

**THE ECCENTRIC**

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**YOU, YOURSELF**

Your judgment may be of little value to the world but your thoughts are worth more to yourself than Shakespeare's or Newton's. Great minds do not become great by accepting implicitly all that others seek to teach them. They listen, they read, but they investigate for themselves. They regard no one as an "authority" until he has proved his right to be considered as one. Even then they do not hesitate to question.

In this particular we prefer Macaulay to Bacon. The latter's advanced training has drilled into him obedience to those who supposedly were wiser than himself; that in later years he was never quite able to throw off this influence. Had he done so he might have risen to even greater heights. Macaulay, on the other hand, accepted nothing as fact until demonstration and reason had assured him of it.

Intelligent minds have a deep reverence for truth. They ridicule nothing, scorn nothing, but question everything. We are not yet so far advanced but that we have much to learn. Old dogmas, outworn traditions, plausible but absurd theories, all must fall before the onward march of reason and experiment. You are privileged to pull down and destroy old idols—provided you have a reason.

Never imagine you know it all for almost everyone has something to teach you. But always appose your reasoning faculties to be at least as good as those of another for only thus can you progress. "The world advances by extra achievement of the individual," says Elizabeth Towne. "YOU are the individual!"

**ECCENTRICITIES**

Well, it's all over now—until Dec 25, 1923.

After Xmas comes the "exchange season."

But poor father has to wear his red tie to let the folks know he appreciates the gift.

A small foot never supported a great character, but nevertheless, we haven't any use for a pair of size 11 sox.

Buck up. Be an optimist. You have 12 months ahead of you to prepare for another Christmas.

Have you taken a chance on any of the Christmas cigars you received?

Now is the time for you to make your New Year resolutions. To the fellow who keeps his until January 5, 1923, we will give a tin medicine inscribed with a fitting verse to his strength of character and high resolve.

Speaking of resolutions—all of us in the Village of Birmingham would do well if we resolved to pull together during the coming year for a "bigger and better Birmingham."

As 1923 rolls round, we have all turned another corner on the road of life. To some, the next 12 months of the road will be bumpy and long, hard traveling; to others the travel will be smooth and swift. But, why worry? The experience gained along the road this coming year will be well worth the struggle.

Experience is the best teacher and experience conducts classes in all lines of endeavor.

Some people speak their mind—even when said mind registers a perfect blank.

"What is so rare as a hot day in winter?" asks a paragrapher. We would suggest a freezing day about August 1.

It may seem that every step you take is a step towards failure, but keep on stepping—the next stride may take you to success.

If fountain pens could talk, some of us would not use them when filling out the stubs on our check books.

Smiles are cheap. But from the number some people use you'd think they cost a million dollars each.

Some women can see beauty in every mirror. Others are more sensible.

**FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS**

**Forty-four Years Ago**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Pearsall, Thursday, December 25, a bouncing baby girl.

Married at the residence of Nathan Jenks, Thursday, Jan. 1, 1880. Mr. William C. Jenks to Miss Minnie Van Norman, Rev. Hiram Hood, officiating.

At the Miller wooden wedding last Monday evening, all passed off pleasantly until John Snow took the Lord's overshoes and left an old pair in their place, but the Lord wouldn't submit so John had to return them. A sad mistake.

Mrs. Maud McKay, of Detroit, and Joseph McCarthy, of Leadville, spending the holidays at William Smith's.

Frona E. Randall returned to her home in Denver, Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Parks, of Detroit, is spending the holidays with her mother.

Johnnie Alger returned to his home from the Far West on Christmas Eve, looking like his old self again. He spent a few days with our old

**On the Road of Good Intentions**



Wednesday evening of last week the Birmingham Eastern Star Chapter will long be remembered by ladies of an grand charge. W. F. King, Worthy Grand Patron of our chapter, assisted by Worthy Grand Matrons, who were all members of the

Benjamin Fuller, of Southfield, reports the arrival of his heir.

Twenty-five Years Ago  
 Mrs. C. G. Willson, of Royal Oak, was the guest of Birmingham friends Monday.

Miss Mary Utter is quite ill with a severe cold, but hopes to be able to begin teaching as soon as vacation is over. We hope so, too.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, a daughter, one day ahead of Christmas. Gene was so overjoyed that he printed notecards, statements and envelopes. Eugene Smith & Daughter, Dealers in Hardwood, Lumber, Cedar and Veneer, before he saw an error. All well and happy.

Mattie Baldwin and her mother have moved to Detroit. Mrs. Mary Cooper occupies their pleasant home in the Village.

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**Notice!**

**Taxpayers of Bloomfield Township**

**TAXES ARE NOW DUE**

From December 19, 1922, until January 20, 1923, I will be at the following places to collect taxes for the Township of Bloomfield:—

At First State Bank, Birmingham, all day Tuesday and Wednesday, and Saturday evening.

At First National Bank, Birmingham; all day Thursday and Friday.

At First National Bank, Pontiac, on Saturday.

Or mail remittance to P. O. Box No. 5, Birmingham.

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 BIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE  
 in Effect June 5, 1922

(Eastern Standard Time)  
 Southbound Limited—(except Sunday),  
 6:45 a.m.  
 Southbound Local—4:50 a.m., 5:30 a.m.,  
 6:15 a.m., 7:05 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m.,  
 8:45 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 9:25 a.m., 9:45 a.m.,  
 and every 15 minutes to 6:01 p.m., 6:15 p.m.,  
 6:35 p.m., 6:55 p.m., 7:07 p.m. and every 30  
 minutes to 10:41 p.m., 11:11 p.m., 11:51  
 p.m.  
 Pontiac to Birmingham only—11:40 p.m.,  
 11:50 p.m., 12:10 a.m., 12:40 a.m. and 12:50  
 a.m.  
 Northbound Local—3:50 a.m., 4:30 a.m.,  
 5:15 a.m., 6:05 a.m. and every twenty min-  
 utes to 8:07 a.m., then every 15 minutes to  
 8:52 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 9:35 a.m., 9:55 a.m.,  
 10:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 11:45  
 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 12:45 p.m. and every 30  
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**TAXPAYERS OF TROY TOWNSHIP**

Beginning December 26, 1922, until January 20, 1923, I will be at the following places to collect taxes for the Township of Troy:—

At the First State Savings Bank, Birmingham, Thursdays, December 28th and January 4th, 11th, 18th.

Big Beaver, Tuesdays, December 26th, January 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Troy Corners, Wednesdays, December 27th and January 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Clawson, Fridays, December 29th and January 5th, 12th and 19th.

Town Hall, on January 20th only.

All taxes paid to January 20th will be charged the regular one per cent for collection. After this date the four per cent penalty will be charged. Mail all checks to—

**LEWIS J. STUMPF**

Troy Township Treasurer,  
 R. F. D. 5, Royal Oak, Mich.