THE ECCENTRIC

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WE ASK YOU.

We have been with you but a few months—about two, to be exact—and, in that time, we've been treated very decently by the residents of Birmingham. For this we thank you. In return for your appreciation for any changes for the better in the policy of this paper, we would like to have you indulge with us for a few moments—we take this, the first issue of the forty-third year of the Eccentric, to give you a few of the views from the editorial side of a newspaper.

We came out here practically a stranger—unknown to you and you unknown to us. Our first duty was to set forth each week the news of the Village. Perhaps we have missed much of it—perhaps we have partly satisfied you—at any event you can be sure that we are trying to do our utmost to record for your reading all local news. To facilitate matters, we would beseech you to send in as many personal or other items that you would like to see in print.

We want you to really feel that this is YOUR PAPER—not only in word but in reality. We want you to use the "People's Column" more than you have of late—to send in for another's perusal anything which you might want to be given publicity. There is not a person in Birmingham who does not but feel the need of a good newspaper—who does not but feel that both himself and the Village-at-large would be better helped by the circulation of a good paper; to this end we solicit your unified co-operation—we want every home in Birmingham and nearby to read the Eccentric.

That civilization progressed more rapidly after the invention of a moveable type can not be questioned by anyone; that newspapers have always played a great share in the upbuilding of any community is another fact that is established in the annals of civilization—to this end we beg your kind indulgence to help us make the Eccentric a better and bigger newspaper. We thank you.

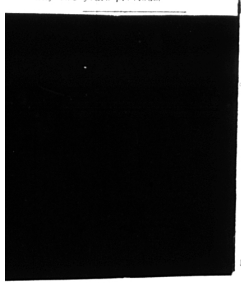
ECCENTRIC-ITIES

Well, well — the water still continues to flow from the village test well on the Latham farm. Well, well, and they say it's going to be a dry summer. Well, well—never mind, winter will soon be here again.

If you really want to help Birmingham, join the Civic Association. Show your loyalty to your "home town" and join NOW!

When you want any article of merchandise, buy it of a reputable home dealer that the profit may remain to enrich the community. Send your money abroad only for what you can not purchase at home. Home talent, home labor, home industry, home capital and home pleasures are things to be fostered, encouraged and patronized.

Evidently Birmingham is to have a three home-oriented this spring. Local officials say there is as much rubbish to take away this year as in any two years previous.



"Business-Getting" Chats

People are more or less victims of habit—what they've been doing for years they continue to do unless some means is used to start them off in another channel.

A great share of Birmingham's population is composed of former residents of Detroit and Pontiac. Having tired of the giddy whirl of large cities, these people have taken up a home here that they may "get back to Nature"—altho some of them still go back and forth each day in pursuit of a living.

But the fact remains that this new Mecca they still must have their NEEDS and WANTS supplied. With the money they earn they must procure these things. Things that go to make up their existence. And how generally follows? Being creatures of habit having made previous purchases in the larger cities naturally they turn their thots and their pocketbooks in that direction.

Let us emphasize this point strongly: the fact that the making of these purchases in another IS NOT TO THEIR LIKING. It means carfare, time lost on the cars together with a frenzied scramble over some "bargain counter."

This money—at least a major part of it—should go over the counters of our LOCAL MERCHANTS and it will in the last analysis. Mr. Business Man, if you let them KNOW that you CAN SUPPLY these NEEDS and WANTS.

It is necessary that you, as a strict business man, should advertise your wares. You can't carry a sample of them to each person to whom you would like to make a sale—you can't herd them into your place of business in hugs droves while you stand behind your counter—but you CAN get them into your store if you sit down and carefully write an advertisement showing that you can supply them with what they NEED and WANT, and inserting it in a paper that reaches their homes. You have then gone a long way toward assuring of your cash register, that means satisfaction to both you and your customer.

