My lover brought me roses three, Three perfect blossoms they Their fragrance wafted on the air Memories of love and moments rare Which I had stored away.

My lover brought me roses three. They were three happy years Of wedded bliss and perfect love, Only surpassed in heaven above 'Though sometimes marred by tears.

My lover brought me roses three, They spoke of happy things, Of tiny hands so sweet and dear, Of little faces hovering near, Of greater wealth than kings.

My lover brought me roses three, I' watched them slowly fade. Nor wept because my roses died, With babes and lover at my side The years could cast no shade.

My lover brought me roses three, I can no longer see Their wond'rous beauty, but for naught Would I exchange the joy they brought, My precious roses three.

R. F. D. 4, Birmingham, Mich.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

ust Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

Forty-Three Years Ago
Those mocking birds of Mrs. Rose's
and Mrs. Pote's are simply tremendous. They imitate everything they
hear and keep up a general chatter
on their own hook besides.

We thought it was Barnum's ta-oed man who had escaped but it asn't, it was George Toms with his ew calico suit on.

We omitted to notice the arrival f a young gent at the house of Mr. om Kittle last week. He is a bounc-r, all wool and a yard wide.

The room in the Stanley & North building, formerly occupied as a band room by Prof. Sherman and his pupils will shortly be occupied by George Toms as a tonsorial studio.

Julian Leet's new house near the depot is rapidly approaching completion under the vigorous hands of Lewis Simpson. It will be a tasty and convenient dwelling when completed.

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"We want to see what the people in this vicinity have to say in regard to those eccentric individuals White-fellow. "The ladies declare that their store will get their patronage as George is a daring little duck and as George is a daring little duck and a fact, he is such a small gray. In the same the such as small gray and they cannot resist to call and see the the little man while no one can fail to admire the veteran Whitehead and to admire the veteran Whitehead and so still the same sort of climate his think tank is in."

Erastus: Wooster returned home from Port Henry, N. Y., on Saturday night, having been under the necessity of resigning his position as book-keeper in consequence of a persistent attack of fever and ague.

Of a verity it would seem as if all up best young men would leave us for this year is out. Now it is Bert aldwin who has secured a position the new for grods house of Oxord, Stockwell & Oo.

Lake and Birmingham Fishing club will be held on Tuesday evening, June 7, in Birmingham. A full at-tendance is requested as matters of, importance are to be acted upon J. Allen Bigelow, secretary.

25 Years Ago.

The official bulletin for the State
Board of Health issued for March
states that there were 62 deaths in
Oakland county during the mostb—
14 of the deaths occurred in Pontiac, 6 of which were inmates of the
asylum.

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The Epworth League was/delightfully entertained at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parks on Monday evening last. It was the occasion of the implication of the suited as follows: president, Dansulted as follows: president, Dansulted as follows: president, Dansulted Schelle Gould, Mrs. Eugene Smith, Fred Quarton, Escar Hough. After the meeting the League was entertained in a social way,

way.

What is more sacked to a mother's heart than the hosys and keep-sakes of her darligks! This fact was more firmly 'impressed upon our minds of late by the sight of a small piece of maple sugar belonging to Mrs. Ed. Whiting. The candy is 4! years/old and was made when they lived on the farm now owned by Henry Spicer, and was sent to Mrs. Whiting's baby, 'Clarence, that spring.

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were served a picture gallery of famous authors, poets and other were opened to the club, testing their familiarity with noted faces.

The alarm of fire Monday ing was caused by a slight a the old Squire James house the town hall. The fire any responded promptly an amage therefore was very she building is one of the old arks that has stood on its or

Ollie Phillips will start sailing

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