

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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## A Dedication

TO THOSE of the past, who, pioneering against the ruggedness of a wilderness along part of Chief Pontiac's old Saginaw Trail, erected the first foundations of the Village of Birmingham;

To those who came later, braving the discomforts of crude habitation and whose efforts—in the days of deadened, unlighted nights—added to the pioneer foundation;

To the people of today who, in the face of unparalleled municipal growth, are making their contributions to a better Birmingham, thus maintaining our community's leadership among the residential villages of Michigan;

To a gracious Providence, Who has smiled benignly upon both the people and this fair spot of the earth's surface;

And to all those who have made it possible for *The Eccentric* to be welcomed into their homes, their offices, and their stores, over the long period of 50 years;

This special edition of *The Birmingham Eccentric* is respectfully dedicated.

THE PUBLISHER.

*In publishing this Fiftieth Anniversary Number, The Birmingham Eccentric has presented to the people of Birmingham and vicinity a record in words and pictures of the unfolding years and the development of the village. May the reader derive pleasure in the perusal of its contents.*

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