Think it over, Mr. Business man. Even as you are reading this "chat" so would the readers of this paper read and digest an advertisement if you had it in the Eccentric.

NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I, James S. Butler, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, will, on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1929, at the residence of John DeConick, in the Township of West Bloomfield, in said County of Oakland, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the construction of a certain drain known and designated as "Ward Drain," located and established in the Township of West Bloomfield in said county of Oakland, Job will be let in one or more sections. The sections at the outlet of said drain will be let first and the remaining sections, if any, in their order up stream in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said drain in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made and received accordingly.

Contracts will be let to furnish 2500 feet of 6 inch number one drain tile, 1000 feet of 8 inch number one tile, and 1000 feet of 10 inch number one drain tile. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in the sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract and the terms of payments therefor shall and will be announced at the time and place of letting. Average depth of drain 5.06 feet, 45 stations of 100 feet each.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN, That at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter, to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for the benefits and the lands comprised within the "Ward Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments thereof will be announced by me and will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District of said Drain, viz:

Section 25: S 1-2 of SW 1-4 of SW 1-4 of SW 1-4.

Section 26: S 1-2 of SE 1-4 of SE 1-4 of SE 1-4.

Section 35: N 3-4 of W 3-4 of W 1-4 of SW 1-4; E 1-2 of NE 1-4.

Section 36: N 3-4 of W 1-3 of W 1-2 of SW 1-4; W 3-4 of SW 1-4 of NW 1-4; W 1-2 of W 1-2 of NW 1-4 of SW 1-4.

All in the Township of West Bloomfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan. Also the Township of West Bloomfield at large. Also the County of Oakland at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said hearing may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Ward Drain," in the manner hereinbefore stated; and also, that at such time of letting from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon the assessment for benefits and the land comprised within the Ward Drain Special Assessments districts will be subject to review.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the afore said lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such letting as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

JAMES S. BUTLER,
County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland.

Dated this 17th day of April, A. D. 1929.

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad, but loving memory of our dear son, Cameron A. Bingham, whom God called home one year ago today, April 28, 1919.

The sweetest flower is first to fall,
The fairest first to fade,
The fondest, dearest, beloved by all,
Is laid within the grave.
You're not forgotten, Cameron,
Nor ever shall you be,
So long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee.

HIS LOVING MOTHER, FATHER, AND BROTHERS.

BRIGHTEN UP!

(By Mary E. Wonacott.)

Brighten up folks! Spring is here and it is time to clean up, paint up, house cleaning, etc. Throw away the old ragged garments of discontentment, clean out plan of mental activity and the new season with a new method the right method that of "letting the sunlight in." Don't say "I can't" you have been dusty, your work has been hard, things just wouldn't go right. Surely, we MUST have our trials and tribulations, but are we able to meet them in the right way. Can we smile and say "I will start all over again" and mean it. When our seeming troubles are only seeming troubles and not real, but which there is not at all? When some one has said or others who have come in contact with you are not happy. When some cheerful home or duty, who needs to come in for mental rest and being advised. It is time to throw open the doors and windows and let the sunshine that possesses more wholesomeness and light and more cheer within and know that there is something good in life for you. Try EVERYTHING to live for yourself alone, but for others about you, and you will find it is a JOY to live at all!

"HIGH LIGHTS" OF DARK SHADOWS

By Mrs. Noble Gravlin.

The dance and social given for the Odd Fellows and their families Friday evening was a big success socially and financially.

Hans Olsen proved to be as good an auctioneer as he is a paste and paper slinger. Very spirited bidding on the ladies' shadows showed the H. C. of L. is not hurting the Odd Fellows any. Twenty-six shadows sold for $96. One young lady brought $7 and the buyer said he did not recognize the shadow either. Plucky Hostess!

Some of the married ladies went home with the "big head." It requires half a dozen shadows to make Harry Adams happy, so both he and Bob Allison were "out o' luck."

