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That Football Game

Baldwin High School will play football against Mt. Clemens here tomorrow with the best team Coach George F. Johnson can muster.

Persons taking opposite sides in the recent controversy regarding playing the game will bury their hatchets, at least for the afternoon, and will attend the game with one thought in mind—to encourage the local team to win the game and win by playing clean, hard football.

Despite the accusations hurled at the Mt. Clemens team, it is a safe conjecture that their conduct on the field tomorrow will be irreproachable.

The Planner's Report

Birmingham citizens during the past week have been given printed copies of the results of an investigation into village planning made this year by Arthur C. Comey, eastern city planner.

Many phases of community development confront Birmingham during the next few years. Street widening, park and playground development, sewer and water expansion, these are but major items in Birmingham's future municipal growth.

We would not suggest that Mr. Comey's report is 100 per cent correct for Birmingham, but it does contain many practical suggestions.

In The Old Days

In the "Twenty-five Years Ago" column of the Eccentric last week you read this item: "The hauling of gravel and filling up the great holes in front of the hitching posts on our streets is an act for which Street Commissioner Keyser should be commended."

For World Peace

A remarkable visit of a foreign envoy has ended. With the departure of Ramsey McDonald from this country it seems to be an almost universal expression that more was accomplished to bring about world disarmament and world peace than through any other conference that has so far been held.

The world has faith in Ramsey McDonald; it has faith in President Hoover and the United States of America; suspicion has been replaced with trust, misunderstanding with understanding, love and respect in place of hate and resentment.

To polish diamonds properly, use the dust of other diamonds. By breaking up some of your smaller diamonds with a hard hammer, you will be able to polish your own dust.

CONNECTICUT TOWNS are going deeply in debt, according to a recent statement from the state tax commissioner of that eastern unit of our national government.

As an Irishman would say, Mr. Shearer appears to be the life of the party.

If Mr. Smoot ever endorses a cigarette instead of a sweet it will be new.

Some legislators think a flexible tariff is one that can stretch but can't shrink.

Air Accidents

History, at least local, was made this week when Assistant Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson launched an investigation into the latest airplane fatality in Oakland County.

Safety of persons who travel in the air as well as the future of aviation depend largely on the quality of men allowed to fly airplanes.

The "Bologna Commission"

Here is a bit of very important news to citizens of Michigan, since it comes from a man who is very close to Fred W. Green, Governor of this great Commonwealth.

"A Bologna Commission might not be such a bad thing after all. There's a lot of boloney being handed out these days and it's about time the boys got busy and began checking up on it.

"As chairman of the board we've decided to appoint an all star commission as follows: "George H. DeFoe, Republican, Secretary Liverwort—George R. Averil, Treasurer Frankfurter—Elton R. Elton, Northville Record.

"Other members of the commission named, and who will serve without compensation, are: Grand Wizard—Hamburger—Schurmer—Mash—Clinton County Republican—News, statistics department; Headcheese—George English, Bad Axe Tribune; Shore line highways; Landyager Sausage—Chet Howell, Chesing Argus, why a state senator; Summer Sausage—Pat O'Brien, Iron River Reporter, the bleak peninsula; Brownwinger Sausage—Yern J. Brown, Indian County News, why the legislature?

"Meetings of the newest commission will be held in the senate chamber at Lansing, the scene of more boloney than any other spot on earth. As pointed out by Senator Chet Howell, it was in this room that Seth Pulver, of Shiawassee county, threw his impassioned speech on the "smeller" bill, knocking down three chandeliers and seriously wounding the presiding officer from Eaton county.

Guarding Church Offerings

It has long been an accepted fact that when sums of currency of any appreciable amount are being transported in the cities an armed guard is always provided for the protection of the bank messengers.

But one does not expect that in reference to church funds, which is exactly what happened last Sunday evening in Grand Rapids when the home missions offering was being gathered at the First Methodist church in that city.

Which reveals two things—home mission offerings are much more abundant than in the old days—and that it might be well to use a part of the funds to secure the church entrance caused the pastor to take the precaution of asking for police protection.

It can not be denied that the liquor problem is staggering.

Anyways, the worm can turn without danger of going into a tail-spin.

Senator Howell declares that there is drinking going on in Washington. Who would have thought it?

Last Ball Game Over The Radio

Excitement! Oh, I never knew such thrills, so gay a time! Much too fine to try to tell! In just a simple rhyme!

I saw it all, and did I yell, Though I stayed right at home! Mended shirts and made me jell And tried to write a poem.

While rows of hungry jays I filled I watched the game and I was thrilled, Thrilled just because the winners won, Cause I could see and hear the fun.

It seemed a little bit unfair That just one side could win. Why wasn't it for everyone, The hubbub and the din!

Life is all the same. —BEATRICE McDONALD.

THE GREAT HUMAN PUZZLE



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be a week in advance and will be kept confidential upon request.

BASEBALL.

To the Editor: While baseball as we know it is a sport of comparatively recent development, a game in which a tossed ball was batted with a rube club has been traced back to the 14th century in Europe.

The first code of baseball rules was formulated by the Knickerbocker club of New York in 1845, the first match game was played the following year, and the first game-money series of games took place at Hoboken in 1858.

Rockford, Ill., team first employed regularly salaried players, played regularly in modern stadiums, and the Cincinnati Red Stockings, organized in 1868, is considered the first professional club.

I believe my neighbor is wrong. My children have a monetary value to the town. For their needs my earnings are spent. I buy from him such things as he has to sell, thereby adding to his riches.

I go farther. I am raising no more profit nor cattle on the market, but raw material for the nation tomorrow. They are not mine alone, they belong to my neighbor as well. It is to his interest, as well as mine, that they become trained, as they are educated, they will develop.

My neighbor has no more right to spread niggardly propaganda for cheap news than I have to throw trash in his yard.

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

Which dull moralizing arise from considering the fact that in the state of Maine, a referendum on newspaper, the Portland News, fighting for what it deemed popular rights, was taken out of Maine from surrendering to the power trust.

Less than a year ago the Portland News was the victim of a heavy boycott by the plug hat influences of the community. Advertisers by some means seemed to avoid the Portland News.

Not by bragging, not by advertising itself as "Maine's greatest paper," but by modesty, efficiency, and character.

The modern wife doesn't know where her husband goes to in the evening, she says, "I should try staying at home one evening; she might find him there." —London Opinion.

Schettler Leases Birmingham's Busiest Corner

In keeping with our policy of having nothing but the highest class merchants in the new Hanna Building stores, it is a source of satisfaction to us to announce that the Schettler Drug Company have leased the store at the Southwest corner of Woodward Avenue and Maple.

It is an interesting fact to note that this store has proved, by actual count, to have more pedestrians pass it per day than any other retail corner in the Village.

Out of a great many applicants, we have given the preference to the Schettler Store, because in our opinion they are one of the finest types of drug store in the country and are entitled to this outstanding location.

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The French official was the epitome of courtesy. When the grande dame appeared for a passport, he could not hurt her, despite a disfigurement, so he wrote: "Eyes—Dark, beautiful, tender, expressive (but one missing)—Boston Transcript.

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