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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value...

Paring The Village Budget

By effecting reductions of \$79,174 in village operating expenses for 1932 as compared with those of 1931, the Village Commission...

The job of cutting the budget in Birmingham is especially difficult, because the operating expense—the only flexible item—represents only slightly more than 50 percent of the whole.

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The Auto Improves

Went to the Detroit Auto Show last week and marvelled at the alluring beauty of the more horseless carriages on exhibition.

One day last week William Hohenzollern, former Kaiser of Germany, attained his 71st birthday.

Who Creates Children?

That's the secret, somebody said, of Marie Dressler's phenomenal success in "Don't Expect too Much!"

Now they expect everything of Marie Dressler, and still she says to herself: "Don't expect too much of life."

Knowing Your Beans

Lowell, Michigan, like many other Wolverine communities, boasts its own electric light plant. Not under any conditions would most of them part with their municipally owned utility.

JOHN R. COHEN, GRAND EXALTED RULER of the Elks, last week made a hurried speaking tour...

"GERMANY FEELS ANGRY FRANCE" was the way a Detroit News headline writer captioned a story the other day.

Discussing Your Taxes

In another portion of this week's issue of The Eccentric we are publishing the first of several releases of one of the best reviews of Michigan's tax problem we have ever read.

Mr. Conlin, since he has been actively engaged in ascertaining the tax position of the Iron County Taxpayers Association...

Mr. Conlin's research and his giving of it to Michigan is a distinct contribution to contemporary government. It is too bad that our political leaders in Michigan do not approach the taxation matter with an open mind.

An Inspirational Speaker

Professor John L. Brumm, head of the department of Journalism at the University of Michigan...

"Jack" Brumm, he is merely "Jack" to a host of warm friends, became an instructor at the U. of M. in 1906.

Mr. Brumm is not yet twenty years of age, but he has made head of the journalism department. Time has given him plenty of experience with human beings...

Relieve Realty Tax

Philmon J. Miller, able state representative from Walled Lake, believes that the State of Michigan should adopt some form of tax collection source for state purposes, other than the common real estate method.

All of Us

I heard the other day that Marie Dressler's personal proverb is "Don't expect too much!"

Up and down she's been for nearly half a century. Her life and her success are on top of the world.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Birmingham today is again waiting the final decision of the state administration board as to the width of the part of Woodward avenue right-of-way to pass through the village.

Plans for work on the new Birmingham branch of the Birmingham and Northern Trust Company were being advanced by the Village Commission by the Birmingham Citizens' Association...

It is any wonder I'm liking Marie Dressler? Is it any wonder a great crowd of other people are so fond of her? Give us, we'll love her just as much as you just GOT to love a grand person like that!

From THE ECCENTRIC Columns of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO Next time two young gens go to church, behave, or you will be informed.

Two freight trains trying to outdo each other at the same time last Friday destroyed about \$2,000 worth of property in less than two revolutions of a coffee grinder.

While fooling 'round a wood pile Monday Luther Stanley's foot turned and he fell to the ground, banging his head against a nail.

The State Representative from Detroit city has had a party in this village in the many game of "sixty-six" for the past four years.

Twenty-five years ago hog harvesting has begun on the mill pond. Ed Holloway is the chief and is delivering beautiful hams conservatively are in danger of being penalized for the extravagance of other counties.

STATE POLICE Frank D. Fitzgerald is to be complimented on his losing fight to halt the building of a new barracks, costing \$100,000, for the state police.

Recently a Franklin bachelor bought a pair of socks in this village, and found attached to one of them a note from a young lady of 20 and would like to correspond with a view to matrimony.

RECOMMENDATIONS Birmingham continues as a village will be made to citizens at large by the village council on Thursday following the contract awarded by the Village Commission.

POPULARITY OF THE BIBLE Despite our worldliness, the Bible continues to be one of the world's best sellers.

Second Convict I don't agree. It's not a matter of how many you see, it's how many you have.

A Journalist Proposes I want a story from your lips. The news, I know, is there. This best seems pretty futile, as I've said before.

