Isn't it a good thing for the interest and enjoyment of human beings that so many of earth's physical materials are different? If there were a sameness about more things, what monotony might be ours! The snowflakes, for example; it is said that no two are exactly alike—aren't human beings just like that, too?

The Birmingham Eccentric

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ASSETS

First Mortgage Loans	$ 779,933.15
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	110.00
Properties sold on Contract	12,294.68
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	32,500.00
United States War Savings Bonds	225,000.00
Office Building and Equipment (less depreciation)	11,539.34
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	1,772.15
Cash on Hand and in Banks	201,227.19
Total Assets	$1,264,376.51

LIABILITIES

Savings and Investment Share Accounts	$1,217,733.03
Loans in Process	366.24
Advance payments by borrowers (taxes, insurance, etc.)	8,064.87
Other Liabilities	452.57
Dividends declared and unpaid	1,104.16
Specific Reserves	424.66
General Reserves	23,756.22
Undivided Profits	12,474.76
Total Liabilities	$1,264,376.51

State of Michigan,
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I, Walter L. Moreland, Vice-President and Secretary of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WALTER L. MORELAND,
Vice-President and Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1944.

HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Notary Public,
Oakland County, Michigan.

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Bits of Birmingham

Corp. Charles Lyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lyle, 1347 Yorkshire, recently arrived in England, where he is with the U. S. Air Forces, as a propeller specialist. In a letter received by his parents this week he said that "... in my outfit is a boy named Norman Ruske who used to drive a truck for 'Uncle George' at the ..... (and here the censor blacked out what must have been the word "Eccentric".) Wonder if that censor thinks "Eccentric" is some kind of peculiar weapon, organization, or company, or ... well, you name it. Maybe he thought it a military secret of a mechanical nature.

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It's a small world, as the boys in the armed services find out so often. Robert A. Cromie, Chicago Tribune war correspondent, who was visiting his mother here last week, related this one: "While I was in Brisbane, Australia, a few months ago, I ran into Allen Tenny, former managing editor of The Eccentric. I hadn't seen Al in several years. Sure, we spent some time together, recalling items of Birmingham interest."

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Mr. Cromie laughed about a newspaper that he found on a New Guinea beach in the southwest Pacific. "I picked it up and discovered that it was the Pontiac Daily Press," he said. "Immediately I looked it over for Birmingham news, but that part was torn out—so I dropped the paper in disappointment."

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Those famous "ducks", amphibious truck-boats made in Pontiac, were ridden in often by Mr. Cromie when he was reporting news from the southwest Pacific. "The funniest thoughts come over you when you start heading into the sea in one of them," he smiled. "You just sit tight and keep saying to yourself the first time: 'This is outlandish, it can't work, it won't work'—and then it really does. Funny, too, to see a bilge pump placed on the instrument dash board."

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"After Garmany is defeated, I believe that we, with the help of other Allies, can lick the Japs in about a year and a half," is the belief of Mr. Cromie. During his reporting for 18 months in the southwest Pacific he has met and talked with Gen. Douglass McArthur, Lieut.-Gen. George C. Kenny, Lieut.-Gen. A. A. Vandergriff, and many others. He says that McArthur uses beautiful language, has a great personality, and "lives only to get back into the Philippines again."

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From time to time the Eccentric is called upon by service men to relay some message, through the Eccentric, to another reader. From "somewhere" in New Guinea comes word from Gustave Ernst, Jr. Cpl. Ernst writes: "I read where Miss Peck married George H. Newcome. I would like very much to give them my best wishes for a very successful marriage, through your paper. Also give my best to the fellows in service in the states. Things can't be beat here. Everything is perfect. Hope to see them all very soon, side by side here in the South West Pacific area."

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In these days of tire shortages broken bottles or other broken glass in the streets and roads are a real menace. Anyway Mrs. William Essery, of Aspen Road, feels that such things should receive prompt attention. She phoned the police department the other day with information that someone had broken bottles in the street at W. Maple and Baldwin.

The old 20-foot alley, leading from Dewey south to Riverside park, and for years partly grown over by trees and brush, may soon blossom into a pretty walk. Maybe not 20 feet in width, but wide enough and well maintained as a beauty spot of the city. City Manager H. H. Corson recommended to the city commission Monday night that the alley narrowed to somewhere around five feet and the remaining portions be vacated and returned to adjoining property owners. He would then place the walk in attractive condition. It is expected legal action necessary will be taken at a future commission meeting. Commissioners agreed that this would make an attractive entrance to the park.

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Joyce Ring, 17 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ring, 539 Stanley, ought to be destined to make her mark when she grows up. Monday night, before the City Commission, she pleaded for the right to carry papers on a route; the local ordinance required 18 years of age as the minimum. Joyce, with vim, vigor, and forthright courteous argument, won a 4-3 vote of approval from the Commission, who thus voted to amend the ordinance to allow Joyce her desire. (Even those who voted against the amendment stated their admiration for Joyce's attitude and words.)

