

Before you learn to swim, you may manifest a somewhat natural fear of water. But of all plagues, none so helpful as to be afraid. After you have progressed a few feet, you gain confidence, lose fear, and are able to swim.

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# HILLS and THAT

By G. R. A.

If you were returned to the period of human existence when the average family unit depended entirely upon its land and its individual efforts for its subsistence, you would find long hours necessary to perform all the tasks necessary to keep you and your family from starvation. You would be more of a jack-of-all-trades than you are now. You would have to work upon seeds and plants, animals of your own raising, and the various ways to win a living. Your neighbor would be just another living organism, slaving away the hours to keep body and soul together. Leisure time would be a scarce thing in your life. Your world of thought would be quite limited, almost entirely circumscribed by the elemental and physical needs of your family. From such primitive shackles of toil-bound servitude, you inherit generations of struggle to achieve the Biblical promise that God will "... let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

By a process of centuries of endeavor to release themselves from the bondage of such a life, man has gradually thought himself out of the elemental era of hand labor, and has emerged into the realm of the machine age. Perhaps his first success in creating some mechanical device that would lighten his load came accidentally—as many of our discoveries and inventions have come. But when he did learn, for instance, how to wheel wheels, and how to use the ground than a crude sled, he must have excited in his mind the thought of what his neighbors in a nearby cave or cliff and tell them of what he had discovered. He would be jealous and selfish about this great advance? No, he would be generous and imparting of this first wheels to others. He would be proud of his contemporary attitudes on a similar situation, we must assume he would be guarded pretty closely by the first Adam-man who thus had his "skill" to his home. Such secrets do not remain so secret in the modern world very long—not even in today's times, although we do not always realize it. We are anxious to guarantee inventors a period of monopoly on their brain-children.

Anyway, when he first learned how to make wheels, he and his neighbors and the various plants could be fashioned, through the process of THINKING, into weapons of offense and defense, into tools and utensils of practical use, and into the building of modern machine age. There are those who claim that this advance was made by a man named Adam because man is still a predatory and a very greedy organism. But in the early days of the world, THINKING toward a realization of an abundance of everything he needed will lead him to a foothold upon the higher ascent of civilization in its idealistic sense.

## LIANS OF THE 2ND BENEFIT TO THE BARNUM POOL

By G. R. A.

Schedule Birmingham Night At Westwood Garden For Aug. 6

TO SELL TICKETS HERE

So that the Barnum School swimming pool may be kept open through the summer, the Lions Club of the Westwood Symphony Garden will be observed Monday, Aug. 6, in the series of events planned and sponsored by the Birmingham Lions Club which has been announced for the night of the spacious open-air enclosure reserved exclusively for Birmingham residents. They may enjoy the combination classic and dance music program together.

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Behind the surface disturbances of the industrial unrest with its NRA and its problems, there are currents at work, there are, perhaps, something or other, bringing better times and better days to all of us. These problems are but the labor-pains of the birth of some new concept in human relationships that, like the discovery of the first wheel, will take man out of the old skin of his old shell of contemporary selfish progress, and place him upon a new and higher level of thought toward his vision of the future. In the early days of this world, the man who made the first wheel, or the man who made the first machine of New England began to beckon people to their homes and to their workday. It was from 12 to 16 hours, it is recorded in James Truslow Adams' "Epic of America," that our Puritan ancestors insisted upon long workdays because "the discipline of factoring" was necessary to suffer if longer than the whole of the day. What a far cry from such a discipline of factoring to the actual steps in making money that we see today! And all this shortening of the day because man has his mind and his resources and his body so hard that his body could be freed from the shackles of hand toil.

## AD' FUND CONTEST TO CLOSE MONDAY

Next Issue Will Announce Winner In Competition For Temperance Money

The winner in The Eccentric's temperance fund promotion competition education in the community through the use of revenues derived by the paper from national liquor advertising, will be announced in next week's issue. The contest, which was announced in the first issue of the paper, has turned over all monies it received in liquor advertising to Aug. 1, 1934. The contest was organized by a plan for temperance education in the community. Four judges have been appointed to judge the entries. The contest is open to all persons who are citizens of the United States. The contest is open to all persons who are citizens of the United States. The contest is open to all persons who are citizens of the United States.

These of you who, last month, saw and heard "The World's All Right," the musical comedy sponsored by the Lions Club for the benefit of the Barnum swimming pool, will be glad to hear that when Dr. Jack Hassinger got Joe J. Jack-rabbit qualified for the Democratic ticket for re-election to the State Legislature. He was approximately three one thirds of Joe's friends and acquaintances. He was approximately three one thirds of Joe's friends and acquaintances. He was approximately three one thirds of Joe's friends and acquaintances.

## 36,754 Signatures On Joe's Petitions

Some Questions Arise, But Joe Clear on Point, Getting Good Judgment

Several ugly rumors started flying around the other afternoon following the filing of petitions for the re-election of Albert J. Noonan, incumbent, to the State Legislature. The rumors were completely unfounded, and it was only after considerable confusion, get Joe J. Jack-rabbit qualified for the Democratic ticket for re-election to the State Legislature. He was approximately three one thirds of Joe's friends and acquaintances.

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## State Senatorship Sought By Noonan

Three Birmingham Men Among the Oakland County Candidates for State and County Offices Who Filed Petitions Before the Michigan State Board of Supervisors for Places on the Ballot in September's Primaries

Three Birmingham men are among the Oakland County candidates for state and county offices who filed petitions before the Michigan State Board of Supervisors for places on the ballot in September's primaries. They are Albert J. Noonan, former city assessor, Democratic candidate for state senator from the 12th district; George A. Dondro, former city assessor, Democratic candidate for state senator from the 12th district; and Robert A. Yerkes, former city assessor, Democratic candidate for state senator from the 12th district.

Albert J. Noonan, former city assessor of Birmingham and now a practicing attorney with office in Detroit, has filed petitions for the Democratic nomination for state senator from the 12th district. He will have one Democratic opponent, A. L. Moore, Pontiac attorney, is the incumbent and is opposed for re-election on the Republican ticket.

Should that be the case, the Birmingham school district rate would be reduced from 7.5 mills to 5.9 mills, and instead of being able to raise \$116,000 for operating expenses this year, the local schools would be limited to slightly more than \$91,000. The appropriation for 1934-35 teachers' salaries alone has been set by the Board of Education at \$101,252.

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# Public Utilities Appeal on Tax Commission On '34 Valuation

Members Fear Higher Rate For County Would Cripple System DELAY BUDGET ACTION

The Birmingham school district would be able to raise only about \$90,000—even enough to pay the salaries it has promised its teachers for next year—if the increase in the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for an allocation of 5 mills for county tax purposes is granted. The members voted at their last meeting to ask the State Tax Commission to increase the original allocation of 4 mills to 5 mills on the grounds the county will need more money for poor relief than was originally anticipated. If the request is granted, it will mean the county will get a larger share of the 15-mill maximum than was originally intended, and is generally assumed that the additional 1.5 mills given the county would have been set by the Board of Education at \$101,252.

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