I think that a sense of humor, even in the midst of tragedy, is a saving quality for the human race. I don't mean merely the ability to laugh or giggle, but that kind of humor that is based upon the old axiom: "This, too, shall pass." In the meantime, of course, nothing can take the place of hard work.

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Under the Willows

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ONLY those who have seen them in all their graceful beauty know the charm of the willows on Winthrop Lane. With this background, 1862 Winthrop Lane has a really beautiful approach. Occupied for the first time just two months ago—it is brand, spanking new from roof to foundation.

The living room, 22 by 12, has an inviting log burning fireplace—that draws beautifully. The bright, cheery dining room with its neat wainscoting, is in excellent taste. In the kitchen one could ask for nothing more — the double sink with linoleum counter tops, Curtiss cupboards and a sunny breakfast bay, make it an enjoyable work room. The second floor consists of three bedrooms, one 17 by 12, one 15 by 11 and the other, with its airing porch, is 9 by 12. The tiled bath room has a shower over the tub and first quality fixtures.

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Cranbrook Academy of Art has a new photographer in the person of Joe Munroe, of Detroit. Munroe is one of Michigan's best known free lance artists and is the only one represented in the U. S. Camera annual. He recently spoke at a Birmingham Camera Club meeting. The club, incidentally, is progressing nicely as members become better acquainted.

Munroe replaces Jim Packard, now doing business with Uncle Sam.

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A stroll down South Woodward avenue produced the following items:

The Blake funeral parlor is empty.

A genuine malus floribunda tree has been planted in the revamped section of Woodward and Hunter. (The other tree was removed during the construction period.)

A grocery store proprietor has a rocking chair sitting right up front where there's a good view of one of the nation's busiest highways.

Where are the hands to the clock on the Chev billboard?

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A resident living in the south end asks: "Why doesn't Birmingham have jitneys?"

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This column was a little premature when it stated last week that Supt. Shibler had scored a home run in presenting the new junior high school proposal. There seemed no be no little opposition that your Wanderer was misled. But there is disapproval on the part of some folks.

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A reader at Western Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo, sends us a copy of the Collegiate Digest, a roto picture paper. On the front page is a shot of Norman Lyle, Birmingham youth, and his roommate, thumbing a ride and holding a suitcase on which there is a sign: "Japan via Maxwell Field." The cutlines read: "Oberlin College's latest Volunteers for the U. S. Air Corps are Robert Clapp and Norman Lyle, buddies for four years . . . Since they have thumbed many places together, they left the campus that way for Maxwell Field, Ala., their first stop en route to Tokyo. Clapp was a varsity track man and Lyle was editor of the student newspaper, the Review."

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Two of our local men who read Gene Tunney's article on keeping fit, in Reader's Digest, swore off smoking, gained weight, and tell their friends "they never felt better in their lives."

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Mrs. Mildred Roselia Crittenden has filed suit for divorce from Gerald E. Crittenden.

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Women who married aliens formerly lost their citizenship, but they may have it restored by court order. Last week such a group came to the Circuit Court's attention in Pontiac, and among them was Mrs. Florence May Brown, of 588 Cherry Court.

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Our Birmingham resident, Albert Stoll, Jr., recently had this to say in his regular column in the Detroit News, "The Great Outdoors":

High Cost of Dogs

State laws and local ordinances are worse than worthless unless they are enforced. No better example of this exists than in the various attempts that have been made to regulate by law the ownership and control of dogs. And one could reasonably say the majority of dog owners pay little or no attention to these regulations, due principally to lack of law enforcement.

It is rather expensive these days to keep a dog if the owner abides by all the laws concerning ownership. Take the case of Birmingham. Here the city fathers, grown weary of complaints of free-running dogs making a nuisance of themselves and impressed by the periodical bugaboo of rabies, have passed ordinances prohibiting dogs running at large or being off their own premises unless on a leash or under direct control of those accompanying them. First a license fee of $1 for males and $2 for females is exacted from all owners, but you can't obtain this license unless your dog is inoculated every year against rabies, which costs from $1.50 to $2. This latter is rather far-fetched, for there is no evidence that inoculation makes any dog immune from the disease or prevents its spread. Today there are just as many dogs running free in this community as before these prohibitions were passed, and many carry neither license or inoculation tags.

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Carson Bingham saw his first robin during the warm spell last Saturday.

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Joyce Taylor and Shirley Overmyer, both 15 years old, and residents of Franklin, received quite a scare Monday afternoon when a thief entered the Leon Taylor home, 28582 Westbrook court, and flourishing a gun, forced the girls into silence while he ripped off telephone wires and then took a $65 watch from a bedroom. Miss Taylor's grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Taylor, was in the kitchen and did not know of the episode until the man fled.

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Now that spring is here, the Garden Club is soon to begin taking orders for Malus Floribunda (flowering crabapple) trees again, Mrs. Gordon Craven is chairman of the project this year, and anyone wishing to order a tree may do so by calling her.

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Bloomfield Hills auxiliary fire and police forces are in training. For further information, if interested, phone 735.

