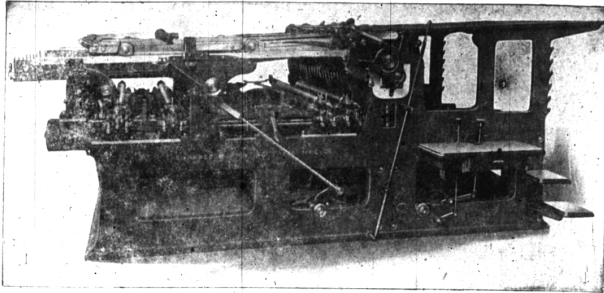


Eccentric Adds New Press



New Babcock Optimus Press Installed In The Eccentric Office

WITH this issue of the Eccentric, something new and startling has developed in the history of this thriving municipality. Birmingham has forged ahead! It is taking its rightful place in the ranks of Detroit's many suburban communities.

Through the installation of the Babcock-Optimus press (pictured above) the local news in the Eccentric is now set up and printed within the confines of Birmingham. Together with the possession of the modern Linotype, installed two years ago, Birmingham's newspaper enterprise now ranks with the best equipped weekly offices in the State.

Aside from the fact that this new press will print The Eccentric each week, we are now equipped to print anything that is printable, as it will print a sheet of paper 38 x 54 inches.

In passing, we might mention the fact that this press is the largest newspaper press in Oakland County exclusive of the Pontiac Daily Press.

We congratulate and thank the people of Birmingham and vicinity who, through their support of us, have made the installation of this press possible.

Birmingham Eccentric

George R. Averill, Publisher

126 NORTH WOODWARD AVE.

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REMINISCENCES by A. Whitehead

It doesn't seem that long but it is humanity ever born in Birmingham? Oh, yes, humanity was very much there half a century ago when two or three of the precocious Birmingham youths, some more so, and to add to their various discomfited and worries, "the devil" that time of every one, young and frequently came in and reported to old, to see their names in print, began to think it would be good business to satisfy this weakness of the human heart by supplying the demand for regaling cards and other small printing requirements. Accordingly, they purchased an outfit capable of printing a form about 2 1/2 x 3 inches, and we are told by authorities whom we dare not dispute that they were so proud of their first efforts that they kept a scrap book of samples thereof for some years. They are now sure typographic efforts of the early days all destroyed. They hope so, anyway.

From such small beginnings do larger enterprises grow and flourish in this progressive town and a few years after the job printing scheme had progressed to the dignity of a new (17) Gordon press capable of printing a form 10 1/2 inches wide, he held the first issue of The Birmingham Eccentric, slightly larger than a postage stamp, but vastly more attractive and valuable, at least in the eyes of the proud publishers. And even now, the quiet and the "Forty-four Years Ago" in the current issue of this week are looked for more intently by the old subscribers than the latest news of strikes in mines and railroads.

Births, deaths and marriages were looked after to the best abilities of the young publishers and they took their tongue-lashings and abuse as best they could when the arrival of another member of the O'Shaughnessy family was overlooked and their attention was duly called there to. "The very idea of you giving" half column to that dirty little red-headed Flaherty kid and sorry Alvin of a word for the finest sample of the

of their non-suspicious when it was everlastingly too late. Then there came visions of another character and they began seriously to consider the justly feared subscribers who had paid a year in advance and had received only six months! "There were giants in those days" and the boys looked over their meager list and wondered what would become of the remains after their former friends were gone with their various interviews, and the inscription in five-point black-face across the face of their progeny, "done but not forgotten," had been duly digested by their lanky subs. So it happened that these twins when they knew in their hearts that they were truly hatched, higher'n Gileads' kite were mortally afraid to own it. They couldn't sell out and there was nothing left to send to get out of it, but emulate the course of Col. Supt in the Prisoner of Zenda and "stay in."

And it came to pass that new subscribers began to drop in, the short times began to renew and eggs, butter, vegetables and such like came in a much more acceptable form than they had feared, with an occasional donation of real money, so they took heart of courage, bucked up and got trusted for additional presses for job work, inaugurated the idea of patent insides, at that time fresh and unique, hauled for outside advertising, put in side issues of odd enterprises, sold sewing machines, spring beds, pianos and organs; but always with the one idea of "getting 'er out in time."

