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Do We Want Any Here?

Village manager James W. Farry struck an important note of Birmingham's future problems last week when he told local Rotarians that the tax rates, under strictly residential conditions, is bound to increase as this community expands. He said that the encouragement of industry along the new Grand Trunk right-of-way would tend to relieve the tax burden of the future Birmingham; by continuing the policy of residential growth only, a very real tax expense will come to the taxpayer as the home owner. (Please understand that Mr. Farry's remarks were not a plea on his behalf for industry; he was merely stating an impersonal fact that can fit any community.)

The Rule Of Honor

Newspaper work often brings to its practitioners tragic situations that severely test character. For instance, there is the common experience among editors of having to publish unpleasant news concerning personal friends and neighbors. Ethically, there can be no favored exceptions in the news, and although the justice of this is apparent to persons capable of abstract thinking, the editor who follows through is often looked upon in his social circle as heartless and unsocial. But good men put private considerations aside at such times and bow to the line of professional honor, depending upon the great physician Time to justify their course in the minds of those who have been denied special news favors.

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The Church Struggles On

Richard T. Baldwin, energetic newspaper man at Albion, is engaged in raising \$16,000 for the Methodist church in that city—and bids fair to be successful in the undertaking. In a recent article which he published in the Albion Recorder, he said: "I've just bet every church in Albion has a real problem raising its finances. Lots of folks belong to the churches and want their children to go to Sunday school, but in many cases the church gets only a few pennies, while dollars go for other interests—such as the family car and the radio. Wouldn't it be fine if there were more generous giving to the churches?"

Mr. Baldwin's description of impoverished churches in Albion probably presents an average picture of the condition of most of the church groups in America. It is a lamentable, but nevertheless true, finding that, where great prosperity exists, religion has a difficult struggle to hold its own—least of all to make progress. The average public apathy toward the efforts of Christ Jesus to establish God's Kingdom upon earth must burn deeply into the hearts and souls of serious church people; yet one must not become too pessimistic as to the future welfare of mankind for, since man has proved his ability to master much of the physical handicap that nature has imposed upon him, what hindrance it is in the world of true Christianity when it is usually made up of its mind to do so?

Mankind, collectively speaking, is yet in the kindergarten stage of its life; it has discarded the nursing bottle, and is trying its first teeth upon new foods, while its hands toy with strange playthings. But mankind, as with the individual's growth and maturity, shall yet flower into a beautiful tree in the great Garden of the Universe—you can't stop that growth any more than you can stop the growth of any living tree.

WHO'S WHO AND TIMELY VIEWS

By DR. E. C. CRITTENDEN Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Eugene Cassen Crittenden was born at Georgia, Pa., Dec. 13, 1880. He is a graduate of Cornell university. From 1905 to 1909 he was an instructor in physics at Cornell. Since 1909 he has been connected with the bureau of stenographers, as a physical. He has been chief of the division since 1921. He was the official delegate from the United States to the World Power conference at London and the League of Nations International Commission on Illumination in 1924. He is a member of several scientific organizations and societies.)

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

U. OF M. FOOTBALL For the first time in years, a good quarter of a century or more, criticism is being launched against the University of Michigan football team. "Panning" would be the better term as most of the special columns, applying editors, especially those of the Detroit dailies. Individual players have been named by sport writers, but the criticism as a whole covers the variety football, and it is not to be confused with the imagination to read between the lines and realize that the change in coaches has not been made against Harry Kipke, the coach who jumped the contract with Michigan State College to go to Ann Arbor, but his ears must burn as he reads the more talented sport writers who know football from Ajax to Zeno. The prediction is made that Michigan will not win a game in its Big Ten schedule, and if this proves true, in fact the fact that at the close of last season prospects were unusually bright for the coming year, will indeed be a bitter cup. There is something wrong with the variety's football, and it is a yearning to be squared individually or collectively will help remedy the situation—Harry L. Izor in Hurand Express.

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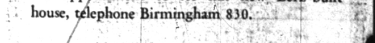
An Unusual Home in Fashionable Quorton Lake Estates

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Five bedrooms—three baths—large living room—dining room—recreation room and library are all artistically arranged and enjoy all the newest conveniences known to the building profession.

For appointment to see this new Berz-built house, telephone Birmingham 830.

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Friendly Thoughts By G. Dewey Kimball

The music of life mounts from deepened depths of despair to leant the peaks of rapture. We climb to the crest, and remaining upon the crest would fall upon us. We are truly happy only in proportion to the miseries we've known. If it were otherwise we, ourselves, would be as unthinking and soulless as the violin we play upon.

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