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"X" EQUALS WHAT?

We have been reflecting for a few moments upon the question of taxes. We have arrived at a definite conclusion regarding the popular conception of part of this much-discussed question—our conclusion concerning specifically the origin of the word. You may do your own thinking relative to what else is implied in the following:
T stands for "take"
A stands for "away"
X stands for "the unknown quantity."
Although the "X" may be applied in the exact working out of a problem in algebra, even the best mathematicians to date have been unable to solve the problem of governmental revenue. It looks as though the "X" in "tax" may always be an unknown quantity.

SUSAN GETS TWO TEETH

A number of years hence we shall get out a copy of this issue of The Eccentric and place it in the hands of Susan Charlotte Averill, our eleven months' old daughter. She will probably smile when she reads the following:
Birmingham, Michigan, February 7, 1925. Our diary today shall chronicle the fact that another set of teeth has begun an attack on the household silver. Susan, who has been trying for some time to assist two lower teeth to emerge into daylight, has at last accomplished the task, and becomes a carnivorous being. She is so proud of her little ivory teeth that when a cup of milk is placed in her mouth she disdains the contents to spend several minutes of her mother's time in clicking her two tiny teeth against the rim of the cup.
We shall now refuse to allow her to bite the crystal of our watch.

DADS AND SONS

Birmingham's seventh annual Father and Son banquet is now a matter of history. What this annual gathering of local and nearby fathers and sons may result in remains for the future to tell.
Undoubtedly at least, during the time when 450 fathers and sons were in the Baldwin auditorium, there was made conscious a closer relationship between the two; how long it lasts to work good for both is a matter that is entirely up to the individual. The fact remains, however, that there is a bond between a father and his son that, put to use, may return splendors of life that otherwise will not be a part of daily living.
"The Kind of a Dad I Like" and "The Kind of a Son I Like" ought to be fitting captions for the lives of every worthy father and son in and near Birmingham—and the world.

THE ANNUAL Y. M. C. A. DRIVE

Beginning Wednesday of this week a drive for funds to carry on Y. M. C. A. activities in and near Birmingham was started; it will last until next Monday, when members of the local Rotary and Exchange clubs, assisted by other citizens, will assemble to make a report.
It is planned, during this drive, to seek out every citizen in the community who may aid financially. Most of you who read this will be visited by one or more members of the committee. Will you give something toward the development of character for your boys and girls—especially your boys? Whether or not you have a son or a daughter you ought, we think, to be interested enough in your community to lend a hand in placing before our youth advantages that will make them better men and women. That is the object of Y. M. C. A. work in Birmingham and vicinity.

VALENTINE

I've traveled far to come to you
And bring you greetings dear
Of happiness and tender love
Of joyfulness and cheer.
Now, handle me with care, for I
Am delicate and frail,
And I was treated very rough
As I came through the mail.
I am a little dream of yours,
A little fairy dream,
All gayly decked in lace and flowers,
That from my pines beam.
I am a little dream of yours,
I hope you'll not decline
To take me to your heart at once,
For I'm your Valentine.
—Beatrice McDonald.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Made Up The Background Of The Birmingham Of Today
43 Years Ago
Social dance tonight at Red Hill on Hall by the Big Beaver Boys. All invited. Music by the Birmingham Quadrille Band. And a good time is surely expected. Everybody come.
The period for general examinations is near at hand in our school. It is much desired that pupils remaining in school should not neglect the preparations necessary for these examinations.
The marriage of Mr. Frank Hyde, a native of Southfield, to Miss Mar-

ian Allen of Detroit, took place last Wednesday at Detroit. Frank many friends and schoolmates in this vicinity will wish them all the good luck in the world.
A very pleasant surprise took place at the home of W. D. H. Esq., on Troy street, on Wednesday last week in honor of Miss Clara Pearson. The party consisted of young ladies and guests from the high school, and they enjoyed themselves highly.

Julius Rindel was fixing his key in front of Baldwin's Business on Monday last, when Victor Orley came along the walk in his patent, self-propelling car.
Julia's horse reared up, rearing, breaking the bridge, and started home at a gallop which has never been equalled in this part of the county. Upon arriving at Am Madson's house, the village, he was stopped by the Messrs. Mugh. In good style, no damage for a woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford and daughter, Alta, left for the south on Wednesday last. They expect to reach New Orleans in time to witness the Mardi Gras festivities, and will be carefree wherever between New Orleans and Miami.

Two successful performances of "Le Roi des Français," were given by the Ladies Literary Society on Wednesday and Saturday evenings of last week. The play was a jolly spirited one, all the parts being excellently acted. Each character as good as another. The ladies cleared nearly \$40.00 by the two entertainments.

