Just as one acorn planted in fertile soil can eventually become a forest, and shelter an army, so can one good thought, planted in the fertility of a yearning individual's mind, become a haven of safety for many, many people. Evil thoughts spread, too—so isn't it better to have good thoughts?

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E. G. W.

Chloroform: Some time ago, six year old Carol, daughter of Mrs. M. E. Champney of 839 Knox Street, had occasion to visit the doctor's office because of an ear infection. Following a minor operation, in which it was necessary to use an anesthetic, Carol returned home.

"It wasn't so bad after all, was it?", queried her mother.

"Oh, no," replied Carol, "I liked the doctor very much, but Mama, the perfume he uses is something terrible."

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Constrained Comments: Wonder if we can bank on Shan Rosso staying behind the bars . . . Golden blond Miss Norman puts Ann Harding to shame when it comes to beautiful tresses . . . Y. M. C. S h a i n should've been a minister . . . s'fact . . . Reverend A u l e n b a c h has a real sense of humor . . . Myers Bakery Shop signs are distinctive, decir por lo menos it's Spanish, and means . . . See Miss Ferris at Baldwin High and you'll forget all about what it means . . . Mrs. John Black has pretty white hair . . . Randy says thanks Mrs. Sutton . . . Mayor Allen wins first place for the most take-off-and-put-on glasses addict . . . cheerio!

E. G. Whitney

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Contract Couples: It is rather notorious fact that husband and wife usually fail to make a good bridge partnership, the psychological factor behind the scene being that each resent advice from the other. Where one mate dominates the other in their domestic relations, the play at the card table reflects it. A paradox of bridge is that the weaker hand generally guides the "rock crusher" type of holding to the correct contract. Can't you just see the dominating member of a married couple meekly submitting to his or her partner's restraints when holding a powerful hand? There's the case of the Kansas couple. Hubby warned his better half he'd kill her if she came up with another 'rotten' bid, whereupon wifey passed his forcing call. He quietly got up, went into the other room, obtained his gun and deliberately blew her head half off to make sure she would continue to pass. The irony of that true story is that the bridge murderer didn't have a sound forcing bid to begin with.

Such dramatic and rather final episodes at the bridge table are extremes, of course. Married couples have been known to make a powerful partnership, witness Ely Culbertson and his wife. Congenial couples, when playing together sensibly, sometimes become uncanny in their defense and attack. They know and understand each of those significant little facial expressions and voice inflections of the other's. So . . . even though you've worked in a quarry, don't take too much for granite when playing opposite those in wedlock.

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Curious Custom: Not so long ago this column pleaded for a sympathetic understanding of the terrific strain a poor husband has to endure when his wife has a child. Now, here we come with some substantial dope to prove our contention.

Down in Latin America there exists a custom called the "Couvade," a very common ritual among certain tribes of Indians. When a woman bears a child, her husband is put to bed and attended to with great solicitude because he is supposed to suffer extreme agony. So you're from Missouri, eh? Well, look it up.

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Collected Comments: Didja know that at Lake Itasca, Minnesota you can step across the Mississippi River? . . . s'truth. And we betcha didn't realize that your breath freezes and can be heard at temperatures between 60 and 70 below the goose egg mark on the thermometer. We weren't at all surprised when we learned that a dollar bill rarely stays in circulation six months, . . . reckon you realize those yellow stains in your garments, after washing, are caused by soap remaining in the material. Our bright suggestion for the day: Drivers who whiz by you, splashing dirty water on your last pressed suit, should be made to peel 41 onions in succession.

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Capitol Crime: A certain young Baldwin High lass informed her mother one night recently that she couldn't possibly get her home work done for awhile because her sorority wanted a thesis written, 1500 words long, as part of her initiation work.

SINGING POLICEMAN IS AT DETROIT EXPOSITION

Carl Sobie, singing patrolman who was tenor soloist of the Detroit Police Band and later sang on Father Charles E. Coughlin's national Radio broadcasts, is acting as master of ceremonies for daily programs of music and dancing at the Detroit and Michigan Exposition at Convention Hall, Detroit, March 6 to 15.

