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YOUR "HOME TOWN PAPER"

November 7-12 has been set as "Subscribe for Your Home Town Paper Week." and this newspaper, together with thousands of country newspapers the United States over—there are 15,000 of them, weeklies and small dailies—is participating.

For forty-four years the Birmingham Eccentric has appeared every week, giving to its readers the news of the community. Rain of shine, "hard times" and "easy times" the old "Eccentric," as it is sometimes affectionately called, found its way 52 times a year into the homes of its subscribers.

And the personal of its columns has been studiously, devoutly and even religiously followed, throughout its long span of years it has chronicled the "heart throbs" and the "smiles of joy" of its constituency. The birth of a baby in the little community in which it circulates means more to the "Home Town Paper" than the most mysterious crime story that gets a front page position on the large daily. The publishing of the "personals and socials" of the little town carries with it a more familiar and tender message than do the messages of the highest priced writers in the world, such as are exploited by the big dailies.

It goes without saying that the relationship existing between the populace of a so-called "home town" is more endearing, more human and devoted than is ever found in the large cities. The little neighborly acts of kindness; the friendly talks over the back yard fence; the meeting of friends when on the daily shopping tour "up town"; these and many other phases of human relationship plainly show that the little town is the rigid backbone of our nation.

Always showing neither hatred nor malice in its columns, ever ready to print some stray bit of news that some one may be benefited; never savoring of sensationalism or scandal in its news stories—always with the thought uppermost of doing the greatest good for the greatest number, the "Home Town News Paper," of all publications, is looked forward to each week by its subscribers with the same longing that a long lost letter receives from one that we love.

And when one of your loved ones, who has run his span of years in this life, is laid to rest, who is it that is ever ready to offer the solace of its kind, and publish to the world a story of his life—antiquated with age of the morbid and unkind things that may have filled that life? The ever-faithful "Home Town Paper."

We sometimes think, as we read the daily paper with its black head lines—headlines that depict the worst side of life, filled with accounts of murders, suicides, graft stories and kindred themes—playing on the sensational emotions of its readers—just how much real good they accomplish. Avoiding the common place for the sensational and scandalizing—planting the seed of wrong-doing of others, we often

wonder if the editors of the big dailies do not weary of their task and long for the quiet and serenity of a small town life. We wonder, too, just what the world would be if it were not for the counteracting influence of the country press, for good deeds and good words, for fellow-men.

And so the publisher of the Eccentric asks that every citizen residing in the community in which his paper circulates subscribe during the week of November 7-12 (or before, if you like). The cost is but a dollar and a half and you get 52 weeks of the news of your community. Isn't it worth it?

And please remember: "Be it ever so humble, there's nothing like your 'Home Town Paper'—subscribe for it."

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty Four Years Ago
Ladies' cloth shoes 75 cents per pair at Stockwell's.

New suit for women, \$7.00, at Blakeley's.

Apples but only 30 cents per barrel last Monday.

The Paint and Staley Company is painting the Baptist Church this week.

Captain Beavis will come out with a brand new candy wagon this morning if all goes well.

W. H. Camp has bought 300 fat sheep.

According to the prophecy made this week by Professor J. W. Williams at this Village, all saloonkeepers will be burned at the stake within 20 years from now. We wonder how near right he is.

For sale—carpets, oil cloth, rugs, lace curtains and live geese feathers at John Pounds.

Twenty Five Years Ago
The Ladies' Library Society will give a soap entertainment in the library, Hall the evening of Oct. 21. The admission will be 15 cents.

The west side of Woodward avenue this week has improved this week by removing the last front fence between the town and the cemetery. Mr. Manser has made this latest improvement.

Birmingham Sunday Music Club is meeting this evening at the Town Hall. Everybody come. W. D. Chize, secretary.

Pinder Worth has brot us a large stock of red raspberries for the second time in 1920. Everything grows this year and all is doubly prolific.

It is said that one Oakland County farmer who owns 600 acres of good farm land has released six of his best men and will let his farm lie idle until the prices on farm produce equals the cost of production.

The Oakland Company's railway men, both motormen and conductors, have all a new and natty uniform in blue with gold and silver buttons, according to their positions, conductors with gold buttons, and motormen silver buttons. This has no political aspect.

The man who will not take the paper because he can borrow one has invented a way that he can cook his dinner by the smoke of his neighbor's fire.

Outing flannel at five cents per yard at Nixon's.

Fine calf skin shoes for \$1.50 at Hudson's.

Mothers are invited to bring their babies to Baby Show given at the Calvary Methodist church in Redford, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15.

"PRESS PICKINGS"

A meeting was held the evening of Thursday, October 6, at the Milford Board of Commerce rooms, under the auspices of the Oakland County Automobile Club, at which there were a large number of Oakland county motorists present. The club is now organized on a definite basis, and at the meeting Thursday its scope and usefulness was explained in detail to the members. W. S. Galbraith, manager of the Detroit Automobile Club was in attendance and talked to the men.

The American Legion at Holly will give an Armistice dance November 11. Finzel's six-piece orchestra has been engaged for the evening.

The W. C. & T. U. Oakland County convention, which was held by the Hickory Ridge Union Wednesday and Thursday of last week was well attended, about 40 delegates being present from different parts of the county. The State President, Mrs. Calkins of Ypsilanti, and Mrs. Judice, editor of the Michigan Union, were present. Every session was very interesting and it was a success from start to finish.

A new Methodist church is being erected at Clareville. The cornerstone ceremony took place Sunday afternoon. The work is being contributed by men in that vicinity.

Wednesday afternoon the house on the street, Netchick farm, near Orion, was completely destroyed by fire, which was supposed to have originated from a coal stove. The property was owned by Messrs. J. J. Thurston, Edwin and Bert Perrett, of Pontiac, and at the time was occupied by Reuben Barclay and family of eight small children. Mr. Barclay lost much of his furnishings and clothing. The Orion fire department responded, but nothing could be done to save the property.

Cinders between its tracks and plank crossings at street intersections in Royal Oak have been placed on Western First street from Lafayette to Woodward avenue by the D. U. R. When pavement will be laid by the company is uncertain.

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