It takes lots of work for miners to get to the mineral wealth that lies buried beneath the surface of the earth, doesn't it? Well, it takes considerable effort to find "The Kingdom of Heaven within you" too. In either case, though, effort must be put forth by the digger.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

In this race of life that's run
By all mankind toward the Goal,
Friendship 'twen a Dad and Son
Kindles fires in the Soul.
Kindles fires that inspire
Kindly words and better deeds
In a world that's lifting higher
Toward the Love this old world needs.

I admire the peculiar courage and spirit of adventure that dominates the two young couples who were married last week in Pontiac, and left the following day for Hahiti, in the South Sea Islands. One of the girls, you may recall, is Marjorie Faddis, who used to live here in Birmingham, and is now Mrs. Archie D. Hogan. The other young groom is Merrill F. Walls. A few weeks ago he came down to talk with me about his trip, and wanted to sell The Eccentric the local publication rights to the story he proposes to write about the trip. I told him of the competition of the modern syndicate articles, and sympathized with his spirit of adventure. Most people, I think, at an early period in life are seized with the spirit of adventure, and would like to sail around the world. It's a honest impulse—the type of impulse that has been responsible for much of the earth's colonization. Young Walls told me that the four in their party have sufficient funds to make a round trip with; they will go inland on Tahiti, build a grass shack, and try to "live off the country." Walls told me that they will seek out the author of "Mutiny on the Bounty," who live there. I wished him well as he left my office. (What a lot of fun they should have, though; and, when they return to join the rest of us mortals in the routine business of earning a living, they'll have something adventurous to tell their grandchildren about, won't they?)

The passage of time changes the viewpoint of folks about new goods and services. It is on record that when the bathtub was first introduced in the United States many physicians called it a menace to health.

Statistics show that during 1935 an average of one person in every 190 in the United States committed some form of crime. How many of these were the result of mal-adjusted economic conditions are not known—but they must be a large part of the record. Some day, when our people have adopted sound economic practices, wherein more people obtain a rightful share of the great wealth we can produce, this crime figure will decrease. Why don't leading business and financial leaders investigate what really is wrong with the economic system, and correct it? Taxing the products of labor to ameliorate poverty will never solve the problem.

At its present peak of thirty billions of dollars of national debt, this means a thousand dollars for the thirty millions of families in the United States.

Do you remember when, just a few years back, a terrific howl was raised in certain circles in Michigan because part of the liquor profits were to be turned over to the support of the public school system? Now-a-days you seldom hear of this "tainted support" any more. Funny, isn't it, how people eventually get used to things?

We'll wager that, if present Democratic State Treasurer Theodore Fry is beaten by a Republican at the next election this fall, the new treasurer will be a pretty good friend of State Patronage-Boss Frank D. McKay. (Which simply makes me hope that the next State Treasurer will be Theodore Fry.)

There are weeks when the editor of this newspaper, as he observes passing parade of events, local and otherwise, the human paradoxes that flit hither and thither, the queer mixture of conflicting emotions that manifest themselves in some of his visitors, the hypocrisy of a few,—well, there are some of these weeks when he wonders just how such a cockeyed world can hang together as solidly as it does. And then, as compensation for such disturbing thoughts, he remembers most people most of the time, are not too far off balance but what they keep things sight-side up. Yet there is a lot of room for improvement, isn't there?

A friend of mine, Earl Waring Dunn, Grand Rapids lawyer, sends me the following "model of gentlemanly, conservative, and inoffensive journalism," written by an Iowa newspaperman about a troupe of female performers who played in a theater there. The troupe brought suit against the newspaper for libel; the case went to the Iowa Supreme Court, where

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RETURNED TAX FIGURES ARE $5,000 GREATER

Delinquent Collections Sent Here To Treasurer Total $17,000

Approximately $5,000 more in delinquent taxes have been returned to Birmingham from County Treasurer Charles Sparks than were returned during the same month a year ago, according to City Treasurer Harold H. Corson. A check received by him this week amounted to $17,000, as against $12,000 during November of 1934.

The money will be turned over to the school board, special assessment funds, the sinking fund set up under the new refunding plan, and the general city fund, according to each fund's rightful share.

