

**THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC**  
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**To Our Friends**

When reading with any of our advertisements, either in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the street to which you wish the advertisement sent in our paper. A word from you, at the time of reading, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?  
**THE PUBLISHERS.**

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**HOME NOTES**

We had no new Easter lid after all.

Easter Sunday was cold raw and disagreeable.

Warren Rogers of Ann Arbor was home for Easter Sunday.

Look down, pick up and lets clean our streets, yards and premises.

Some persons think there are at least 100 dogs too many in this town.

A woman's darning curiosity is always responsible for a husband's lies.

The beggar in the street may once have had ambitions greater than yours.

W. R. Parish and little grandson of Farmington called on us one day recently.

Postmaster C. H. Bird of Holly has gone to Mexico. Business and pleasure.

Most misfortunes may be turned into blessings by watching the tide of affairs.

There are at least 50 houses in this town with no trees along the street front.

Chas. Schilling has passed away. His death, although not unexpected is a sad one.

When a man talks of his own honesty, we begin to squint to hide our editorial scissor!

The Drogens of today, hunting for an honest man, would have his lantern stool.

Why is it that a woman tells a funny story the same way she throws a bean-bag at a cat.

Mrs. Betsy Shain has moved to Troy to live with her son Mack Shain this summer.

Honor the good, that they may love the; be civil to the bad, that they may not hurt the.

Jefferson H. Irish of the far west has been a welcome guest of his mother the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parks of Kossido Mich with father Bartels are visiting relatives in our midst.

The Welch motor works of Pontiac have established a private telephone exchange of 43 numbers.

You will notice M. R. Blair's new ad't in this issue. He asks you to see him about that job of painting.

The ladies of the O. E. S. will have a food sale at M. R. Blair's store Saturday afternoon April 21st.

C. J. Hupp of Mich. Central R. R. fame, one of its oldest officers, visited the family of his son, George, Sunday last.

The lid is on at Pontiac. Any one with a thrush in the County Seat on Sundays must now emigrate to some foreign city for a toady.

Watch F. H. Garrison's new ad't this issue. He is ready to sell and guarantee satisfaction in every sale in every line he handles.

Special communication of Birmingham Lytle No. 44 F. and A. M. called for Thursday eve. April 26th. Work on M. M. degree.

Mrs. H. E. Kendall of Lapeer, who has been seriously ill at the home of her cousin, Miss Mollie Smith, is slowly on the gain.

Miss Mabel Stewart, a former teacher of our schools but now of the Klamath seminary has been the guest of Mrs. Theo. Bookham.

The fire alarm Wednesday p. m. was brought out everybody but it was a frivolous affair, dried grass, boys and matches back of the gas house.

Frank Schlauch has the finest seed potatoes for sale you ever wish to plant. Call on him quick or you will lose your chance, the supply is limited.

The Pontiac Springs Band is slowly but surely approaching the million mark. At the close of business the first of April this band statement showed resources to the amount of \$845,246.67 with undivided profits and dividends to the sum of \$7,303.32, surplus \$700 and deposits \$720,943.37. A good showing for our county seat bank.

Will every one who reads the Eccentric notice that the cemetery doors for the summer of 1916 are now wanted. Don't wait for the postal card.

The Eccentric has a nice run of job work and can fill all orders promptly and satisfactorily. How's your statement stock? Better send out some.

Lon Ferguson has made his sister a brother a short visit. Lon is not in the best of health but manages to enjoy life and see things in a happy way.

Mrs. Parmenter and daughter, Miss Emma of New York City, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Burnett of this village and also her son Percy Parmenter.

Mitchell celebrates a birthday next month and flatters himself he is the oldest continuous settler in Birmingham this day. However is this Old Pioneer look up.

Farmers—Do you know you can get 25c for each roadside tree planted and that you can pay 1.40 of your highway tax this way and improve your place at the same time.

Miss Bessie Robbins of Clawson, daughter of S. L. Robbins, merchant of that place is dead. She has been a sufferer for some time and her sad death was not unexpected.

If you are thinking of painting this spring, ask the man, Chas. J. Shain, manager for W. & M. What about Rogers' Lead and Detroit White Lead Works Ready Mixed Paints?

