

# THE ECCENTRIC

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## THE PEOPLE RESPOND

We are told that, never in the history of Birmingham, have 500 voters responded to the call of Civic duty—thus establishing a new record for our fair Village at the election of September 13 when, in order to fill the vacancies of Village President and Treasurer, 552 qualified voters attended the polls.

It only goes to show what can be done—if the people only get together and work to get a common goal. It is, indeed, about time that Birmingham awakened to her unique position! Bounded on the south by Detroit and on the north by Pontiac, is it strange that our town will GROW?—And grow, not slowly as it has in the past—but by LEAPS and BOUNDS.

Take out your old flivver—perhaps you've already done so—and travel anywhere for a radius of many miles from Birmingham. What do you see? We'll venture that you do not come upon ANY spot more desirable than Birmingham—not Birmingham with an insufficient water supply—but Birmingham that we want—just that we are on the way to get. Blessed, heartily, with Nature's best offerings, Birmingham offers a "haven of rest" to the tired city-dweller; it offers a peacefully quiet residence to the retired farmer; it can be made into one of the best spots on earth if the people who make up its population enter into a community spirit and bend every effort to attain the things that we now lack.

Only the co-operation of the majority will win Birmingham its rightful laurels. The recent election shows that many are awake to the fact that "we hang together—surely we'll hang separately." Whether it is a question of filling public office or anything else of benefit to the Village-at-large, we ought to, in simple terms to ourselves, band together in a crowd of "Boosters for Birmingham."

## WARREN D. CLIZBE.

Entering into the office of Village President last Monday night, to fill the unexpired term of office left vacant by the resignation of Thomas L. Luscombe several weeks ago, Mr. Clizbe gave a talk to a number of his fellow-citizens that was hopeful to the community interest in a very great measure.

Mr. Clizbe outlined plans for the betterment of Birmingham and her outlying territory. Elected to fill his office by the greatest majority that ever cast a vote at the local election, Mr. Clizbe should have the unanimous support of every citizen during his term of office.

Personal grievances—fruit of the past—if there be any, should be discarded for the present and every effort made to aid the new President in any undertakings advantageous to Birmingham.

There is plenty to do these days to strengthen the foothold of Birmingham. Whoever coined the phrase "sell your hammer and buy a horn" excellently expressed the sentiment that should prevail in our wonderful Village these days—for, be it known, we need houses, houses and some more houses—let the hammer, then, merrily drive the nail home—and the horn toot for a "better Birmingham."

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 At Birmingham, Michigan.

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## COUNCIL CORNERS

Walter Gerbroski and his wife have returned from their trip to Cleveland and Buffalo.

William Goushaw, the President of the "Boosters' Club," turned out to be a regular "drowsy" last week and sold 20 copies of the Eccentric. Raymond Gattie and his wife are planning on a trip to Buffalo where they expect to stay during the winter.

The condition of Mrs. Hagenmeyer, who is still confined in a Detroit hospital, is reported as very serious. Then the efforts of the "Boosters' Club" and with the additional help of Mr. Reams, Carl Brown and others, it is asserted that we will have electric lights on our streets soon.

There will be a card party and social at the Boosters Temple this Saturday night, Sept. 25th. There will be six prizes given for highest scores. Bring the little ones and they will be taken care of and made comfortable.

Charles Metzger has bought a lot on School street and a house of Mr. Bowers on Maple Road which he is trying to get moved on to it. He expected to get it over last Sunday, but for lack of help was unable to do so. If there are any in the Club that could find it convenient to help this coming Sunday, he will try again.

Mrs. Mertzluft is expecting Mrs. Nellie Brewster of Buffalo for a few days visit. She is the New York County President of the Spanish War Veterans. She is going from here to Cleveland and then to St. Francisco.

Frank Reams is planning a masquerade ball for All-hallowe'en, so the corner's folk had better look for their costumes in time.

## DETROIT UNITED LINES

BIIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE  
 In effect Nov. 3, 1919

Eastern Standard Time.  
 South-bound—Limited—6:55 a. m., 9:42 a. m., 2:03 p. m., 5:03 a. m., 6:15 a. m., 9:40 a. m., 7:00 a. m., 7:15 a. m., 4:10 p. m., 4:15 p. m., 4:40 p. m., 7:15 p. m., 8:15 p. m., 10:40 p. m., 11:40 p. m.  
 North-bound—7:18 a. m., and every 30 minutes to 8:48 p. m., then 8:58 p. m., and every 30 minutes to 12:58 a. m.

Locals, Birmingham to Pontiac only 8:02 a. m., 8:12 a. m.

## FLINT DIVISION

Charles Royal Oak for Rochester Oxford, Flint, Romeo and Inlay City Through Limited cars for Flint, Saginaw and Inlay City at 7:30 a. m. and every two hours to 9:30 p. m.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission, Sept. 29, 1919, 7 o'clock P. M.

Note: Presidential elect. W. D. Clizbe, Chairman, as the officer sworn in by A. J. Lockrow. Presently President W. D. Clizbe, Chairman, as Philip Schlaik and Fred Querton; Clerk Viola LaGrant. Moved to accept bills as read. Roll call, Clizbe, Schlaik and Querton.

Hours	Amount
Levi Allen	100
Geo. Scott, Sr.	80
Walter Allen	100
Geo. Scott, Jr.	80
Malcolm Hunt	108
Geo. Rear	250
John Allen	50
Wm. Lath	50
Arthur Tunge	50
Arthur Pappas	50
Frank Smith	50
Norman Schlaik	50
Orvan Weaver	75
Adolph Mason	75
Total	\$913.32

Silas Cook & Son, Selenatic, Oak of Linnel 225 ft. 6in., Rose Dale, Linnel 1367 ft. 9in., Hazel St. Linnel 3149 ft. 6in., Ridge of Linnel 1771 ft. 6in., Worth St. Linnel 1449 ft. 6in.

