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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are written by persons not connected with the paper.

"Jerusalem is in ruins," writes Clayton Rand in The Tennessee Publisher, "its walls were crumbled, its shops were closed, its farms abandoned."

"Nehemiah was cupbearer to a neighboring king, and full of grief for the city of his fathers, he was given commissions to rebuild Jerusalem."

"A panicky and depressed people were urged to be up and doing, and with other acclaim they asked, 'But, Nehemiah, who will rebuild the walls?'"

"You will rebuild the walls," said Nehemiah, "you will rebuild them."

"Read this timely chapter from the past! And while we expect the Chamber of Commerce, the City Government, or a Benign Providence to make the repairs, just remember... if the farms and cities are built again, we shall do it."

"Playing" At Soldier
In times of peace there is a certain amount of play and make-believe about being a soldier or sailor, revivified in your country's service.

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The United States Senate has appropriated \$50,000 with which to conduct an investigation of the bear raids on stock markets.

ALL OF US
By Marshall Maslin
ARE YOU waiting for something that is Perfect? Wait no longer.

WAR STALKS across the landscape and your country is required to spend extra millions to stage an exhibition of protection.

JUDGE ARTHUR J. LACY, Detroit's possible Democratic candidate for Governor, told an audience last week that "the farmer is the economic goat."

A NEBRASKA FARMER, married for 20 years, eats 10 hot pancakes each morning and claims to have consumed a total of 710,000 of them.

PRESIDENT HOOVER, as this is written, says he will sign the Congressional bill that gives to needy farmers and city dwellers forty millions of bushels of wheat now in the hands of the Farm Board.

THE Farm is Calling Us Back
In the migration of Americans from the rural sections to the cities during the past decade or two, the economic news has been a great one.

During the early days of industry there was plenty of work for all. That was because there were lots of sales of automobiles, radios, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and the host of other factory products.

But the economic and moral laws finally caught up with the stock ticker, and economic chaos was brought about everywhere.

From THE ECCENTRIC Columns of Long Ago

Did you ever... Did you get an office? Someone got left.

The second annual hop of the Birmingham Driving Park will take place at National Hall on Wednesday evening, Mar. 22.

Frank Durkee enacted the role of the honest fisherman on Saturday last, inasmuch as he fell off the pier.

Another column will be found in the advertisement of Wellman Bros., who have been a year of manufacturing of bed springs in the village.

Twenty-five years ago R. T. Corryell enjoyed the horticultural meeting at Farmington.

The ladies of the dancing class will give a "Toby-Trot" assembly Friday, Mar. 15.

The caucus was a tame affair at the Town Hall last Monday night.

John Stabler and Ed. Dean of new Potomac returned from when the meeting broke up they had nominated the following.

The annual K. of P. ball and card party last Friday evening was distasteful to the regulars.

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THE WOLF AT THE RICH MAN'S DOOR

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The "Big Shots" Say

William Green, President, A. F. L.; Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury; J. S. Durkee, preacher.

The Other Chap Says Something

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The Eccentric is pleased to receive contributions from its readers.

To the Editor: Seeing in the Mar. 3 issue of The Eccentric that the First State Savings Bank may re-open in two months.

The recent one-man grand jury investigation seemed to reveal that this bank was conducted as a private bank with inadequate records.

The directors and officers of the bank were willing to pay an order for \$200 to come out and call the depositors.

It was of great interest to me to learn that some of the stockholders and officers of the bank had such faith in the institution they did not use a deposit slip.

My own deposits should not permit what remains in this institution to be dissipated by any man or group of men who have proven their inability and irresponsibility to properly conduct a bank.

From the recent audit it appears that the failure of the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham was due not to Pontiac or Royal Oak conditions but to the state handling of funds on deposit and exceedingly poor business judgment.

I have been informed that the bank was carrying \$600,000 in unsecured loans that more than \$1,000,000 should be charged off for worthless assets.

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It is my belief that as we depositors should organize and be prepared to meet the re-organizers on an equal footing.

E. J. O'SULLIVAN, 848 Madison Avenue.

ParaLan's

Especially when you are afflicted with rheumatism, Paralan's is the best remedy.

When competition becomes intense, then business runs to government.

Andre Tardieu, French Minister of War, at Geneva.

Frank Knox, Chairman, Anti-Hoarding Campaign.

Charles R. Crisp, Democratic Congressman of Georgia.

Edwin Lefevre: "You can pass a law that will make rich men poor but you cannot enact one that will make poor men rich."

Jest For the Fun of It

That's Different! "He looks like you, cochon!" That is French for pig.

Noah Numbkull Wants to Know: When the south wind blows, is the weather vane?

Man the Life Boats: "I don't know one who plans to leave."

Housewife: "Yes, remove yourself with it!"

Famous Films High & Dry