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A speaker for the Crusader movement told the Lake Orion Exchange Club Monday night that "there are more places in Birmingham today where you can get a drink, than before the passage of the sacred 18th Amendment." That's in our own aristocratic Birmingham, too—not Birmingham, Alabama. Why, there is probably a place right across the street from the Eccentric, the newspaper owned by George Averill, an ardent and a possible candidate for Member of Congress. Just to think of Birmingham, of all towns, with a "bar in not every basement" but in enough of 'em so it's considered standard equipment, becoming so plebeian. "Romeo," this man Lewis says, "is a town a mile square; it has seventeen bars in it, but it hasn't the money Birmingham has . . . or did have."

**Township Fire Hazard**

Many times The Eccentric has reminded persons who live in Bloomfield Township that they are without adequate fire protection, simply because township officials have not yet found a way to solve the problem. Last week the home of M. G. Ewer, on north Woodward avenue, suffered a damage of \$6,000 because a blaze was not handled quickly enough by competent fire apparatus. Birmingham officials have reportedly offered to store and man a fire truck and send it in the township areas, if the township would buy the equipment. If your property is out in Bloomfield Township, why not prevail upon township officials to see that you are given adequate fire protection?

## Shall We Become A City?

The Village of Bloomfield Hills is going to become a city. It believes that by changing its identity it will save considerable in taxes that it now pays to help support the township governmental unit. Birmingham is studying the same proposition, and in the near future will vote on the question. Now is the time for free and open discussion on the proposed change. Now is the time to bring forth, without personality or prejudice, the objections to the change, so that the whole community may have the benefit. The newsways after studying the matter at much length, believe the change will help Birmingham's pocketbook. Well, welcome, however, criticisms of the proposed change.

## Politics At Lansing

Vern Brown's articles being published in The Eccentric, as well as 71 other Michigan newspapers, are raising hob with the current notions of some State politicians. It is too bad that Governor Brucker's staff takes these articles to heart so seriously—when, after all, the present administration is responsible for only a part of the State's trouble. If Governor Brucker wishes to win the support of many of the newspapers that are now courageous enough to publish Mr. Brown's articles, he can make a start by dissociating himself from one or more of those who now tag his heels. Enough politicians in Michigan have peeped behind the scenes to know that the best way to make words mean what they are is to suit them to action. The Republican party in Michigan is bigger than any single individual in it, and is worth saving even at the expense of preserving its integrity.

## Invite Your Friends

For several years now, the summer advertising copy of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. has suggested the great recreational value of the State's out-of-doors. This copy, sent through the capable hands of Col. W. Hungerford, advertising manager, now reminds Michiganers that we still help Michigan by suggesting to their out-of-state friends and relatives that they spend their vacations in the great State. That's a capital idea! It will help everybody concerned. Why not drop that friend or relative a line right now? or better still, reach for the telephone (this is our own idea, Mr. Hungerford) and appy by voice.

We NOTICE THAT GOVERNOR BRUCKER is returning his residency toward speaking of various "gibbons" about old Michigan. One of the distinct disadvantages accruing to so many addresses is that you have to spend so much time visiting them, just to see that the clapboards are all in place; the blinds all fastened securely, and none of the fences broken down. Nothing like visitin' the old places—no sir, nothin' like it; in fact, it's a capital idea!

## Spring Rains

William Stedman, former Detroit preacher who some years ago went to the southwest, once pondered the beneficence of an April rain and wrote these wholesome lines:

I saw God wash the world last night  
With His sweet showers on high,  
And then when morning came  
I saw Him hang it out to dry.

He washed each tiny blade of grass  
And every trembling tree;  
He flung His showers against the hills  
And swept the billowy sea.

The white rose is a clearer white,  
The red rose is more red;  
Since God washed every fragrant face  
And put all to bed.

There's not a bird, there's not a bee  
That wings along the way;  
But is a clearer bird and bee  
Than it was yesterday.

I saw God wash the world last night;  
Ah, would He had washed me!  
As clean of all my dust and dirt  
As that old white birdie!

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