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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which will which are of general interest to the community.

News from Lansing last week suggests that Attorney-General Raymond W. Starr, Democrat, plans a

Okay—Let's Have That "Sweeping Investigation"!

The four divisions are said to include: 1, State purchasing practices; 2, Liquor Control Commission; 3, Corporations and Securities practices; 4, administration of the State Public Utilities Commission.

Editor Eaton Criticizes Democrats

Representative Helen R. Eaton, publisher of The Plymouth Mail, is doing a bit of a "sweeping investigation" these days with the Democrats in Lansing.

Impressions in the Snow

The old lady has been shaking her feather-bed today. Glistening crystals of snow have made the earth a great white scroll upon which

Politicians Are Poor Businessmen

Among the first things he did when he succeeded Alex J. Groesbeck as Governor on January 1, 1927, Fred W. Green wrote the contract between the State and the Grand Truck Railroad regarding the re-location of the latter's right-of-way.

that we say and do marching through the centuries in the lives of others.

A mother encourages a child to paint and fans to flame the genius of a Rembrandt.

A hunchback with dwarfed and twisted body works such miracles with electricity that people say of him, "he has the mind of an angel."

When we turn back the pages of history we find that the deep impressions are made by the Givers.

Contrast the impression left by the Great Giver whose birth we celebrate at this Christmas time.

The man or woman, engaged in business in Birmingham, who is content to face the present, waiting idly for a new wave of prosperity to sweep

Opportunity Always With Us

Hard times, real or imaginary, are not barriers to opportunity. Fortunes have been made by alert individuals, quick to realize that different days demand readjustment in business.

Mother Nature On Auction Block

From various sections of Michigan, through newspapers, comes the news of how many pieces of tax delinquent land are being advertised by the State.

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People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. The communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential unless requested. Letters must be limited to 500 words, and must be in the office of the Editor no later than the following Thursday.

Mr. George Averill, Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Michigan. Dear Mr. Averill:

Am enclosing herewith copy of letter written to the Birmingham City Commission regarding an article which appeared in your paper recently.

Yours very truly, CLYDE C. BENNETT

Birmingham City Commission Birmingham, Michigan

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We cannot help but feel that you have not referred in your opinion you are giving out. There may be good and bad operators in all lines of business.

New taxpayers are constantly being brought into the Community through the efforts of the City Commission.

The Realtors through their various boards have sponsored a state league in the name of "ethical real estate."

We are calling this to your attention, feeling that you will want to correct any false impression caused by the Birmingham Eccentric and we are also sending a copy of it.

If Mr. Cook will call at Mr. Mayor's residence perhaps he will be able to find the villain that has his property, having found such a package on the road near John Crawford's last Saturday night.

A gentleman of the burgh of sedentary habits is anxious to work the name of "ethical real estate" on the pigpen nose who whispired to him so very sweetly at the master's table last Saturday. Cards will be exchanged.

St. Johns Independent: The printer's dollars—where are they? A dollar here, a dollar there, scattered over numerous township and towns, miles and miles apart. How shall they be gathered in? Come home, ye are wanted. Come in single file; the printer may send ye forth again to battle for him and vindicate his credit.

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Does anyone in the village take the "New York Times"? If so, they will confer a great favor on our library by giving the use of the Book Lists. They are considered scarce.

And now it is Mr. W. C. Burr of Lindva Vista who has gone to the Detroit Bureau Canal and now said "Good Bye" or "Go to it."

I had not realized just how serious the problem of sewage disposal in this city is. I had thought it was a problem of the future, but I am now fully convinced that the city attempts any other improvement, we must construct an adequate sewage disposal system.