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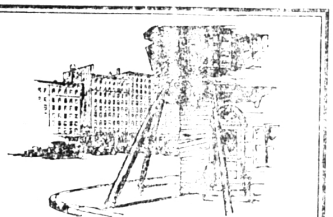
BIRMINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM,

Maple Avenue, West,

Monday, May 19th, at 8 o'clock P. M.

This lecture is free to the public.



The Cost of Upkeep

A run down business is like a [illegible] purring either one has to fix it [illegible] be to start all over again.

To let the telephone run down, in [illegible] chanical equipment would mean [illegible] to the telephone company [illegible] to keep it in [illegible]

It has always been the policy of the Telephone Company to keep [illegible] in such condition that the [illegible] service [illegible] possible limit.

But to keep things [illegible] money, much [illegible] Every job [illegible] increased in an attempt to keep [illegible]

WE MUST HAVE YOUR SUPPORT IF YOU ARE TO HAVE THE TELEPHONE

Increased cost of living.

The Telephone Company is working [illegible] property in proper [illegible] the most intelligent and [illegible]

YOUR loyalty to the telephone [illegible]

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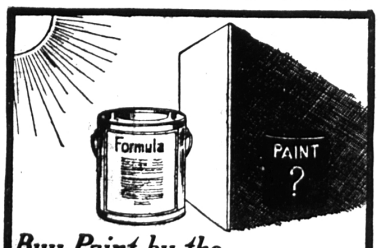

Buy Paint by the "Daylight" Method

In buying paint get one that comes out "in broad daylight" and tells you what it contains. The formula printed on every package of Hanna's Green Seal Paint leaves no doubt or mystery about this paint. It's good—by analysis as well as by reputation.

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L. J. Slusser, Prop.

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How much should I give to make this a better world?

A CERTAIN man in New York filled out his income tax report.

It showed an income so large that his tax was 53 . *An this total gifts to church and charity for the year were $148.*

Think of it—thousands spent for luxuries and pleasure for himself; and $148 to leave the world a little better than he found it!

Most of us do better than that; but not so very much better.

Our average daily gift for all church causes is

- less than we spend for daily papers,
- less than a local telephone call
- less than a third of the day's car fare
- less than 3 cents a day

No wonder that 80% of the ministers of America are paid less than $20 a week. No wonder that the church hospitals turn away thousands of sick people a year. No wonder that China has only one doctor for every 400,000 people. No wonder that every church board and charity society is forever meeting deficits, forever passing the hat.

It isn't because we are selfish; it isn't because we don't want to help. It's just because no one has ever put up a great big program to us, and asked us to think of the work of the church in a systematic businesslike way.

The Interchurch World Movement represents the united program of thirty denominations. They have surveyed their whole task, no business could have done it better.

They have budgeted their needs; no business could have a more scientific budget. They have united to prevent the possibility of waste and duplication. At least a million dollars will be saved by the fact that thirty individual campaigns are joined in one united effort.

And they come to the men or women who love America — to you — this week asking you to use them as the channel through which a certain definite part of your income can be applied to make this a better world.

Only you can determine what part of your income that should be.

It's a good time right now to answer that question. We're passing through the world just once; how much better will the world be because *you* passed through?

United Financial Campaign

April 25th to May 2nd

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The publication of this advertisement is made possible through the cooperation of thirty denominations.

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BIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE.

In effect Nov. 3, 1919.

Eastern Standard Time.

South-bound—[illegible] a. m.
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North-bound—7:00 a. m. and every 30 minutes to 8:30 a. m. Then 8:50 p. m. and every 30 minutes to 12:50 a. m.

Leave Birmingham to Pontiac only 6:00 a. m., 6:22 a. m.

FLINT DIVISION.

Change at Royal Oak for Rochester, Oxford, Flint, Romeo and Mt. Clemens. Through limited cars for Flint, Saginaw and Bay City at 8:06 a. m. and every two hours to 8:06 p. m.

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