Will pull the biggest scope the world has witnessed in an age. I'll run your cut and caption.

Some day we'll have a supple-ment, or maybe quite a few. Just say you'll be my twelve-point apostle.

Jack S. Mason in "Judge" aid.

ADDED INDUCEMENTS



The "Big Shots"

Theodore Dreiser, author: "Hollywood's become as empty as its purse is full."

Hiram Johnson, U. S. Senator from California: "Germany could pay her reparations in each German sacrificed a beer a day."

IVOR BROWNE, writer: "The truth about wit is that it is devilishly hard work."

Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet official: "We are trying to erect next year more blast furnaces than the United States closes down."

Daniel Willard, railroad president: "The process is to ask the opposition to undergo every particular consideration and then to acclaim the result as a Hoover triumph."

George Paish, British economist: "I haven't any doubt that we are going into the greatest period of prosperity the world has ever seen—if the necessary measures are taken."

Otto H. Kahn, banker: "We went into the war and we did our full share. Good now. We asked for none of the spoils, and we got what we asked for."

Nicholas Murray Butler, president, Columbia University: "There's a steady decline in the practice of good manners, is unhappy, indispensible."

Gifford Pinchot, Governor of Pennsylvania: "Pennsylvania has been the orphan-child of American politicians."

Jest For the Fun of It

Not A Chance Convict—It is better to work here than outside.

Nash Numbkull Wants to Know: From biting when you cross them? Would the bed spring into the corner if the wash stands on its foot?

Great Dead In the hotel the big dead had been boring everyone with tales of the great deeds he had done.

Welfare Firm Up & About This is the time of year when the spring sending you illustrate send catalogs so that you may see what the things you planted last year would have looked like.

It is estimated that men on this continent annually pay \$750,000,000 to have their hair cut. It is believed the result is worth every penny of it. Just rattle through the pages of the "Eccentric" and you'll see the Hamilton (Ore.) Spectator.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are of interest to our readers.

To the Editor: Owing to the fact that all values in real estate, bonds, contracts, securities, etc., have decreased 50 percent in value during the last two or three years, all rentals and the price of living in the cost of clothes and food from \$5 to \$10 and 40 cents, I am wondering when our high salaried officials expect to volunteer to suffer to cut about 50 percent from both time standard, and yet have enough, and more, than many of our taxpayers have to live on.

Just a few remarks in regard to the statement made by the secretary of the Detroit Branch of the Crusaders, at the Community House, on the evening of Jan. 25. If I mistake not, said this government is not a democracy, because the president is not chosen by the people by popular vote.

He also made a statement that now than before prohibition. Did he get his figures from our government's statistics in Washington? If so, they are different from those ones I got.

But, if his statement is true and prohibition is knocked out and we get free drink, who is going to drink it? The work will be done and all honest dry will not drink it. It would be another case of overproduction of which we have too much now.

Again, Mr. Lewis seems to be well posted in regard to the booms in the state of Michigan. Well, just a suggestion—Would it not be a good idea for the Commission to try and get Lewis to come out here and clean up Birmingham? You see, he would know just what he was getting the evidence for conviction.

JOHN CARROLL, 451 Park street.

Our Scrap Book

PENGUINS ON PARADE The penguin is seldom seen and never-fallen-out-of-the-land for the delight of the seafarers. There is a regular bathing parade every morning...

Suppose we follow this family that has just left the nest. The two chicks lead the way, the younger looking extremely eager about it all and inclined to race past it all and back to the nest.

Paralaf's The true worth of a man lies about half-way between what his wife thinks of him and what his mother thinks of him. Brooklyn Times.

Good There's a redeeming feature to the recent gang war in the mountains. The bullet holes in the walls would have been there to see some of the scenery.—Judge.

At Least 74 "There is no air on the moon," says an old locker-room baritone. We can call it mind 74 air on the moon and it will be true in a minute.

We Believe It It is estimated that men on this continent annually pay \$750,000,000 to have their hair cut. It is believed the result is worth every penny of it.

Look Give the eighteenth amendment time. Look back over the ten Commandments have been trying. New Haven Register.