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Are You Buying School Scrip?
In an effort to keep the Birmingham public schools open until June 9, a house-to-house canvass is being staged by nearly 100 local citizens who sell what is commonly known as "scrip."

Unless a great portion of the \$40,000 issue is sold, Birmingham's schools will close; the exact time will depend upon the amount of scrip sold.
If you are a parent, you are interested in keeping the schools open. Buying your share of scrip will help.
If you are not a parent, but a citizen and taxpayer in this city and school district, your property will be as valuable as the number of people who might be induced to reside here. A community with closed schools is not desirable as an attraction to outsiders. So your purchase of scrip will protect your own property.

Newspapers Are On Trial
Newspapers and banks, together with science, are said to represent the three great foundations upon which human civilization rests. Newspapers, because they are the symbols of free speech and free press; banks because they are the channels of the world's money stream; and science, because it turns, through the inventive genius of mankind, the natural resources of the earth into those things that annihilate time as well as being the means of bringing greater comfort and convenience to the masses.

When dominated by human greed and desire for mere power, newspapers, banks, and science are actual enemies to the well-being of society. Today on all sides we may observe the destruction that greed and desire for power have wrought because they controlled the money system in the most flagrant manner in which a gunpowder may kill people and destroy property, instead of digging tunnels, blasting precious minerals from the earth, and doing other allied constructive tasks for men and women.

Considerable out-state bitterness is being revealed because Detroit banks have refused to release funds deposited with them, in accordance with law. As we have pointed out in our columns, out-staters are justified in their complaints but have been unreasonably concerned if they are not for some out-state chaps, who claim themselves to be careful and sound bankers, had forsaken the weakness of some of Detroit's financial institutions, and thus protected their own out-State depositors' interests by correcting the evils.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING—
THE POWER OF TALK—
There is nothing in the world that tears down and destroys like constructive talk.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING—
HOMESTEADS—
Because of the long continued depression, because of the inability of many men who are anxious to secure work and are unable to do so, and because of the general belief that it will be a long time before jobs are again to be had, many people are thinking of establishing homes in the country.



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS - of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO
A blizzard struck us hard Sunday last.
Dr. C. M. Bagnall's office for sale an open house for a "buggy" sale.

FIVE YEARS AGO
Tuesday, the first day of spring, brought more golfers to the links at the Oakland Hills Country Club than at any other time this season.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Spring is coming, and you will see the young folks all through the woods.

PEOPLES COLUMN
The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, and signatures will be kept confidential. Letters must be mailed to 500 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

A BANKING AMENDMENT
To the Editor:
I have read, with dismay, the opening paragraph of Mr. Millington's article in your issue of March 16. But, when I reached his criticism of his own words as a "jeremiad," I smiled, understanding that he fully realizes that the sad picture he portrays is entirely equalled by other writers who, long ago, bewailed the bad times of their own generations.

ELECTION NOTICE
To The Electors of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

Monday, April 3, 1933
for the purpose of voting on the following question, to-wit:

- Seven (7) Commissioners
Two (2) Members of the Library Board (3 year term)
Two (2) Members of the Library Board (2 year term)
Two (2) Members of the Library Board (1 year term)
One (1) Justice of the Peace
One (1) Associate Justice of the Peace
One (1) Constable

Jest For Fun
"Arnie," asked little Ruth, "why do you put powder on your nose?"
"To make me pretty, dear."
Famous Films Above & Beyond
Date: March 9, 1933.