Mr. Corson is now working on the closing of the winter tax roll, which covers county and school revenues, and he will send it up to Mr. Sparks, of Pontiac, in six weeks, where delinquent taxes may be paid. Mr. Sparks holds the roll for 34 months, after which he sends a record of all delinquents to the State Auditor General at Lansing, where final data is gathered for the tax sale.

"Tax collections for 1934 average an increase of 10 per cent over 1933, while so far for 1935 there has been an increase of approximately 9 per cent more collected than in 1934," stated Mr. Corson. "The present rate of collection averages about 60 per cent of the total tax assessment."

At the City Commission meeting Monday night plans for engaging in a more aggressive tax collection were discussed, among which was that of engaging special collectors to be paid on a commission basis. It was apparent from the open discussion that such a method will not be resorted to.

FAMOUS LECTURER WILL SPEAK HERE FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Howard Cleaves To Talk At Baldwin School On South Sea Trip

Howard Cleaves, Photo-Naturalist, lecturer and globe trotter, will address an audience in Baldwin High School Friday night, March 13th at 8 o'clock on the cruise of the boat, Mary Pinchot, from New York to Galapagos and the South Seas. Mr. Cleaves served as the official photographer on the expedition. The local University of Michigan Men's Alumni Club is sponsoring the affair, according to George Miller, president of the college men's group.

The program for the night will be illustrated with motion pictures of the adventuresome trip, taken by Mr. Cleaves. Writing of his impressions of the trip, Mr. Cleaves tells of leaving in a group of 27 men from the Brooklyn, N. Y. water front, heading South to Key West, Fla., thence through the Panama Canal, from there the party went directly to Cocos, a Pacific Ocean treasure Island, and on to Galapagos where "Birds perched on our heads, fed from our hands and recked at our shoe laces."

After a month there the expedition set sail, travelling three thousand miles to reach the South Seas and the Marquesas in French Oceania. The atolls called Tuamotus followed, then Tahiti, Society Islands, the last stop.

Christ Church Has New Sound System

The installation in Christ Church Cranbrook of a modern type of public address sound system has just been completed, according to an announcement. The new equipment reproduces sound evenly and at a lower and more restful volume level by the use of 12 special cone reproducers, it was said. Sensitive microphones have been placed in the chancel to pick up the choir singing.

All reproducers are completely concealed and the baffles are designed and finished to conform to and match the beautiful church interior. Provision for several headphone jacks has been made so that a person with impaired hearing may easily hear and enjoy the service.

It was learned that each reproducer is adjusted to suit the particular condition of the area it covers. The amplifier is of the newest design, made particularly for installation at Christ Church.

Charlotte Moore On College Radio Program

Miss Charlotte Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore of Red Oaks will take part in the St. Mary's College program which will be broadcast nationally over C. B. S., the Columbia broadcasting network, at 2:30 o'clock (EST) on the afternoon of Saturday, Mar. 7th. Miss Moore, who is a freshman at the Holy Cross, Indiana school, is a member of the college glee club and will appear with that group on the radio.

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LOCAL LIBRARIAN

Miss Adeline Cooke

LIBRARY HAS UNIQUE BOOKS

Scientific Series Offers Two Innovations In Color Printing

Covering all phases of scientific investigation and profusely illustrated, the Smithsonian Scientific Series, in 12 volumes, has just been received and placed in the reference files at the Baldwin Public Library, according to Miss Adeline Cooke, Librarian.

Miss Cooke explained that the new set of books represent one of the most complete and accurate compilation of facts relating to science ever assembled. Printed on fine, bevelled stock, the individual books are beautifully designed. There are 1,804 illustrations in the 12 volumes, 1,118 of which are pasted into the books by hand.

Two innovations in the art of printing in colors are presented for the first time in the series. In Volume 10, Plate 32, presents a unique luminous subject, the result of two years of constant work and research. The animals in the illustration are apparently Lobsters or Crayfish, shown in natural red color. However, when exposed to a strong light for a short time, the subjects will reveal, in detail, their true colors and a natural phosphorescent beauty.

In Volume 2, the frontispiece presents the closest reproduction of the spectrum ever printed on paper. To obtain a perfect blending of colors, it was necessary to rebuild a special printing press. That unique reproduction was originated by Charles A. Gratz, President of the Trichromatic Engraving Company, Inc. of New York City.

