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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have new value and which are written by persons not presented before in our columns.

Our Graduating Class

Sixty Birmingham and nearby boys and girls, precocious beyond measure to their parents and friends, graduated from the Baldwin high school last week.

It cost a great deal of money to send these sixty young folks forth into a world that, ere they finish it, will offer them perplexity and bewilderment.

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Unselfish Service

The resignation of Mrs. Charles J. Shain from the presidency of the Community House Board, effective in September, has been received with respect by those who recognize her unflinching devotion to the cause of this project over a period of nearly eight years.

Good people like Mrs. Shain and Mrs. Mann, who give of themselves without a cent, are the backbone of a local citizenry that has made Birmingham and vicinity an outstanding residential area in Michigan.

LOVE MAY BE A MIRACLE in the life of human beings; since it may flow into the lowest blossoms of happiness; but the modern version of love, based too often upon physical values, forfeits its miracle-working powers to the less majestic powers of the divorce court.

CIVILIZATION IS QUICK to accept new ideas, either in fashion or physical invention. For instance, observe how quickly criticism of women taking up smoking has subsided; and how speedily the careful chaperone has chased the horse off the road. There is nothing permanent, save change—and even change is not permanent when considered as cash in the pocket.

WE HEARD A CHAP the other day complaining about the amount of money that women spend for clothing. We suggest that he economically minded a person live on the Sandwich Islands, if he does not believe in modern body-coverings.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS in this country have harvested the annual crop of youthful minds, and will send them forth into society to carry on the business of life. What marvelous opportunities await those who truly serve!

A CHURCH, WE HAVE ALWAYS been led to believe, is merely an edifice in which somebody who knows a tolerable amount of information about God seeks to convey that information to people called the congregation. When preachers get to talking about things less important than knowledge about God, does their pulpit live up to its opportunities?

CHASE SALMON OBORN, the study orator from the boat who once graced the Governor's chair in Michigan, has started with the election to the United States Senate. Mr. Oborn is a great mind—but hardly practical enough, we feel, to exceed the value of a chap like Jim Couzens.

Zoning Ordinance Needed

Birmingham's need for a workable plan of zoning, part of which may be embodied in an acceptable zoning ordinance, was recalled here last week when Harlow N. Davock, a member of the Birmingham Village Planning Commission, spoke upon this subject before the House of the City of Birmingham.

In October, 1926, Birmingham citizens, after a hectic campaign upon the subject of adopting a zoning ordinance, voted it down. It was felt that that defeat of the zoning plan was more definitely directed at the specific ordinance advanced, than against the whole zoning idea.

Michigan's Republicanism

Politics in Michigan, generally overwhelmingly Republican, are in a state of turbulence. As far as we are able to observe, the Republican groups gathered about offices to be filled this fall, from Governor down to county coroner, are battling with each other.

Although we profess allegiance to the Republican party, there are times when, for the sake of good government, we often wish there were more Democrats in Michigan.

If we may venture a suggestion to those who claim fealty for the Grand Old Party in Michigan, we would say this: "The people of this state (and all other political views, as will Rogers argues) of unprecendent prosperity, and paid their governmental bills, suffered at the hands of incompetent politicians, while they sought various ways and means of spending the remainder of their incomes."

Children born on this day will never eat more fruit than they put in the basket when it turned loose in a strawberry patch. Ora Organston was born on this day and will be remembered as 'one of the greatest crickets' spectators that ever fell asleep during a game.

Hoi Polloi

"Rudy" Vallee is the only one singing of the future love-romance and the platinum. —Dr. Fritz Wittels.

Little touches with the thumb added to the scale, Kinds help the grocer. When he makes a sale.

Inspired Thoughts

How burdensome and cheerless are the days That bring no fragment of a happy thought. Nor laughter on the morning breeze. Along their chain of dull and stupid hours, no rays Of sunshine penetrate. A darkness maze Envelops earth and everything seems wrong. Until some friend with buoyant heart and strong Speaks words of wisdom and inspiring praise. Can a song, a burst of laughter, just a smile, Can change the day and make things seem worth while.

Somehow; just like a quickly opened door. That gives a glimpse of lovely things once more. And then, as though life's desolate and drear, Were just heart hungry for a word of cheer. —BEATRICE McDONALD.

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EX-MATRIX

Dear Radio Audience: Almost "Andrew, our entertainer tonight, have become afflicted with another ailment. Probably, dear unseen audience, because they have been before the "blushin' too, you were turned inside out in public. As for wathermelon! Andrew: "Bejabbers! Almost an' right you are! But almost 'his' froot so red on the inside and so green on the outside!"

