

# ECCENTRIC.

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FORTY-FIRST YEAR. NO. 3.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1918.

WHOLE NUMBER, 2,082.

## 26 SELECTED MEN

Given Banquet on Monday Evening, Concert, and Flags Presented to Township and Village.

Monday evening, May 13, was the scene of the biggest indoor gathering Birmingham has ever witnessed. The occasion was a double bill, a concert by the Ford Motor Band and the banquet for the drafted men who were leaving this district enroute for Columbus, Ohio. In connection with this banquet came the presentation to this township and village of the Honor Flag as they by each in the third Liberty loan campaign and Old Glory and the pole from which all the flags are now flying.

The banquet was served in the Baldwin high school and was under the supervision of Mrs. P. W. Parmenton, assisted by Mesdames E. L. Barber, W. T. Barbour, J. W. Cobb, W. C. Harris, A. Hutton, C. E. Jones, D. M. Johnston, C. C. Osborn, N. C. Osborn, Seeley Peck, A. R. Parks, E. R. Rice, Phillip Schlaack, G. R. Slater, T. B. Smith, P. Standard, L. T. Standard, H. Terry, C. A. Wilcox and Misses Almiria Brimmer and Mary Saterlee, to the drafted men and their friends, the various committees and village officials to the number of 70 plates. After an elaborate service at which time each of the boys was presented with a white rose by Mr. H. P. Doying; this city, all repaired to the auditorium where seats had been reserved for the guests of the evening and at 8 o'clock the program began with the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the Ford Motor Band.

During the intermission in the concert Supt. Clarence Vliet, chairman of the meeting in a few well chosen words introduced Mr. Thad Seeley, county chairman of the third Liberty loan committee and a former resident of Bloomfield township, who briefly explained the significance of the Honor Flag and the manner in which ours had been won, commenting at the same time upon the fact that the township as a whole had secured over \$188,000 instead of the \$159,900 asked and that the village of Birmingham had raised more than the amount of the \$85,000 asked. He deemed it worthy of note that this community was the only one so far as he knew in the county or state to receive two honor flags. He then with the assistance of Master Edwin Corryell and Master Clarence Vliet, presented the honor flags respectively to Mr. E. P. Waldron, township chairman, and to Capt. J. Allen Bigelow, representing Mr. Thos. L. Luscombe, chairman of the village committee.

After in a fitting manner accepted the township flag in behalf of Bloomfield township and in turn presented the flag to President D. M. Johnston, of Birmingham, as the logical place in which to fly the flag. Mr. Waldron in a fitting manner accepted the township flag in behalf of Bloomfield township and in turn presented the flag to President D. M. Johnston, of Birmingham, as the logical place in which to fly the flag.

Capt. Bigelow, himself a veteran of the Civil War, delivered the village flag into the hands of President Johnston with the following remarks: "Without preliminaries will tell you that 34 years ago a terrible war was raging in this beautiful land of ours. Today a war is raging, that is almost a world war.

Forty-four years ago today the Michigan Cavalry Brigade, under the command of Custer, a Michigan boy, captured three battle flags and recaptured 600 Yankee prisoners who had been captured in the wilderness campaign at Spotsylvania.

One of those captured Jankees was with us tonight, a sadly wounded, battered old Veteran, Arnie Diabrow. Tonight Birmingham and vicinity rejoice and celebrates over the capture of an honor flag from the greatest nation on earth.

Now in 1864 the fighters were mostly men, today in the capture of this flag, both men and women, have struggled.

Now what is this flag? What is any flag? Who will tell us when flags were first used, and why they were used? We are told by tradition, that long before our blessed country was born, the several tribes of Israel each carried banners.

Let us define our flag, or any flag. And the sentiment of these grand United States is expressed when it says to Birmingham and vicinity, sorrow to lose a flag, but honor to capture one. And honor is due and hereby given you for going over the top 140 percent in raising your loan.



## The GREATEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD

### FINAL BALL GAME SELL W.S. STAMPS

Of the Season Played by B. H. S. Boys' and Girls' Teams in a Double Header. Postal Employees Requested to Boost Thrift Stamps--All Buy.

On Tuesday evening, May 7, the Baldwin High varsity basketball team played their final game of the season. The girls opposed a select faculty members, whom they easily beat to the tune of 26-6. The interesting feature of a large audience was helped by fair injuries, faintings etc., just for amusement you know.

The boys made a team selected from the business men's class and at the same time met defeat, 13-20. The game was intensely interesting and the many family scraps staged during the performance, the surprising success of the bewickled business men, Stan Anderson, prompter, Coach Abbler who played with the business men.

The breaches of domestic tranquility were varied and many. Hugh Rudolph on musing up his brother Lester, Stan Anderson, prompter, George Slater played all the mean tricks in his highly developed neck and arms, and his school lunch room was the scene of the gathering and the mothers and their daughters (their own or adopted) for the occasion got together to find ways and means of getting better acquainted with one another.

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pleated one of the best attended and most enjoyed meetings in the history of this community. The value of the Baldwin high school as a social center was again and more forcibly than ever before demonstrated on this occasion and should win the approval of all those who have heard of it.

The following boys attended the exercises and sang: Tuesday morning for the service of Uncle Sam. Mr. John Heath, President Memorial Association, presented the boys to their train with the colors.

