

A personal dedication to the very best that every religion stands for is the best appreciation of another. By "dedication" I mean applying it to life, as well as to memory. It is quite easy for people to learn words by heart, but quite another thing to allow the heart to govern a selfish head.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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In 1888 Mrs. John Felder, mother of Mrs. Iva F. Don, 720 Pierce, placed a current copy of *The Eccentric* on a black satin; although somewhat tattered, the old copy still does its job between the black satin front and the shiny cambric back of the artistic piece of handwork. The contents of that *Eccentric* are interesting," said Mrs. Don. "For example, in it are many old-fashioned advertisements; one, setting forth the wares of Frank Blakoslee, General Store, reveals that sugar was then obtainable at 15 pounds for a dollar; five pounds of mixed coffee also sold for a dollar."

For the benefit of those who were in the habit of dropping mail in the special address box at the Post Office, from 8 to 11:30 p. m., this *Wanderer* would like to pass on the information that the schedule has been changed. Mail must be in the box by 8 p. m. now in order to make night trains for delivery to other places. Used to be that someone stayed at the office to sack mail for night trains but so little mail came in between 8 and 11:30 p. m., that Postmaster Joseph Byrnes decided to have the service discontinued.

If you happen to have a cherry tree in your back yard and haven't gone out and gathered in the ripe fruit, you've probably had a host of friends and relatives themselves in the past ten days. This *Wanderer* has noticed several cherry and mulberry trees around town that seem loaded down with birds, particularly robins, that are treating themselves to the fruit.

There may be something to the point expressed in a Birmingham veteran's response to a query put to him by this *Wanderer*. When he was asked how it was that his girlfriends always seemed to get married to someone else, this 24-year-

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## Local Schools Are Receiving Annual Clean-Up, Paint-Up

During the summer vacation weeks, schools in Birmingham are receiving their annual interior bath and exterior repainting and repainting.

Rooms and equipment in all the schools will be washed and scrubbed and everything repainted like a new dollar. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, said.

Quartermen and Harpum schools have been scheduled for roof repairs before fall, and new temple window shades, which permit light to pass through, will be installed at Quarten. The shades have been in use for some time at the offices in the Baldwin High School. If their trial test at Quarten proves satisfactory they will be used more extensively in other schools.

The brick exteriors of Baldwin High and Adams school will be completely repainted by fall, and the professional library at Baldwin will be completed and stocked by the time school opens in September.

Plans for the new wing addition to Pierce school are now being drawn up by Fred Madison, architect, in accordance with the original plan to expand Pierce school when the new annex, the Board of Education will request the new wing after school opens, Dr. Ireland stated.

Until the new wing is completed, second grade classes will be conducted at Barnum school, which originally held only seventh, eighth and ninth grade classes only. New furniture for the second graders has already been received at Barnum.

By paying just 70 cents to the State of Michigan, 13-year-old Eddie Ellis, 816 Orchard avenue, seems to have solved the transportation problem. It's that little silver-colored vehicle that looks like a midjet racing car. "I'll only go about 30 miles an hour, and she gets about 10 miles to the gallon," Eddie told this *Wanderer* Monday evening. According to Eddie, the little car was built by his Dad, and comprises a 1 1/2-horsepower motor with a belt drive, two speeds forward, and two-wheel brakes. "Need a driver's license?" Eddie was asked. "Now, because it's a home-made," he replied. But he said he'd have to pay the State of Michigan 70 cents for a regulation license plate which seems to cover up most of the rear end of the midjet car.

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 Captain Underwood went to OCS at Fort Sill, Okla., shortly after his induction. He taught at the center for a short time, then transferred to Camp Howe, Tex., where he was stationed for a few months before going overseas.  
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