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A note from John McKee reveals that he is convalescing and expects to be back on "Old Main Street" in a few days. He calls attention to a little story in last week's Eccentric which stated that the City had purchased 10,000 gallons of gasoline for 8.51 cents a gallon. John hopes that people don't get the impression that gas retailers are getting rich selling it at 18.7 cents. He reveals that the profit is 3.2 cents a gallon and that the consumer must pay 8½ cents a gallon in taxes. Quantity purchases such as the City makes are bound to result in a more favorable price, he points out.

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Claude Mosher is quite proud of the fact that Oakland County's first resident to get permission to buy a rationed automobile came to his garage and bought a Hudson. The purchaser, Edwin Statia, of 223 Dewey, Royal Oak, is in defense work.

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Another robin flash: Mrs. Enoch Bickford, of 836 Forest avenue, saw two robins during that howling wind on Monday. They partook of bread crumbs which Mrs. Bickford had supplied them.

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Generally speaking, this has been a mild winter.

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Bill Green, Roy West, Roy Wilfong, Carl Eley and Phil Tribleborn, all of the local American Legion Post, went to Grand Rapids Sunday and bowled in the State tournament. They rolled 2488 and don't expect to get much of a purse. Chappie Chapman went along.

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Paul Sullivan, 1427 Villa road, reported to police Sunday that he had at his house a St. Bernard dog, which, he said, he would "keep until the owner calls for it." That's quite a promise with hamburger at its present price!

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C. T. Pipes, of Southfield road, was driving on Lone Pine road Sunday morning when he found a set of hypodermic needles and two boxes of amytol.

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Mrs. John E. Martz has lost her manx cat, one of those rare specimens without any tail. The breed is said to have originated on the Isle of Man.

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A bad check artist, more'n likely one o' them city slickers from Detroit, passed a worthless $10 check last Friday at McNay's jewelry store. There may be a shortage of rubber for tires but not for checks.

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Dale Roberts, 763 West Maple, student at the Barnum School, left his watch in his gym locker at Barnum School. Next day, when he remembered about the watch, it was gone.

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A Highland Park sales room reported to police here that a dusty grey Buick had been stolen, and the last time it was seen it was in Bloomfield Hills.

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A Detroit car stolen last week was recovered at Vinewood and Woodlawn last Thursday. H. A. Sorenson, Holly, parked his car outside the White Tower last Thursday, leaving the keys. The car was found at Farmington, badly smashed.

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Boys with BB guns sabotaged a house being built on Glenhurst, breaking about 20 windows. The city has an ordinance prohibiting the use of BB guns but the kids aren't the least bit afraid of it. If some of them were taken to the Juvenile Detention home for a few hours to cool their heels, perhaps that would make an impression. Or, if the ordinance doesn't mean much, perhaps it ought to be repealed.

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Sometimes, the work of your Eccentric staff never bears fruit. Last week, for example, we received a tip from a friend to the effect that a large corporation executive had stopped at a Woodward avenue gas station to buy four used tires, the angle, obviously, being that even the super-tycoons are worried about the tire situation. We ran the story to the ground. The gas station man wouldn't talk for fear of losing the customer. The big executive denied knowledge of the affair, saying that if tires had been purchased, they must have been procured for his farm truck, and he was not aware of it.

Anyway, the used tire market is practically gone.

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Do you have an old war helmet at your home? The Fire Department would like to borrow a quantity of them to be used by the auxiliary companies until the regular fire helmets are available. Phone Chief Griffith at 1230; he promises to return them.

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Higher taxes, costlier transportation and changes in employment create problems for the country clubs. Birmingham Golf Club is inaugurating a new membership plan which will permit members to halve their expenses. Members are permitted to secure others who are known as "B" Members, and each pays half of the regular dues.

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WASHINGTON, March 7. (AP)—A possible shortage of bituminous coal which might necessitate federal allocation of available supplies was foreseen today by the office of solid fuels coordination.

Howard Gray, acting director of solid fuels coordination, advised Secretary Ickes, the coordinator, that consumers, generally had failed to store coal to protect themselves against possible shortages, Washington appeals from a number of days' reduction in the production of bituminous coal by consumers' stocknikes as in Feb. 14, Gray said, the obvious complacent attitude of consumers and dealers toward storing reserve fuel is making more likely that an emergency may occur which would necessitate the allocation of coal by the United States government to protect war industries' fuel supply.

His report showed that soft coal held on consumers' bins and yards of Feb. 1 represented a supply of 34 days supply on hand, an average with an average paced with Jan. 1, 36 Dec. 1 last

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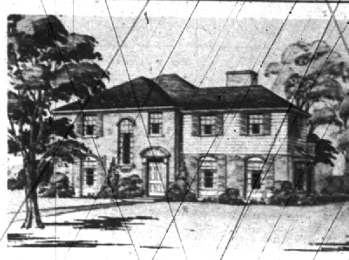

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Any person who is a Citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, will have resided in the City of Bloomfield Hills 20 days and in the State of Michigan 6 months prior to the date of election may register by calling at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., except that on TUESDAY, MARCH 17, the Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. (War Time)

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