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BIRMINGHAM MUST CARRY ON

Personally, as one of the 843 citizens who voted to retain village president Shain in office, we regret extremely the apparent hasty decision of Messrs Shain and Bell to resign their respective places in the affairs of local government.

It requires a good deal of fortitude to fill successfully a public office in these days of materialistic living; the public official who stays in office for any length of time is subjected to a vigorous and rigorous treatment at the hands of the public.

If any criticism may be attached to the three years village president on the part of Mr. Shain it only could be defined something like this—tried to direct the affairs of Birmingham's government as though he conducted an individual business, and in so doing, perhaps overlooked the other chap's viewpoint; but his honesty and sincerity, his loyalty to what he considered the best for Birmingham, can hardly be questioned.

Although The Eccentric has had to, at times, disagree with Mr. Shain in certain of his policies, we are glad to praise his virtues. For during the years we have been a constant attendant at village commission meetings, during which time we witnessed the coming and going of many village officials; we do not remember any of president Shain's predecessors who surpassed him in his zeal to serve to a pitance in the interests of his home-town.

We all know that a baseball player who wins the pennant is called a champion, but a man who does his task well; perhaps he may slip out when a home run is needed, or he might drop a fly or firm drive, and then the crowd begins to "pan him out."

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MUCH DEPENDS ON THE COOK

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FOR THE CHURCHES TO CONSIDER

Sixty-nine people out of every 100 in this country find it impossible to attend Sunday movies because of various state laws that make it illegal. That's hard on Hollywood, but not so bad for the 69 per cent of it—and here's the rub—they use Sunday for purposes more uplifting than movies.

FORD BOOMED AGAIN

New York Democrats are booming Henry Ford as a prospective candidate for the Presidency. From the present appearance of things, Henry will probably make it to his home in the automobile business.

IT ONCE STARTED A REAL SCRAP

"Taxation without representation" was the chief reason why the original Thirteen Colonies founded the United States of America. Would you believe that parts of this country today are taxed without the due representation guaranteed them under the Constitution.

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CHRISTMAS WINDOWS

How beautiful the ropes of red and green; With strands of glittering trim between. And Christmas trees in trimmings gay and bright That give to little folks such great delight!

Electric trains come racing roundly track Only to soon come racing nimbly back. While bears and sheep and lions meekly stand. As if they wait the touch of some small hand.

Bright evergreens bloom all along the way, And mistletoe and holly wreaths so gay. There's pictures of Saint Nicholas everywhere; With jolly faces and snow white beard and hair.

And sleigh from the Christmas snow, Delight the heart of every girl and boy. And fill the world, at Christmas time, with joy.

—BEATRICE McDONALD.

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Six years a Rotarian without missing a weekly meeting is the record of J. M. Hitt, oldest in point of age of all members of the Olympia, Wash., Rotary club.