Our game Warden Toms is up to his eyes in trouble and all over the way the fish law is interpreted. Guess after hearing all sides from everybody, the proper thing to do is to let get fish away they can.

Geo. H. Mitchell visited his ward Mrs. Sarah Ann Skillian at Davisburg last Saturday. She lives with her sister, Mrs. Maty Solts, and her health is very poor at present with a prospect of her being no better.

Geo. K. Odyk, whom we all remember as "Kid" is dead. He died in Detroit last week and was buried from his former farm home in Bloomfield north of City. He leaves a widow and a family of grown up children.

There will be a shadow social at the home of Miss Cora Miller Friday evening April 27. A good time is guaranteed to be sure to come and enjoy the last event of this kind for this year. Further notice at the post office.

E. Baxter Gillespie is the right man in the right place just the candy man the ladies are wishing for, as he offers his services to any one wanting a man for odd jobs, house cleaning and such, drop a line to Box Birmingham post office.

Great effort is being made by state and county superintendents of education to have every school in the state do something practical in the way of planting for Arbor Day, which is the last Friday in April. What is our school going to do?

Already the throng of house hunters from the big city are seen in our midst, but very few or none at all of the houses rentable are suitable to their wants or demands. Wish we had at least 50 homes with bath rooms etc. to rent. We could fill them all in just one week.

Bees are a thrifty bug and hot stuff if you meddle with their business and A. W. Smith is Birmingham authority on this question and wants to buy and wants to sell bees in any quantity one hive or forty. It makes no difference to him. Read his ad't in another column.

Every church in our village observed Easter by appropriate sermons in the morning and by children's exercises at night and all places of worship were crowded to their utmost capacity and all felt that "Peace on earth and good will to wards men" was predominant.

Last week we intended to devote our last page to Village Improvement notes and we ask everybody to send in their suggestions as to the best way to improve our little city in order to attract attention from visitors with a result of inducing them to come and live with us.

Farmers interested in raising dirt or working horse will read the ad't of W. W. Collier, Prop'r of the Elmdale farms, out of the west of this village and the other near Pontiac. There is no better horse for farm purposes than this same imported Belgian chap. Read the ad't.

The new high tension alternate current used by the Pontiac standard lighting Co plays very well with telephone systems in Pontiac, the Oakland Co. (independently) getting it bad. The Michigan State Telephone Co., being mostly cabled and in condition is not so badly affected.

Chas. J. Reynolds, in just about a minute and a half, bought out R. J. Purdy's business last Monday afternoon. The deal was thought of and consummated in a jiffy. The price of the cigar and tobacco store will be just as welcome in the future as in the past if we hope Charlie will be very successful in his new business to him any way.

Mitchell's hobby is advertising and job printing. If you want either or just a visit, call on Mitchell at the Majestic printing house, almost the entire building given up to the needs of the Eccentric from the basement of the immense building to the 23rd story more or less. Call anyway and we will personally conduct you through the entire plant.

The newspaper business over in Farmington is more than lively. Judging from recent reports the Enterprise must have changed hands twice in one week, the last purchasers being Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mills of Herald fame who now own both papers and consolidated them into the Farmington Enterprise-Herald making a fine looking periodical. Success to the new institution—they are the butlers.

Geo. G. McKinney, house mover of Southfield is dead. He died suddenly of Tuesday morning rheumatism of the heart supposed to be the cause. Funeral was held Thursday from the covenant church in Southfield. He was 48 years of age and leaves a widow to mourn his loss with two brothers and one sister, John McKinney and sister who live in California and Ed McKinney in New York State.

Some time ago a trowel, symbolic in Masonic orders of the cementing of brotherhood, was started from a New York lodge on a trip to all the lodges in the country. With the trowel is a register, in which will be recorded the date and name of each lodge receiving it. A lodge from Hamilton, Ont., bring it to Detroit this week. Before its journey is completed it will have found its way to every Masonic lodge in the U. S.

Farmers who own their lands are the richest men in the world because they are the most independent. They come and go, work when they please, do as they please with their products and at no man's beck and call. They have all that nature can give to secure health, which is the greatest blessing in the world. Fit yourselves to be good farmers and good farmers wives and so become benefactors of your fellow men.

