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One of the most important current aids to the general development of every activity in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area is the opening of the commuter service on the Grand Trunk (railway) new tracks, scheduled for some time in July.

Commuter Service

Recently the Girl Scouts organization in Birmingham awarded honor badges for more than a score of our local girls, who during the past year, have distinguished themselves in various ways.

Our Girl Scouts

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Books Will Lift You

June 1 was the busiest day in the history of the Baldwin Public Library, according to reports given by Mrs. Nancy Thomas, Birmingham's capable librarian. Four hundred and thirty-six books were taken from the shelves that day.

Two Years From Now

LAST YEAR TWELVE MILLION BIBLES were printed in the world, and, presumably, gotten into the hands of human beings. The Bible continues to be the best selling book in the entire world.

CHICAGO, EACH YEAR, kills the following:

Three million cattle, three million sheep, and eight million swine. That still leaves Capone and his boys something to shoot at for, new high records.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

SILENCE IS GOLDEN, we're often heard to say; that's why much talk is cheap, and comes from empty heads.

Nothing that man has invented for the improvement of his physical condition and constitution has inflicted such wholesale slaughter and accident as the promiscuous sale and use of the modern automobile. Present crusades against liquor, drugs, general lawlessness, and theater fratricides of human nature dwindle into insignificant weapons of harm when one considers the astounding number of accidents and death resulting from the improperly driven motor car.

Speaking upon this subject, the Mt. Clemens Monitor last week offers this reflection: Conceit, which often finds expression in thoughtlessness and selfishness, is considered of prime importance in automobile accidents.

Dr. Schroeder's opinion is backed up by statistics. He recently made a study in Detroit of 160 prisoners convicted of manslaughter with an automobile. Only three had serious physical defects, one was subject to epilepsy and one was insane.

God's Merchandise

Would you like to sit at the side of a man of God and listen to a few simple, sincere words that will bring comfort and solace to your tired mind, your weary body? Would you like to have this understanding salesman of the precious Merchandise of Christianity whisper words to you that will ease your soul's sorrow?

After-Dinner Artist

Whether the two jobs go together or not, Paul Eger, who is assisting the attorney-general, makes a swell toastmaster.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

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Miss Mattie Baldwin is home again from her studies at the University of Minnesota. She is something of a home again Federationist. The first thing she did to do was to go to the morning "You'd better move the grass on Eccentric Plaza."

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But indictments are easy, and jail is not a long way from jail. He'll have to work for his money. And judges wear coats of mail.

As a public enemy worse than venom he is the king of the beer; He's accused very fully as ganster and bully; He's charged with being the under-world's peer.

European chemists are making paper out of asparagus, and Henry Ford is preparing to export his product to the cannibalpots. Who knows but that some day somebody will find a way for paper napkins?

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Unemployment is becoming a problem in the theological field with seminars producing more ministers than the churches can absorb. The Christian church is undeniably weekly, published in Chicago, says that seminars must improve the quality of preachers as well as reduce the quantity.

Explaining the surplus of preachers, The Century points out that there are thousands of churches with congregations of 40 or 50 members with a total budget for the year that does not pay the grocer's bill of the abatement of the census book, but it does not have a pulpit clamoring for a preacher.

Many factors contribute to diminish the number of churches, chief among them being the abandonment of rural churches, for which there is no longer a need in many communities with paved roads making town churches accessible, and the union of village and town churches, which have in the past maintained a precarious competitive existence.

Worse Than War

During 18 months of the World War, 50,510 members of the American Expeditionary Force were killed in action or died of wounds.

Our Scrap Book

When I thought fantastical I confess that the making of some of our pulp sheet sweeter and have a fair peep into the ear-to-ear, at least—than that of Milton or Shakespeare! And if you think that the latter are more staid, the former are more staid, the latter are more staid, the former are more staid.

When And Where?

Small depends upon when and where you read a book. In the five or six impatient minutes, before the dinner is a quiet repast, who would think of taking up the Fairy Queen for a galleys, or a volume of Bishop Andrews' sermons?

Yes

And with only a casual study of the census figures, it's quite easy to see what the country's coming. It's coming to the city—taxes which are directly assessed.

Every time you purchase a household commodity at the grocery store, you are taxed three to four different taxes. Assessments upon the raw material have been added to the cost of manufacture; the tax upon the manufacturer has been added to the price the wholesaler has added his own costs to all those preceding. Finally, the consumer pays the sum total of all these taxes in the ultimate cost of many commodities which have included whatever tariff duties there may be on the product.

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I. M. Haldeman, preacher: "If we obey those precepts in the Constitution that would destroy this civilization, we have today."

Salvador de Madariaga, professor: "No one has ever succeeded in clearing nations at war except by lies."

Joseph Stalin, Dictator of Russia: "Russia is now 100 years behind the rest of the world in knowledge."

Frank Vintello, lexicographer: "Because it is more generally known and clearer in its meaning, this other, our American speech is, most remarkable in the world."

Walter Lippmann, publicist and author: "When everything is new and startling, the human mind just starts to get started."

Stuart Chase, financial writer: "A stop watch will not tell you, fudge both there is a merger waiting around the corner."

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