Almost "Faith, Andrew, an' your idjitkashun has been sadly neglected. Wathermelon blushes like bright red 'his' froot, but with its mouth gassin' so. An' 'his' moar, you would be after 'blushin' too, you were turned inside out in public. As for wathermelon! Andrew: "Bejabbers! Almost an' right you are! But almost 'his' froot so red on the inside and so green on the outside!"

Horse-Scope

"the stars incline, stay in at night."

According to the stars, great events are foretold. The seers believe that it will only be a matter of crickets until there will be ONE PILL FOR EVERY PAIN.

While this configuration prevails, please people for silencing front porch radios with a sling-shot should perfect their aim, so that by-standers are likely to suffer from unnecessary wild-gone.

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Probably some people will be too drunk to vote in our prohibition poll.

News Item

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ON THE '30 YARD LINE!



THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

TiRED AND DISGUSTED? Petitions asking for the re-election of Frank Schram, sheriff of Oakland County, for a fourth term, are being circulated in Rochester. The spirit of the election of Mr. Schram because he believes that he would establish a bad precedent. It is not the purpose of this article to indicate a "wide operation" of Mr. Schram's administration. Recent developments, in connection with vice in Pontiac and vicinity, seem to indicate a "wide operation" of Mr. Schram's administration. Recent developments, in connection with vice in Pontiac and vicinity, seem to indicate a "wide operation" of Mr. Schram's administration.

Kidding The Great Ones

Cicero sighed, and pulling his toga more securely around his waist, or what in his youth had been his waist, he sighed again. "Ah, that Cataline should ever so defeat me!" He mourned. "He whom I have humiliated in the forum, at the baths and in the temples. Alas, that he should now be victor! Woe is me! Odds-bodkins! And a brace of epithets!" said Cicero—and sighed again.

The "Big Shots" Say:—

Herbert S. Houston, speaking to Advertiser Federators: "International trade cannot be carried on without international peace and advertising, if used wisely, has a great power to provide the essential peace."

J. Ramsey MacDonald, British Premier: "We hear war called murder. It is suicide."

Henry Darlington, preacher: "Recently a friend took me for a ride in a motor car. All I recall of it is the zip, zip, zip of trees and telegraph poles as they shot by."

S. Parks Cadman, preacher: "Instead of Christianizing nations we have nationalized Christianity."

John Foster Fraser, British writer: "I like the system of government in the United States, chiefly because it is non-democratic. A president is elected and stays, no matter what the people may think about his tenure."

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J. L. Clark: "Killing of elephants in Africa is rapidly bringing to extinction these ponderous slow-growing animals."

Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, just back from Europe: "The big upsurges and storms which take place from time to time in Europe may be described as growing pains."

Lewis Wiley, business manager, New York Times: "You have the good sense to choose your friends wisely; you owe an obligation to choose your newspapers intelligently."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

To the Editor: Now that the confusion regarding the spelling of Lahar road has finally been ended, and we know definitely that it is Lahar and not Lubar as conflicting street signs have proclaimed, I feel it is time to make the public Willis-concious.

Signs on the corners of that street read "Willita"; the telephone book prefers, "Willitas." Various individuals have found an astonishingly large number of ways to spell that simple name.

If the reader will make a study of the history of our fair town, he will find that years ago in the northwestern part of Birmingham was largely included in a farm, known as the Willis farm, and owned by a family by that name. It is not too much to presume, that since the Willis family is an important part in affairs of the village, what is known as Willis street should be named after this family. Presumably: We have it: It is Willis street.

They Have Murnured:

IMAGINATION You and the world about you: the things which your mind creates within its imagination, its workshop of thoughts processes. The only difference between the great man or woman and one entirely unknown is the quantity and quality of imagination between them in their respective heads.

Remember what Napoleon said? "Imagination rules the world." And the great Henry Ward Beecher once declared that "What the soul invents in imagination that an observatory would be without a telescope." "Imagination disposes of every thing; it creates beauty, justice, and happiness, which are everything in this world of ours." "The lunatic, the lover, and the poet, are of imagination all compact." Shakespeare.

Our Scrap Book

KINDNESS AND HAPPINESS. Kindness is one of the virtues usually practiced by those who live a harmonious life. It is one of the most soothing and comforting of emotions.

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