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FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF PUBLICATION

This issue of the Birmingham Eccentric marks the This issue of the Birmingham Eccentry marks the completion of its forty-seventh continuous year of publication; for two thousand, four bundred and forty-four weeks—ever since the month of May, 1878,—the Birmingham Eccentric has come forth each week in an effort to portray the news and views of this community. According to Almeron Whitehead, president of the local First National Bank, who, with George H. Mitchell, starting this programs for the contribution of the program of the recent rice.

ed this newspaper forty-seven years ago, the Eccentric is the oldest business enterprise in Birmingham. Birmingham and vicinity, is to be complimented and congratulated for having supported and made possible the publication of a newspaper within its midst over this long period of years.

The present ownership of this newspaper feels most

deeply its newspaper obligation to Birmingham and vicin-ity; the Eccentric's background of forty-seven years of continuous publication assures its readers of that. It has been said that Birmingham and vicinity offers

to its residents a community life unequalled by any locality in Michigan; in keeping with the growth of this com-munity, it is the desire of the Eccentric to grow journal-istically in the same stride.

istically in the same stride.

We shall enter our forty-eighth year of publication with renewed resolution to give Birmingham and vicinity a good newspaper; we shall endeavor to chronicle in our columns the good things that occur in this vicinity—with as little of the bad as possible. May we conclude by emphasizing that our object in the jublication of the Eccentric is to chronicle, each week, the activities of our community—and to do it as CLEANLY and WHOLE-SOMELY as humanly possible!

PRAYER AND PARLIAMENT

Convictions based on newspaper articles relative to what the Legislature of the State of Michigan is doing these days would lead one to believe that, outside of repeated controversy and disagreement, our solons are not accomplishing very much for the general good of our citizens.

Prayers—sincere desires—are mankind's precious heritages from an all-wise Providence. Born in the minds of some a prayer may serve to bring about the enlightenment of society; in others, it may be just a conglomeration of words. Lest you may have forgotten, we would remind you that a prayer is offered each morning when our State Senate and House of Representatives convene—it is supposed to bring the minds of our legislators to such a state that what they are about to do will reflect the will of God and the love of Jesus.

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On-Friday, April 3, 1925, at 10 o'clock in the morning, Mr. William R. Farrand, Representative from Wayne County, offered the following invocation:—"Father, we come to Thee again, early this day, to thank Thee for the come to thee again, early this day, to thank ince for the rest and care of the past night; to thank! Thee for the beautiful morning, and we pray Thee that the beauty of Thy presence may enter every heart. We thank Thee for the privilege that we have of saluting this flag, which has been so many years our guide in national affairs. Help us to be true to every ideal of our nation's character, and we pray, as we meet together here as a group of representa-tives of this great State, that we may be true to this State tives of this great State, that we may be true to this State as we debate affairs of great moment. We pray that we may not be selfaish; that we may not think that we know it all; that we may see our brother's standpoint, and together, living and censulting thus, we may do the best for our State that is possible, under Thy guidance. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen. Undoubtedly, in the majority of cases, the minds of those who, listened to Mr. Farrand's words were soon fastened on a multitude of petty things—such as violation of the State Constitution regarding the apportionment of Senators and Representatives in Michigan. We wonder just how many men, (and women, too), who occurs our

just how many men, (and women, too), who occupy our legislative seats in the United States, really have a serious, studied plan for the betterment of society—they are too

THE BATTLE OF CONCORD AND LEXINGTON

April 19, 1925, is the 150th anniversary of the battle of Concerd and Lexington, which started the Revolutionary war. The whole country passits tribute of respect to the heroes of those Massachusetts tokuns, who on that fateful day first defied the English government.

It was an act of great courage, because in those first revolutionary days, the patriots were an unorganized force. Later under the genius of George Washington they acquired the advantages of military discipline, in so far as their very poor equipment and the poor support given them by Congress would permit. But at Concord and Lexington they stood up in defiance of the kingly power without any of the advantages that an organized army possesses.

