

# THE ECCENTRIC

Birmingham, Michigan  
GEORGE R. AVERILL, Publisher

\$1.50 Per Year in Advance.  
126 N. Woodward Ave., Phone 11

Entered as second-class matter in the Postoffice at Birmingham, Mich.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1922.

## THE WORLD'S SIN

The sin of the world is selfishness. All crimes may be traced to the individual's lack of thought for his fellow men. Many will deny that they are selfish, but the fact remains that the world's policy is each for himself and the devil take the hindmost. This is not meant that the hindmost people are stingy. The most selfish may have outbreaks of generosity. It is simply that each person is interested in himself above all else and, if he is satisfied, he cares little about how other people fare.

All the crimes of which man is capable are merely different exhibitions of this one great and overwhelming power. Murder, arson, bigamy, thievery—each has its root in selfishness. Probably an absolute even as partially selfish one is a rarity. Men help one another, yes. They occasionally give up something they want to a friend. But let it become a case of great sacrifice and few will stand the test, except, perhaps, for some particular person. Love of self is too strong.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

At a recent meeting of the Village Commission it was stated by two of the commissioners that in spite of septic tanks there is an unhealthy odor arising from the village sewers where they empty into the River Rouge and that Birmingham must before long find a way to dispose of the main trunk line sewer of Detroit in order to properly dispose of sewage.

Why not build a plant to convert it into a form suitable for fertilizer? Why should we continue to contaminate our rivers and throw away this valuable waste product? Such procedure is economic waste. Would it not, instead, be to the interest and glory of Birmingham to work out a plan whereby its sewage is disposed of not only without waste but with profit? At any rate let us try.

The reasons why this should be done were perhaps best explained, sixty years ago, by the greatest of French poets, Victor Hugo, in his incomparable book "The Misérables."

"What is done with this filth, this filth which is swept into the abyss... These fetid streams of subterranean slime, which the pavement hides from you, do you know what all this is? It is the flowering meadow, it is the green grass, it is marjoram, thyme and sage, it is game, it is cattle, it is the satisfied hound of huge oxen at evening, it is perfume, bay, it is golden corn, it is bread on your table, it is warm blood in your veins, it is health, it is joy, it is life. This filth that mysterious creation which is transformation upon earth and transfiguration in heaven."

"Put that into the great crucible, your abundance shall spring from it. The nutrition of the least, the maintenance, the nourishment of men... It is the very substance of the people which is thus carried away from the earth, drop by drop, there in floods, by the wretched vomiting of our sewers into the rivers, and the gigantic collection of our rivers into the ocean... From this, two results: the land impoverished and the water infected. Hunger, arising from the furrow and disease rising from the river..."

"A double tubular arrangement provided with valves and sluiceways, sucking up and flowing back, a system of elementary drainage, as simple as the lungs of man, and which is already in operation in several villages in England, would give life to bring into our fields the pure water of the fields and send back into our fields the rich water of the city; and this city sewage, the simplest in the world, would retain in our possession the wealth that flows away. We are thinking of something else."

"The present system does harm in endeavoring to do good. The intention is good, the result is sad. Men think they are purging the city, they are emancipating the population, they are making a mistake. When drainage everywhere, with its double functions restoring what it takes away, shall have replaced the sewer, that simple, unimproving washing, then, this being combined with the data of a new social economy, the products of the earth will be increased tenfold, and the problem of misery will be wonderfully diminished. Add the suppression of parasitism, it will be solved."

Reputation is not thought of much, until it is lost.

"Wife hits husband with a iron"—News item. Trying to iron out their troubles, perhaps.

A man who will not see things as you do is obstinate. When you do not see things the same as another, you are only firm in your convictions.

Burglars work shorter hours than bankers. But the trouble with the burglar business, the field is overcrowded.

Failure and success live close together. Follow the narrow path of hard, conscientious work and you'll get to the right door.

The king business is still on the decline.

An expert auto driver is one who can, when going 40 miles an hour, convince a cop he is only traveling 20.

## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

**Forty-Four Years Ago**  
Balmy weather—don't you?

Vandy Wooster says he hasn't much of an appetite—but two pans of milk and a wash boiler full of bread don't stand a ghost of a show when Vandy walks sixteen miles before supper.

"Where, Oh where is that railroad Birmingham was so sure of getting? Birmingham was 'where?' Royal Oak Midget. So? But does Edna say anything about his dying with 'hermet of the lungs'?"

All take a back seat. Edwin Starr of Royal Oak has presented us with two enormous radishes, each weighing one and one half pounds. Let me see if any one will trump that will beat this (radish).

A Big Beaver girl told a young lady of this place (confidentially, of course) that the first time her beau kissed her she felt like a tub of roses swimming in honey colored nutmegs and huckleberries. She felt as if some one was running through her nerves on feet of diamonds escorted by several little cupid's drawn by pumpkins and she felt like a rainbow and the whole spread with melted rainbows.

Stephen Gardner of Southfield got measured for an umbrella last Tuesday morning and he was told to make it fit a man eleven feet high. Upon questioning him it was discovered that he was a very tall man. He was the advent of a little girl stranger in his house the night before. What suburbanites must have done there in Southfield.

