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Editor's Note: Editor and Publisher Al Wheeler of the Cheboygan Observer is this week's Guest Editor of The Eccentric.

PINCH HITTER

To be called into the game to pinch hit for a character who has earned a reputation and a respect that is not alone confined to the community in which he functions, but which is state wide and of state wide importance is a task I approach with fear and trembling.

I am happy, however, to contribute my mite toward making your editor's sojourns in European countries care free and unencumbered with newspaper responsibilities that might arise back home.

I will not seek to follow Editor Defoe's lead off in telling you who's Who in Birmingham, but I will continue my analysis of the Who's Who in Who is Who in my experiences and I believe the brief selection I have made may not have had their names in as many columns of print as Editor Defoe's characters have, still they are that kind that do make acquaintance.

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quickly dispelled when we discovered that we were administering a more first-hand, up-to-date, and more interesting, we danced after the music of a squawky music box, we sang songs, fished and knocked garnets out of a big rock until we were all garnet rich, and we did other pleasant things as folks will do when they get out into God's chosen places and there let go the reserve as such yachting excursions tempt them to do.

It is at Rotary I often meet my Birmingham Rotarian brother, Alfred LaBelle and his good wife, a former Cheboygan girl that we all admire because of that splendid way about her. Mr. and Mrs. LaBelle operate a cute little branch novelty and fancy article store at Mullet Lake that appeals to the same high class trade their Birmingham gift shop appeals to because there at this high class and almost exclusive resort place.

I take pleasure in mentioning the few Birmingham people that have crossed my path, and if all are like those I would like to go farther, and I wish all could have been along with me last Sunday on the Pigeon River canoe and enjoyed with me the experience of encountering the wild life that seemed to be present everywhere on this occasion.

We have a printed card on our office window which reads: "We Live Here. Ask Us." We hope when you have occasion to visit Cheboygan and its environs, or are just passing through for what appears to be more attractive than still smaller ones, you will respond to that sign, and come and meet us and ask us. Bet we can help you.

I cannot appear before Eccentric readers and not take advantage of the opportunity at hand to bring to your attention the importance of a project that is gaining momentum, as northern Michigan people begin to understand the needs and the practicability of a proposed bridge to span the Straits of Mackinac between Mackinac City and St. Ignace.

The proposal was looked upon as visionary and impractical when the short space of time that has increased of tourist and resort travel and the growing demands made upon this crossing of the water ways that divides Michigan's two large parts, would necessitate more adequate and effective means than is possible through the present state auto ferry service.

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Common sense in this case would indicate that as the long, long payroll composed of public jobholders.

During the month of March, for example, while economy discussion crowded the news columns, the Executive branch jumped its payroll by 280 employees—reaching a total on March 31, of approximately 830,000.

That's bigger than the population of at least ten of our states. And it doesn't include employees of the legislative, military, or judicial branches of the Federal government.

For March, alone, according to official reports, the bill exceeded \$100,000,000.

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AND STILL NEITHER SAFE NOR SANE



own humble way tried to avoid wading out into editorial depths beyond my power to negotiate. Rotary has caused me to do many things I would not have undertaken had it not been for my many years experience in a Rotary environment.

When undertaking serious study, it is well to get rid of annoyances that strain one's concentrating powers. Some people need to get rid of noises, odors, and buzzes. Sometimes will sometimes wear a pair of under the stimulating of thought.

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Practical Paragraphs

By John Edwin Pico

It is about time for some of the new year's baseball marvels to go back to the bush leagues.

Time For Action

By RAYMOND PITCAIRN

While official Washington wrangles over the tax burden and possible methods of retrenchment, the Government shows no signs of reducing its costliest feature.

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RANDOM REMARKS

Normal Thomas, Socialist leader, is always possible that a "Missouri" may be driven by opposition to war as a last resort.

Kathleen Norris, American novelist, got the marriage, that of Duke of Windsor and Mrs. Wallis, less than two years.

William Lyons Phelps, Professor: "Poetry is always true where science is never true."

William Appleton Lawrence, Boston: "To a universe saturated with selfishness and self-interest, the only living example of utter selflessness and self-sacrifice."

Jesse H. Jones, Chairman, RFC: "We still have unemployment and the Government is being called upon to do it."

J. P. Morgan, deriving inference from recent interview: "I certainly have no sympathy with taxing of the rich, and have no thought of defending such practices."

J. Edgar Park, editor: "Education is being able to get knowledge so that you can see."

Irving Lehman, New York Judge: "The law profession is overcrowded but it is not overcrowded by real lawyers."

Morris Sheppard, Senator from Texas: "I will take a spher world to make a peaceful world."

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

By T. H. MILLINGTON

"Many A Muckle Makes a Little" is a little rebellion here and another there, against Administration, ordered anarchy, non-union workers, getting tired of it.

Then there was the naive childishness of Madam Potts, who evidently in her dotage, when she advised Governor Dyer to suspend Tom Gleser and his company.

When your mind fails to assimilate quickly it does not warn you that it is worn out. It is simply growing for you to change gears—to another line of thought.

Log: "Cop—You can't park here. Bill—Why? Cop—Well, if everybody wanted to park here how could anybody get by?"

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Redistribution of Incomes Looms as Definite New Deal Goal

WASHINGTON—Rising fury with those whom the Treasury labels as Tax Eaters Extraordinary, is just a step in the general direction of Roosevelt's Road to Redistribution.

Just for good measure, the President's money plan is said by the advocates to be a plan for depression and gloom.

First you put the money in the hands of those who will spend it fastest, meaning those for whom it will buy the necessities of life.

PARAGRAPHS: American Place Names: Presenting Gas, Kan., Meter, Va.

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