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Welcome, Rev. Wright! Birmingham last Sunday morning, in the local First Presbyterian Church, opened its arms to another steleiman of the precious merchandise known as Christianity.

... and Keep You, Gov. Brucker

A young man, only 16 years old, was made Governor of Michigan last New Year's Day. His name, as you may know, is Wilbur Marion Brucker.

You And Your Schools

As you behold its lifeless exterior, you are reminded that within its walls, are housed your community's most precious possession—the children.

Two Royal Oak Men

E. B. Howarth, of Royal Oak, last fall was defeated by James Lawson for the office of state senator. Now Mr. Howarth is appointed an assistant attorney-general by Paul Voeghts.

THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED Detroiters are reported last week to have stormed the city hall demanding that Mayor Murphy keep his pre-election promise to find work for the needy.

LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN, relieved of the necessity of attending school for the past two weeks, were compelled to re-enter the classrooms again this week; so such periods of vacation tend to provide outlets for pent up energy, or do they tend to create additional youthful vigor?

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, JUST as Governor Brucker was about to give his inaugural address, the first of 17 cannons boomed.

THE WIDOWS of the Christmas truce eaten by the family of the governor of Massachusetts was sent to a California man at the latter's request.

Our Exploring Minds

Dr. Robert A. Millikan, world renowned scientist, told an audience here the other evening that astronomy, popularly considered the least useful of the sciences, has been responsible for everything in our civilization that differentiates it from ancient civilizations.

We wonder, too, how much this world owes to those exploring the spiritual phases of man for the development of our present moral status; do you not suppose that the present level of our social morality has been made possible, in its difference from primitive non-morality, because certain great minds dared to explore the hidden vastness of human experience?

Some 1930 Statistics On Aviation

Airplane passenger traffic increased four-fold in the United States in 1930 over 1929, air-mail and express packaged registered tremendous gains, two new trans-continental mail and passenger lines were opened.

Improving Detroit

Detroit is told by Dr. Lent D. Upson, political economist, that it can save at least a million dollars annually by uniting its government with the remainder of Wayne County.

A State Income Tax

If an income tax system is devised for Michigan, it should be only as a relief measure for the overburdened real estate tax. And an income tax should never be accepted until it provides, simultaneous upon its adoption, legal and practical methods of lifting the burden now borne by real estate.

New Homes Here

During 1930, according to figures compiled by valued building inspector Donald Egbert, new homes valued at \$920,810.00 were constructed in Birmingham.

MARSHAL JOSEPH JOFFE, the virile mind that greeted the military strategy in 1914 which turned back 2,500,000 Germans when they were within 10 miles of Paris, went to his eternal reward last week.

BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL'S basketball coach, Franklin Whitney, is hopeful of rounding out a championship calibre team for next winter; he will seek to accomplish this by concentrating upon this year's sophomores, so that by next season they will have played together long enough to synchronize their efforts.

TEN THOUSAND shoe merchants, owners, and manufacturers gathered in annual convention in Detroit this week, to show and discuss the serious business of providing a covering and a protection for the modern feet.

We heard the following good slogan passed around the other day: "It's time right now to stop panicking out the old year, and to begin planning out the new."

EX-TRIX

"There was a blow. Somebody fell. We got up. Turning upon our antagonist, we succeeded in wounding him with a book, a waist, and by a quick maneuver threw him on top of us, bringing us exactly the same time, in contact with the solid bed of the printing press.

VARIATIONS OF A SONG LEARNED IN CHILDHOOD

Fishy, fishy in the brook, Papa catch him with a hook; Mama fry him in the pan. Baby eat him like a man.

Ah, pictorial perfection! That which enjoys the day's Aquatic attitude! What ecstasy is thine Beneath the limpid tiers Of the crystal stream!

Vox Polly

"Many a paper with an indelible quality of taste is far richer than the most of those which possess the greatest amount of news."

The benefits to the country in general, ignoring the workman's increased well-being, include several items.

Famous Finales

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—John Gettrick, plumber, to repair a water pipe. Plumber Finzel went back and a gasbarber Gettrick got a gasbarber Gettrick.

Who Can Pay For This?

If the state highway department decides to proceed with the purchase of the new State super-highway, it will be because it ignores the ability of any one concerned to pay for the work.

ParaLuffs

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Just About

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THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME

Advertisement for 'The Great American Home' featuring a man and woman. Text: 'So you think that's good music? Why, when you're young, you never heard such trash!'

Advertisement for 'DAD JUDGES MUSIC ON A DIFFERENT SCAL' featuring a man and woman. Text: 'DAD JUDGES MUSIC ON A DIFFERENT SCAL'.

The Other Chap Says Something

THE FIVE DAY WEEK. John Raskob, the genius of General Motors, in a recent address told the 5-day week and the 6-hour day plan, but for certain industries the 5-day week is more workable.

Every municipality in Royal Oak township has a tough financial problem to solve.

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SAY YOUNG FOLKS—WHO IS YOUR CHUM?

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From THE ECCENTRIC Columns of Long Ago

Fifty Years Ago Ladies' Librarian equate the 28th inch to 12 inches for this paper.

There was no use of Will Hanna's rousing the whole town of Southfield Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon.

There was great excitement in Hazel Park on Monday of last week. The crowd was estimated to "stand back and let this man have a little hair," and they all stood back. The crowd was our old time friend and fellow townsman Geo. B. Martin and the "hair" was a bit of red hair.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Monday morning last week early in the day Nate Fall and wife began to argue. He said that he realized it. He said that he realized it. He said that he realized it.

The Only Brown Cannon

Denver, Colo., is home for a short visit with his parents and many friends. He don't change any yet.

Five Years Ago

Many local and nearby people have already taken out membership cards in the new Skating Club, according to Wm. Whiting Raymond, whose firm is sponsoring the use of Quaker Lake for winter sports.

After a considerable amount of trouble the Senior Washington group has succeeded in bringing back Charles Chaplin in "The Great Dictator" to the Baldwin auditorium tonight.

Twenty eight years ago Morris Levinson came to Birmingham and attempted to embark upon a career of merchandising. His first store was an old building on East Maple avenue when "The Field Garage" is now located. Tomorrow, Saturday, he will retire from active business and attempt to enjoy his life having made a snug fortune by his industry.

Morris Levinson and the surrounding country were all busy, selling his merchandise to go to Birmingham and the surrounding country.

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