A crowd of men at the post office were waging a wordy war on Friday last as to how Mart Toma spent "Jane" some claiming one way and some another. Finally they ventured to assert that we had seen him write in "Jane" whereupon Mark appeared in his own self defense yelling lustily, "Oh, how these editors will lie! Everybody knows that the right way to write 'Jane' is 'Jas'—and I never spelt it any other way, by glory!" And as he by picked up the vest buttons of the floor he sighed to himself: that men like Mart were so scarce nowadays.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago**  
A large and enthusiastic congregation greeted the new vesting at the St. James church last Sunday morning. The children's voices were exquisitely sweet and the harmonization of the hymns was very well illustrated the skill of their instructor and leader, Rev. C. R. Stearns.

There is a frisky oldwidower about Birmingham that makes himself awfully numerous among the old maids about town and the adjoining town of Troy. He is right in the swim, and as well as his friends remark, he is just coming out. He is dreadfully gay and sometimes giddy as he curts his blonde mustache and dresses for the numerous receptions and camp reunions that are given for his special benefit. There is nothing like being a "masher," driving a dandy rig and having a dozen old Irish lemons roll out of the time but we would advise him to go slow for we would not wish to see him bring sorrow to anyone's heart.

Dry, dryer, drier, dryest!

W. I. McClelland started a potato digger Monday last, and the way the Irish lemons roll out of the time but we would advise him to go slow for we would not wish to see him bring sorrow to anyone's heart.

Photographer Tomlinson got an excellent photo of the beautiful new U. P. church Tuesday and it is a fine piece of work.

John Hanna is not exactly "painting the town red," but he has recently adorned his business establishment with an abundance of that popular color. It looks nobly to say the least.

Thirteen millions of eggs have been sent out from the Thirville fish hatchery the past year.

After a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. North at their home on North Woodward Avenue, Dr. and Mrs. F. O. Brooks left last week for Honolulu, where they will spend their permanent home in Pasadena, Calif. Dr. and Mrs. North have, for many years, been residents of Detroit and have made a very large number of friends and acquaintances in this community.

**PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN**

Why do the girls fall for This Kind of a Guy, Fellows? All he can do is to Shake a Mean Hood at the Dance, but he's well on his way to Satisfy his Ambition to Go With every Girl in Town. Why do the Silly Creatures prefer the Fusser to Many Guys like Me & You, huh?

**C. FLOYD SMITH**

**PAINTING, DECORATING, PAPERHANGING**

306 Oakland Ave. PHONE 604 Birmingham, Mich.

**DALE D. CARTER**

**PAINTING, DECORATING, PAPERHANGING**

123 Harmon Street BIRMINGHAM

## PRESS PICKINGS

A much needed and forward improvement is now in evidence throughout Oakland county by the erection of railway crossing signs by the Oakland County Road Commission. Practically all of the 250 metal railroads of the state have been erected, placing one on each side of the crossing, from 500 to 600 feet away.

The state highway signs have been completed, and work has been started on the 252 danger signs which are to be placed by October 25th, according to announcement of the parties in charge.

Officials of the American Automobile association are asking their members throughout the country to sign the "Pledge of Carefulness," issued by the Highway Extension Board of Washington in connection with its safety program for 1922.

Pointing to the fact that some apple growers in Michigan are making profits of \$100 an acre in spite of a poor season, R. B. Gardner of the horticultural department at Michigan Agricultural College lays stress upon the fact that the best method for orchardists and declares that "well-grown, perfect winter apples always find a market."

It is estimated that fully 1800 people assembled at the Detroit Motor Show, Sept. 28, for the ditch blasting demonstration held there.

Within a very few days the water mains connecting Redford with the Detroit system will all be laid to the pump house, but there will be a delay owing to the non-arrival of the pump. The water board believe that it is only a matter of a short time until the pump will be here and set ready for business.

That Michigan dairy farmers are making a steady increasing drive for better standards in the industry is indicated by announcement that five co-operative associations have opened for business in the state this month. This brings the total of Michigan test associations to more than 25, a record for the state.

According to E. F. Glasgow, assistant Oakland county highway engineer, "The mile of gravel road on the Twelve mile road running from the corner of Southfield road is now completed and in excellent condition for traffic. The Oakland road, running 2 1/2 miles east from Oakland county office to the Lapeer road is nearing completion. All other 1922 gravel roads will be finished before the end of the current construction season."

## PERSONALS

Irwin Booth of Lincoln avenue, who has spent several weeks at Park Ridge, Ill., is returned to his home, remaining there until Tuesday of last week, when he left for Ann Arbor to attend the University of Michigan.

Miss Bata Patton, after an extended visit with her uncle, T. C. Hotelling of Merrill street, has returned to her home in Carson City.

Detroit visitors at the home of George Hart of Park street, recently, were J. Oliver Tollope and sister, Mrs. Berta Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Robinson of Rochester, called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hotelling of Merrill street, last week.

