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WHAT AND WHO ARE BOYS AND GIRLS?

Next week Birmingham and vicinity is going to be asked to make its annual contribution to the local Y. M. C. A. If we stop to analyze the situation, (lest we become "hired of drives for money") we will find that the kind of stuff the Y. M. C. A. gives out is merely intellectual guidance for our boys and girls; it provides a stimulus to the making of moral and physical growth in our young. Life is continued by the daily replenishment of the necessities that enter into its composition; we must eat every day, keep the furnace filled with new coal, purchase new goods when the old wear out—so why shouldn't we expect to replenish the coffers that finance the Y. M. C. A.?

Here's a little idea of what any boy (or girl) may be made into—you've probably read it before, but it won't do any harm for you to replenish your memory again with: **What Is A Boy?**

He is a person who is going to carry on what you have started.

He is to sit right where you are sitting and attend to those things you think are so important when you are gone.

You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends upon him.

Even if you make leagues and treaties he will have to manage them.

He is going to sit at your desk in the Senate, and occupy your place on the supreme bench.

He is going to move in and take over your prisons, churches, schools, universities and corporations.

All your work is going to be judged and praised or condemned by him.

Your reputation and your future are in his hands.

All your work is for him, and the fate of the nation and of humanity is in his hands.

So it might be well to pay him some attention.

THE MEANING OF YOUR "HOME TOWN"

In the smoking compartment of a Pullman not very long ago a man told his fellow travelers a great many good things about his home town. Indeed, he told so many that one of his fellow travelers thought he would visit that town and, if he found it as represented, would move his business there. In due season the traveler did visit that town and on returning to his city office observed that the representative of the town whom he had met on the train "had drawn on his imagination tremendously." He may have and he may not have—it all depends on the viewpoint.

To the resident it may have been an ideal town; to the stranger it may have lacked many things which he regarded as essential. To the resident, substantial well to do people living in comfortable homes with plenty of breathing space about them, having gardens and shrubbery, with a community center building, and just enough industry to give opportunity for livelihood, it may have been desirable. On the other hand, its unpaved streets, lack of street cars, theaters, and so on, may have stamped the town to the city man as undesirable for home or business. The one lived there, perhaps all his life; while the other could only exist there without the excitement and pleasures to which he had been accustomed, though in the great city where he lived he did not know even his next door neighbor.

But beyond these things there may have been other reasons, and one of them may be this—the resident had helped make the town what it is; the other had no sentiment in the matter whatsoever, simply a cold calculated estimate. Men who create take pride in their creations. Good home-makers are generally good town-makers, because they want good homes in good towns. They have public spirit, civic pride, and loyalty, because when men work together for the common good they stick together for greater progress. Men in small towns know what they have accomplished; those who live in large cities have to guess at what they have done—too many find little opportunity to do anything, so engrossed are they with their own private business. There's a reason why the one has sentiment while the other has none.

Of course, in all towns as well as in all cities there are men who can talk biggest when they are away from home where they are not known. Generally these are men who shirk duty and dodge responsibility, never contributing as they should to community progress. There are, too, in both towns and cities men who will not go along unless they can see some special personal benefit to accrue from the efforts they are asked to make. Some one has said, it takes all kinds of people to make a world, and this is true of cities and towns which go to make up the world.

But in spite of all this it still remains a fact that a man's home town, the town that he has helped to make, to develop, and to beautify, is to him all he thinks it is. To others to whom he may be describing it, he may seem to draw on his imagination; to the man who has no sentiment he may seem to be over-enthusiastic, but really he isn't.

This country needs more men from home towns, men who will sound the advantages of living in the small village, with its little industry, its freedom from annoyances, its comforts, and delights. And this country needs more home towns, attractive enough in every way to keep within them the young men and women who, fired by ambition to become wealthy, finally feel that they must try their luck in our great cities. For it is these home towns which are, really, the backbone of the country, because in them dwell people who have time to read and think and figure out their duty and obligation to the state and nation; because in them there is a moral atmosphere which breathed by people of ideals leads them to take positions on the

great questions of the day invariably in promotion of the true welfare of the people as a whole.

Home towns! Let's have more of them; men from home towns, more of them. The country needs both.

MAKES SPRING NERVES TINGLE

The first garden catalogue arrived during the cold spell and the last a few days ago; making seven all told. Their pictured glories include magnificent roses (there are several new kinds offered this year) and stupendous vegetables (there is a new, large tomato this year, not yet named), acres of gladioli (the "ruffled" form the largest class this season), and scores of fancy shrubs from honey-suckle to lilac, deutzia and the familiar spirea.

