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A New Economic Truth

As we see it, the next greatest advancement in this country, as well as in others, that come themselves progressive, will be the absolute conviction on the part of captains of industry that it is not safe to possess too much wealth.

Just Some Freckles

One day last summer, while up at the Oakland County, Y. M. C. camp at Lion Lake, near Hale, we invaded a towhee-haired, freckle-faced youngster from Royal Oak to have his picture taken.

A Political Prisoner

Every year, sometimes two or three times, we release a prisoner from R. Irving Latimer, Michigan's well known, confined in Jackson prison for the past 42 years.

There Ought to Be a Law

Everybody's laughed at the man who felt "there ought to be a law" but it is no joke when the legislators of the nation have the feeling.

A COLORADO YOUTH, Bryan Untied, 13-year-old hero who saved the lives of several in a recent mountain school bus, has been the guest of the President of the United States.

A Son's Devotion

All of us are familiar with the valor of motherhood. It has been manifest in countless devotional and heroic acts since time immemorial.

History Repeated Today

That history repeats itself in nearly every generation is apparent to one who acquaints himself with the record of the past in comparison with the present.

A Universal Family

Observing the upheavals of social and economic phases of many nations, one is made to wonder if the lack of apparent permanence of our institutions does not indicate a common world upon this earth.

Paralaf's

It is said that many modern novelists write entirely for the market and will accept the explanation—"Punch."

Faith

I do not care to speculate. On things mysterious to the mind. But O the rapture, pray, late.

Note in Economy

Did you know you can knock the nickles out of a pay telephone with a baseball bat?

From The Eccentric Columns of Long Ago

A Letter to Bob in Wisconsin

Dear Bob: If I guess you didn't know I was in Wisconsin, I'd like to tell you.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

During the next month Mitchell expects to visit every R. F. P. patron of this office and asks you not to be nervous.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

John Benjamin of the Twelve Mile road is thinking seriously of selling his place.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Persons living along the line of the Detroit and Whitehaven roads are certain to be troubled.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Never in the history of Birmingham have so many houses been under construction simultaneously as this spring.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column.

Mr. George Averill, Publisher, Birmingham, Mich. Dear Sir: My youngsters recently brought me information that the Village Commission passed an ordinance whereby it becomes a nuisance for all owners of dogs to either keep them tied up or confine them to the owners' premises.

It seems to me that the Commission have acted quite hastily and upon entirely one-sided information.

It so happens that I own a dog and am quite a lover of dogs in general. This dog of mine is a big black fellow. He is no particular breed, being just a dog.

With all good points which far outweigh his bad ones I consider it absolutely inhuman to keep him up in his ear or sternly tell him so per strictly on his own property.

In conclusion, I beg to say that the independent nature he probably would entirely ignore his instructions.

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For the information of our chief of police and the village board, I have no objection to my name being included in the information Bulletin No. 7.

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The "Big Shots"

Say: F. R. Kent, newspaper political commentator.

James Hinkley, British peer: From an illustration in a moratorium book.

Edward Wallace, British author: What strikes me about journalism at the moment is the distressing absence of news.

Deena Taylor, composer: "All of the individual's life depends on the answer to one question: 'Do you know your dollars?'"

Dorothy Day, columnist advisor to women: "We officers take everything into consideration except human nature."

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THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

Gov. Brucker, chastened by the 55,000,000 of the people of Michigan gave a death blow to the crime-brotherhood to curb crime in the city.

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