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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are of general interest to the community.

Parry Opposes Angle-Parking A few weeks ago James W. Parry, Birmingham's city manager, vigorously opposed continuation of the angle-parking on Woodward avenue, holding that...

As argued that angle-parking will sometime be the cause of a death in a traffic accident. But many persons are killed every day on open highways where no parking at all is permitted, yet we doubt that Mr. Parry would recommend abandonment of the use of automobiles and highways together.

As far as through traffic is concerned, The Eccentric agrees with the statement that angle-parking does tend to hinder it more than parallel parking does.

To the credit of the Commission let it be recalled that, without a dissenting vote, they were unanimous in retaining the angle-parking.

In this world—which includes Birmingham—one must not expect the millennium of course. But it does seem to local merchants and shoppers who are loyal in patronizing home stores that Manager Parry's cold and impersonal attitude in the recent angle-parking controversy is hardly fitting gratitude.

Socialism By Force? Socialists, in convention at Detroit, debate whether or not they shall try to mobilize the weapons of force, instead of mere fluency of words, to win the control of government.

At The Races Some of these days we are going to attend the horse races at the State Fair Grounds, and we may even go so far as to place a bet on some nice sounding equine name.

What Is Liberty? No man is free upon whose brain government can place a shackle. No man is free upon whose tongue government can place a bridle.

Paternalism in government is only possible when the liberty of the individual is limited or annihilated. Paternalism is of necessity favoritism, and favoritism to one class can only be accomplished by the despoilation of other classes.

WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT fish never weep, for the very simple reason that they cannot shed tears. This we see how Nature, knowing that fish have no hands to wipe away their drops, co-operates so that no undue moisture interferes with the vision of fish.

Attend The Budget Hearing

A PUBLIC HEARING on the city budget for 1934-35 will be held by the City Commission in the Municipal Building Monday night, offering every person who has objections through an open court of operation.

According to the proposed budget, the Commission intends to spend in the neighborhood of \$204,000 for the 12 months ending July 1, 1935, and to levy around \$184,000 in taxes.

Strict Bank Examinations Senator Couzens seeks to have Congress pass a bill that will prevent any bank examiner from accepting a position in a bank within two years from the date of his resignation as a bank examiner.

A Tribute To "Jim" Martindale Well deserved was that testimonial dinner to "Jim" Martindale, by local Boy Scout officials and friends at the Community House Monday evening.

SOME OF THESE DAYS, and perhaps not far off, there will be imposed upon the motion picture producers a type of censorship that they will not like—they won't like it because it will attempt to cleanse Hollywood productions of some of the filth that too often flickers from the silver screen.

IF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN adopts the County Home Law Amendment in November, and then if later on Wayne County voters decide to change their County form of government, perhaps they will, among other things, eliminate the telephone.

All of Us By Marshall Maslin THE TELEPHONE rang. But I didn't answer it.

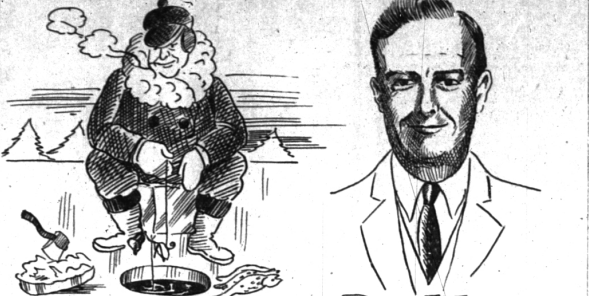
It was a buzzing fly, a whining mosquito, an itch, a torment, an interruption, a bore, a devil, a devil, a challenge.

Was I grouchy? No... Did I have any grudge against it? Not a shred of a grudge... No, I was merely doing something else and didn't want to be interrupted.

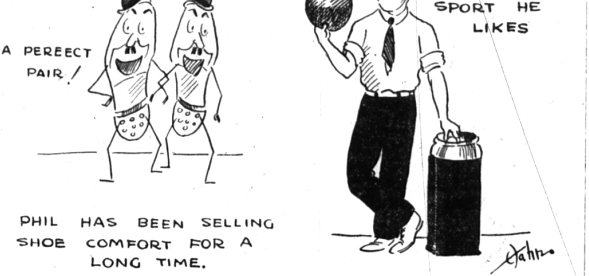
And NOW am I satisfied? Did I have little rebellion now at peace... No! A BIG NO!... The Devil in the telephone is now the impudently cheerful other end of that telephone call.

Birmingham Business Leaders

No. 21 "IN THE GOOD 'OLE WINTER TIME"



THIS IS A HARD ONE TO DRAW PHIL WILLIAMS IS ANOTHER SPORT HE LIKES



PHIL HAS BEEN SELLING SHOE COMFORT FOR A LONG TIME.

Philip J. Williams, who probably wouldn't know you were talking to him if you called him anything but "Phil," entered the shoe business in Birmingham on a whim 12 years ago, but has never regretted the move.

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 Birmingham was full to its utmost last Saturday evening.

Charles Mudge, P. M. (don't read "Mudge," it's "path master") has received his road warrants, and is now ready to begin a sausage war on the bad roads of his district.

A very handsome lamp shade ornamented with oil painting, the artistic efforts of Miss Sarah Neill of Southfield, is the center of attraction at the post office this week.

Miss Grace Hopfather acted as pianist at the late musical concert given by Mrs. Armstrong at the Ekstrand Hall, Detroit, she was frequently applauded by a large and respectable audience.

A dancing party gotten up on the evening of Decoration Day is a most appropriate affair, and one which is as often held to celebrate the death of a dear friend, or some religious festival and has fact that the one gotten up by private parties in our town last week, Friday evening, proved a failure.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Notice my interest in the fishing boat on the Mill Pond is for sale cheap. Inquire of Samuel Borlie, Ann Street.

Two volumes of "Three Weeks" in our town are working overtime, being eagerly devoured by the public. The first volume is for sale to read Elbert Hubbard's criticism of the starting book.

Action on an ordinance ordering the removal of all signs overhanging the sidewalks in Birmingham is delayed until next Monday night by the Village Commission.

Jest For the Fun of It

Lines to a Lively Lady May each birthday as it goes Leave you gay and hearty; Always right up on your toes Ready for a party.

Famous Firm Cross & Irritable Still Steady "Did they hold you up at the customs?" "No, I managed to walk."

Working It Out The mistress of the house took a friendly interest in her maid. One day she asked how her love affair was progressing.

Something Wrong Visitor: Tell the head of the household of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.—Psalm 135:15.

One Minute Pulpit

Observe the face of the wife to know the husband's character. JUNE 4—Ball of fire strikes New York building, 1894.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING SIMPLY WANTED BOOZE Even the liquor advocates who so roundly condemned prohibition as a failure are already greatly concerned about the greater failure of legal liquor, and are openly expressing that worry, diligently searching for the correct solution of the problem.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

Michigan's tourist and resort business brings large sums of money to the state each year. It provides employment for thousands, and greater prosperity for all of us.

SO, DON'T KNOCK THE SALES TAX The expression, "A penny for Comstock" is being badly overworked. With all their faults, the governor of our state and our legislature should be given big credit marks for inaugurating the sales tax.

WABECK STATE BANK

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