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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 the paper.

Murray D. Van Wagoner Should Be Re-elected This Spring Among several State offices that Michigan citizens will elect them to this Spring none appears more important than that of State Highway Commissioner.

From the standpoint of the average citizen who wants a maximum of efficiency, together with as large an amount of available federal appropriations for highway work in Michigan as possible, it seems that Michigan voters will get the best value in the future by re-electing Commissioner Van Wagoner to this office.

Why Not Help In Framing Local Zoning Ordinance? A splendid spirit of cooperation on the part of Birmingham's City Commission is manifest in its endeavors to set up a modern Zoning Ordinance for this "community of homes where children thrive."

As this newspaper has reported to you, the proposed Ordinance will be passed Monday evening, February 8, when the City Commission holds its final public hearing on the matter.

What Is Truth? The search for truth is usually worshipped in a very abstract manner by individuals who, when they come to a clash between the facts and their prejudices, are extremely reluctant to substitute the former for the latter.

Practical Paragraphs GIVING YOURSELF A SQUARE DEAL As some people need to deny themselves certain luxuries in order to be honest with merchants who have furnished them with necessities, so will you at times have to deny yourself certain things in order to give yourself a square deal.

Elephants and Donkeys Now that "the grand tent" has been raised over the political activities at Lansing and the Donkey has replaced the elephant, the customers are ready for the big trapeze act known as "honesty and efficiency in government."

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The Other Chap Says ---

GAMBLING—WITH AND WITHOUT THE STATE'S CONSENT One of the big Detroit newspapers has been blowing a fitfully-lit torch through the red-hot—about gambling in Maconch County. It appears that the Wayne county government has largely discouraged gambling.

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Random Remarks Carrie Chapman Catt, chairman, National Committee on Cause and Cure of War. "I believe in militant neutrality." Frederick J. Perry, British Tennis player. "The experts have been known to be wrong." Nicholas M. Butler, President, Columbia University. "A large portion of our world is moving without a compass. It thinks it is moving forward but actually it is moving backward at top speed."

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