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### "WOODSMAN, SPARE THAT TREE

One of the most amentable situations which concerns Birmingham today is the impending necessity of cutting down many of its trees. It is to be hoped that the village commission, in creating new arteries of travel in this village, utilize every means at their disposal before the woodsman's axe removes the shade that has placed

this village, utilize every means at their disposal before the woodsman's axe removes the shade that has placed the stamp of individuality upon this wonderful community. We distinctly remember the first time we visited Birmingham. It was in February, just six years ago. The thing that impressed us most was the splendid fine of trees that lingd South Woodward avenue. Although it was winter time and the previous year's leaves had been awent up, we had a mental picture of the street in the summer time—and that boring bur picture was realized when bursting buds revealed the complex artifices of nature as the beautiful green leaves soon clothed the lovely branches. Has anybody who ever visited the town failed to marvel at find love its trees?

Now there is much talk of widening East Maple and West Maple avenuer, this would remove many beautiful trees, and would simply make this highway as combon as any pavement that runs through a prairie town. Could not Martin street be beginned from Pierce street to Woodward avenue to save the traes on West Maple axenue? And, when the Grand Trynk tracks are removed, couldn't Hamilton avenue be opened through to the end of Knox street? This would provide a papallel street for East Maple avenue.

However, as we stated several weeks ago in this column, no one ever saw a rose bush growing on a cash register—which brings the means the street of the street.

column, no one ever saw a rose bush growing on a cash register—which brings the question: Is Birmingham a cash register town? The answer to this will tell how much we love our trees.

#### KEEP PONTIAC AND THE COUNTY SEPARATE

If the question were put up to a vote of the people of Oakland County, we believe that the proposition to create a joint group plan of county and Pontiac builkings, would be defeated. For that reason we hope that the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, when the matter comes up before them for a vote, will oppose any attempt officially to connect up the building program of the county with that of Pontiac or any other municipality, for that matter.

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Wherever one may go in Oakland County, one is confronted with the physical manifestation of phenomenal growth; the average business, if it is keeping up with the times in this vicinity, is almost daily confronted with 'growing pains." Expansion of industry, of schools, and of all the public's business is the problem that must be solved as the great influx of new residents into Oakland County is felt.

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Pontfac is bound to become a large city, and it will need all the land that the present taxpayers are willing to vote bonds for. Oakland County (too, is growing; it must needs prepare for suitable areas and buildings with which to carry on the people's business. If the supervisors agree to a joint site for county and fontiac's municipal buildings, there will always be a sufflict batteen that two next is.

to a joint site for county and Pontac's municipal buildings, there will always be a conflict between the two parties—with none of them exactly satisfied.

As the Eccentric views the matter, this present attempt to Combine the county's building program with that of the city of Pontac is manifesting extreme short-sightedness. We hope that the supervisors forever separate the two interests.

### MAKE THE CHILDREN HAPPY

All too soon, as we remember it, the days of childhood dy into the days of adult maturity. Each soul's world is so soot transformed from guileless, happy pleasure into the complex drama that envelops the world of grown-up men and women. How quickly is the garden of blossoming childhood changed into the often stunted growth of adult make believe. adult make-believe!

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This is merely a plea for the children. Let them enjoy the spring-time, the May-time of life; instead of compelling a child to conform to the defnands of maturify, why wouldn't it be the best for parents, to travel back through the years to their own dhildhood, thus reaching the level of a child's guileless understanding? And thus—Providentially—become "as little children."

"The first duty to children is to make them happy, if you have not made them so, you have wronged them. No other good they may get can make up for that," said Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, English philanthropist.

### CREDIT AND CULTURE

This is an age of credit, and because it is the people This is an age of credit, and because it is the people are more equally sharers in the coinveniences and comforts of life here than anywhere else in the world. One commentator avers that the American people "have gone payment mad." We question if there is any madness about it. Were there, the credit business would soon end in disaster. Instead of that it is expanding at a great rate, with result that the people are better off than they ever have been before. They acquire what they want when they want it and enjoy the use of it while they pay for it.

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We are told that a vast majority of the wage-earners have mortgaged their incomes for years to come because of the trend of the country to buy luxuries and necessities of life on the installment plan. This should not árouse fears in any breast. Mortgaged incomes mean in most instances that those who have taken on a burden of debt are acquiring property and culture, and when they have discharged their credit obligations they will have something to show for it, which they probably never would have were

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On rainy days when I awake to find the sky all dark. On rainy days when I awase by this the say an uara, I get my little bail boat out and quickly I embark For other shores more pleasant, or I board my little train, And soon I'm far away from all the threat ning clouds and rain,

and rain,
And mother never worries, for she knows I cannot stay
In danger's path while I am in that pleasant Land of play.

Sometimes I'm sick and have to spend the whole day in

my room, But mother pins the curtains back and chases out the

gloom,
And then she fixes pillows all around me, so my head
Is nice and high, and piles my books and games up on my

She brings my crayons too, a lot of pictures and some

And to the Land of Play I travel off in greatest haste.

Sometimes I get a story book and mount the rocking chair, And it is just a little while till I have landed there. How well I love to wander up and down each little street. To chat awhite little all the happy people that I meet. I'm very sure there is in finer place to spend. Aday In all the big wide world than in the pleasant Land of Place. Play

-Beatrice McDonald

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they compelled to postpone purchases until they had the cash ready for payment in full.

The all-embracing creek system enables people to raise themselves out of the near-paurier class to a position of self-respect that constitutes a national asset of incalculable worth. One granted credit is, immediately conscious that someone else has faith in his ionesty; the credit goes not merely to his ability to pay at the time agreed upon but to his character which is adjudged incapable of permitting him to default. There are all too many characteries people in the country who take advantage of the confidence tradesmen and merchants are willing to repose in their fellows.

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The credit system is chiefly significant of the demonstrated honesty of the great majority of people. That it has strengthened some characters is probable and that it has offered temptation irresptible to a good many is true, but in most cases good character is inherent. Recognition of this by merchants has been a boon to the masses. They are not payment mad. They are ambitious strivers for better things for themselves and their families and take advantage of opportunity wisely presented. The credit system of America is a noteworthy prop and support of our growing culture.

### FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

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

43 YEARS AGO

M. E. church on Mill street owned by Mr. Beebe.

Ansley Sowersby has accepted a situation in the hotel at Armada, recently purchased by E. W. Reynolds, and will difficiate as clerk. Verily, people from this vicinity ought to feel at hohe when they light down at the National in Armada.

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The following pupils in the high from the following pupils in the high from the following the week ending February 2. Minnie Salisbury, Mamie Francis Languary 1. Minnie Salisbury, Mamie Languary 1. The old familiar tragedy of "Blue beard" will be vividly portrayed at Flora Language Langua

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