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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish articles of events which have value and interest to its readers. The editor reserves the right to edit and to omit any material...

Thank You, Mr. Miller

In a letter addressed to the editor of The Eccentric, a neighboring newspaperman of many years experience offers his warmest wishes for the weekly journal.

Mr. George R. Averill, Publisher, The Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Mich. Dear Mr. Averill:—

One of the things that comes once in a lifetime is for a newspaper to be selected for Prof. John H. Casey's All-American Weekly Newspaper Edition.

The newspaper is a peculiar institution. While operated as a private business, it is nevertheless as much of a public servant as the church and the school.

What is the biggest thrill that your life offers? It is something of a physical nature... something that can be wrapped up in a package or hidden in a bank vault.

Protestant Episcopal Bishop Philip Cook, 55 years young, of Delaware, preached a sermon upon spiritual and spiritual matters the other day—and this is what he had to say.

Many of us would be astonished if we knew how many surgeons, lawyers, actors and men in many other professions are accustomed to use stimulants before they are to perform an operation or when they want to keep themselves up to meet an important situation.

WIDER-WOARDWARD is to be completed by fall, declares Governor Brucker. In spite of this being an off-year in state politics, here's one chance to win the public's approval by making the mud fly.

The Power Of Love

Standing in the dazzling light of day, most of us are blind to the view that stretches out before us. We lament many things that come upon us in our journey from hither to yon...

Then ponder the words of Mahatma Gandhi, India's greatest mystic, speaking thus to a band of his people who were disturbed at their leader's pact with Great Britain's representative, the Viceroy.

"You say I have betrayed India," began Mr. Gandhi. "I shall not complain if you beat me. I will only understand the virtue of a selfless soul, transcending the riddle for others."

Funny "Wants"

There's many a laugh to be had in the manner in which some persons phrase their ads in the daily newspapers. For instance, here are a few which ought to wreath your face in the wrinkles of gaiety.

Wanted, a room by two gentlemen about three feet long and twenty feet wide. The rent is \$100.00 a month. No furniture required.

Samuel Seabury, despite his 37 years of crusading for good, clean government in New York state, is still trying to renege on political matters in the Empire State.

Ultimate Justice

"We must divorce [this investigation] as far as possible from legalistic machinery." There is more eloquence in the testimony of an illiterate witness telling of oppression suffered from a man than in the greatest sermon, editorial or address ever written.

Now THAT A MAJORITY of Michigan citizens have decided that they do not want capital punishment restored to the statute books, it is up to them in authority to provide a satisfactory measure to bring about swift and certain punishment as a means of deterring major crime.

CHARLES VILET NOW ENTERS his sixteenth year as superintendent of the local public schools. He has seen them grow from one building to many; from a few teachers to many dozens of teachers.

THE WAY TO IDEALISM TAXATION is to curtail the expenditures of public money. The way to conserve public money is to decrease governmental budgets; the way to decrease governmental budgets is to talk with the people who make such budgets—your public officials.

A GROUP OF DETROIT WOMEN last week revealed themselves very proficient as baitcasters at the annual Detroit Motor Boat and Sportsman Show.

From The Eccentric Columns of Long Ago

AS YOU WERE: A gent alcoholicly overburdened scribbled out a note during the intermission, while the audience was being lured with an orchestral flourish. The drunk got to his feet and announced: "Is there a doctor in the house?"

Plaint of a City Boy: "I wish I was a girl," said a little fellow. "I'd like to go to school with the boys." "You'd like to go to school with the boys?" "Yes, I would."

On Friday night last, one of the pleasant parties of the season took place at the home of Mrs. H. J. ...

WENTY FIVE YEARS AGO: The Village Improvement Society have put a seat at the corner of Woodward and Willow avenues.

THE STAR SPANGLED banner is now the official national emblem. All those over 24 years old who know the words of the second verse of our national anthem...

How'd Old Hints? The best way to remove buttons from a coat of paint: Dip them in a bucket of water and let them soak for a few days.

ECONOMY: Ever since the theaters reduced prices, Homer Halliburton has been a greater patron of the arts. Last week he took a girl friend to the opera.

FIVE YEARS AGO: Villagers (on Easter) were surprised to find that Mr. Charles J. Shain last Sunday really injected something of the Christmas sentiment into his remarks.

WHAT IS GOOD: "What is the real good?" I asked in musing mood. Order, said the law court. Knowledge, said the school. Truth, said the wise man.

Several of the ladies in present company at the Bloomfield club enjoyed a quiet game of bridge Monday afternoon.

Southfield township had three blocks of government Monday. All of them were defeated.

Discovery

I have found God on a high hill alone, alone. On Lookout Mountain with Chattanooga far beneath me. And above the Grand Canyon where waters hide in rock.

I have seen God in the corner of a mountain cabin. Where a small girl sang ballads. And her mother went in loneliness.

I have seen God in beauty unspakable. Of hills and sunsets—in the works of men. Beauty like a sharp pain.

Just a Minute . . . ABOUT BOW STREET AND SCOTLAND YARD. From the Detroit Bureau of Government Research.

Just a century ago, the uniformed and disciplined police of Sir Robert Peel brought again into the world the idea of a "constable."

Mr. Corryell, our nursery man, has been ordered to remove the plants from the new Court House of San Jose, Cal.

The U. P. church will give a hand social at Mrs. John Bell's of Southfield tonight (Friday) evening.

Where It Is: The department of commerce announces that more than \$207,000,000 was spent last year in America.

Crucial: The crucial period in the Brazilian revolution has been reached when the revolutionists find that they are expected to live in peace.

Tough Break: A new mechanical card-shuffler and dealer is on the market. It will do everything that a human dealer would do.

She Doesn't: You can't smile a flapper by saying she hasn't a thought of her brains. She doesn't know what a thimble is.—Publishers Syndicate.

By Marshall Maslin: I didn't intend to stare at you. I didn't intend to see what you were reading. I was just wondering about you.

The "Big Shots"

Says Fiske, bishop: "Science can give us no information about the beasty growth of the problems of evil, the fact of sin."

Arthur Stringer, writer: "Mystic is like the dinner hour: the more fashionable you are the later it occurs."

Edward Albert Wiggan, author: "Determination to compel your neighbor to worship according to your conscience has caused all the wars."

John Erskine, author: "As a nation we have a reputation committee for visitors, not necessarily important visitors either."

Lord Darling, of England: "When I find how few people read the books I have written, I wonder what good books they are."

Our Scrap Book: The Master Salesman: In the end it was Audubon the Salesman who saved Audubon the Naturalist.

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All of Us: I was just wondering about you. I don't exactly know why, but you seem to have character and a personality of your own.