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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are written by persons not connected with the editorial staff of this paper.

Writeth DeFoe: Lack of space several weeks ago made it impossible to publish all of the editorial matter furnished the Eccentric by "guest editor" Murl H. DeFoe.

Most Americans have a great respect for the navy, and certainly in many countries it bears a proud tradition.

which is the critical opinion of an authority on international politics and affairs. Our own economic affairs have been too engrossing to allow much worse to European politics.

Governor Groesbeck and Secretary Fitzgerald have one political experience in common—knowing what it means to win and lose by eyelash margins.

In Michigan the Republican minority is facing a militant Democratic party reinforced by a wholesale public feeling of admiration and respect for the sagacious action of President Roosevelt.

Plans to elect judges in Michigan on a non-partisan basis are being shaped by persons who seek to divorce the court from politics.

Bootleg Liquor: Recently we heard a man say that such bootleg liquor is sold from licensed liquor sellers in Michigan.

Reverend Mr. Heracitus, you told me you were dead. That thought me bitter news to hear and bitter tears to shed.

And you know that Heracitus and his friend had many a time, beneath another than ours, given their hearts to each other in friendly communion.

Thank You, "Guest Editors"

For the past seven weeks this column has been filled by "guest editors." From practically every section of Michigan, both Upper and Lower Peninsulas, editorial of thought has been written especially for readers of the Eccentric.

More seriously, though, we are grateful to those editorial and local friends who accepted the assignment during our absence.

Murl H. DeFoe, Charlotte Republican-Tribune; Thomas A. Conlin, Crystal Falls Diamond Drill; Birmingham Preacher's Association; Birmingham Branch of League of Women Voters; Joseph S. Sturgeon, Delta County (Gladstone) Reporter; Harry S. Royal, Oceana County (Shelby) Herald; and Vernon J. Brown, Ingham County (Mason) News.

County Reform

Slowly but surely the machinery of reform is sweeping toward the elimination of many useless and unnecessary functions of the present county governmental setup.

Conscience Rattles

Samuel Insull once possessed many millions of this world's money. He was a millionaire and one of the whole middle west.

As MAY BE EXPECTED, the fight by auditor-general Stack to get a detailed financial report of the State Liquor Commission's activities is quite a spirited matter.

WE AGREE WITH those who, observing the present uncontrolled evils of the "beer parlors" and "gardens," suggest using instead the old-fashioned word "saloon."

MAE WEST is, of course, (from a worthy standpoint) a clever gal. She is talented, having written much of the stuff she appears in.

IT IS ESTIMATED that the human jaw exerts a force of a quarter of a ton. Even at that, some folks would have a difficult time eating some of the hard words they have spoken of others, wouldn't they?

All of Us

CHEWING THE FAT THAT'S AN old phrase. Don't know how it ever got started. But it is and everybody knows what it means.

THEY ARE BEING taken by the village today to acquire the necessary land for the widening of the Birmingham streets following resolutions passed by the Commission Monday night.

ONE MINUTE PULPIT The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.—Psalm 121:8.

CLASSIFIED ADS should be in The Eccentric office not later than four o'clock Wednesday afternoon of each week.—Adv. 517

Birmingham Business Leaders

No. 11

Advertisement for John McKee featuring a portrait and text: "BORN AND MARRIED UNDER THE SHAMROCK. HELLO BIG BOY! B'GORRA THERE'S A REAL SMART LOOKIN' GAL! LANDED IN THE U.S. IN 1909 FULL OF AMBITION. RANG UP FARES FOR 12 YRS. ON D.U.R."

The difference between being the owner of a chain of three service stations in Birmingham and the keeper of a grocery store in Ireland is sometimes not very great.

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 A great big bear astonished the natives of Birmingham on Tuesday last.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING ONE-WAY STREET An English writer says: "Life is a one-way street, and none of us are coming back."

ANNE: "Since we had our telephone put back in, Jo, we've had so many more good times. It seems that someone calls almost every day to invite us to something. I keep in touch with Mother, and Bob calls every moon from the office. No more lonesome days now, Jo!"

JOAN: "Yes, Anne, there's all that and more. I do my shopping by telephone in bad weather, and John often has business calls at home in the evening. I feel so safe, too, with a telephone, for you never know when you're going to need a doctor, or the firemen or police right away."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive all communications but will not be held responsible for loss of letters. Letters must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

CITY COMMISSION ELECTION To the Editor: The public would be fortunate if all who ran for public office were of the ability and character of Luther Heacock.

He is an extensive owner of local real estate. He knows Birmingham and her problems. For the office he seeks he is qualified, not only for what he knows, but also for the courageous, Christian gentility that he is.

CHARLES S. KINNSON, 348 Hawthorne Road.

Poems That Live How soon, alas, the hours are over. Counted out to play the lover! And how much narrower is the stage.

Walter Savage Landor

A Tongue-Tangler Wife—Did the doctor tell you that you had some "gonorrhea disease?"

WABECK STATE BANK WABECK BLDG. BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

Advertisement for Wabec Bank listing directors: W. M. Cornelius, Frank Couzens, Arthur J. Lacy, Henry T. Ewald, Geo. B. Judson.

Advertisement for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. featuring a photograph of a woman.

Advertisement for Anne and Joan featuring a photograph of two women and text about their telephone conversations.