There is a new rambler, and of course those you put in last season will bloom this. They do well here, while for some reason the nasturtiums and sweet-peas don't always flourish in Birmingham. But the ragged sailors do and a whole army of other fine and friendly flowers, to be grown from seed.

Yes, this is only the threshold of February, but now is the time to plan your garden. March—April—May—oh, well, the days will soon be open to potter about a little, and clear away the wind-accumulated debris of winter. Shall it be vegetables this year—and to what extent? That is always a vital question. Even the most trifling gardener expects to grow a bit of lettuce, down by the rhubarb clump which grows itself. Tomatoes, too—save a decent space for the tomato plants.

Perhaps you will change your mind by spring and turn your yard into a putting green; or keep a dog. But never mind, ponder the rose catalogues and plan the garden. It's great stuff for February days.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS
of Long Ago

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

43 YEARS AGO

Mrs. C. B. Turner will deliver a series of select readings at Library Hall Friday evening. Mrs. T. is the wife of the editor of the Pontiac Gazette, and is quite a local celebrity as a reader of rare powers.

The following new books have been added to the Ladies' Library: "Of Crooks and Days," "The Building of the Nation," "Janet," "Madam Dolp," "Old Lamentation Days."

Married: At the residence of the bride's parents, Wednesday, February 14, 1883, Mr. J. L. Robinson of East Tawha, to Miss Emma Chatfield, Rev. A. J. Higelow officiating. We go to press too early for particulars.

The Hubbard place on Pierce street, 100 rods south of the post office, containing about five acres of land with good house and barn, is offered for sale or rent. Ten dollars per month in advance, will rent it for two years. Write to Mitchell on or address Whitehead & Mitchell.

Julie Rundel thought he would haul his wheat away this week and went to his barn on Monday last to find operations when he found to his surprise that someone had taken about fifty bushels of wheat from the barn without going through the necessary formality of asking him about it. Just when the grain was stolen was unknown, as the granary had not been visited by Mr. Rundel for the past three months. An article in

the paper of the 11th inst. states that outside of Woodward Avenue (10-10) the writer has arrived at a definite conclusion as to the streets which are now adequate and those which should be widened for future traffic.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

January 20th, 1926.

To the Editor of the Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Mich.

In recent issues of your paper I have read the opinions of different people regarding the possible removal of trees from certain streets in Birmingham.

It is true that the trees have added much to the beauty of Birmingham in past years; I might even say that almost up to the present time the trees and the topography of the land have constituted the charm of this location. It is my strong belief that every residential street should be planted with permanent trees as soon as adequate provision can be made for their care. When shade trees of varying size can be bought for the price of an inch tube or an automobile tire I fail to see how any village lot owner can well afford not to plant them.

In regard to the presence of trees on business streets, however, it must be remembered that the trees are entirely surrounded by pavement, sidewalk and buildings the growth and welfare of the trees is a precarious proposition. If it is a question between cutting down a few trees to widen a street, and maintaining the trees with traffic or to maintain the trees and endanger the lives of our citizens and guests, I do not hesitate long to condemn the trees. By this statement I do not mean that a wholesale cutting down of trees should immediately ensue, but that proper provision be now made to insure the adequate width of the principal thoroughfares of the village in the future.

If the village decides to establish a new set back line on any of the streets trees may be planted in conformity with the new line, insuring a new line of trees when the older trees have to be taken away.

It does not seem to the writer that the position of Birmingham and certain New England villages is an analogous one. In the first place the original width of Maple and Woodward Avenues was narrow, and the depth of the adjoining lots does not compare with that of similar villages of the east. Had there been sufficient width in the first place there would now be no necessity of cutting down trees. Moreover, Birmingham is situated at the gate of one of the world's busiest cities and at no time within the past twenty years has there failed to be an increase in traffic through Birmingham. If the growth of Birmingham itself follows along the lines predicted by those who know it best there is bound to be congestion

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Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Mary L. Durkin, Deceased. Julia B. Durkin, executrix of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of her final account, assignment of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said date of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

It is Ordered, that the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1926, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the hearing and allowance of said account, and the discharge of said executrix. It is Further Ordered, that public notice of the hearing and allowance of said account, and the discharge of said executrix, be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said date of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

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