

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Greetings

Greetings to the readers of the Birmingham Eccentric from the editor of the Cassopolis Vigilant. We do not know you, and you do not know us, but we have much in common...

When still a young man, in taking a trip to the east, we visited the wireless tower which had been set up for Marconi on the outermost point on Cape Breton Island...

Another point of common interest is the fact that your county and Cass county are much alike. We have never visited Birmingham, but as a young man back in the "horse and buggy days"...

The only people we know in Birmingham are the Averills and the Whites, and if they are samples of average Birmingham residents your city has a splendid personnel.

We do not know just why we should be doing George Averill's work for him while he goes gallivanting over Europe, probable fraternizing with Hitler and Mussolini...

Losing Our Government

We naturally assume that government is a thing in which all of us are interested, but viewing events of the past twenty years or more we have come to wonder if that assumption is true...

Governments used to reach from the town meeting up through the various larger units of government to the state and national governments...

(the people's powers) and a tax allocation board tells the township board how much the township may have to spend. The township supervisor, who knew his township and knew the financial circumstances of its people...

The local school board has had its powers shorn, too, and our schools are run more from the state capitol than from the board; and so it goes through the whole program of public affairs...

The changes have been more or less gradual, but they have been fairly rapid, and during the past four years or more they have come with a rapidity that stagles one who stops to look back and review what we have lost...

The People Speak

For weeks, yet even months, the battle over President Roosevelt's measure to pack the Supreme Court has been raging at Washington, and what has happened has been a splendid demonstration of what people can do in the way of making themselves heard at Washington...

Even though President Roosevelt did not intend his court-packing plan to bring about a demonstration of what the people can accomplish in the way of shaping legislation when aroused...

What Does It Get Us?

Perhaps most of you read in the newspapers last week that the salaries of state employes had jumped \$1,771,761 for the first six months this year as compared with the first six months of last year...

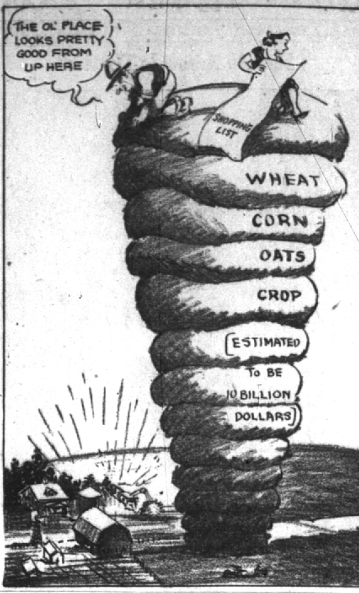
The Saloon Is Back

Gov. Murphy last week signed the bill which brings back the old-time saloon with its mahogany bar and brass foot-rail, its back bar with its mirrors reflecting the crystal glasses so neatly arrayed before it...

Fruit Being Wasted

We wonder how many people in your populous Detroit area are getting all the fresh fruit you want or need. Down in this section of Michigan, where huckleberries, cherries and raspberries are now ripe for the harvest, there is much waste of fruit because of a scarcity of pickers...

"UP" ON THE FARM



WASHINGTON LETTER BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Roosevelt Foes in Senate Face Stiff Battle for Re-election

WASHINGTON—Roosevelt is going gunning for those Democratic senators who have opposed him on the court and other bills he particularly wants to see through Congress...

INLESS Senator Van Nuys of Indiana gets a Republican nomination, he probably will be out of Congress when his term expires. He has been out of favor with both the McNutt machine and the new machine...

Colorado faces a desperate fight against combined administration and labor forces, because of his leadership in the anti-courtpacking fight...

And Now In Closing:

We've known George Averill ever since he engaged in the publishing business, and we like him, but every time you try to refer to him as the "enterprising editor of The Birmingham Eccentric" we seem unconsciously to say "the eccentric editor of The Birmingham Eccentric"...

Since GRA Is Gone

Since Averill's gone to Europe the foreign sights to see, and left the job of editing to simple dubs like me. I wonder if he stops to think while chugging over there how the fellows left at home still work and sweat, and swear. It must be nice to be around with tiled folks and maybe meet some beauty; and possibly he may meet up with Edward and the Wally and lose his head, also his heart, and perpetrate some folly...

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Made Up The Historical Background of The Birmingham of Today.

Seventy Years Ago: They are now catching large quantities of the River Rouge. Alexander has had his berry season and says the business is good...

Twenty-five Years Ago: Everyone seems pleased with our oilled streets, townships included. Be sure and attend the cake sale Saturday afternoon at Mr. Hogge's store...

Five Years Ago: Board moves to cancel all road rights; State law makes existing contracts invalid. Taxing order found. No Oakland valley studied; Boon in state equalization may bring Bloomfield, Troy protests...

My Country, 'Tis of Thee... BY T. H. MILLINGTON. "A Majority of One" Not so long ago the President and his New Deal sycophants joyfully proclaimed against the phenomenon the sometimes a majority of one decided a Supreme Court case...

Random Remarks

Frank P. Lyons, Catholic priest: "The Catholic Church does not defend capitalism as it does not defend Communism." H. H. Kwong, Finance Minister of China: "On the eve of her reconstruction, China is in the world's largest market for capital goods." Frank Kingdom, educator: "In every age of our lives, except that of political organization, we are international!" John L. Lewis, C. I. O. leader: "If the public wants to approve the C. I. O., can it; if it wants to disapprove it, it can."

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