Square Feet  
 120 per sq. ft. \$102.14  
 225 ft. 6in. Ridge Dale 225 ft. 6in.  
 Worth and Ridge Dale Linnel 1771 ft. 6in.

Total 70  
 225 ft. 6in. of it \$192.57

Total \$65.17  
 W. C. Harris, Salary \$75.00  
 Miss Jessie Gray preparing list of descriptions and number of land, including proposed extensions of Bennett and Chester street \$2,500  
 East Care of third and others against Village of Birmingham \$150.00

R. E. Grant, petition of protest against building sidewalk on East side of North Bates street was received.

W. C. Harris, Village attorney not being able to give time to the work, handed in his resignation which was accepted.

Clizbe-Schlaik, That water drain and water main be laid on George street, and the same be graveled between Clark and Floyd street, and the cost be included in special assessment for George street opening.

Clizbe-Querton, That the Commission propose the building of a curvy drain from the East quarter post of Section 36, Bloomfield, East in section of Gray to the Water tower running S. E. in Section 31.

Meeting adjourned until Sept. 27, 1919.

## VIALO LA GRANT, Village Clerk

Miss Virginia Hipp has gone to Motown to attend school.

## Gold in Adobe Walls

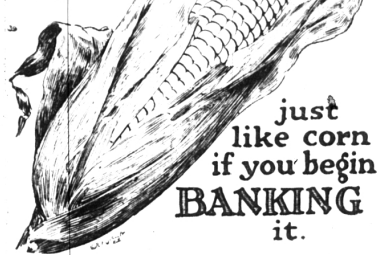
The Mexican city of Guanajuato, built near the oldest gold mines in the country, was recently discovered of adobe walls of the thickness of those mines. As the walls were of extraction were very impure, the walls and floors of these buildings were thus full of gold. It is said that the gold was first discovered in 1563, and the inhabitants would have been 100,000 years ago, these valuable buildings, if they were not destroyed, may have been the source of many discoveries the amount of gold about 100 tons.

For the first time in the history of the world, a man has been known to die of a heart attack while in the act of eating a meal. The man, who was 60 years old, was eating a meal of corn and beans when he died. The cause of death was a heart attack, which was caused by the fact that he had just inhaled some steam from the hot water.

Cleely Related. Bab was born the subject of an English House. Both of them started to build a wall at the same time and the matter was a common matter of interest. However, the subject of the English House did not know that she was building a wall with the subject of the English House.

Richness of the Sea. Every ton of water contains one grain of gold. There is water four thousand million tons of water in the Atlantic and the same amount of gold is contained there. It is said that the gold is contained in the water, but it is not possible to extract it.

## MONEY will GROW

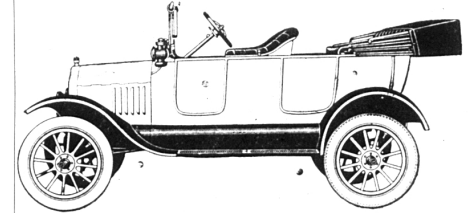


The greatest facts are the simplest ones. Two and two make four—and they make it very fast when you begin adding some money each pay day to what you already have in your bank. Time goes rapidly by and soon you'll have a big bank balance. If you have a bank balance add to it. If you have no bank account, start one. PUT YOUR MONEY IN OUR BANK. You will receive 4 per cent interest.

First State Savings Bank  
 Birmingham

## Read ECCENTRIC WANT ADS.

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# REDUCTION IN PRICES on FORD PRODUCTS

The war is over and war prices must go. Effective at once Ford cars, trucks and tractors will be sold, f. o. b., Detroit, at the following prices:

RUNABOUT	\$165.00
TOURING CAR	510.00
TRUCK	545.00
COUPE	745.00
SEDAN	795.00
TRACTOR	790.00

The Ford Motor Company makes this reduction in the face of the fact that they have on hand immediate orders for one hundred forty-six thousand sixty-five cars and tractors. The company will suffer a temporary loss while using up the material bought at high prices. They are willing to make the sacrifice in order to bring business back to a going condition as quickly as possible and maintain the momentum of the buying power of the country.

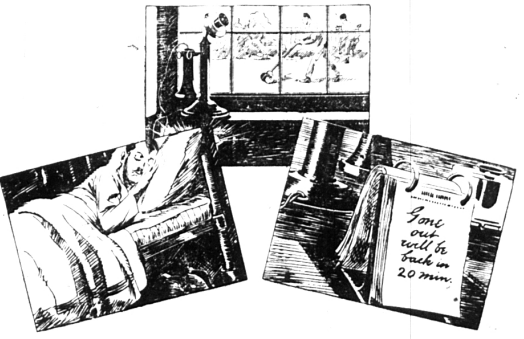
Henry Ford says: "The war is over and it is time war prices were over. There is no sense or wisdom in trying to maintain an artificial standard of values. For the best interest of all it is time a practical effort was made to bring the business of the country down to regular pre-war standards."

We are at your command with regular Ford efficiency in service and eagerness to fill your orders.

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The operator, too, is human and may make errors—but she is never willfully neglectful of your service. It is much easier for her to complete your call than to make a "They Don't Answer" connection—for such connections involve additional work.

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