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NEWS

The "news" in newspapers, an
everyone knows, originated from the
former method of heading these peri-
odicals, indicating that facts were
gathered from north, east, west and
south, and has no real connection
with the word "news". A newspaper
is not new in the strictest sense of
the word nor is it intended to be.
For a knowledge of ever-present facts
we refer readers to the encyclopaedia
and to history. New developments of
old human problems are rare. The
same things happened in Solomon's
day that are happening at this hour.
It is not a newspaper's business to
depict new and original situations.

Primarily a newspaper is a re-
flection of passing occurrences. It is
the magic mirror crystal that per-
mits the individual to see all that is
happening elsewhere at the moment
—nothing else. Metropolitan papers
mirror the world. The Eccentric
mirrors Birmingham and vicinity. A
newspaper's chief value to its readers
is in keeping them informed of things
likely to affect them. In other words,
it shows each person the immediate
condition of public affairs, thus en-
abling him to view his own relation-
ship to the world around him.

Newspapers are not the great edu-
cational factors that some people
consider them. The haste with which
they are compiled precludes such a
possibility. Their work is powerful
and necessary but transient. It is
idle for journalism to seek to mold
literature. Editorially we deplore
such an endeavor.

There is no greater force operat-
ing in the world today to form public
opinion than the force of the press.
But this power should be used with
discretion. The great minds of the
world do not all belong to newspaper
contributors. Our own interests de-
mand that our productions be read,
yet honestly compiled, to achieve a
balanced diet of newspapers is
poor nourishment for the intellect. Let
us keep our place. Newspapers are
useful and necessary bulletins of
daily happenings, not classics.

WILLING CITIZENS

In the course of a year there has
been many apparently unseasoned ser-
vices rendered to local people by their fellow-
citizens—services that are given,
sometimes without recompense, and
for which Birmingham should be truly
thankful.

Take our Village Commission and
the School Board, for example. They
do receive a trifling sum of money—
far too little, if reckoned in dollars
and cents, for the amount of public
service they perform. Then there is
the Volunteer Fire Department.
These men subject themselves to all
sorts of inconveniences and discom-
forts—many times endangering their
lives—in a service to their neighbors.

Various committees appointed by
local officials to look after charity
work, to draft a new ordinance, or to
assist in annexation, or other civic
problems—all these latter things are
done without any remuneration.

Members of such bodies show true
public spirit—they are an invaluable
asset to our community. Birming-
ham owes them a debt of real thanks.

SOME GOOD ADVICE

Stand by your home newspaper.
If there is anything in Birmingham
worth talking about, chances are
your home newspaper had a hand
in putting it there; if there exists an
unsightly or unsavory nuisance,
twenty chances to one it will stay
there until your editor either sees it
or smells it and wipes his pen on
the town boards' breeches. If any-
body beyond the corporate limits of
your town ever learns that there is
such a place as this, it will in most
instances be through the medium of
your home town newspaper. Every
town gets its money's worth in its
home newspapers. For the newspaper
is the wagon that carries all your
goods to market. It ought to be kept
in good repair. It will pay to grease
it with a little subscription money,
oil it with advertising and shelter it
with your job printing patronage.

Stand by your local newspaper. It
is the guardian angel defender of your
interests, the forerunner and pioneer
of every advance movement, and the
sturdy advocate of law and order.
Take it away and it would look as
though it had just been dropped down
here and forgotten. Business would
drag, society would wane and grass
would grow in the streets and over
the sidewalks.

ECCENTRICITIES

Howdy neighbors, you can't tell by
the noise. A tickle makes more noise
in the collection plate than a dime.
Wouldn't it be awful if girls didn't
have any more sense than we think
they have?
Francisco Villa is going into the
banking business, he says. Don't be
afraid that he is liable to forget
some time whose bank it is and hold
it up.
The month of January is almost
gone and the new year is fast learp-

On the Road of Good Intentions



marriage it should be a duet and not a solo.

Commissioner Brown says opportu-
nity may knock on the door, but she
doesn't carry an alarm clock.

Haw! Haw!
'Here's to the girl from Arkansas
Who can saw more wood than her
Pa can saw.
She is as pretty as a pink
And she can raft like a mink,
And she's more terbacker than
Her ma can chaw.