Chas. H. Deer, deputy state dairy and food inspector made an unexpected call at the Hupp farm Monday last and found that the milk business there was in "all" condition. He reported the test of butter fat from a bucket of milk taken from the wagon in the village being 1 1/2 per cent above the legal demand and that the sanitary state of this sample was above the average while the fat giving substance was 12 per cent and that is more than the law asks for.

Geo. Deer writes to his friends from Alpena, Mich., that he has a fine position to enjoy and a chance to improve himself financially, socially and in a student way as his duties are to read in an invalid condition, attend him in his daily walks and be a companion at all times.

Mr. Deer, says our Birmingham dentist, Dr. Day's Camp fell, as he is using an equipped office dentally as you will find in the state and it is growing in grace and waxing rich by a constantly increasing practice in this lively city.

"Doc" Sexton, the Mich. State Telephone Co.'s "trouble" man from Pontiac has been in our midst for a couple of days and in that time he has called to the village telephone exchange, new phones for the Birmingham Eccentric, Geo. C. Hupp's residence and the warehouses of Messrs.

Parks & Harger. This puts the Eccentric in line with all telephone users and we hope you will not be bashful, reticent nor modest in sending your items of news to your village paper. Try it. Always ready. We want news, if we do it with one eye open.

Fred Payne, who ran away with Mrs. Frigate and left a wife and three children destitute nearly a year ago with Pat Lavelle and Mrs. Millie Vanderliner a daughter of Mrs. Ferguson again played guilty before Circuit Judge Smith last week the same as they did before Justice Campbell and race the following sentences Mrs. Ferguson, one to three years at Detroit H. C.; Mrs. Vanderliner, 6 months to one year; Lavelle got to three years at Jackson with a recommendation of a two years sentence. Payne the same but no recommendation.

A New York clergyman on some few weeks ago playing golf; on the links of the game he drove into a bunker, whereupon his partner heard him exclaim "Croton!" The latter did not understand, but said nothing. Shortly afterward, upon slipping his ball into the long grass, the clergyman again ejaculated: "Croton!" What do you mean by that word "Croton," Mr. R.?" inquired his partner. "It sounds like an exorcism," "No," said the reverend gentleman, "it expresses my feelings exactly." "How so?" "Why it represents the biggest dam in the world!"

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Labadie, of Philadelphia, will give one of their charming and unique programs at the Methodist church on Monday evening, April 23rd. The program, through Mr. Plumstead, has been able to get these artists at a figure that precludes any possible deficit, if Birmingham will turn out reasonably well. While the encore and some of the regular numbers are of humorous nature, the program includes the trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice" with Pontiac's great speech on "The Qualities of Mercy," one of Mrs. Labadie's strongest numbers. "The Story of Darius and Pithias" is "The Working Scene" from Richard III. The opening number is entitled "An Original Play" with Mrs. Labadie as Festus, a reader and Mrs. Labadie as Stella in an eloquent. They close with S. T. Smith's "A Happy Pair" complete and give these people a hearty welcome, for they are worth the best Birmingham has to offer in the way of an audience, besides you will help pay for that new piano.

**William H. Elliott Company**  
DETROIT

**A Song of Silks**  
Black and White Plaid Silks for Petticoats—a find of the elite—new line ready Monday—\$1.49 a yard.  
12-inch Satin at 60c a yard that equals any store's 75c and 90c Satin.  
24-inch Black Taffeta—\$1.00 but 60c special at 75c a yard.  
Also see Naturelle Chiffon Tulle, in the gown quality—soft and lustrous; weans will have an exquisite appearance.  
Monday's Silk Bargain Table will have on it some very choice bits that 30c a yard will make fit. The home of "Rajah Pongee" in Elliott's. We show the best assortment in Detroit.  
Extra attractions this week, opening display of WHITE PONGEE in plain, broadened, dot and embroidered effects.  
Also Peau de Soie Taffeta More and Peau de Cygne Batting Silk—new lines, \$1.00 to \$2.00 a yard.  
And BLACK CRÉPE DE CHINE at 59c, 72c and \$1.00 for 25 inch width; and our super extra quality, 40 inch, at \$2.25 a yard.  
"Lest You Forget," we mention RED EDGE—the Black Fallett Silks that has our income, "Elliott Special" woven every man brings orders for it and some days we can hardly supply the demand. Think of it! A yard wide \$1.00 quality for \$1.00; and 3 1/2 yard wide \$1.00 quality for \$1.00. Why do we sell at this department we know it is the best advantage for the customer? Because we are planning a good Silk at a low price in hundreds of boxes in every State almost.