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E. Burton M. Newberry, whose address is 10148 Kingston Avenue, Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Michigan, is investigator for the district comprising the Cities of Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Farmington, South Lyons, Birmingham; Villages of Oak Park, Keego Harbor, Milford, Commerce, Walled Lake and surrounding territory. Mr. Newberry will be only too glad to give out whatever information he can to those wishing the same.

Applications for Old Age Assistance may be secured from your County Agent, A. L. Nique, Court House Annex, Pontiac, Michigan.

BALDWIN BAND AND ORCHESTRA ACTIVE STUDENT GROUPS

Youthful Musicians Are Capably Instructed By A. W. Berndt

Two of the least appreciated and most active organizations in Baldwin High School are the school band and orchestra. Few students or outsiders realize what an important part these two groups play in the school. When a football or basketball game is scheduled, the band must appear to play for the spectators. When an assembly is held, the orchestra or the band is there. When a Field Day is staged, student members of the band must give up their opportunity of participating with their classmates and march and play in the band. When a play is produced, the orchestra plays between acts. When parades are held, the band must march too. In fact, at practically every important school function, the band or orchestra must be present. And there are no "ifs" or "buts" about it. The members of the band or orchestra must be there—or drop out of the group.

The man who directs these groups deserves a large measure of credit for his work the past nine years in the Birmingham public schools along these lines. He is Arnold W. Berndt. Mr. Berndt not only directs and practices with the high school units but also instructs grade and junior high school students four and five days a week. The work is exacting and requires great patience, and Mr. Berndt has, indeed, done wonderful work.

The band and orchestra classes are instruction classes. The students are learning to master their instruments, and if they are called on to appear in public, they put forth their best efforts, and deserve commendation for it. The best band the high school ever had was last year's band, which was by far the largest in the school's history. It ranked with the finest high school bands in Michigan. Most of its members graduated last year.

Too little credit is given to the boys and girls who surrender their time and activity to appear with the band and orchestra in public. The band gets too little mention for its work. But the members have the satisfaction of knowing that they are learning to play a musical instrument, and of knowing that they are doing their part for the school.

AVERAGE MICHIGAN SNOWFALL 56 INCHES

. . . "Winters, they aren't what they used to be," the old-timers' familiar remark, has been badly upset by weather bureau records cited at the Ann Arbor meeting of the annual Michigan Highway Conference. If it is snowfall the old-timer refers to, recent winters have been all they used to be, or more.

These are the facts, according to H. Merrill Wills, meteorologist of the U. S. Weather Bureau and director of the Michigan State Weather Service. During the past 48 years the average Michigan snowfall has been 56 inches. Seven times it has reached 70 inches or more, in 1893, 1901, 1909, 1923, 1924, 1926 and 1929. Only three such falls came in the first 35 years of this period, with four in the last 13 years.

Incidentally, the north coast of Marquette County has an average annual fall of 100 inches, exceeded nowhere in the nation except in mountain regions. Present prospects point to the likelihood of another 70 inch record for Michigan this winter, Wills said.

No Harm

Circus Man (fearful that elephant will injure boy standing near)—Hey, keep away from that elephant!

Boy—Aw, I won't hurt him!

Community House Gossip

By SATIA Y. OSBORNE

It seems that the breach between Sandy and Buffy is closed. Last week Buffy was observed wearing such a large satisfied smile, that inquiries were made as to the cause.

"Just a letter from My Public," he answered modestly, or at least with an attempt at modesty. With no urging whatever, he brought out this letter, which bore evidence of much appreciative licking.

Feb. 6, 1935

Dear Buffy,

To me it is quite obvious that athough you know so much about the services of the Community House, your ignorance is absolutely colossal.

Any canine that will permit such an article to be printed in our good Eccentric just isn't worth a good lamb bone. That is, I mean an article that leaves out six important things as ye left out last week.

Ye named a lang list o' sairvices, but did ye name the greatest and maist important of them all? Na, na, ye didna.

