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HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

One evening last week 15 Birmingham men met at the Baldwin high school to outline plans for the coming winter's work for the betterment of local youth.

A SPLENDID BEGINNING

Seven Birmingham boys got together one afternoon last week and formed the "Givers Club," whose aim will be to scatter cheer and sunshine wherever they go.

TO HELP THE IMMIGRANTS

Secretary of Labor Davis advises the selection of immigrants at the source of their migration. This is an extremely intelligent view. It is humane.

We have too many undesirables to contend with to attempt the rejuvenation of more. The political reformer need not interest himself in our political problems.

By registering each immigrant at the port of entry and requiring a periodical survey of his progress, the newcomer will have a greater appreciation for the land of his adoption.

Has not the Secretary of Labor outlined a logical solution for our immigration problem with its many complexities?

PROGRESS AND THE STORES

A practical and work-a-day application of the story of human progress may be seen in the Birmingham business district and in the numerous units of that district.

Even within the present generation there has been a noticeable transformation in local business. The store 30 and even 20 years ago was a crude, unfinished, unsystematized and half-hearted sort of institution.

Specialization in business and industry has been nowhere more marked than in the store. Our forefathers did their buying at one store, the general store.

It is often remarked that less than a score of years ago life insurance was sold by those who had failed in other things. It was a business requiring no special merit on the part of its salesmen.

The local stores are keeping step with human progress. This sophisticated and materialistic world no longer believes in ghosts, good fairies, witches and magic charms.

AN EERIE NIGHT

Mrs. Zilpha Simonson's addition has been much improved by the house of a large, roomy kitchen. Mrs. Clara Bell who has been ill with typhoid fever, has so far recovered.

THE OPEN FIRE

At eventide we love to gather 'round the open fire. The charm of it soon banishes all trace of ill and ire.

The children play upon the hearth, their faces all aglow. And soon around the fire gay talk and laughter freely flow.

On Sunday nights we like to bring the little tea cart in. With tea and toast and marmalade and cookies crisp and thin.

Such pictures flash on mem'ry's screen, illumined by its blaze.

Or frame the golden future in a sweet delightful maze! We sit and dream, forgetting time, until the hour grows late.

The years will pass and crown our bowing heads with silver gray. And from our pleasant fireside our children's feet will stray.

And just we two are left alone I pray a kindly Fate May grant us still some happy hours to sit beside the grate.

—Beatrice McDonald.

night on which the shadowy denizens of the spirit world return to earthly haunts.

So this Saturday evening when night draws her curtain across the world the unbelieving worldings will supplant the "real" ghosts, black cats and broomstick witches with a make-believe eerie realm of cut paper, noise makers and pumpkin faces.

In its merrymaking let not the community forget the double significance of this night. Primarily this will be an observance of All Saints' eve, but it is also a harvest celebration.

A wit has pointed out that the good saints have shown rare wisdom by making their annual pilgrimage back to earth in the heart of the harvest season.

THE GOSPEL OF SUCCESS

A Western financier, who has accumulated several million dollars, recently said in reply to a question, "Have all your earnings in one place where you can see it every afternoon?"

The next time a stock salesman calls at your door take him over to the bank and find out how much the banker will loan you on the nicely engraved stock certificate he is trying to sell you.

"See America first" is a good slogan for our citizens. "Be American first" is a better one.

An economist says the idle are always a menace. This is especially true of idle rumors.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Made The Most Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

25 YEARS AGO Whitehead seems to be the luckiest man in town in regard to winning election bets.

In the Prussian government dock yard at Kiel all the electrically driven turbines from a central power plant of a capacity of 3,500 horse power.

43 YEARS AGO Miss Clara Lathrop finished a very successful term of school on Friday last at the Log Cabin district in Troy.

Thomas Hanks, our worthy street commissioner, shows the generosity of his heart and his artistic taste by having a few new cross-walks across Mill street.

There is a young man out West who is about eight feet tall. He is known as Jeff or Whitehead, with Mitchell on his shoulders.

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BET VALUES AND LOCATIONS

Table with columns for BIRMINGHAM, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, and BIRMINGHAM HILLS DISTRICT (Ready to Build). Lists various lots with prices.

OTHER SIZES AND LOCATIONS Before looking obtain our information map of District

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