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Forced to Raise the Price of The Eccentric Because of the Advanced Cost of Labor.

No use of our telling you that everything on earth has advanced in price, but it has and the Eccentric is no exception to the rule. In years past the cost of getting out the Eccentric was \$12 per week to a man and \$6 to a lady assistant. Now the pay roll for male help is \$21 per week and \$10 for the lady help and occasionally a quantity of type has to be sent to Detroit and set in the Linotype and the bill for that cranking. In round figures per week the cost of issuing the Eccentric each week has risen from \$20 per week to \$48. Cost of paper and labor in Detroit on the Eccentric has doubled. If we were not actually forced to make this raise we wouldn't do it, or if in the near future we could feel that prices would recede and go back to normal we wouldn't think of it, but all advice and information we get, points to the fact that high prices will rule for all time to come. Never again will we see 8c per dozen eggs, or a shilling a pound for butter. Pork chops, sausage etc. 10c per pound or 3 for a quarter are prices of the past. As in order to keep going we have decided that next January, January 1, 1918 the price of the Eccentric will have to be \$1.20 per year.

In order to give you all a chance to save some money, we will take subscriptions just as far ahead as you wish to make them provided of course that all arrears are paid in full. Look at the date after the name on your paper or wrapper, and if the date is in the past, one or two years, please call and settle and pay for as many years ahead as you wish at \$1.00 per year. This offer is good until January 1, 1918. After that the price will be \$1.50 owing to the H. C. of L. and H.

Safe Remedy for Children.

Charles Baker, Brownsville, Texas, writes: "For years I have used Foley's Kidney and Bladder Pills as a safe remedy for bad coughs of my children. It is certain to bring quick relief. Stops coughs, cures colds everywhere.—Adv.

SCHOOL NOTES:

The senior high school students enrolled on Monday and Tuesday and classes commenced Wednesday in the Episcopal Guild House and in the old high school.

The following teachers have been appointed as advisors for the grades named: Grade 7, Miss Todd; Grade 8, Miss Brunner; Grade 9, Miss Dorris, Miss Hayden; Grade 10, Miss Vail; Grade 11, Miss Lewis; Grade 12, Miss Lynch, Miss Stauch.

The football schedule is as follows: Sept. 29, Pontiac High at Pontiac; Oct. 6, Mt. Clemens High at Birmingham; Oct. 13, Ypsilanti High at Birmingham; Oct. 20, Detroit Central Second Team at Detroit; Oct. 27, Northern High at Birmingham; Nov. 2, Royal Oak High at Birmingham; Nov. 9, Plymouth High at Plymouth; Nov. 17, Windsor Collegiate Institute at Windsor; Nov. 24, Pontiac High School Second Team at Birmingham; Nov. 29, Royal Oak High at Royal Oak.

The contract for the sidewalks at the Baldwin School has been let to the Stahl Construction Company of Pontiac.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REV. WILLIAM C. MCKINIGHT, PASTOR.

Regular services in the Tabernacle next Sunday, September 23, at the usual hours.

At 10:30 a. m., Divine worship and sermon by the pastor. Subject: "This Was Christianity."

At 12 noon Sunday School. The Sunday School is completely graded. From the youngest child to the oldest man or woman there is a class adapted to its instruction.

At 7:30 p. m. Popular evening service. Bible and helpfulness. Good gospel congregational singing in the rules and everyone enjoys it. The pastor will begin a series of sermons "The Friends of Jesus."

Mid-week service Wednesday evening at 7:45, observance of Prayer, Praise and Confession for everybody.

On Monday evening, September 24, the annual meeting of the Bible class, Pot-luck supper and good old fashioned social time.

A cordial welcome for all at all services.

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THE RIGHT OF WAY FROM B'HAM BY

To Patriotism is Given at Albion College. Provision is Made for Military Training Course.

It is quick response to the appeal of our national government, Albion college, one of the strongest Michigan colleges has demonstrated that a high sense of patriotism permeates not only its student body but also its faculty and board of trustees. Not only has a large contingent of the young men gone from the upper classes of Albion college for varied lines of military service, but another important step was also taken when the faculty and board of trustees unanimously voted to establish military training for its students. This military science work together with first aid instruction for its young women. The opening of the college year has been deferred until October 8, and the closing date of the college year advanced to September 17.

This action will enable many of the young men to assist in gathering the crops this fall and in putting in the crops next spring. With six days of college work instead of the usual amount of work will be done, while the vacation instead of being the students will be increased by two months and the cause of food production helped thereby.

In response to the recommendation of the war department, a strong athletic program has been provided. The board of trustees has secured the services of Walter S. Kennedy, a former quarterback of the University of Chicago, to coach the college football team, and the training season began September 17.

This efficient college is to be commended for its sane patriotic response to our national need and again contributes proof of the fact that high intellectual and moral ideals and patriotic service go hand in hand.

