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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are written by persons connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

(Note: Today's "guest editor" is Vern J. Brown, publisher of the Ingham County News at Mason, One of the best known weekly publishers in Michigan.

CONTRASTS IN COUNTIES

THIS WRITERS, at the invitation of a Florida-bound vagabond editor, agreed to write articles to fill the latter's editorial columns on the week of Mar. 19.

Mr. Brown

Of a great city and too great speculation in land values. Five years ago almost any Birmingham resident, business or professional, would have scorned Mason and its conservatism.

TOO BIG A DOSE

PERHAPS the reason why the Legislature did not accept the Governor's rather ambitious program of advanced changes in governmental procedure was that too much was administered in one dose.

NOT AN "INSURRECTION" BILL

A GREAT deal of misunderstanding is arising concerning the scope and purpose of the \$38,000,000 bonding bill which will be submitted to the voters of Michigan for approval or disapproval.

It is not a bond bill; it is not a "pork" bill; it is not a hospital bill, nor an armory bill, nor is it any other bill. If it cannot be defended as a work relief measure, then it is indefensible.

Certainly no one would dare argue that this is the proper occasion for rushing the state debt merely to provide hospital facilities or armories to shelter soldiers in training. Neither can it be said that the necessity for added highway improvements is such that the state should add to its funded debt in the face of the present plight of the taxpayer.

What are the facts concerning welfare relief provisions growing out of the destitution resulting from a five-year period of widespread unemployment in normal industry and trade?

The records of the state and local authorities show that within the past 12-month period more than one hundred million dollars of public money has been carelessly thrown away in a vain effort to keep families from starving and feed this sum Michigan from its own coffers is supplying a portion amounting to a million dollars a month.

Something else should be said, even at the cost of repetition. The measure is a work measure, so designed that work projects may be developed in every section of the state, thus offering employment to every class of worker. Engineers, architects, artists, skilled workers and common laborers, all have a part in the picture.

Getting An Eye-fal Little Doris: There is an eye-fal in this joke. Brother: Yes, more than a lot of the eye.

Believe It Or Not A certain country minister posted this notice on the church door for fun or for mischief.

Full Payment A newspaper which offered \$1 for each untranscribing moment

Birmingham Business Leaders

No. 10 WATCH THIS RINGER! CHALLENGE TO ANY HORSESHOE PITCHER IN THESE PARTS

Advertisement for Joseph F. Graves, Manager of Lumber Co. Includes cartoon illustration of a man and text: "I DO FEEL YOUNG!"

Continuously for 24 years, lumber and automobiles have been the lifeblood of Birmingham. Joseph F. Graves, manager of the Cadillac Sales, 214 North Woodward avenue.

ALL OF US - By Marshall Maslin. WONDER whatever became of that young fellow who came to our house that night and wanted to wash the car and showed us he had callouses on his hands...

OUR SCRAP BOOK GENIUS AND PLUGGING There is a good bit of consolation to be derived by the pluggers who accomplish things with hard work in reading accounts that men ordinarily looked upon as geniuses have earned their reputations as such as a result of great labor.

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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 Steven O. Whilden, the champion ditcher, is ready for ditching as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

Homee Tracy Randall visited Milford and the surrounding country last week looking after the interests of hops and malt berries and the pillow sham boiler traffic.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago John N. Borke overlooked the depositing of \$2000 speckled trout in the many streams running around this vicinity.

Almost everybody in town, having need of power, has installed a James Bay farm motor, which Ed. O'Neal runs a heavy leather sewing machine and nearly all of the growers have a motor power to their coffee mills.

Members of the Village Players are eagerly awaiting the curtain rise on their first three-act play "Arcs" by Fredrick Lonsdale, tomorrow evening at the Playhouse.

WABECK STATE BANK BIRMINGHAM, MICH. DIRECTORS: W. M. CORNELIUS, HENRY T. EWALD, FRANK COUZENS, GEO. B. JUDSON, ARTHUR J. LACY

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO. There are few lonely days and dreary evenings for those who have telephone service.

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ONE MINUTE PULPIT For a thousand years in thy right are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.—Psalm 90:4.