

### ECCENTRICITIES

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within the next week or ten days, as soon as building on East Maple Avenue, opposite Baldwin Public Library is completed.  
Here Birmingham folks may leave their laundry at all hours as Drop Chute will be always open.  
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**PALACE-MOEL LAUNDRY**  
WE OPERATE 27 SUCH AGENCIES ALL WITH OUR OWN EMPLOYEES

Redford, now a part of Detroit, is all "hot up" about the possibilities of getting a local telegraph office. After it does get the office we hope that means of getting telegrams to the people to whom they are addressed will be found; if this is accomplished then Redford is, indeed, to be congratulated.

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When Fred W. Green, Mayor of Ionia and Republican candidate for Governor of Michigan at the September 14 primary, was honored in his home town two weeks ago, it is reported that more green color was in evidence than may be found on the Emerald Isle itself. It appears too, that all the green paint (both printers and painters) in the county was used to decorate buildings and banners. Added to this color scheme the fact that the Greenock forest must have been "green with envy" at the celebration and you have a combination of the colors which the electors may paint into a picture of Fred W. Green in the Michigan State House.

Of course, the proposed Zoning Ordinance published in the Eccentric contains much "dry stuff"; but are you sufficiently interested in your own neighborhood to read it through so that you may have intelligent information concerning its aims when the hearing on June 23 is held June 23? You ought to be a better read and learn whether a store, a filling station may be erected next to your own home.

As the official spokesman for the village, The Eccentric welcomes Rev. Henry S. Evans, new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this community. We hope that Rev. Evans hears to like our people and that the people return the same kind of feeling. God isn't exactly a stranger in Birmingham and vicinity, although few of us are not very desirous of getting better acquainted with him. And that is the preacher's task.

It is hereby suggested that the village commission immediately pass an ordinance making it unlawful for the installation of any "Joyce Hawley" bathtubs in this community. It will be remembered that Miss Hawley is the young lady who took the leading role in Earl Carroll's New York drama entitled "Bad Acting, or Who Mixed the Drinks?" It would appear that the bathtub needed a stopper to prevent the leakage of its contents. However, it must have been one of those cases of poor plumbing.

If you want to know who the really big folks are, just look around your own corner. You'll see them every day; men and women who pursue their quiet ways, rearing families, doing a splendid thing in a modest manner for their friends or their community. Don't always scan the newspaper headlines when you seek to find worthwhile people. Most newspapers cater to sensationalism, and sensationalism often ends in the courts, and everybody knows that justice is that thing that takes place between men who live happily together, and who are not made to settle their differences through any means made by man—they obey a Higher One, instead.

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Librarians' money comes from fines levied in Circuit Court against fast drivers, drunkards, disorderly persons, etc. and from state roads, etc. The Birmingham district received \$658.54, or 45¢ per capita last year. The distribution of money for both purposes is based on the school census.

**MANY VOLUMES IN LIBRARY**  
Around 32,000 books, between five and six hundred of which were added this year as well as magazines and papers, are to be found in the well stocked high school library. They are acquired either by purchase at the beginning, middle, and end of the year, or by gift. Before any books can be bought the magazines must be ordered for the year, and each principal hands in a requisition for her school in June. The money goes toward books which are ordered according to the needs of each department head. Mr. Vliet, or Mr. Hart, Mr. Vliet said that sex and problem books were barred, but many juveniles were purchased, as well as travel books that would be helpful in the geography classes, and a few of the very best selling novels. The grade school has smaller libraries. Among the magazines which are found in them are The National Geographic, American Boy, Child Life, Little Folks, St. Nicholas, Nature Magazine, Youth's Companion, Current Events, and John Martin's Magazine. The high school library has such magazines as Le Petit Journal, Literary Digest, Fashionable Dress, Scientific American, Outlook, Review of Reviews, Saturday Evening Post, American Cookery, Asia, Good Housekeeping, McCall's, Country Gentleman, Nature, and Musical America.

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**SECOND RESOLUTION ON TOWNSEND STREET CURB AND GUTTER**  
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Whereas, May 17, 1926, was heretofore fixed by this Commission as the time for the meeting to hear suggestions and objections to the proposed curb and gutter and paving Bates Street from First Street to Southfield Avenue, 32 ft. wide, in the Village of Birmingham, and  
Whereas, the hearing was adjourned on May 24th, 1926, and  
Whereas, due notice of the meeting has been given to each person owning property liable for special assessment within the special assessment district established for the purpose of May, A. D. 1926, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose aforesaid, and due hearing has been given to all persons making suggestions and objections to the proposed improvement, therefore  
Resolved, that curb and gutter and paving be constructed on Townsend Street from Pierce Street to Southfield Avenue, 32 ft. wide, as shown on the plan heretofore described by the Village Engineer, and  
Resolved, that all lots and parcels of land fronting and abutting on the east side of Townsend Street, within the assessment district heretofore described by the Village Engineer, shall be levied and spread according to the cost of the improvement, according to an apportionment to be made by the Village Manager and now on file with the Village Clerk.

### Seen And Heard In Our Schools

By Rosalind Knox

**POSTER CONTEST**  
Members of Max Krammer's art class at the high school are now competing in a poster contest, on the subject of "Better Homes," arranged by Saunders-Colgrove. There will be three prizes awarded tomorrow.

**GREENHOUSE ON ROOF**  
Tomatoes, cabbages, cauliflower, and other vegetables as well as a few flowers, are grown in a greenhouse on the roof of the high school for members among the school's subjects is agriculture. In this class which meets every day are studied orcharding, horticulture, small farms, rural gardening, and livestock, but the only actual experience that the seven members of the class get is in the roof garden. This year the plants are to be donated to the Sophomore Washington group which will sell the produce on the farms in the summer to apply what they've learned, but here, he says he hasn't even seen a chicken, as for a cow—

**TEACHERS' SALARIES**  
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in further resolved that a Assessment of the Village of Birmingham be hereby directed in pursuance hereof, that a general assessment according to benefits as provided on all taxable lands and buildings constituting Special Assessment District No. 25, for the year of 1927, be levied and spread according to the cost of the improvement, according to an apportionment to be made by the Village Manager and now on file with the Village Clerk.

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251—Moved by Commissioner Lead that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:  
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Resolved, that curb and gutter and paving be constructed on Bates Street from First Street to Lincoln Avenue, 32 ft. wide, as shown on the plan heretofore described by the Village Engineer, and  
Resolved, that all lots and parcels of land fronting and abutting on the east side of Bates Street, within the assessment district heretofore described by the Village Engineer, shall be levied and spread according to the cost of the improvement, according to an apportionment to be made by the Village Manager and now on file with the Village Clerk.

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**Notice of Bloomfield Township Board of Review Meeting**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Township of Bloomfield will meet in the Bloomfield township offices, second floor of First State Savings Bank building, Birmingham, at the corner of Woodward and West Maple avenues, on  
**JUNE 8, 9, 10, AND 11, 1926,**  
From 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
for the purpose of receiving objections and suggestions relative to the 1926 Tax Assessment Roll for Bloomfield township, including Birmingham. This Tax Roll is for the purpose of raising State, County, School, Township, and Road taxes. All persons interested in this matter are cordially invited to appear before this Board.  
(Signed) **ROBERT Y. MOORE,**  
Supervisor of Bloomfield Township.  
Dated May 17, 1926.