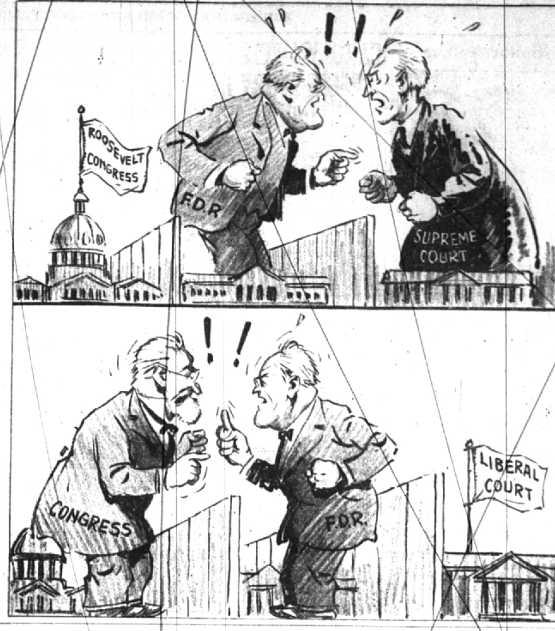
The City Commission has adopted a fine policy of frankness in presenting this subject, and from the figures made public at these meetings, I do not believe the cost of the proposed system or its operation will be prohibitive. In fact, it seems to be a very fine value for every dollar to be expended.

Very truly yours, George G. Steelman, 2100 Riverside Avenue, Birmingham, Mich.

The Thoughtful Child: Montreal, Quebec (The) George had just died. His small nephew had watched the funeral leave the house.

When he went to bed that night he wouldn't say his prayers. His mother asked him the explanation: "Well, you see, I don't think I'll bother God tonight. He'll be too busy unpacking Uncle George's

IF IT ISN'T ONE DARN THING, IT'S ANOTHER



Happenings 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

This is leap year, and the girl who does not "catch on" may be thought to have no desire to trade a card and if enough request were made.

SIX YEARS AGO

Committee of citizens relief policy chosen. Eleven men are asked to pass of city public works program. Would avoid doing.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

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A National Objective

By RAYMOND PITCAIRN National Chairman, National Council of the Republic

Today in America both government and business enterprise are seeking a common objective.

It is to quicken to their accustomed pace the productive forces of the nation—and thus increase employment possibilities and the general well-being of all our people.

There have been recent indications that various leaders, both in and out of public office, realize the great need of working together toward this common end.

For as the American people know, sound production—with its increased employment—always brings added results.

When wages are spent for food, for clothing and for the homes and recreational facilities of the average worker they create a demand for the products of the farm, the mine and the factory which requires still more employment to fulfill.

When wages decrease because production has been discouraged, that demand falls, and with it the employment and the prosperity that it formerly created.

No program of relief or other aid, however administered, can fill the place of sound production as a method of creating new jobs and greater income for the American people.

No American prefers a bare subsistence income to the pay envelope that comes with a real job. No sound or lasting recovery can be expected until our familiar cycle of demand and production is restored.

Throughout America millions of workers and earners who understand these facts will continue to urge on our national leaders the sincere cooperation and team-play on which such recovery depends—and without which the traditional American program of advancement for all our people is halted.

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Congressional Comment by Representative Dondoro

According to the annual report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, giving agricultural exports and import figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, we have a farm marketing problem of major importance, especially when we learn that the competitive imports exceeded agricultural exports for the first time on record.

During the period covered by the report we imported over a billion dollars' worth of competitive farm products and nearly 670 million dollars' worth of non-competitive farm products, for a total of more than a billion dollars.

Herewith are only a few of the hundreds of competitive agricultural products that have been imported into this country during the past fiscal year:

Table listing agricultural products and their values: Meat of all kinds 150,000,000 lbs., Potatoes 82,000,000 lbs., Beef 85,000,000 lbs., Butter 15,000,000 lbs., Cheese 65,000,000 lbs., Eggs—dried and 10,000,000 lbs., Wool 10,000,000 lbs., Bacon 17,000,000 lbs., Corn 78,000,000 bu., Wheat 48,000,000 bu., Rice and Rice 48,000,000 lbs., Products 58,467,000 lbs., Soy Beans 45,000,000 lbs., Vegetables 48,000,000 lbs., Literally hundreds of such competitive farm products were shipped abroad in 1936-1937.

Competitive agricultural imports matched more than dollar for dollar our exports of all farm products. In my judgment farm problems would be largely solved if we simply take steps to reserve the American market for the American farmer.

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