**White Facts**  
30c a yard for nice quality, good weight, White Sailing Linen—yard wide.  
17c a yard for 30c quality White India Linen—special offer.  
25c a yard for 40-inch White Lingerie Waistings—a real quality.  
30c a yard for Fine White Paris Lawn—68-inch—50c quality.  
15c a yard for 32-inch extra quality White Pansies Lawn—15c each for White White Lingerie Waist Pattern—ready to make up.

**These Can't Be Matched Elsewhere for the Price**  
65c a yard—Cream Serge, woven of pure worsted; no silk or deer.  
89c a yard—Kendal Valencia Voil in rich Black—color perfectly fast.  
75c a yard—the Elliott Back Taffeta Cloth, 80c quality, sponged and shrunk. This Cloth is light weight, present use, is serviceable and dressy.  
\$1.00 a yard—Cream Chiffon Panama—a very scarce fabric, much sought for by good dressers. On sale Monday.  
75c a yard—Special cut in handsome Black Panama, 80c quality, and 2 1/2 inches wide.  
60c a yard—Choice Checks in Black and White for Children's wear. New ideas.  
Will show this week the new "Over Plaids"—white ground with lines—the best styles shown so far—\$1.12 to \$1.40.

**Wanted For Sale For Rent**

For Sale—My property on Ann St. E. Baxter Gillespie.

For sale—a cook stove, small heating stove, sofa, and numerous articles of household furniture. Mrs. B. Shain, back of St. James church.

Four lots for sale, each 150x200 ft. Will sell cheap. Lots in Randall sub-division, village of Birmingham. Call on H. J. Myers on the Weddell place just north of this village on Woodward Ave.

Wanted—Traveling salesman. He must furnish references and invest \$500 in first class 6 per cent bond. Salary and expenses paid. Experience not required, we teach business at our mills. The Wheeling Roofing & Corning Company, Wheeling, W. Va. 15 day

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. W. H. Amie  
1000 Park Suburb Street at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on the 2nd and 5th. Prayer Meeting Wednesday eve. at 7:30.

METHODIST—Rev. D. W. Thurnbush, Pastor  
2100 1/2 Broadway at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on the 2nd and 5th. Prayer Meeting Wednesday eve. at 7:30.

WELLSVILLE—Rev. W. H. Amie, Pastor  
1000 Park Suburb Street at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on the 2nd and 5th. Prayer Meeting Wednesday eve. at 7:30.

BAPTIST—Rev. J. G. North, Pastor  
500 1/2 Broadway at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on the 2nd and 5th. Prayer Meeting Wednesday eve. at 7:30.

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Your Business will be Promptly and Carefully Attended to.  
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Meals and Lunches at All Hours  
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At Reasonable Prices.  
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ASK THE MAN  
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**Dr. King's New Discovery**  
For CROUP, BRONCHITIS, HOARSENESS, COUGHS, COLIC, DIARRHOEA, CHOLERA, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE THROAT AND LUNGS.  
A Perfect Cure For All Throat and Lung Troubles.  
Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles Free.

**Ladies' Fine Footwear!**  
We are showing all the new styles in Shoes and Oxfords.

**"Dorothy Dodd,"**  
The Faultless Fitting Line.  
Shoes, \$3.00 and \$3.50  
Oxfords and Pumps, \$2.50 and \$3.00  
Made in Fine Vici Kid and Patent Ideal Kid  
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We are offering especially good Ladies' Shoes made in Lace or Patent Cut, Light or heavy soles, large eyes, mat kid tops and rubber tips.

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Are you troubled with Oat Smut? We are prepared to give you the best price on Formaldehyde, the only safe and sure destroyer. The time draws near for spraying. Remember, we are prepared to supply you with

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In lots from 1 lb. to 100 lbs.

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