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The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have new value and which are not connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

A Municipal Lighting Plant?

City Commissioner A. J. Brandt, convinced the Detroit Edison Company is charging excessive rates for electricity, especially for power and street lighting purposes.

His own suggestions, this one is worthy of thorough consideration. It is one, however, which involves considerable study and no little debate.

However that may be, Commissioner Brandt's suggestion may be worth investigating. A complete, uncolored and unprejudiced collection of all available data on the question of electric lighting under the conditions, should go far in pointing to the best success or failure of such an enterprise.

It is very great, the public will take little interest in the plan for it must be remembered that public service of the type questioned, without any local natural power resources such as water, nearly always costs more to the taxpayers than regular service provided by a corporation.

Hitler Hits Hard
Forty million German voters the other day approved Hitler's withdrawal of the Fatherland from the League of Nations.

Dictatorship over a supposed free people. Fifteen years ago Germany emerged from the World War with every mannequin of economic manacle that the Versailles Treaty could devise.

Join The Red Cross
The annual Red Cross roll call is on again in Birmingham. The indispensable work this organization does in relieving distress at the scene of national disasters.

All of Us
By Marshall Maslin
YOUNG WOMAN, I cannot make you. After a long time, I never saw you before. I'll be waiting for you again, perhaps. But I'll remember you for a while...

For several years Birmingham merchants have cooperated with local public schools by contributing generous amounts of scrip in payment of goods or services.

The American Government finds it possible to loan hundreds of millions to Russia, simply because Russia promises to spend that money for our goods.

The Nation's Farmers are striking against the NRA. They are becoming restless and agitated. They trust Nature when they plant seeds, and get good crops.

One of the cruelest of modern human acts is to hold out impossible hopes of a job to a man whose family needs economic help.

President Roosevelt is vigorously opposed to the use of capital punishment. He would like to see every State in the Union that has it, abolish it.

From The Eccentric
NAY BUT YOU
Nay but you do not love her, is she not pure gold, my mistress?

We Must Rouse Ourselves!

With at least three thousand of the various units of government in the United States declared to be insolvent, with something like two billions of dollars of municipal securities in default, with schools threatened with withdrawal of clothing, police, fire departments and other basic services condoning citizens who are being

This condition is not the result of any certain person, lazy or private. Rather, it is the result of a type of "lazy thinking" that comes to people when they are swaddled in the wraps and trappings of the inconsequential and the unnecessary.

This condition that threatens our American traditions may be compared to the weeds that threaten a beautiful garden; and unless we rouse ourselves from our mid-day "nap," and roll up our sleeves for the task of pulling weeds, we'll have no flowers left.

Not So Long Ago a Woman, Texas Guinan, reigned in certain strata of America's brightlights as "Queen of the night life." She made famous a cheap lounge, "Hello, sucker!"

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Columns of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Quite a blizzard Sunday. Anthony Hampton, of Iowa, a former resident of this place was married recently. Report says he is very wealthy.

We notice Mrs. Mary A. Fall of Troy, Tenn., in the Village doing trading last Saturday. Verily Birmingham prices 'r what bring so many here.

To Mrs. Mattie Groves, nee Wray, Nov. 8, a daughter. Robert wears his hat at an angle of 45 degrees. It is very proud of his 10 1/2-pound girl.

The Utica, Mich., Village Council has declared war against bicycles, tricycles and velocipedes, and prohibits them from running on the sidewalk of their village under no penalty than a five dollar fine or from 10 days in the village prison. Quite metropolitan.

Brother McCoy formerly of the Rochester Sun now labors on the Utica Sentinel in a thorough breed style. Hope he will weed out the patent medicines which form the locals.

H. Tracy Randall has added a "righteous" to his arsenal. He now owns four revolvers, two shot guns, a sword and a club—two for burglars. Whoop! he wants two bull dogs.

Here 'tis a month since D. A. Denison of Troy commenced to travel around in the village with carriage with harness to match, and we haven't said a word about it. Bear pardon, Mr. D.

Will and Leslie Babcock of North Bradley, Mich., nephews of L. Converse, sent him to a hospital following an operation, and last week we had the pleasure of eating some of bruin's steak. It was very nice indeed.

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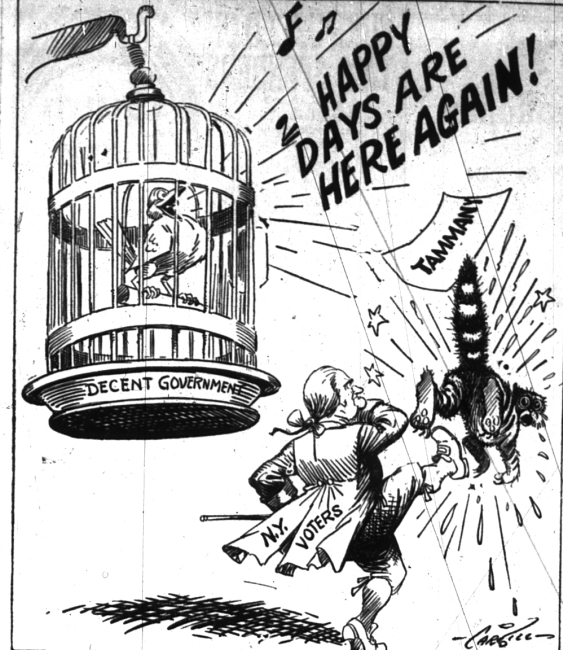
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A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF NEW YORK



The Other Chap Says Something—

LET US TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES: We all might sigh and tired of the numerous evils and of the numerous schemes to pull our country out of the red and again into honest toil, jobs and progressive sustenance. We're all convinced that a lot of hoopy and camouflage will not do the trick.

George Averill in his Birmingham Eccentric, suggests a tax on "Balmey." That's a good suggestion for our state commission having an investigation of the possibilities of such a tax to support the schools. If honestly assessed, school funds would be increased.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Recent is a pleasure to receive from our readers. All communications should be signed, and should be sent to the Editor, The Eccentric, 219-223 North Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Mich.

CURRENCY STABILITY
To the Editor: We have been promised a United States money with constant purchasing power for the next generation.

Complete stability comes only when business changes drive the men everywhere to value the most unchangeable and most useful metal, gold. Our government renounces gold, yet bids to purchase more of it.

BOY SCOUTING
In an age which is alarmingly selfish, boys need influences which are not self-centered, but which reach out to help others.

As free time increases for boys and men, men in normal times, all are concerned with how that time shall be filled.

Scouting provides a program of action with recognition for what the boy does. It skillfully directs the boy's energy into desirable and attractive channels.

Scouting encourages a participating citizenship. Half of our citizens do not vote.

Scouting has as its immediate goal one of its male citizens as Scout-trained participating citizens.

Scouting includes participation in democracy, emergency service in times of disaster, physical health program, leadership training, and the development of a "spirit of co-operation, a thing which is very much lacking at the present time in this country."

LIKES EDITORIALS
To the Editor: I wish to express my appreciation of the high moral tone of your editorials.

JOHN MCCARROLL, 431 Park street.

One Minute Pulpit
For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.—James 2:10.

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