The Devil's Work
'I'm sorry to see you've fallen by
the wayside, brother.'
'I'm just a poor, weak mortal, par-
son.'

'You should try to stay on the
straight and narrow path.'
'The Lord knows I tried, but it
seemed to me that about every half
mile or so I'd see a devious sign.'

Scanning a fashion map (one must
read little of everything in this
complicated career) we learn that the
ladies are now wearing their hair
"artificially disarranged," that also
seems a suitable and kindly phrase to
describe the chaotic condition of our
dear granules.

"Shorty" Parks says when a man
reaches for his hip pocket you can't
tell whether he is going to shout you
or poison you.

Getting Even
Ambitious Aunt: "Hurray! Five
dollars for my latest story!"
Best Friend: "From whom?"
Aunt: "The express company.
They lost it."

The Price
London authority says that women
engaging in men's work are becom-
ing bald. Slowly but surely full
equality arrives!

R. Eugene Griggs says the people
we cannot understand are the men
and women who do not like children.
"Electric iron? It's no mo'
'tertric than I is. I done washed it
foh five minutes an' she ain't moved
yet."

Sarcasm
Dad (sternly): "Where were you
last night?"
Son: "D, just riding around with
some of the boys."
Dad: "Well, tell 'em not to leave their
hairpins in the car."

"Ale" in some salesmanship hasn't
been entirely yet.
Life is a game of catch-as-catch-
can.

Shipping Board has found that it
has had too much for bolts—to say
nothing of nuts.

In an altercation with a woman
friend of his, a Pontiac negro was
struck on the head with an alarm
clock. Sort of timely hit, so to speak.
The man declared he thought it
was a grand when the clock. At least it
struck once, he said.
But the clock was an alarm clock,
all right, 'cause the police heard the
alarm and took the colored man to jail.

A fat person's opinions are always
weighty.

"Fatty" Arbuckle had a roll and
played a role; now both of them are
gone.

The bonds of matrimony are not
negotiable.
Girls might be more attractive if
they spent as much time to improve
their dispositions as they do their
good looks.

A poem entitled "In a Friendly
Sort of Way," commonly ascribed to
James Whitcomb Riley, is said by one
publisher to be the work of an un-
known author. This publisher states
that he has the opportunity to give
the work the public recognition he de-
serves. Perhaps the author cares not
for honors nor public recognition. He
is, perhaps, honored enough with
thoughtful Riley; people are un-
der the impression the child of his
brain was written by James Whit-
comb Riley. The poet in itself is no
mean tribute to the man's ability.

"An actor 64 years old has mar-
ried for the third time. He is con-
sidered one of our greatest come-
dians," says a paragrapher. "We'd
call him more or less of a tragedian.
To arrive one must start going
somewhere.

Some folks mistake notoriety for
fame.

The month of January is almost
gone and the new year is fast learp-

ing bad habits.

In a local doctor's office hangs the
sign, "Please do not smoke here.
Smoke hereafter." He did not say so,
but perhaps the doc is willing to
help you to the smoking room.

A good spender is one who spends
his time doing something useful.

"Dry Law a Success," declares
Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel
for the Anti-Saloon League. "We'll
admit it's been a big success from the
bootlegger's standpoint."

People with protruding ears can
have them repaired by buying a radium
set and clamping on the head sets
three evenings each week.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-four Years Ago
The Birmingham Horse Club will
meet at the National Hotel, Saturday,
Feb. 7, at one o'clock. A full at-
tendance is requested, as it is of im-
portance to everyone to keep this
club in good working order.

George Schlaack and Tony Lamb
are recovering from the measles.

Julius F. Rundel recently sold nine-
teen acres off the south part of his
farm to John K. Adams, and then
bought seventy acres of Part Masters
on the west part. This makes 200
acres of the best farming land in
Oakland county and with his sub-
stantial buildings, flowing well and
abundance of first class stock, July
ought to be satisfied, for there is no
better tract of land or more com-
plete and valuable farm in this
vicinity than this is with its recent
addition.

Lewis W. Adams of Southfield, is
quite sick at present, a fact which his
many friends will deeply regret. Dr.
Jas. A. Fox is his physician.