Such are the salient features of the rise of this "great moral engine" as it was ironically called in those days but which now can be so styled and used the satirical reference of former times, for it has indeed become a power and a pride among us, worthy of much praise and justly entitled to the earnest support of the entire community.

FOUR TOWNSHIPS AGREE TO PAY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Meeting Held Last Week To Assure Payment In Answering Outside Fire Calls

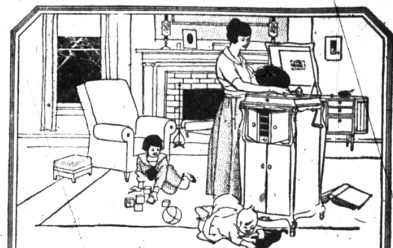
At a meeting of the Village Commission and officials of adjacent townships held last week, it was decided that Bloomfield township will pay \$500 annually for fire protection. Although officials from each of the townships of Royal Oak, Troy and Southfield were not present, it is believed that the sum of \$250 will be asked from each. Members of the Commission feel that any fire protection given territory outside of the Village confines should be paid for in some assured way. During the past two years but a few of the many fires responded to by the local department have been paid for by private owners of property. It was contended and the Village has had to reimburse the firemen from the Village treasury.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wendell of Frank street, expect to move into their new home at the corner of Worth street and Oakland avenue some time in December.

The home of Fred Prentice on Ann street, was the scene of much laughter and gaiety last Friday when a double birthday party was celebrated. Little Nedra Tucker, daughter of Mrs. Eliza Tucker, celebrated her sixth birthday, while Norman Prentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prentice, celebrated his eighth. Fourteen guests were present. The colors used were pink and blue throughout the decorations and also carried to the luncheon, which was served later in the evening. The two birthday cakes—one with pink candles and the other with blue candles—were the main attractions of the lunch. Both children received very many beautiful gifts. The evening was spent very joyously with games and music.

Mrs. W. B. Brown of Southfield avenue, is at the Harper Hospital this week. She was operated on for tonsillitis and is recovering very nicely.

Miss Dorothy Manson of Pierce street, was the charming hostess to thirteen little guests at a birthday with its party, Monday, Oct. 2. The event was very elaborate, were in pink Miss Manson was the recipient of and white, the same color scheme very many gifts, both ornamental as being used for the favors. Pink well as useful. Among those present chrysanthemums and ten roses were Margaret Goss, Katherine Mann, Mary Jane Wilson, Ruth E. house. A very pretty luncheon Wilson, Edna Cockettine, Jane Manson was served to the guests, tiny place son, Lloyd Dean, Bruce Raymond, cards and favors marking the places Harry Welch, William Spreen, Al for the little ones. Ice cream, shap- bert Jardine, Clifford Cockettine and ed like flower baskets, chocolate ice Glen Arthur Manson.



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On Wednesday of last week a number of people went to Woodhill Lake for the day. The party spent the greater part of the day fishing, while the ladies fished for merriment and a desire to go again. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cassie Wakefield and grand daughter, Betty Joe, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Edwards of Marlin, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Withee, Miss Marie Sly, Mrs. H. C. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood, all of Birmingham.

The Pythian Sisters, of Birmingham, will present Wallace Ford's latest and best picture, "The Dictator," at the Baldwin auditorium, Monday evening, Oct. 16.

The first Eastern Star card party of the year was held at the home of Mrs. A. D. Jardine, was pronounced a great success by all. Mrs. Jardine is the chairman of the entertainment committee. The guests were through with cards, light refreshments, and a party will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Van Brock on East Maple avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Vinewood avenue, have deserted their home for a few weeks and left for the East, where they will tour, visiting Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, and other cities.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Boynton and two children, formerly of Detroit, are settled in their new home at 201 Poppleton avenue.

The Birmingham Branch of the Child Conservation League will meet Monday evening, Oct. 9, at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. K. L. Schore at 417 Oakland avenue.

A very large number of invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. George Gough Booth for a ball on Friday evening, Oct. 13, at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, for the presentation of their daughter, Florence Louise, to society.

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