WEST MAPLE AVENUE TO BE PAVED.

Contracts for three new concrete roads allotted for by property owners along the roads, under the Covert law, were let yesterday afternoon by the road commissioners. The bids were opened early in the week and have since been under consideration. Ladies' Section of Detroit obtained the contract for three miles of concrete on Elizabeth Lake Avenue, commencing at the city limits, their price being \$54,961.88. The same company was awarded the contract for two and a half miles of concrete on the Clawson road in Royal Oak township, starting at the north limits of the village of Royal Oak, the price being \$54,422.87. The Slater Portland Cement Company of Pontiac obtained the contract for seven miles of concrete to be laid on Maple Avenue, commencing at the west limits of the village of Birmingham and running through Bloomfield and into West Bloomfield township. The bid was \$100,000. On reading on all these roads it is to be started within 10 days, and an effort will be made to finish it before winter. The laying of concrete will probably not start until next spring. The Maple Avenue road will be laid on the east side in the county aside from the concrete of Woodward Avenue is to be completed by Nov. 15, 1918.

The county road commissioners are pleased over their ability to let these three contracts at figures which are close to the engineers estimates. With the contract already let for approximately five miles of concrete road in Farmington township, extending from the West Bloomfield town line to the Grand River road, and Maple Avenue about to be improved, the county will in another year have almost continuous paved road from Farmington Junction, connecting Woodward Avenue with the Grand River road, which are already improved with concrete. There will be only about two miles of gravel road left on the whole route.

The three contracts let yesterday all went to the low bidder. Three bids were received on the Elizabeth Lake and Clawson roads and two bids on Maple Avenue.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REV. DAVID H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Announcements for Sept. 23. Morning worship at 10:30, led by ladies of Church. A sermon will be read by one of the leaders.

Bible School at 11:45. Classes for all and a hearty welcome.

Juniors at 12:30. Topic, Psalms That Have Helped.

Owing to the absence of the Pastor, there will be no preaching service in the evening.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:45.

The Church where you will be helped, helped, happy, invites you to all her services.

Tuesday, September 25, W. S. Lowe will sell a lot of farm property on the premises three miles south and one and one fourth miles west of Birmingham. M. H. Blunt is the auctioneer.

FROM B'HAM BY

A Letter From Norman McQuater Tells us About the Draft Parade at Washington.

Extracts from recent letters received by Mr. and Mrs. E. McQuater from their son Norman, who is a member of 80th Company, 6th Regiment of U. S. M. C. at Concentration camp at Quantico, Virginia.

September 4th we went to Washington and marched in the parade in honor of the men who were drafted from the District of Columbia. The streets were lined two deep as far as the eye could see with Marines, Militia, Regulars, Sailors, Engineers Corps, and Cavalry. President Wilson marched at the head of the parade with a flag over his shoulder, several of his cabinet marched with him, then the Marine band, Senators, Congressmen, Employees of the War Department, Representatives of Militia, Cavalry, Engineer Corps, heavy and light Artillery, Marines, Sailors and G. A. R. men in the order named.

This morning the Major lined us up and read us a telegram he received from J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Bureau of Investigation. He said that he had never seen as able or well drilled a body of men in his life as the U. S. Marines who marched in the parade. In last months Munsey's great English critic (Military) said "The best equipped and best fighting force in the world is the U. S. Marine Corps, and the second best the Canadian Mounted Police." So you see we have a reputation to uphold. I was a little afraid before we started yesterday, as the lines are about as straight as a corkscrew here, generally, but there every man was "on the job." "Uncle" Joe Cannon marched along as lively as the men of 20.

September 7. I was just out from the Company headquarters and they had a bulletin which had just been posted, and which made me feel so proud I had to copy it and send it to you just as copied. Here it is:

Headquarters Sixth Regiment, U. S. Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va. September 5, 1917.

Regimental Order No. 14.

The Commanding Officer congratulates the Regiment on an excellent showing in the Selective Draft Parade at the Military department and excellent appearance of the men reflected great credit to themselves and to the officers of all units. The marching and manual arms, showed the results of the diligent attention to details both by the commissioned and enlisted personnel. The Regiment was not equaled by any other organization in line, in the opinion of the Grand Marshal (President) Wilson and his chief of staff. The Regiment has early established a high standard that should be the aim of every officer and enlisted man in the sixth at all times.

By order of Colonel Cathin, Commanding Officer.

You can see by this why our heads are a little swelled today can you not? Especially as we marched in competition with veterans of the regular.

Was just in to "chow" and they had the worst of it. I've tasted it. I don't know what it was supposed to be, but it tasted and looked as though they had bought some old rubber tires from a junk man and had cut them up and were trying to eat them. The regular course we went to the Captain and he went in the mess hall and took just one mouth full and spit it out. Oh! How he did bowl that Mess Sergeant out! Nothing was too bad. When he came out he said "You get a good supper boy in an hour, and I think we will, judging from the smell."

