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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have value and which are written by persons not connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

New York's Holiday

Our civilization has asserted itself again during the week. This time it took the life in New York State of Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray.

The history of the case is easily told. Its first chapter, in this age, has become almost a commonplace. A wife grows tired of her husband. She meets "the other man" who interests her.

Then Society took a hand. To show the world that it did not sanction murder, the state murdered two murderers.

People of New York make up the State. People of New York wanted "their cup of blood; their Roman holiday." They got it.

Harry Brooks Is Succeeding

Birmingham gestured its approval of one of its sons at the testimonial dinner given last week for Harry Brooks.

Brooks, at a young age, saw the possibilities of the air. He believed, years ago, that it would occupy an eminent place in the realm of transportation.

Herbert S. Elgot conducted a school for prohibition agents in New York City, yet was steadily engaged as a bootlegger, his wife says in a divorce complaint.

Law enforcing officers in the Upper Peninsula are waging a campaign to make drivers of wagons and sleighs display red lanterns at the rear of their vehicles.

Miss Maude Royden, famous English woman preacher, has been given the cold shoulder by many American women because she is said to smoke cigarettes, drink liquids other than plain water, and believe in transportation marriage.

The people of Birmingham city, with natural concern, the decision tonight of the city-village committee on whether the meetings will continue to be closed to the public.

They regard the spectacle of their representatives working behind locked doors, much as the builder of a home would regard the plans until the house was completed.

Working on an assumption that which they have a right, that everything is friendly and well meant, they do not quite understand the lack of hospitality.

All this whispering and apparent intrigue baffles them.

The question of a change to a city government arose, and because there was a divided opinion on the matter, several citizens who are qualified agreed to make a study of the situation.

No doubt it will be opened again tonight and the people of the village will be allowed to see for themselves that a conscientious group is doing its utmost for the welfare of the community.

Qualities Of Greatness

Simplicity as the essence of greatness. Strip the ordinary human being of all his vanity, his arrogance and pride, and if he is invested with sound intelligence, you will produce something akin to genius.

Those who were fortunate enough to sit near Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh at the testimonial banquet tendered Harry Brooks, local aviator, last week, must have been struck with the absence of vanity, arrogance or pride that this very wet feminine personality presented.

Too, it was fine to watch Harry Brooks, the guest of honor. Without any bombast, speaking quietly and answering when spoken to, this youthful local flying pioneer reflected many of the qualities that stamp him apart from his kind.

Revised, wouldn't it be possible to include in the Bible another statement to the effect that "the meek shall inherit the earth"—and the air, as well?

The Dance Hall Problem

Birmingham's village commission, last week, openly denied the Bloomfield Hills Auditorium Company a license to operate a dance hall in this community.

It is supposed, of course, that the village commission, in refusing the license, is not opposing the art of dancing, or the pleasure derived therefrom under proper circumstances; rather, it would seem, they are attempting to protect Birmingham and vicinity against what might develop into an unmanageable place of pleasure.

The Standard Oil Co. of New York, say newspaper dispatches, has declared a price war with the Dutch Shell Co., a British competitor.

Calvin Coolidge, President, is enjoying himself with Mrs. Coolidge at Havana, Cuba, where the sixth annual Pan-American conference is being held.

Village president Ellerby and commissioners Halgren, White, and Hershey Monday night approved the purchase of the two remaining pieces of land in a city block in Birmingham of interest and value.

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CHURCHES

United Presbyterian Church
On Woodward at Forest
Rev. E. J. Foster, Pastor
814 Chester St.
Bible School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a. m.

Southfield Methodist
Calvin M. Thompson, Minister
Divine Worship at 10:30.
Sermon, "Giving God a Square Deal." Also other sermons to Boys and Girls.

First Baptist Church
Willets and Bates Sts.
David Leon Woodward, R. R.
Minister.
Res. 116 Fernside Ave.
Phone 3412.

Morning Worship, 11:15 a. m.
Sermon by the pastor on "The Christian Athelete." There will be a junior sermonette for the children.

Holy Name Church
Mass will be held at the Holy Name Chapel on Barnow avenue Sundays at the following hours: 8, 10 and 12 a. m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Corner Lincoln and Harmon sts.
Rev. R. E. Scher, Minister.
Regular service at 11:00 o'clock.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Multiple Avenue, West of Henric
Rev. Robert Marenus Atkins, Minister.
Classes for everyone.

Southfield United Presbyterian Church
Rev. W. T. Armstrong, Minister
Preaching Service, 11 a. m.
Sabbath School, 12 o'clock.

Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle
Purdy and Frank Streets
Sunday morning worship, 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School, 10:45 a. m.

The Presbyterian Church
Floyd Emerson Loges, Minister
The Bible School meets at 10:00 o'clock.

STARTS SERIES



REV. D. L. WOODWARD
The first of a series of unique Sunday evening sermons on "Intimate Personal Questions" will be given next Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Woodward.

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THEATERS

Laurence Schwab and Frank Mander are presenting "Good News" have announced that later on this season they will bring to the Cass Theater their other smashing success "The Desert Song," the romantic opera that is now playing the Great Northern Theater in Chicago.

Reverting to "Good News," it has been noted that so highly popular has this musical comedy become to Detroit theatergoers and other visitors from other parts of Michigan and Ohio that the Cass Theater management is desirous of announcing that any one from out of town desirous of making reservations for seats can do so.

"The Spider" has been thrilling audiences at the Shubert Lafayette Theater, Detroit, for the past three weeks, has been held over for an extra week to afford visitors to the Automobile Show an opportunity of seeing this most talked-of mystery play.

The statuary and handsome William Courtenay, hero of many well-remembered plays, such as "Arsene Lupin" and "Steven Denby" portraits Chattrand the Great. Police Mr. Courtenay maneuvering as a suave and dexterous magician, twirling a stick until it vanishes in his hands, bringing a glass bowl of goldfish from beneath his coat, or waving a wand and bringing forth a live figure from an empty cabinet, is to receive a strange impression of the versatility of this actor.

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