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An adventuresome squirrel investigated the opening in the top of the big chimney at the home of Mrs. Richard R. Hindley, 644 Parks, toppled into the opening and fell to the fireplace below Wednesday of last week. He failed to land feet down and was badly injured. Mrs. Hindley had the fireplace screen in position and the squirrel could not get out. She called the city fire department to send someone to dispose of the injured squirrel.

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Youths on their way to Barnum school have been causing Charles S. Kidden, 275 E. Brown, some worry by using his lot for a cross walk. He recently asked the police if they could find some way to eliminate the difficulty.

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The "village cut-ups," alias Lions Club, enjoyed a Christmas party at their regular meeting Wednesday noon of last week, in which every member of the club was given a fitting gift of trash or trinkets to suit his personality or to remind him of his habits or some past deed. Much merriment and mirth accompanied the presentations which were made by the thinest Santa Claus of the season, William K. Gardner. The program was in charge of Bill and he thought up and executed the novel idea.

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Word has been received, by Mrs. Frederick A. Protheroe, of the death of her father, O. H. Pollard, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Jan. 2, in Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Pollard have visited Mrs. Protheroe man times and their friends will learn of his death with regret.

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This Wanderer finally got around to buying one of those new fangled bow neckties, made popular by the new singing sensation, Frankie Sinatra. Personally, the Wanderer has always admired his bow ties more than his singing.

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Cold weather and little snow always makes for good ice to skate on and Birmingham children have had a wonderful Christmas vacation of good ice skating, which they have been taking full advantage of on Quarton Lake, as well as neighborhood rinks. Many adults have been displaying a more mature grace on the blades, too, and many servicemen, home for the holidays, have been spending some of their time enjoying the good skating.

The Pistol Packin Mama has nothing on Harry E. Bissett of Birmingham who's looking for a pistol. He don't care much whether or not it's a 32, 45 or some other caliber. He's not going to carry it himself but wants it for a young man now in his country's service. Anyone with a pistol to sell or loan might be doing his bit by contacting Mr. Bissett.

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It just doesn't pay to drive too close up to the fellow ahead, not even in Birmingham. Monday noon, when the traffic was a bit heavy, and pedestrian traffic even more so, somebody missed his cue and crashed into the car ahead over near the intersection of West Maple and Woodward. There wasn't much damage and no one was injured, but the crash did set numerous persons thinking, and perhaps in their thoughts they made a bit of a post-New Year's resolution to watch their driving a bit more in 1944.

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Shoplifters beware! A housewife from Bloomfield Hills who was shopping in Birmingham the other day, made a purchase of a loaf of bread and some rolls in a bakery, the rolls were placed in a bag; however, to save paper she decided to carry the bread, which was wrapped in wax paper. She then went to a grocery store to make some other purchases and when it came time to pay for her purchases she had a hard time convincing the proprietor that she had made the purchase in another store. The moral of the story is —put all your bread in one basket.

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How did your car start on those few ultra-frosty mornings last week? Seems funny to have so much cold and no snow, doesn't it?

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The Eccentric is glad to publish letters from its readers, but must have on each letter the name and address of the writer. This week we are withholding two unsigned letters. In most cases we can and will allow the writers to use nome de plumes, but obviously, The Eccentric must know who the authors are.

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The Saturday night Community House dances will resume again on the 15th of January.

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Bill Phillipson, for the past 15 years a faithful employee in The Eccentric's composing room, (the chap who, generally, makes up each edition), is handing out cigars to his fellow-workers and friends, Reason: Friday evening of last week his wife presented him with a seven-pound son, William Rodney, at St. Joseph's Hospital. The Phillipsons live at 16301 Berkshire road. Note: anything wrong about make up in this edition must be debited to William Rodney, of course.

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Lt. Harry S. Stark, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stark, 1091 Madison, who was present at the African, Sicilian and Italian invasions, is back in the country. Lt. Stark is at the England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J., where he is recuperating from a stomach disorder. He is expected home shortly.

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Chelcy Moses, 18, motor mechanist's mate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Moses, 1336 Ruffner, has arrived in Glasgow, Scotland, according to word received by his parents this week. They received their first letter from "somewhere in England" Christmas Eve, the second from Glasgow. Two months had elapsed before the Christmas letter arrived, following Chelcy's departure from the U. S. A.

Axis Payoff

The young lady isn't collecting a bet at the $5 window of Bing Crosby's Del Mar Turf Club, Del Mar, Calif. She's drawing an electric drill from a toolroom, for the spacious horse track is now an airplane parts factory.

What Your City Commission Is Doing . . .

January 3, 1944

Bills approved in the amount of $3,784.27.

Street Trades Ordinance amended to permit girls 16 years old to secure licenses to deliver papers.

Ora Richards and Milton F. Mallender appointed to Recreation Board.

Manager authorized to prepare agreement to furnish fire protection to Bender Warrick Corporation.

Contract for purchase of three voting machines approved.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

TOWN HALL RESUMES

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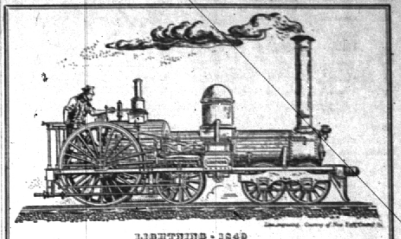

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