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The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have taken place in the city of Birmingham. All copy should be sent to the editorial staff of the paper.

Bear At Local "Picnics"

Birmingham's city fathers have caused many a sardonic laugh since their efforts to prevent the sale of beer at a table have been thwarted by the local Legion Post. As yet, for many weeks a legal restaurant proprietor, Gus Frank, has been trying to win permission from the commission to sell beer by the bottle, claiming that unless he can do so he loses business. Firmly, loyally, valiantly, and without a single tremor of retreating, the officials in charge of the community have stood firm, loyal, valiant, and relentless. None if you will be in Birmingham you'll have to buy it by the package or case, and not drink it where you buy it. That was true until the local Legion boys, true to their desire to hold picnics, began holding them every Saturday night—and what was a picnic without beer, good beer, (the Council Clerk would be a little more obliging for picnics, you see). So they "held Saturday night picnics" and dispose of beer against the firm, loyal, valiant, and relentless moral standards of the city dads.

Monte Carlo At Mackinac

From sources believed to be quite reliable, we learn that Michigan is to compete with Monte Carlo for the entertainment of the general public by allowing various gambling games to go on at Mackinac Island. Just who will reap all the profits is not yet announced—although it is probably safe to say that it will not be the general public. The moral lesson that has been learned since Michigan said a year ago is a lesson that is worthy of what we are pleased to refer to as "civilized progress."

More Than One Outlet

In this sometimes dizzy world, when mankind is required every so often to readjust itself to the changes brought about by human invention, it may be well to know more than one trade or specialty so when activity in one line ceases or is curtailed one may take up other gainful employment. In other words, the wise person is one who trains himself to do more than one thing well, thus providing additional outlets for his abilities.

The Spirit Of A Town

The quality and character of communities varies with the type of citizenry who make them up. Some towns have more much semblance of ordinary decency, the better and better the quality of the citizenry. And being shoddy and run-down, while the men and women who are seen sitting or walking about, (most of us just sitting), are about as agile and speedy in their perambulations as a glacier moving over a mountain area.

All of Us

By Marshall Maslin DON'T WASTE ME JUSTICE. WHAT GIVE I ME TO WITH IT IF I GOT IT? I never asked for it. I would not be having it. Give me an Even Break.

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SAVING THE WORLD, 1933 STYLE

Why Not Pay Your Taxes?

The taxpayer must understand that taxes must be paid, and paid promptly, if municipal government is to carry on. He must also understand that taxes are a first lien on his property and that sooner or later this lien must be satisfied.

The above sentences are quoted from a statement by Morris S. Tremaine, comptroller of the State of Michigan. It will be well for Birmingham taxpayers to keep them in mind just when they are receiving their statements for a new levy of city taxes. Unfortunately, the City Commission has found it necessary to levy taxes this summer for 18 months instead of the usual 12.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

—of long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Mrs. L. T. Furman is the only enterprising dealer in town—she has an 10 cent counter. No accidents on the fourth. That's on account of good management and no spiritous liquors.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION The London Economic Conference is, in reality, a meeting in which the selfishness of each individual nation is pitted against the idea that internationalism is the only solution to today's problems.

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HELP SAVE ME!



THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

We sat on the rim of an animated discussion the other evening during which time the reputation of a person was being considered with more or less frankness. The public has devious and creative ways to measure men and in most cases the public thinking is correct, showing that persons who fail to follow the pathways of decency are card indexed in the memory of most people reprobated at the meeting.

FIVE YEARS AGO All automobiles which are double parked on both East and West Maple avenue will be towed to the police yard and the drivers fined. It is announced today by Police James Anderson following a discussion by the Village Commission Monday night.

RIGHTLY NAMED The states sinking fund is rightly named, according to those who profess to know the true condition of state finances. It is said that the sinking fund has not only been sinking but that they are now on the bottom with slight chance of being raised.

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Jest For The Fun of It Love Knot Skeptical Lady: Can you wear this coat out in the rain without hurting it? For Saleman: Madam, did you ever see a racoon carrying an umbrella?

PEOPLES

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, and signatures should be kept in strict confidence. Letters must be limited to 500 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

Editor's Note: William C. Richardson, the author of the letter to The Eccentric, is one of the best known and most respected of our citizens. He is a member of the United States Marine Corps when Birmingham's quota of unemployed failed to meet the quota of the Marine Corps. He writes of experiences at the camp where he is stationed as a member of the 1st Marine Division.

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