With the exception of November, 1935, the past month has been the best period for book circulation in Birmingham since 1933, Miss Cooke stated. She pointed out that during the month of February, 7,265 books were taken out of the library or a gain over the same period last year of 1,844 books.

Cassius Crawford, Who Resided Here 35 Years, Is Dead

Cassius W. Crawford, for 35 years a resident of this city, died Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock at his residence, 563 Bates Street, following an illness of three weeks. The deceased was born November 1, 1851, at Southfield Township, on a tract of land consisting of 900 acres which his great grandfather obtained by grant. It was on this place, where Beverly Hills is now located, that Mr. Crawford was born. He resided there up until the time he moved to Birmingham. According to reports, he was probably the first subscriber to The Eccentric, which he read for 78 years.

The deceased was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Jackson, who died 11 years ago. He is survived by a son, Dr. Frederick G. Crawford, 815 East Maple avenue, and by a daughter, Mrs. Iva Voelpels, 959 Kennesaw avenue. Four grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Crawford was a member of F. and A. M., No. 44, a charter member of the Knights of Pythias here, and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Service was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home with Rev. William C. McKnight, former pastor of the local First Presbyterian Church, of Detroit officiating. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery here. Pallbearers included Steven Chatfield, Mac Chatfield, Bert Church, R. J. Bell, Will McKinney, and Charles Randall.

FIRST FORUM MEET PROVES OF INTEREST

Problems Of Wealth And Money Are Discussed By Millington

Attended by a good sized, interested audience, the initial meeting of the local open forum, designed to bring about discussions of social and economic questions of the day, was held in the auditorium of the Baldwin Public Library, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Theodore H. Millington was the principal speaker while William Coit Allee served as chairman of the meeting.

Mrs. Harold H. Corson, who is in charge of the series of open forums which is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, opened the session with a brief talk on the purpose of the meetings which, as she pointed out, were threefold. First, to take up the discussion of government questions weekly with an authority on the subject as speaker; secondly, to present both sides of any subject taken up, and lastly, to investigate and study the national political platforms, past and present. Mrs. Corson called on Mr. Allee to introduce the speaker for the evening, Mr. Millington.

Mr. Allee touched on the value of being prepared on political and economical questions of the day, referring to Mr. Millington's experience in the automotive industry and his contact with financial, political and economic matters as ably fitting him for leadership in the discussion of the forum. He then introduced the speaker.

In his introductory remarks Mr. Millington stated that we would always have the poor class of people in this country regardless of what social or economic measures were adopted because of the elimination among certain classes to squander their money irrespective of what they earned. However, the speaker pointed out, that a vicious cycle could be set up by low wages, which would result in no saving and no saving would be conductive to no building. The sum total of this negative process is no prosperity, Mr. Millington said.

In his discussion of money and wealth, Mr. Millington stated that wealth is the product of three things: Labor, Capital and Material. Labor, he said, is the only factors is the only way wealth can be produced, he said. Capital is stored labor and labor is the product of human energy applied to natural resources for the production of human desires, it was pointed out. Mr. Millington stated that labor and money combine to create products. It was also shown that all taxes come from income and all income is derived from production.

One of the interesting things brought out in the talk was that the Federal Reserve Banks handle thousands of checks daily for various banks throughout the country, receiving no money and very little credit for the work. Following the termination of Mr. Millington's regular talk, those present entered into a general discussion of monetary and economic problems with the speaker. Afterwards, Mr. Allee and Mr. Millington discussed, in detail, the functions of the Federal Reserve System.

It was stated that Charles S. Kinnison will serve as chairman of the program next Tuesday night at Baldwin Public Library.

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Miss Dorothy Ray and Miss Elizabeth White, local girls, and Miss Alice Frayer of Bloomfield Hills, have won membership in the Shirley Chorus, Women's Glee Club, University of Michigan.

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Miss Isobel Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Day, No. 983 Chester Street, played the part of leading lady in the Mae Worth, Fla., high school comedy, "Who Wouldn't be Crazy," which was enacted February 19th. Miss Day and her parents are spending the Winter in Florida.

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Miss Katherine Smith of Cranbrook Road is leaving Saturday (7th of March) for a two weeks stay with her parents in Fort Myers, Fla.

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The regular Communication Meeting of the local F. and A. M. Lodge, No. 44 will be held this Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple. It was stated that the interior of the Temple has been attractively redecorated throughout and is now ready for use.

