

Sometimes, when things seem to be winding up...  
you know it to be good, stop into a florist's shop and buy a large bouquet of flowers...  
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**THIS and THAT**  
**Walpole Wins**  
In the game of Capt. Arthur Walpole played Sunday, the world's best gentleman warrior...  
**Chawke's Death**  
Few Detroit newspapermen have away without a great respect for his gentleness...  
**Rep. Moore's Hearing**  
We can realize better than most, perhaps, the great amount of time and money spent by Mr. Moore in determining just how Oakland County is now governed...  
**Word has come**  
Word has come to G. R. A. that bootleggers have laid out 200 policemen.

**CHARVIE DEAS FOR DEFEAT OF FOSTER BILL**  
**Capital Punishment Law Would Result in Fewer Convictions, He Says**  
**250 HEAR SPEAKER**  
How the Foster Capital Punishment Bill would result in fewer convictions of persons charged with murder in the first degree, enacted into law as a result of the election held last night by Thomas V. Chawke, noted criminal attorney...  
**Would Prove Dangerous**  
In a public hearing... the public conscience has been aroused and everywhere the thinking provisions of the bill are coming to the conclusion that to adopt this bill would bring about a dangerous condition in the state.

**MERCHANTS OFFER BARGAINS FRIDAY**  
Twenty-two merchants tomorrow will offer another series of special Friday bargains which are advertised in this week's issue of The Eccentric.

**KURTH TEAM WINS 'V' COURT CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Last-Minute Rally Enables Rivals To Tie 2-2**  
**PLAY FAST AND ROUGH**  
By JOHN T. CHANDLER  
Thrilling last-minute rally that gave them the lead after trailing 2-1 to 2-2 with two minutes to play, won the 'V' court of the Birmingham V. M. C. A. League for the Kurth team over the Erie squad in a exciting game in the Baldwin High School gymnasium...

**DISMISSED IN POLICE SHAKE-UP**

**Henry Millerbrant**  
**Edward V. Myers**  
**Harry Johnson**  
In addition to retiring from the Michigan capital punishment bill nomination candidates for two judges of the Supreme Court, two Regents of the University of Michigan, a Superintendent of Public Instruction in Oakland County, E. J. Lederer, Republican, is unopposed for nomination for County School Commissioner.

**GOLF CLUBS PLAN TO OPEN SEASON**  
**Many Clubs Opened Informally Yesterday, But Play Is Not Very Active**

**BUDGET STUDY SETS SELF ON FIRE IN CELL HERE, DIES**  
**Adoption of Proposed \$401,165 Village Expense Plan Deferred**  
**CROWD AT HEARING**  
In order to permit a more thorough study of the proposed \$401,165 village budget by the newly appointed committee of the Board of Public Health, the public hearing and adoption of the budget was postponed for another week.

**Miss Reese Ouster Hearing Tomorrow**

**State to Vote on Death Bill Next Monday**  
**Candidates for State and Township Offices Also on Ballot**  
**LEDERER UNOPPOSED**  
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**CHUCK HACKETT DROPS THREE FROM FORCE**

**Legalized Murder by State Not Crime Cure, Figures Show**  
The situation is little short of dire and another suitable remedy has been long delayed. There is, however, no apparent reason for any of the channels any sort of makeshift plan that might be shown beyond reasonable doubt to mark a real and small promise of actually reducing the amount of crime committed in this state.

**CHURCHES HERE PLAN ELABORATE SERVICES FOR EASTER SUNDAY**

**Well-Known Real Estate Dealer Succumbs Here After Long Illness**  
Ernest J. Shipman, well known real estate dealer in the Detroit area, succumbed Sunday following an illness that began at his home at 1400 Maryland following a heart attack.

**Blountfield Board Adjourns Until April Because of Delay in Statements**  
**Ha-ha, it's April Fool!**  
With the special permission of the copyright owners, we offer this observation: The popular "Ha-ha, it's April Fool!" is a most appropriate slogan for the month of April.

**BLUMFIELD TOWNSHIP MEET AGAIN POSTPONED**  
**Churches Here Plan Elaborate Services for Easter Sunday**  
The spiritual significance of Easter will be emphasized by the churches here on the day which special services will be held commencing the day after tomorrow.

**INSURANCE**  
Of all the things which are most important in the life of a person, insurance is one of the most essential.

**VIET'S CONTRACT AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RENEUED FOR ANOTHER YEAR**  
The contract of Superintendent of Schools, V. L. Viet, has been renewed for another year.

**CLARENCE GAMBER IS A MODEST GOLFER**  
Clarence Gamber is a modest golfer who has won many local tournaments.

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