

Most of the trouble in this world is caused by ignorance, not mean-ness. I have seen, and so have you, more than one man, who, perplexed over something which, if understood, would not perplex him, has taken to the streets, and, for true understanding presents

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# THAT

Monday, February 14, slipped by as do most Mondays, and I went through a regular day, from 8:00 to noon at the office. Then I went back to the office, evening at the City Commission meeting, home at nearly midnight. Eight days later, as I write these lines, it dawns upon me that on Saturday, Feb. 14, 1920, just 18 years ago, I purchased the Eccentric. Three people were then employed upon it: a printer, a seasonal reporter, editor, advertising man, and part-time janitor. My average day's work last year was the first local reporter to cover, regularly, the Village Council meeting held at the city hall, the township board meetings. Type matter was set down in Royal Oak at the then weekly Tribune, and the newspaper was "made up" and printed. The Eccentric itself, however, was only printed on Wednesdays. Our oldest son, Bill, who will go to college next fall, was born on the following June; later editions of Bill arrived in due time with John, now 16, and now 14. Mr. Fry will need to wheel one or more of the children up to the office in the evening to bring me a bit of rest before midnight. Birmingham had only 30,000 people, was a mile square, and had a street with big and beautiful signs and oaks—while later grew away from Birmingham, now Birmingham, over four miles square, nearly 12,000 people; before I got into this office was a time when the Great Lakes and Western Ocean freighters, which made the mechanical life of Birmingham, ran close to the water. I learned to operate Linotypes, run a printing press, and now the Eccentric employs between 60 and 70 people—and, besides, I have seen more than those former days and am more than convinced that they were, in those days, more than the "good old days of my life," for they were long days of struggling to win... and Current Confusion echoes: "Yes, what?"

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## HOUSE MUSTERS FORCES TO PLAN FOR ROLL CALL

With Rice A. Howell as general chairman, the annual Roll Call for the Community House is well-organized and under way. It will begin Saturday, April 2, and continue through Monday, April 10. Assisting Mr. Howell in carrying out plans for the drive are Mrs. Robert A. Howell, chairman, and Mrs. J. P. Peterson, Dr. John P. Oscar, and Arthur N. Wingerd.

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Supporting this set up, is the steering committee under the chairmanship of Charles J. Shain, Mrs. J. P. Peterson, Dr. John P. Oscar, and other members include Mrs. L. M. Baker, and representatives from the clubs, Mrs. Shain and Edward H. Lair represent Rotary on the committee. Mr. Howell and Ralph W. Fricker, Exchange, and Raymond H. Smith and Percy G. Burnett, (Continued on Page Two)

## Two Pair of Twins, Arriving Within 48 Hours, Boost City's Population by 4

Old Doc Stirk scratched his head with a puzzled left wing, and quipped at the bundles tucked under his right.

## High School Fraternities Prove Theme For Discussion By Local Residents

Since the publication of "High School Fraternities, A Problem of Democracy," by Rebecca S. Platt in last week's issue of The Eccentric, Birmingham parents and those interested in the matter, have expressed a variety of opinions regarding the situation as it appears from a local point of view.

# SHED OF STATE AFFAIRS WARY WARNS

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## ZONE MEETING OF LIONS CLUBS TO BE HELD HERE

The annual zone meeting of Lions Clubs including besides the Birmingham club, those from Jackson, Litchfield, Ann Arbor, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Mt. Clemens and Lansing, will be held Wednesday, March 9 at the Community House. Preceding the meeting will be dinner at 7 p.m.

## BRADY HEADS SPEAKERS FOR LODGE BANQUET

Following the banquet to be given at 7:30 Friday evening, March 4 at the Community House, Birmingham Knights of Pythias guests and friends will attend a program headed by C. C. Brandy, Detroit, Mr. Brandy, who has achieved recognition through his years of news broadcasting over Detroit radio stations, will relate some of his interesting experiences to the listeners.

## Roll Call Chief OPPOSES EXTENSION OF FIRE FIGHTING DEPOSIT TO BE ASKED OF THOSE DESIRING PROTECTION BEYOND LIMITS

Birmingham's policy for extension of the use of its fire fighting equipment outside the City's boundaries was again reiterated Monday night when, by unanimous agreement, the Commissioners opposed such extension unless those asking for it make a \$100 deposit. This deposit will be applied on actual costs of responding to a fire. In case no demand is made on the City Department within two hours, another \$100 deposit will be required.

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