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Miss Julie Kane, senior at the University of Michigan, attended the Leap Year dance given by the Michigan League Saturday evening, February 29.

Word has been received that Mrs. Theo Cooke, of Oakland avenue, a member of the Soroptimist Club of Birmingham, has been appointed to the nominating committee, which will choose the slate of national officers to be elected at the biennial convent of the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs, which will be held this year.

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Extensive alterations to the S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home, located at East Maple avenue and Elm street, are announced by Mr. Bell, who stated yesterday that they would start June 1. Plans include complete modernization of the Home. More details will be given out later, he said.

Carolyn Salisbury, senior at Michigan, is to receive a numeral for hockey at the annual Sports Spread, Thursday evening, March 5.

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Ralph DuBois, University of Michigan freshman, was among those present at the Leap Year dance given by Alpha Chi Omega sorority Saturday evening.

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Herbert Nige, freshman at the University of Michigan, attended the Leap Year dance given by the Michigan League Saturday.

Township Causus Slated Saturday

Announcement is made that the Republican caucus for Bloomfield Township will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, March 7th, at the Township's office located on Woodward Avenue and East Long Lake Road.

The offices for which nominations will be made are those of Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, Member of the Board of Review, and four Constables.

At the caucus a chairman will be appointed from the floor and he will call for nominations for the various positions, it was announced. The candidate receiving the most votes will be nominated and his name will be entered on the Republican ticket which will be presented at the election date, April 6th.

ELECTION DATE NEARING BUT NO PETITIONS FILED

Terms Of Allen, Heacock, And Brandt Expire On Commission

With only nine days left in which to circulate and file nominating petitions for the three expiring positions on the City Commission, none have yet been taken out, according to Mrs. Clerk Irene Hanley, yesterday. Petitions containing not less than 25 names of local registered voters, or more than 50 names, must be filed not later than Saturday afternoon, March 14, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The annual Birmingham election is Monday, April 6.

Terms of Mayor Harry Allen, and commissioners Arthur J. Brandt and Luther Heacock, expire. Mr. Allen was re-elected, and Mr. Brandt elected for the first time three years ago, while Mr. Heacock was elected two years ago, to fill out the unexpired term of Clarence Vliet. Messrs. Allen, Brandt, and Heacock have not yet announced their intentions to seek re-election. Rumors that others may seek posts on the commission are heard about town, although as no definite statements have been forthcoming.

Considerable discussion heard locally relative to the mounting cost of municipal government, and it is though that the coming campaign will revolve around the issues of greater economy and efficiency in administration of the city's affairs.

Birmingham's registration roll today contains the names of but 3883 of its 10,000 citizens. According to City Clerk Irene Hanley, the greatest number of registered voters on the roll was 4732, as of November, 1934. Since then, she said this week, 876 names have been cancelled for two reasons; first because of removal from the city, and, second, from failure to vote for two consecutive years, in which no election. Under this law, this latter reason automatically results in the elimination of a voter's name from the eligibility list of electors.

Qualifications for registration are that one is a citizen of the United States, a resident of Michigan for six months, and a resident in the voting precinct for at least 20 days prior to an election. New registrations may be made any day at Miss Hanley's office in the City Hall.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Mrs. C. Stephenson, 156 Gray Court, "I am more experienced in the art of cooking than the average woman, having operated a tea room for 25 years, yet each WPA cooking class I attend gives me new and practical information on food preparation."

BANQUET FOR FATHERS, SONS ATTRACTS 425

Many Youngsters Enjoy Night's Program With Their Dads

Fathers and sons, 425 strong, attended the annual banquet given for them at the Community House last Friday night and, following an excellent dinner, they enjoyed a program of speeches, music, tap dancing, motion pictures and a magician's act. Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones, Detroit preacher, was the principal speaker, talking on "Adventures Among Great Americans." George R. Averill acted as Toastmaster during the evening's ceremonies. Harold Webster was general chairman of the program.

The Men's Lounge and the spacious auditorium of the Community House were taxed to capacity when a noisy group of boys and their fathers finally were seated at the tables. Robert Watt, Jr., asked the blessing and then, for approximately 15 minutes, whatever order prevailed for the evening reached its height during the time the hungry youngsters did away with their meals.

