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We Need These Galahads! George H. Whitley, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Whitley, of Bloomfield Hills, this week will go to Fairbanks, Alaska, to begin a year of missionary service for the Episcopal church. The young man, bravely adventuring upon the unknown sea of life, will have the parental pride in being battling for the victory of spiritual forces in this world of men and women. There is no lonelier work in this world than that of winning victories for the moral and spiritual growth of mankind; and there is no greater or more soul-thrilling achievement than that of helping to make people better. The Eccentric congratulates 21-year-old Whitley, his parents, and Mr. Robert C. Hargreaves, who conceived the plan of sending a youth annually to Alaska, to the missionary by the zeal and the capacity of a Galahad! The world needs more of his kind.

Changing To A City The Village of Bloomfield Hills, feeling that a change from village to fifth class city will help its municipal life, is circulating petitions for the calling of an election to vote on Wednesday, February 25, a committee of Birmingham citizens is working upon an investigation of the relative merits of village and city government, and within a short time, will make its report known.

Getting An Open Mind People engaged in the business of competing with the activities of the modern world find it necessary to change their minds quite often. For years Henry Ford was convinced that one model of a motor car was sufficient to satisfy the transportation needs of millions of persons. Then he found it necessary to add more models. Now he adds four more cylinders, building both four and eight-cylinder engines. Perhaps the biggest stride Mr. Ford ever made in the manufacturing game was when he acquired an open mind upon the subject of "what people will buy." And when a find with as high a financial rating as Henry Ford finds it necessary to acquire the change of state of mind, certainly others can afford to do the same thing. If they remain in business, they must, it would seem.

League Of Nations Useless? China, after many, many weeks of attack by the Japanese, finally decided to declare war in an official way. The Chinese stepped in the philosophy of a Confucian brotherly love, rally though the League of Nations stood for something. In this respect they were like the United States who, believing Europe honest and honorable in a certain sense, loaned it billions of dollars, which probably will never be repaid. The Eccentric has, in many years, been a staunch defender of the League of Nations, but a somewhat informed, now repudiates its immediate defense of that human objective.

All of Us By Marshall Maslin EVERYBODY that looks at you sees somebody else. Everybody sees what he is most interested in. The beggar sees a man who may—or may not—be willing to give him a dime. The tailor sees the fit of your clothes, the barber wonders who cut your hair, the skin specialist do you a lot of his treatments might on how long it would take to put on the perfect shade of rouge.

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The American public will appreciate the efforts of Senator Couzens and others in Congress to curtail the amount of advertising sent out over the radio. Owners of receiving sets are entitled to some rights in the matter, and ought to be protected against having to listen to the ever increasing volume of miscellaneous advertising propaganda now carried over the various networks.

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Don't Be Fooled From THE ECCENTRIC Columns of Long Ago FIFTY YEARS AGO Didn't get mad over your Valentine, did you? Mrs. Emily Gates of Waterford has "sassy" home again much to the regret of her many friends.

Julius Randel was fixing his buggy in front of Baldwin's blacksmith shop on Saturday last, when Victor Olney came along the walk on his patent, self-propelling, duplex, electric car. The car was reared up thereat, breaking the axle and started for home at a rate which has never been beaten in this part of the country.

The brain belonging to Mr. C. A. Brush became nearly cremated last week. It seems that in doctoring a sick cow Mr. B. had heated a bag of bran and placed on the invalid bovine's back, covering it with alternate layers of quilt and carpeting, and securing the whole by bucking a surcingle over it.

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HOW TO END THE DEPRESSION The personal one, we mean; for if we end the personal depression there won't be any other kind. Here is the good medicine:— You would be born girl. You would.

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