The Community House might be just a grim white house with pleasant rooms, if 'twere not for the Speerit that prevails but and ben. 'Tis no' the delightful personality of any ain of the hostesses, 'tis no' the willing kindness of any ain member of the board, but 'tis that deep friendly Speerit that ye ken and I ken and everyone who has ever had occasion to turn to the Community House for ateing, mickle or muckle, kens fu' weel.

Buffy, ma mannie, ye mauna forget the Spirit of the Community House.

Doggedly yours,
SANDY.

Just at first your Poor Companion was a little jealous of Buffy's fan mail, but later decided to follow his example and accept this very gratifying tribute, just as if we deserved it. Perhaps some time we may deserve it. Anyway, we are glad that Buffy and Sandy have bridged their chasm.

Community House Primer
Chapter 7—Earnings.

The Community House has been obliged, during the last few years, to earn part of its expenses. It does not attempt to make money, except enough to keep the House open. Its activities include:

(a) The serving of meals. The charges for meals pay the expense of food, service and partially pay for replacement of various items of equipment, such as stoves, mixers, silver, china, glass, etc.

(b) Rentals of part or all of the House. These rentals include all meetings of a nature not educational or charitable and all dances except the Saturday night dance. The House has always at least one responsible person present at these rental affairs but assumes no responsibility for the conduct of them.

(c) Operation of the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is operated on a cash basis for two reasons: because many people prefer to pay a small sum rather than feel like objects of charity, and because the small amount realized is a welcome addition to our emergency fund for welfare work.

(d) Saturday night dance for young people. This dance is sponsored by the House and is a service to the high school group. The admission fee frequently does not pay the cost of the orchestra. Heat, light, chaperonage, cleaning etc. are furnished by the House.

All of these services are offered to the Birmingham public at a rate to return no more than expenses. Many others, as listed last week, are entirely free. Whenever possible these services will be added to, and enlarged.

(This thrilling serial will be concluded next week, and aren't you rather glad? We are.)

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Murphy Will Have Charge Of Census In Oakland County

James P. Casey supervisor of the Department of Commerce census of business, today announced that 20 enumerators have been appointed for Oakland County to present the census forms to business houses and help them fill out the necessary information.

Mr. Robert C. Murphy will have charge of Oakland County with Headquarters at 407 Commerce Bldg., Detroit, Mich. Mr. Murphy stressed the fact that information given the enumerators will be held in strict confidence.

He asked all business concerns to cooperate with the enumerators who call upon them for business census data.

Describing the value of the census, Mr. Murphy said that from the results, banks and financial agencies are enabled to extend commercial credit more freely because of more accurate knowledge of what constitutes sound operating expenses and stock ratios; newspapers are enabled to establish the consumer market in their circulation fields; wholesalers are able to make a better appraisal of their immediate and potential trade territories and thus avoid unproductive expense, retailers are supplied with needed data on their competitive situation. Real Estate values, proper rentals and the basis for percentage leases are frequently determined from business Census data.

PHOTOS, FINGER PRINTS URGED FOR LICENSES

Drivers licenses would have a photograph of the owner, his thumb prints and a blank on which would show a record of traffic offenses, under stricter licensing proposals made by Inspector C. J. Schlamp, of the Detroit police department, at the twenty-second annual Michigan Highway Conference, meeting at the University of Michigan.

HAYDEN SAYS ORIENT MASTER OF OWN FATE

What happens from now on in the Orient is almost entirely up to the various peoples of Asia, with Japan setting the pace, although China is the nation undergoing the most marked political and social change, declared Professor Joseph R. Hayden, of the University of Michigan political science department, formerly vice-governor general of the Philippine Islands.

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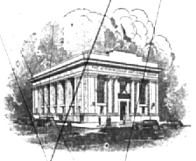

[QUESTIONS THAT ARE ASKED ABOUT BANKING]

"What is meant by a Bank's capital and surplus?"

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In addition, the "surplus" of a bank is built up, usually out of earnings set aside to increase the protection of depositors. In addition, there are reserves for meeting known liabilities or guarding against contingencies.

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