The United States is blessed every day by the fact that its early patriots were men of long vision, as well as

that its early patriots were men of long vision, as well as of dauntless heroism. Men of a more cautious type might have said that the policies of the English government would probably become more liberal in a few years, so that it was better for the colonies to give in and cheerfully

accept their grievances.

But these men could see that a new type of people were growing up in America, with ideas of democracy

which were strange to Europe, and that they were entitled to a chance to develop on their own lines. They were willing to sacrifice eggerything for this ideal. The American people might have developed somewhat prosperously if they had not insisted on independ-ence, but they never could have worked gut the principles of democracy as thoroughly as they have done, Probably most of the world would have been submitting to kings and

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emperors still, if the old patriots had not defied the kingly power at Lexington and Concord.

THREE WAYS TO PUSH BUSINESS

-The old time business man, when he started on his patient but slow operations, was very apt to make an announcement to this effect: "We hope to get our share of the trade."

That represented a certain faith in the future that was/commendable, but there was not much ambition in it. If he only got his share of the trade, he might not be able to support himself and his family. In the majority of places it has commonly been said that there were too many engaged in trade, and many have always had to quit because they could not make it pay.

2.—The old-time business man commonly hoped to yin his way hy establishing a reputation for faithful and

win his way by establishing a reputation for faithful and reliable dealing. That was a good spirit, and wholly commendable as far as it went, but it called only for a very slow kind of progress. The populations change so much in modern towns, that the faithful old reliable may make little appeal to newcomers, who are not familiar with his record of honest service. Also many people in these days will not be tied down to any one particular

3.—The modern way of winning success, calls for just this same faithful service and even more of it, but it expects to win a great new volume of trade by pushing for it.

The public wants not merely old fashioned fidelity, but it looks for enterprise and hustle and service, and for the efficiency which requires a considerable sized volume of

business.

The old plodding methods were admirable as far as, they went, but they were slow and not efficient. Today a business must also plan for sales efficiency. That is to be had by interesting so many people in the goods distributed by a firm, that those goods can be handled at a minimum of expense, The way to accomplish that sales efficiency is, by advertising, intelligently and continuously.

A GOOD COVENANT

- "I will start anew this morning, with a lighter, fairer
- I will cease to stand complaining at my ruthless neighbor's greed;
 I will cease to stand complaining at my ruthless neighbor's greed;
 I will cease to sit repining when my duty's call is
- I will cease to sit repining when my duty's carr is clear;

 I will waste no moments whining and my heart will know no fear.

 I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;

 I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze;

 I will try to find contentment in the paths I have to treat.

- tread; I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.

 I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength
- is shown; I will not deny his merits, but will strive to prove my
- I will try to see the beauties spread before me, rain or shine;
- shine;
 I will cease to preach your duty, and be more con-cerned with mine."

 —The Spokesman of The Dearborn Rotary Club

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentr Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

43 Years Ago.
his for spring. The bold dare wear a straw hat al
We want a shoe-maker a We want a shoe-maker and a harness-maker in this burg at once.
D'ye hear?

n L Davis has wagered \$50.00 a railroad from Pontiac to Ox-will be built before September

Last Sunday the chimney to C. W. nks' house burned out, causing lite a sensation and an alarm for ar the house would be consumed.

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25 Years Ago.

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Gus Shiltz, having bought Ebling's ter, of Detroit
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mother, Mrs. Rhoda

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The entertainment at the Library all Friday evening was indeed a rprise to our citizens—a surprise being much better than was ex-Hall Frue, surprise to our cuin being much better that peeted. The moving piets without doubt all good is a country. The ladies' Libra were indeed fortunate in company of this kind.

Last week was one of the bloodiest of the war since the first days fighting around Mamila. Authantic results show that a total of 378 Fillinos were killed, 12 officers and 244 and cantired and the number wound-

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Court House in the variation of Oakland, State of Michigan, on the day of April, A. D. 1925.

Present: Hon. Frank L. Covert, Circ.

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Last week Friday a very nice dancing party took place at Mr. Em-mendorf's near Orchard Lake. Ex-cellent music was furnished by the Birmingham Quadrille Band under Birmingham Quadrille Band under Several of our Birmingham girls participated in the happy event un-known to their papas and mamas.

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