Auten, John B.; Auten, Leslie D.; Peck, Wm.; Granger, Israel N.; Goodwin, Frank; Harris, Ben; Henning, Fred; Hillsinger, Geo. J.; Humphrey, Carl G.; Hoops, Jacob H.; Humphrey, Nye W.; Laine, Fred; Leavenworth, Loren F.; Low, David; Ross, Fred H.; Martin Chas. W.; Paquette, Walter H.; Perkin, Wan. P.; Petty, Glenn; Rosso, J. Harvey; Sprague, Raymond C.; Van Sloten, Raymond; Walters, Raymond; Tenney, Murrell R.

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## EVERY ONE IS RESPONSIBLE

That Letter by Richard B. Hewitt from Away "Over Here" - Writes of Home Matters.

Overhere, April 18, 1918. Hello George:— An reminder of our own little P. O. at home by the receipt of the "Eccentric" of recent date, "Washington's Birthday". So you see, you have nothing on our P. M. here, we too, receive mail, sometimes, was tempted to spell that last word "quelquetois", an interesting habit.

See that you still have the old stamp by at the top of the front page, no, not the motto "Devoted to Our Own Locality - We Labor for Its Interests", but the bread winner, "Miner's Ad". And, really, I have been so busy constructing more buildings than "Dad" could shut off any sewer. No, you have another guess, these are for immediate use, speaking of sewers, Jay Paddock, who writes in the "Eccentric" will hear from him some day. My commission is on the way, (time must be too - have not received it so far) I could throw a stone and hit Doc Raynald, he don't know it, will run over and see him some day.

But I must not write any more of overhere, and have gotten away from what I started to say, have been so busy that I had plain forgotten you all had a spring election, hope to see a little paper with the results. Seems like a shame to waste the money you've spent, I am old Martyr's, sacrificing themselves for public service. And, "Knocker Taxpayer", he has a good aim, as there are several "Bull-eyes", (any of the Gun Club - School, will tell you what a bull's eye will be in his few remarks, but, I'll bet, at that, that "Dad" was not so worse, by comparison.

And, then there is that very interesting paper by William "Call me" Harlow, "Sober Thoughts on the War", really going to have a "Village Commission". Too bad, "Knocker Taxpayer" did not get that paper first, perhaps he would have had been a member of "The Birmingham Club", or if he knew that such a thoughtful fellow as W. C. was on the School Board, Really, has it been four years? Must be "Always Willing" Campbell is up again, or "Land Office" now, notice that he has Mack Hunt and Sitze, but not only the "Home Town" and titles they bring him road customers from all over the county, but he is wondering if you had to put him on your ticket this year? I reckon his many trust friends worked hard for his re-election, but, enough of this "Eccentric" stuff; I am not the "Edible Fish"!

Speaking of editors, it was with sincere regret that I read of the sudden death of our friend Harry Coleman, and shall miss the best friend I had in Oakland county, upon my resignation by the Postmaster General as a commissioner in charge of the sale of War-Savings and Thrift Stamps throughout the Postal Service.

It is hardly necessary to state again the reasons for the sale of War-Savings and Thrift Stamps, but I may say that in confidence the employees of this great service will not fail in the performance of their duty to our country.

The resources of America are pledged by solemn act of Congress to the payment of all securities issued in aid of the war. The Postmaster General and the Assistant Postmaster General appeal to you therefore to secure the cooperation of the churches, schools, boys and girl scouts, fraternal and professional societies, civic organizations, farmers' organizations, labor organizations, and every other organization of men and women loyal to the flag to help in the sale of the War-Savings stamps.

Our boys are now fighting on the "frontier of freedom" in Belgium and France, to whom it may seem, but far away from the battle lines, shall here in the performance of our duties here.

Wants to Help Other Men. M. W. Taylor, Calvert, Alabama, writes to whom it may concern: "I recommend Foley Kidney Pills, never used. I tried different remedies, but none gave me relief, until I used Foley's. They restore regular action of kidneys and bladder and relieve backache, rheumatism, stiff joints, sore muscles. Sold everywhere. -Adv."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. REV. F. M. MACRAE, PASTOR. 10:30 Morning worship with sermon. Subject "What We Are Fighting For". 11:45 Bible school with a class for every member of the family. 8:30 Junior B. Y. P. U. meeting. 7:30 Evening service. Good singing. Sermon subject How To Face the Present Hour. Wednesday at 7:45 church prayer meeting. The home-like church with a welcome for all.

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Kingling Brothers' Mammoth Show and Great Spectacle Will Soon Be at Hand.

"Kingling Day," the big holiday for which young and old impatiently wait this season of the year, promises to eclipse all other events on the calendar at Detroit Monday and Tuesday, May 20 and 21. Exhibitions will be given both afternoon and night. It would seem as though everybody in this Farmington and vicinity should be glad to see the show, for those who do will see many wonders. There will be the great, street parade--more than three miles long--this year--and animals in the gigantic Five-Continent Menagerie, and whole hours of sensational exhibitions in the mammoth main tent. This season the Ringling Brothers are opening their program with a wonderful spectacle entitled "In Days of Old."

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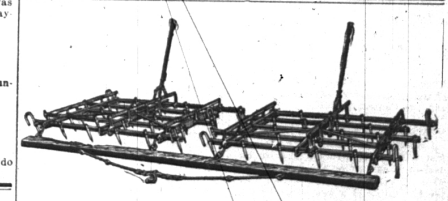
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