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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events having local interest... connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

Tugwell; In The Raw?

Why we distinctly admire the spirit of loyalty that compels President Roosevelt to stand by Professor Rexford G. Tugwell, we most certainly agree that it is the privilege of an American to disagree with that housing professor.

FERA Made Good Here

Whatever the final outcome of the New Deal may be, whatever its lasting results for good or bad, it may as yet be said already to have brought some temporary benefits to our own city.

The program gave work, at Government expense, to 14 other unemployed school teachers, and gave an opportunity for self-improvement to 520 persons who attended the classes.

Eat Michigan Potatoes

Many Michigan farmers depend upon the proceeds of their potato crop to earn their living.

Bearing Your Burdens

"Take it as a compliment if the world expects something of you. Do not resent it if you are asked to accept some responsibility, to listen to tales of trouble, to decide questions for others as well as yourself."

In AN ORDINARY SENSE, now wasn't it rather foolish for the U. S. Navy to put most of its line of defense in one little area like the Panama Canal?

Farley "Up In The Air"

Postmaster-General Farley thought he was going to accomplish great things for the Democratic Party when he cancelled the air-mail contracts.

The Low-Down On Bridge

For years we, like Saturday Night's editor Harry M. Nimmo, made various excuses for our inability to be interested in that great indoor sport known as bridge.

To a good many of us, contract is a discouraging game on the face of things. Its intricacies bewilder us, but when mathematicians get to figuring the game on a scientific basis the results are truly appalling.

The Literary Digest, for example, informs us that no less than 15,013,158,600 bridge hands are possible.

Does History Repeat?

We were browsing through a textbook the other day, writes Vern J. Brown, Ingham County publisher, and happened to turn to an account of the downfall of the Roman Empire.

"Many of the country people, unwilling to become colonists, forsook their fields and turned to the city for relief. Great stretches of unworked and weed-grown lands were a common sight.

"The crushing weight of taxation, the money needed to keep up the luxurious court of the Empire, to support the demoralized army and to supply the city with food and amusement, caused a constant increase in taxes.

Roosevelt Is Courageous

It's according to the rules of competitive politics for both major parties to criticize each other. And while we agree that criticism, decently conceived and aimed, is good for mankind, we agree that there is no much room for unjust attacks upon a party.

JOHN DILLINGER is the name of a fellow who, while in the custody of a jail in Indiana, (a woman sheriff, too), made a get-away and since caused society to spend many thousands of dollars in a vain search for him.

WHY, SPEAKING of having something to boast about these days, if that Dillinger hum continues much longer nearly every town in the land will be able to brag that "Dillinger was reported to have passed through here."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT declare that the United States is undergoing a revolution without the "R"—meaning, of course, evolution. Well, considering the number of brain trusters at his elbow, we sometimes wonder if he hasn't more than the traditional "three R's" of school lore.

THREE CHECKS and nine Tigers for those Detroit ballplayers? By golly, Mickey Cochrane's boys will put renewed spirit into the old place.

Birmingham Business Leaders

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Illustration of William G. Olsen with a speech bubble: "AS FIRE CHIEF FOR FIVE YEARS BILL GOT HIS SHARE OF EXERCISE!"

AS A YOUTH IN SHERIDAN, HE WAS A BUDDING CHRISTY MATHESON

AS A COOK OF WILD GAME HE'S UNBEATABLE!

Ever since the day, more than 15 years ago, when Frank Schlaack and customers were becoming impatient of waiting...

ALL OF US By Marshall Maslin ALWAYS, within you, something is being torn down, something is building up. A part of you is born, a part dies.

Just For Fun Just How Much Winifred: You say you love me; how much do you love me?

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING THE ADVANCE GUARD This is the time of the year when the four walls of office or workshop take on the oppressive characteristics...

APRIL 1—Dewey sinks Spanish navy at Manila, 1901. MAY 1—Norma Talmadge, 1927 screen star, born, 1907.

LIPPMANN IS OPTIMISTIC Admit it as the gloom and doubts regarding the future of our businesses, our homes and even our government, it is good to get an encouraging word from such an authority as Walter Lippmann.

One Minute Pulpit The Lord will not suffer the soul of a man to be righteous to fame but He casteth away the substance of the wicked.—Proverbs 10:3.

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 Make your gardens! You can't grow a lawn hat, Roscombon has a jumbo oil well.

Long years ago two rash youths (that's us), scraped together their few friends, and started a paper (that's The Eccentric), and it grew, and it grew until today we are here.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ward of Kansas City, Mo., are visiting at the council chamber in the new library building on the southeast corner of Woodward and Maple.

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