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A New Community House

Between the dates of May 14, and May 15 Birmingham and adjacent territory is going to be canvassed in the interest of a bigger and better Community House—an institution that has, since its inception here, been the focal point of much of the civic and social activity of this district. The actual possibilities for achieving good in community life are as infinite as the capacities of the people of the Community House touches—and who would place monetary value on the lives of men and women, boys and girls? Most certainly, if such a valuation were arrived at in some mystic way, the figures would be many, many times greater than the \$125,000 to be sought in the coming campaign for funds.

As Birmingham continues to grow, bring with such growth more varied problems of a social and civic nature, the need for a larger Community House is felt; that is the underlying reason why a campaign for funds will be put on here next month. Aside from the benefits that the groupings may obtain from a new and larger Community House, there still remains the urgent need for such an institution in the lives of our community's most precious asset—its youth. Whether or not you have any children of your own, you certainly are concerned with the progress of youth toward the best goal possible. Read what Ruskin says of youth: "Youth is the period of building up in habits, and hopes, and faith. Not an hour but is trembling with destinies, not a moment, once passed, of which the appointed work can ever be done again, or the neglected blow struck on the cold iron."

Thank You, Mr. Wimslett

Some people employed on a job do only what they have to; some get by with even less than they ought to; others do more than they are paid for and soon get more than they were paid; but few use their wits to go out of their way in order to render a finer service for a little child—and that brings us to a bit of praise for George Wimslett, local village mail carrier. Recently Mr. Wimslett, who delivers mail in the neighborhood of Ye Ed's home, was accosted by our six-year-old son, John, and asked: "Mister, my name's Johnny—won't you bring me a letter, too?" The very next day the cherished letter was delivered to John by Mr. Wimslett, and afforded John a chance subject for discussion for several days—and one that he has as he grows into manhood, will always remember. Mr. Wimslett, in order to make good his promise to John, found a discarded advertising circular in the postoffice wastebasket, scratched John's name upon it, and then delivered it. Thank you, Mr. Wimslett, for this kindly little act; it only required a moment of your time—but it made for a big moment in the childhood of little John.

"A Spring Poem Sprung"

In answer to thousands of requests that The Eccentric formally usher in Spring with a poem of its own manufacture, and to satisfy our own urge for poetical expression, we have finally wrought the following from our typewriter; copies of it may be had if we have any left after the printer has cleaned up the office on press day. Here's the wonderful poem: The snow shovels hang in the cellars; The coal bins are empty—with nothing in it— And the furnace has wakened out. But, because the house is warm, just the same. Without the use of the two shovels and the coal. We are want to feel that Winter has went, Which means that Spring are come. The birds have flew from the south, High in the air they did fling Their both wings—with body poised— And with them Spring has sprung. So go out and pick some wild daisies, Get out of the house—glorious rain! Will bring angle-worms to the surface— The beautiful Spring, it has came! The beautiful Spring, it has came!

Your State Of Mind

People do things as the direct result of their thinking. If they want a piece of bread they go through the necessary physical actions to obtain it; as a matter of sub-conscious habit, they crook their elbows when they place the bread in their mouths, and they automatically follow this with a crunching of the jaws, and a swallowing. The man or woman who, gifted with ability to sing, play at some musical instrument, paint a picture, create an ingenious mechanical contrivance, or even discover a new philosophy, does so as the result of an ability to THINK. Thinking, of course, is one of the faculties which people possess as the result of their natural heritage of a state of consciousness; and what people are thinking about at any specific time depends upon the condition which their state of consciousness may be in. Some people, concerned with materialism in its cruder forms, or with the lusts of the flesh, quite naturally concentrate their thinking along lines far below the level of true Christianity—which makes it impossible for them to exhibit brotherly love, innate honesty, humility, sacrifice, and the host of other positive attributes of good character.

Other people, filling their consciousness with ideas of a more spiritual nature, dwelling upon the uplifting and edifying qualities of life, just as naturally THINK thoughts that make the world a better place in which to live; because, you see, the activities of all people are the results of their thoughts, and their thoughts are but the color of their state of consciousness.

When a man or a woman is respected and revered in a community, it is simply because he or she is the exemplification of the good qualities of character which a man or a woman is not respected and revered, when he or she may even be brought to a jail, it is only because he or she got into the incorrect state of consciousness, thought, the wrong thoughts, did the wrong human things.

If you would seek to unravel the mysteries of mechanics, for instance, and use your intelligence to find a better speaking device, you must first fill and flood your consciousness with information of the nature of mechanics; quite naturally, then, your thoughts will dwell in the realm of mechanics, and you will emerge from your studies with a probable solution of the problem under consideration. The same applies to the study of life in the world's largest problem; people investigate the subtler forces of life because, they believe, at the end of such an investigation they will find the methods which make for a happier state of society. Every person is vitally concerned with happiness—and all seek it in some way or other.

