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If Daylight Was Turned On Hidden Taxes

The automobile is a pretty good illustration of a vehicle to go places and a vehicle to carry hidden taxes. We call attention of the reader to the cartoonist's conception of the many and varied taxes tacked onto your taxibus.

There are many good features to the sales tax. It has taken an unjust burden off real property and it has forced many people to pay their share of taxes paid little or nothing before. While we glory with the governor in the fact that Michigan is "out of the red" and has a nice balance, it is worth possible to know just how much taxes Clinton county paid in 1926 as compared to 1936.

The Best Is Yet To Be

While thoroughly enjoying the present moment, today's experiences, this year's achievements, the period which we consider as in process of building will hold the mental attitude that "the best is yet to be."

College Life In 1850

Every once in a while we read the pranks of modern college students and wonder what the next generation is coming to. Our fears, for the most part are groundless, and in this connected let us pay our attention some of the student antics at Princeton University in the middle of the nineteenth century.

Laugh, Man, Laugh!

There are times (at least twice or thrice a year) when the everyday world seems to focus just a bit blurrily, out of proportion. A few months of monotonous busy plugging in the same old job can suggest a sound sense of values as completely as a long-suffering donkey can upset an appletree; and the proverbial molehill begins to resemble the upper reaches of the Himalayas.

But when the office desk assumes the dimensions of a geographic map, the personal fables of the office of busy plugging in the same old job can suggest a sound sense of values as completely as a long-suffering donkey can upset an appletree; and the proverbial molehill begins to resemble the upper reaches of the Himalayas.

Life Surfer But Not Longer

The Census Bureau having released new life tables, showing that life expectation has advanced from under 40 to about 61 years, moves many writers to remark that "life grows longer" and to speculate upon the extra 11 years added to man's life.

Says Sea Monsters Live

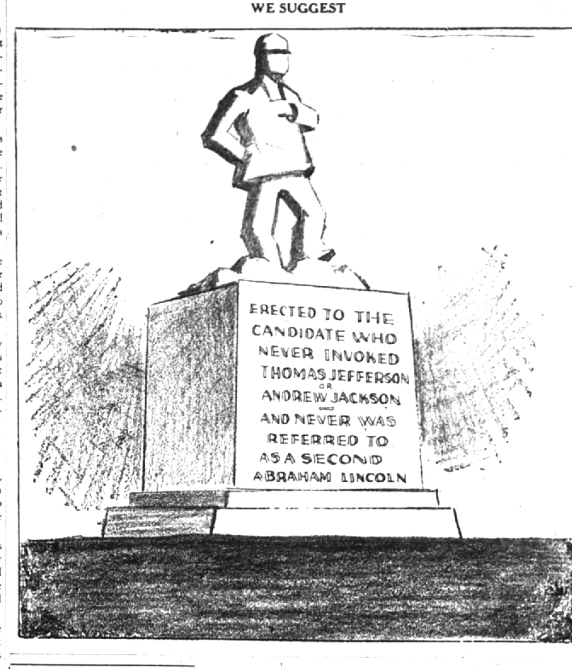
The debate over sea monsters and "such things" breaks out again. The late witness to take the stand is none other than Zane Grey, author of popular novels and a fisherman of considerable experience in most of the waters of the world.

SHARKS ARE REPORTED to be bothering bathers along the Atlantic seaboard, especially in the vicinity of New York. Thus, you see, New Yorkers, whether on land or sea, are subject to the cruel attacks of predatory animals.

DO YOU REMEMBER when Governor Fitzgerald shouted "the slot machines must go?" Well, a casual check of the figures in Michigan reveals that hundreds of them are going—at the expense of the public.

Practical Paragraphs

THE BASIS OF CONFIDENCE Confidence can be built up like a pyramid, but like a pyramid it must have a good foundation. The foundation of confidence is honesty or dependability.



People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed. The editor reserves the right to edit and to omit material. Letters must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

OLD CITIZEN

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ERECTED TO THE CANDIDATE WHO NEVER INVOKED THOMAS JEFFERSON OR ANDREW JACKSON AND NEVER WAS REFERRED TO AS A SECOND ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The Other Chap Says ---

YOUTH AND POLITICS At any given time, more than half of the people of the United States are under 20 years of age.

POLITICAL COUNSEL

Hidden away in obscure corners of a daily publication was a political column that was more than former Governor Alex J. Grovesbeck. Always a legal Republican he has now, withdrawn from active politics but he was right in saying that when Republicans attempt to find fault with every part of the New Deal they are doing themselves injustice.

LARGE AND SMALL

Circumstances make a difference in financial affairs. Sometimes there is a reason why we fail at small things and succeed at large.

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'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'...

By T. H. MILLINGTON "The Old Crowd" It is not the function of this column to write of pious outcries, yet it was my good fortune last week to be a guest at the 56th annual outing of "The Old Crowd" of Mt. Clemens, and I received there some impressions which I believe to be of general interest and which I venture to set forth for the benefit of my fellow citizens.