Walter McKenna, Boy Scout executive of the Detroit Council, proved himself a good entertainer by holding the individual attention of the audience while he led the singing and told stories in which the boys participated. Sounds of laughter from the boys signified their delight in watching their fathers fall pitifully in trying to grab ears and noses, first with one hand and then with both. Mr. McKenna egged them on. Then the youngsters tried it, afterwards singing catchy songs.

Dr. Jones, who is pastor of the Central Woodward Christian Church, delivered a splendid address on the adventures of great Americans, discussing the lives of such immortals as Washington, Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Daniel Webster.

Dr. W. Lloyd Kemp and Y. C. Smith spoke for the dads, the former choosing as his subject, "Our Sons," while the latter spoke on "Free Speech For Dad." Dr. Kemp pointed out that parents cannot turn over to the camps, schools and churches the responsibility of rearing their children as that is a task devolving solely upon them, the parents. Mr. Smith, in his talk, stressed the point of dependability of speech in private and public life by the fathers.

Captain Archie E. Allen of Pontiac entertained the youngsters with many mystifying acts, proving to them that the hand is quicker than the eye. Following the demonstration of magic, boys ten years old and younger repaired to the Scout Room where they were entertained by moving pictures, supervised by Merlyn Smiley, the remaining boys and their fathers listening to Dr. Jones.

A feature of the night's program included a hobby display arranged in a large room on the second floor of the Community House. This interesting show was originated and put on by Robert D. Lynd, Y. M. C. A. secretary.

John Maynard, Jr., and Jack Reynolds, members of the assemblage, as representatives of the boys present, Orchestra music was furnished during the evening and two local girls, Betty Ann Pelser and Geneviève Gay, gave an exhibition of tap dancing.

MICKEY MOUSE AT BIRMINGHAM THEATRE

This Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Birmingham Theater will have another of those delightful **Mickey Mouse** cartoon parties. One hour of cartoon subjects including such characters as Mickey Mouse, Betty Boop, Silly Symphonies, Popeye, etc. This show is in addition to the regular program which has Frank Buck in his latest (Bring 'Em Back Alive) film **"Fang and Claw."** To complete this full Warner Baxter and Jack Oakie are co-starred in **"King of Burlesque.** The entire program will give delightful entertainment to both young and old alike.

50 YEAR OLD HOUSE HERE IS DISMANTLED

An old landmark surrendering to progress was the house on the corner of Brown street and Woodward avenue, which has been dismantled. The house was built more than 50 years ago by W. H. Camp as a home for his family, the latter father of the late Maud Stanley Camp and Miss Nell Camp, both of whom were born there, and where both resided until seven years ago.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Clarence E. Brewer, Commissioner of Recreation of Detroit, "The Saturday Club, sponsored by the A. A. U. W., is a very worth-while project, and fills a great need in Birmingham."

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SPOKE YESTERDAY

Paul H. King

DR. AUGUST TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Psychiatrist Will Talk On 'Understanding Other Fellow'

Dr. Harry E. August of Detroit will address the Men's Forum meeting next Sunday morning, March 8th, at 10 o'clock, at the Community House. His subject will be, "Understanding the other fellow." Those who know and have heard Dr. August are most enthusiastic in their praise of him as a speaker, who is at his best in the intimate environment of a discussion group. The meeting will be open to anyone wishing to attend.

Dr. August is a recognized expert in his field for he has coupled with the training of a medical doctor, the personal gifts and further scientific training necessary to make him one of the very best Psychiatrists—an expert in the study of the human mind.

In his professional work as Psychiatrist to the Juvenile Court and to the Children's Center of Michigan, which is one of the activities supported by the Community Fund, Dr. August is constantly in touch with all types of people and has been successful in helping them through the many difficult situations which constantly must be met in a large city.

So many people have asked, since learning that Dr. August would speak first Sunday, that this meeting be open to women, that the Forum Committee has decided to extend an invitation to all. Last Sunday a discussion group from Royal Oak attended the Forum and afterward announced that they would return to hear Dr. August.

To allow time for questions and discussions after the address, which is the most valuable part of the Forum meeting, the Committee states that the meeting will start promptly at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Music Clubs Meet At Pontiac Mar. 10

Federated Music Clubs, Detroit District, will hold a meeting at Stevens Hall, Pontiac, Tuesday, March 10th, according to an announcement. It was stated that the session will last throughout the day, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Reports on junior club activities will occupy the morning with luncheon to be held at 12:15 o'clock. The speaker at the luncheon will be Prof. David Mattern, head of the public school music department, University of Michigan. He will talk on, "Cooperation between Music Supervisors and Music Clubs."