The barn belonging to Mr. C. A. Brush became nearly crowded last week. It seems that in doctoring a sick cow, Mr. Brush had heated a bag of bran and poured it into the cow's back, covering it with alternate layers of quilts, and carpeting, and securing the quilt with a rope, and struggle over it. Shortly after, Mr. Brush went to the barn and found the cow quiet and well. The doctoring was done, and the cow was well. The doctoring was done, and the cow was well.

Marrried at the residence of the bride in West Bloomfield on the 11th of Miss Carrie Vreeland and Mr. De-

25 Years Ago
The present senior class of Birmingham high school has begun the history of the school. It reaches the modest number of 19, whereas in the history of the school, it is estimated. The class officers are as follows: President, Clark C. Brooks; vice president, Harry Lovell; secretary, Praley T. Hanna; treasurer, Judson Broadway. The size of the class and the good reputation is largely due to the efforts of our principal, Mr. Wall, the good of the class and the good of the school.

Snow shovels were all the go Sunday and Monday.
Cutters and the musical fiddle of sleigh bells were welcome sights and sounds, on our streets this week.

Supt. Bushy and a force of men with their gigantic snow plows were up and doing their job on the electric line Sunday night, nor did they cease their labors until morning.

A very pleasant social event occurred Friday evening, Feb. 2, at the home of Miss Belle Waple. It was the first party of the Sigma Tau sorority, an organization that is largely due to the spread luncheon and other amusements participated in the festivities of the evening.

About 40 young people from this place and Pontiac, Michigan, surprised Mr. J. Thibault last Monday evening, Feb. 2, the occasion being his sixtieth birthday anniversary. Refreshments were served, cards and other games were played, and all in all enjoyed themselves hugely.

Leut. M. O. Bigelow, of Cuba, Cuba, all printed in Spanish, and it is most interesting, indeed. We love to read about Mr. Mattingly, the old lady Stickleback, and all the rest of the doings of the Spanish classes. It is very high grade work, and we can assure our Cuban friends, and most carefully read, advertisements and all.

There is a good example to follow: Miss Emeline Mitchell found in her Sunday school paper about a year her name placed in call post for the birds to nibble upon during winter, and especially when the ground is covered with snow. Nothing would please the young miss very interesting to the girls, and she has a steady lot of boarders, such as nutcrackers, chickadees, sparrows, etc. But when the big birds come for his meat they all "fly the coup." Try feeding the birds this way, and you will soon be surprised at your winter boarders.
You might as well be out of the world as out of fashion, and you are out if you have not a trimphop. Why stay out? Come in and hear me all about it. Sixty-five dollars the Hebrew race. Mitchell's nose. Harvey's feet. Jack Baldwin eating a boiled egg on a plate of salt. The catching a five pound bass all at one time, and hear Ed Miller's merry "ha-ha," as he tells of his abduction about the time he fell in the creek, and adds that he had a good time. You can make your own record just as easy as falling off a log. Come in and have your record read. Florence ran a record through, and have a big "laugh."

Always telephone your "Classified Ads" to the office before 7 o'clock, day night of each week. Our numbers are 71 and 12.

SONS-IN-LINE ON THE SNOW
This morning woke to find the earth All clothed in dazzling white, And scattered over all her gown, Were diamonds sparkling bright.
The trees and every little bush, And all the fence-top, and everything, Were dressed in splendor neat.
The chicken coops, and 'en the barn, Were strewn with fleecy blankets soft, This lonely lonely morn.

The corn stacks draped in flowing, All glistened in the sun, As if a thousand sparkling gems had fallen from an ivory moon.
Beside my glowing hearth I stood, And heard the north wind howl, The gazed enchanted out to see The sunshine on the snow.

—Beatrice McDonald

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Not. "How did he die?"
Not. "How did he live?"
Not. "What did he gain?"
Not. "What did he give?"
Not. "What was his station?"
Not. "Had he a heart?"
Not. "How did he play his God-given part?"
Not. "With word of good cheer, To bring back a smile, To banish a tear?"

1924 Review Shows Much Advancement In Village Affairs

(Continued from last week)
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May youth led rather an important place in the month. The Woman's Civic League held its first meeting of its first year and was held on September 1. With an announcement to the press, the League's first meeting was held on September 1. With an announcement to the press, the League's first meeting was held on September 1.

On May 10th, Lord and dotting parents in the village were given an opportunity to see the work of the young when the schools held their annual exhibit. The exhibit included work from art and science classes as well as the work of the physical education classes. On May 19th the village youth again displayed their talents to parents and spectators in a musical show in the auditorium. Planned, written, directed and produced by the business district of the Junior Washington group in an attempt to raise funds for a trip to the country.

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During the same week Barling and Dull of Pontiac were awarded prizes.

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