The best textbook on happiness is the Bible; some of the best study hours for learning the mysteries of life as expounded in the Bible are to be found in the churches of the world. Christianity is the key that unlocks life's mysteries because, you see, Christianity removes man's consciousness from purely materialistic or lustful state, and places it where it rightly belongs—where each may get for himself "the peace that passeth understanding."

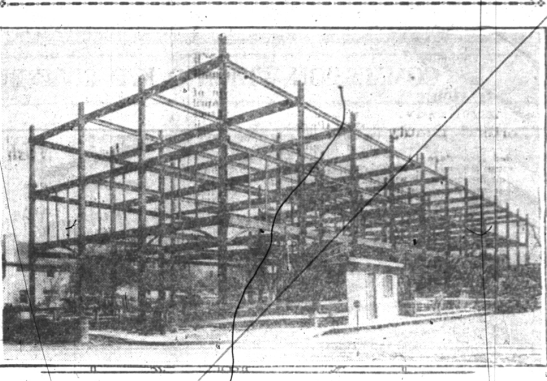
Would you really be happy? Then faithfully follow in the footsteps of the 33-year-old Youth of Galilee. Down at our six Billy, eight years old, is, in the eyes of John, six years old, centuries ahead in biological progress. Within the past two years Billy has proudly retrieved a half dozen or more first teeth from his jaws; to date John has lost none—at least one tooth is getting a bit looser. We prophesy that when John obtains a tooth of his own—that he will be able to carry around in his pocket—every kiddie in the neighborhood will learn of it. Twice over thus—even with you and me.

The problems of one individual are, largely, the problems of all. That is why all of us are interested in what happens to Nellie, the beautiful clark model, or Princess Pat, the spoiled child of a monarch. That is why most of us are concerned when the price of canned-corn rises, or the quality of mercy is strained. That is why food is necessary the year round, and why work is getting a bit looser. That is why Birmingham, if it is to progress as Michigan's finest suburban community, must meet and better solve the problems of community growth than its competitor areas.

Raymond J. Lattig, Grand Lodge, Michigan, drifter, and part owner of the Grand Lodge Independent, has a few moments off recently to commend The Eccentric for "being an excellent weekly newspaper." Such comment from so keen an observer is gratefully received. Thank you, Mr. Lattig—even though we do disagree on capital punishment and its relation to human affairs. A prominent medical man broadcasts the news that he has found a practical way to bring back to grandma her schoolgirl complexion. By injecting a serum obtained from pigskin into grandma's face, grandma is able to skip back over the long years and gain a countenance of satin skin, ruddy at the right spots, and bright in the pine and choppy skyward. The learned doctor certainly has a "swill" idea. Sebastian S. Kresge, according to recent declarations from his singer wife, Doris, offered to pay her ten millions of dollars if she would bear him a child. This, it proves that money cannot buy everything that one may want. Two American Navy sailors have been found guilty of stowing away girls on battleships. Such things have never before happened in the Navy, say startled officials. Both boys probably got tired of the Navy cuisine and wanted some home cooking. Many thousands of people visited the Oakland Motor Company's new Pontiac factory during "open house celebration" three days last week. As one of the thousands, we were agreeably surprised at what we saw; certainly here is the last word in fine factory good working conditions—all resulting in the manufacture of fine automobiles. Those who visit the plant will undoubtedly feel a closer intimacy now when they see a Pontiac or Oakland automobile.

A Washington, D. C. jury acquitted Oiler Sinclair of charges and sundry things last week. Washington is a funny place, while Sinclair has anything but a funny face.

COUZENS' BUILDING PROGRESSING



Above is a picture of the structure and Frank Couzens, Inc. carrying three additional stories, which will be added some time in the future. The property is located at the northeast corner of Maple Avenue and Bates Street, and was purchased by the Couzens' Building Corporation, with foundations capable of...

Atkins Explains Attitude Of Methodist Church On War

(Continued from Page 1) His reply is beyond question. His condemnation is the result of evolution. We are determined to outlaw the whole war system. The patriotism of the Methodist Episcopal Church has never been challenged. Neither our motives nor our loyalty are impugned when we insist on the fulfillment of the pledges made to the dead and ever our true ideals for the living. Governments which ignore the Christian science of international relations cannot justly claim the lives of men in time of war. Secret diplomacy, economic imperialism, and military aggression must not draw men into the dilemma of deciding between support of their country and support of the world's peace. We set ourselves to create the condition for peace. Socialism, militarism, imperialism and militarism must cease. We demand the establishment of the world's peace. We believe that the world's peace must be put upon the shoulders of the Christian church. The world's peace must be put upon the shoulders of the Christian church. The world's peace must be put upon the shoulders of the Christian church.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Miss Elizabeth Knapp, daughter of the late Dr. J. H. Knapp, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, said that she had heard her father say that the world's peace must be put upon the shoulders of the Christian church.

G. O. P. NAMES 2 DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT

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RAIN FAILS TO HAMPER DEDICATION

(Continued from Page 1) The dedication of the new building was held on Thursday, April 26, 1928. The weather was rainy, but the dedication proceeded without any interruption.

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