The afternoon session will feature Alexander Schuster, European trained Violoncellist and teacher of music at Michigan State College at East Lansing. He will present a program beginning at 2 o'clock.

It was announced that Donald Cleaves photographer who accompanied Governor Pinchot's South Sea Island expedition, will address the club March 13th, showing motion pictures taken during his trip.

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THREE CLUBS HEAR KING ON BANKRUPT LAW

Speaker Says Principle Of Law Used Today 4000 Years Old

Members of Birmingham's Lions, Exchange, and Rotary clubs Wednesday noon were given a close-up view of the history and present working of the bankruptcy courts and laws when Paul H. King, of Detroit, addressed them in the Community House. Mr. King, who is one of the two Referees in Bankruptcy for the Eastern District of Michigan, was introduced by Russell McBride, president of the Lions club.

"The first bankruptcy law was written over 4,000 years ago by the then King of Babylon, and the basic principles of that day have been handed down to modern times," stated Mr. King. "Those early laws held that it was to the interest of commerce that debtors should be handled with decent severity, and at the same time creditors should manifest reasonable leniency in the adjustment of their business relationships. It was felt then, as it is now, that in the ups and downs of industry, prosperity and depression, human beings are bound to get into financial difficulties.

"In earlier days it was a criminal offense to be a debtor, and people were cast into prison for owing money that they could not pay. But this places a burden upon the taxpayers, and so now bankruptcy is resorted to—except in rare exceptions—by otherwise honest and characterful people who are caught in business failures, many times through circumstances beyond their immediate control.

Bankruptcy Cases

"There has been a popular notion that a stigma attaches to those who go through bankruptcy, but, after 17 years of personal observation, I feel that in most cases bankruptcy is a constructive procedure necessary to keep our economic life moving. In most cases, bankruptcy may be likened to the pruning of a tree of its deadwood.

"Many criticisms have been directed at bankruptcy courts for the seeming low returns made to creditors. In our own court, the average cost of complete handling of cases amounts to only 16.45 per cent of the amount involved. The real losses to creditors take place just prior to a debtor going into bankruptcy; it is up to the creditor class to protect itself against too much loss by a too liberal extension of credit, and perhaps by an earlier petition for debtors to be directed to the bankruptcy courts. In England, for instance, a debtor cannot be given a bankruptcy release unless, when he goes through bankruptcy, his assets are equal to not less than 50 per cent of his liabilities. In the United States the laws are not rigid enough in this respect, because releases are allowed even with a debtor who has little or nothing to pay his creditors.

"Many people look with suspicion upon bankruptcy proceedings, feeling that too often fraud is thus perpetrated, as when a debtor hides or disposes of his assets in order to beat creditors. Well, we maintain a rigid investigating force to combat this tendency, and our records of convictions here, as well as in other sections of the country, suggest that few debtors 'get away with it'. We who handle bankruptcies know that there is room for improvement, and are at the present time seeking, through Congress, to enact more rigid supervision of the entire field of bankruptcy administration, to the end that the best type of protection may be meted out."

Depression Effects

Mr. King stated that the Eastern Michigan District Bankruptcy Court has handled 18,575 cases during the past 17 years, an average of nine months being required to dispose of each case. He stated that in 1935 a total of 2452 cases were handled, and that this number is over twice the average of 1090 handled, due to the aftermath of the depression.

An average of 6½ per cent of claims is paid to unsecured creditors, a figure, he asserted, that can be raised only by more vigilance in the extension of credit.

DRIVER GETS BROKEN ARM IN CRASH HERE

Robert Humphrey, No. 314 E. Midland Street, Bay City, is in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at Pontiac with a broken arm and several cuts and bruises as the result of a Chevrolet truck skidding on the pavement and crashing sidewise into his vehicle on Monday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock on Woodward Avenue near Vinewood. The driver of the truck, Vance Jaynes of Detroit, was unhurt save for a small cut on the neck. Both cars were badly wrecked, wheels, hoods and engine parts from both cars being spread over the ground near the scene of the collision. It was learned that both vehicles were covered by insurance.