After the regular meeting of the Eastern Stars Wednesday of last week, a farewell party was given at the lodge rooms for Mrs. Bert Gravin of this city. Mrs. Gravin was a charter member of the Eastern Stars and has been for many years a resident of Birmingham. She will now make her home in California.

The M. D. C. went on a six mile hike to Big Beaver, Tuesday of last week. The young ladies rode home, however, to supper at Royal Oak for lunch. These hikes are very frequent with these girls and according to the plan, they will continue them for some time to come.

Mrs. G. J. Wilson of Vinewood avenue, who has been spending a week or so at Grand Rapids, returned to her home last week. During her stay, she attended the marriage of her niece, Corinne Culbert, to Mr. Floyd V. Cederlund of that city.

## DETOIT UNITED LINES BIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE

In Effect June 5, 1922 (Eastern Standard Time)

Southbound Limited—(except Sunday):  
8:15 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.  
11:15 a.m.  
12:15 p.m.  
1:15 p.m.  
2:15 p.m.  
3:15 p.m.  
4:15 p.m.  
5:15 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.  
8:15 p.m.  
9:15 p.m.  
10:15 p.m.  
11:15 p.m.  
12:15 a.m.

Flint Division  
Change at Royal Oak for Rochester, Or. for Detroit, Kalamazoo and Bay City. Through limited cars for Flint, Saginaw, Bay City at 7:15 a.m. and every two hours to 1:15 p.m.

## BUSINESS FORECAST

Courtesy of First State Savings Bank

Virtual settlement of the three major strikes has removed the restraints which came very near prostrating industrial activity. As a result of reduction in purchasing power through loss of wages, and the burden of accumulated and seasonal freight charges upon the railroads, it will probably be some months before industry resumes its forward stride, although business activity and trade this fall are expected to be on a fair scale. The opinion is expressed by a banking authority that consumer goods has exceeded production so long that consumable goods do not exist any longer. He adds that the demand is urgent and factories must resume full time operations at once if we are not to have acute scarcity; he also predicts a decided shortage of labor next year as well as a general rise in prices.

Against this rather favorable picture of the future is the practical certainty of unsettled foreign conditions for some time to come, with resultant increased caution on the part of foreign buyers. The steel wage strike, as well as other products, stresses the still unbalanced economic condition of this country and suggests the possibility, in view of the large credit facilities, that some correct corrective measures may be taken to the ability of the people to purchase, may halt the growing trade deficit. Before the United States can have any pronounced period of prosperity, the purchasing power of the farmer must be brought more in line with that of the country's industrial workers, and, as the wage trend now appears to be upward, it is probable that next year or two, this can only be accomplished through higher prices for farm products.

Many competent observers believe that this country is facing another period of inflation, and developments recently have been of a character to tend color to such arguments. Both wages and commodities are now trending upward. Moderate inflation would stimulate business, help to restore normal price relationships between various industries, and increase the scales among different workers, and facilitate the general refunding operation which the treasury is reported to be planning for next year. Such a period of inflation would, however, necessarily short-lived, unless Europe become a substantial consumer of American raw products. Even then movement of manufacturer-

ed products in volume from the other side to this country would likely mark the culmination of the artificial condition thus created.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

## MICKIE SAYS

SEND OUR PAPER TO AN OUT-OF-TOWN FRIEND, OR TO THE GUY OR GALS YOU MEET AT SCHOOL. YOU'LL NEVER REALIZE HOW HUNGRY ONE GUY FEELS HOME NEWS UNTIL HEER ANIAN-HEGSELF SOMETIME

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

John the Boy of the Year

ed products in volume from the other side to this country would likely mark the culmination of the artificial condition thus created.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

Should a considerable inflation actually occur, it will in all probability not progress to a dangerous level for the reason that its true nature will be widely recognized and the disaffect of too many people staying their markets not repeated.

If We Do It, It Will be "Good Printing."

Remember—Telephone 11 is The Eccentric.

PHONE 626

For Service and Quality Try The

**Birmingham SHOE SHOP**

Repairs While You Wait

120 EAST MAPLE AVE. WORK CALLED FOR AND DELIVERED FREE

BETTER THAN EVER

# Peerless Ice Cream

COBB'S, "BILLY'S PALACE OF SWEETS," BAILEY'S, GRAY SWEET SHOP, TEMPLE GROCERY, AND UPPER'S

Manufactured by

**Birmingham Creamery & Ice Mfg. Co.**

420 EAST MAPLE Phone 33

"Patronize a Birmingham-Made Product"

Rev. W. C. Armstrong of Southfield, attended the Synod in Ohio last week.

The Men's Bridge Club of Birmingham met at the home of Frank Gordon, on Southfield avenue, Tuesday evening, October 3.

The Misses Gary and Helen Beavis of Detroit, were guests of their sister, Mrs. H. J. Booth of Lincoln street, last week-end. Miss Florence Currier, also of Detroit, and niece, Mrs. Booth, accompanied her

Rev. W. C. Armstrong of Southfield, attended the Synod in Ohio last week.

The Men's Bridge Club of Birmingham met at the home of Frank Gordon