Will close now as I have to oil my rifle.

As ever, NORMAN.

COUNCIL CLEANINGS.

The Willets Street junk pile is now out of sight and a walk ends from Greenwood Avenue to the Grand River except a few rods where the filling was so deep it was topped with gravel and left to settle until next year.

The parks have all been mowed this year and we hope to mow the two last. If any of you are going to have a fire after 7 p. m., you'd better start and turn in an alarm about 12 minutes before you discover the fire.

W. D. CLIZBE.

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President W. D. Clizbe Replies to Letter of Edwin S. George as Printed Last Week.

Captain Edwin S. George, Detroit, Michigan, Dear Sir:

Your seven column published letter to your political friend in Lansing has been taken to my attention.

Having the honor and responsibility of representing and defending the cleanest and prettiest village in Michigan, the president finds it desirable to run the smoother over your communication.

It was a mistake for you to attempt to do business with our Village Council through a political boss in Lansing. You passed through the streets of Birmingham twice each day and no one knew you. The village having voted the D. U. R. to time, but you know that we did not have your active help getting the D. U. R. to start their work, and after waiting for weeks we fixed the day for tearing up the tracks as August 5, 1915. This brought the D. U. R. to time, but you know they did not go on with their work properly, and it took that company till July, 1916, to carry their tracks. This sort of payment cannot be properly laid out on tracks are laid. Do you remember that it rained for three days a third of a mile of D. U. R. concrete road had to be taken up and laid the second time, that new water mains and private lead service pipe were to have, you ordered the village to have sanitary sewers and surface drains involved, and that a concrete bridge, together with one and three fifths miles of paving with reinforced concrete base and asphalt concrete top, brought up the village to the village a concrete or brick pavement laid by a contractor "approved" by you. We shall always be glad that president Smith and the 1914 council listened to voice of the people in choosing the kind of pavement instead of brick or concrete. As far as the lowest responsible bidder, "approval" was necessary.

Finishing the pavement in October 1915 was not discussed at meeting of Brown and Clizbe at office of Edwin S. D. Clizbe, Detroit, 1915, but president, never knew the pavement had to be finished in October 1915 to get your bonus, until your letters to the Lansing politician were published August 24, last. You may letters evidently did not reach us, but any of them in 1914 reached the council from Lansing, they were not filed where the new council and clerk of 1915 would look for them. For until last month we were not aware that you were in the habit of writing to Lansing when you wished to communicate with us. The "George" files are empty.

The people were told when the bond issue was voted (the improvements raised cost \$25,000) that Edwin S. George had pledged a \$3,400 per mile bonus if the village would pave Woodward (no conditions were stated); the 1915 council believed the bonus would be paid because the pavement laid is worth two of either brick or concrete and cost much more. The 1916 council got nothing definite as to refusal of bonus; the 1917 administration will close the incident by informing the taxpayers of Birmingham that Mr. Edwin S. George, in making his offer in 1914, was undoubtedly actuated by high and worthy motives, but that of the two conditions of the bonus offer, the first was not a good proposition for us and was also inconducive to the best interests of the municipality, while the second, owing to continuous rain and other unavoidable circumstances, was quite impossible of attainment.

Have you had occasion to visit other towns and cities where the roads are not the weeds in streets and private lots? Well, Birmingham is the cleanest and prettiest town in the state.

The new chemical fire engine went to the Stanley farm Saturday afternoon at 1 p. m., and saved the two small barns and the house; but about 7 p. m. the barn took fire from the continued heat of the burning hay of the big first and nobody called the fire department until the two barns burned in the p. m. were gone and often the house was burning fiercely. The president when finally notified, could not get central so as to turn in an alarm. When the department came they were too late. If any of you are going to have a fire after 7 p. m., you'd better start and turn in an alarm about 12 minutes before you discover the fire.

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The total amount collected for this most worthy of all our charities was \$85.67, and the names of the young ladies and gentlemen who hustled enough to realize this very gratifying result are as follows:

Marcelle Van Lucille Shephard, Doree Rowley, Nora Ellis, Henrietta Field, Florence Adams, George Adver, Jeanette Brown, George Wilson, Marjorie Field, Oysaha Ali.

It is very gratifying to know that, in a community which has been called upon so strenuously in this war by Liberty Bond and Red Cross contributions, there are so many good people who still find it impossible to refuse the appeal of the poor and helpless little ones.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

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Morning worship at 10:30, subject, "The Secret Place."

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Wednesday evening at 7:30. Evening Services at 7:30. The pastor is preaching on "The Music of Life in Modern Life." Subject this week, Present Day regard for Life.

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