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### THE LOCAL WOODWARD PROBLEM

In our humble estimation, the problem concerning Birmingham's part in the completion of a 200-ft. highway between Detroit and Pontiac is easy to answer. It ought to prove not too difficult to settle. We have long listened to repeated arguments concerning its solution; we are now ready to set forth our own convictions regarding this thoroughfare through Birmingham.

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This is what we believe is desirable for Birmingham:
a sufficient area of pavement to care for all the traffic
that may enter our town from either north or south ends.
And this area of pavement may be obtained in two ways:
Urst, by widening the present Woodward avenue to at
that 150 feet in width; second, by making the present
Woodward avenue 100 feet wide, with a similar width of,
inghway over the Grand Trunk roadbed when it is re-

moved to some point east of the village.

In other words, although widening the present Woodward avenue beyond 100 feet would materially work a hardship on our own business and holdings on Woodward agenue, we honestly believe that just one 100-ft. highway through Birminghan; will be entirely inadequate to care for the figure transportation needs of the people who must

for the future transportation needs of the people who must travel over Woodward avenue.

We further believe that the cost of any work on this highway that is done in Birmingham should he paid for by the State of Michigan. We are unalterably opposed to the extation of a special assessment district in Birm-ingham to provide for more than a very small amount of money to put the project through; a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00 or \$35,000.00 is all that Birmingham, should be select the sum of the project through in the select through in the project through the project through in the project through in the project through the project thr

be asked to pay.

As we view the matter, the State of Michigan is not As we view the matter, the State of Michigan is not called upon to build, "Main Street" for any town through which its trunk line roads may extend; the State authorities should be concerned chiefly with furnishing sufficient Thighway facilities to the people of Michigan—not to any one community. Therefore, the local question is no more callficult to solve than the building of a cow-path through a farmer's woodlot. So many cows must be given room to travel over the surface of the earth in a given time, thus "determining the width of the cay with why the annucleur. determining the width of the cow-path; by the same token, so many people must be given room to travel over Wood-ward avenue in a given time, thus determining the width

of this highway through Birmingham.

Let us not make Birmingham the "bottle-neck" in what is said to be the world's finest highway.

## EXPERIENCE OF A TRAMP

After a hike from Newark to Cincinnati and return, Harry W. Butz, an evangelist, formed a very poor opinion of the human race. He declared that little inclination was shown to give aid to an unfortunate stranger and summarized his experiences thus:

Only one automobile out of 30 gave him a ride when asked to do so.

He was hold up once for every 118 miles traveled, but one-third of the hold-up men gave him money when he

explained his condition.

Preachers, church officials, business and professional men and charitable agencies gave aid only once out of 20 appeals made.

For every person who offered him coffee, six offered whiskey.

Lying by the roadside pretending sickness or injury, only one car out of 50 stopped to offer assistance. In all 232 cars bassed without slowing down.

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Butk made the trip as a tramp for the purpose of getting such data as given above at first hand, hence he claims to have kept an accurate account of the incidents mentioned. He thinks Good Samaritans are scarce:

Whether this is a fair indication of the American attitude toward the casual wayfarer on foot is difficult to judge, but if his story is true he must have run against an unsympathic crowd, or failed to impress them with his need of assistance.

#### HELP PREVENT FIRES

"Every time timber burns we all lose," is but one of the many signs that have been placed along the highways of Michigan by the State conservation department in their of Michigan by the State conservation department in their campaign to reduce losses in Michigan by the forest fires that have raged annually in this state since most of the standing timber of the northland was lumbered off in the old days of that industry. It has been estimated that the loss in 1924 in the United States reached the almost appalling total of \$558,372,872. This was at the rate of ten and a half million dollars weekly, much of which could have been prevented with only ordinary precaution. Michigan cannot afford to loss any more of its already remaining scanty supply of standing timber and it is your duty to aid in helping to preserve that which remains. in helping to preserve that which remains.

## THE MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPS

Sixteen thousand young men were reported enrolled at the citizen's military training camps on July 11, and 20,000 additional will have been enrolled when the camps all get to work. It is a very interesting thing to think of nearly 40,000 young men obtaining direct instruction from the United States government, and soon to return to their

the United States government, and soon to return to their homes after this new experience.

They should bring home a new spirit of patriotism. It sliculd be a message not merely of the obligation of every American to support his government in time of war, but that thought that a country that can produce manhood of our fine American type, is worth our best devotion in times of peace. The friends and associates of these fellows ought to be inspired by the example they have set, to feel that they too can serve the same cause that

these camps were meant to promote, by doing their best all the time to make America the land of the highest man-hood and womanhood and civic spirit.

#### A HOBBY

A hobby is a happy thing.
It makes us want to laugh and sing,
And fills our mind with pleasant thought
While we are doing things we ought.

No matter what our daily task, It may be all that we could ask; But doing just the self-same thing Grows wearisome. Then, why not sing?

Or why not paint or draw or write, If that should be our chief delight? It may be music is our forte. There's hobbies fine of every sort.

Let's find the thing that we like best And do it with a vim and zest. The busy hours of every day

Will spare a little time for play.

—Beatrice McDonald.

#### FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

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

Forty-three Years Ago,
A Wedding.
rried: At the residence of the
s parents of Martin street, on
esday evening. August 2, 1882,
ssof W. D. Clizbe; of Quiney,
an, to Miss Nellie Richardson.

bead with Kendall's Spavin Cure.

Drowned in Mill Pond.

Our quiet village has not been so stated in many pears as it was on finished their nounday meal, by the thrilling announcement from the blanched lips of some little boys who came running from the mill, that Johnnie Eleckey vass drowned in the cessful attempts the remains were brought to the surface and we beheld the familiar face of one whom we had seen alive and well not three hours before . . . the deceased was 17 years old and for several months past the depot. He was a son by the former husband of Mr. Taber's first wife and had been raised from the cradle by his step (latter with all the

Dr. C. M. Raynale had a tip over ast week, but did no damage to him-elf and only slightly injured the

Twenty-five Years Ago.
Swallows Peach Pit.
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Frank Schlaack, has been very ill the past week but ts much better now. The direct cause of his sickness was the swallowing of a peach pit.

Miss Mable Allen gave a birthday viparty Tuesday evening, July 24th Arthe guests were Misses Allic Crary, Misses and Crary and Dottie Daniels, Pearl Allen, Winnie Arthough rather daipl for the curls yet, a very pleasant time was spent.

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