Thursday, September 19, 1946 THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

"Snobbishness" Our nearby fellow-publisher of the Royal Oak Daily Trib-secently published his ideas on the subject of secret societies in high schools, with par-ticular emphasis on the Birmingham situa-tion.

Those ideas were republished in this newspaper last week. Various reactions to it have come to our office, both pro and con; we must admit, however, that more praise relative to that article than criticism came to

our notice.

In the first place, we believe that Mr. Miller's reference to "snobbishness" was not intended as a wholesale indictment against the
tity of Birmingham: rather, we think he
intended it to be related to that phase of our
titizen activities concerning sororities and
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As a matter-of-fact, scores of newcomers to Birmingham have told us, over recent years, of the general hospitality and neighborliness evident in this area. To be sure, every community has within it persons who have a false sense of social values, who may try "to put on airs," but they are hardly a barometer of the entire community. Royal Oak, no doubt, itself has such people in it. We are not seeking here to defend Mr. Miller's reference to "snobblehness"; we believe that, were he a resident of this area, he would not have written wholly as he did.

But we do agree with him in his statement that sororities and fraternities in Michigan high schools are a violation of the State law high section of the state law of the beautiful that the state law high schools, on the theory that youth will always "gang up"; and such societies are merely evidence of that tendency.

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Yet the State law declares such groups to Yet the State law declares such groups to be undemocratic, inasmuch as they ostracize certain students from membership. The Ec-entric is not trying to control the morals of ts readers at all; but we do feel the obliga-ion of publishing; from time to time, marcial touching on every phase of our living— neluding violations of the law. In this issue we are publishing the thoughts of others on the subject; we invite every eader to do likewise. We consider this to be no obligation of all newspapers in America. So, Folks, send us your ideas on the sub-set.

Let's not allow the reference to "snobbish-ess" to cloud the fundamental issue involved.

USAND DOLLARS IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT Birmingham's summer recreational program.
That amount of money ought to be, and can be, obtained, we think. There are many public-spirited citizens in this old community willing to back such a fine program for our roots.

THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II WERE LED to believe that this nation's leaders would provide them with decent housing, within reasonable time. But the failure, to date, to do so suggests that, instead of building house, the federal administration is building policical fame.

Hoover Sees Danger conservation as a public official and in connection with his views on economic matters, recently told newly-commissioned naval officers that "there is more danger now than ever hefore in the history of the United States."

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While the former President did not go into the details upon which his statement was based, he made a point to advocate, the retention of islands in the Pacific, not for commercial interests or upon imperial grounds, but simply to provide for our own defense and the defense of the world.

We wish we could believe that the remarks of Mr. Hoover represent only the reaction of a conservative to the radical theory of Communism in economic affair. It may be that it represents the conclusion, for which there is considerable evidence, but which has not yet been proven. We should continue to give the Russians the benefit of the doubt, insofar as a war of aggression is concerned, but, at the same time, if we are wise, we should be prepared for other eventualities.

Prayers
The spectacle of thousands of soldiers in Camp Lee, Virginia, praying for the health of a 7-year-old girl, stricken with paralysis, finds a place on the news wires.

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The Chaplain at the camp called attention to the "spiritual assistance" and "spiritual aid" that children sometimes need for their "physical well-being."

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The incident illustrates the dependence of people upon spiritual assistance, but 'it also emphasizes the difference of opinion among various believers as to the efficacy of mental, or spiritual, treatment of disease. We believe it is a fact that in the early days of the Christian religion, there was a widespread belief in the power of prayer to curre physical ills and even today many people accept the theory.

In company with Kim Sicler, the editor of this newspaper has just completed a four of most of Michigan; we live in a great State; its people are interested in clean and honest government; all they need is a leader like Sigler to bring it about.

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People's Column

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Yours sincerely, W. A. M.

THE ECCENTRIC'S

Camera Corner



PICTURE OF THE WEEK. Taken at the Montgomery County Fair, Dayton, Ohio, this is additional proof, if more is needed, that two trotting horses can have all eight feet off the ground at the same time. These shadows on the ground add greatly to, an already action-packed shot. The time, the place, and the angle were well, picked by a photographer who knew his business. Taken with a Speed Graphic and the proof of the proof

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