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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have been noted in the official records of persons connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

Flowers That Bloom In The Spring— Announcement by local groups of a yard and garden contest for Birmingham is a welcome companion to the arrival of Spring weather in a great way.

Most people love the out of doors. They respond to the call of Spring just as naturally as the birds that wing their way north each season.

Birmingham is blessed with an abundance of natural scenery; there still survive the onslaughts of urban growth many fine trees, numerous hills and valleys, gently undulating landscapes.

There is real magic in a small package of garden seeds, in a slip of a tree, in a bulb of a flower, in a mere blade of grass.

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Relief From School Taxes

There is a growing belief on the part of the taxpayers of this state that public education, especially in the institutions of higher learning, costs too much in cold cash.

Generally speaking, it is our conviction that the cost of education in this country, in proportion to the real value it has for society, is inexpensive.

However, if you wish to argue that the amount of money we pay is too much for what we get, whether it be in the grade, high school or university, then we will award you the victory.

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THE ECCENTRIC Columns of Long Ago

Head sure! Roads are better. Did you get fooled. The average voter voted. Troy ain't much Republican.

Monday last was the pleasantest town meeting day for many years. Ernest White is working a trade of carriage trimming in Detroit at a good salary.

Our Union School opened on Monday morning last with a full attendance of pupils in all the departments. Miss Ella Drake will teach the Bloomfield Center school this summer.

The Birmingham Grange will give a macaroni feast at the Grange Hall next Saturday evening and invite their many friends to attend.

Twenty-five years ago if you have the "blues," read Fanny Hill. If you are losing confidence in men, be sure to read First Corinthians, chapter XIII.

Everybody happy and pleased. Wilborn B. Harris is having a new suit of clothes made by a tailor named Louis Harnack.

Miss Charlotte Blanding left home, and many friends were sorry to see her go. She is accompanied by the best wishes of many friends.

Mr. DeLoe once served as secretary of the old Michigan Pardon Board, and was ex-Governor Chas. S. Osborn's secretary.

James W. Barry, member of the school board, was appointed village manager by a vote of 2 to 1 by the village commission Monday night.

Recommendations relative to the proposed \$400,000 increase of the village budget for 1927 were postponed by the village commission at the meeting Monday night.

In spite of the added interest of a stake in the town's own ship elections Monday, a comparatively light vote was cast.

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SPRING OLYMPICS

THE SHOT PUT. WHOEVER THAT ONE LITTLE ROLL COULD BE SO LONG.

THE HIGH JUMP. FIRST RADISH.

BURY BONES IN MY OWN BED, WILL YOU?

WRESTLING.

100 YARD DASH. LOSE IN THE FIRST HEAT.

SWIMMING.

THE "Big Shots" Say: A SOCIAL DISGRACE. When drinking becomes a social disgrace as it used to be in the days of the present elder generation was young, prohibition will solve itself.

Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War: "Until the Filipino people shall have made a greater progress toward economic independence, political independence would merely invite revolution and anarchy."

Robert Lynd, Irish journalist: "Woman is the most remarkable foreigner with which man comes in contact."

Lillian Symmes: "A cause without publicity value is as unfortunate as a woman without sex appeal."

Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War: "Mexico is one of the most fascinating and romantic countries that I have ever visited."

George Lansbury, British Labor leader: "There are eight or ten millions of unemployed in America. Their children are dying by the hundreds and people are starving in the streets."

William E. Borah, U. S. Senator of Finance Committee: "The Government that will not protect its people is flying a flag which is a dirty rag that contaminates the air in which it flies."

Andrew W. Mellon, former Secretary of the Treasury, asked about Alexander Hamilton: "I have heard of him, of course."

Edward, Prince of Wales: "There are nothing to bring more closely together the people of the Empire—to bring more closely together the English-speaking people and to further our interests abroad."

An Old-Timer: "Where did that last joke of yours come from? 'I made it myself.'"

Famous Firms This & That: Noah Numbskull Wants to Know: When Mahatma Gandhi sings it is sheer music.

Dead-stores the car; our smaller or flat. Betrays the economic class we're in. But more indicative than that—We're back on gin. In 'Life'—V. J. in 'Life'.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

To the Editor: My heartfelt congratulations to the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Park and Garden Association and other co-operating organizations for their sponsoring a Yard and Garden Contest in Birmingham!

Certainly an undertaking of this sort which will undoubtedly benefit for the community as a whole as well as for its individual citizens.

To the Editor: By omitting any appropriation for public education from the 1932 budget, the Village Commission appears to have stepped somewhat blindly into its program for economy.

This is a service, it seems to me, that could be performed much more efficiently and at considerably less expense by the village itself.

Certainly the \$50 or \$60 a month formerly spent by the village for this service could be continued with little or no effect on its financial stability or credit.

TEACHERS' SALARIES: As a taxpayer and as a parent whose children must be educated, I am greatly distressed over the very cuts and dismissal of teachers announced by the School Board.

Why not issue to the teachers contracts to be in effect during the difference between the former salary and the new, bearing at least 3 percent, and which will be a first claim on delinquent taxes?

Why not do anything rather than confess that we are willing to pay the teachers who educate our children less than we pay our domestics?

A SUGGESTION: To the Editor: I read the statement that President Hoover and prohibition are responsible for all of our national ills.

So we have decided to elect wet men for President, and then get a law passed giving the right to sell and consume any amount of wine to dry or wet and thereby nullify the national law for prohibition.

Then we could get our 4.75 percent beer, and it would help a lot. You see, we could get our 4.75 percent beer, and it would help a lot.

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