Married on Tuesday, Jan. 27, by
Rev. Bartlett, Miss Alice Peralta to
Thomas Harris of Troy. May they
live long and prosper, is our worst
wishes.

Dr. O. W. Hewitt, while returning
from a professional visit to George
Heth of Southfield, lost his medicine
case. A week later it was found
floating in the Evans canal, one and
a half miles from the place it was
lost. The Doctor thinks it fell from
his pocket in stepping over a ditch.
Mr. Hatch was the finder.

J. C. Breaker of Detroit, preaches
at the Baptist church regularly now
every Sunday.

Twenty-five Years Ago
Howard Harbour of the Michigan
School of Medicine, Detroit, died
Saturday and Sunday with his cousin,
Mrs. Frank Hagerman.

Mabel Miller, the little daughter of
Henry Miller, living on the Stanch
farm, died last Friday of pneumonia.
She was four years of age. The funeral
occurred last Monday with in-
terment at Troy.

Mrs. Dr. Wilson, sister-in-law of
Hervy Wilson, and daughter, from
Wisconsin, are welcome guests at the
Wilson home on Maple avenue.

Miss Addie Sly of Wilkes Barre,
Pa., who has many acquaintances here,
is said to have started for New York for
the Bermuda Islands on Saturday with
a party of friends to remain for the
remainder of the winter.

Miss Mary Greenfield of Flushing,
who has been spending several weeks
here, returned to her home Wednes-
day evening, before her
departure, Miss Elizabeth gave a
small parochial party as an honorary
farewell. Was it a "Klondike" sur-
prise? Miss Greenfield has made
many friends during her short so-
journ here and we hope that she will
come again.

The old, old landmark of Birming-
ham, that wooden row of old store
buildings opposite the National
Hotel, said to have started for New
York for the Bermuda Islands on
Saturday with a party of friends to
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winter.

George Adams is the new pupil of
the high school this week. "He is the
14th to be elected this year. We
venture to say that this exceeds any
previous enrollment in the history of
the high school. Pontiac with 8,000
population enrolls about 175.

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ing of the new banking offices of the
Oxford Savings Bank at the corner
of Washington and Burdick streets.
The building has been under con-
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be an up-to-date structure, afford-
ing customers and employees all the
facilities of a modern city bank.

Better mail service for Royal Oak
is the aim of the Royal Oak Chamber
of Commerce and definite steps have
been taken to bring this about. A
committee composed of J. E. Dunkel,
George E. Weitzel and Secretary
Reed Parker went to Detroit and called
on Postmaster John W. Smith. They
explained that they did not think
a more frequent schedule of de-
liveries than the present one was
needed, but that there was an un-
derstand that the present
schedule be adhered to more rig-
orously. Increased pickup service
also was suggested.

Proceedings have been started to
condemn the thousand acres or more,
that have been selected by the City
of Detroit for park purposes, and
lying just south of Redford and
Brightmouth.

The comedy-drama "Green Stock-
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Holly high school expected to present
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igan to compete with them in an
exhibition of the following breeds:—
White Wyandottes, S. C. Rhode Is-
land Reds, R. C. Rhode Island Reds,
Light Barred Rocks, White Leghorns,
Rhode Island Whites, Cornish, An-
nas, English Game Bantams, Buff
Orpingtons, Rose Comb Black Ban-
tams and Buff Cochins Bantams.

Considerable work is being done by
the Royal Oak public schools for the
school children in the conservation of
vision. A free clinic has been open-
ed by a Royal Oak optometrist, where
once each week will be devoted to
examination of school children who
have been recommended for examina-
tion by the school nurse.

SMALL PAPERS ARE GOOD ADVERTISING MEDIUMS

Harry L. Tyler is a member of the
great advertising firm of William H.
Rankin Company, a concern that buys
millions of dollars of advertising
space for producers. In a recent
interview Mr. Tyler said:

"Newspaper advertising space is
worth buying more today, and costs
the user proportionately less for what
he gets, than at any time in history.
This is as true of the smaller country
paper as of the big city dailies. For
wherever it is situated, the newspa-
per that survives in these times has
become more than an individual en-
terprise—it is an institution whose
lines of influence are closely woven
into the very fabric of the commu-
nity life around it. There is ample
room for the advertiser to get the
best of both worlds. Any manufacturer
that has placed a good product on the
market should not be getting the eye-
strain from watching it stay there
can trace it to just on thing—the
manufacturer is not getting the
people who he has to sell and where
they can buy it. The people can't
be expected to buy things which they
do not know exist."

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate
Court of the County of Oakland,
Section of said Court, held at the Probate
Office, in the City of Pontiac, and County,
on the 25th day of JANUARY, A. D. 1922.

Present: Hon. Ross Stowell, Judge of
Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph
Eugene T. Kane, administratrix of said
estate, Julia T. Kane, administratrix of said
estate, praying for the examination and allow-
ance of her final account, determination of the
heirs of said deceased, assignment of the
residue of said estate and the discharge of
said administratrix:

It is Ordered, that the 18th day of Feb-
ruary, A. D. 1922, at eight o'clock in the
forenoon, at said Pontiac, Michigan, and County,
is hereby appointed for hearing said petition,
and it is further Ordered, that public notice
thereof be given by publication of a copy
of this order for three successive weeks
previous to said day of hearing, in the Birming-
ham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and pub-
lished in said County.

ROSS STOWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A TRUE COPY,
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Notary Public. 39-40-41

DETOIT UNITED LINES 3
MICHIGAN
In Effect June 8, 1922
(Eastern Standard Time)

Southbound Limited—(except Sunday).
6:40 a.m.
Northbound Local—4:50 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
8:55 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 4:15 p.m.,
4:45 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 10:25 p.m., and every
15 minutes to 8:01 p.m., and every
20 minutes to 10:41 p.m., 11:31 p.m.

Pontiac to Birmingham only—11:50 a.m.,
11:50 p.m., 12:10 a.m., 12:30 a.m. and 12:40
a.m.

Northbound Local—8:45 a.m., 6:30 a.m.,
6:50 a.m., 7:07 a.m. and every twenty min-
utes to 9:37 a.m., then every 15 minutes to
9:52 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:07 a.m., every 25
minutes to 12:25 a.m., also 12:49 a.m.

PLANT DIVISION
Change at Royal Oak for Rehearsal, On
Friday, Jan. 27, 1922, at 10:00 a.m.
Limited cars for Flint, Saginaw, Bay City at
7:10 a.m. and every two hours to 1:10 p.m.

Love—"Bedouin" and Otherwise.
"In love, man is so simple, woman
so wise. Man blunders along, taking
his chance as to whether he shall find
favor or give offense; woman alone
knows when the great moment has
come, that moment when the time and
the place and the person are plaited
into the perfect pattern."—From "Be-
douin Love" by Arthur Weight.

Two Tasks in One.
When painting is being done around
the house, coat the windows in the
vicinity with cleaning powder before
the painting is started. Then, when
the painting is completed, the windows
can be cleaned of both powder and
paint.



AN ELECTRIC APPLIANCE REPAIRED PUTS AN APPLIANCE AT YOUR SERVICE

One of the virtues of electrical ap-
pliances is the little trouble that they
give in operation.
They are not, however, absolutely
infallible and a burned-out heating
element, a broken cord, or some
other minor trouble is likely to occur
occasionally.

Bring such little electrical troubles
to us—and big ones, too—we will be
glad to make repairs whenever poss-
ible.

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Notice

Notice
Taxpayers of Bloomfield
Township

I WILL BE AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES
TO COLLECT TAXES:—

At First State Savings Bank, Birmingham,
On
Tuesday, January 23rd and 30th

At First National Bank, Birmingham,
On
Thursday, January 25th and Feb. 1

MABEL SMITH,

Bloomfield Township Treasurer.

SEND IT TO THE LAUNDRY

But be sure to send it to the
place that does Quality Work

OUR WAGONS ARE IN BIRMINGHAM
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY
The Pontiac Laundry Co.

The Soft Water Laundry
30-32-34 Patterson Street
PHONE PONTIAC 347 or 1200

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in summer and warm
in winter, use



It is the correct insulating lumber be-
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blanket. Reduces your fuel costs one
third, gives added strength to a building.

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Use it for sheathing, plaster base (to
which all standard interior plasters
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saw, plane and apply it the same as
lumber and is available in suitable sizes
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